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# County proceeding with new court facility construction

**By Clayton Chaney** Staff Writer

At a special board meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, Nov. 24, the board voted to approve a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) proposal from Nunn Construction for the construction of the Archuleta County Combined Courts Facility at Harman Park.

The board was briefed on the proposal by County Admin-The GMP approved for the project is \$4,888,036, which will

include all the necessary labor, materials and equipment to complete the new facility.

Reynolds Ash and Associates Principle Architect Brad Ash

attended the meeting.

"I think what's being presented to you guys today, was a lot of hard work to just to get it to this number," Ash said.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented, "I definitely like the number you got to as opposed to the preliminary number that we heard out there; that made me fall over.'

Wall noted that part of the money paying for the construction of the new facility is the \$1.9 that was awarded from the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission.

According to Wall, the new facility will consist of two courtrooms, judge's offices, probation offices, jury rooms and a security area at the entrance of the building.

Wall also noted that parking areas will be constructed. Wall explained that Nunn has been contracted for a total

of 289 work days, which my vary depending on the number of inclement weather days faced throughout the duration of

In a phone interview, Wall explained that the county contracted Reynolds Ash and Associates to do all the design work

According to an email to The SUN, Wall wrote, "The County has paid Reynolds Ash & Associates \$164,653.87 so far this year for the Courthouse project."

Wall went on to explain that Reynolds Ash and Associates will be available throughout the construction process for Nunn in case there are questions or other design obstacles that may

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# COVID-19: County moving to Level Red: **Severe Risk**

#### New outbreaks reported

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

As of Wednesday, 188 cases of COVID-19 had been reported among full-time Archuleta County residents since Nov. 1, making for a cumulative total of 257 cases since late March and pushing Archuleta County into Level Red: Severe Risk.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) continues to report 39 recovered cases among residents, and is also reporting 72 cases among nonresidents and three outbreaks in Archuleta County.

SJBPH Director of Communication Claire Ninde explained in an email to The SUN that two new outbreaks have been identified "Through a combination of laboratory testing and epidemiological

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# COVID-19 testing available

By Randi Pierce

To address community demand for COVID-19 testing, multiple free testing events are planned and testing continues to be available through a number of local health

care facilities. San Juan Basin Public Health is again working with Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs to provide free COVID-19 testing, with the next two events set for Thursday and Friday, Dec. 3 and 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The test site is located at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds at 344 U.S. 84.

PSMC also continues to offer

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Photo courtesy Beth Tollefsen

### School district receives \$346,000 in grant funding

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Archuleta School District (ASD), as part of the Southwest Colorado District Collaborative, was recently awarded \$346,000 in grant funding through the state's Response, Innovation, and Student Equity (RISE)

The collaborative as a whole (which includes Fort Lewis College, Pueblo Community College and five southwest Colorado school districts) was awarded \$3,607,096 "to pool resources and build strong secondary pathways for students in the build trades and environmental science," according to a press release from the

ASD Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza broke the news to the ASD Board of Education on Nov. 10, the same day Gov. Jared Polis officially announced the grant awards.

"It's a huge invigoration of our building trades, horticulture and ... environmental science programming," the superintendent told The SUN last week. "You know, there was a lot of energy around, and probably excitement and anticipation, I think a couple of years ago when Build Pagosa really had an interest in working in partnership with the district around a building trades program,

■ See School A8

#### Council approves first reading of rezoning ordinance for **Springs Development**

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

An ordinance that would rezone the property known as the north parcel of the Springs Development to mixed-use town center (MU-TC) was approved on first reading by the Pagosa Springs Town Council at a regular meeting on Tuesday.

Council member Rory Burnett recused himself from the discussion.

During the meeting, Planning Director James Dickhoff outlined that the applicant, Olympus SL1 LLC, submitted a zoning map amendment application requesting the rezoning of the parcel to be changed from mixed-use residential (MU-R) to MU-TC.

The parcel is west and south of The Springs Resort and Spa property that was recently purchased by the owners of The Springs Resort and Spa, agenda documentation notes.

Back in July of 2012, town council approved Ordinance 772, which approved vested property rights for the Springs Development Subdivision's sketch plan, which contemplated a 5th Street bridge to access the parcel.

In January of 2017, town council decided to not move forward with the 5th Street bridge as contemplated in the vested rights agreement, Dickhoff noted.

"In essence, town council's decision not to move forward with

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# YouthRise walk

The student leaders of YouthRise host a "Fall Into Mindfulness" walk at Yamaguchi Park on Saturday. The purpose of the event was to give the community strategies for staying mindful and positive amid these uncertain times.





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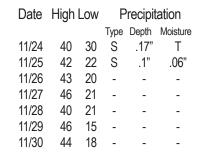
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### GUEST EDITORIAL

# Respect and unity: Follow my lead

Last spring, when the pandemic came to town, I attempted to encourage others by writing a couple of letters. Many of us believed it would run its course by winter, but we find ourselves in another wave of increased case numbers.

People are short on patience and tired of masks, social distancing, testing and isolation, and it's not over yet. The division and anger generated during the political season, the social unrest and racial tensions make it even more difficult and confusing.

We are bombarded with information from sources that seem reliable, but are not. All of us should evaluate facts and search for truth, but I'm finding it difficult to decide who to trust. Maybe you can relate. For what it's worth, here are some

COVID-19 is real. It may be the result of natural causes, or developed in a secret lab. I've heard believable theories for both, but there's no substantiated evidence for

Science has undoubtedly established that viruses can be transmitted by droplets in coughs or sneezes, and passed to others by direct or indirect physical contact, or transferred through other organisms such as mosquitos or tapeworms.

Currently, researchers agree that the coronavirus is transmitted as the result of close contact with others who have been infected. Wearing masks, maintaining distance, avoiding social settings where close contact is unavoidable, frequent handwashing, avoiding touching mouth or nose, disinfecting surfaces, and staying home if exhibiting symptoms are strongly advised and/or required.

Some say wearing masks is the most effective way to prevent disease spread. Others believe drastically limiting social contact could stop the spread. Still others propose frequent handwashing and the disinfecting of surfaces as most effective. Some believe the best thing we can do is "shut down" nonessential business and discourage or prohibit social gatherings of any kind. Some say we must strictly enforce all regulations required by the authorities.

Some experts tell us that masks worn by most provide very little protection because the virus can easily pass through the mask's material. I've been told we should let the virus run its course because many who contract it get well after experiencing minor symptoms, just like any flu. They assert that only a small percentage actually die, and many of those are in high-risk categories, suffering from other serious medical issues, who would probably die if infected with a variety of

Many claim that the worst thing we can do is shut down our businesses since that causes more negative consequences than the disease itself. They claim the shutdown of our economy and forced isolation will lead to additional increases of domestic violence, suicide, mental health, other physical illnesses and social unrest resulting from another set of strict

Locals made changes, suffered setbacks and struggled through the first wave, but some firmly believe they won't survive economically if forced to shut down again.

It really doesn't matter where you stand on these controversial issues. You probably

won't change your opinions, and others probably won't change theirs.

We live in a small, but diverse, community. There are young and old; liberals and conservatives; the highly educated and those with limited schooling; the extremely rich and those with little income; the retired and those raising families who work hard to make ends meet; long-time residents and newcomers; those who want to be left alone and those who contribute much to the community; etc. However, most of us are here because we love this

So, is it possible to find unity in the midst of our diversity? I hope and pray it is.

The front-page articles in last week's SUN, "Spreading Kindness" and the one about the "Student-led Mindfulness Walk," were very encouraging and thought-provoking for me. Therefore, I'm personally going to do my best to express love and understanding, especially to those who have differing opinions. I can listen better, empathize more, ask questions designed to seek clearer understanding, avoid assumptions, be kinder and continue to promote unity within our community.

I'll respect those who wear masks religiously and those who don't. I'm not afraid of contracting the disease; however, I pray I won't infect another because I disregard their safety and welfare. I suggest we all do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 but show respect. I'll treat people the way I want to be treated. I'm asking you to follow mv lead

God bless you and your loved ones as we work thru these challenges together. Donald Volger

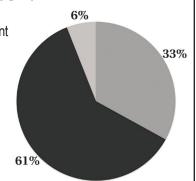
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# LOOKING BACK



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WINTER IS HERE - The official measurements indicate 20.5 inches of snow fell in Pagosa Springs between 7 a.m. November 18 and 7 a.m. November 21. The snow continued to fall and pile up on Pagosa Street Monday and Tuesday.



#### **LEGACIES**

By Shari Pierce

#### 100 years ago

December 3, 1920

In order to check the spread of smallpox, measles and other contagious diseases in the school district, the board of directors of district No. 1, have adopted the following rules: 1. If any child in a family is absent from school ONE day or more, no member of that family shall be permitted to attend school without presenting to his or her teacher a written certificate signed by a physician, that there is no contagious or infectious disease in that family. 2. No child from a family in which there is or has been a contagious or infectious disease shall be permitted to attend school until the patient or patients have fully recovered and not then until the patient or family has been released from quarantine under the rules of the State Board of Health. 3. No child who has been exposed to a contagious or an infectious disease shall attend school until all danger of contracting such disease shall have been removed by lapse of time or otherwise. Under the rules of the State Board of Health.

# 75 years ago Taken from SUN files of

**December 7, 1945** 

A business deal was completed last Friday whereby Charles and Richard De-Vore of Las Animas, Colorado, purchased the Ben Rhodes Grocery and Market. Stock, fixtures and real estate were included in the deal and the DeVore Bros., took possession as of December 1st. The store, under the new ownership will be known as the "Boys Market" and they will continue to handle high class groceries as well as cured and fresh meats, and in addition, will buy farm and ranch produce including cream, eggs, poultry, hides and furs.

A business deal was completed Monday whereby Mary E. Harman purchased the property now occupied by the Goodrich Tailors, from Mr. and Mrs. Omar Henderson. Possession was given at once. Mr. Goodrich has the property under lease and will continue to occupy it for the present. Mrs. Harman plans to eventually remodel the building into apartments, one of which she will occupy herself.

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

December 3, 1970

Two persons were injured Monday morning on Put Hill when the car in which they were riding struck a snowplow head on. The injured, Ida King and Elmer C. King, along with Troy King were en route to attend funeral services for Jim Olsen. Mrs. King's injuries were the most serious.

Disaster grant funds from the federal government have been approved for repair of damages to town water system, sanitation district lines, and county roads. Work is practically complete on repairs to the town water system. Work on county road and bridge repairs and on sanitation district lines is expected to be completed in the not too distant future. In most cases the federal grants have been adequate to completely pay for damages incurred from flood waters.

Snow last weekend was wet and heavy over the area. On Wolf Creek Pass 26 inches fell and it contained more than two inches of moisture. Snow in town was also very wet and heavy.

# 25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

**December 7, 1995** 

An electrical accident sent an employee of La Plata Electric Association to an Albuquerque hospital with burns on his right arm Tuesday. A journeyman lineman for La Plata Electric, was working Tuesday morning in an underground electric box near the intersection of Piedra Road and the Stevens Lake Road with employees of JH Hyline — a La Plata subcontractor. "As far as we can tell," said La Plata manager Russ Lee, "he was clipping a wire, doing a line locate, and his sleeve came into contact with 7200 volts." Lee said the lineman "received electrical burns on his right forearm, but apparently there were no entrance or exit marks. It could have been much worse. He was extremely lucky.'

The results of a surprise drug search Tuesday at Pagosa Springs High School turned up no significant evidence, but produced two messages of interest to students and the community. While the dog reacted positively to several lockers in the building, none produced tangible evidence for the authorities — a result that did not disappoint police or school district officials.

### Letters

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#### **Wolves**

Dear Editor:

I would like to congratulate the majority of voters who voted against the reintroduction of wolves. Although it is still too close to call statewide, Archuleta County overwhelmingly voted against reintroduction. There were many factors during the election that showed that our children were brainwashed at schools to write letters for reintroduction.

Also, Mr. Robert Lecour provided information which does not bear out on actual facts. The wolves in Yellowstone have decimated the deer, elk, and mountain sheep populations. The number of wolves have increased radically and they are migrating out of Yellowstone into other areas and some have relocated in northwestern Colorado.

