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Firefighter appreciation awards

Steve Voorhis named Firefighter of the Year

Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) members vote annually for their peers to determine who receive recognition. This year, the following firefighters received the honor of being selected by their peers to receive awards:

- Firefighter of the Year Steve Voorhis.
- Rookie of the Year Whitney Peterson.
- Officer of the Year Capt. Marvin Johnson.

Additional recognition is given from the staff to volunteer firefighters for their dedication in specific areas. This year, Sam Pruntsman received the Training Award for his dedication to constant learning. Anthony Ferguson received the Public Education Award for his commitment to educating our community.

Special recognition was given to firefighter Steve Voorhis for his 40 years of service with the PFPD. Voorhis is an active member, participating in all aspects of structure fire, wildland fire and training. His knowledge, peer leadership and guidance has helped protect our community in unmeasurable ways.

The PFPD, through its members, is devoted to our community. The pride for the department and its community members shows, not only when a call for assistance goes out, but is a constant, never failing those who need it.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Fire Protection District

Steve Voorhis has been selected as the Pagosa Fire Protection District's Firefighter of the Year by his peers. An active member of the department, Voorhis was acknowledged for his 40 years of service as well as his knowledge, leadership and guidance in protecting our community.

County working to resolve landfill deficiencies identified by state

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

Archuleta County's landfill will be undergoing some maintenance in order to be brought back into compliance with state regulations.

At a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on April 6, the board ratified of the chairman's signature on Compliance Order on Consent No. 21-00-00-01 with the

■ See Landfill A8

Fiber cut affects Internet, phone service

Causes meeting cancellation

By Randi Pierce

An area fiber cut left Pagosa Springs with little connectivity Tues-

According to the Archuleta County Broadband Services Management Office, the cut occurred in Bayfield Tuesday morning.

The cut, the office indicates on its Facebook page, affected Century-Link, Zito, Visionary Internet and downgraded cellphone services.

According to Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center Emergency Communications Director Kati Harr, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch activated its continuity of operations plan to receive 911 calls during the cut, with 911 calls rolled to the Durango/La Plata **Emergency Communications Cen-**

■ See Fiber A9

Town to meet with marijuana license stakeholders

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council will be looking to stakeholders to determine what should be done about marijuana licensing and various contingencies associated with it following a decision at a regular meeting on April 22.

Town council had previously discussed the idea of a possible moratorium on marijuana licensing and cultivation rules during a meeting on April 6.

Currently, the town has a "70/30" rule" in place which requires that a minimum of 70 percent of the prod-

■ See Marijuana A8



Photos courtesy Rugby's Rescue House of Pagosa Springs

Rugby's Rescue House of Pagosa Springs founder Amy Wilson is seeking volunteers help to fundraise and find permanent and foster homes in her quest to save and rehome stray dogs. Below: One of Wilson's rescue dogs with her puppies.

101 and counting:

Rugby's Rescue House works to save and rehome stray dogs



By Joe Napolitan Staff Writer

Since its establishment in 2019, Rugby's Rescue House of Pagosa Springs has been working tirelessly to save and rehome stray dogs from area Native American reservations.

Founder Amy Wilson and her team recently passed a significant milestone in their mission to "rescue, save,

"Since I officially started the rescue, we have successfully saved 101 dogs to date. That's transferring 11 dogs to other Colorado rescues and 90 dogs adopted out directly through Rugby's Rescue House," Wilson explained on April 20. "With six to eight foster families, that number could easily double."

Wilson shared that as a new nonprofit amidst a pandemic, she has faced difficulties finding foster homes,

■ See Rescue A8

School-age individuals account for 23 percent of April COVID cases

Bv Randi Pierce Staff Writer

On April 16, Archuleta School District had recorded 90 cumulative cases of confirmed COVID-19 cases among its staff and students, according to Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza.

By April 28, she noted, that figure

had increased to 116.

lic Health (SJBPH), in the month of April, 33 cases fell into the 5-18 age range in Archuleta County, meaning 23 percent of the 145 total cases thus far on the month have been schoolaged children. As of Tuesday, about 150 high

school students were out for either testing positive or quarantining, LeBlanc-Esparza explained, though

According to San Juan Basin Pub- ■ See COVID A9

County looks at forming health district study group

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of

County Commissioners (BoCC) is continuing to explore alternative health district options. At a work session held on April 27,

the BoCC discussed the formation of a study group for a county health district.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf explained that part of the reason for forming the group is "to see what the ability is of starting our own health district in Archuleta County."

County Administrator Scott Wall explained that applications will be sent to those who express interest in joining the group once it is formally adopted.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez clarified that the formation of the group is strictly for "investigative" purposes.

He added that the county needs to perform its due diligence to "see

if there's something better out there for our citizens."

The BoCC has previously expressed interest in leaving San Juan Basin Public Health (SIBPH), which has served La Plata and Archuleta counties since 1949, to join the Silver Thread Health District.

The Silver Thread Health District currently serves Hinsdale and Mineral counties.

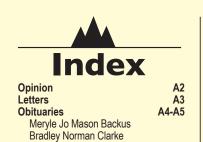
Now, the BoCC is considering creating its own health district.

In a later interview, Maez explained that all options are still on He mentioned that SJBPH may

increase its fees for the county and that there may be a better option out there.

Maez added that with the formation of this group, the county will hopefully gain sufficient information on which health district option will be in the best interest of the citizens of Archuleta County.

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Elizabeth 'Beth' Darroch Coggins George C. Miller William Marvin Whittington Roy 'J.R.' Williams

Unemployment rate continues to drop

A12 Education School district plans for new curriculum, post-pandemic schooling Lady Pirate volleyball qualifies for regionals despite losing season finale to COVID Outdoors Lecture series: 'Chimney Rock as

a Landscape of Interaction on the Chacoan Frontier'



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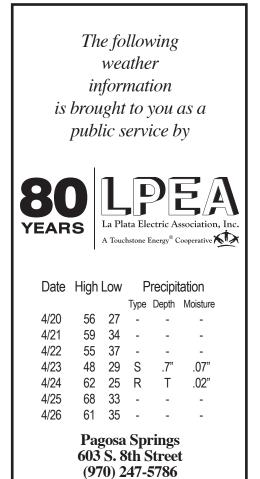
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EDITORIAL

What's going on with John Motter?

daughter, Holly, called to let us know that John had a medical emergency and only had a few more hours to live. He was at Pagosa Springs Medical Center surrounded by his family and prayer.

When I could compose myself, I locked the office doors and informed our newspaper staff of his prognosis. We even cut out the last sentence of his weekly Pagosa's Past article for that issue, which promised a continued story the

Later that evening, we checked in on

"We are all gathered around him in his hospital room, a beautiful, precious time. He is resting peacefully and calmly," Holly texted back. "We are so thankful to our God!"

John did not give up his fight that

The next afternoon, we got the great news: "John is a miracle...when the surgeon in Colorado Springs heard he was still alive, his blood pressure had gone up, he was alert, etc... he told the [doctor] to care flight him immediately!'

John was in surgery at the time of the update and there was a 50 percent chance of it working.

"He is at one of the top hospitals for this in the nation," Holly informed.

About eight hours later, we received another message: "Another miracle! John is alive! They were able to repair and put stints in the aorta. We just left him at the hospital...praying he will rest, stabilize

On March 16, John and Vicki Motter's and begin progressing in positive direction. It is still touch and go for him as his body has been through so much. Thank you for your continued prayers!"

> Seven days later, John made it through a second surgery.

On April 6, we heard from John's wife, Vicki: "Praising the Lord for His goodness and mercy this morning!! As of now, John will be released from the hospital tomorrow so we can finally head home. All of you — our children, grandchildren, other family members, and friends have been supportive in so many ways, but most importantly with prayer. ... When we get home, John will be receiving home health care and therapy. Thank you so much for your continued prayer and support in this

After being home for less than 48 hours, it was decided that John needed additional care at Pine Ridge, where he staved for two weeks.

John settled back at home over the weekend, where Vicki will be providing him care while he continues forward with his recovery.

In July of 1982, John was the editor of the newspaper when I came on board at The SUN. He was one of my three bosses and one of three interviews it took for me to land the job.

Ethics in the work place are important to John. I remember once when a friend of mine stopped by the paper unannounced and wanted to visit. I kept on working at the paste-up table while he talked, unsure of how to politely get him to leave. John ran him out of the newspaper's composition room, informing him that I was there to work, not to visit.

Archuleta County history is one of John's passions. In 1984, John published his book, "Pagosa Country: The First Fifty Years, Pioneer History of Archuleta

For decades he has chronicled the history of Pagosa Springs and the surrounding area.

He has been a speaker at numerous meetings and community events where he shared stories of the early days garnered through his many, many hours of research and interviews.

John moved away to work at a newspaper in Texas for several years before he made his way back to Pagosa Springs and worked as a SUN reporter for a few years. The tables were turned then, and I was his boss.

One day, John told me he felt a calling to become a preacher in Dulce. He followed that calling and continued to submit his weekly column to The SUN over the years, even after he retired from preaching and returned to live here in

Many have asked about his column recently. For now, that is on hold while he continues his recovery.

John's family thanks everyone for your prayers and support in this journey and asks that we all please continue to pray for him.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LOOKING BACK



From the Oct. 27, 1983, Pagosa Springs SUN. **FAST ACTION — With** players from both teams moving in every direction and the ball sailing out of the picture to the right, clearly typifies the nonstop pace of the Sunday afternoon soccer game between the Pagosa Peaks and their opponents from Durango. The team will be playing a 12:30 game at Golden Peaks stadium this Sunday.

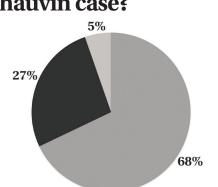
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Do you agree with the verdict in the Derek Chauvin case?

Poll results (374 votes) Yes. — 68 percent

No. — 27 percent I do not know. — 5 percent

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago Taken from SUN files of

April 29, 1921

The Archuleta County officials might do well to inspect their roads in Allison. Most of them are bad. Shut your eyes and you will have the sensation of a ride on a scenic railway in a scenic amusement park. The arroyos have bridges that are a disgrace, the low places are ungraded.

The Durango Hatchery last Friday planted 60,000 eastern brook trout on West Fork, upon the application of the Archuleta county board of county commissioners.

Work of replastering the south wall of the Hatcher Merc. Co. store building, damaged by the late fire, is now in

The D. Lowenstein store was opened for business Tuesday under the management of Hortense Lowenstein, administratrix of the estate.

Joe Macht and Mrs. Will Macht returned home Tuesday from Rochester, Minn., where each have been undergoing treatment at Mayo Brothers' hospital. Both are considerably improved in health.

75 years ago Taken from SUN files of

May 3, 1946

Members of the committee in charge of planning the new Catholic Church here announced this week the purchase of lots for a site. The property, located on the next street and immediately behind the Hersch Mercantile Co. store, was bought from David Hersch. Work on the new church is to get underway soon, the committee explained. Plans now include a full basement for recreation and church activities in addition to the church proper. In case it escaped your notice, the

trout season opened officially Wednesday morning as soon as the fishermen could wipe the sleep out of their eyes. Reports were about average with few spectacular catches, but with few fishermen being blanked. In most places of business Wednesday, men could be seen with their hands apart at appropriate distances and the business on fishing licenses was brisk. A few hardboots went into the hills for an overnight trip, but much of the fishing was confined to the stretches of the San Juan River within a couple of miles of town.

50 years ago Taken from SUN files of

April 29, 1971

Construction was started recently by the Wm. Elder Construction Co. on a small model home. The new home is located about one mile west of the city limits on U.S. 160. It is of log construction, has two bedrooms, and is approximately 900 square feet in size. The house is being built on property belonging to Dobie Northcutt. It will be used as a model home display and an office for the construction company until such time as it is sold or rented. Other homes in the same area are planned for the future. The start of homes in the Pagosa area is an event that is of importance to the entire community. The Pagosa development will have much impact upon the future of Archuleta County and the start of homes there is a healthy assist to the local economy.

Curtis Strain, highway maintenance man on Wolf Creek Pass, reports that 35 inches of snow fell in April through the 25th. A slight amount has fallen since that time. Highways were slick at times and there was an accident in the Alberta snowshed on the east side of the Pass.

25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

May 2, 1996

The Archuleta County Commissioners held two public hearings Tuesday and moved to put one of the resolutions discussed during the sessions on the agenda for their next regular meeting in order to consider its enactment. The resolution that will be a topic at the commissioners' meeting next Tuesday is one that, if approved, will add a \$1 fee to monthly trash collection bills to provide funds for a soon-to-be expanded community recycling effort and for capital improvements at the county landfill site. If approved, the resolution will also require purchase of a monthly coupon (for \$1 per month) to allow for private dumping at the landfill site. During the public hearing, it was shown that the proposed fee will provide an estimated \$2,280 per month in revenues. The money will be deposited in an account and earmarked for lease/purchase of special recycling containers and for future landfill site acquisition and landfill closure expenses.

Letters

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'Find the solution'

Dear Editor:

We are residents here in Archuleta county as our family is 5th generation in the area.

We are owners of one short term rental in Archuleta and are proud to help support businesses and tourism in the community. Everyone has rights to opinion's and everyone has rights to choose what to do with their properties. If you choose to purchase a property in PLPOA you choose to follow those rules. If you choose to move to Pagosa then you choose to move to a vacation community. The county is trying to mandate rules that take away from property values and rights that are within the laws of owners.

Pagosa like every other town in America should stop trying to stop progress, vacation rentals are an option that today's vacationers choose. As a vacation professional I know that in today's culture the everyday vacationer sometimes chooses a larger more private place to stay then a hotel. Bottom line is a quality family vacation. Some want hotel room service others want private homes. We personally would avoid any town that did not offer a choice of accommodations.

Letters

The SUN welcomes letters from readers.

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Understanding like all businesses, there will be short term rentals businesses that are not managed properly, why are those of us following the rules and manage our guests and noise being jeopardized?

The county has increased fee's without justifying why? Collect fees from those that don't pay, don't hurt those who follow the rules.

A concern that I have expressed and received no answer is where are all the occupancy fee's that our guest are paying? everyone needs information, this effects all regardless of which side of the discussion you are on. Our rental has had 8 stays since December 2020 and have collected and paid to the county \$1111.00. That is a lot of money where is it and how is it being spent?

Pagosa has not been ruined by developers, they have helped our

In 1987 I started working for the developer on the hill known as Fairfield Communities. At that time the county and some residents decided to try to fight the development and said that the development was going to ruin Pagosa Springs... guess what they did not ruin it, it helped.

Subway came to Pagosa it was the first chain restaurant to come to Pagosa Springs, the town said that it was going to ruin Pagosa restaurant business guess what it has not....

Remember Lou and Mary Jo Poma opened the Sears store and the county said Sears was going to ruin Pagosa It did not....

When Walmart was wanting to come in and the county thought it was going to ruin Pagosa and Bob Goodman said let them come I will just stop selling men's underwear.

Hotel owners should take a lesson from Bob, adapt to the current times and be successful.

Some Pagosa government is trying to mandate and discourage growth and success for small business. There is a solution lets work together and find the solution.

Jacque and Joe Fahrion

'Stop fighting one another'

Dear Editor:

I have watched with dismay as our nation seems to be pulling itself apart. I have not been able to comprehend the degree of animosity which can leave relationships severed over political ideology. I have shuddered at the hatred expressed in these pages of the Sun. Until now, I have had no clear lens through which to see. My eyes were opened by an article by Nate Cohn published in the New York Times on April 19 entitled "Why Political Sectarianism Is a Growing Threat to American Democracy." It cites recent polling as well an article appearing in Science in October by 16 prominent political scientists.

Sectarianism is a term most commonly used to describe religious animosity – think the Sunnis and Shia in Iraq. We don't think of it in the context of American democracy. However, the divide between the parties has moved beyond differences over issues to a more dangerous, personal level. A CBS News poll conducted in January revealed that "More than half of Republicans and more than 40%

of Democrats tend to think of the other party as 'enemies,' rather than 'political opponents.'" And not just enemies, but "alien and immoral" ones. Members of both parties tell pollsters they would not want their child to marry someone of the opposing party. We no longer just disagree; we dislike one another.

America is changing: "Non-Hispanic whites are projected to become the minority sometime in the middle of the century. People with a four-year college degree could become a majority of voters even sooner. Religiosity is declining." "The two parties have not only become more ideologically polarized - they have simultaneously sorted along racial, religious, educational, generational, and geographic lines."

Sectarian conflicts often arise when a minority perceives itself as under the rule of a "hostile, alien rival" which they cannot abide. Battle lines are forming between "white, Christian conservatives and a liberal, multiracial, secular elite." History tells us that, if left unresolved, sectarianism can lead to insurgency, civil war, and even partition. "Onethird of Republicans say they would support secession in a recent poll, along with one-fifth of Democrats. One-third of Americans believe that violence could be justified to achieve political objectives."

Friends, where are going with this? Are we destined to live in gated communities of Republicans and Democrats, walled off from one another like the Israelis and Palestinians? Please remember that words matter. They're not called "fighting words" for nothing. We've recently celebrated Earth Day. Perhaps it is time to stop fighting one another and turn our attention to the planet that sustains us all.

Karen LeCour 2020 election

Dear Editor:

Why is it that we continue to have this unrelenting mantra that our 2020 election was fair and square, safe, secure, blah, blah, blah, yet also continue to have the same people coming unglued when such things as forensic audits of all the ballots in the swing states such as Arizona are pushed? Why were

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Obituaries

Meryle Jo Mason **Backus**

Meryle Jo Mason Backus, 67, daughter of Charles William "Bill" Mason and Wanda Louise "Myke"

Rusling Mason, embarked on life's last great adventure on March 29 in Mesa, Ariz., after a long and courageous battle with cancer.



Meryle entered life on March 2, 1954,

in Port Arthur, Texas. She was in such a hurry that she gave her parents barely enough time to get to the hospital before she arrived. It was the beginning of a pattern of jumping into life with enthusiasm. She walked at six months, swam soon after, graduated early in 1971 from Friday Harbor High School in Washington state and, at age 17, went to college in Hawaii. While working at Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska, she met the love of her life, James "Jim" Backus, whom she married in 1972. In 1974, they welcomed their first son and over the next 10 years joyfully added five more sons to their family. Her sons grew into men of whom she was very proud and for whom she was very grateful. Meryle and Jim worked together to raise their family, build successful, multistate businesses and a beautiful home in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Meryle was active in her community and her church, sharing her many talents

and providing countless hours of service to help lift the hearts of others. The unconditional love she freely gave to her friends and, especially, her family is an example and a comfort to each of them.

Meryle is survived by her husband of 48 years, Jim Backus; her sons Troy (Emily) Backus, Adam Backus, Jeremy Backus, Trent Backus, Cody (Katie) Backus and Connor (Jen) Backus; her father, Bill Mason; her sisters, Mykel Mason and Johnda (Nick) Smith; nine beloved grandchildren; many brothers and sisters-in law; and nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her mother and brother. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Bradley Norman Clarke

Bradley Norman Clarke was called home to Jesus on April 21 at the age of 63. Brad is preceded

in death by his father, Kenneth.

He is survived by his mother, Phyliss; his beloved wife, Lisa; sons Brett and Daniel; daughters



Hannah and Rachel; brother Scott; sister Kristine; grandson Chase; and many loved nieces and neph-

Brad was the most astounding man imaginable. He had an inconceivable sense of humor that captivated everyone he met. He was a man of God, genuine, non-

judgmental, nurturing, caring and supportive. He gave all of himself, his laughter, his love, his strength and commitment to others. His light will forever shine down upon

"For God so loved the world, he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." — John 3:16

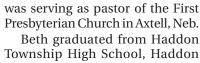
A memorial of life celebration will be held Sunday, May 2, at the Ross Aragon Community Center from 2 to 6 p.m., 451 Hot Springs

Elizabeth 'Beth' **Darroch Coggins**

Elizabeth "Beth" Darroch Coggins, 62, of Prosper, Texas, passed away on April 13, surrounded by family, follow-

inga 17-month battle with colon cancer.

Beth was born in Minden, Neb., on Nov. 25, 1958, to the Rev. and Mrs. James P. Darroch. At the time, the Rev. Darroch



Township High School, Haddon Township, N.J., in 1977. In 1981, Beth earned a BS in home economics education from Hood College in Frederick, Md.

Beth married Lt. Kenneth "KC" Coggins, USN, on July 25, 1987. The couple was married by the bride's father at Logan Memorial Presbyterian Church in Audubon, N.J., where the Rev. Darroch was the pastor.

After college, Beth worked as a home economics teacher before transitioning to industry as a trainer for an insurance company and a defense contractor. She met her future husband in Athens, Greece, in December 1985 when both were there on business.

Beth was the perfect Navy wife, able to juggle the demands of raising children and managing a household, single-handedly, while her husband was deployed. Over 33 years of marriage, the couple lived in four countries and six states. Beth stayed home until her youngest started school and then substitute taught at her daughters' schools. Once her eldest daughter started college, Beth returned to the classroom on a full-time basis and served as a special education teacher at Griffin Middle School in The Colony, Texas. She returned to substitute teaching, this in time in Prosper, Texas, when her daughters had finished college.

Beth was an active member of many military spouse organizations during Navy, NATO and embassy assignments in the U.S. and Europe. She was a very talented knitter and attended many seminars to constantly sharpen her skills. During overseas assignments, Beth enjoyed acquiring many unique and distinctive decorations and furnishings for the family home.

In 2017, Beth and family pur-

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Letters

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over 70 Democratic attorneys recently sent to Arizona to file a court motion to stop the audit of such a "fair and safe" election? They temporarily accomplished their agenda, but were required to file a million dollar bond to assure that any additional audit costs due to delay would be covered. So, what did they do? They didn't file the bond. Why, with such "safe and secure" election results they so adamantly assure the rest of us having taken place?

You would think that if the Democrats actually believed what they constantly mouth about the integrity of our 2020 elections, that support proving what they scream at the top of their lungs as truth. However, they don't do that. They do just the opposite. Instead of proving their beliefs beyond talk, they are actually attacking anyone who dares to want evidence that our elections were fair and secure, despite their own previous condemnation of voting machine security.

Anyone who actually took any time to research the revealed evidence of the November 3rd and beyond election antics would know full well that there were not just one or two strange events that took place, but dozens, including complete disregard for law, and mathematically impossible data streams proving beyond any doubt at all that foreign computer-rigged election results materialized, (all IP's tracked and identified), with countless Demo-

crats facilitating that fraud. Of course, no real American wants to believe that something like a stolen election could take place in America, let alone condone and even defend and support such a theft, but unfortunately, we have this in our midst, and many don't seem to care that getting to the bottom of the evidence is of vital importance for this Republic's

very survival going forward. For all those listening to Democrat insistence that the 2020 election was totally fair, secure and truly represented the will of the American

people, I simply lay one challenge at your feet... search for the two following videos titled "Absolute Proof" and "Absolute Interference" by Mike Lindell, and watch them all the way through. Any fair-minded American who loves this country, the truth, and rule of law would not fear examining all the evidence presented, and then make an informed decision rather than attack the very notion that there could be such cheating Americans who would commit such crimes against us all. What if it is true?

If you can watch both of those documentaries and still have no serious reservations about what they would bend over backwards to took place, and you still believe the election was fair and true, then prove the material wrong and convince the rest of us.

Jeff Maehr

Preserve what's left of quality of life

Dear Editor:

In regard to recent Short-Term Rental (STR) proposals, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) decisions seem to be in favor of the all mighty dollar and not about the quality of life for full time residents of Archuleta county. Let that sink in for a moment. (Pause). Residential neighborhoods now have commercial operations in their mist, no neighbors anymore, not a residential home next door but a "public accommodation", a business, with rotating occupants. Where's the neighborhood quality in that? Where's the sense of community in that? Who is my neighbor? That's not the quality of lifestyle most of us desired as we've made Pagosa

So why does it seem the BoCC feels the need to accommodate STR folks who aren't "owner occupied" STR locations? In a sense, you're being pushed and cajoled by a bunch of business folks wanting to make their bucks at the expense of deteriorating our neighborhoods.

Do you really think people will stop coming to Pagosa because they have to stay in a motel verses a rental house? Limit the density of STR's, help the motel business. heck build more motel accommodations, and maybe folks will still visit Pagosa, maybe they'll eat out more at our local restaurants and we can preserve what's left of our neighborhood quality of life.

Richard Ray

'Sincerely hope you will feel our fears'

Dear Editor:

We've lived in Pagosa Springs, on and off, since 1998,

We've lived in single home communities, with and without a gate. We came for the serenity, the

beauty, the small town feeling, But now, what's happened, STRs are exploding and we're feeling

The noise, the trash, the ignoring of rules, Is it all about money, are we

becoming fools? And what about the young workers who have their needs and wants? And supply us with groceries, and entertainment and good restaurants.