Back in the early days, one of my ancestors (Fred Confar) was instrumental along with Garland Caulk in reducing the wolf population. One winter in 1920 they killed 21 wolves and received \$100 bounty for each wolf from the Denver Post who had placed the bounty. In 1924, my father (Lloyd Anderson) and Manley Hott who were working respectively for the Chromo area cattlemen and the Allison area cattlemen in the big pastures (O'Neill Park) one morning went out to check the cattle and found 13 head gutted and hamstrung and only one killed. The others had to be destroyed. Robert Henry, President of the Chromo Cattle Company, and Bobby Hott, President of the Allison Cattle Company, coordinated their efforts and hired a Wolfer from Montana to come in. This Wolfer, took out 21 wolves of which seven were adults which solved the wolf problem in O'Neill Park.

In John Motter's "50 Years Ago" book, it shows Fred Confar with two wolves that he killed near the Shahan Ranch (now the Bramwell Ranch) in Chromo. He was riding one morning in six inches of new snow and found a steer belonging to Pet Crowley that had been killed by two wolves and had been partially eaten. He stripped off his saddle and followed the tracks and shot both wolves. The pictures show Fred Confar and his wife Nellie with the two wolves. Further, my father killed one of the last wolves in Hindsdale County near the Big Sand River in the Weminuche area

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Wolves are not beneficial in any way, shape, or form, and are detrimental to the environment. If we want to control the wildlife populations such as deer and elk, we can do this through hunting. Further, wolves in the past, caused the coyote population to be depleted.

In conclusion, I strongly feel through past experiences that the wolf reintroduction would be detrimental to the State of Colorado.

Franklin Anderson

#### Medicare

Dear Editor:

A Pagosa friend called me and said, "could you put on your lawyer hat, and give me your opinion...?"

"Of course," I responded. She told me about Medicare Supplement Insurance and outlined her understanding of a couple different plans.

I'm healthy. I've never had supplemental insurance, or a prescription drug plan. I've been enrolled in Medicare for many years. I rarely have enough medical costs to reach my deductible. But, because my friend was so emphatic, I decided to reconsider my attitude and position.

What I discovered is quite extraordinary. Bottom line: for less money - zero cost, I can engage a company paid by Medicare to manage its system, and provide hearing, vision, and dental coverage, which are not included in Part A or B of Medicare.

Plus an "OTC...over the counter" program: a stipend to spend every three months for typical drug-store type products, like vitamins, allergy pills, toothpaste; and other stuff found at stores.

Each plan offers prescription drug assistance. They segregate drugs into "tiers" and relatively common or generic drugs fit into Tier 1, such as blood-pressure drugs. The highest cost for a Tier 1 drug is \$2.00. That's for a 90 day supply. And, if ordered online and mailed, it's free.

But, there's a kicker. Medicare created a penalty provision. As said, I never had a "drug plan". Why pay for something I don't use. Right? Guess what. Medicare penalizes anyone on Medicare who has not paid for prescription drug cover-

The rep at Medicare told me it's like requiring car insurance even if you're a safe driver. Just in case you get in an accident.

The rep figures out the additional penalty cost, which is added to the Medicare fee taken out of the Social Security check each month..."in perpetuity". Meaning: so long as I'm alive and receiving social security, I pay.

I haven't completed all my research. The deadline is December 7, and I'm quite sensitive to deadlines. Any plan I take will be met with the added 'forever penalty' for being healthy, and not needing prescription drugs.

Obviously, this comment indicates how I think and feel about such an imposition of a penalty for not having drug coverage.

This is another topic for a written opinion. I'll be writing to U.S. local and national representatives in addition to the Social Security Administration.

Substantial Advantage Plan savings occur in the reduction of medical costs such as doctor visits. hospital stays, emergency room calls and other associated events such as diagnostic and other forms of laboratory or other tests, surgery, and the like. The co-pays on many of these services are nothing-zero. And, there are many more benefits.

My suggestion is to look into these plans. There's a plethora of information, but you can do it.

Constance d'Angelis

Dear Editor:

and Kamala Harris have won. While those of us who voted for them are relieved, I know that those of you who supported Trump are anxious about what will come. We have

felt the same way for the last four years. We were told to give Trump a chance, and I will give you the same advice about the Biden/Harris administration. Rhetoric during a campaign can get over-heated, to say the least, so I would like to share some things that will not happen during the coming four years.

First of all, no one is coming after your hunting rifles and side arms. It didn't happen during Obama's term, and it will not happen during Biden's. I hope you will see more research into the causes of gun violence which has been stalled until now. The public overwhelmingly supports universal background checks, and we may see that passed.

Secondly, the police are not going to be defunded. In fact, President-elect Biden has proposed increasing support for local police departments by 300 million dollars. Reform will be on the agenda because no one should want the very few officers who cannot learn how to deescalate situations or who have prejudices against minorities on any police force.

Middle class taxes will not go up. Biden has pledged not to raise taxes on anyone making over \$400,000 a year. I imagine most of us would love to be in the income bracket that will have to pay more taxes.

Private health insurance will still be available. If a public option is passed, you can will still be able to get private insurance.

Cattle will still be on our ranches, and beef will still be in the grocery store. This was one of the more outrageous claims made during the campaign.

Fracking on privately owned land will not be outlawed.

There is no such thing as a deep state. Civil servants are non-partisan employees who contribute a lot to keeping our country running.

There are many serious problems facing our country, and people of good will will disagree on how to solve them and what role government will play. My hope is that we can rationally and calmly debate solutions, base our decisions on science, and compromise enough so that progress can be made.

Lynn R. Frederick

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#### **Colorado Gives** Day

Dear Editor:

Serving as a prior Board Member of the Community Foundation serving SW Colorado and being involved in establishing the 19th Hole Concerts locally I have been given the opportunity to view our nonprofit community through a new lens. This is a lens of genuine appreciation for the work of nonprofit organizations within Archuleta County as they bring services to all facets of our community.

I recognize that these organizations are the heartbeat of our county and the people who work and volunteer at them are generous with their talents and time. This is where food is made available to those who are hungry, a safe environment to those in need, care for animals that have been abandoned, recreational opportunities for young and not so young. Other organizations set times and places designed for us to experience the arts, obtain counseling, encouragement and so much more.

This month we all have the opportunity to be a part of the nonprofit heartbeat within Archuleta County. The "Give Where you Live" campaign is accessible to you through a safe, secure and user-friendly online platform on The Community Foundation serving SW Colorado website. Go to www.swcommunityfoundation.org and using our local zip code see the eleven Archuleta County nonprofits participating in Colorado Gives Day. Join them in the work they do by making a generous donation and know that you are a part of the heartbeat that brings life to our community.

Janis Johnson

#### Robbed

Dear Editor: I, and the few others allowed to watch, witnessed a robbery Saturday. The chance to compete with a full squad in the state quarterfinal game was stolen from the PSHS Football Team. How? A number of key players were fulfilling their remaining few days of quarantine. The 15 non-quarantined (14 noninjured) players set out to defeat Eaton's full-strength squad. Our athletes gave absolutely everything after having practiced only once (the day before) in the previous two weeks due to quarantines. Many played positions they'd never played and had only practiced at for 2 nours the day before. They fought. They exhibited class. They never gave up. Half the players were cramping throughout the game, but still battled. I have never in my life been so heartbroken while watching a defeat. What really shattered me was when two brothers watching the game quarantined in their car--helpless while their brother and teammates gave everything--sent a text to their mom towards the end asking if they could "go love on [their] team when it was over". They asked permission to break their last few days of quarantine so that they could go be with their team at the end, to love on their literal and figurative brothers, to stand as one at the end of the season. Spoiler alert: they weren't allowed on the field. More than half our squad still had few days of quarantines. Two of those Varsity players are brothers to the Varsity QB and family to other household members who were on the field Saturday. The quarantines of Varsity athletes included not one positive case, just contact with an athlete in the game 15 days prior, and then, for some, classroom "contact" with a student a few days later. That's why in a single household, quarantine time varied, allowing one brother on the field but not the other two. Our healthy athletes who never exhibited symptoms were robbed of their playoff

game after an undefeated season because of a couple remaining quarantine days. How is this about saving lives? According to the CDC, the 0-19 age group has a 99.997% survival rate for COVID. Consider also this from Robert Redfield, CDC Director, in July: "There has been another cost that we've seen, particularly in high schools. We're seeing, sadly, far greater suicides than deaths from COVID. We're seeing far greater deaths from overdose" (https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=sTlo28gb7KY).What are we doing to the lives of healthy people? To healthy kids? We already watched our girls basketball season end prematurely, but "at least" the other semi-final teams faced the same outcome because of the unknown at the time. But now, more than eight months later, and 99.997% (..), it's still happening. I have many of these kids in class and it is devastating to watch what is happening to their lives, the magnitude of which is yet to be realized. This was not about saving lives.

Katie Lorenzen

#### **Vaccines**

Dear Editor:

We've heard a lot of good news about coronavirus vaccines lately. From Moderna vaccine to the Pfizer vaccine to the Oxford vaccine, science is working, and help is on

Since the start of the race for a COVID-19 vaccine, the U.S. government has funneled more than \$10 billion in taxpayer dollars to pharmaceutical companies for a vaccine. The Moderna vaccine was 100% taxpayer funded; Moderna spent zero of its own dollars on it. Of the \$2.5 billion it received, \$1 billion initially funded the research and development and \$1.5 billion was granted to secure doses in advance, with no guarantee that vaccines will be affordable.

Typically, taxpayers pay for about 80% of drug research. Almost every new drug begins with NIH-funded labs. The three main funding sources for pharmaceutical research are: National Institute for Health (NIH), University labs (often funded by taxpayers), and non-profit organizations like the Gates Foundation.

Often the private drug firms enter the picture only after the public has paid for the development and clinical trials of new treatments.

No corporation owns the vaccines, yet. We need governments and multilateral organizations working together to direct as many companies and institutions as possible to produce and distribute the vaccines.

Every one of the vaccines are the people's vaccine, funded with tax dollars. The coronavirus vaccines should be free for all Americans, regardless of their ability to pay.

Jan Phillips

#### **Support for** restaurants

Dear Editor:

These words by Edmund Everett Hale always help when I feel overwhelmed by all the fear and uncertainty in our world:

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the one thing I can do."

Many small kindnesses can collectively make a big difference in any situation.

My concern is for the small businesses and the people whose income depends upon them. Having worked in restaurants for forty years and knowing how insecure those jobs can be, my focus is mostly on the restaurants in our town. They are struggling to stay open now. This winter could be disastrous with the covid infections rising.

We who used to go out to our favorite restaurant once or even twice a week can still order "to go." If we don't feel safe eating food cooked by others during this uptick in covid cases, we can buy gift certificates to use later. We can also simply write a check for what we would have spent and donate that as a "sponsor" who wants to help keep the people working and also wants to keep their favorite places in business until we can fully open and meet together again.

Small things add up. We can't just be fair-weather customers. We need to stick by our friends in the hard ties, too. They need our support now.

Bonnie Runyan

#### Voting fraud

Dear Editor:

I was troubled by Charles Wenzel's letter to the editor (26 Nov 2020) entitled "How they did it." All but the last three paragraphs rehashed the plea of computer scientist Alex Halderman to stop using electronic voting machines. That plea, available on youtube, is worth watching and considering (though Archuleta County does use paper ballots, so the problem does not seem to apply to our locale).

This story did not trouble me.

What troubled me a bit was Charles Wenzel's next two paragraphs. Therein a few numbers are juggled around, so it takes a moment to really sort out what argument is being presented. But here's the gist: Because the vote count shows that more people voted for Joe Biden this year than voted for Barack Obama in 2008, the vote count must be fraudulent.

Read that again to make sure you're with me.

The conclusion of fraud (or mistakes, or "shenanigans") does not follow from the evidence presented. But the article goes on to say that the results of this year's election are a "statistical impossibility." I didn't see any statistical work in the article, so I'm not sure why this statement is there. However, the only numerical evidence we could look for would be if the total number of votes cast in this year's election turned out to be higher than the number of eligible voters. Those numbers are easy to assess. Biden received 80 million votes and Trump received 73.9 million votes, for a total of 153.9 million votes. The population of eligible voters in the United States exceeds 200 million. (Please run the numbers yourself to double-check my work.) There is no "statistical impossibility" implicit in one candidate receiving 80 million and the other receiving 73.9 million.

I suspect that the real reason for the accusation of fraud is that the

author wanted Trump to win. I have no qualms with my fellow citizens wanting one candidate to win over another. I am, however, deeply troubled when one declares that because his or her favored candidate did not win the results are fraudulent. When we declare that  $the\,essential\,principle\,of\,our\,system$ of government—voting and the freedom to do so-is corrupt, then we invite revolution. Historically, revolutions are bloody affairs. We had better have the greatest weight of evidence on our side before we use our right of free speech to declare that our democracy is invalid. After all, if prospective revolutionaries believe that our present rights of speech and voting are not getting the job done, what system of government will they institute instead?