Who's more important, locals that live here and try to survive? Or often non resident investors

who have Short term rentals and thrive. Pagosa is a magical small town

with small town hopes and dreams, The quest for money and profit

should not be the goal it would seem. If we are not careful and don't enforce limits now, we will shortly

The end results of desperation, frustration, and near or complete poverty

We love Pagosa and the way of life we have loved in the past, But we are seeing it changing,

going downhill so fast. Please, please help us maintain our desired residential life,

Please, please preserve

our need for lack of strife.

Young people, retirees, old people and visitors who love our town, Can support motels, restaurants

and permanent businesses around. Please enforce the documented intent to "preserve community character and encourage more equal distribution of vacation rentals throughout our county."

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My husband, two service dogs and I live in Whispering Pines and sincerely hope you will feel our fears. We are permanent residents, who value the power of local government, and hope that as citizens our concerns will be heard and given respect.

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principal in Pagosa Springs, Colo.,

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and taught many history and civ-

ics classes. He fervently valued

democracy and civil rights. He was

drawn to the underdog. As an edu-

cator, he sought fairness. Always a

keen sports fan, J.R. was known to

write letters to the NFL and NBA

about his views on referee calls. He

owned and operated health food

stores in Durango and New Mexico.

Quick-witted and charming, he

worked at the Mesa Verde Museum,

the Colorado Welcome Center,

looked after his bird feeders, set

lofty goals for his questionable car-

pentry skills, and talked politics. He

lived near Dove Creek, Colo., where

he began his teaching career. In

his last years, J.R. replaced "thank

you" with "bless you." He was a

blessing to multitudes of students

who benefited from his confidence

in the worth of a good education

and a strong work ethic. Mr. Wil-

liams is survived by his son, Jan,

and his daughter, Sharon McAnear.

He is also survived by his grand-

daughter, Jaylyn Richards, and his

grandsons, Joshua, Jeremy, Gabriel

and Daniel Tate, as well as 11 great-

grandchildren. He was preceded in

death by his dear wife, Jean, and his

loving son, Jay. He died April 24 at

Mercy Regional Medical Center in

Durango, Colo; graveside services

are pending at the Kline Cemetery.

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chased Green Briar Ranch off North Pagosa Boulevard as a second home and family vacation magnet. Beth loved getting away to Pagosa Springs and enjoyed nothing more than knitting in front of the fire and looking at the exquisite view of the San Juans. She especially enjoyed hosting family and friends to Green Briar Ranch, and exposing them to new adventures such as snowmobiling on Wolf Creek Pass or walking along the Piedra River canyon. Beth enjoyed a last trip to Pagosa Springs during the final three weeks of her life.

Beth is survived by: husband CDR Kenneth C. Coggins, USN (Ret.), of Prosper, Texas; daughter Kristina and husband Dan Heck, of Colorado Springs; daughter Julie and husband Lt. Tom Dunlap, USN, of Virginia Beach; brother Doug Darroch and wife Tracee, of Shamong, N.J.; brother Greg, of Westlake, Ohio; and sister Alison and husband Rick Schwarz, of Mount Laurel, N.J.

A Celebration of Life service is planned June 26 at 1 p.m. at Logan Memorial Presbyterian Church in Audubon, N.J. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to "Fight Colorectal Cancer" at https://champions-of-hope. funraise.org/. In the"Donate to" drop-down menu, select "Research Support." Online condolence messages can be posted to: https:// www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/10153781.

George C. Miller April 28, 1949-April 25

George C. Miller, 71, longtime

resident of Pagosa Springs, passed away suddenly

at home surrounded with love of family and friends after unexpected medical conditions, just short of his 72nd birthday. George was born in Kremmling, Colo., to Harold and



Esther Miller. George attended school at West Grand in Kremmling, Colo. George was a part of the bowling team and manager of the basketball team. George was a member of the Boy Scouts that encouraged his love for the outdoors and adventure. He spent his free time modifying bicycles and his passion for motorcycles was born. George, being the avid tinkerer, learned multiple trades including welding, mechanics and logging. After school, he went off to be part of the trucking community alongside Harold and family. George met Lona in 1972, when his brother had a date with Lona but couldn't make it, so asked George to take Lona out and a relationship started and, soon after, their family began. The family moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., in 1980, with his parents Harold and Esther Miller.

After many years of various jobs, he retired and kept busy paddling around his yard or at the lake. George loved to travel and explore new and "secret" fishing holes.

George is survived by life partner Lona Anderson (Pagosa); daughter Geri Montoya (Mesa, Ariz.); and son Bob Miller (Pagosa); his brother, Wayne (Coleen) Miller (Kremmling, Colo.); sisters Kathy Miller (Woodbridge, Va.) and Lorrie Ahlswede (Colorado Springs, Colo.). He was blessed in life with two granddaughters, Mikkia Miller-Montoya (Colorado) and Miranda (Brian) Welling (Eagle Mountain, Utah). George has been reunited with his parents, Harold and Esther Miller, and various family and friends.

A celebration of George's life is being planned by the family for this

Obituaries

William Marvin Whittington Sept. 11, 1949-April 23

Bill Whittington, son, husband, father, brother, uncle, mentor, confidant and friend, was born in Lub-

bock, Texas, as his hometown of Tucumcari, N.M., did not have medical facilities. Bill died in Arizona.



William

"Bill" Whittington is survived by his wife of nearly nine years, Tricia Lynn (Lopez); his brother Reginald "Don" and his wife Sheri; as well as his sister-in-law, Lillian. He is further survived by his son, Scott, and daughter-in-law Jennifer, their children, William, Reilly and Hudson; as well as his daughter, Nerissa, and son-in-law, James, their son, Bolden Lee; and his grandchildren, Cristobal, Jay and Paloma; as well as his stepson, David. Bill is survived also by his multiple nieces and nephews that he loved like his own children: Jennifer, Stephanie and Reginald Jr., RD, Dale Jr. and Blake, Michael, LeeAna, and Isaac Lopez. Bill was preceded in death by his youngest brother, Jay Patrick, his younger brother, Dale Lindsey, his father Reginald "R. D." Whittington, his mother, Donna Jean (Lindsey), and his daughter, Keely, as well as his grandson, John Lee Massengale.

Victim of a car theft as a sleeping baby in the vehicle, his parents relocated to Farmington, N.M., to begin car dealerships. Moving to Kona, Hawaii, at 16 and then to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., to graduate from high school, Bill and his family began selling motor homes then recreational vehicles with proceeds from the sale of his Ford Mustang when departing Hawaii. The recreational vehicle business grew into the largest dealership in South Florida, with national recognition for Airstream sales. Bill collaborated with Pace Arrow on vehicle designs, including the popular Bounder line. After borrowing a friend's planes to learn to fly in Farmington, N.M., in his youth, Bill continued to see the possibilities of personal aircraft and began an FBO in Ft Lauderdale, Fla: World Jet, which his older brother Don took over in the '80s. Also in the '80s, Bill purchased a fledgling mobile home retirement community with his close friend, Gary Levitz, and began developing the property into a high-end community for seniors in Orlando, Fla., renaming it Gulfstream Harbor. Bill's younger brother, Dale, took over this project in the '80s as they grew to include apartments, townhomes as well as golf and tennis clubs.

Bill relocated with his former wife and daughters to Pagosa Springs, Colo., in 1992 to live on a friend's ranch and work on agricultural endeavors, living out his cowboy dreams. Consulting with his younger brother, Dale, on development and real estate projects, Bill often traveled to Albuquerque, N.M., to assist his son, Scott, and cousin Richard on building rehabilitation of Dale's assets. Bill traveled extensively throughout the southwest, but always felt most at home at what became his daughter's ranch in Pagosa Springs.

In 2004, his daughters purchased The Springs Resort and began a long-term development plan in which they enlisted their father's experience, and God's guidance to create a sustainable plan, including Colorado's first Gold LEED hotel property, in Pagosa Springs.

Bill was an adventurer and loved all things fast, likely inherited from his race car-driving father Reginald "R.D." Whittington. Bill raced motorcycles, planes, cars, razrs/UTVs, trucks and the occasional boat. He and his older brother, Don, purchased Road Atlanta as an investment and practice track for their IMSA careers after they partnered with Klaus Ludwig in winning the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1979. Bill and Don won several air races in Reno, Nev., in the 1970s. Bill, Don and Dale are the only three brothers to start the Indianapolis 500, in 1982. In the early 2000s, he raced motocross with his friends and more recently raced Baja and other Mexican endurance tracks on razrs/UTVs.

Bill was saved in the 1980s, a joy to his mother, Donna Jean. Throughout his life, he professed his love of Christ who saved his soul and gave him peace. He was the bearer of Bibles to those in need and those who he knew needed to hear the truth of Christ. Bill supported missionaries, built churches in India, supported Prison Ministries, the Navigators, the Gideons, Samaritan's Purse, hosted church leadership retreats, delivered food and water to the homeless with his wife, Tricia, and countless other works and people dedicated to serving as Christ served. Bill also studied the Bible daily. He sent out messages to friends and family on a regular, if not daily, basis, his last poignant for those who will forever remember him: "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." — Ephesians 6:11 (NKJV).

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to send donations in memoriam to an organization promoting the love of Christ such as Samaritan's Purse, The Gideons or Prison Fellowship.

Roy 'J.R.' **Williams**

Born Aug. 9, 1922, to a Texas minister/sharecropper and a former one-room teacher, Judson Roy "J.R." Williams was the sixth

of eight children. During the Depression, the famiiv roae in the back of their truck to work in the canneries of California, but eventually returned to rural Donley County, Texas,



where he met Margaret Jean Leathers. She fell for him when he sang "Beautiful Dreamer" in a high school quartet. They married in 1943 while he was serving in WWII. He lost two brothers in that war and a third was held for months in a Nazi camp. After his service, he obtained a degree in education. J.R. also received his master's degree and his administrative certificate. He taught high school and college Spanish and was a basketball coach in Colorado, Texas and Arizona. He served as a

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County unemployment rate continues to drop

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

According to an April 16 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, the county's unemployment rate for the month of March is listed at 6.1 percent.

This is a slight decline from February's rate of 6.5 percent. The county's unemployment rate for January was 6.8 percent.

Archuleta County's labor force for March was listed at 7,092, with 430 listed as unemployed.

According to the press release, Archuleta County's unemployment rate in March 2020 was 6.2 percent, with a labor force of 6,565 and 407 listed as unemployed.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

The state unemployment rate for March 2020 was listed at 5 percent.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate for March is Huerfano County at 9.8 percent, followed by Las Animas County

at 8.9 percent, Pueblo County at 8.7 percent, Fremont County at 8.4 percent and Rio Grande at 7.7

La Plata County's unemployment rate for March is listed at 6.5

The state's labor force grew by 5,800 in March, bringing the total labor force to 3,188,500.

According to the press release, the state unemployment rate for March was listed at 6.4 percent.

The press release states, "According to the survey of households, Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was flat in March, matching the revised February rate of 6.4 percent. During the same period, the national unemployment rate declined two-tenths of

a percentage point to 6.0 percent." According to the press release, 6,600 nonfarm payroll jobs were added in March across the state, for a total of 2,672,800 jobs.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding

Private-sector nonfarm payroll jobs also increased by 5,800, and 800 government jobs were added.

According to the press release, Colorado has gained back 229,600 of the 375,800 nonfarm payroll jobs that were lost between February and April 2020.

This translates into a job recovery rate of 61.1 percent, "which slightly lags the U.S. rate of 62.4 percent," the press release states.

Private-industry sectors with significant job gains in March

- included: · Professional and businesses services at about 3,300.
- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 1,300.
- Education and health services at about 1,100.

• Other services at about 1,000. In regard to significant privatesector job losses in March, the press release indicates about 1,100 jobs were lost in leisure and hospitality.

"Since March 2020, nonfarm payroll jobs have decreased 133,900, with losses totaling 107,800 in the private sector and 26,100 in government," the press release states.

Since March 2020, the largest private-sector job losses included:

• Leisure and hospitality at about 61,900.

• Education and health services at about 10,300.

• Professional and business services at about 7,900.

During that same period, roughly 4,900 jobs were added in trade, transportation and utilities.

Colorado's rate of job loss over the past year is listed at -4.8 percent, while the U.S. rate of job loss is listed at -4.5 percent, according to the press release.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.4 to 33.0 hours.'

Meanwhile, "Average hourly earnings rose from \$31.01 to \$31.30, approximately a dollar and thirty cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$29.96."

For more detailed information and graphs, visit https://www. colmigateway.com/vosnet/lmi/ default.aspx.

The April Colorado Employment Situation will be released on May 21. clayton@pagosasun.com

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Events planned to help clean up community

By Mary Jo Coulehan Pagosa Springs Area

Chamber of Commerce

Looking to spring clean at your business? There are several events coming up that will help you achieve that goal. Shred your sensitive documents that are taking up space on Tuesday, May 4, at Shred Day, hosted by Archuleta County 4-H.

On May 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the downtown TBK Bank parking lot, you can bring up to three boxes of papers to be shredded. Please try to take out clips and rubber bands. There is no registration needed and each box is \$5.

Get rid of old tax returns, payroll sheets or timecards, bank documents and other sensitive data that you no longer are required

to keep for tax purposes and that in town where you can contribute are taking up space. This service is open not just to businesses; it is open to the public at large. Clean out your home office or business office, and protect your identity and shred old documents. For more information about shredding documents, contact the Archuleta County Extension office at (970) 264-5931.

The other spring cleaning event will be held Saturday, May 8, and is sponsored by the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County. Community Clean Up Day encourages all to clean up their areas around their business and in the community we live in. This is a good time to get staff together and either work on your area of the community to plant, pick up or spruce up or adopt another area some sweat equity.

Perhaps the groups that have a portion of the highway adopted can get out that day and do their pick up? Perhaps groups can adopt some of the county roads to get out and pick up? Perhaps businesses in a particular section of town could band together and do some planting or painting? Public areas such as information kiosks can also be painted and sections of the river will also be attended to. If you would like to be assigned a duty or area of town, come to Yamaguchi Park at 9 a.m. to start work.

For your reward of contributing to the beautification process of our community, there will be a barbecue and ice cream contest in Yamaguchi Park beginning at 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. There will be live music, barbecue and then a judging contest for the best homemade ice cream in honor of homemade ice cream aficionado and founder of Ski and Bow Rack Larry Fisher. Get your ice cream cranks going and bring your best flavor down to the park for the contest. For more information about this event or how you can participate, contact the Visitor Center at (970) 585-1200.

Nonprofit connection

For six weeks, the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is hosting a nonprofit leader collaboration meeting every Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the series, "Wake up With Wrinkle," with director Briggen Wrinkle.

Leaders from the different sectors can connect with other leaders in southwest Colorado to ask questions, learn recovery techniques, share advice and challenges and just connect with colleagues. The sectors are divided out as follows: The arts and culture, and education sectors already took place at the end of April. However, the animal discussion will take place on May 5, youth discussion on May 19, human services discussion on May 26 and the environment on June 2.

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New carrier and new routes announced for Durango airport

La Plata County Economic **Development Alliance**

Tony Vicari, aviation director for the Durango-La Plata County Airport (DRO) announced last week that Frontier Airlines will be establishing year-round nonstop service between Durango and Las Vegas' McCarran International Airport (LAS), and seasonal nonstop service to Denver International Airport (DEN).

Service to Denver will start June 4 and service to Las Vegas will start June 11.

Flights to Las Vegas will be operated two days per week yearround, with departures on Monday and Friday. Flights to Denver will be operated four days per week during an initial summer

on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The new Frontier service will utilize 150-seat Airbus A319 aircraft.

The added service will provide passengers at DRO with a fifth year-round nonstop destination (six over this summer with previously announced DRO-LAX service) and additional competition on the popular Denver route, opening up more choices, improving access for visitors and having a strong impact on the regional economy as we continue to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Frontier news, coupled with the recent addition of Delta Air Lines service, means that the 2021 summer seat capacity

emerging from the pandemic with two additional airlines, two additional nonstop destinations, more airline competition, and a fantastic opportunity to jumpstart the post-pandemic economic recovery in our region.

One final important note: The terminal facilities at DRO have not grown despite these recent announcements of added service and will be pressured by the significant increase in available airline capacity. We will need the community's patience, understanding and, most importantly, an early arrival to the airport to ensure that we can successfully manage this influx of air service at DRO.





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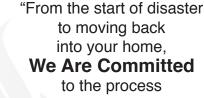
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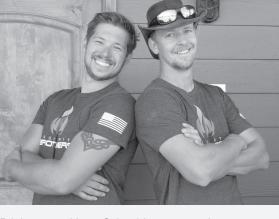
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Town drafts request for proposal for workforce housing project

By Joe Napolitan Staff Writer

During the Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting on Thursday, April 22, Town Manager Andrea Phillips presented a draft request for proposal (RFP) for developers for the Eagle Mountain Workforce Housing Project to receive feedback from the council members before publishing it.

The Eagle Mountain Workforce Housing Project is a part of the town's strategic plan to address the affordable housing issues in Pagosa Springs that were outlined in a 2017 housing needs study conducted by Economic and Planning Systems Inc.

"Adding housing stock — particularly rental housing — that is affordable to employees at the wage levels of the jobs being created will be critical to maintaining economic growth in the region," the study states.

The results of an online survey distributed to local employers in 2017 outline how housing issues facing Archuleta County impact local businesses. In total, 51 percent of the employers surveyed consider affordable housing to be one of the more serious problems in the county, and 73 percent report that the availability of suitable housing is impacting their recruitment and retention efforts.

On Thursday, Phillips echoed the conclusions of the study, saying, "Many of our local employers would probably jump, I think, at the chance to reserve a couple of units. I think the town may want to reserve a couple of units in advance because it's become a serious recruitment issue when we're trying to recruit for certain positions."

The 2017 study reports the area median income (AMI) of Pagosa Springs was \$50,361 in 2015. The 37 percent of households in the county earning between \$35,000 and \$75,000 each year (60-150 percent AMI) would be eligible to live in the workforce housing units included in the Eagle Mountain Workforce Housing Project.

A 2021 seasonal figure published by Zillow reports the typical value of homes in Pagosa Springs at \$351,428, translating to roughly \$19,920 in payments each year for a 30-year mortgage. With any household spending 30 percent of its income on housing each year considered to be "cost-burdened," purchasing housing in Pagosa Springs would be considered unaffordable for those making \$66,000 annual income (76 percent AMI) or below. This has created an increased demand for long-term rentals for Pagosa Springs' growing workforce.

"The most significant need is for rental inventory, particularly quality rental units affordable to households earning less than 80 percent of AMI," the 2017 study concludes.

According to the study, the average cost of a rental in Pagosa Springs is \$1,235, or \$14,820 each year, which is considered cost-burdened for households below 98 percent AMI. Of the 1,013 housing units existing in Pagosa Springs in 2016, 206 were rented.

It reported that 268 units, either second homes or pending sales, were vacant.

The RFP draft for the Eagle Mountain Workforce Housing Project presents an opportunity for potential developers to assist in the development of housing units to serve the local workforce in need.

The property currently supports 11 units in adherence to town zoning provisions, but Phillips suggested she hopes the town will grant a density bonus, increasing capacity to 16 units.

"No more than two of the units shall be in the 120 to 150% AMI and at least two units must be in the 60 to 80% AMI range," the proposal states.

Per the RFP, the town is offering several forms of assistance to developers. This includes an offer to provide the half-acre parcel, purchased in the fall of 2020, for a 99-year no-cost land lease.

"The Town would like to see vertical construction commence no later than August 1, 2022 and full completion of the units with Certificate of Occupancy issued by December 31, 2023," states Phillips in the proposal.

Town council member Mat de-Graaf indicated he was excited about the town making progress in addressing the issue.

"Congratulations to the all of council for taking the big step and buying the property and saying we're going to really do something impactful and meaningful," he said. "This is what that is, and there are still a lot of unknowns, but I'm really proud of us for moving forward with this and finally making something happen."

One member of the public, Bill Hudson, expressed concerns about the demographics served by the project, stating, "We haven't addressed the dire need ... [of] people who are making 30 and below that are living in their cars, that are

couch surfing, that don't have a secure place to live. I would love to see the town be in the forefront of really looking out for the people who are hurting the most rather than looking out for everybody."

Town council member Rory Burnett stated that housing projects such as the Rose Mountain townhomes are already addressing those needs. The townhomes are a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) project that aims to offer about 34 units to households earning below 60 percent AMI.

"It's more important to get that middle range than the lower range because that lower range is really handled by the feds," Burnett said. "There's lots of money that goes towards that, and I don't think we need to try to solve that piece. Our piece as the town, what we can offer, is a little bit more than that."



J. Julian Fine Skin Care offers natural product lines and cutting-edge treatments

J. Julian Fine Skin Care has opened a new location here in Pagosa Springs.

J. Julian skin care services include eco-friendly face and body treatments, skin consultation, hair removal, makeup applications, as well as a retail line of essential oils, supplements, and cosmetic products.

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Joann Julian

Neck-skin Tightening Treatment

Julian has partnered with RN Kelly Hannigan of New Neck Now to bring plasma skin regeneration method, PSR3, neck-skin tightening treatment to Pagosa Springs.



Hannigan focuses on neck-skin tightening to eliminate waddles, drapery and goosebump texture. She has done more than 6,000 treatments. She can also help tighten skin on the face, chin jowls and eyelids for a fresh look.

The PSR3 procedure involves pulses of nitrogen-based plasma, which is the ionized gas created when nitrogen is exposed to ultra-high frequency

energy. Blasts of this nitrogen-based plasma are delivered to the surface of the skin. "The nitrogen component really nourishes and changes the cells," Hannigan says. "There's a three-fold result as it resurfaces the outer layer of your skin and tightens collagen all the way to the base of your layers."

Hannigan's FDA-approved treatment is one-time only for one hour. The dead skin sheds off the surface on days three and four post treatment, there is zero down time. Go to NewNeckNow.com for further information regarding psr3.

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Longtime area resident killed in plane crash

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Longtime Pagosa Springs resident William "Bill" Whittington was reportedly killed in a plane crash in Arizona on April 23.

According to the Associated Press (AP), Navajo County, Ariz., authorities identified the two people killed in a two-engine plane crash as Arizona residents Whittington, 71, of Scottsdale, and

Stephen Kirkby, 48, of Cave Creek. According to the AP, the plane crashed near Winslow, Ariz.

No information has been released on a possible cause of the crash, according to the AP, and it is being investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Autoweek reports that, according to friend, "Whittington was giving a plane ride to a friend who

e Creek. had terminal cancer." ne plane According to his ob

According to his obituary, Whittington moved to Pagosa Springs in 1992.

In 2004, Whittington's daughters purchased The Springs Resort and Spa.

His obituary highlights that Whittington, along with his two brothers, are the only three brothers to start the Indianapolis 500, with that occurring in 1982.

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Town council hears first-quarter financial review

By Joe Napolitan Staff Writer

"So far so good," reported Town Clerk April Hessman at the Pagosa

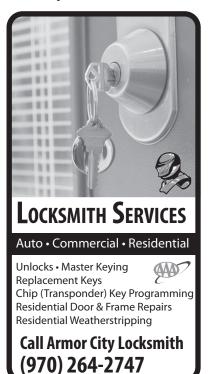
Town council approves budget amendment for police department

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

On April 22, the Pagosa Springs Town Council amended the 2021 general fund budget by an amount of \$26,000 to accommodate for recent salary adjustment scenarios for the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD).

During a meeting on April 6, town council approved salary changes for administrative staff, which reflects changes in positions from corporal to sergeant and lieutenant to assistant chief, and for operations staff that utilizes a step program with an increase after every year of service beginning at 25 percent over minimum.

To learn more about the proposed changes for PSPD salaries, see the April 8 issue of The SUN.



Springs Town Council meeting on steady growth.
Thursday, April 22, in regard to the Hessman wen

first-quarter financial review.

Hessman reported 98 percent of the total revenue gained includes \$1,160,335 from the general fund, \$1,109,060 from capital improvements, \$352,374 from lodgers' tax and \$237,873 from sanitation.

sanitation.

"At this time, the revenues are estimated to be similar to what was budgeted; however, sales tax receipts for January and February are higher than anticipated," she told the council

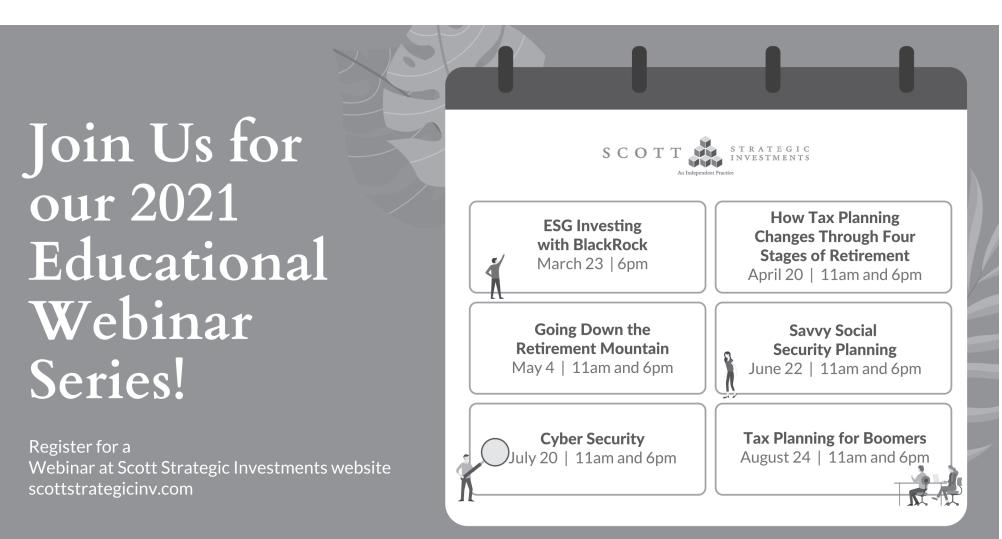
told the council.

Sales tax revenue in February had increased 29.8 percent compared to the same month in 2020, according to the report. Sales tax receipts in 2020 resulted in \$1.44 million over what was originally budgeted and resulted in a large carryover exceeding estimates. It is anticipated that sales tax revenues will continue to increase with

Hessman went on to list some of the town's expenditures, which included a vacuum truck, fee waivers for Habitat for Humanity sewer connections and the police salary increases that were agreed upon earlier in the meeting.

Projects moving forward, Hessman reported, include the construction of a trail through Cotton Hole Park and the East End multimodal and Yamaguchi South planning. There are also possibilities of paying off some of the larger debt for the town and Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District.

"During our second quarter review, we'll have a better idea of where revenues are coming in and what our carryover is, and we can get a better number and some options for what to do with those extra funds," Hessman said in closing.



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Landfill

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Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

The ratification of the signature was approved as part of the meeting's consent agenda, and no discussion was held on the topic.

According to agenda documentation, the CDPHE issued a compliance advisory on Aug. 6, 2020, "related to deficiencies observed at the county landfill," after a random state inspection performed on July 23, 2020.

County Operations Manager Matt Archuleta explained in an interview that the CDPHE performs random inspections and this was not a routine inspection.

The purpose of the inspection was to determine the facility's compliance with the Solid Wastes Disposal Sites and Facilities Act, and the Regulations Pertaining to Solid Waste Sites and Facilities.

The compliance advisory was issued through the CDPHE's Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division, according to the meeting's agenda.

According to the agenda's documentation, the CDPHE issued a compliance advisory for nine deficiencies and potential deficiencies at the landfill.

According to the compliance advisory issued on Aug. 6, 2020, the nine deficiencies are:

- "Deficiency 1: Failure to conduct and document detailed random waste screenings at least monthly to prevent potential hazardous waste acceptance in accordance with the Facility's EDOP [engineering design and operations plan]. This is a violation of Section 2.1.2(B)(1) of the Regulations.
- "Deficiency 2: Failure to conduct and document required employee training. This is a violation of Sections 2.1.2 (B) (3)(2) and 3.3.8 of the Regulations.
- "Deficiency 3: Failure to receive Division approval to implement a significant change to the Facility's EDOP. The Facility's entrance was moved to a new location, the operator's trailer was removed from service, and a new entrance gate and roadway were constructed at the southeast portion of the Facility without Division notification, review, or approval. This is a violation of Section 1.3.9 of the Regulations.
- "Deficiency 4: Failure to post signage indicating prohibited wastes and the prohibition for disposing of electronic waste (e-waste) at the Facility. During the inspection, no signage was observed in the vicinity of the Facility's new entrance indicating prohibited wastes including the e-waste prohibition. This is a violation of Sections 1.3.9 and 16.5.6 of the Regulations.
- "Deficiency 5: Failure to provide adequate daily and intermediate cover to exposed solid waste at portions of the upper former disposal area, to the west- and north-

Rescue_

fundraising and spreading the

one. That's something I really need

help expanding on," she said.

"The foster families are the big

Wilson founded Rugby's Rescue

House, named after a dog she

rescued from Hurricane Katrina,

after 20 years of working in the

veterinary industry, where she saw

firsthand the magnitude of the cri-

sis surrounding homeless animals

huge problem with stray animals

and the numbers are just stagger-

ing of how many dogs are home-

less," Wilson said. "They tend to

pack up and they can be a problem

for other people and their house-

Nation Animal Control Officer Kev-

in Gleason in 2011 estimated that

there were roughly 450,000 stray

mated that there were 25 livestock

ver of the Daily Times (Farmington,

N.M.) in 2014 estimates that 3,000

people are treated each year for

animal bites, and attributes cases

of Rocky Mountain fever spread to

domestic pets to ticks from reserva-

gotten a little bit better, but it's

just so overwhelming down there.

"I think the management has

At that time, Gleason also esti-

Another report by Hannah Gro-

animals within the reservation.

damage cases each month.

One figure reported by Navajo

"The Navajo Nation has a huge,

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word about her shelter.

on reservations.

hold pets.

tion strays.

facing slopes of the former waste disposal area, and to exposed solid waste at the active disposal cell 4A. Inadequate cover can contribute to excessive leachate generation, explosive gas generation, increased fire risk, and increased odors and other nuisance conditions. This is a violation of Sections 1.2, 2.1.10 and 3.3.4 of the Regulations. The Facility was previously cited for this violation in 2019.

• "Deficiency 6: Failure to adequately compact solid waste and failure to distribute waste in the smallest area consistent with handling traffic to be unloaded. Solid wastes shall be placed in the most dense volume practicable using compaction or another method approved by the Division. During the inspection, exposed solid waste was not adequately compacted at portions of the upper former disposal area, the west- and north-facing slopes of the former waste disposal area, and at active disposal cell 4A. In addition, there was not a well-defined working face and exposed solid waste was scattered over relatively large areas. Inadequate compaction of solid waste and not limiting the working face size can shorten the life of the Facility and contribute to excessive leachate generation, explosive gas generation, increased fire risk, and increased odors and other nuisance conditions. This is a violation of Section 2.1.10 of the Regulations. The Facility was previously cited for this violation in 2019.

• "Deficiency 7: Failure to prevent nuisance conditions. During the inspection, windblown trash was observed along the north fence line and on property north of the fence. Limited windblown solid waste was also observed in stormwater ditches at the southeast and south portions of the Facility. In addition, numerous birds and a bear were observed feeding on exposed waste at the active waste disposal area. This is a violation of Section 2.1.3 of the Regulations. The Facility was previously cited for this violation in 2019.

 "Deficiency 8: Failure to properly dispose of waste tires. A relatively large pile of waste tires is located on the southwest-facing slope of the former waste disposal area. These stockpiled tires were present in 2019 and were reportedly removed from a previous disposal area at the Facility in preparation for new disposal cell construction and were to be disposed of at the base of Cell 4A. This did not occur at Cell 4A which is now in use. In addition, the Facility is not registered with the Division as a waste tire collection or disposal facility. The continued presence of the waste tire pile poses a potential fire hazard and potential water collection and associated mosquito breeding hazard. The above conditions violate Sections 1.3.9, 10.2.2, and 10.5 of the Regulations.

• "Deficiency 9: Failure to main-

There are a lot of organizations in

the Navajo Nation that do spay and

neuter clinics every weekend to

slowly chip away at the problem,"

said Wilson, who estimates the

number has reduced to 200,000

want to get their animals taken care

of, they just don't have the means.

That's where I come in and try to

work with the Chama humane so-

ciety and different organizations,

and together we try to find places

for these animals as quickly as we

The dogs are often recovered in

Wilson explained that half of the

dogs are surrendered from their

owners. Others are strays, found

with litters in ditches covered in

ticks and fleas, and infested with

heartworms. One rescued mother

had to be separated from her

babies seven days after birth to

receive life-saving medications for

a tick-borne illness. All dogs are

unfamiliar with living in homes and

they are brought into a home en-

vironment and treated like one of

my dogs who sleep in the house

and spend time with kids and other

dogs. They're integrated pretty

quickly that way so they can start

Wilson explained that any dogs

adjusting to what life could be,"

"When they come to my house,

"People in that area are starting to get more education, they really

over the last decade.

poor condition.

human interaction.

Wilson said.

tain an adequate stormwater runoff control system. Stormwater ditches and pipes at the south and southeast portions of the Facility contained excessive soil sediment and scattered solid waste. This condition has the potential to allow run-off containing solid waste from the Facility to flow off-site. This is a violation of Sections 2.1.6 and 3.2.6 of the Regulations. The Facility was previously cited for this violation. The Facility was previously cited for this violation in 2019."

It is noted in the compliance order, issued on March 31, that deficiencies 1, 3, 4 and 8 have been resolved.

The county submitted documentation to the CDPHE on Aug. 7, 2020, Oct. 2, 2020, and Oct. 22, 2020, which resolved four of the deficiencies, the compliance order notes

Additionally, the compliance order notes that, on Sept. 17, 2020, the county was notified of an extra deficiency that was not cited in the Aug. 6, 2020, compliance advisory, related to excess leachate levels at the landfill.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained during an interview that leachate is "dirty water" from rain and snow storms that leaks through the top layer of waste and gathers underneath the waste.

County responses

In response to Deficiency 2, Archuleta explained that the county did have an employee training program in place, but had not incorporated a new requirement put into place by the CDPHE at the time of the July 23, 2020, inspection.

On March 15, the county sent an official response to the CDPHE addressing the deficiencies.

According to the response, drafted by Weaver, in reference to Deficiency 5, "The majority of Cell#3 that was in use has now been covered and the final cover design has commenced."

Weaver explained in an interview that cover soil has been stockpiled on the top of the east slope of Cell 44

However, he explained that current winter conditions are preventing landfill operators from pushing the cover soil over the edge as it would create a safety hazard for the landfill operator and heavy equipment being used. Once wet and muddy conditions dry out, the county will push the stockpiled dirt over the side to cover exposed solid waste.

In response to Deficiency 6, daily compaction has resumed, according to Weaver's response.

"The cell is relatively small and positioned within the landfill site where steep grades and inclines make access challenging especially during wet winter months that create muddy conditions," Weaver notes.

He also mentions the county only has one loader, one dump truck, one backhoe and one com-

that arrive at her shelter are vacci-

nated, sterilized and microchipped

before they are adopted, care

funded through adoption fees.

Additional care including medical

treatments, food and puppy pads

between arrival and adoption costs

hundreds of dollars beyond what is

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ing her nonprofit, Wilson is work-

ing to obtain an animal transporter

certification that grants more

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There are several ways you can

Register to adopt or foster a

dog at www.rugbysrescue.com.

Foster families care for dogs any-

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one month while a permanent

website. In addition to monetary

donations, supplies such as food

and puppy pads are tremendously

low the shelter at www.facebook.

com/rugbysrescue or on Insta-

gram, @rugbysrescue, where you

can view rescued dogs available

website, rugbysrescue.com, to

learn about volunteer opportuni-

ties with Rugby's Rescue House.

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• Use the contact form on the

Help spread the word and fol-

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Along with managing a veteri-

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pactor. So, when one piece of equipment is down, it drastically affects the county's ability to operate. However, equipment issues the county was experiencing during the July 23, 2020, inspection have been resolved and "Compaction and cover across the landfill have resumed."

In response to Deficiency 7, Weaver states that with daily cover and compaction practices being resumed, the likelihood for nuisance conditions will ultimately be reduced.

Archuleta explained that landfill operators "police" the perimeter of the facility at least once a week to recover any windblown trash.

Weaver also explained in an interview that people are required to cover their loads when hauling trash down to the landfill. If the load is uncovered, the county charges a \$20 fee to help mitigate any nuisance issues like windblown trash.

In response to Deficiency 9, Weaver notes in his response that the county has removed debris from the stormwater ditches and the rain culvert under the landfill access road.

"At the time of the inspection, stormwater ditches and pipes at the south and southeast portions of the Facility contained excessive soil sediment and solid waste," the compliance order states.

Archuleta explained that hay bales and straw were placed in the stormwater ditches to act as filtration devices to keep any windblown trash out.

The compliance order also outlines deficiencies with the landfill's leachate levels, noting that, according to the facility's 2019 annual Groundwater and Explosive Gas Monitoring Report, "Leachate levels at leachate access pipes LEA-1 and LEA-2 exceeded Divisionapproved limits, in violation of 6 CCR 1007-2, Sections 1.3.9 and 3.2.5(D)."

The 2019 report is dated May 11, 2020, and shows that on Nov. 6, 2019, "the leachate levels at LEA-1 and LEA-2 were at 15.1 inches and 72.9 inches, respectively."

The maximum allowable leachate levels for LEA-1 and LEA-2 are 9.8 inches and 20.8 inches, respectively.

Archuleta explained that the biggest danger of high leachate levels is the methane gas that is produced.

He noted that there are vents in the landfill which disperse this methane gas, and that is why there is no smoking allowed in or near the landfill.

He went on to mention that the county has sent quarterly leachate level readings for the CDPHE to review and that the levels are no longer in excess amounts. The leachate is also pumped daily to sprinkler heads, where it is dispersed for evaporation.

Archuleta also noted that the leachate levels rose above the state standards due to the drainage issue in Cell 4A, where a tear in the geocomposite layer occurred.

He indicated that the county is working with its consultant, Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc.(SEH), on a plan to repair the damaged geocomposite layer.

"You can walk in at any day at any landfill across the country and find violations ... it's very hard to run any type of landfill 100 percent within all the regulations that are out there because they are so highly regulated," Weaver said.

The entire Compliance Order on Consent from the CDPHE can be found online at: https://www.archuletacounty.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_04062021-845?html=true.

Supplemental environmental projects

The CDPHE outlined in its compliance order that "Archuleta County agrees to spend Ten Thousand

Eight Hundred and Forty Eight Dollars (\$10,848) in the form of penalties and expenditures on Supplemental Environmental Projects ('SEPs'), in order to achieve settlement on this matter."

The compliance order goes on to state that, "Based upon penalty adjustment factors ... Archuleta County will pay \$5,448 in penalties."

The county is being required to perform an SEP to replace gas-powered small engine equipment with "electric alternatives," the compliance order notes.

The county is agreeing to spend not less than \$8,100 on the project and in return will receive a credit from the CDPHE of \$5,400 for the project.

The county is required to complete the SEP within one year, dated from March 31, otherwise it will be fined \$5,400.

Deficiencies resolved

Outlined in the compliance order, the county was required to resolve the deficiencies related to the stormwater runoff systems and provide quarterly leachate readings to the CDPHE by April 1.

Archuleta confirmed that the county has met these requirements.

The CDPHE also requested that the county submit a work plan with a schedule to complete the geocomposite layer repairs by May 1.

Archuleta confirmed that the county is currently working with its consulting partner, SEH, to fulfill this request.

Weaver explained that the com-

pliance order was used for both parties, the CDPHE and the county, to reach an agreement rather than taking the matter to court.

The compliance order is "essen-

The compliance order is "essentially a settlement agreement between the county and the CDPHE due to alleged violations," Weaver said.

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Marijuana

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uct sold in local stores to be grown within Archuleta County, according to agenda documentation for that meeting.

This rule has been in place since

the town and county allowed for retail marijuana businesses to be located within the community, agenda documentation adds.

Additionally, the product can be

provided by the retailer themselves or through another retailer or grower within the county, agenda documentation describes.

Local retailers are required to

provide Town Clerk April Hessman with a quarterly report from the statewide system that shows compliance with this rule, agenda documentation clarifies.

However, some concerns have

been raised by local retailers that these reports could be "doctored" and the town would not be able to audit these reports properly, agenda documentation notes.

During that meeting, Hessman explained that the report comes from the owners of the businesses.

"They have to give me a quarterly report on their sales based on how much of it was grown in the county and how much was grown outside the county," Hessman described, adding that the owners are supposed to download the reports from the state

Hessman noted that she cannot get access to these reports herself and relies on the report to be "honest and true."

"I mean, so far, everyone has been honest. They are all locals and they all want to make sure that they are following the rules," she said.

According to Town Manager Andrea Phillips, two local marijuana retailers have expressed concern about the town's ability to enforce the 70/30 cultivation rule.

In the town's business license restrictions, the town currently has a capacity of six retail marijuana retail licenses, with three being allowed on the east side of 14th Street and three to the west of 14th Street.

Currently, the town has two licenses west of 14th Street that are available, Phillips noted.

During the meeting on April 22, meeting on April 22

"There was some discussion at the last meeting regarding licensing and how we go about doing that and whether or not we need to take a more detailed look into evaluating the current regulations and the current marijuana establishments, and whether or not to consider what options we had to consider taking appropriate action as the town council deemed fit," he said.

One of the ordinance options is to adopt a moratorium by way of an emergency, Buchner explained.

"It doesn't have to be a life-ordeath emergency. If you read the language in the ordinance, it states clearly that the reasoning is that the town desires to reevaluate the regulation of marijuana establishments, and, in doing so, wants to halt current or prospective licensing until we've figured out whether or not we have proper enforcement in place for the current licensing," Buchner explained.

Other municipalities have done this and used ordinances that use similar language, Buchner added later.

For the first ordinance option, Buchner noted that a termination date is available of Aug. 1.

The next ordinance option involves a "published ordinance" which has required readings, Buchner described.

This would involve town council approving the ordinance on first and second readings, he added.

Council thoughts

"I'm in favor of moving forward with a moratorium. I think that we need to delve deeper into how we enforce our 70/30 rule and I would like to invite our retailers to the table when we're discussing that so we can all come to a conclusion together for what's going to work," council member Madeline Bergon noted.

Bergon noted that she was not sure if an emergency moratorium would be necessary.

Buchner added that he agreed that an emergency moratorium was not necessary; however, that decision is up to town council.

"This whole idea of a moratorium really doesn't make sense to me because if we decide to change the 70/30 rule it would just change for everybody. And everyone is going to be under the same rules, so I don't know why we're doing a moratorium. It's just not making sense to me," council member Nicole Pitcher said.

After further discussion, council member Rory Burnett noted that he agreed with Pitcher, adding that town council could get people involved to determine what should be involved in enforcing the 70/30 rule

without involving a moratorium.

"I am in favor of the moratorium.

The people who are in business in Pagosa right now helped draft these regulations originally. At the time, perhaps, hamstrung themselves a little bit in order to create jobs locally and protect these jobs locally,"

council member Matt DeGuise said. Council member Shari Pierce noted that she was in support of

both Pitcher's and Burnett's comments, adding that she was confused at the last meeting about a possible moratorium. "I don't know that we've had complaints from the public about this

"I don't know that we've had complaints from the public about this that we need to investigate. I feel like if our current retailers think that this is a problem, the 70/30, then let's sit down at the table and fix it. But, I don't think that we need a moratorium to be able to do that," she said.

Council member Matt deGraaf noted that he was in favor of a moratorium because the town has a "very progressive" policy in place, but those that are working within the policy are noting there are issues with it.

"I still stand by the idea of a moratorium until we can either close those holes or figure out a workable solution and then the moratorium can be lifted," he said.

Public comment

Chris Hawkins explained that he wondered why the moratorium was being considered, citing "fear from the outside."

"You are penalizing people who have been trying to work under your existing rules in a very open business environment," Hawkins said.

Community member Bill Hudson explained that he was impressed with the marijuana industry locally, citing the number of jobs created, among other things.

"Whatever regulations we have in place seem to be working really well. I hate to see the council take a position defending the existing businesses against anyone else who might have a different business model," he said. "I would support the comments from the council; don't do the moratorium and please sit down right away with as many people as you can and work out the solutions to the

questions that you have."
Jay Diffey noted that everyone needs to come to the table to "preserve what we have in Pagosa Springs."

"The 70/30 rule is, we've heard, very unique for Archuleta County. I think we need to uphold it and I just want to support the open discussion on how to find a better way to audit this process," Diffey said.

Following more discussion, Bergon made a motion to deny an ordinance involving a moratorium and directed town staff to schedule a meeting with marijuana industry stakeholders to further discuss the enforcement of the 70/30 rule.

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be available at the site for those

who need or desire that, Devine

to complete both a rapid test and a

PCR test since PCR testing allows for

get tested if they are symptomatic,

think they've been exposed, or work

in a high-contact position. There is

no fee for testing, and no appoint-

Additional testing information,

including other locations offering

testing, is available at: https://sjb-

publichealth.org/testing/.

Traditional PCR testing will also

Some individuals may be asked

SJBPH encourages residents to

primarybio.com/l/cdphe.

variant testing, he noted.

ment is needed.

COVID

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about 100 of those kids were expected to return to in-person learning today.

In addition, she indicated a couple of cohorts were out at the elementary and middle schools.

She explained that more students are quarantined at the high school due to the inability to keep kids in cohorts while still offering enough class selections.

"We're doing our best to manage it," LeBlanc-Esparza said, adding that the district is doing what it can to keep as many students in the classrooms as possible.

In addition to spread at private social gatherings and extracurricular activities, Brian Devine, SJBPH environmental director and deputy incident commander for the agency's COVID-19 response, suggested there is still widespread community transmission in Archuleta County.

On Wednesday, SJBPH listed Archuleta County's one-week incidence rate as 192.8 cases per 100,000 people — down from last week's 335.7 cases per 100,000 people, which was one of the highest in the state at the time and "certainly the largest among a county of any decent size," according to Devine.

SJBPH listed 894 cases of confirmed COVID-19 among Archuleta County's permanent residents as of Wednesday, with the county's positivity rate at 4 percent.

As of Wednesday, SJBPH listed 137 cases identified among nonpermanent residents.

As of the same day, 53 percent of Archuleta County's eligible population (those 16 and older) had received at least one dose of a vaccine, with 46 percent considered fully vaccinated.

While southwest Colorado is still be a vaccine clinic at the Ross Aragon

ahead of the national vaccination pace, Archuleta County is starting to fall back to the state average in terms of first doses, Devine reported.

"And I think it's because we did so well early on, that we got everybody who made it their highest priority to be vaccinated," he said.

SJBPH is now able to schedule vaccine clinics further out and is working to set up a regular schedule of clinics in Archuleta and La Plata counties.

"We are all hands on deck to increase our vaccination rates," Devine said.

SJBPH is also working to do clinics on-site for places like large employers and residences, he explained, and in May will look at having a mobile vaccine clinic making regular stops in Archuleta County.

"But, it will only work if people take us up on that and come and get vaccinated," Devine said.

Devine indicated SJBPH is also looking for vaccinated people to help with outreach to those who may be undecided on receiving a vaccine or who may not know how to schedule an appointment for a vaccine.

"If you're vaccinated, talk to your friends about your experience — how easy it was; if you had side effects, how long those lasted and how you feel now; and that this is really the way for us to go back to normal," Devine said, reiterating that when enough people are vaccinated there won't be a need for measures such as masking and physical distancing. "Getting vaccinated is the route to getting everything that we want to end this pandemic."

SJBPH will do its part to make the vaccine widely available and reach

SJBPH announced that there will

Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m.

While walk-ins are welcome, Devine noted that appointments help SJBPH manage vaccine doses.

To make an appointment for today's clinic, visit https://www.co-massvax.org/reg/2596807129.

The clinic will be administering Pfizer doses, which can be administered to those 16 and older. Individuals aged 16 and 17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

To speak to a SJBPH call handler, call (970) 247-5702.

Archuleta County has several enrolled vaccine providers who provide vaccines outside of the weekly clinics. For information on area vaccine providers (there are also other providers not listed on the site), visit: https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/.

Testing available

Rapid Cue testing and PCR testing continue to be available in the community

The Archuleta County community testing site (operated by CO-VIDCheck Colorado) offers both rapid Cue testing and lab-based PCR testing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

The testing site is a drive-through structure behind the Pagosa Springs Medical Center building at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Cue, according to a SJBPH press release, is a rapid nucleic acid amplification test that "is easy for patients and in most cases provides results in less than 30 minutes. Cue tests are highly accurate at identifying both symptomatic and asymptomatic cases of COVID."

Residents are strongly encouraged (but not required) to preregister

Archuleta County Board of County

Commissioners work session.

8:30 a.m. See agenda at archu-

letacounty.org for Zoom login

Women's meeting. Noon, Boss

Hogg's, 157 Navajo Trail Drive.

of Education regular meeting.

6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle

Archuleta School District Board

School library, 309 Lewis St.

Pagosa Springs Community De-

velopment Corporation annual

meeting. 5:30 p.m. Join Zoom

meeting: https://us02web.

zoom.us/j/84538356482?pwd=

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NKRFppUT09, meeting ID: 845

meeting. 6 p.m., CSU Exten-

sion office, 344 U.S. 84. Zoom

3835 6482, passcode: 115134.

Archuleta County Fair Board

Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal

ticipation information.

Authority Commission meet-

ing. See town website for par-

meeting.

Thursday, May 13

Wednesday, May 12

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Tuesday, May 11

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While these restrictions being lifted by CDPHE are a step in the right direction, we are hopeful we see more changes in the coming weeks as vaccination distribution continues. We continue to celebrate our staff and infection control program for excellence. We remain COVID free!