Who has found a better one? I would hate to get to the other side of the revolution and discover that the real fraud was the argument for it.

**Emrys Tyler** 

#### 'Points of light'

Dear Editor: The whole world has witnessed

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a miracle: something that hangs on its own in mid-air, without natural support or explanation. Something not only implausible but, otherwise, impossible.

We know the time and place it occurred: on November 4th in the heartland of America, between 3 and 6 AM. Like steps that lead from one floor to the next, or the logic that leads to a truth, similar natural occurrences have all been accompanied by the evidence.

This miracle is 'President Elect Biden,' which defies common sense and turns logic on its head.

1. Since 1980, 19 bellwether counties have voted for the eventual Presidential winner...except for this year, when 95% [18] voted for Trump and 5% [1] voted for Biden.

2. Since 1852, the winner of FL, OH, and Iowa won the Presidency [except 1960, when suspected voter fraud in Democrat controlled Chicago gave a narrow victory to Kennedy]. When these 3 states were won together, MI, WI, and PA always voted with them. Trump won all three and—without hanky panky--all 6. For the latter 3 Trump had massive leads until the counting process was inexplicably shut down for 'adjustments.'

3. Biden got less than 90% of the black vote, which accompanies a national election loss for a Democrat. And though Trump increased his black vote by 50% and his Hispanic vote by 34%, he lost? Biden's black vote under performed in every Democrat city but in Detroit, Milwaukee, and Philadelphia: the 3 cities necessary for him to win MI, WI, and PA and the electoral college.

4. Biden won a record low 17% [524] of US counties, well below the record 873 Obama won in '08. Yet Biden shattered Obama's record vote total by over 10-million votes?

5. The norm is for the Presidential winner to have 'coattails' which help down-ballot races for their party. Yet of the 27 'toss-up' races in the House, Republicans won every one and kept the Senate as well. Biden's party won zero.

Also, President Trump got more votes than any previous incumbent, with 11-million more votes than in 2016. This was the first national election where untested mail-in ballots were widely used. Mail-in ballots are outlawed in Europe due to their being an insecure system ripe for fraud. And Canada won't use computers in their elections, only paper ballots.

75% of Republicans and 30% of Democrats believe this election was stolen from Trump, and without mail-in fraud and the use of Dominion software he would have been re-elected in a landslide.

So, when you see an on-line post with the disclaimer, "This claim about election fraud is disputed," realize you've uncovered a truth that the First Amendment suppressing children at Big Tech don't want you to know. Consider such posts to be points of light in a deep,

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# CDOT, commissioners discuss high-risk intersections in the county

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

On Nov. 9, the Archuleta County **Board of County Commissioners** held a special work session with representatives of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

The commissioners reviewed a resolution that addressed safety concerns at three intersections within the county, which they submitted to CDOT for review. The intersections identified in the resolution included, Trails Boulevard and U.S. 160, Vista Boulevard and U.S. 160, and Hersch Avenue and U.S. 160.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented, "The intersections that we did our resolution for, you know they're very high traffic, they're very narrow areas, and they're getting really congested as our population

Maez added, "We think it's very imperative for our citizens of Archuleta County to have these issues addressed. I don't want to lose another person on those intersec-

Given these three intersections are part of the state-funded highway U.S. 160, Archuleta County is unable to make any alterations without approval from CDOT.

CDOT Regional Transportation Director Mike McVaugh replied to Maez's comment, saying, "There is increased traffic; no one's going to

deny that." McVaugh explained that CDOT works closely with local authorities in order to determine the community's needs and the most efficient ways to incorporate its planning with local agencies.

McVaugh noted that CDOT is not receiving additional money as we are coming to the end of the year.

CDOT Engineering Division Director Julie Constan was in attendance and explained how CDOT uses safety prioritization studies and intersection prioritization studies to determine which intersections need improvements.

According to Constan, every four or five years, CDOT performs a safety study in which it reaches out to local agencies and asks them for locations in order to analyze crash data and uses a data-driven analysis to identify locations with the highest risk within the region.

Constan noted the most recent study was completed in 2018, and the intersection with Trails Boulevard was identified by Archuleta County as a high-risk intersection.

Out of the 72 locations analyzed by CDOT, the intersection with Trails Boulevard ranked 22nd, according

"Unfortunately, because it came in at 22nd, we are not able, at this point, to prioritize safety funding for this intersection," Constan said.

According to Constan, CDOT is looking at the top 15 locations identified in its most recent study for safety funding prioritization.

McVaugh also commented, "When we do these safety studies, we're prioritizing the highest needs or the worst locations first."

He noted projects require a certain level of data to be eligible for the funding.

McVaugh went on to note that, over the past few years, CDOT has been averaging two to three intersec-

tion improvement projects per year. CDOT Region 5 Planning and **Environmental Manager Tony Cady** was also in attendance and explained that the regional CDOT plan was recently updated a few months ago to align with CDOT's statewide transportation plan.

Cady also discussed CDOT's 2045 long-range plan. The process of meeting with local agencies and de-

termining the high-risk intersections was recently completed.

"We have notionally distributed all the funding we're going to get over the next 10 years to the projects that were identified through that process," Cady said.

Cady noted that the three intersections addressed in the resolution from the commissioners were not identified through CDOT's regional planning process.

Matt Muraro, CDOT's Region 5 planner and environmental specialist, noted that seven of the 22 projects in the region are in Archuleta

These seven projects consist of the intersection of U.S. 160 and McCabe Creek, an intelligent transportation system project along U.S. 160, the FY 19-20 chain station improvement project, the U.S. 160 main street resurfacing improvement project, the U.S. 160 and Piedra Road improvement project, the U.S. 160 wildlife mitigation project, and improvements to the U.S. 160 and U.S. 84 intersection.

Maez commented, "I think they're all really good projects and they all need to be addressed, but unfortunately as we grow, our needs grow."

Maez brought up the possibility of developing a plan in the future to address the three intersections along U.S. 160 that were identified in the resolution, with concern that they all serve higher-density residential

"Currently I would say there is no direct plan for the future, because they weren't identified projects," McVaugh said.

McVaugh went on to explain that with the position they are in, with the plan just recently being approved, that it may still be possible to get the three intersections identified in the commissioners' resolution into CDOT's regional plan.

McVaugh noted that the county will have to bring its resolution forward to the state's Transportation Planning Regions meeting for that entity to review.

McVaugh went on to explain that it may not be too difficult to get these three intersections added to the region's plan; however, he noted he expects it to be fairly difficult for them to move them up the list in terms of higher prioritization.

Something to keep in mind is if these intersections will qualify for FASTER funding based on crash data, as McVaugh explained.

Constan pointed out that Trails Boulevard has had seven intersection-related crashes in the past 10 years, with no fatalities and four injuries.

Constan suspects that the Trails Boulevard may qualify for FASTER funding based on those statistics.

Constan noted that the Vista Boulevard intersection has only had three intersection related crashes from 2008-2018 and Hersch Avenue has only had one in that time frame. Therefore, it is not likely those will be approved for FASTER funding.

McVaugh noted that one way to possibly get the Trails intersection approved for FASTER funding is to swap it with the Piedra Road intersection project.

Another topic of interest is a restriping project for the section of U.S. 160 going up Put Hill to Piedra Road that is scheduled to take place in 2023, according to Muraro.

Maez spoke toward the end of the conference, explaining that the county as been receiving numerous complaints about these three intersections and that the commissioners must do their "due diligence."

Maez added, "When you don't ask, you don't get."

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#### John Laydon

The eldest son of Lola and Steve Butler, John Laydon, aged 67, left his earthly body to be with the lord

on Saturday, Nov. 14. John will live on in the hearts and memories of his family including his beloved wife of 47 years, Lauren; his children, Abraham and Luke; his



grandchildren, Ava, Thane, Ellie, Sloan and Bolden; his mother, Delores Butler; and many special siblings, cousins and extended relatives.

John asked that in lieu of flowers that people purchase trees for their own home; his favorite was the

His final wishes were that people love God, each other and the land. Funeral services will be held virtually from the Glass Chapel at Olingers Crown Hill Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5.

#### Phillip R. **Martinez**

Feb. 13, 1975-Oct. 2

Phillip is survived by his parents, Phillip and Dolores Martinez; brother Brian Martinez and family; and his loving sons, Chandler, Simon and Parker.

the world. He graduated in 1993 from Northglenn High School and, in 2006, he got his associates degree

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from Bel Rea Institute in

Denver, Colo. His degree was vet technician.

Phillip moved to Pagosa 13 years ago, being that his parents were from here. He worked at Wolf Creek Ski Area every season as ski lift operator, and enjoyed his job and friends.

There wasn't much our son Phillip was born in Denver, Colo. couldn't do. He worked for Wyn-Phillip loved his sons more than dham Resort for a couple of years

and thereafter pretty much was self-employed. Phillip loved life. When he walked in a room, you knew he was there. Our lives will never be the same without our son. The last five months of our son's

life, he was given a dog he named Captain. Captain gave Phillip so much joy; he never went anywhere without him. Everyone that knew Phil knew his dog

Phillip was buried at Hilltop

We would like to thank our family and friends for being there for us. Your support and love was an abundance. We will never be able to thank you enough.

Our son left us to be with our Savior and will be missed the rest of our lives and loved the rest of

# Letters



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dark Swamp.

Charles Wenzel

#### **Balancing** individual freedom with public safety

Dear Editor:

The balancing of individual freedoms to do as we wish while attempting to protect the safety and well being of others is sometimes a very difficult balancing act. How do we as a nation and free society draw the line between individual rights and freedoms versus the safety of many. As individuals, you have the right to do almost anything within reason providing it doesn't adversely affect those around you. Attached to that individual right, however, is a responsibility to realize when your actions, or inactions, adversely affect those around you.

Each of us have a personal, societal responsibility to residents of this country to help protect them from harm. Laws are designed to protect both individuals and groups. The mandatory wearing of a motorcycle helmet or using a seatbelt when driving down the highway are primarily designed to protect the lives of individuals. However, other laws are geared toward protecting others.

Smoking is banned in many public places to decrease the dan-

gerous effects it may have on others. Additionally, speed limits aren't considered an infringement on individual rights. They are there for public safety. When you obey them, you are providing an element of safety both for yourself and those around you. Similarly, the preventive measures taken by wearing an appropriate face mask during a dangerous, viral pandemic is a societal responsibility because of the potential harm you may present to others. Even the Supreme Court, while supporting the extension of various individual rights, has at other times permitted limits on those rights.

During this pandemic, all of us have a societal responsibility to help protect others and enhance their safety and well being. You may have Covid-19 but be among those who are fortunate enough be asymptomatic. However, you can transmit it to others who are much more susceptible to the disease when you do not wear an appropriate mask. It is the same as when you drive a car safely to help insure the safety and well being of others.

If you doubt this, talk to the people who have one or more empty seats at their dinner table due to the demise of a family member due to Covid-19 or the hard working people who are now jobless due to the pandemic and need to face the humiliation of going to a food bank to obtain food for their family or their children across the USA who cannot go to school. Then think of those involved in the healthcare profession. Each time they go to work, they place the safety and welfare of themselves and their family in second place, behind the care of patients with this terrible disease as their top priority.

Is the wearing of a face mask inconvenient? Yes. Is it an infringement on your rights as an

individual? No. It is a societal responsibility. So wear your face mask in public with pride and as a badge of honor... not an abuse of your individual rights. When you do this, you become an important part of the ultimate solution to help eradicate this pandemic.

Russ Widener

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#### El Pomar Foundation approves \$122,000 to nonprofits in southwest region

By Megan Sanders

El Pomar Foundation

Grant funding of \$122,000 will support the work of nonprofits in the southwest region. El Pomar trustees approved grant allocations to 22 nonprofit organizations in the southwest region at the foundation's October trustees meeting.

Through the foundation's grant-making process, the following Archuleta County organizations were awarded grants:

 Archuleta County Education Center Inc. of Pagosa Springs — \$5,000 for the Wings Early Childhood Center; regional merit.

 Community United Methodist Church of Pagosa Springs — \$2,500 to support the food pantry at John Paul II Catholic Church; regional

- Pagosa Springs Arts Council \$2,500 for the Goodman's mural public art project; regional merit.
- TARA Historical Society of Arboles \$2,000 for auxiliary building restoration; competitive.