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Public Meetings

Archuleta County Board of County

Commissioners meeting. 1:30

p.m. See agenda at archuleta-

county.org for Zoom login infor-

ing. 5 p.m. See town website for

eral Improvement District board

meeting. 5 p.m. See town website

Pagosa Springs Town Council meet-

Pagosa Springs Sanitation Gen-

for participation information.

Town of Pagosa Springs Combined

Parks and Recreation Advisory

Board meeting. 5:30 p.m. See

town website for participation

Archuleta County Board of County

Commissioners meet and greet

of new Colorado Department of

Transportation Region 5 trans-

portation director. 9:30 a.m.

of Directors regular meeting.

5 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/i/96

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ing ID: 965 609 9136, passcode:

Pagosa Peak Open School Board

Thursday, May 6

information.

Monday, May 10

Zoom meeting.

participation information.

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The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, April 29 San Juan Basin Public Health Board

of Health meeting. 9 a.m. Zoom meeting. To join, visit https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83734767416?pwd=MDJ4WXhMQ2VsVEFH MXJyVXdIMXJFdz09 or call (312)626-6799. Meeting ID: 837 34767416, passcode: 420727.

Pagosa Springs Town Council work session. See town website for participation information.

Upper San Juan Health Service District meeting. 5:30 p.m. Zoom meeting. To join, visit https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/85395501309, meeting ID: 853 9550 1309 or call (346) 248-7799.

Tuesday, May 4

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. See agenda at archuletacounty.org for Zoom login

Fiber.

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ter and the information relayed via regional interoperability channels to local responders.

The fiber was repaired and most service restored at around 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, though the office's update indicated that some services fed by fiber — such as Zito, cellular providers and individual Visionary towers — could require further intervention.

The office suggests that anyone experiencing continued problems contact their service provider.

Upper San Juan Health Service District meeting rescheduled

The Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center, canceled its meeting slated for Tuesday evening, citing the inability of the public to access the meeting.

That meeting, at which the board will be considering refunding its 2006 bonds, has been rescheduled for 5:30 p.m. today, Thursday, April 29.

Due to COVID-19, the medical center asks that the public attend via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom. us/j/85395501309 or via telephone at (346) 248-7799 or (669) 900-6833. The meeting ID is 853 9550 1309.

The agenda notes that in-person presence in the board room is limited to the board, clerk to the board, CEO, chief nursing officer/chief operating officer, chief administrative officer, chief financial officer and chief of staff.

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Town council approves revised density bonus policy

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

A density bonus policy was approved by the Pagosa Springs Town Council during a meeting on April

A draft of the plan was presented to both town council and the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission during a joint work session on March 25, and following some revisions from Town Manager Andrea Phillips, another draft was discussed with the planning commission on April 13, according to agenda documentation

Following the April 13 meeting, it was recommended that town council implement the policy; however, some planning commission members felt that 33 percent of the units being restricted would be asking too much from the developers, agenda documentation noted.

During the April 22 meeting, Phillips explained this would be a voluntary program and added that the town does not have inclusionary zoning that requires developers to have a certain number of units that are at or below a certain area median income (AMI) for housing.

"For now, this is a voluntary program for developers who think they might want to come forward and request the ability to do additional units on a parcel than would otherwise be allowed within the underlying zoning district or the overlay district," she said. "I initially proposed this as a scaled approach where the lower the AMI that they would be serving, the more of a higher percentage that they might be able to get with the additional

Based on feedback, Phillips ex-

Births

plained she felt like the sentiments she heard were to simplify the policy and make it more open-ended.

"This has been changed now to allow for up to 50 percent additional units serving 100 percent of area median income or below," she said. "It's written that at least 33 percent of the total number of units in the project, which include the density bonus units, must be rented or sold at that 100 percent AMI or below."

Phillips noted that it is important for the town to develop a framework for the future for developers and decision making.

"In the property-restriction period, we're going to try to shoot for the longest period of time that we can restrict the property so we can keep it at AMI affordable for as long as we can. But it really depends on the amount of incentives that they are getting," she said.

Later in the meeting, Phillips noted that it is not necessarily the town's job to make sure that each development pencils out for developers.

Council member Rory Burnett added that there would be many scenarios where people would want a density bonus for a variety of reasons.

"I don't want to back us into a corner," he said. "I think our part as the town is, in a lot of ways, to be a good partner. I would disagree with the sentiment that it's not our job to make things pencil. It's our job to be a good partner and to create policies that foster that. I just don't believe that a density bonus policy as a blanket is that.'

Burnett noted that he believed that the planning commission's job was to take these sorts of issues on a case-by-case basis.

"If we're making policies that

just cover a blanket of things, I think it's going to do more harm than good in the long-term development of what we're trying to accomplish in the community,"

Council member Matt DeGuise explained that without general policies, developers could be left confused on where to start with

'The thing that concerns me is that if we don't have a rational policy basis for the planning commission to entertain something that is not currently allowed in the Land Use and Development Code, and they're asking for something more, how do we do that? I just don't know if we have the ability to do that," Phillips said.

A 50 percent density bonus is "quite significant," Town Attorney Clayton Buchner noted later in the meeting.

"We're talking about allowing 50 percent more units than what is currently allowed in our zoning, and in doing so, we're trying to incentivize developers," he said. "As a starting point, it would be very beneficial to have those left and right limits."

Council member Madeline Bergon added that she liked having flexibility within a framework and that a density bonus policy allows for that.

"I just think 5 or 10 percent isn't going to help solve our affordable housing problem. Why should we incentivize developers who are going for market-rate or higher?" DeGuise said.

Either the town gets nothing if the project does not work for developers, or only one to two affordable units, Burnett added.

"There's a very fine line of doing

too much and getting nothing and doing just enough to get maybe a smaller amount," he said.

Council member Shari Pierce raised concerns over the 50 percent additional units portion of the density bonus policy, citing that if a space could become compressed if a developer started a large project that utilized the density bonus

Pierce suggested a tiered system for the density bonus policy, where if a developer proposed 25 units they might only get 40 percent additional.

"I just have a concern about when you put that many people onto a small space, that we've thoughtfully considered how many could fit on that space," she said. "If somebody wants a little bit lower, then maybe we could do a variance to accommodate them if we felt like it was beneficial to us to do it."

Planning Director James Dickhoff noted that developers have informed him that the benefit of such a policy is additional marketrate units.

"I think the 33 percent, which equates to all the additional units, doesn't really work for them because the benefit for them is getting more market-rate units," he said.

Following more discussion amongst town council, town council member Nicole Pitcher made a motion to approve the density bonus policy at 120 percent or below of AMI with at least 25 percent of the total units in a project having to be at 120 percent AMI or below.

That motion passed via a 6-1 vote, with Burnett being the only vote against.

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Haizen Rein, Crystal and Trinity Ross, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, 2:42 a.m., March 24.

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Officials searching for missing man

By Joe Napolitan

Staff Writer

Local officials are searching for 30-year-old Dylan Martin, who was reported missing to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) on Thursday, April 15.

ACSO Emergency Manager Mike Le Roux reported to The SUN in an email that Martin is presumed to be in the area around the Piedra River valley, where the ACSO conducted a search by air from U.S. 160 to USFS 631 on April 16.

Le Roux indicated the man is not a resident of Pagosa Springs.

Further searching was delayed until Saturday, April 24, when road conditions allowed access deeper into the valley, he explained.

That afternoon, a small search party was deployed to gather information and situational awareness

around the circumstances surrounding the missing male, Le Roux indicated.

'On Sunday April 25th at approximately 12:45, information was received from a 3rd party regarding the whereabouts of personal effects belonging to Dylan Martin in the Piedra River valley area," the email states. "A second search team was deployed to the area to gather intel and document the personal effects."

Le Roux explained the ACSO is still actively investigating the case.

Martin is described as being a 30-year-old, 6-foot-3-inch white male weighing approximately 170

The ACSO requests that anyone with information that might support the investigation please report it to Archuleta County Combined Dispatch at (970)

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Dylan Martin

The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Calls for service over three weeks: 593.

April 6 — Warrant arrest, Navajo Court. April 6 — Under investigation, no location April 6 — First-degree criminal trespass-

other intent, domestic violence, North Pagosa Boulevard.

April 6 - Identity theft-uses identity, Convention Place.

April 6 — Under investigation, no location listed

April 6 - Identity theft-uses identity, **Grenadier Place**

April 7 - Harassment-strikes/shoves/ kicks. Bastille Drive.

April 7 — Vicious dog with injury, Turkey Springs biking trail. April 7 — Under investigation, no location

April 8 — All other thefts, Corral Court.

April 8 — Information only, U.S. 160. April 8 — Warrant arrest, Turkey Lane

- Warrant arrest, Navajo Trail Drive

- Found property, Indian Land April 9

Road April 9 — Speeding 40 mph or more over prima facie limit, Handicap Avenue and

County Road 600. April 10 — Hindering transportation. disorderly conduct-misdemeanor, pedestrian

on highway under the influence of intoxicat-April 10 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drove vehicle when blood alcohol content 0.10 or more, speed-

ing-mph over not listed, County Road 600 and Aspenglow Boulevard April 11 — Criminal mischief, Carpin

Circle. April 11 Warrant arrest, Harman Park

Drive April 11 — Agency assist, Sunset Trail.

April 12 - Identity theft-uses identity, **Buck Drive**

April 13 — Failure to register as a sex offender, Harman Park Drive.

April 14 - First-degree criminal trespass-other intent, menacing-misdemeanor,

Butzke Court. April 14 — Warrant arrest, Sunset Trail.

April 14 - First-degree criminal trespass-other intent, Valley View Drive.

April 15 — Information only, U.S. 160. April 15 — Under investigation, no loca-

tion listed April 16 — Vicious dog with injury, Forest Road 660 and Forest Road 668

April 16 - Drove vehicle without insurance, failed to display valid registration. drove vehicle when license suspended.

Navajo Trail Drive and Hopi Drive. April 16 — Speeding 5-9 mph over prima

facie limit, driver operated vehicle without insurance, County Road 359 and County Road 542

April 16 — Pedestrian on highway under the influence of intoxicating liquor, hindering transportation, U.S. 160 and Badger Road. April 16 — Violation of restraining order, Flintlock Place

April 17 — Under investigation, no loca-

April 17 — Found property, U.S. 160. April 17 - Third-degree criminal trespass, Lake Street and Prospect Boulevard. April 19 — Found property, Harman Park

April 19 — Under investigation, no loca-

tion listed. April 20 - Agency assist, Talisman

April 20 — Under investigation, no loca-

April 22 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, North Pagosa Boulevard and Park Avenue. April 22 — Under investigation, no loca-

April 22 - Under investigation, no location listed.

April 22 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160 and County Road 600.

April 23 — Menacing-felony-aggravatedweapon, domestic violence, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, Lofty Court. April 23 — Under investigation, no loca-

tion listed. April 23 — Menacing-felony-aggravatedweapon, Navajo Trail Drive

April 23 - Warrant arrest, Highland

April 24 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

April 24 — Expired license plates, violation of restraining order, drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, U.S. 160. April 24 — Trespass warning, Echo

April 25 - Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, violation of restraining order. Bonanza Avenue.

April 25 - Criminal mischief, second-

degree burglary, Bastille Drive. Pagosa Springs Police Department Calls for service over two weeks: 195. April 4 — Agency assist, Bermuda Court, April 7 — Criminal trespass, South 7th

April 8 — Violation of restraining order, South 7th Street

April 9 — Criminal trespass, South 7th

April 9 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

April 12 —Unauthorized use of finance device, South 9th Street.

April 13 - Warrant arrest, Country Cen-April 15 — Drove vehicle when license

canceled, Lewis Street. April 15 — Assault, San Juan Street.

April 15 — Warrant arrest, San Juan

April 16 — Disorderly conduct, East Pagosa Street.

April 16 — Theft, Pagosa Street. April 16 - Animal at large, North 7th

Street 6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

April 19 - William Charles Gittings, marijuana cultivation, total fines and costs \$1.057.50

April 19 — Christopher Bo Yarnell, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, 12 years Department of Corrections, total fines and costs - \$4 933 50

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

April 7 — Christopher Lombardi, license plates expired, total fines and costs -

April 7 — Alberto Gonzalez Jr., U-turn unsafely-disobey "U-turn" sign, total fines and costs - \$172.50.

April 7 — Bruce K. Blankenship, passed when prohibited, total fines and costs -April 7 — Faraz T. Abbazi, obedience to

official traffic control device, total fines and April 7 — Louis Talamante, unregistered

vehicle, total fines and costs — \$191.50. April 7 — Carrie S. Skyes, license plates expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.

April 7 - Michael David Reiss, license plates expired, total fines and costs -\$185.50.

April 7 — Sarah M. Porter, license plates expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50. April 7 — Daniel R. Zack, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs - \$210.50.

April 7 - Savannah Braun, license plates expired, total fines and costs April 8 - Joshua Leigh Soniat-Du-Fassat, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 12

months probation, total fines and costs -\$922 50 April 8 — Justin Scott Williams, harass-

ment-strike/shove/kick, 12 months probation, total fines and costs — \$922.50.

April 8 — Christopher L. Harrell, driving under the influence, 25 days electronic surveillance, 48 hours community service, 24 months probation, total fines and costs

April 8 — Kenneth Davey, violation of civil protection order, 12 months probation, total fines and costs - \$864.50. April 8 — Helena Jim, driving while ability

impaired, 24 hours community service, total fines and costs - \$929.44. April 12 — Austin F. Martin, failed to use

turn signal, total fines and costs - \$105. April 14 - Bryan H. Tracey, violation of stage one fire ban, total fines and costs -

April 16 — Ross Allen Poindexter, disorderly conduct-unreasonable noise, six days jail, total fines and costs - \$186. April 20 — Frank Ulibarri, speeding 10-19

over limit, total fines and costs — \$210.50. April 21 — Asa James Valentine, driving under the influence, 48 hours community service, one year probation, total fines and

April 21 — Bobby K. Tuller, driving under the influence, 27 days jail, 48 hours community service, eight days electronic surveillance, total fines and costs - \$2,851.50.

April 21 - Shannon Leigh Reiswig, driving under the influence, 48 hours community service. 10 days electronic surveillance. 12 months probation, total fines and costs -

April 21 — Jared T. Carstensen, improper mountain driving, total fines and costs -\$64.50

April 21 — Casey Francis Onik, speeding 5-9 over, total fines and costs - \$190. April 21 - Gary Neal Maker, speeding

10-19 over, total fines and costs - \$255. April 21 — Gabriel M. Lister, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$163.50.

April 21 - Angelo A. Auguilar, license plates expired, driver's license not in possession, total fines and costs - \$157.50. April 21 - Lilly D. Buchser, speeding 20-24 over limit, total fines and costs

April 21 - Christopher J. Foti, license plates expired, total fines and costs -

\$120.50. April 22 - Alexander C. Hayes, harassment-obscene language/gesture, total fines

and costs - \$247.50. April 22 - Shane Martin O'Neil, violation of bail bond conditions-misdemeanor, total fines and costs — \$194.50.

April 22 - Ross Allen Poindexter, obstructing high/passageway, 30 days jail, total fines and costs - \$219.50.

April 22 - Shane O'Neil, harassmentstrikes/shoves/kicks, 180 days jail, total fines and costs - \$322.50.

April 22 - Jazzelle Jones, driving under the influence, 24 hours community service, 12 months probation, total fines and costs - \$1.840.21.

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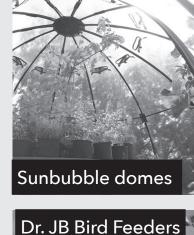
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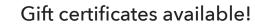
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School district plans for new curriculum, post-pandemic schooling and more

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

On April 13, the Archuleta School District Board of Education voted to adopt new curriculum for Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) and fifth grade, located at

a cost of just over \$170,000. Those curricula are Open Court Reading for kindergarten through second grade and Benchmark Reading for third through fifth grade.

Pagosa Springs Middle School, at

PSES Principal Justin Cowan, along with teachers Janae Ash and Kelly Vining, presented the curriculum adoption information to the board.

Cowan described the process leading up to the curriculum adoption, explaining that in 2019 he did a survey of the staff concerning the existing program it has been teaching for seven years, and its pros and cons.

After sifting through that information, the school then ordered five curriculum samples from different companies, giving them six to consider.

"We completed action research," Cowan said, explaining that means that for two weeks teachers took a curriculum and planned lessons, created a curriculum map and taught lessons with it to see how students reacted.

School committees then discussed each curriculum and ranked the options, which Cowan noted led to the chosen curriculum he then gave to Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza.

Cowan also presented a sample of the questions put out to staff as part of the survey before Ash and Vining presented more on each curriculum.

Among other things, Ash discussed the autonomy given to teachers, the excitement of the kids when she piloted the Benchmark Reading curriculum, and a focus on what good readers and writers do.

In her presentation to the board, Ash noted the Benchmark Reading curriculum will also work with at ways to address learning needs distance learning, and that there is within the school day. continuous professional development offered for teachers.

In discussing the Open Court Reading curriculum, Vining acknowledged that she did not pilot the curriculum, but researched the product and the science of reading.

She suggested to the board that reading is known to be learned with the ears, not the eyes, and showed the board what each of the requested curriculum does well.

She also showed the board how the Open Court Reading curriculum builds reading skills in the early grades.

Vining called the curriculum

Pagosa Springs **Elementary School** Scholar of the Week



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Elementary School

Baylie Rodriguez is not only an incredibly kind and thoughtful person, she is also a hardworking, conscientious student.

'We hope we've done our research well. It was a long process," Cowan said. "The teachers really dove into it, and I'm really proud of the work they did."

LeBlanc-Esparza indicated to the board that the staff put in a lot of time going through the curriculum choices as requested and had really sound reasons for their

Cowan added that the staff feels the curriculums go hand in hand to build skills.

Open Court, board president Bruce Dryburgh noted, comes at a cost of \$93,333, while the Benchmark Reading is \$76,967.82.

In terms of language arts curriculum, the price came around what was expected, the superintendent noted.

The four members of the board present unanimously voted to adopt the Open Court Reading curriculum for kindergarten through second grade and Benchmark Reading curriculum for third through fifth grade.

Post-pandemic planning

Earlier in the same meeting, LeBlanc-Esparza told the board how the district is moving forward with planning for after the pandemic, with much of which she indicated will be done with federal stimulus and grant funding.

LeBlanc-Esparza noted the district has about \$3.9 million in relief funding that will be available over the next two to three years to be used for things such as learning needs and ventilation needs.

ASD is planning a jump-start program prior to the next school year in lieu of a "traditional summer school experience," LeBlanc-Esparza told the board.

The district is also looking at extended learning, she noted, explaining the district could have the option of an extended day, which could include sports, extracurriculars and academic supports.

The superintendent also noted that leadership teams are looking

She further noted the Project Aware grant, which will help address social-emotional and mental health support, is being looked at to provide additional curriculum for students who need it, look at culturally relevant teaching practices and professional develop-

Budget update

ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson also provided a budget update to the board, suggesting the district will receive more funding from the state than originally anticipated.

related funding included.

Director districts

each of five districts.

district are as follows:

inactive voters.

inactive voters

107 inactive voters.

209 inactive voters.

inactive voters.

large basis.

quickly.

Following the presentation,

Dryburgh suggested the district

watch the federal government

closely, noting that an evenly di-

vided congress can change things

The board also began a discus-

sion regarding whether or not the

district should look at reorganizing

its director districts or look at mov-

ing to an at-large district system for

tion's members are elected from

of whack in terms of population,"

minimum that should be changed."

tation, the registered voters by

has 2,511 active voters and 309

has 1,992 active voters and 190

Moore, has 1,188 active voters and

ward, has 2,035 active voters and

has 2,631 active voters and 261

Dryburgh told the board. "So at a

According to agenda documen-

• District 1, served by Tim Taylor,

• District 2, served by Bob Lynch,

• District 3, served by Mike

• District 4, served by Dana Hay-

District 5, served by Dryburgh,

Dryburgh also suggested the

board could discuss changing the

number of board members, which

he noted he didn't see a reason

for, or could consider looking into

removing districts and having

directors run and serve on an at-

three instances in the last five years

where board members moved

from one part of the community to

another and were forced to resign

ously voiced concerns of having

a small group of people from one

area of the district could get mad

about a particular issue and raise

a lot of money to get like-minded

He later noted the different ar-

Dryburgh gave an example of

that concern from another com-

munity, citing that the entire board

was later recalled at great expense

board member present for their

Dryburgh then asked each

Lynch suggested there is dif-

ficulty getting people to run, which

could be alleviated with at-large

seats, and suggested the board

could look at three districts and two

suggesting the district serves a

geographically broad area and the

schools are in a very small portion

of the community and that trying

Hayward agreed with Lynch,

eas of the county have distinct

differences, though few people know which director is from which

Dryburgh also noted the previ-

after leaving their districts.

candidates to run.

district.

to the district.

at-large seats.

■ See Plans A13

thoughts.

Dryburgh noted there have been

Currently, the Board of Educa-

"Our districts are pretty well out

at least some of the board seats.

Hodgson presented information on the 2020 recession and the forecasts concerning the state's general fund that showed improvements over what was previously expected.

He also presented information on forecasts related to school funding, which showed, in part, that the state is anticipating \$640 million additional in school funding next year from what was included in the state's budget last spring.

In response to a question, Hodgson noted the increase is from a combination of factors, including a quicker-than-anticipated economic recovery from the pandemic.

If you compare the congressional projection and the governor's office projection, Hodgson pointed out, "there's a rather high degree of congruency in the expectations of the various economists."

Hodgson then presented what he referred to as the only negative of his presentation — a "structural deficit" at the state level that he noted is there and will be expand-

Hodgson noted it looks like the state is anticipating gross expenditure growth to "far outpace the availability of money," especially because the Taxpayers Bill of Rights, commonly referred to as TABOR, limits the growth of revenue annually.

Following that, Hodgson presented his forecast for the district based on the governor's proposed budget and funding formula.

"There is a big increase in state support for this district," Hodgson said.

Hodgson indicated that money will be used because the district anticipates funding more capital projects and reminded the board the current year's budget has a \$700,000 deficit built into it.

"But even with the additional money for capital projects, we're still expecting \$800,000 of additional revenue in the general fund. That's probably worst-case scenario," he said.

LeBlanc-Esparza explained to the board the budget figures presented did not have any COVID-

LPEA awards scholarship

to local senior were selected based on merit by a

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) has awarded the Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship (\$1,000 for expenses at any school) to Kylie Keuning from Pagosa Springs High School to study speech pathology and audiology at Calvin University.

By Hillary Knox

La Plata Electric Association

The cooperative received a total of 81 applications for this year's \$80,000 in scholarships. Recipients

committee comprised of nine individuals from across LPEA's four

"We are always impressed by the quality of applications we receive from young, promising, local students with big goals and dreams," said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. "We are honored to support them in achieving these dreams, while also supporting industries that will depend on a skilled and educated future workforce."

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Sports

Volleyball

Lady Pirate volleyball qualifies for regionals despite losing season finale to COVID

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

Despite the fact that positive COVID-19 cases forced the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team to miss out on the regularseason finale against the Centauri Falcons on April 24 in Pagosa, the Lady Pirates will compete in regional action on Saturday, May 1.

In an email to The SUN on Monday, coach Caitlin Forrest noted that the team had three positive cases, and potentially more, making it impossible for the team to be able to play its final regular season game against the Falcons.

Forrest described the Lady Pirates as being

"devastated."

"My heart hurt for the seniors. So little has gone their way, even though they've played by all the covid 'rules.' To lack closure is hard for any of the athletes, but we all wanted one final game and senior recognition for the seniors," she wrote.

The final home game typically serves as the team's night to honor its seniors.

This season was "tricky" for the Lady Pirates, Forrest wrote, with the team finishing the regular season with a 4-8 overall record and an 0-7 record against Intermountain League (IML) foes.

"The IML is stronger than it has ever been as a whole, and our record simply didn't reflect how

solid of a team we are," she wrote. "Playing in the spring, having very few fans, wearing masks, and everything else was obviously an obstacle, but one the girls were happy to tackle as they were just thankful to play."

Regional action

For regional action, the No. 21-seeded Lady Pirates will travel to Lamar for matchups against the No. 4 Lamar Savages (14-0 overall) and the No. 13 Platte Valley Broncos (8-6 overall).

Pagosa will first take on Lamar at 10 a.m. on May 1 and then play the Broncos following that match.

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BASEBALL

Pirates set to open season at home Tuesday

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team is set to hit the diamond next week for its first official action since 2019.

Last year, COVID-19 caused the season to be canceled just as it was set to begin, leaving athletes without a spring sports season.

In 2019, Pagosa went 10-12, including a 5-5 league record, and advanced to the postseason, where they lost in regional competition.

Coach Mike Remlinger indicated Wednesday he hopes the situation won't repeat itself this year, with several of the team's athletes already affected by quarantines, though most of those players should be released in time for the season opener Tuesday.

"There's just a lot of question marks," Remlinger said of the team this year, outlining that the team our measure of success.

is young, depth is a concern and no one has played baseball in over

But, because the season is beginning later this year, he suggested the team has been able to practice outside more and has made a "ton of progress.'

This season's squad, he noted, has seven seniors and a couple of juniors, with everyone else being freshmen and sophomores.

The Pirates will look to have Taylor Cotts and Tyler Bowdridge on the mound for league games, Remlinger explained, with several other pitchers available for nonleague affairs and in relief.

"We're going to have to be really good with managing our pitching, he said, adding that if the team is able to do that, its pitching can be an asset in league games.

League games, he said, will "be

Remlinger also noted he's "super optimistic about our offensive side of the game," with the team making "huge strides" in hitting.

"We really have a chance to have a good offensive team," he said.

Schedule

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

The Pirates will begin their season at home Tuesday, May 4, with a 3 p.m. matchup against the 2A Del Norte Tigers.

Then, on May 8, the Pirates will open league play with a doubleheader against the Centauri Falcons, with games set for 3 and 5 On May 14 and 15, the Pirates

will take part in the Salida Tournament, with game times and opponents to be determined.

The Pirates will hit the road again on May 22 for a pair of games

in Alamosa against the Lamar Savages at a time to be determined and the Alamosa Mean Moose at 11 a.m.

On May 25, the team will travel to Dove Creek for a 1 p.m. affair with the 1A Bulldogs.

The Pirates will host a doubleheader against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on May 29.

Then, on June 1, the team will head to Bayfield for a doubleheader, with games scheduled for 3 and 5 p.m.

The Pirates will host the Mean Moose for a 2 p.m. matchup on June 8 to close out the regular

Then, at 3 p.m. on June 10, the Pirates will hit the road for Durango to take on the 4A Demons in the Foundation Game, which will not count as a regular-season game.

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■ Continued from A12 something different could help

solve the problem. gest naving the entire board serve on an at-large basis, citing that he's seen other districts run into problems with that, and added that having two or three seats be at-large could be worthy of dis-

Taylor then discussed realigning the districts.

Dryburgh noted that, of the sitting board members, he was the last to win a contested election 7.5

According to agenda documentation, three members of the board were elected most recently via ac-Taylor noted he wouldn't sug- clamation because there was no contested election and two were appointed to fill vacancies.

> Executive Assistant Robyn Bennett told the board if a change were going to be made this year, it would have to be decided upon by July 15 in order to make the November

LeBlanc-Esparza noted that doing a realignment around a census would be good, and suggested a consultant could be brought in to help put together a proposal to

realign districts.

The board opted to further discuss the topic in the future.

Bennett indicated to the board that the county will also be looking at redistricting later this year or next year, suggesting that could be a good time for the school district to look at districts because they would likely be doing a lot of the same work.

Other business

In other business at the meeting: • LeBlanc-Esparza noted the district is up 56 students from its October 2020 enrollment count.

In October 2020, the district was down 133 students from the previ-

• LeBlanc-Esparza outlined that the high school is moving forward with planning prom and gradua-

 Conducted a first reading of several policies that fell into the categories of formatting changes and changes suggested by the Colorado Association of School

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Outdoors

Lecture series: 'Chimney Rock as a Landscape of Interaction on the Chacoan Frontier'

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) hosts a free lecture series several times a year to offer the opportunity for the public and CRIA volunteers to enjoy a speaker whose topic typically relates to southwest archaeology, archaeoastronomy and/or Chacoan culture.

Experts in the field travel sometimes from far distances to Pagosa Springs to present at this free series, but this month's lecture series is now happening live and online for all to enjoy from the comforts of your home.

Join us on Thursday, May 6, as Dr. Michelle I. Turner discusses "Chimney Rock as a Landscape of Interaction on the Chacoan Frontier." Space is limited and is first-come, first-serve. To join this special Zoom presentation online at 7 p.m., you will need the Zoom link and meeting ID located on www.chimneyrockco.org/lecture.



Dr. Michelle I. Turner

Archaeological theory increasingly recognizes the surprisingly complex interactions that characterize frontier communities, as people with differing world views adapt and negotiate, weaving to-

gether new ways of being. Drawing on such theory as well as landscape archaeology, the presentation will explore how the archaeological evidence and the natural landscape of Chimney Rock can help us to

tory and its relationships to Chaco Canyon.

Turner studies the archaeology of Chaco Canyon and its outliers. She is currently a postdoctoral scholar with the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center Research Institute, where she works on ceramic analysis research related to the Northern Chacoan Outliers Project. She is also continuing her research on the Aztec North great house at Aztec Ruins National Monument, where she conducted limited archaeological testing in 2016 with a crew from Binghamton University.

Prior to becoming an archaeologist, she practiced law for nearly a decade. She continues to draw on that background, researching the legal and ethical issues surrounding NAGPRA, cultural heritage, decolonization of museums, and the repatriation of material culture and art. Turner also serves on the SAA Committee on Repatriation.

Chimney Rock will open for the

2021 season on May 15. The site is accessible every day for self-guided tours through Oct. 15. Chimney Rock National Monument is a protected archaeological site with limited access through tours and special programs only.

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Forest Legacy Program provides opportunity for private landowners to conserve forested lands an application packet, contact Caro-

By Teddy Parker-Renga

Colorado State Forest Service

Colorado landowners who want to protect environmentally valuable private forest areas that could someday be threatened by development or conversion to other non-forest uses — and who desire to receive monetary compensation in the process — now have the opportunity to submit proposals to protect their forestlands.

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) is accepting Forest Legacy Program proposals from Colorado landowners. The program authorizes the CSFS or U.S. Forest Service

The San Juan National Forest's

Dolores and Pagosa ranger dis-

tricts are planning to conduct pre-

scribed fires beginning this week.

place over several days when

weather and fuel conditions are

favorable and may continue into

the fall season based on condi-

methods may be utilized, follow-

ing the weather, fuel and smoke

parameters stated in the pre-

Both hand and aerial ignition

Burning operations will take

By Esther Godson

Forest Service

to purchase permanent conservation easements or contribute to fee acquisitions on private forestlands to prevent those lands from being converted to non-forest uses.

The purpose of the Colorado Forest Legacy Program is to protect environmentally important private forest areas that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The program provides an opportunity for private landowners to retain ownership and management of their land while receiving compensation for unrealized development rights.

In order to be eligible for the program, the proposed property must be located within a Forest Legacy

Operations will be conducted

by Forest Service personnel with

assistance from cooperating

agencies. Reintroduction of pre-

scribed fire improves and restore

vegetative conditions. This effort

will reduce hazardous ground

fuels, lessen the risk of unplanned

large wildfire, and help improve

ponderosa pine stands and wild-

Pagosa District Fire and Fuels

• Between Newt Jack Road

Management staff identified the

following areas for prescribed fire

(NFSR 923) and Catamount Trail

life habitat.

(Trail 313).

implementation:

Area, as identified in the Assessment of Need for the Colorado Forest Legacy Program; must be privately owned; and must consist of at least 75 percent of lands that are classified as forests. At least 25 percent of the project costs must be planned to be secured from nonfederal cash or in-

The application deadline is June 30 for federal fiscal year 2023 funding and proposals must be submitted by standard mail.

Forestlands that contain important scenic, cultural, recreation and water resources, including fish and wildlife habitat and other ecological values, and that support traditional

• Between Turkey Springs Road

Forest visitors should use cau-

(NFSR 629), south of Brockover

Road (NFSR 919), and Gopher

tion on the trails following burn

operations. Maps of the pre-

scribed fire area and prescribed

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forest uses, will receive priority. Landowners who elect to participate in the program are required to follow a land management plan approved by the CSFS. Activities consistent with the management plan are permitted, including timber harvesting, grazing and recreation activities.

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Seasonally closed roads opening on the San Juan National Forest

Prescribed fires planned on Pagosa Ranger District

By Esther Godson Forest Service

scribed fire plan.

The San Juan National Forest is beginning to open seasonally closed roads. The Pagosa Ranger District recreation staff have been
National Forest will continue to
and costly damages to the roadassessing roads this spring and opening as conditions allow.

The Columbine Ranger District will begin opening most low-ele-

vation roads May 1. The San Juan

monitor road conditions; upperelevation and backcountry roads will be opened June 1 or as conditions permit. Roads are closed seasonally to

wheeled motorized vehicles to protect critical wildlife habitat and/ or to prevent damage to road surfaces. Closures offer wildlife herds forage, shelter and protection from disturbance over the winter and into early spring, when animals are most vulnerable. Seasonal closures also prevent damage to road surfaces during freezing and thawing periods, even if snow levels are not very deep.

Spring conditions are variable, and visitors should be prepared to encounter system roads that are impassable due to snow drifts, waterlogged roadbeds, downed trees or other debris. Visitors are asked to stay off wet roads and respect road closures, which will decrease long-term

When visiting the national forest, please follow Leave No Trace principals and to get the most out of your experience, visit the Know Before You Go website. The Recreate Responsibly Coalition also offers guidelines and tips for getting outside and staying healthy while practicing responsible outdoor recreation and wildfire prevention activities.

For specific road information, visit our road conditions Web page or contact your local district office listed below:

• Columbine Ranger District, (970) 884-2512.

• Pagosa Ranger District, (970) 264-2268. All offices on the San Juan Na-

tional Forest are currently conducting business and providing services virtually. For information on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874.

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Rio Grande National Forest to hold inaugural Land Management Plan monitoring stakeholders meeting

By Gregg Goodland Forest Service

The Rio Grande National Forest announced that the inaugural stakeholders meeting for its Land Management Plan monitoring has been set for April 29 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The online meeting will be conducted on the Zoom platform.

"During the development of the Land Management Plan, we heard the public's desire to be involved in the monitoring process," said Dan Dallas, Rio Grande National

Forest supervisor. "This will be your opportunity to help us determine how to implement the monitoring strategies for the coming years."

The monitoring plan annual stakeholders meeting concept was included in the forest's new land management plan that was signed in May 2020. This first meeting will establish the time frame and format of future annual meetings.

Follow the link below to join the meeting. Participants will be admitted to the session at 5:25 p.m., prior to the planned start time: https:// us02web.zoom.us/j/81149697229.

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By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager Published April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2021 in The Pagosa

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF

COLORADO CIVIL ACTION NO. 2020CV030039 DIVISION NO

COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association

Defendants, NEW CENTURY INVESTMENT GROUP Sheriff Sale Number 2021-06

This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated November 24, 2020, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the curren holder of a lien recorded on May 7, 2020 at Rec. No 22002485, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, recorded on 6/24/1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property

Description of property to be foreclosed: Regarding: Timbers Condominium Unit 1, on Lake Pagosa Park, Blk 12 Lot 2; 8-35-2W #20001136 Also known as: 1288 Cloud Cap Ave #1, Pagosa Springs

NOTICE OF SALE

You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Civil Division of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on the 4th day of June 2021, at 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8434. At which sale, the above described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of purchase, as provided by law Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED

MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

Last Publication: April 29, 2021 Published In: Pagosa Sun The name, address and telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of the debt is as follows: Orten Cavanagh Holmes & Hunt LLC 1445 Market Street, Suite 350 Denver CO 80202 DATED this 10th day of March, 2021 Rich Valdez, Sheriff

First Publication: April 1, 2021

Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager Published April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2021 in *The Pagosa* Springs SUN.

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF CIVIL ACTION NO. 2020CV030083

DIVISION NO.

COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Asso

Defendants, PAGLAND INVESTORS INC;

Sheriff Sale Number 2021-07

This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated 12/17/2020, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on October 13, 2020 at Rec. No 22006249, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, recorded on 6/24/1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association.

Description of property to be foreclosed: Regarding: Lot 371 in Pagosa Highland Estates, Sec Also known as: 1419 Hills Cir, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

NOTICE OF SALE

You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Civil Division of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 1:00 o'clock P.M., on the 4th day of June 2021, at 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8434 At which sale, the above described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of purchase, as provided by law Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT

PROPERTY. First Publication: April 1, 2021 Last Publication: April 29, 2021

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Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager Published April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2021 in The Pagosa

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

Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc. Plaintiff

Erlene K. Edmonds, et al.

Case No.: 2021CV30009 Attorney for Plaintif Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814 Email: chris@hjclegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): FRANK M. SPEARMAN JANET MARTINO

DOROTHY M. ROSS JERRY D. ROSS

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

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

timeshare interest(s) for failure to pay the Monthly Payments to Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc. Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: April 8, 2021 Last Publication: May 6, 2021 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley

Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 Published April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 2021 in The

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

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

PAGOSA SPRINGS

3155 E. PATRICK LANE

LAS VEGAS, NV 89120 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2009, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOTS 173 AND 174, IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973
AS RECEPTION NO. 77868.

Account Number: R004490 Schedule Number: 569525202003 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-00868 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent

property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2008 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS for said year

That said DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST on the 18th day of March 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST

On the 1st day of September 2021, unless the same has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

Witness my hand this 2nd day of April 2021 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

Published April 15, 22 and 29, 2021 in The Pagosa

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

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land Lot or Premises and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or

Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of

Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS 3155 E. PATRICK LANE

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You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2009, the then County Treasure of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 259 AND 260, IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE

PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973
AS RECEPTION NO. 77868. Account Number: R004497 Schedule Number: 569525203006 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-00870 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT

TRUST That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2008
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed

in the name(s) of

NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS for said year 2008. That said DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST on the 18th day of March 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property

to DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST
On the 1st day of September 2021, unless the same has been redeemed Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

Witness my hand this 2nd day of April 2021 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

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

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

PAGOSA SPRINGS 3155 E. PATRICK LANE LAS VEGAS, NV 89120

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2009, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST

Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 171 AND 172, IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973

AS RECEPTION NO. 77868 Account Number: R004529 Schedule Number: 569525205002 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-00876

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent

property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2008
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS for sa

That said DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST on the 18th day of March 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST

On the 1st day of September 2021, unless the same has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 5th day of April 2021 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published April 15, 22 and 29, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX

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

PAGOSA SPRINGS 3155 EAST PATRICK LANE LAS VEGAS, NV 89120 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2009, the then County Treasurer

of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOTS 169 AND 170. IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868 Account Number: R004530

Schedule Number: 569525205003 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-00877 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2008 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of

NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS for said year 2008. That said DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST on the 18th day of March 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to DAVID G. MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST On the 1st day of September 2021, unless the sa

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

Witness my hand this 5th day of April 2021 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published April 15, 22 and 29, 2021 in *The Pagosa* Springs SUN.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of James Brank Smith aka JB Smith aka James B. Smith, Deceased

Case No. 21PR30008 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 August 22, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.

HAROLD WAYNE WALLS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE C/O Clayton M. Buchner, Attorney at Law PO Box 3855, 444 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs CO 81147
Published April 22, 29 and May 6, 2021 in *The Pagosa* Springs SUN.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION
FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and

to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: DELDEV INC 1133 N 18TH STREET GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the

1st day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at EASTERN COLORADO RENTALS LLC the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 285, 286, 287,

Account Number: R004325 Schedule Number: 569525104060 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2012-02357 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to EASTERN COLORADO RENTALS

288, 289 PT Sec: 25 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DELDEV INC for said year 2011. That said EASTERN COLORADO RENTALS LLC on the 29th day of March 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to EASTERN COLORADO RENTALS LLC

On the 8th day of September 2021, unless the same has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

Deed. Witness my hand this 29th day of March 2021 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

Published April 29, May 6 and 13, 2021 in The Pagosa

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HEARING ON May 18, 2021
ROBERT LEVINE, has applied for a Final Plat Approval for the LIGHT PLANT RIVER ESTATES MINOR SUBDIVISION, on the property RURAL Sec: 25 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W 35-2W Sec: 25 PORTION OF S2SW; 24-35-2W; N2N2; 25-35-2W; S2; 19-35-2W N2N2; 30-35-1W at 1301 County Rd 119, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN21-027). The property is zoned PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD). The proposal is to create a Minor Subdivision in accordance with the Reservoir River Ranch Development Agreement for single-family residence develo the new parcels.

Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PFlowers@ archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners on May 18. 2021, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Public comment will be taken at th Published April 29 and May 6, 2021 in *The Pagosa* Springs SUN.

INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed BIDS for the Buttress Avenue and Port Avenue Asphalt Surfacing 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 **May 20, 2021**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of asphalt surfacing of two

gravel roadways being approximately 0.37 miles of Buttress Avenue and 0.18 miles of Port Avenue. The project generally maintains the existing horizontal and vertical alignments and involves scarification, gravel supplementation, and reshaping of the existing gravel roadways prior to placement of the asphalt surface Project work includes, but is not limited to clearing and grubbing, excavation, embankment, gravel placement, drainage structures, erosion control, asphalt paving, erosion control, pavement marking, traffic contro seeding and mulching, and other items typically associated with road and bridge construction.
Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS and PLANS

may be obtained on or after May 3, 2021, at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at the address ned above, upon payment of \$50.00 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 May 11, 2021. Date: April 29, 2021

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Council for the Town of Pagosa Springs will be holding a public hearing for a new Beer & Wine liquor license application for Karen Roberts dba Picasso & Vino located at 450 Lewis Street, Unit A1 in Pagosa Springs Colorado. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall at 551 Hot Springs Blvd or by Zoom meeting. All people wishing to comment should be present at that meeting or have written comments in the office of the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 14, 2021 Published April 29, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Council for the Town of Pagosa Springs will be holding a public hearing for a new Hotel & Restaurant liquor license application for Tall Pines Beer and Wine Garden LLC located at 23 Pike Drive in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The public hearing will be held on Thursday. May 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall at 551 Hot Springs Blvd or by Zoom meeting. All people wishing to comment should be present at that meeting or have written comments in the office of the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 14, 2021. Published April 29, 2021 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Request for Proposals - APS Companion Home Visitation Provider: The Board of County Commissioners seek proposals from a Companion/ Home Visitation Provider for older adults served by Adult Protection Services (APS). The successful Respondent to this RFP will be awarded a contract covering the period July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022. At the option of the County, two extensions of up to one additional year each may be awarded. Respondents must read and follow the instructions contained in RFP No. 1010-21-001. Copies may be obtained from Matt Dodson (Matthew. Dodson@state.co.us) or may be downloaded from the County website at http://www.archuletacounty.org/Bids aspx. One original and two bound copies of the proposal, labeled "Companion / Home Visitation Provider for older adults served by Adult Protection Services (APS)" must be delivered to the County at 551 Hot Springs Blvd, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 by 3:00 p.m., May 7th, 2021. Published April 29 and May 6, 2021 in *The Pagosa* Springs SUN.

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for "Final Major Design Review" for the construction of an approximately 320 square foot addition to the south side of the Riff Raff on the Rio establishment at 356 E Pagosa Street. The Design Review Board will consider the final application at a public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, lay 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm. The Public hearing will be held by Zoom online meeting platform and accessible to anyone in the public from the Town's online portal at this link https://zoom.us/j/91425469027 or by phone by dialing 1 669 900 6833 and accessing webinar ID 912 39 357 590. Limited in-person meeting attendance is now being allowed at 551 Hot Springs Blvd with masks

being required. To access the meeting agenda, staff report and proposed development application, click the Meetings and Agendas tab on the left-hand side on the Town's website home page at pagosasprings.co.gov. You may also view the application on this website under Departments -> Planning -> Pending Land Use Development Projects or on MyPagosa.org under proposed development projects. For more information and anyone wishing to provide comments, please contact the Town Planning Department at cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov or at 970-264-4151 x221, or you may attend the public hearing where public nts will be taken

Published April 29, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. REAL PROPERTY TAXPAYER REMEDIES (Media Release) Assessors, please note: If you are using the standard

protest and appeal procedures, please delete dates

Lake City, CO 81235 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (970) 944-2225 ext. 121 SUGGESTED RELEASE: April 1 through May 31 For tax years 2021 and 2022, the county assessor is required by law to appraise all real property at a June 30, 2020 level of value. Notices of Valuation reflecting the 2021 values will be sent to owners of real property by May 3. The information used by the assessor to value your property is available for your review.

for the alternate protest and appeal procedures before

If your county has elected to use the alternate protest and

appeal procedures, please replace the standard dates below with the alternate dates shown in parentheses.

If your county is using an extended base period, please

adjust the January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 dates

submitting this document for publication.

accordingly.
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTACT:

P O Box 28

Luke de la Parra, Hinsdale County Assesso

From May 3 through June 1, owners of real property may protest the value or the classification established by the assessor. This protest period provides an opportunity for taxpayers to inform the assessor of errors in classification, property description, or other discrepancies that may result in a reduction in value or a change in classification.

Protests to the assessor must be postmarked or presented in person on or before June 1. The assessor must make a decision concerning your protest and mail you a written Notice of Determination on or before the last working day in June (August 16 - for alternate protest and appeal procedures ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN ALTERNATE PROTEST

on rent producing commercial real property, taxpayers must submit, two full years of rental income data, two full years of tenant reimbursement data, two years of itemized expenses and two full years of rent roll data on or before July 15. For further information, please contact your county assessor's office.) If you are satisfied with the assessor's determination, the tax bill you receive next January will be based on the value and classification reflected on

COUTITES: For protests of values

the Notice of Determination. If you disagree with the assessor's decision, you may file an appeal with the county board of equalization. An appeal to the county board of equalization must be postmarked or hand-delivered no later than July 15 (September 15 – for alternate protest and appeal procedures). The county board

will notify you by mail of the hearing date, time, and place where you may present evidence to substantiate your case. Evidence includes documentation such as the sale prices of properties similar to yours that sold between January 1, 2019 and June 30. 2020 (Adjust dates accordingly). The county

board will conclude hearings and render decisions by the close of business on August 5 (November 1 – for alternate protest and appeal procedures). The county board must mail you a decision within five business days of the date of its decision. If you are satisfied with the county board's decision, the tax bill you receive next January will be based on the valuation and classification reflected in the

county board's decision. If you disagree with the action of the county board, you may file an appeal with the State Board of Assessment Appeals or the district court, or you may request a binding arbitration hearing. Your appeal must be made within 30 days of the date of the county board's mailed decision.

For additional information regarding the protest and

appeal process, contact your county assessor at Published April 29. 2021 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Notice and Opportunity to Comment on the Colorado Roadless Area Boundary

Modification The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), proposes to modify the South San Juan Adjacent, Turkey Creek, and Winter Hills/Serviceberry Mountain Colorado Roadless Area (CRA) boundaries on the San Juan National Forest to remove Federal land for the Valle Seco 2019 Land Exchange and to add acres to the Winter Hills/Serviceberry Mountain CRA. The Chief of the Forest Service proposes to modify the boundaries after a 90-day public notice and opportunity to comment.

How to Comment and Timeframe: Comments must be received in writing within 90 days of the publication of this legal notice in the newspaper of record (the Durango Herald). Comments may be submitted ctronically to https://cara.ecosystem-management. org/Public//CommentInput?Project=NP-2434. Written comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Becca Smith, San Juan National Forest, PO Box 310, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

The Colorado Boadless Rule permits the Chief of the Forest Service to modify Colorado Roadless Area boundaries based on changed circumstances after providing public notice and a 90-day public comment period. Pursuant to 36 CFR § 294.47(a), the Forest Service proposes to modify the South San Juan Adjacent Roadless Area and Turkey Creek Roadless Area boundaries to remove approximately 176 acres of Federal land to be conveyed to Non-Federal Parties as part of the proposed land exchange. The Forest Service is also considering modifying the Winter Hills/Serviceberry Mountain CRA to add between approximately 529 acres and 7,954 acres to the CRA. These various boundary modification alternatives were analyzed in the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Valle Seco 2019 Land Exchange, which can be found at http://www.fs.usda.gov/ project/?project=57154. This exchange and boundary modifications do not include upper tier roadless areas. The Forest Service will consider public comments on the proposed boundary modifications in coordination with the

proposed land exchange. Further Information Contact: Becca Smith Lands Specialist, at (970) 264-1521 or rebecca.smith@usda. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is an equal

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(Public Notice)
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTACT: Luke de la Parra, Hinsdale County Assessor P O Box 28

opportunity provider and employer.

Lake City, CO 81235 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (970) 944-2225 ext. 121 RELEASE: Required on or before May 1
PUBLIC NOTICE

Colorado law requires the county assessor to hear objections to real property classifications and valuations beginning no later than May 3, 2021. Objections to the valuation or classification of real property must be postmarked, delivered, or presented in person to the county assessor's office no later than June 1, 2021. Colorado law requires the county assessor to begin hearing objections to personal property valuations no later than June 15, 2021. Objections to personal property valuations must be postmarked, delivered, or presented in person to the county assessor's office no later than

June 30, 2021. For additional information, contact the county assessor's office at (970) 944-2225 ext. 121 Published April 29, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

Sale of Vehicles and Equipment The Archuleta School District 50 Jt has the following vehicles and equipment for purchase. Sealed bids will be received for each individual item with the name of the item you are bidding on listed on the outside of each bid You may submit bids for multiple items, but you must submit a separate bid for each item.