• Town of Pagosa Springs — \$3,000 for K.I.D.S. Camp; Karl E. Eitel Fund.

Founded by Spencer and Julie Penrose in 1937, El Pomar Foundation has an established legacy of general purpose grant making throughout the state of Colorado. The competitive process remains the foundation's primary vehicle for organizations to receive funding, which accepts applications on a rolling basis.

Additionally, over the last 80 years, El Pomar has either developed or been entrusted with the

stewardship of a number of other funds, as well as presenting trustee merit grants. Since 2003, El Pomar's Regional Partnerships program has also provided invaluable support to 11 regions statewide, representing all 64 Colorado counties, led by more than 70 community leaders on regional councils, in an effort to increase impact and establish connections across the entire state.

The Karl E. Eitel fund honors the legacy of Eitel, who served as a trustee of El Pomar Foundation for 23 years. He was a strong advocate for youth and youth development, and this fund recognizes supports organizations that serve at-risk youth throughout Colorado.

To view a full listing of El Pomar's funds and grant-making areas, please visit the website at https://www.elpomar.org/grant-making/.

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# Pagosa Springs Medical Center's net income on par with budget through October

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Medical Center's net income was on par with budget at the end of October despite the facility having a net loss of \$392,680 on the month, according to a report given by Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger on Nov. 17.

Keplinger presented both the September and October financials to the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees PSMC, at its Nov. 17 meeting.

#### September financials

Before delving into October's numbers, Keplinger briefly reported September's numbers to the board, indicating that there was one area of interest in the figures.

In September, PSMC recorded gross revenues totaling \$5,029,800.

Of that, PSMC received \$2,549,655 in net revenues, which Keplinger noted is "pretty good." PSMC posted expenses total-

ing \$2,986,786 for the month. Keplinger then pointed out the month's net income totaled a

negative \$1,753,910. "This is the topic of concern," she said, explaining that a rules change with federal stimulus funding meant PSMC needed to pull that funding from its bottom

PSMC received \$1,692,630 in stimulus funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

As a written report from prior year. Keplinger and the Finance Committee explains, "Prior to September, PSMC brought in \$1.6M of CARES Act as income based upon the initial CARES Act guidance that allowed PSMC to apply CARES Act funds to revenues under budget at the Medicare

The report further states, "With the most recently changed rules from the federal government, PSMC will be able to use CARES Act funds to make up any loss of 2020 year-end actual net revenue compared to 2019 audited actual year-end net revenue of \$1,188,618.

The written report indicates the rules change will also affect other areas of how PSMC planned to apply the stimulus funding, including PSMC's HVAC construction and equipment costs.

Keplinger told the board of directors that PSMC is working with the auditors to determine what funding can be brought in and what can't be.

#### October financials

At \$5,698,941, PSMC's gross revenue for October came in 3.76 percent ahead of budget and 1.21 percent behind the prior year.

Year to date through October, PSMC's gross revenue sits at \$50,813,839 — almost \$2 million, or 3.61 percent, behind budget and 1.45 percent lower than the

Net patient revenue for October came in at \$2,643,191, which is about \$15,000 below budget and almost \$256,000 below the

Year to date, PSMC's net revenue is \$42,763 above budget, with actual net revenue sitting at \$26,435,876 through October. That figure is 1.02 percent, or \$271,523 lower than the same period in 2019.

PSMC's expenses were above budget in October, with Keplinger explaining that PSMC looked to stock up on PPE during the

For October, expenses totaled \$3,365,923 — \$202,246 over budget and \$387,302 more than 2019. Year to date through October,

PSMC's expenses total \$30,156,376, which is \$283,679 under budget and \$533,712 more than the prior year.

PSMC also logged \$306,775 in grants, 340B and tax revenue for

For October, PSMC logged a net loss of \$392,680, compared to a budgeted loss of \$301,673. In the prior year, PSMC posted a net income of \$55,921.

Year to date, PSMC's net income sat at \$577,935 at the end of October, which is ahead of budget by \$6,623, but below 2019's yearto-date net income of \$919,375.

Keplinger further reported that PSMC is down to 48.4 gross days in accounts receivable, which garnered responses such as "that's awesome" from the board.

The previous month, PSMC was at 53.9. In March 2019, the figure was 78.4.

As of October, PSMC had 51.9 days of cash on hand. Board member Dr. Jim Pruitt

asked if PSMC will meet its cashon-hand requirements on its bonds, with Keplinger responding affirmatively.

Keplinger further noted that PSMC was on target to meet budgeted revenues in Novem-

#### **Patient counts**

As part of the October data, Keplinger also presented October year-to-date information regarding the numbers of patients PSMC has seen in different areas of its operations.

Through October, PSMC had recorded 570 inpatient days, compared to 854 in 2019 and 1,028 in 2018.

For the same period, PSMC had 327 observation patients (which are paid for by the hour instead of by the day), compared to 308 in 2019 and 354 in 2018.

Through October, PSMC logged 5,107 emergency room visits — more than 2019's 4,391 in the same period and less than 2018's 5,617.

PSMC logged 796 surgeries through October, compared to 707 in 2019 and 849 in 2018.

It was noted that PSMC had surgery shut down from March 18 until April 26 due to the pan-

The number of rural health clinic visits was down through October, with 16,527 in 2020, 17,786 in 2019 and 20,741 in 2018.

Radiology visits increased, with 11,694 through October, compared with 8,311 in 2019 and 9,531 in 2018.

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#### Voting opens Dec. 7 for 2021 Chamber board nominees a slate of six candidates to the mem- will be announced shortly thereafter

By Mary Jo Coulehan

Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

With over 400 members registered with the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, businesses have their yearly opportunity to vote for the incoming 2021 board of director candidates.

Every year, the Chamber rotates off three board members and three new board members join the group for a three-year stint. This rotation process lends itself to a variety of businesses being represented on the Chamber board while giving the board a combination of experience and fresh ideas.

Every year, the Chamber presents

bership. Of those six, three people are chosen. We encourage our businesses to really look at the slate of candidates and not just vote for the people they may know, but the candidates' experience and business sector they represent.

This year's slate of candidates are: Eric Hittle, Curtis Nehring, Shane Prince, Marissa Talamante, Robin Young (Colorado Extension agent) and Tabitha Zappone.

These candidates are community involved, business savvy and dedicated to contributing to their time and knowledge to be a voice for the business community.

Voting begins Monday, Dec. 7,

once the votes are tallied and verified. As a business owner, how do you

vote? That part is easy. Only Chamber members are allowed to cast a ballot for the candidates. Members can access the voting through the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com on the home page. From the voting graphic, you can view the candidate biography informational sheet and cast your

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# Hazard pay approved for PSMC employees

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

At its Nov. 17 meeting, the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) voted unanimously to approve hazard pay for the medical center's employees.

The funding for the hazard pay comes from PSMC's portion of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and is an allowable use of the funding, according to the resolution approved by the board.

"Hazard pay is fitting for medical center employees who have shouldered additional burdens due to the COVID-19 pandemic,"

the resolution states, continuing, "PSMC staff have all endured substantial workload, high stress and additional risks in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.'

Per the approved resolution, PSMC will pay every staff member hazard pay except for senior leadership (the CEO, chief operating officer, chief administrative officer and chief financial officer) up to \$1,000, with that amount dependent upon the number of months the employee worked shifts during the pandemic since March.

That, the document outlines, comes at a total cost of \$254,190, which includes hazard payments totaling \$229,000 and PSMC's retirement and payroll taxes contributions.

"PSMC staff are essential to effectively responding to the pandemic in our community and the work of PSMC staff is valued and should be  $supported\,with\,the\,proposed\,haz ard$ pay," the resolution states.

In presenting the resolution to the board, CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb explained that every employee who took a voluntary salary reduction or who volunteered during the pandemic before PSMC received the CARES Act funding has been made whole.

"It's been a very busy time for everybody trying to prepare us to make this a safe place to take care of patients," Webb said, adding. "They've had a lot of work and there's a lot of stress involved in knowing that every patient you take care of could cause you personal health risks."

Chelle Keplinger, PSMC's chief financial officer, noted they felt pretty strongly about the hazard pay, outlining the types of extra tasks required.

Board member Mark Zeigler, who also sits on the finance committee, noted that the finance committee "definitely recommended" the adoption of the resolution.

"As an employer myself, I mean, to have those employees stick by your side through all this is very valuable," he said.

In response to questioning from board member Dr. Jim Pruitt, Keplinger explained the use of funds has been vetted with the auditors and given the go-ahead.

"I don't see why you guys wouldn't be eligible for that, too," board Chair Greg Schulte said, acknowledging the graciousness of the senior leadership and suggesting the board consider including them in the funding.

"We're good," Webb said, with other members of the senior leadership team echoing the sentiment.

With that, a motion was made and approved with a 7-0 vote of the board.

In other business, the board approved a resolution outlining a fundraising goal that would allow PSMC to purchase a 3D mammography machine using grant funding and donations as part of a women's health initiative.

Earlier in the meeting, Webb explained that the machine would cost \$422,000 — \$50,000 of which had already been raised from two

Webb indicated the machine would help with imaging of more patients and could save patients who choose a 3D mammogram travel time to other facilities.

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the same or not," Helminski stated.

Weaver, there are currently no dis-

tinct restrictions as to which orga-

nizations can apply for the award,

whether they are government de-

partments, nonprofit organizations

order to be approved for an award,

the applicant must submit a plan

that outlines how they will use the

funds to promote education and

awareness regarding marijuana

and healthy lifestyle choices for

email, "I'm hoping to have an

award date for sometime in the first

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Helminski also stated in her

citizens of Archuleta County.

Helminski explained that in

or local businesses.

quarter of 2021."

Town

According to Helminski and



Photo courtesy Pagosa Fire Protection District

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) partnered with the Town of Pagosa Springs to complete debris pile burning on Nov. 30. Pile contents consisted of brush, tree limbs and other nonhazardous wood products from fire mitigation projects in town right of way access. PFPD remained on scene all day to provide water and ensure safe burning conditions. The site will be monitored for several additional days by both PFPD staff and town staff.

### Commissioners hear update on Community Marijuana Impact Fund

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

At a work session held Tuesday, Nov. 24, the Archuleta County **Board of County Commissioners** heard from Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver in regard to

Fund. Weaver reported that the fund now has a balance of \$10,725, after

the Community Marijuana Impact

no awards were made this year. According to Archuleta County's paralegal and executive assistant, Mary Helminski, the fund had a balance of \$9,775 at the end of

In an email to The SUN, Helminski clarified that only one award was made in 2019, which was a \$625 scholarship awarded to the

Archuleta County School District. In 2018, three scholarships were awarded, consisting of \$1,000 awarded to Pagosa Peaks Volleyball, \$500 awarded to Pagosa Peak Open School and \$500 awarded to Pagosa Youth Soccer.

According to Helminski's email, "The guidelines for awarding these funds was that the funds would be used to develop awareness within

By Chris Mannara

Staff Writer

Archuleta County about marijuana in general and programs available to help Archuleta County citizens and children in general make positive lifestyle choices.'

The fund was created through Resolution 2018-28 on July 3, 2018. As part of the resolution, 10 percent of all license, operating or other fees received by the county from marijuana establishments is collected and held by the county in a designated account.

In an interview, Weaver explained that the funds come from the grant application, which will marijuana establishments that apply for operating licenses, renew their license or transfer their license. The fees were established in the county's original marijuana ordinance established in 2014.

Weaver explained that the fund balance has been accumulating over the years.

According to Helminski's email, "these collected funds would be distributed by the BoCC after receiving recommendations from a panel comprised of members from the community."

The resolution has not been updated since its inception in 2018, nor has the marijuana ordinance.

According to Weaver, he expects that the county will look to revise the original marijuana ordinance, along with the resolution, in the first quarter of 2021.

"It's [the marijuana ordinance] rather dated and the state has really changed quite a bit of the regulations when it comes to medical and recreational marijuana, so we're going to revisit it next year," Weaver said

According to Helminski, she is "Currently working on updating place stricter guidelines on having education and assembling the prior community member panel."

Also stated in Helminski's email is that she hopes to add one or two new members to the community

The panel will make recommendations for awards and then present its recommendations to the commissioners for them to decide

The previous maximum grant amount allowed for up to \$5,000 to be awarded to an individual organization.

'I'm not sure yet if this will stay

sanitation district approves

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

At a special meeting of the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) on Monday, the 2021 budget for the district was approved.