The deadline for receiving the sealed bids will be 4 pm on May 7, 2021. Bids will be opened on the following Monday. The highest bidder for each item will be notified by phone. All items are sold "as is." Please bring your sealed bid to the Maintenance and Transportation Building at 800 B S. 8th St, 8:00am -

4:45pm Monday thru Thursday or 8:00am - 12:00pm

on Friday. 2004 International 36 passenger wheelchair school bus. 1994 Thomas 65 passenger school bus 1994 Thomas 65 passenger school bus. 1997 Amtran 65 passenger school bus. 1992 Chevrolet Suburban ¾ ton (bad transmission.) 2002 Ford Explorer: This donation has an electrical short.

It does not run. Minimum bid: \$200.00.

1999 Ford F150 pickup: The A arm on the passenger front tire is bent. It does not run. Minimum bid: \$200.00. 1989 Ford Econoline Van: Rear main seal leak. It did run when donated, but must have the seal replaced before driving. Minimum bid: \$200.00.

1987 Volvo Station wagon: Needs new windshield The metal around the windshield is very weak so must have patching done before replacing glass. Minimum bid: \$200.00. Miller Syncrowave200: This is a used TIG welder. Our voltage output is too low for it. It must have 230 volts to operate correctly. Minimum bid: \$1,000.00.

To schedule an inspection of a vehicle please contact Steve Voorhis, 970-749-4296, svoorhis@pagosa.k12. Published April 29, 2021 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Notice of Public Hearing Board of County Commissione Archuleta County, Colorado PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to CRS

30-28-116 that the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado, will hold a public hearing to consider revising the County Land Use Regulations The language proposed to be adopted is available for review at the County Development Services Department

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 1:30 PM in the County Commissioner's meeting room at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, and via Zoom, at which time all interested parties will be heard. Written comments may also be submitted to the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, at or prior to said public meeting. Published April 29, 2021 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Hot Springs Blvd, will be closed to thru traffic from Spring Street south to Apache Street. Local traffic will still have access by utilizing the access road around the Aragon Center and City Hall. Closure vill be in force May 01 thru May 05. Published April 29, 2021 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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Earth Day event

SUN photos/Terri House

Earth Day wouldn't be complete without earthworms, solar car races, and kids' educational and fun activities. Service organizations that make our local and global community healthier and stronger set up booths along the Riverwalk on Saturday with some participants dressing up as their favorite animals and plants, all in an effort to show some love for the Earth.















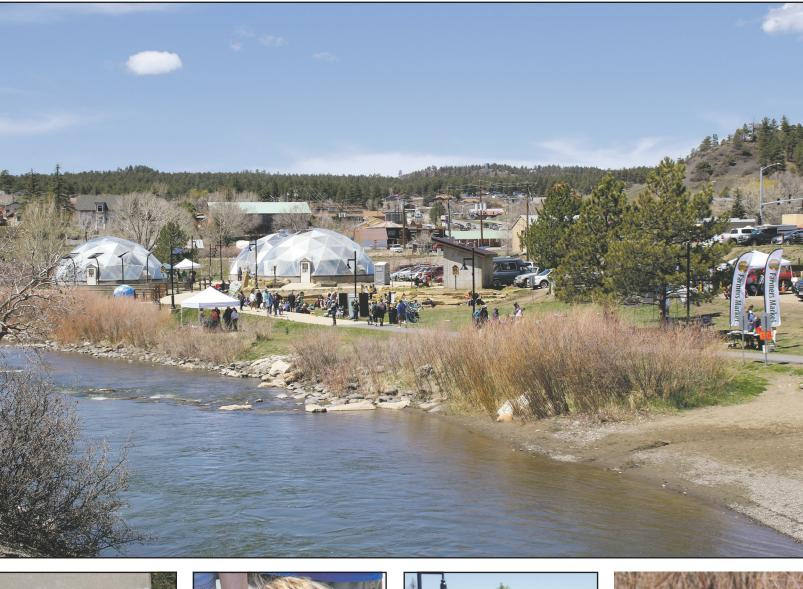
















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Sexual assault myths busted

By Ashley Wilson

Rise Above Violence

How do we end sexual violence in Pagosa?

Step one is awareness; the activities and education Rise Above Violence provides to the community start with this idea. Awareness and education shared in our community bring us all up to speed so that we can tackle the issue together as a community.

The second step is local action, which includes sharing the information you know, coming out to events to show a physical solidarity with victims, stepping up in our social circles to call out inappropriate jokes and language, as well as being the voice of victims to our local and state legislators.

Today we are both bringing awareness and being a voice for victims by busting myths about rape and sexual assault. We have all heard many stories about what causes sexual abuse, where it occurs and what type of people are the victims and perpetrators. As more and more victims have been brave enough to come forward with their stories in recent years, our society has been able to learn more about sexual assault and debunk many of the myths most of us were raised to believe. Below are some common misconceptions alongside the facts.

Myth: If she hadn't gotten drunk, she wouldn't have been raped.

Fact: The natural result of getting drunk is a hangover, not a sexual assault. Would we say a homeowner deserved to be burglarized because he or she drank too much, fell asleep and forgot to lock the front door?

Myth: If Sally walks into a bar and has a few alcoholic beverages, she is responsible for what happens to her later that evening because she chose to drink.

Fact: This "assumption of risk" wrongfully places the responsibility of the offender's actions with the victim. Even if a person went voluntarily to someone's residence or room and/or even consented to engage in some sexual activity, it does not serve as a blanket consent for all sexual activity. If a person is unsure about whether the other person is comfortable with an elevated level of sexual activity, the person should stop and ask. When someone says "No" or "Stop," that means stop. If a person is too drunk or high to be awake and alert (e.g., is passed out) that person cannot give consent. Thus, any sexual activity toward a passed out person is, by definition, nonconsensual. Sexual activity forced upon another without consent is sexual assault. In Colorado, that is a felony. Source: Title 18, Colorado Revised Statutes.

Myth: If you are wearing inappropriate or suggestive clothing, you are "asking for it."

Fact: As with alcohol or drug consumption, this myth blames the victim for the perpetrator's behavior. If a resident leaves his or her window open to cool down the home in summer, is he or she asking to be burglarized? To be raped? Not according to the law (or common sense).

Myth: Most sexual assaults are committed by

strangers

Fact: Most sexual assaults and rapes are committed by someone the victim knows. Among victims aged 18 to 29, two-thirds had a prior relationship with the offender. Among victims under 18, the abuser is almost always a family member or person in a position of trust (babysitter, coach, scout leader, youth minister, etc.). Source: www.law.georgetown.edu.

Myth: It isn't sexual abuse if you are married. Whatever a husband does to his wife is OK.

Fact: It is illegal in Colorado and most other states to sexually abuse your spouse. A marriage does not authorize forced sexual relations anymore than a marriage entitles one spouse to murder the other. Citation: Title 18, Colorado Revised Statutes.

Myth: Only women can be victims of sexual assault. Fact: Approximately 24.8 percent of men report sexual victimization, which includes completed or attempted forced penetration and sexual coercion. Of those victims, 51.3 percent were under the age of 18 years old and 26 percent were 10 years old and younger. Source: CDC and NSVRC.

Myth: The most dangerous place for children to be sexually abused is by a stranger on the streets.

Fact: Most sexual abuse of children occurs in a residence, typically that of the child or the perpetrator. 84 percent of sexual victimization of children under age 12 occurs in a home. Of sexual abuse reported to law enforcement, 93 percent of children knew the perpetrator: 59 percent were acquaintances, 34 percent were family members, and only 7 percent were strangers of the victim. Source: cachouston.org, RAINN.

All of the services provided through Rise Above Violence are free to victims and survivors. One way to help in our local community is to donate. Your gift provides critical services for healing.

The Push-Up challenge is wrapping up tomorrow and the teams and individuals participating have been working hard all month doing 25 push-ups a day and raising funds. Please consider supporting one of the challengers: www.riseaboveviolence.org/push-up-challenge.

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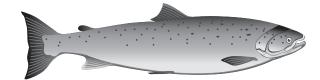
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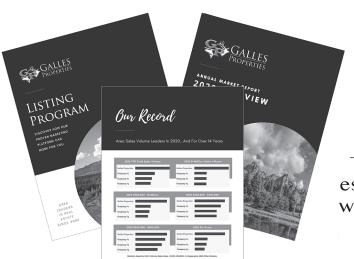
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By Carole Howard

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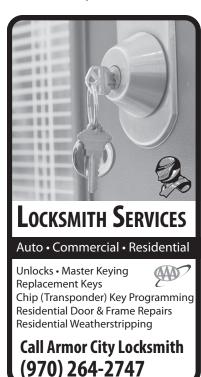
Every year we receive thousands of new or gently used hardcover books, DVDs and CDs, and these donations are vital to our overall success.

Of the thousands of items that are donated, a small number go into the collection. In 2020, that amounted to 62 items for a value of \$4,366 including books, DVDs and, in a couple of circumstances, magazine subscriptions.

Some of the other donations are sold at the library at greatly discounted prices. Most go to the Friends of the Library book sale, which is a hugely important fundraising event for your library. Without your help, the Friends' sale offerings would be much less attractive to potential buyers and thus their proceeds smaller for your library. So, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

But, sometimes we have problems with donations that are outdated or in poor condition. These items must be thrown away or recycled, costing us time and money. So, we want to take this opportunity to review the best practices for library donations, hoping this information is helpful to you as well as to us.

- 1. Please do bring in only clean, gently worn books, CDs and DVDs.
- 2. Please do not bring in VHS tapes and cassettes, donate magazines older than one year or leave personal items inside of donations.
- 3. Nonfiction items like memoirs and how-to books in good shape should not be older than five years. Travel and restaurant guides, tax books and anything relating to computers generally should be no more than a year old. Textbooks normally are of no interest to our patrons.
- 4, Fiction novels should be no older than 10 years.



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5. Please do not deliver donations after hours in the book return slot at the library or the drop box at City Market or by leaving them at our front entrance. Please bring them inside.

6. Please do not bring more than one or two boxes per person, as we do not have much space in our workroom. If you need help getting your boxes inside the building, we are happy to help.

7. What donated materials do the Friends like best for their sale? Their favorites are your favorites. Experience plus your responses to surveys over the years have shown that at the top of your wish lists are mysteries, historical novels,

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The Friends hope that COVID conditions will allow them to put on their book sale this August, but it is too far away to announce firm

Special note

We want people to always feel welcome in the library and to experience a very friendly vibe when they visit," said Meg Wempe, library director. "But we remind everyone that, similar to other public indoor spaces in Colorado, we must follow the executive order that requires people aged 11 or older to wear a covering over their noses and mouths when entering or moving within any public indoor space. If you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask, we are pleased to assist you outside the building through our curbside service."

New writing challenge

On May 3, we will post a new writing challenge on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free all-ages activity.

Storywalk for kids

Weather permitting, every other Thursday, Josie posts signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up toward the elementary school detailing a new free Storywalk for kids. The April 22-May 5 featured book is "Swirl by Swirl" by Joyce Sidman. 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 (970) 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 during open hours to pick up free DIY crafts takeaways for youngsters age 10 and older outside the building.

Tech Time — no appointment needed

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Appointments are no longer required, but we will honor any appointments that were previously made. Brad will help you resolve issues with your computer, smartphone, tablet and other electronic devices.

ESL — no appointment needed

Free in-person classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m. (note the new hours). Appointments are no longer required, but we will honor any appointments that were previously

Dungeons and Dragons

Join us Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. for Dungeons and Dragons free for teens and young adults on Google Meet. Contact claire@ pagosalibrary.org to learn how to join. If you don't have Internet access, contact us anyway — we may be able to accommodate you in the library.

Children's programs on Facebook

Thursdays at 10 a.m. 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 — no appointment needed

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) session takes place in person tomorrow, Friday, April 30, between noon and 3 p.m., where Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Appointments are no longer required, but we will honor any appointments that were previously made. On May 6, PALS moves to Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be no PALS on May 13.

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.

Nonfiction

"On the House" by John Boehner is a memoir by the former speaker of the House of Representatives. "Cosmic Queries" by astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson with physicist

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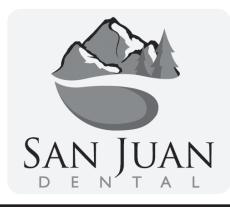
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"The Other Emily" by Dean Koontz tells of a man's new love who may be his long-vanished love. "Miss Julia Happily Ever After" by Ann B. Ross is book 22 in the Miss Julia series. "No Way Out" by Fern Michaels follows a woman recovering after a coma. "Of Women and Salt" by Gabriela Garcia is the story of a Cuban immigrant's family. "Strongheart" by Jim Fergus is book three in the One Thousand White Women series.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"The Devil's Hand" by Jack Carr features Navy Seal James Reece. "What Comes After" by Joanne Tompkins follows a community after two teenage boys die. "When the Stars Go Dark" by Paula McLain tells of a seasoned missing persons detective dealing with a new case reminiscent of her childhood.

Other novels

"The Son of Mr. Suleman" by Eric Jerome Dickey is a story exploring racism, sexual assault, politics, family legacies and more. "Lover Unveiled" by J.R. Ward is the latest in the Black Dagger

Brotherhood paranormal romance series. "The Good Sister" by Sally Hepworth features twin sisters, one hugely resentful of the other. 'Malice" by Heather Walter is book one in the Malice series retelling the Sleeping Beauty series.

Books on CD

"Finding Ashley" by Danielle Steel follows two sisters who reunite after a long absence. "A Dark Queen Rises" by Ashok K. Banker is book two in the Burnt Empire fantasy world. "Wyatt Earp" by Matt Braun is the story of this legendary gunfighter. "Her Dark Lies" by J.T. Ellison is a mystery set on the Italian coast. "Later" by Stephen King features a young boy with an ability to see what no one else can. "How Beautiful We Were" by Imbolo Mbue is set in a fictional African village.

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By Paulette Heber

Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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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, May 2, our theme is 'Self Discipline.'

"Strive thine utmost to become godlike, characterized with His attributes, illumined and merciful, that thou mayest be freed from every bond and become attached at heart to the Kingdom of the incomparable Lord. This is heavenly light." — Abdu'l-Baha.

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Falling into the hands of God

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David's answer to God, "I am in great distress. Please let me fall into the hand of the Lord, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man."—2 Samuel 24:13,14 (NKJV).

People are told to fear God and trust man. However, don't we see the ruthlessness of man every time we turn on the television? Doesn't God's mercy overshadow every act that we have come to know from

I am reminded of a story about two men named Adam and Bob. They were childhood friends who laughed and played, and grew up together. Both were accepted into Ivy League universities and passed their bar exams.

The day would come when each would look to join firms that would serve their career interest.

Adam excelled by working hard. He was tenacious and shrewd in practice, and quickly became known as the brightest star at his firm. His family seemed to have it all together as well. They attended

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church and gave when they believed it most beneficial. Even church leaders from the pulpit esteemed the young man.

Bob also worked hard. He toed a legal line and was known for being fair. When possible, he took on pro bono work to help those who couldn't help themselves. He enjoyed wining and dining his clients. But, the long nights at the office and lunch hour meet-andgreets soon became his demise. Bob developed a drinking problem and his marriage began to

Soon thereafter, Bob fell on tough times. His career spun out of control, which led to him losing his job. He lost his home and his family abandoned him. The only view he had of his once corner office would be from the street. His bed, a piece of cardboard in an alley.

Unbeknownst to Bob, Adam was having dinner with a friend at a neighborhood restaurant. At the conclusion of their meal, the friends walked down the street. passing by the alley that Bob called home.

caught a glimpse of a familiar face. With a disdained cockiness, he said to his friend, "Isn't that Bob? Look at him. He's digging through the dumpster.'

Before Bob was out of view, Adam and his friend watched as he pulled a half-eaten steak out of the garbage, leaned down and then fed a stray dog.

"I've known Bob all my life. He had the same opportunities that I had. Look at what he has become."

The friend said to Adam, "Cut Bob some slack. Show him some mercy. I've heard he is working at a soup kitchen where he is an advocate for those needing legal help."

"Mercy?" Adam whirled back, "He doesn't deserve it."

Adam's outrage was deafening, but he was blinded by one gigantic flaw — no mercy. Worse yet, he used his own life as the standard by which he passed judgment.

The view of Bob feeding a dog from his hand was beneath Adam, and overshadowed any relevance or importance that his work had become.

King David knew it was better to stand before God as judge who would show mercy than fall under the condemnation of a man who judges without mercy.

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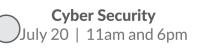
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and rose, stands at the right hand of God and makes intercession for us."

Final brushstroke: Without regard for where life has taken us, we will all stand in judgment one day. Fortunately, God is not just a God of justice, but also of mercy. Thankfully, our counsel in the courtroom of heaven is also the one who intercedes for us on earth. His name is Jesus.

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New vaccine scams try to trick you

By Kay Kaylor

PREVIEW Columnist

I advocate for residents in skilled nursing and assisted living residences as the regional long-term care ombudsman. I also am trained as a Senior Medicare Patrol and State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor, all as an employee of San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA). The many aging and care concerns will be addressed here.

Now that the COVID-19 vaccination program is well under way, new types of scams continue to emerge. See earlier columns for other pandemic and Medicare scams

The tactics of trying to get a person to click on a dangerous electronic link, pay for a "free trial," receive a "free" gift after paying a shipping or handling fee, and giving out your credit or debit card or bank information remain the same. Scammers may try to trick you to trust them if they have some of your personal information, which can be found on the Internet if you registered to vote or if they pay a small fee for directory information.

One scam involves fake emails or texts from a vaccine producer,

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such as Pfizer, asking people to fill out a follow-up survey. None of the vaccine companies are sending out such surveys, but fraudsters can copy company logos and create emails or texts that look legitimate. The survey is tied to offers of a free gift or trial to get personal information

Another illegal scam targets people who do not have vaccination cards. For example, an eBay seller offered "Authentic CDC Vaccination Record Cards" for about \$10. Buyers received a blank card and no cover pouch. No doubt such promotions will continue since vaccination cards may be required at schools, colleges, workplaces and while traveling. The use of such fake cards also poses risks to others if the carrier did not receive a vaccination and has the virus.

COVID-19 scams can be reported to the Department of Jus-

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Wellness is not a 'New Age' term

By Cheryl Wilkinson

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Wellness was coined as a collective term in 1961 by physician Halbert Dunn for lifestyles that pursue overall well-being. Well-being is the state of being; wellness is the actions and decisions we made in our daily lives that impact the state of our overall physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, occupational and social lives.

Wellness is an active process. That means we have to choose to be engaged. We know that eating well and physical exercise are important to our well-being. Other ways of boosting our well-being include bathing, reading, making or listening to music, and talking with others.

Caregivers provide the bridge for many of the activities above, including reading out loud or finding out what music that person likes and bringing that into the daily environment. Adults 60 and better who volunteer gain benefits across the board — and live longer and experience an improved sense of well-being. Less pain can be another gain from staying engaged, as is improved immunity, lower levels of depression, less isolation and improved memory.

Check in with yourself and see if there's anything that would make you or someone you love happier. Wellness throughout your life doesn't mean you don't age—it simply means you have greater enjoyment. You can choose the levels of social, intellectual and other engagement that suit you best, in keeping with the changes you experience over time in your abilities (or the abilities of those you love and care for).

You can learn about Archuleta Seniors Inc. programs here in Pagosa Springs, find resources for wellness and aging, and make reservations with The Community Café for take-out and Meals on Wheels at: http://www.psseniors.org/.

Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

The Pagosa Springs Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers approximately 3,000 fresh and frozen meals a year. We deliver

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fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents to help them stay healthy and independent in their own homes.

This program is vitally important because many seniors have little to no access to nutritious meals. They are often too frail or have health complications that prevent them from preparing meals for themselves or from using the Senior Center's Community Café drive-thru meals pick-up site Monday though Friday.

The Senior Center needs volunteer Meals on Wheels Drivers for one day a week (or become part of our substitute driver team). Please join us as part of our driver team and build wonderful relationships with the seniors in our community. Call (970) 264-2167.

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 Senior Center is offering take-out hot meals and a salad with a drive-up option under the portico at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

These meals will be available Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is a \$4 suggested donation for lunch for those age 60 and better. If you need to have your meal delivered, please call (970) 264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area.

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tice's National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at (866) 720-5721 or via its Web complaint form. For any scams, you can call Stop Fraud Colorado at (800) 222-4444. If you think your identity has been stolen or compromised, report it to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, (855) 443-3489 and the Federal Trade Commission at identitytheft.

gov. If you gave your Social Security number to a scammer or think someone else is using it, the Social Security Fraud Hotline is (800) 269-0271.

SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare; see sjbaaa.org. For further information and assistance, call (970) 264-0501 and listen to the recording to select an extension.

The cost per meal for the public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread.

Please call (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program.

There will be no games, classes or presentations during this time. The staff will be available by phone. If you need to speak to a staff member, please call (970) 264-2167.

The Community Café menu

Thursday, April 29 — Pulledpork sandwich, spaghetti squash with bok choy, milk, salad and lime dessert.

Friday, April 30 — Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, milk, salad and cranberry salad.

Monday, May 3 — Ham, penne pesto pasta, green beans with red peppers, milk, salad and cheese-cake.

Tuesday, May 4 — Garlic chicken, sauteed spinach, focaccia bread with butter, milk and salad.

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Protecting your plants from wild weather this spring

By Robin Young

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Spring weather in Colorado can be temperamental; it can sometimes feel like we experience all of the seasons in a single day. This week alone we saw temperatures in the low 30s to highs of 75 degrees, with rain and snow forecasted.

These erratic fluctuations provide challenges for our gardens, but Colorado State University (CSU) Extension has put together some techniques which can help gardeners to extend the growing season and to protect plants against some these drastic weather patterns.

One of the most important factors to consider in vegetable gardening is when to plant your garden and the length of your garden's growing season. If planted too early, some vegetables can encounter challenges with frosts which can kill tender plants. But, if planted too late, crops may not mature by the time fall comes around. By planting the right plants at the right time you can help to cultivate a successful crop.

Hardy cool-season crops can often tolerate minor frosts and thrive in cooler weather conditions which dip as low as 40 degrees F. Some examples are broccoli, spinach and onions.

Warm-season crops are much more sensitive to frost and should not be planted until all danger of frost has past. These plants do better in temperatures ranging from 70-95 degrees. Some examples are tomatoes, peppers and watermelon. A longer list for these plants and more details on this topic can be found in CSU Extension's vegetable planting guide: https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/Gardennotes/720.pdf.

There are a range of techniques which can be used to extend our growing season. These include things such as planting gardens on south-facing slopes, providing windbreaks, mulching and even covering plants when frosts are suspected. Sheets and blankets can be used to trap heat from the soil around young vegetables at night; these coverings should be placed

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low to the ground and secured. In the morning after using sheets, if this fabric has become damp, it should be dried before being used for this purpose again.

More techniques and helpful tricks to extend the growing season can be found on a fact sheet on this topic: https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/Gardennotes/722.pdf.

Frosts and cold snaps are one challenge, but hail can be one of the greatest risks to our gardens. Hoop houses or high tunnels can both extend the growing season and offer protection from hail. Hoops can also provide structures to which tightly woven "hail cloth" can be fastened for added protection; hail cloth can also be placed over tomato cages or other structures available in your garden.

Walls of water and gallon milk cartons (with the bottoms cut off) can be used to protect new seedlings. If you leave the cap off of these cartons, they can even be left over seedlings until the plant outgrows this structure. Your imagination is the limit. Before a hailstorm, cardboard boxes, plastic buckets and even sheets can help prevent some of the most extreme damage from occurring; however, you should never risk personal safety to protect your garden and should only implement these methods if you are able to get out far enough ahead of a storm for it to be safe.

A seven-minute video on hail mitigation and clean-up can be found by following this link to more information provided by CSU Extension staff: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQ9G6S4ODtA.

A fact sheet on this topic can be found at: https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/ uploads/sites/44/2017/05/May-27-2017-Hail-mitigation.pdf.

Sometimes it isn't possible to protect our gardens from a rapidly

developing hailstorm. If you don't find yourself with enough notice that a potential storm is coming or perhaps find yourself away from your garden when this weather occurs, you should know that our plants can recover. They want to grow.

For perennials with foliage intact but stripped, remove flower stalks and cut them back leaving as many intact leaves as possible. Lightly cultivate the soil and apply a light dressing of low-nitrogen fertilizer.

Flowering annuals with no remaining foliage probably won't recover after a hailstorm. Petunias usually survive if there is at least some foliage still on the plant. Clean the plants of ruined foliage and apply a light application of fertilizer to help them recover.

Early vegetable root crops with no remaining foliage will not recover. They need the green leafy foliage to produce energy for the roots to grow. Leafy vegetable crops may recover; replant if you see no signs of new growth after a week or so.

The reality is that Colorado's climate and weather patterns are challenging for gardens. But, CSU Extension is here with specialized knowledge to help you grow successful gardens of abundance.