2021 budget

According to the 2021 budget for the PSSGID, revenues are set at \$1,978,108, which is a decrease from the 2020 estimate of \$2,079,767.

Total expenditures for the PSSGID are listed within the 2021 budget at \$1,308,117, which is a slight increase from the 2020 estimate of \$1,262,688.

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#### The Pagosa Springs Town Coun-"In the capital fund there is a lot of capital projects and programs, cil approved its 2021 budget, set 2020 estimate of \$1,650,375. mill levies, appropriated funds as well as equipment and vehicle and adopted a capital improve-

Tuesday. General fund revenues are proequipment," Phillips said. jected to be \$6,596,649. This is an increase from the 2020 budget's estimated amount of \$6,476,224,

according to the budget. General fund expenditures are

ment plan at a regular meeting on

expected to be \$4,266,684, according to Town Manager Andrea Phillips.

purchases within the capital fund, including our debt service on prior capital projects and our leased

Capital fund revenues are noted within the 2021 budget to be \$6,223,291. This is a decrease from the 2020 estimate of \$10,022,013.

Capital fund expenditures are

Town council approves 2021 budget projected to be \$5,422,338, Phillips noted.

Lodgers' tax fund revenues are set at \$1,773,804 within the 2021 budget. This is an increase from the

Expenditures for the lodgers' tax fund are set at \$787,136 within the 2021 budget. This is a slight increase from the 2020 estimated budget of \$774,701.

"The total for all six funds within this 2021 budget is \$10,990,335," she added.

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### COVID-19

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Those, she wrote, are at Parts Plus and Pagosa Springs Elementary

As of Dec. 1, Ninde wrote, "Parts Plus has two positive staff and PSE has 3 staff and two students who have been identified as positive."

All cases were put on isolation and close contacts were put on quarantine, Ninde indicated, adding that the investigations into the outbreaks  $are\,ongoing\,and\,SJBPH\,will\,continue$ to evaluate information "regarding these and all cases as received."

"All outbreak locations will have an ongoing active investigation until 28 days have elapsed without new cases," she wrote. "28 days is two incubation periods of the SARS-CoV2 virus.

The county's first outbreak is inactive and was a hunting camp.

As of Wednesday, Archuleta County remained in Level Orange: High Risk on the state's COVID dial framework, but, late Wednesday it was announced that the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is moving Archuleta County to Level Red to reduce community transmission and "slow a dramatic rise in cases that threatens our school learning models and our local economy."

As of press time Wednesday, it was unknown what day the change will take effect.

According to the state COVID-19 Dial, Level Red restrictions are warranted are when any of three metrics are met. Archuleta currently meets one of the three: 350 or more new cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 residents in the last 14 days.

Archuleta County passed this threshold on Nov. 19 and has had 126 cases in the last 14 days, according to SJBPH.

Level Red includes increased restrictions on businesses, including closing indoor dining at restaurants, moving last call up to 8 p.m., making office-based businesses reduce in-person workforce to 10 percent and reducing capacity at gyms and fitness centers, and does not allow personal gatherings.

The full list of changes associated with moving levels on the dial can be found at the CDPHE website.

For updated information on the move to Level Red, see www.PagosaSUN.com.

Also because of the increased local cases, late last week, it was announced that all Archuleta School testing instructions.

testing for both symptomatic and

asymptomatic patients at its facility

reported to The SUN that PSMC

continues to test symptomatic pa-

tients through its clinic, and offers

testing to asymptomatic individu-

als who may have been exposed

through drive-through testing to

the right rear of the medical center

a.m. to 1 p.m. every day but Sunday.

The drive-thru testing is open 9

Webb suggested that anyone

PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb

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six days per week.

six days per week.

District schools, including Pagosa Peak Open School, would move to remote learning for the remainder of the calendar year.

Prior to Thanksgiving, SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon explained, there was beginning evidence that the surge was flattening due to increased restrictions on much of the state.

"Someone described it as it's not that we're not accelerating, it's just that the foot isn't as heavy on the accelerator," she said of the slowing of new cases.

What isn't known yet, she noted, is the affect Thanksgiving will have on that trend.

Mobility data for Thanksgiving weekend, she explained, indicates people traveled much less this year than on a normal Thanksgiving, but traveled more than any other weekend in November.

Models are very unclear on how cases are going to increase and what hospitalizations will do in December following the holiday, she noted.

"We're still really concerned that, you know, until we get more evidence, that December could look really, really bleak across the state," she said.

#### Why get tested?

Jollon indicated that it remains important for symptomatic individuals to be tested, regardless of if they believe they have COVID or are unsure.

"Identifying specific cases helps us contain cases," Jollon added, explaining that SJBPH conducts confidential contact tracing to alert contacts of their exposure and deliver instructions to help "box in" the disease.

A positive test also, she explained, allows an individual to become eligible for workplace benefits and other programs that provide assistance so they can isolate successfully, and can help them access the information and care they need if they get worse.

That also makes any exposed individuals eligible for assistance that can help them to isolate.

Jollon told The SUN SJBPH continues to conduct contact tracing on 100 percent of reported positives.

Because of the increase in cases, SJBPH recently announced that some close contacts may receive a text message from (855) 681-1645 notifying them of their exposure and providing a link to quarantine and

experiencing symptoms should call

their provider for advice on how to

are a "snapshot in time" and a

negative test does not mean you

won't later become symptomatic

Other providers offering testing

• Archuleta Integrated Health-

• Pagosa Medical Group: 372-

**COVID-19 symptoms** 

and spread the virus.

care: 264-2104.

Webb also cautioned that tests

proceed.

#### 'Colorado is not alone'

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis was joined by Dr. Anthony Fauci, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases director, for Tuesday's COVID-19 update, with Fauci outlining that many states are in the same figurative boat.

Polis — who recently tested positive for COVID-19 but has been asymptomatic — began the press conference by stating that, so far, he feels very good, but that one in 12 families will have a hospitalization from the disease.

He later noted that, per the most recent modeling, one in every 41 Coloradans is infectious, with that figure moving to one in every 29 in some areas of the state.

"Colorado is not alone in seeing a spike in cases," Fauci said, adding, 'We are really in a public health crisis right now."

Fauci noted that the current surge in COVID-19 cases is unlike anything seen earlier, with the country seeing 100,000 to 200,000 new cases reported daily and 1,000 to 2,000 deaths per day.

"Instead of thinking in terms of the Thanksgiving holiday and then the Christmas holiday as two separate events, I think we are going to be looking at 30 or more days of a period of time of precarious risk," he said.

Fauci noted it is in everybody's hands to mitigate the current surge by following precautions such as wearing masks, distancing, avoiding crowds (particularly indoors) and washing hands frequently.

"It's not too late to do something about it," he said.

#### Masks and vaccines

Polis and Fauci also discussed vaccine candidates that could be approved for use in the coming weeks. Two vaccine candidates have been submitted for approval.

"There is hope," Polis said, likening the current time to the last few miles of a marathon, where the end is near, but it is the hardest part of

Polis also noted that wearing a mask is like a vaccine with 50 percent efficacy, with Fauci explaining that, if no one wore masks, there would be many more acquisitions and transmissions.

"No intervention is 100 percent," Fauci said.

Of the vaccine candidates, Fauci said, "This is a testimony to the

The state suggests that people

with symptoms should always get

tested immediately. Symptoms

· Shortness of breath or diffi-

Muscle or body aches.

Nausea or vomiting.

New loss of taste or smell.

• Congestion or runny nose.

include:

• Fever or chills.

• Cough.

culty breathing.

• Fatigue.

· Headache.

Sore throat.

• Diarrhea.

#### entific advances that have taken place over many years ... it's quiet,

meticulous science that allows you to get a vaccine that is 94 to 95 percent effective from the time the virus was recognized in January 2020 to putting it in a person's arm in December 2020.'

exquisite and extraordinary sci-

Fauci also urged that anyone can look at independent data regarding the potential vaccines and make their choice about being vaccinated when it is available.

He also explained that while initial doses will be available this month, the doses for the general public who do not fall into a higher category (for example, health care workers, those in congregate housing, those 65 and older) are likely to be available mid- to late April 2021.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb reported to The SUN Wednesday that the medical center applied to the state "at

the earliest possible date" to receive vaccine doses

Jollon reported in a separate interview that SJBPH did the same.

"We're all in this together, help is on the way and we are going to get out of this," Fauci concluded.

#### **Essential precautions**

According to SJBPH, the following precautions will be essential to containing the spread of COVID-19 through the winter holiday season:

• Stay at home as much as possible, and instruct employees to work from home, if possible.

• Practice physical distancing (at least 6 feet away from another per-

• Gather only with members of

your household. Wear face coverings when in public; the statewide mask order is

still in effect in indoor public spaces. Practice good hygiene (washing hands, covering coughs and sneezes,

• Get tested if you have symptoms or believe you've been exposed through a known contact or community interaction.

• Don't go to work, school, or social activities if you are sick or have a known or suspected exposure.

#### What about the flu?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report minimal flu activity in much of the country, including Colorado, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment shows that the flu is "sporadic" in the state, with eight hospitalizations reported.

As of late Tuesday afternoon, Pagosa Springs Medical Center had not had any positive flu tests, according to Webb.

SJBPH suggests that getting a flu vaccine this year is more important than ever.

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Reynolds Ash and Associates was also contracted by the county along with Nunn Construction to complete the county's new detention facility, which is now operational.

Wall pointed out that the companies' familiarity of the area and community helped in reaching the amount in the GMP proposal from

Maez also brought up his biggest concern—the contingency percentage for the project.

A contingency is an amount added to the estimated cost of con-

struction that allows for the covering of any unexpected costs throughout the duration of the project.

Ash noted that Nunn is carrying a 3 percent contingency, which is equivalent to \$137,305.

"Hopefully, we don't have to get into that," Ash said.

Ash went on to mention that a typical contingency percentage for construction projects comes in anywhere between 5 and 10 percent.

Commissioner Steve Wadley offered a few comments in regard to the project.

"It's too bad it's taken this long. It's costing the community a lot of monev right now to have so much stuff going on in La Plata County," he said.

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office has been shuttling inmates to La Plata County for court and to be housed until the new detention center is fully operational.

"The sooner we get this done, the better," Wadley said, adding, "It's the only option we have. It's not the best option, but it's the only option we have at this point."

According to Wall, the county has issued a notice of approval to start construction on the project.

He anticipated Nunn to start construction by next week.

# School

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recognizing that they needed more workforce.'

LeBlanc-Esparza explained Build Pagosa brought Tor Hessman to the table, who became a teacher to help start the program.

"I credit him for kind of gettin' it off the ground, he and Mr. O'Donnell," she said, referring to Pagosa Springs High School Principal Sean O'Donnell.

Now, she explained, there are a couple of building trades classes.

"But, you know, we're a little held back by the fact that, ... between facility and equipment, those things are really, really expensive," she said. "And it's either a bond or a really nice, advantageous grant at the right time that can make the difference."

The superintendent explained the district is looking at being able to create a cycle where students build something like alternative housing that is sellable to operate in an entrepreneurial way, which would allow the program to fund itself.

The RISE grant, she explained, allowed the district to buy state-ofthe-art equipment and materials to "really get a program going that has vision, long-range vision" and excite

Build Pagosa. "Over the last five years, Archuleta School District has worked with students, parents, local leaders, business owners and philanthropic members of the community to envision a CTE Pathways Program for Building Trades, Horticulture, Renewable & Sustainable Energy and Drafting & Design," ASD's portion of the application states. "This program

will train students in a valuable trade, provide a livable wage for emergent graduates, meet the increasing demand for skilled workers, and create a meaningful way to support the needs for local employment while providing skills that are transferable across the country if needed. Additionally, ASD intends to expand post-secondary training of our community members who are no longer attending high school to support the ongoing development of a skilled trades workforce in the county."

The application continues, "The District intends to be an educational incubator that acts as a catalyst for sustainable long-term impacts for students and its community."

LeBlanc-Esparza noted that ASD was originally going to apply on its own, but it was suggested it would be more competitive banding together since projects proposed by all of the entities in the collaborative focused on career and technical education

That and the communities' support, she noted, gave the application the competitiveness it needed for such a large award.

Also stemming from the grant will be a nonprofit comprising the collaborative's partners, LeBlanc-Esparza explained. "What's kind of really cool about

this is part of the work of this grant is to create a nonprofit. It is to actually develop a nonprofit with a board," she said.