To get started, check out the Colorado Vegetable Guide: https://growgive.extension.colo-state.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2021/01/Colorado-Vegetable-Guide-2.1.pdf.

For a wealth of information on gardening, I would also highly

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How does LLC ownership work?

By Valerie Rodriguez

McDonough Law

The limited liability company (LLC) is a popular business structure for new businesses, but what does it really mean to own an LLC?

LLCs provide unique opportunities to customize business ownership to fit the particular needs and circumstances of the owners. Here is what you should know

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about LLC ownership.

The basics

The owners of LLCs are often called members. If a single person or a single business entity owns an LLC, it is called a single-member LLC. If multiple people or entities own an LLC, it is called a multimember LLC. LLCs can have an unlimited number of members.

When ownership is established,

the membership interests are usually expressed in one of two ways:

- By membership units similar to corporate shares.
 - By percentage.

The terminology you choose to use for a membership interest should correspond to your vision for the company. For example, if the business is owned primarily by your family, identifying the membership interests by percentages may keep things clear and straightforward. However, if you intend to seek funding from individuals outside of the family, you may find that labeling the ownership interests as membership units facilitates the easy transfer of ownership rights.

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Establishing ownership rights

To be an LLC member, some form of contribution is required; however, the contribution need not be cash, which is called a capital contribution. LLC members can also contribute property or services. Additionally, unlike contributions to a corporation, when an LLC member makes a capital contribution, the concomitant ownership rights and distributions can be customized. For example,

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Taking responsibility in school

Bv Daris Howard

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Mrs. Ward was known as a strict teacher, and we experienced it firsthand. Of course, her sternness might have been out of necessity. Our eighth-grade social studies class consisted of 54 rambunctious boys and was the last period of the day. As a group, we seemed to oscillate between overly energetic one day to half asleep the next.

Mrs. Ward's class rules stated that if she caught a person doing something wrong or causing trouble, they would be immediately sent to the principal for disciplinary measures. Capital punishment with a big wooden paddle was still considered appropriate in that era. If she set forth a punishment, no questions were asked, and the person was marched off to what we often joked was the torture chamber.

Her rules also said that if someone did something wrong, and she couldn't figure out who it was, then the class must tell her. If no one would, the entire class would be punished. Though we had been in

My pent-up energy got the best of me and took over my mental reasoning. I started making airplane bomber noises.

class almost an entire year, we had never had a full class punishment. Nothing ever seemed to get by Mrs. Ward. She had an uncanny ability to always know who the perpetrator was, even when she was writing at the board and had her back to the class

It was late May, and we were winding up our final studies about Europe when that changed. Mrs. Ward had traveled frequently to Europe and loved that section of the class. Unfortunately for me, with it being May, I was ready to be out of school and working on the farm. It took every ounce of discipline I could muster to sit in that seat for an hour.

Mrs. Ward said we had worked hard that week, so on Friday, she would show us some slides from her trips to Europe. She said we wouldn't have to have any homework for the weekend. That sounded good. But on that Friday,

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if one member were to contribute 40 percent of the capital in an LLC, that member and the other LLC members may still choose to split profits 50-50.

Generally, LLC members are entitled to share in the company's profits and losses, vote regarding key LLC matters, inspect and review the books, and enjoy a host of other rights. These rights stem from default state laws; however, they may be customized through contractual agreements. The contractual agreement that typically governs LLC ownership rights is an operating agreement.

Operating agreements may include the following common customizations:

- Distributing profits and losses in a way that does not match the members' capital contributions.
- Creating different classes of ownership to reflect passive investor rights.
 - Mandating member meetings.

Transferring membership interests

Death, incapacity and sale are the primary events that trigger transfers of membership units. However, if you intend to transfer membership units to investors, be sure to evaluate whether your interest is a security under the federal securities law. If you offer your interest to less than 35 investors, your interest likely qualifies for an exemption that allows you to bypass the federal disclosure requirements and even some state securities law.

Management

LLC members can choose to be managed either by the LLC members (a member-managed LLC), or by nonowners or certain members designated as managers (a manager-managed LLC).

When an LLC is managed, it is vital to identify and articulate the decisions for which the members bear responsibility and the decisions the managers must make. If the decision-making authority is not clear, the resulting uncertainty can hinder effective management of the LLC.

Payment

LLC members can pay themselves in sevesral ways, such as:

- Receiving income in the form of distributions of profits at the end of the year,
- Receiving draws, which are periodic payments based on the estimated profits for the year, or
- Receiving periodic payments as employees of the business.

These three methods are not mutually exclusive — a member can take advantage of more than one option. However, members must remember that each option has unique tax consequences. LLC members should account for Social Security and Medicare taxes. When LLC members pay themselves as employees, the LLC is expected to withhold taxes as it would for any other employee. Conversely, when members pay themselves based on their profits, they must pay selfemployment taxes. Either way, LLC members must be mindful of the tax consequences of the payment methods they choose.



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continued from previous page the slides seemed to go on forever. I felt like if I had to see one more cathedral, I was going to go crazy.

At that point, she showed us a church that was bombed in World War II and had been beautifully restored. My pent-up energy got the best of me and took over my mental reasoning. I started making airplane bomber noises. Mrs. Ward immediately flipped the lights on.

"Who was making those dreadful noises?" she demanded.

In my defense, I thought they were pretty good, accurate sounds. Still, I knew I was in big trouble. However, no one answered. Lenny mouthed to me, "No one will tell on you."

"Well then," Mrs. Ward said, "if no one wants to tell me who it was, you will all be punished. You each have a five-page paper on the destruction of European cathedrals during World War II due next week, and you can spend part of your lunch hours working on it."

The entire class groaned, but still no one showed any sign of ratting me out. I looked at all my friends, willing to take a punish-

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ment to protect me, and I knew I couldn't live with knowing I had let that happen.

I slowly raised my hand. "It was me, Mrs. Ward."

The look on her face changed from one of anger to one of shock.

"You realize you will be severely punished?" she asked. I nodded, so she said, "Why would you admit it if no one would tell on you?"

"Because it's not fair for everyone to have a punishment that should be mine alone, and if a teacher punishes students, the punishment should at least be fair."

I didn't mean it as a criticism of her class rules. I was just stating how I felt. I hadn't realized how it had sounded until Lenny drew his hand across his throat as if to say, "You're dead!"

The expression on Mrs. Ward's face was hard to judge. She paused briefly, then said, "Daris, you will stay after class." She then turned off the lights and continued the presentation.

When class ended, and everyone had gathered their books to leave, Lenny said, "I'll put some flowers on your grave."

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to find the Zoom link.

After everyone was gone, Mrs. Ward said, "I've never had anyone admit it was them when I didn't know. And your expression of justice has made me reconsider my methods."

Instead of sending me to the principal, I had to do the extra papers, but I always felt good that I took the blame that was mine.

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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 cattle egret.

This is a bird native to Africa which only arrived in North America in the 1940s. Its range has been expanding since and it is now one of the most abundant herons on our continent. After fledging, young birds wander long distances in random directions, contributing to the widespread dispersal of the population.

Across their range, these egrets are named for the large, grazing animals they associate with and in other parts of the world are known as elephant birds and rhinoceros or hippopotamus egrets. Here, they are often found at the feet of cattle or riding on their backs, feeding on the insects attracted to and stirred up by cows as they graze. They will also follow tractors and fly toward smoke to capture the insects fleeing fire.

These egrets often live in drier habitats than other herons. Feeding alone or in large, loose flocks, they eat a wide range of prey including insects, mice, songbirds and their eggs, fish and frogs.

In breeding plumage, this small white heron has golden feathers on its head, back and breast, a short yellow bill and yellow legs. Nonbreeding birds are all white with black legs. Compared to other egrets, it has a relatively short, thick neck and short legs.

Recently, snowy egrets have been seen on the edges of Lake Forest. Elegant egrets are always a treat to see here.

For information on activities, visit www.weminucheaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudbon/.



Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

Hebrews 10:23

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The Weekly Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Parade entry
- 5 Idina Menzel's "Frozen" role
- **9** Prefix with manage or wave
- **14** Safe, at sea
- 15 It's out on a limb
- **16** Open, as a jacket
- **17** Unwavering
- 19 Far from fresh
- 20 Huge crowd
- 21 Protected
- 23 Certain believer25 Hitchcock film,
- 25 HITCHCOCK HIM,
 " Window"
- **26** Kitchen cleaner
- 28 Parsley, e.g.
- **32** Fido's foot
- 33 Kind of spray
- **36** "The Divine Comedy" author
- **37** Doohickey
- 39 Big commotions
- 41 Hold on property
- **42** Paparazzi target, briefly
- 44 Yard machine
- 46 Recurrent twitch
- 47 Supersize, say
- **49** Forcible seizure
- **51** Straight, at the bar
- **52** TV, radio, etc.
- **53** Home, to Americans abroad
- **57** Opening words
- **60** Like some tabloid headlines
- 61 Occupation featured in "Six Feet Under"
- **63** Japanese cartoons
- **64** It follows that
- **65** Axis of ___
- 66 Heron, eg.
- 67 Distort, in a way
- 68 Depend (on)

DOWN

1 Quite a party

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2 High in the

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- Andes
 3 Useless type
- 4 Make numb
- 5 Little toymaker
- **6** Smallest in degree
- **7** Scout's uniform item
- 8 Lingering light
- 9 Frank topper
- 10 Part of I.R.S.
- 11 Captain of industry
- 12 Anger, with "up"
- 13 Pundit's page
- 18 Lower oneself
- 20 C
- 22 Grassy meadow
- 24 Usher's offering26 Nutmeg, e.g.
- **07** Facility, 0.9.
- 27 Eucharistic plate
- 29 Tagalong's lack
- **30** Ale holder
- 31 Consequently
- 34 Now and then
- **35** Big deal
- 38 In the _____

40 Dried up

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- 43 Puppy supplier
- **45** Pie cuts, essentially
- **48** Lots of fun, slangily
- **50** Lobster feature
- **52** Combine

53 Picnic dish

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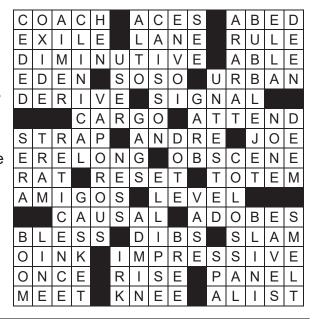
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- **54** Yellowfin, e.g. **55** Like Death
- Valley
- **56** Unhip sort
- 58 Commuter line59 Nothing but
- co Kinal afternal
- **62** Kind of truck

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J. Julian Fine Skin Care is open Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Joann Julian

Neck-skin Tightening Treatment

Julian has partnered with RN Kelly Hannigan of New Neck Now to bring plasma skin regeneration method, PSR3, neck-skin tightening treatment to Pagosa Springs.



Hannigan focuses on neck-skin tightening to eliminate waddles, drapery and goosebump texture. She has done more than 6,000 treatments. She can also help tighten skin on the face, chin jowls and eyelids for a fresh look.

The PSR3 procedure involves pulses of nitrogen-based plasma, which is the ionized gas created when nitrogen is exposed to ultra-high frequency

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Wednesday, May 5 Medicare Counseling by Appoint-

Answers: A. rhyme

B. verse

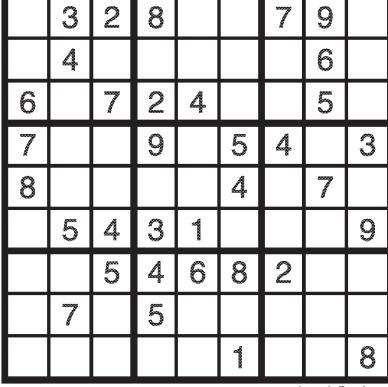
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> Solve the code to discover words related to poetry. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = E)

13 16 22 25 A.

Clue: Sounds alike

B. 8 25 6 5 25

Clue: Written in metrical rhythm

5 9 10 23 20

Clue: A group of lines in a poem

D. 24 2 9 25 6 10 9 17 6 25

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Saturday, May 8

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 (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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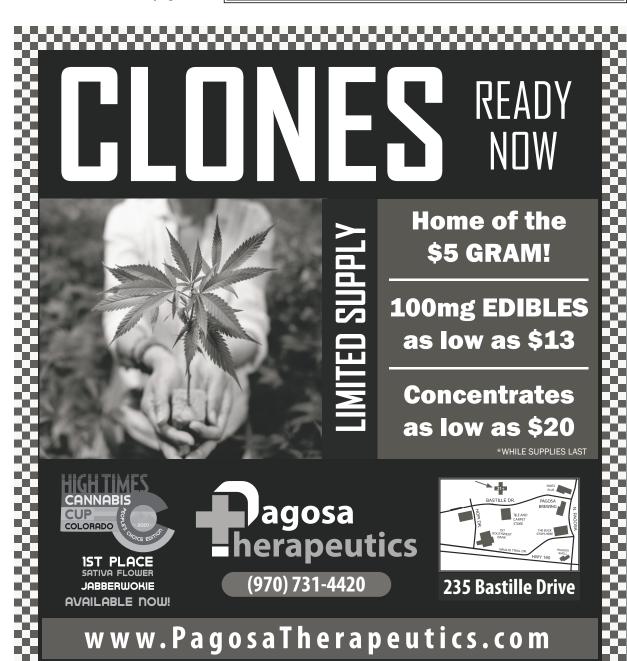
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How to make sure your personal brand appeals to a diverse audience

By Cathy Hayes

News and Experts

With the U.S. population becoming more diverse by the moment, anyone promoting their personal brand will find that their messages need to reflect society's changing demographics and attitudes — or risk that their efforts will fall on deaf ears.

After all, with marketing in general, consumers who don't see themselves reflected in the brands they buy from often feel inclined to take their dollars elsewhere. Just as an example, an Accenture survey found that 29 percent of shoppers say they are likely to switch to a business that values identity and diversity as much as they do.

The same holds true for personal branding, which needs to be inclusive to have the broadest appeal, said Adam Witty, the ForbesBooks co-author of "Authority Marketing: Your Blueprint to Build Thought Leadership That Grows Business, Attracts Opportunity, and Makes Competition Irrelevant."

But embracing inclusivity should be about more than just boosting your personal brand and your bottom line, said Witty.

"Inclusivity should be an imperative because it's the right thing to do," he said.

Witty offered a few suggestions to help make personal-branding efforts more inclusive:

• Review your website's appeal to diversity. Witty suggested asking yourself this question: When someone goes to your website, will what they find encourage them or dissuade them from reaching out to you?

"Certainly, there's a lot that can go into answering that question, but inclusivity plays a significant role," he said. "If your website has stock or customer images or videos, who do they capture? Will people who visit the site find themselves represented in the visual material you share? If not, it's probably time to reconsider your approach."

• Make sure your language is inclusive. A website is much more than an online brochure, Witty said

"It's an online-media property that should provide fresh content to inform and entertain your audience," he said. "You could think of it as your own personal newspaper."

But pay close attention to the language you use in that newspaper and make sure it's inclusive.

"Think about who your copy speaks to and who it excludes," Witty said.

Even words like "he" or "she" — which can be easily swapped for "they" — may limit the number of people who feel welcomed or valued by you, he said.

"It's worth double checking that you're not relying on stereotypes, either," Witty said. "For instance, traditional family and gender roles have gone out the window for so many people, and your approach should likely reflect that."

• Talk to your clients or customers. You don't have to just guess about what people need, Witty said.

"The only way to find out if you're truly serving your audience is to do your research," he said. "Don't hesitate to ask them what they want and need, and to inquire again at regular intervals."

Maintain a beginner's mindset. Witty suggested you can work on being more inclusive by adopting a beginner's mindset, an approach that originated in Zen Buddhism where you set aside what you know about a subject and approach it from a fresh perspective.

"When it comes to inclusivity, there is always more to learn," Witty said. "You'll never be finished, no matter how much homework you've done. Stay curious and open, and be willing to adjust when you acquire new information."

But even with the best efforts and best intentions, mistakes can occur.

"If that happens, be ready and willing to take responsibility for the issue and offer up a sincere apology," Witty said. "Then view it as another opportunity to learn and do better next time."





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Pumping up fear along the Colorado River

By George Sibley PREVIEW Columnist

Some Colorado River tribulations today remind me of a folk story: A young man went to visit his fiancé and found the family trembling and weeping. They pointed to the ceiling, where an ax was embedded in a rafter.

"That could fall," the father quavered. "It could kill someone!"

Puzzled, the young man climbed onto a chair and pulled the ax out of the rafter. Everyone fell all over themselves thanking him. But he quickly broke off the engagement, concerned that such inanity might be inheritable.

This resembles ongoing dithering over the 1922 Colorado River Compact, a 99-year-old agreement among the seven states through which the Colorado River meanders, on how the consumptive use of the river's water should be divided to give each state a fair share. The agreement was necessary to get federal participation (money) to build dams to control the erratic river.

The best they were able to do, given the sketchy information they had about each state's future development and also about the flow of the river, was to divide the river into two "basins" around the natural divide of the Colorado River canyons: Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico in the Upper Basin; and California, Arizona and Nevada in the Lower Basin. Each basin would get to consume 7.5 million acre-feet of the river's water.

This placed a responsibility on the Upper Basin states to "not cause the flow of the river at Lees Ferry (the measuring point in the canyons) to be depleted" below the Lower Basin's share.

A generous reading of that lawyerly clause in the Compact would say the upper states should just be careful that their water development doesn't dip into the lower states' allocation.

A less generous reading would say that if for any reason the flow at Lees Ferry fell below the average of 7.5 million acre feet — whether due to over-appropriation by the upper states or to a natural cause like a 20-year headwaters drought — the lower states would place a call on the upper states, which would have to cut their own uses and send their water downriver, whether they "caused" the shortage or not.

To maintain that flow in a

Writers on the Range

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drought, the upper states would bear the full pain of the drought for the whole river.

Guess which interpretation the upper states chose for their own 1948 compact? Never mind that a Compact call led by California for its share of water is nowhere mentioned in the 1922 Compact. The ax was planted in the rafter.

They might better have asked how the 1922 Compact creators themselves envisioned the unknown future. The transcripts of the 27 Compact meetings show that the seven state commissioners and their federal chairman Herbert Hoover were concerned, as late as their 21st meeting, that they did not know enough about the river's flows to make a permanent equitable division of the waters.

Hoover summarized their concern and their intent: "We make now, for lack of a better word, a temporary equitable division," leaving the further apportionment of the river's use "to the hands of those men who may come after us, possessed of a far greater fund of information." They even included in the Compact (Article VI) instructions for reconvening to consider "claims or controversy ... over the meaning or performance of any of the terms of this compact."

By the drought years of the 1930s, it was already obvious that the 7.5 million-acre feet Compact allocations were unrealistic. That would have been a logical time for the upper states to pull the ax out of the rafter, before the river was so fully developed.

Association seeking anyone who served in Army's 2nd Infantry Division

By Mike Davino

Second (Indianhead) Division Association

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time.

For information about the association and our 99th annual reunion in Kansas City, Mo., from Sept. 29 to Oct. 3, visit our website at www.2ida.org or contact Bob Haynes at 2idahq@comcast.net and (224) 225-1202.

But they didn't, and as the Compact began to take on the aura of something carved in stone on a holy mountain, the fear of the "Compact call" gradually descended into expensive paranoia.

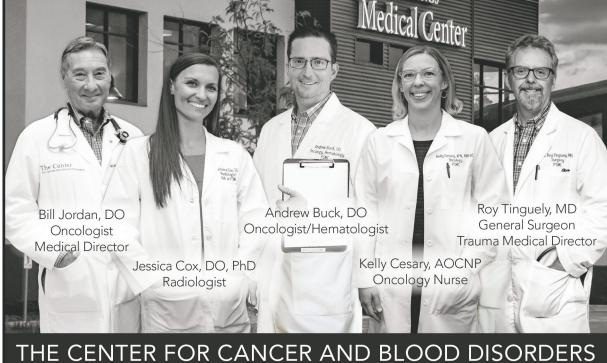
The vastly expensive 24 million acre-feet of storage in Powell Reservoir just upstream from Lees Ferry was created there to fulfill the Upper Basin's self-assumed "delivery obligation," come hell or low water.

But now, hellish low water has come to Powell and Upper states are developing costly "demand management" programs whereby someone yet unspecified would pay ranchers to fallow fields so their water can be "banked" in Powell against the dreaded "Compact call."

The seven states are now — finally —initiating negotiations on a more reality-based governance of the Colorado River. Let's hope they have the good sense to pull that ax out of the rafters before negotiating fair water use under it.

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By Dan Englund PREVIEW Columnist

Dennis and I looked across this massive ranch as he pointed out something he wanted me to see and recognize. Something that made this spot where we stood so special.

Beyond this huge valley on a mountainside at least 20 miles away, you don't need binoculars to see it. An anomaly that stands in the forest, made of snow chutes and tree stands. Something that you can see from only this spot.

An enormous geometrical figure made of snow — a shield with an S snaking through it, an identical copy of Superman's logo.

Behind us lie the remains of another cabin from long ago. Could they have also noticed it? Is that why they built on this particular spot of land?

My life as a carpenter here in southwestern Colorado has taken me to some beautiful places. But this one takes the cake.

Creek after creek, drainage after drainage, waterfalls that take your breath away. The headwaters of a great river that flows through this enormous bowl that's filled with giant meadows. All surrounded by massive mountains reaching up to the Continental Divide.

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The two of us standing on a brand-new porch, enjoying our moments of male humor, all the while, knowing that we only had so much time left to memorize all of this.

Dennis was going to retire soon and give up managing this place. And I was almost done building things here. Our moments at the Superman Cabin were coming to an end.

This place I call home, this beautiful valley I live in, is a diamond that has somehow escaped the development that has changed Pagosa Springs over the years.

My own home is tucked away on the side of a mountain surrounded by national forest and has the feel of something so much larger — A place that I selfishly protect.

A quiet home where I live alone. My decision to not have television, radio or landline. There is no Internet or Wi-Fi to fog up my mind. My solitude that has become my crutch, while I heal.

My first baby steps to try and

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mend a shattered heart have led to a long three-year journey — to understand my soul and find out who I really am.

A simple realization that the only thing I have any control over in this world are my own thoughts, emotions and actions.

I can create my own place in this world and choose to be happy or sad, angry and full of hate, or full of love and gratefulness for all this life has given me. It's my choice and nobody else gets a say.

Out on my porch sits a cot with a pad and a good sleeping bag. It's late November and the nights are freezing. There's a warm bed behind me in the house, but this is where I choose to spend my nights.

It's my choice to sleep outside and let my soul wander to search in the forest while I rest for another day.

My favorites are the clear nights with stars bombarding me and sometimes a moon so pleasing, when she lets me see her. Often, I have to walk around the house and find her to say goodnight before I let myself sleep.

Yes, the mornings arrive, and I wake just before the coldest moment

This morning, I open my eyes to greet the first snow of the season. I steel myself as I step my bare feet into 4 inches of white powder that has covered me like a blanket. I shake the snow off my bedroll, turn around to accept the cold and look out at all the gifts that God has given me today.

Gazing across a canyon and a valley, I notice it for the first time. On the side of a distant mountain, a figure made of snow.

Not as massive as Superman, but clear as a bell and big enough that I can't miss it.

A heart with an arrow passing through it.

I stand in awe taking in how perfect it is. How the pine and brush stands have arranged themselves with snowy draws to create something so beautiful.

The arrow has big fletchings and a slightly bent broad head as though it had taken a beating as it pierced through a pulsing heart.

Regretting that I have to get ready and go to work, I step inside to grab my camera. My photograph doesn't do it justice, but it's there and you can see it.

Most of all, deep inside me is my knowledge of a gift that is mine forever — to know that I belong here and remind me every morning to do my best.

We all show our hearts to everyone around us all the time. Sometimes it's good and beautiful, but lately it seems most of the time it's bad.

I'll show my heart to anyone interested in looking. Some see it right away. For others, I have to coax them to look harder into the snow. And others yet, I have to trace it out for them to see it.

Two questions that I ask myself every morning: How can I make a difference in somebody else's life today? How can I make a difference in my life today?

It's mid-April and my heart is still out there every morning, sitting on a northern face that a burning winter sun can't reach.

This morning as I bring my sleeping bag inside to dry out for another night, I think about a cabin with a message, a reminder that we are supermen and capable of so much.

And my home with another, this place that I built with all my love: I have to I take it with me everywhere I go.

And give it away.

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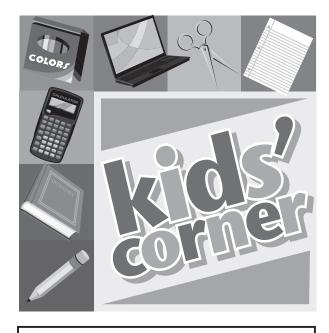
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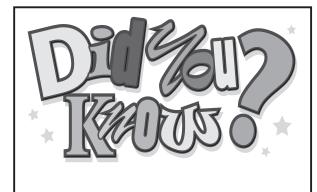
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DIRT WORK/ EXCAVATION/ HEAVY equipment work and remodels! Best prices, quality work! Licensed and Insured. Call Anthony at (970)582-0130.