That nonprofit board, she explained, will comprise business and industry leaders, as well as educators, including LeBlanc-Esparza.

The nonprofit will be funded for three years as a part of the grant, she added, and will help facilitate furthering CTE in the area through grants, opportunities, programming and more.

#### **About RISE funding**

The RISE funding was announced by Polis in September and, per the November press release, "supports high-needs school districts, charter schools, and public institutions of higher education to address the learning challenges related to the economic, social, and health impacts of COVID-19 in a manner that creates sustainable innovations that improve student learning, close equity gaps, and enhance operational efficiency for pre-K-12 through higher education."

"This is an exciting day for Colorado, a real opportunity to learn from the challenges that kids, families, and teachers are going through this year to double down on innovation, better serve students, and improve our schools," Polis said on Nov. 10. "We are so thrilled to be able to provide well-deserved resources to implement inspiring projects, partnerships, and ideas. As a former educational entrepreneur, I feel passionate about innovation and excellence in education and look forward to these targeted investments making a real difference for kids and families.'

Recipients were chosen by a group of parents, students and education leaders, the press release

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# Development

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that 5th Street bridge installation did default the development to sketch plan B, which did not contain that bridge," Dickhoff said. "I bring that up because that vested rights agreement does contemplate the potential or the proposed uses of that property which are more in line with the mixed-use town center zoning district and less in line with the mixed-use residential zoning district in which the property is currently zoned."

In April of 2018, town council adopted the 2018 Comprehensive Plan that includes a future zoning map as well as "areas of change" for future zoning map considerations, Dickhoff explained.

Within the areas of change summary, one section outlines that a change in zoning from MU-R to MU-TC could be due to a proposed development in a location that includes a mix of commercial and residential components and also has the interest of "expanding the downtown business core area," agenda

documentation notes. On Nov. 24, the town planning commission approved a recommendation to town council to ap-

prove Ordinance 945 to rezone the property known as the north parcel of the Springs Development to MU-TC, agenda documentation notes.

"The proposed development does align more with the MU-TC allowable uses and less with MU-R," Dickhoff said. There are approval criteria within

the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) in regard to the rezoning of properties, he added Some criteria for rezoning are that

the rezoning will promote the health and general welfare of the community, that the rezoning is consistent with the comprehensive plan and the LUDC and that "facilities and services will be available to serve the subject property while maintaining adequate levels of service to existing development," Dickhoff explained.

Through the development process, environmental and other natural elements of the property are going to be protected, Dickhoff noted.

"The impact to the surrounding properties will be minor given the zoning and the allowable uses within the Hot Springs Boulevard overlay district. Most of those uses are all going to be similar. We don't anticipate

any negative impacts in that neigh-

borhood," he said. Brad Ash of Reynolds Ash and Associates noted that the rezoning is consistent with the comprehensive plan, and future developments will also be in line with the LUDC and

comprehensive plan. "My understanding is that the ordinance that gave vested rights, that they are created by the approval of the site-specific development plan," council member Shari Pierce said. "Because we are now changing to a different use for that area, does that void the vested rights for this property and is that something that

we need to also look at?" Town Attorney Clayton Buchner noted that he would have to research to find an answer to Pierce's ques-

"In my interpretation of the vested rights agreement it did contemplate either or those concept plans and those uses. So, I think this is consistent with either of those concept plans even though we are focused on concept plan B right now based on the town's decision not to install the bridge," Dickhoff added.

The vested rights agreement expires in 2022, Dickhoff noted.



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# Fire department responds to travel trailer fire

**By Clayton Chaney** Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, Nov. 24, the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center received a call regarding a travel trailer that had caught on fire at a residence on 7th Street.

According to Capt. Kelly Robertson, Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) fire prevention director, the call was received at 3:04 a.m. and crews arrived with water on the scene by 3:14 a.m.

Robertson noted that a total of 10 firefighters arrived on the scene, some being volunteers that were not on shift but who still respond-

Robertson explained that every volunteer has a pager which relays calls received from dispatch. PFPD also uses a mobile app called Active 911 which alerts volunteers on their cellphones when a call comes in. The alert contains the location of the incident, allowing for responders to map out where they need to go.

Robertson spoke to the importance of having these systems to relay calls in order to get personnel on site as quick as possible.

"Sometimes your next door neighbor is a volunteer and on a call like that, they could be the first one's there," Robertson said.

According to Robertson, two people were staying in the trailer and were able to make it out with no injuries. Residents staying in the house on the same property were also safe from the fire. However, there was a family dog staying in the trailer that perished.

The two residents staying in the trailer reported the fire. One resident attempted to save the dog from the burning trailer while the other resident called 911, according to Robertson.

"The dog was found deceased and that was a really hard thing for everybody that was there," she said.

Robertson explained that crews initially directed water hoses in between the trailer and the house in order to prevent flames from spreading to the residence. The house was slightly scorched on one side, but no major damage was done to the residence.

"The crews did a great job at stopping the fire and not allowing the fire to extend to the residence," Robertson said.

Three fire engines, two chief vehicles and one investigation vehicle responded to the scene, according to Robertson.

Robertson explained how, fortunately, crews were able to connect to a fire hydrant that was relatively close to the scene. This allowed for the crews to initially use more water than what is carried on the

According to Robertson, crews cleared the scene by 5:07 a.m.

As part of Robertson's job, she is responsible for determining a cause for the fire. An official report has yet to be released, but Robertson commented, "I'm not feeling like it's suspicious in nature by any means."

Robertson noted that it is still an ongoing investigation.

She went on to explain some of the process she uses when determining the cause of a fire.

Robertson explained that she formulates multiple hypotheses of how the fire could've been started and, based on the evidence that's left, she attempts to disprove each hypothesis in order to rule out possible options and narrow down to an exact cause.

According to Robertson, it was reported that there was a space heater on inside the trailer.



Photo courtesy Jennifer Torrey-Segura

A travel trailer caught on fire at a residence on 7th Street on Nov. 24. Occupants of the trailer escaped the fire, but the family's dog perished in the incident.

tips regarding space heaters.

Robertson mentioned that, if using older space heaters, consider replacing them with newer ones that have updated safety features.

Robertson mentioned that many of the newer space heaters have a knock-over safety protec-

Robertson offered some safety tion that will shut the heater off if it falls over.

> Additionally, it is important not to place heaters near anything combustible and to make sure they are plugged in directly to a wall outlet and not through an extension cord.

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Of-

Calls for service over two weeks:

Nov. 16 — Domestic violence, criminal mischief, Surrey Drive.

Nov. 16 — Warrant arrest, Surrey Drive.

- Second-degree bur-

glary, criminal mischief, U.S. 160. Nov. 18 - Criminal mischief, second-degree criminal trespass, all other thefts, Hope Drive.

Nov. 20 — Warrant arrest, Toms Place.

Nov. 20 — Recklessly discharges a firearm, Toms Place.

Nov. 20 - Domestic violence, Pines Club Place.

Nov. 20 - Illegal possession or consumption of alcohol by minor, open container in motor vehicle, Great West Avenue and Winchester Drive.

Nov. 21 — Cruelty to animals-nonaggravated torture/kill, County Road 973.

Nov. 21 — Information only, County Road 202.

Nov. 22 - Marijuana open container prohibited in vehicle, careless driving, drove vehicle under the influence of alcohol, failed to drive in single lane-weaving, possession while under the influence, drove vehicle when license suspended, open container in motor vehicle, driving under restraint of alcohol/drug-related offense, U.S.

Nov. 22 — Third-degree criminal trespass, East Golf Place.

Nov. 22 - Stopped/parked/abandoned vehicle on paved portion of highway, County Road 500.

Nov. 23 — Identity theft-uses identity, Granada Drive.

Nov. 24 — Violation of restraining order, domestic violence, harassment by phone or computer, Badger Road. Nov. 24 — All other thefts, Pinion

Nov. 25 — Warrant arrest, Bienvenido Circle.

Causeway.

Nov. 26 — Domestic violence, criminal mischief, U.S. 160.

Nov. 27 — Information only, U.S. 84 and County Road 339.

Nov. 27 — Information only, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Nov. 29 — Agency assist, East Pagosa Street.

Nov. 29 - Child abuse, criminal mischief, third-degree assault-simple assault, disorderly conduct-petty, domestic violence, obstructing peace officer, Great West Avenue. Nov. 30 — Criminal mischief, Fire-

side Street. Pagosa Springs Police Depart-

Calls for service from Nov. 15-21:

Nov. 15 — Drove vehicle without valid driver license, drove vehiclewithout insurance, speeding, San

Nov. 17 - Theft. Great West Av-

Nov. 17 — Theft, Great West Avenue.

Nov. 17 — Assault, harassment, violation of restraining order, North 5th Street.

Nov. 17 — Possession/consumption of alcohol by person under 21, North 5th Street.

Nov. 18 — Failure to appear, East Pagosa Street.

Nov. 19 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, U.S. 160.

Nov. 20 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.

Nov. 20 - Theft, East Pagosa

Street. Nov. 20 — Criminal mischief, Apple

Street. 6th Judicial District Court:

Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson No report.

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

Nov. 18 — Andrea Patricia Ayala, speeding 5-9 over, total fines and costs - \$127.50.

Nov. 18 - Patrick A. Doolin, im-

proper pass, total fines and costs — \$202.50. Nov. 18 - Alvaro E. Flores, obedi-

ence to official traffic control device, total fines and costs - \$222.50.

Nov. 18 — Cheyenne E. Taylor, speeding 25-39 over limit, total fines and costs — \$276.50.

Nov. 18 — Ernest James Romero, trespass-knowingly and unlawfully enter or remain in a motor vehicle of another, resisting arrest, 12 months probation, total fines and costs -\$947.50.

Nov. 18 - Randall Joesph Rudock, driving under the influencesecond offense, 385 days jail, two years probation, 48 hours community service, 365 days jail suspended imposition, total fines and costs -\$1,343.68.

Nov. 18 — Megan Celeste Marez, marijuana cultivation, total fines and costs - \$1,057.50.

Nov. 18 — Brian Anthony Zazula, harassment-insults/strikes/shoves/ kicks, total fines and costs — \$872.50. Nov. 20 — Thomas Francis, lane usage violation, total fines and costs — \$137.50. Nov. 25 - Natosha Smith, speed-

**Archuleta County Court: Judge** 

ing 5-9 over, total fines and costs -

Jeffrey R. Wilson No report. Pagosa Springs Municipal

Court: Judge Justin P. Fay Nov. 9 — Dylan Whitlow, speeding 10-19 over prima facie limit, four points off, total fines and costs -

Nov. 9 — Edgar Arellano, failed to display turn signal, two points off, careless driving, four points off. operated vehicle without insurance, four points off, total fines and costs

- \$579. Nov. 9 — Janice Gardner, careless driving, four points off, total fines and costs - \$202.

Nov. 10 — David Boyer, obtaining control over any stolen thing of value, total fines and costs — \$435.

Nov. 10 - Elvia Lucero, animal running at large prohibited, total fines and costs - \$60.

Nov. 16 — Margaret Andrews,

made improper left turn at multi-turn intersection, three points off, total fines and costs - \$116.

Nov. 16 - Janet Rohrer, unsafe backing, two points off, total fines and costs - \$72. Nov. 16 — John Cardwell, failed to

drive in single lane, three points off, total fines and costs - \$146. Nov. 17 — Josue Salina, careless driving, four points off, total fines and

costs — \$202. Nov. 17 — Andy Anderson, left scene without providing information after striking unattended vehicle, 12 points off, unsafe backing, two points

Nov. 17 — Troy Begaye, following too closely, four points off, total fines and costs — \$146.

off, total fines and costs -

Nov. 17 - Blake Brueckner, animal running at large, total fines and costs - \$60.

Nov. 17 — Deborah Staffieri, disobeyed official traffic device, four points off, total fines and costs -\$146.

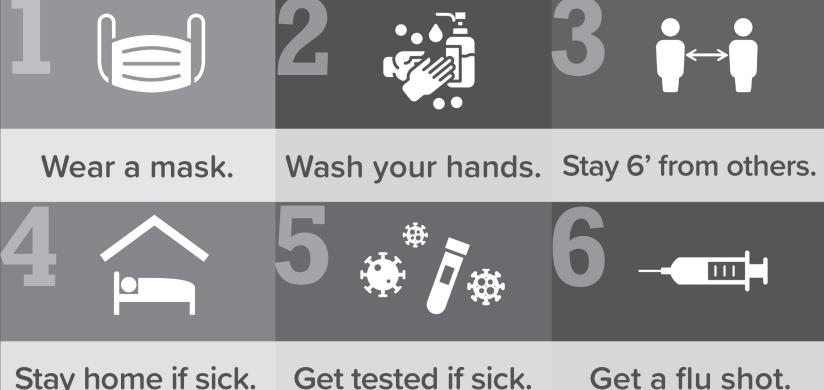
Nov. 17 — Janet Washburn, shoplifting, failure to appear, total fines and

costs — \$485.