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES. NEW DECKS, deck repairs, garages, pole barns, remodels and excavation services. Dock repairs and window rescreening. Quality guaranteed and have references. Call J.C. (970)585-4142.

DO YOU NEED FRAMING, siding, drywall, decks, sheds, roof extensions, floors, remodels and more? Fast service when you need it. Call (970)946-8660.

CUSTOM PICTURE FRAMING. Reasonable prices. Linda Lerno, 731-5173.

DIRTY WINDOWS? SPRING CLEANING

Call the professional window cleaners. Pristine View Window Cleaners. Insured. Licensed. Free estimates. Jon (970)235-0001. www. pristineviewcleaners.com.

SPRING CLEANUP, FIRE MITIGATION, pine needle cleanup, hauling, tree trimming, land-scaping, mowing, fertilizing. (970)946-3923.

LANDSCAPING/ YARD MAINTENANCE/ YARD CLEANUP. Mowing, trimming, raking and tree trimming. Tractor available for planting and landscaping. 946-2061.

PAGOSA SPARKLES, LLC, GROUP of high standard cleaners, reliable, trustworthy and affordable. Window cleaning also available. Text/ call KIM. (970)946-6446.

ON SITE TREE MILLING SERVICE with portable saw mill. Custom milling, slabs/ logs/boards. (970)946-3232.

EXCAVATION AND LANDSCAPING- We do driveways, septic systems, retaining walls, grading, drainage repair, erosion control, rock work and more. Licensed and Insured. Your call is always answered or returned. Call (970)946-3966

LOCAL MOVING SERVICES. Reasonable and reliable. 946-2061.

FIRE MITIGATION, WOOD CUTTING, wood splitting, land clearing. \$45/ hour. (970)661-3888.

HEALTH SERVICES

HOT SPRINGS HEALERS Wellness Center. Chiropractic, acupuncture, craniosacral, massage, water therapy in the hot springs. Auto and sports injuries. 1/2 hour \$60 and 1 hour \$120 treatment. (971)221-4797, hotspringshealers.com. Home visits. Durango hours on Wednesday.

HELP WANTED

PRESCHOOL TEACHER APPLICATIONS now being accepted at Seeds of Learning.

This is a year round, full-time position. Must have a minimum of an associates degree in early childhood or like degree. CPR and First Aid is required. Pay is determined by education and experience. Please contact Lynne or Dee for more information, (970)264-5513.

CULTIVATION HELP: Pagosa Therapeutics is looking for entry-level help in our award winning cultivation. Grow helper: This is a full-time position. Responsibilities include cleaning, checking reservoirs, pruning plants, transplanting, etc. This is a physical job. You must be able to work on your feet all day, work on a ladder, and carry equipment up and downstairs. The ideal candidate will be willing to learn, pay attention to details, and have good problem-solving abilities. No experience needed. M-F 8:30a.m.-6p.m. with overtime available. Please email a copy of your resume to employment@jandjinc.net. A M.E.D. Badge is required.

EXPERIENCED RIDER TO SADDLE and take a morning trail ride. Hours 9a.m. to approximately 1p.m. Part-time, flexible days. Starting immediately. (970)731-5076.

AQUATIC DISHWASHING GURUS! If you like a clean and organized environment and the opportunity to work in a community-supportive business, join the team at Pagosa Brewing & Grill. Kitchen Team shares in tips! Apply at 118 North Pagosa Blvd. or info@pagosabrewing.com. Cheers!

WIRE WERX ELECTRIC is looking to hire a full-time electrician, residential experience preferred. PDOE. Very busy shop with a lot of upcoming work. Dylan Laner (970)903-9290, leave a message.

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY HELP WANTED ADS — tinyurl.com/d64deel9. The Pagosa Springs SUN.

ADMIN ASSISTANT NEEDED at BootJack Ranch. Must be proficient in Excel, detail orientated with strong organizational skills. Duties to include shipping, receiving and tracking. General office assistance as needed. Backup accounting assistance as needed. Please send resume with Letter of Intent. admin@bootjack-ranch.com.

RG BANK IS SEEKING a Full-Time Teller to join our team in the Pagosa Springs office. Applications and additional information regarding the position can be found at www.rgbank. bank/contact-us/#employment; deadline is May 7, 2021.

FULL TIME- GENERAL LABOR. Please fill out application with Forest Health Timber Products, LLC, 452 Pagosa Street, Ste. 2A, Pagosa Springs, (970)264-5000.

EXPERIENCED BARTENDER/ WAITSTAFF. Apply in person, Colorado Roadhouse. (970)507-4800.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. 214 PAGOSA ST. seeks talented sous chef and line cooks. salary, paid vacation and health insurance benefits. Signing bonus. Resumes and more information to Jim@alleyhousegrille.com.

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HELP WANTED

DOORS AND MORE is seeking full-time shop help, Monday through Friday. Basic carpentry skills and a keen eye for detail are encouraged. Please apply in person at 510 Cloman Blvd.

POLICE SERGEANT. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a Police Sergeant to work in the Police Department. Must be P.O.S.T. certified, possess a valid driver's license, and pass background check. Pay starts at \$59,517 annual DOE plus benefits. Information on the position description, application and deadline can be found on the Town's website at www.pagosasprings. co.gov.

N. PAGOSA MARATHON (SHELL) gas station hiring for full-time cashier. Please apply at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

TIM BROWN CUSTOM HOMES is looking for a few high quality, detail oriented craftsmen to help in the framing, interior finishing and painting of our custom homes. We have been building homes in Pagosa Springs for 23 years. Work year around with us and enjoy top pay, paid holidays, paid vacation and a retirement plan. Please call (970)731-7071 or stop by the office at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B16.

PAGOSA PEAK OPEN SCHOOL is now hiring for multiple positions. PPOS is a year round public charter school serving students in grades K-8. Please send resumes, references, letters of recommendation and salary expectations to areali@ppos.co For more information regarding the open positions, please visit our website at https://pagosapeakopenschool.org/now-hiring/.

LANDSCAPE LABORERS WANTED. Must have own transportation. Call for an application. Good pay for good help. 946-2277.

ROOF LABORER NEEDED. MUST have some metal experience. \$18-\$30 per hour depending on experience. Call San Juan Roofing, (970)749-0830.

CHOW DOWN PET SUPPLIES is looking for someone to join our team. Full-time help is needed immediately. Applicants must have excellent customer service skills, be self-motivated and have a strong love for animals and their well being. Pick up application in person. 100 County Center Drive.

SEEDS OF LEARNING is accepting applications for a Healthcare Nurse consultant approximately 4 hours per month. The job will include monitoring all immunizations, on site health concerns and health needs of children. Please call Dee at (970)264-5513 for more information or drop your resume off at 575 South 7th Street.

NEXT GEN EXCAVATION is looking for a well-rounded, experienced equipment operator/ laborer/ truck driver all rolled into one! Class A CDL license needed. Pay dependent on experience. If you're ready to work, call Michael at (970)946-7303.

LABORERS NEEDED. GOOD PAY. San Juan Fencing (850)460-0337.

JOIN OUR HOUSEKEEPING TEAM! We are looking for someone with a friendly attitude and an eye for detail. Position requires weekends and holidays. If you're ready to work, pick up an application at Healing Waters Resort & Spa, 317 Hot Springs Blvd. or go to www.pshotsprings.com to download an application. We look forward to talking with you!

HELP WANTED

PAGOSA LIQUOR HIRING part-time cashier. Please apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

CABE'S COLLISION AND CUSTOMS LLC now hiring all positions including automotive refinish painter, painter's helper/ body shop helper, front office positions. Pay depending on experience, willing to train the right motivated, hard working team member. (970)731-4600.

PARKS SEASONAL STAFF. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire seasonal staff to help maintain the Town's multiple parks and common areas. Compensation ranges from \$14 to \$17 per hour dependent upon experience. Hours are flexible between 20 and 40 hours per week with some weekend work. For more information or to apply, please go to the Town's Job Opportunities page at www.pagosasprings.co.gov.

HELP WANTED- EVERYDAY STORE. Apply 300 E. Pagosa St.

AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC. CT'S AUTO-

MOTIVE is hiring for a mid-level Automotive Technician. Certifications a plus! Qualified candidates have 3+ years experience as a mechanic, clear/valid CO drivers license and a drive to always perform your BEST! At CT's Automotive, we are committed to raising the industry standard in quality care to our customers. Must be willing to commit to annual paid training requirements and be willing to achieve ASE Master Level. Applications/ Resumes accepted in person at 163 Goldmine Dr. Unit B Mon-Fri 8a.m.-5:30p.m. or email ctsautomotive@hotmail.com.

OFFICE MANAGER. YOU ARE LOOKING

for a full-time job that will keep you challenged, year after year, with a wide variety of administrative duties for an established Pagosa technology firm. You have a "servant's heart," as you work closely with like-minded co-workers, and engage with interesting clients. Requirements: Exceptional verbal, written and interpersonal skills; minimum 5 years employment in customer service and office administration: extensive knowledge of MS Office and QuickBooks, Finally, a good sense of humor and a sincere, innate desire to help others are required! Position offers a competitive hourly rate based on experience, paid time off, and profit sharing plan. (970)585-1235. Or email resume to t4corners@protonmail.com.

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.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE, 214 Pagosa St. Hiring DISHWASHERS, \$15 TO START. Please apply in person Wednesday-Sunday, 1p.m. Hiring Chefs and Line Cooks, starting pay for Line Cooks \$15/ hour with raise after 30 days, chef's salary is negotiable. Resumes can be sent to Contact@alleyhousegrille.com.

PART-TIME/ FULL-TIME HOUSEKEEPING POSITION: VIP Vacation Services is a fast growing, high end vacation rental management company. Pick the days you want to work. \$16+ hour, \$10 per home bonus, month end bonus, plus 12 paid days off per year for full time. Our team is organized, fun and support each other. We pay the best! Find out when you can start. Call Stuart at (818)963-0836.

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Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

HELP WANTED

EMBROIDERY MACHINE OPERATOR/ SCREEN printer. Able to lift 50 lbs., attention to detail. Monograms Plus (970)749-1904.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a yard associate. Lumber experience is a plus but not necessary. Duties include helping customers in the yard, 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.

DEDICATED CLEANERS, UP TO \$17/ hour. Must be detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable and committed. Text Pagosa Sparkles, LLC, (970)946-6446.

ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER needed at Del Norte Elementary School. We are seeking an experienced, hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at (719)657-4030. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co.

MASSAGE THERAPIST. CO LICENSED and insured. PMAB + Movement PAYS MORE FOR REQUESTS! Make up to \$60 per hour plus tips! Be part of an evolving whole body health facility. Full-time and parttime positions available. Email resume to pagosamassageandbodywork@gmail.com or call (970)903-9278.

HELP WANTED PART-TIME OR full-time, at Pagosa Bar and Silver Dollar Liquor Store. Must be able to work weekends and nights. Apply at Silver Dollar Liquor Store.

MOUNTAIN PIZZA & TAPROOM is a fast growing, successful Pizza Brand. Are you looking for a career opportunity and not just a job? We are looking for full- and part-time people. Amazing opportunity for career progression. Wonderful teams- ain't no Family like a Pizza Family. Apply in person at 175 Pagosa Street. Pagosa Springs, CO.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS AVAILABLE full time. Flexible schedules and competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Rastille Dr.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR. Rise Above Violence is hiring an advocate 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. We are looking for an individual who is motivated to grow our team of volunteers. Someone who can recruit, train and develop new volunteers. No experience necessary (we will train you!), high school diploma required, this position 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.

THE PAGOSA AREA WATER and Sanitation District (PAWSD) has an opening for a Distribution System Operator. Heavy equipment experience preferred. Please see Position Description at www.PAWSD.org under "District Business". PAWSD provides a stable work environment with a competitive benefits package. Salary will be based on experience.

HELP WANTED

PART- TIME BOOKKEEPER. MUST know QuickBooks, payroll, quarterly, year end reports. Apply at Pine Valley Rental and Sales, 305 Bastille Drive, Pagosa Springs. (970)731-4410.

MASSAGE THERAPIST WANTED at Overlook Hot Springs. Minimum pay- \$37.50/ hour, tips- 17-18%. Full-time, part-time or on call positions available. Apply in person.

DESIGN A SIGN: Office and shop help wanted. Office: customer service, answering phones, taking orders and pricing. Shop: production work and an experienced apparel screen printer. Apply at 57 Majestic Drive.

HELP WANTED- EVENTS COORDINATOR. The Chamber of Commerce is seeking a seasonal, special events coordinator to help us manage our upcoming events. The position would start off as part time increasing to full time during the summer months and ending at the end of October. We are looking for event experience and are flexible with other aspects of the position. Knowledge of social media platforms, ticketing platforms, excel and other technical platforms are needed. We would love to add a creative, organized, and good communicator to our team. Pay is determined upon experience. Send resumes to Mary Jo Coulehan at director@pagosachamber.com or drop off at 105 Hot Springs Blvd. from 8a.m. to 4p.m. M-F

UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT is looking for an energetic and experienced candidate to serve as the district's Director of Bands. This position will oversee the development of our elementary instrumental music appreciation program, as well as conducting our middle and high school band programs. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher in Music or Music Education. The applicant must also possess or be able to obtain an appropriate Colorado teaching license. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Aaron Horrocks, Jr/Sr High Principal at ahorrocks@urtigers or Amy Duda, Elementary Principal at aduda@urtigers.co. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at www.urtigers.co.

SUBWAY IS HIRING- Enjoy working in a fun environment with a great team? Earn a strong hourly wage with tips while serving our wonderful community? Apply in person at either location or apply online soon at subway.com!

ARCHULETA COUNTY MOUNTAIN EXPRESS Transit (MET) is seeking qualified and reliable individuals for the position of part-time bus drivers! Provide reliable, safe and consistent public transportation services in Archuleta County. Our drivers earn a competitive hourly wage of \$15.50-\$21.70 depending on experience. This is a part-time opportunity of up to 29 hours per week. Please visit our website for complete job description and to apply online. www.ArchuletaCounty.org.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a customer service orientated person for a driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL License is a plus but not necessary. Duties include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, 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.

HELP WANTED

STACYSCAPES SEEKING 2 SEASONAL workers to join our crew. Monday through Thursday. Must have valid driver's license. Start at \$20. Text or call Stacy (970)946-5206.

SMOKE RINGS IS NOW taking applications for motivated, self starting, badged budtenders. Bring your resume by 266 E. Pagosa St. or call (970)946-4199.

JOURNALIST - THE PAGOSA SPRINGS SUN is seeking qualified candidates for a reporter position. Must demonstrate aptitude for, and commitment to community newspaper journalism. Candidates must be prepared to handle deadlines, cover breaking news, report on sports and government and write features. Position is up to 30 hours a week. Send cover letter including salary expectations, resume, references and clips to Reporter Position, The Pagosa Springs SUN, PO Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or hand-deliver them to the paper at 457 Lewis St. Emailed submissions are acceptable (helpwanted@ pagosasun.com). The Pagosa Springs SUN, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

SKI & BOW RACK is looking to hire an archery technician. A strong work ethic and a willingness to learn are essential. The ideal candidate will also be personable with customers, responsible, and capable of working without close supervision. Knowledge of compound and traditional archery in both competitive and hunting fields is preferred. We will train the right person to join our team and add to our fun environment. Opportunities also provided for cross training in other areas of the shop. Apply in person at 354 East Pagosa Street or email resume to brittany@skiandbowrack.com.

HILLSIDE INN IS LOOKING for a responsible, friendly team player to join our housekeeping staff. Must be able to work on weekends and holidays. Employee has the choice of pay: per hour (\$15) or per room (\$7). Monthly performances are given as well. Please send your resume to Natalie at hillsideinnpagosa@ gmail.com or stop by the hotel to pick up an application.

AT YOUR DISPOSAL. Highly motived and willing to work helper wanted to work in a fast paced environment. CDL preferred but not required. Must be drug free. Stop by 128 Bastille Dr. to pick up an application or email resume to pagosa.office@eagleriverwaste.com.

JR/SR HIGH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER needed at Del Norte Jr/Sr High School. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License with a secondary Language Arts endorsement. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Aaron Horrocks, DNHS Principal at ahorrocks@urtigers.co or contact Aaron at (719)657-4020. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at www.urtigers.co.

DENTAL ASSISTANT WANTED- willing to train. Join a team of hard working professionals! Weekends and holidays off, beautiful facility, modern equipment, excellent pay. Gain the satisfaction of helping people! email resume to PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com.

RODEO GROUND HOST wanted in Pagosa Springs, CO. Summer and Fall. Monitor use, collect fees, some work around grounds. RV hookup, access to indoor restrooms, horse okay. Potential bonus at finish. Contact Pennie at (970)903-3242.

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We believe in finding your perfect place.



Current openings available at Club Wyndham Pagosa in beautiful Pagosa Springs, Colorado!!

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PAGOSA ADVENTURE RENTALS is

looking for a seasonal (May-Sept) part-time (2p.m.-6p.m.) team member. More hours and possible full-time hours will likely be available. Great schedule with 7 days on and 7 days off. Duties to include, operation of ATVs and UTVs, pressure washing, hooking up/ towing trailers, answering customer questions, taking reservations/ use of reservation booking software, explaining local trail conditions and USFS OHV rules and regs. Experience in any of these areas is a plus, but ability to learn is mandatory. Willing to train. Being polite, respectful, sober and on time a must. Starting pay at \$14/ hour. Send inquiries to Mike@PagosaAdventureRentals.com or stop by at 103 Goldmine Drive to pickup and drop off applications

CNA CLASS STARTING SOON. Full-time positions available. Alternating weekends off. Competitive wages and benefit package. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa.

CONCRETE LABORERS AND CDL drivers needed. (970)731-1355.

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DRYWALL- HANGER- FINISHER OR laborer. Great pay for the right person. (970)946-2126.

PEAK DELI IS LOOKING for a skilled multitasking line/ prep cook with good attitude and aptitude to join our team. Send resume to peakdeli@gmail.com or stop by for an application. Job starts in May.

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NOW HIRING:

Terry's Colorado Home Supply and Ace Hardware

is currently accepting applications for

Cashier, Delivery, Paint, **Garden/Housewares**

We are looking for positive, motivated applicants that enjoy a fast-paced environment.

Full time includes benefits package and healthcare, must be able to work weekends and holidays.

Full-time preferred, seasonal is available. Please apply in person!



DO HOME Terry's ACE 525 Navajo Trail Dr.

Tour & Raft Guides • Drivers

for touring/transportation company Weekends • Evenings • Daytime

Full Time Office Help

5 days a week • 11am to 8pm Paid vacation & IRA match after 1 year

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A busy parts distribution center seeks

Driver/ Warehouse Help

8-5 M-F, 8-noon Sat Contact store manager Doug 970-731-5995 23 Bastille

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR: Full time, must be proficient with ranch equipment, tractor, backhoe, skid steer. Apply with Pagosa Cattle Company, (970)264-5000 or frontdesk@ pagosalandcompany.com.

HOSPITALITY NINJAS! If you know hospitality and quality and are seeking the opportunity to work in a successful community-supportive business, join the team at Pagosa Brewing & Grill. Apply at 118 North Pagosa Blvd. or info@ pagosabrewing.com. Cheers!

Business Development & Advertising Specialist

Our multimedia organization has an opening for a business development specialist. Willingness to learn various multimedia platforms and a desire for growth in this position are a must.

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

Successful applicant will have computer experience, creativity, organizational skills and demonstrate proficiency with spelling and grammar.

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

Following local health department guidelines is required.

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

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Rosie's is hiring!

Come join one of the best crews in Pagosa!

Looking for some full-time kitchen help.

Experienced preferred but will train the right person. Pay based on experience. We offer very competitive pay

Apply in person at 100 Country Center Dr. Suite C.

Or email your resume to Rosiespagosa@gmail.com

RETAIL LIQUOR STORE needs reliable, dependable sales clerk. Raise after training. Some lifting required. Must have good attendance record. PU app at PLAZA LIQUOR downtown.

THE TILE & CARPET STORE seeks applicants for a full- or part-time customer service/ sales position, weekdays 8a.m. to 4:30p.m. No weekends required. Candidates must be friendly, well organized, willing to learn, pay attention to details, have good problem-solving abilities, basic computer knowledge and the ability to lift 50+ lbs. Resume required, please email to: thetilestorepagosa@hot**CONSTRUCTION HELP NEEDED.** Many different phases of work. Equipment operator/ labor needed. Must have driver's license. Please call UCAL, Inc. at (970)946-1169 and leave a message or email at donaldford51@ hotmail.com.

FULL TIME- HANDY PERSON/ Repair Person. Please fill out application with Pagosa Cattle Company, 452 Pagosa Street, Ste. 2A, Pagosa Springs, (970)264-5000.

PART TIME, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, Groomer wanted. Must have 1-2 years experience. Please drop off resume at Chow Down, 100 County Center Drive.

EXPERIENCED CONSTRUCTION HELP NEEDED. Reliable transportation required. Excellent pay based on experience . Please call (970)403 5119.

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosaschools.com under the "Job Postings" icon. Current openings are Career and Tech Ed Director and Maintenance Director, Elementary School Crossing Guard, Bus Drivers, and Substitutes for all positions. Opening for 21-22 school year is Elementary Classroom Teacher. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at Imijares@pagosa.k12.co.us

AREA BEST HEATING AND COOLING is looking for quality full- time experience and apprentice. Contact Kelly (970)946-6314.

1ST SOUTHWEST BANK is looking for a Teller. Are you looking to work for a company with a purpose for the greater good? Do you love cutting edge technology and want to work with a highly driven and fun team? Offering a strong benefit package and career growth opportunities. EOE. For more details and to apply, visit https://www.fswb.bank/who-weare/careers/



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Guest Room Attendant (Housekeeping) Bath house Attendant Pool Grounds Attendant Hotel Grounds Attendant Reservationist **Guest Service representative** Front Office Manager **Licensed Massage Therapist**

We offer Competitive Pay & Full Time Benefits:

-Medical, Prescription, and Vision Insurance

-Dental Insurance -401K with Company Match

-Paid Time Off -Sick Pav

-Holiday Pay -Hotel Room Discounts

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Ideal candidates must have a flexible schedule, including working weekends and holidays.

Applications must be submitted online:

Visit Indeedjobs.com/the-springs-resort-spa or email your resume to aalston@pagosahotsprings.com

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer

FT AQUATIC AND BUILDING Maintenance Supervisor. PLPOA is hiring an Aquatic and **Building Maintenance Supervisor for Pagosa** Lakes Recreation Center. This position is responsible for overall maintenance of the recreation center and recreation center property. This includes the pool and hot tub, as well as general facility and exercise equipment maintenance and repair. CPR required within 3 months AFO or CPO certification a plus. Pay range: \$17.71-\$25.42 per hour DOE. Full-time position with excellent benefits. Submit resume to rbuck@plpoa.com Phone (970)731-2051. Position is open until

FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

ELEMENTARY TEACHER NEEDED at Del Norte Elementary School. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at (719)657-4030. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co.

UTILITY SUPERVISOR. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a Utility Supervisor in the Public Works Department. This position is full time and eligible for benefits. Wages start at \$48,594 annual DOE. Apply online under Job Opportunities on the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov.

CALLING ALL COOKS! If you enjoy preparing high-quality food and the opportunity to work in a community-supportive business, join us at Pagosa Brewing & Grill. Kitchen Team shares in tips! Apply at 118 North Pagosa Blvd. or info@pagosabrewing.com. Cheers!

LABORERS NEEDED. GOOD PAY, full-time (970)403-2228.

CDL/ TRUCK DRIVER NEEDED IMMEDI-

ATELY. Minimum 1 year experience. Forestry equipment knowledge helpful. Must pass drug test. Local driving only. Send resume to PO Box 4490, Pagosa Springs CO 81157 or email: frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com. EOE.

LOCAL GRANITE SHOP LOOKING for fabricators, installers and laborers. Full- and part-time positions are available. Pay based on knowledge/ experience, but also willing to train the right people to learn a great trade! Call Eli (970)946-7132.

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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@jandjinc.net along with a copy of your Colorado M.E.D. Badge.

RANCH HELP WITH TRACTOR experience. fencing, irrigation and haying for work on large property near downtown. Ken (970)264-6262. (970)799-0769.

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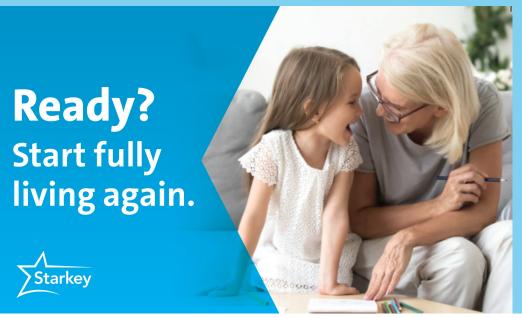
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