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# County awards food coalition \$50,000 CARES Act grant

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

At a special meeting held Tuesday, Nov. 30, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners voted to approve an award of \$50,000 to the Archuleta County Food Systems/Food Equity Coali-

After splitting funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act with the Town of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County's share of the funds was approximately \$601,750.

After recently updating the projected costs of all participating entities that have received grants coming from the \$601,750, the county was left with \$50,000 to allocate to another entity, the meeting's agenda explains. In order for the funds to be used, the county is required to spend it before the end of this calendar year.

County Administrator Scott Wall presented the proposal to the

project," Wall commented.

The commissioners received a letter from Vanessa Skean of the coalition outlining possible plans of action for the use of this funding and the needs throughout the community that still need to be addressed.

The letter notes that the food coalition has been working on food relief efforts throughout the community since the beginning of the pandemic in March.

The letter goes on to state, "We believe there is still a need for food in our community due to the pandemic and would like to collaborate with the County Commissioners to use funding from the COVID Relief Fund for this purpose.'

Skean's letter also explains that the coalition purchases as much food from local businesses as possible, therefore supporting local businesses and the community with grant funding.

Wall noted during his presentation that the coalition is looking to

"I think it's a worthy and eligible use part of the funding for holiday meals.

> Skean's letter acknowledges the coalition's intent to provide "Holiday Meal Boxes for families of school children."

The meal boxes could be delivered through a partnership with a local transportation service, the letter explains.

The coalition plans to distribute holiday meal boxes through food pantries as well.

Another planned use of the funds includes a plan to provide "Prepared Holiday Meals in collaboration with local restaurants for distribution to the families of school children," Skean's letter states.

The food coalition also plans to provide prepared meals through local restaurants for households that are "receiving services from food pantries/identified through the health sector, DHS, Rise Above Violence, Aspire, and Family Resource Center," according to Skean's letter.

Other plans outlined in Skean's

"• A mobile food pantry to provide food boxes to vulnerable populations

Purchase bread from local bakers and food pantry clients

Purchase wholesale items for distribution through the food pantries including chicken, butter,

cheese, and pre-packaged frozen fish Purchase Community supported Agriculture (CSA) shares through regional growers to provide fresh produce through the food pantries.'

The meeting was held and adjourned within five minutes, with the food coalition's CARES Act funding proposal being the only item on the meeting's agenda.

Wall asked the commissioners if they had any questions about the proposal, to which Commissioner Steve Wadley said, "We're not going to have any.'

Wadley pointed out the restaurant he owns will not be financially affected by this grant to the food coalition.

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# Call lifted on Four Mile diversion

**By Clayton Chaney** Staff Writer

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Manager Justin Ramsey released a public service announcement on Monday, Nov. 30, outlining the current water levels in Pagosa Springs' lakes, diversion flows and water production in the community.

According to the press release, the call on the Four Mile diversion was lifted on Nov. 16.

The West Fork diversion flow rate is listed at 3 cubic feet per second (cfs) and the Four Mile diversion flow is listed at 2 cfs, bringing total diversion flows to 5 cfs.

In an email to The SUN, Ramsey explained that the diversion flow of 2 cfs at the Four Mile site is an approximate flow rate based on fluctuations that occur due to tem-

perature changes.

the mountains the creek freezes at night and flows drop, then during the day it melts and flows go up."

According to the press release, the Lake Forest water level saw no change from last week's report, with the current water level at 3 inches from full.

Hatcher Lake rose 2 inches from last week's report, bringing the current water level to 55 inches from full.

Stevens Lake water level also saw no change from last week's report, with the current water level remaining at 60 inches from full.

Lake Pagosa's water level remains at 12 inches from full, consistent with the last three weekly

Village Lake rose 2 inches, according to this week's report, up from last week's reading of 16 Ramsey mentioned that the inches from full. The current water

Four Mile diversion is "so high in level is listed at 14 inches from full.

Water production from Nov. 20 through Nov. 26 was listed at a total of 10.05 million gallons. The Snowball water plant contributed 2.99 million gallons and the Hatcher plant contributed 7.06 million gallons.

Last year, total water production was listed at 9.61 million gallons for those dates, with the Snowball water plant contributing 3.26 million gallons and the Hatcher water plant contributing 6.35 million gallons.

#### River report

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the San Juan River was flowing below the average rate at 45.4 cfs as of 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Based on 84 years of water records, the average flow rate for this date is 78 cfs.

The highest recorded rate for this date was in 2008 at 253 cfs. The

> of health and safety concerns for both troopers and our residents. Eliminating the need to

in terms of snow pack.

More than 20 police departments and sheriff's offices around the state have already expressed interest in testing the Digital ID with

tion and improvement. We continuously strive to find ways to better serve our customers in the pursuit of making Colorado safer and more

The acceptance of Digital ID by the CSP is the next step in the state's journey to widely adopt digital personal identification technology. More than 300 restaurants, bars, businesses and state agencies have joined the myColorado Partner Program and already accept the Colorado Digital ID.

Coloradans can securely generate their Digital ID by downloading the myColorado app to their smartphones via the App Store or Google Play. Electronic copies of vehicle registration and auto insurance cards can also be stored in the app's Digital Wallet. More information about myColorado and Colorado Digital ID is available at myColorado.gov.

#### State Patrol troopers begin accepting Colorado digital ID convenience and security with the Digital ID,"

Gov. Jared Polis' office

The Colorado State Patrol (CSP) announced that troopers will begin accepting the Colorado Digital ID within the myColorado mobile app as proof of identity, age and address for traffic stops within the state.

The contactless Digital ID, downloaded by more than 75,000 Coloradans, provides residents a secure, safe and convenient way to exchange information with troopers. Colorado is the first state in the nation to offer residents the option to electronically transmit digital identification, vehicle registration and proof of insurance to law enforcement.

As of Nov. 30, troopers across Colorado have begun to accept the Digital ID, with full adoption to be completed by Dec. 31. While the CSP is the first and only law enforcement agency accepting Digital ID, the state has been actively engaging with local police and sheriff's offices. Until full acceptance of Colorado Digital ID is available at all local and state jurisdictions, residents should always carry their physical driver's license or state identification cards wherever they go.

"These days, so many people rely on smartphones for purchases and other transactions every day and leave their wallets at home. Mobile digital identity is the way of the future and our goal is for Colorado to lead the way in

Gov. Jared Polis said. "Digital IDs on smartphones are already valid for purchasing alcohol and marijuana, and now I want to thank the Colorado State Patrol for their leadership in accepting Digital ID for traffic stops and paving the way for other local law enforcement agencies to begin accepting Digital ID, and soon allow for cross-jurisdictional use throughout Colorado."

On Oct. 30, 2019, Polis signed an executive order to authorize Digital ID as a legal form of identification in Colorado. Peace officers were exempt from the directives so that a pilot program between state law enforcement and the Office of Information Technology (OIT) could inform the development and testing of a secure solution designed to wirelessly transmit data using existing hardware and reporting systems. The innovative technology implemented today, known as the myColorado Portal, underwent a live test throughout the month of November and resulted in a 10 percent reduction in trooper processing time during a standard traffic stop.

"When we first heard of the Colorado Digital ID, we immediately recognized the benefits it could have in protecting our state troopers. Anything we can do to reduce the length of time spent on the roadside increases safety," said Col. Matthew Packard of the CSP. "The global pandemic introduces a whole new dimension handle a physical ID while on the road is one way to reduce exposure to the virus."

their equipment starting in January 2021. "At the Colorado Department of Public Safety, we are proud to be part of a culture of innova

resilient," said Colorado Department of Public Safety Executive Director Stan Hilkey.

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# Open Enrollment: Now is the time to get health insurance for 2021

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Open Enrollment for individual health insurance (meaning not from an employer) started on Nov. 1. The Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), reminds everyone that now is the time for Coloradans who are in need of health insurance to enroll in or renew coverage for 2021.

The annual open enrollment for the individual market runs from Nov. 1 through Jan. 15. If you do not get midst of the global COVID-19 pan-

your coverage from an employer or from a government program such as Medicaid or Medicare, this is the only time of the year to sign up for health insurance, unless you have a major life event during the year like losing your job and your employer coverage, having a baby, or getting married or divorced. However, to have coverage in place starting Jan. 1, enrollment must be complete by Dec. 15.

"Having health insurance is important in any year, but it is especially critical as we are still in the

demic," said Colorado Insurance Commissioner Michael Conway. "As so many have been impacted by the economic challenges of the pandemic, the chance to enroll in insurance for the coming year is key in gaining access to health care services and maintaining their health."

Conway added, "And our reinsurance program continues to help people around the state. For 2021, it will save consumers across Colorado an average of 20.8 percent over what premiums would have been without the program. That means we're making health insurance more affordable, giving more people access to

As the DOI announced in early October, people buying individual plans will see a statewide average decrease in premiums of 1.4 percent compared to 2020 premiums. But that's an average. People will see changes that are higher or lower depending on the plan, where they live and their ages. That's why it is important to take time during open enrollment to comparison shop and find the plan that's right for you one that fits your health needs and your budget.

Premiums are important, but it is critical to look at other factors. Take some time to consider deductibles, copayments and coinsurance costs, along with doctors, health conditions and how the plan covers pre-

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and find a plan that fits your needs. If you or a family member need help determining what kind of questions to ask when considering health insurance, or you just want some assistance decoding the language of a health plan, contact the Division of Insurance Consumer Services: (303)894-7490/(800)930-

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# Police seeking information on downtown burglary

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

On Nov. 22, at approximately 9:30 a.m., a Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) officer responded to a complaint of theft at The Springs Resort and Spa.

According to PSPD Chief Bill

Rockensock, it was reported that a cash drawer and cash were taken from a register in the resort.

According to Rockensock, "There was no forced entry into the

to have occurred the night before." At this time there are currently no identified suspects in the case,

was listed as a burglary in PSPD records "because of the occupied structure under Colorado law."

If anyone has any information regarding this incident, they are asked to contact the PSPD at 264-

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building and the theft is presumed

according to Rockensock. Rockensock explained that it

health care during this pandemic." Take time to find the plan that's right for you

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# Don Volger: the many sides of the mayor

By Simone Mounsamy Staff Writer

Have you met the mayor, Don Volger? Perhaps while working on the police force or while he was chief? Or maybe on the leadership team at Crossroad Christian Fellowship? Maybe he changed your entire view of what it means to be a hunter during a hunters' education class.

Volger has been a leader in many arenas of our community since he moved to Pagosa in 1973. He moved here when he was 20 years old, newly married and looking for a job, he explained in a recent phone interview. His dad was the manager at Pagosa Lodge and construction was booming in

Once he got here, he fell in love with the mountains and the people.

"It felt like home," he said. So, Volger decided to stay a

These days, Volger is active on the Pagosa Springs Town Council, having served for four consecutive terms, two as mayor. He is also active in his church and in the hunting community.

When asked why he ran for mayor, Volger's response implied that the motivation took some searching.

"Initially, Ross Aragon was mayor and I didn't intend to run against him. But when he decided not to run ... I got support, and though I didn't want to, I prayed about it and thought a lot about it, and felt like maybe it was something I was supposed to do."

Having served as mayor for seven years, Volger's second term is up next year.

"I have volunteered on some different boards," Volger said.

He volunteers with Aspire, an organization that offers low-cost and confidential medical services, parenting classes, mentoring, and free resources to both men and women.

"We still provide services," Volger said.

He is also currently on the leadership team at Crossroad

Christian Fellowship.

Shari Pierce, town council member, explained that Volger begins each council meeting with a moment of silence. She believes that this comes from his Christian background.

Hunting has been another prominent part of Volger's life. He has had more than one leadership role in the hunting community in Pagosa. Women's Outdoor Weekend was an outdoor skills course for women and was sponsored by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

"There were a lot of shooting events," Volger recalled, "with stations set up for shotguns, rifles, .22s, handguns."

Even though he was not a certified instructor for those courses, Volger noted he would usually assist in teaching handguns.

This year's Women's Outdoor Weekend was canceled due to the pandemic, and Volger added, "We'll see about next year."

Volger remains an instructor for hunters' education classes. Students can range from age 7 "all the way up to older than me," Volger said.

"When you purchase a license to hunt, hunter's ed is required," Volger said. Usually, part of the class can be completed online, while another part must be done in person.

When asked what key points are being taught in the classes, Volger replied, "We drill down on safety ... We try to spend more time on ethics and responsibility."

Volger said it's important to ask questions like: Why does one choose to hunt? Is it valuable? Is it right for you?

"We are required to teach it anyway. We don't want to just focus on the mechanics of shooting a gun," Volger said of hunters' ethics.

Volger himself identifies as more of a bowhunter, he ex-

When Volger was young he heard stories of his grandfather who was a hunter. Then, in Boy Scouts, he got to shoot a bow and



**Don Volger** 

said, speaking of his inspiration. He got into archery in college and wanted to get back into hunt-

ing when he moved to Pagosa. "It was all Tracy Bunning's fault," Volger said of how he got into teaching hunters' ed. Volger taught his first hunters' education class with Bunning in 1981.

The most rewarding part of teaching the classes is two things, Volger explained.

He said that those are "Young kids that have taken the classes who have gone on to be great hunters and outfitters ... and when light bulbs go on for older "That was the initial," Volger students and they have a renewed

appreciation for what hunting really is."

That is a deeper connection with wild places, Volger describes, and being more in touch with it in a vital way.

Volger spoke of admiration for the town throughout the inter-

"I still love the folks at Pagosa Springs so much," he said. "We have so much potential here, and it's not just the beautiful environment, the mountains, the wildlife or the type of living. It's about the people. We have some incredible people."

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The following meetings are subject Tuesday, Dec. 8 to change.

#### Thursday, Dec. 3

Archuleta County Board of County **Commissioners Underfunded** Courthouse Facility commission application presentations. 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

Dispatch Executive Management board meeting. 9:30 a.m., virtual meeting. Web address: https://us02web.zoom. us/j/7186713647, meeting ID: 718 671 3647.

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

#### Saturday, Dec. 5

San Juan Water Conservancy District work session — Strategic Plan. 5 p.m. Visit sjwcd.org 24 hours prior for Zoom information and agenda.

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

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

Education. 6 p.m. Virtual Zoom meeting. Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting and

Board of Trustees of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Firemen's Pension Fund meeting. 6:30 p.m., administration building, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

#### Wednesday, Dec. 9

**Upper San Juan Library District** board meeting. 4 p.m. Zoom meeting. Join us at https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/83398449146. Pagosa Springs Community De-

velopment Corporation regular **meeting.** 5:30 p.m. Zoom login: https://us02web.zoom.us/i/896 09739191?pwd=N2lmVWpXcG8 yVHZqeWZsSlJISktIQT09.

#### Thursday, Dec. 10

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

San Juan Water Conservancy District monthly meeting — Budget. 9 a.m. Visit sjwcd.org 24 hours prior for Zoom information and agenda.

#### Monday, Dec. 14

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting. 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 15

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

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

#### Thursday, Dec. 17

**Archuleta County Republican** Central Committee meeting. Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

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

Pagosa Springs Sanitation and **General Improvement District special board meeting.** 5 p.m. See town website for participation information.

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# Outdoors





Local outdoor enthusiast Josh Kurz stands between the Window on the left and the 13,900-foot summit of Rio Grande Pyramid on the right.

# Summiting the sentinel of the San Juans

**By Josh Kurz** Special to The SUN

I stared through The Window, the legendary 600-foot notch in the Rio Grande Pyramid's southern flank. I'd seen The Window from the highest summits in the San Juan Mountains and, over the years, I had gathered some local folklore. I'd heard that it was the site of lost Spanish treasure, it was spiritually significant to the Utes and was also prone to lightning. Fortunately, the cobalt sky was clear, but the October days were getting colder and shorter. Our journey started in the dark and unless we turned around soon it would end in the dark.

Five hours into our journey, we paused to catch our breath on a grassy, windswept bench beneath the Continental Divide. The 13,900-foot summit of Rio Grande Pyramid was within reach, but over 1,000 vertical feet of snow-covered talus towered above us. The Army Ranger-turned-colonel was quietly calculating if we had sufficient calories in our packs to reach the summit and, more importantly, get us back to the trailhead, which was over 18 miles in reverse.

A few weeks prior, the Colonel and I swapped adventure stories as we stared at the San Juan National Forest map that decorates my classroom wall. The Colonel had recently become interested in ultrarunning and had been linking together some impressive routes through the surrounding high country.

I told the Colonel that I'd always wanted to climb the Rio Grande Pyramid, but the peak had always seemed too far for a day trip. Using the small scale map, we roughly estimated a 26-mile round-trip route from the Poison Park trailhead. We knew our estimate could be wrong, but we both agreed that it was doable in a day, so we blocked out the first Saturday in October.

Lacking experience in ultrarunning, I followed the Colonel's advice and stuffed a long-sleeved shirt, gloves, a winter hat, a headlamp and lots of food into my

2-liter hydration pack. I was going to bring my water filter, but the Colonel told me it was too heavy and assured me that the giardia threat was overhyped (advice from the Army Ranger rather than the colonel).

Unlike his water source, the Colonel was picky about his caloric intake, which was a regimented 100 calories every half hour. He told me to pack 2,000 calories consisting of mostly carbohydrates and a bit of protein. The Colonel's choice of protein was lunch meat and cheese. Never in my 25-year running career had I ever consumed meat and cheese during a run, but the Colonel was the ultrarunner, so I followed his advice in essence. I decided that four precooked, cheese-filled hot dogs would be more efficient to consume than lunch meat and cheese.

At 6 a.m. sharp, two beams of light left Poison Park and descended the rocky trail into the Weminuche Valley. Since this was my first ultra run, I was curious to find out how much of the rugged, high-altitude terrain that ultrarun-

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ners actually ran. For all but elite athletes, power hiking becomes more efficient than running on steep, rocky terrain. The Colonel used his heart rate to determine when to make the run/hike transition. We ended up jogging the downhills and flat sections and power hiking the steep sections.

We gradually climbed from one



Photo courtesy Josh Kurz

Mountain climbing requires sufficient calories made up of carbohydrates and a bit of protein. This hiker recommends steering clear of cheese-filled hot dogs when venturing outdoors.

golden aspen-lined bench to another as we gained the Piedra/Pine Divide. As we descended into the Pine River Valley, I was reminded of Yellowstone. The willow-lined Pine River is a moose haven as it meanders through the broad pristine, glacial valley.

We waded the frigid Pine River and then approached a notable break in the continent's backbone. The Continental Divide leaves the imposing cliffs on either side of the valley and subtly separates the water emerging from a saturated wetland.

As we neared mile 14, we kept ur eyes out for La Vaca Creek, a tributary to the Pine, which drains the eastern side of the Rio Grande Pyramid. Shortly after crossing La Vaca Creek, we were surprised to cross a man-made irrigation ditch in the middle of the wilderness. In the early 1900s (decades before the Wilderness Act), industrious, water-thirsty San Luis Valley farmers took advantage of the breach in the Continental Divide and built several irrigation ditches, which intercept water destined for the Pacific Ocean and redirect it across the marshland and into the Rio Grande watershed and ultimately the Atlantic Ocean.

The La Vaca Valley offered us the first glimpse of the Rio Grande Pyramid and The Window as well as a majestic bull moose. Shortly thereafter, the meadow transitioned into a relentlessly steep climb covered in crusty snow. After about 15 miles, we were nearing the last remaining water source and my pack was nearly empty. I submerged my 2L hydration pack into a pristine pool emerging from a wetland. The water was cold and clear and hopefully clean.

Slowly, the trees relented and offered us a clear view of the Continental Divide, which had regained its prominence and became one with The Pyramid. At treeline, we left the trail and gained the high, windswept bench on which we pondered whether to continue to the summit.

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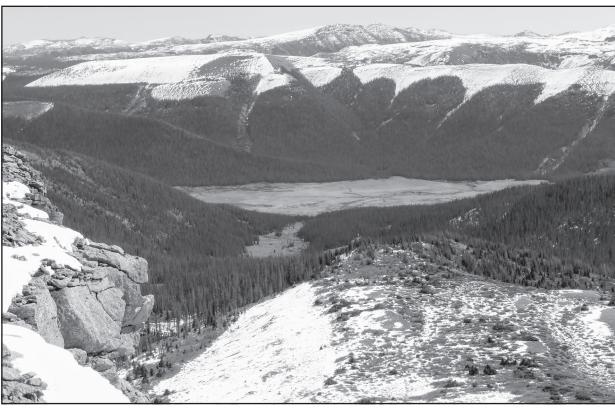
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Climbing the Rio Grande Pyramid fulfilled a longtime goal for Josh Kurz. Folklore about the pyramid includes stories of lost Spanish treasure. The pyramid was spiritually significant to the Utes. From Pagosa Springs, you can see the Rio Grande Pyramid and the Window on the horizon if you're traveling toward town on U.S. 84 just before you reach Echo Lake. Another good spot to see it is from North Pagosa Boulevard as you're traveling north near the fire station. You can also see it along Piedra Road near the Ant Hill and also from Deb's School House.



The Pyramid was nearly 5 miles further than we had estimated. If we turned around now, it would be a 10hour, 37-mile day. Even though the summit was less than a mile away, it would be slow scrambling across the sea of snow-covered talus.

As I choked down my second cold, cheese-filled hot dog, the Colonel concluded that calories were our limiting factor. We had warm clothes, headlamps and plenty of stream water to get us back, but we had only packed enough calories for 10 hours, rather than 12. After coming so close, it was disappointing to turn around, but the Colonel hadn't become a colonel by exhibiting poor judgment. After all, winter had arrived in the center of Colorado's largest wilderness and we were as far as you can get from civilization in our state.

The downhill miles passed quickly but were not without pain. My joints weren't accustomed to so many miles of continuous pounding and I'd developed a piercing pain in my right foot that screamed with every step. As we plunged across the Pine River, it was daunting to realize that we still had over a half marathon to go. With about 5 miles remaining, either the cumulative exertion or the cheesy hot dogs (or some combination of both) wreaked havoc on my digestive system. I interrupted our steady pace with multiple pit stops that quickly depleted my small supply of TP. Fortunately, the Colonel offered a relatively sizable TP stash and some extra calories that were easier on my intestines.

As we neared the familiar Weminuche Valley, we dropped into the shadows as the sun sank behind the western ridge. We would need to keep pace with the receding rays as they climbed the imposing 600-foot hillside that separated us from the trailhead.

As we began the cruel 2-mile I found the Colonel unsympatheti-

Space Force.

Silas and I successfully summited the Pyramid from the Poison Park trailhead, but we dropped a car at the Rio Grande Reservoir the day before, which allowed us to do a 30-mile point-to-point run instead of the 37mile out-and-back option that Jesse and I did. After coming so close the first time, it was rewarding to finally stand atop the Sentinel of the San Juans and enjoy the sweeping views of familiar summits in all directions.

While it's not the most technical peak in the San Juans, it's one of the most remote and recognizable. If you're ever enticed to climb the Rio Grande Pyramid, be sure to bring a water filter and steer clear of cheesefilled hot dogs.

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climb to the trailhead, I entered survival mode while the Colonel appeared energized by the extra suffering. The last mile felt like 10 and as I stumbled into the parking lot, cally smirking at my exhausted state. Based on my incoherent condition and the waning light, the Colonel had made the right call to turn around. Fortunately, the Pyramid would patiently await another at-

This past August (six years after the unsuccessful summit attempt), I invited Col. Jesse Morehouse to join Silas Thompson and me on another summit attempt. Unfortunately, Jesse couldn't make the trip because he was serving with the United States

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#### **Turkey Springs Vegetation Management Project proposed**

By Esther Godson Forest Service

The San Juan National Forest's Pagosa Ranger District is in the pre-scoping phase of the proposed Turkey Springs Vegetation Management Project. The proposed project area is west of Pagosa Springs and west of Pagosa Lakes in Archuleta

This is a high-priority area due to the dense population, high recreation use and important wildlife habitat. Proposed treatments include fuels reduction and vegetation management activities such as thinning, mowing, mastication and tree harvests.

The proposed project area encompasses approximately 23,580 acres. Most of the area has been significantly removed from its natural fire regime. The need for the proposed project is to reduce or rearrange fuels to facilitate safe and effective wildland fire management; promote forest structure and composition that provides resilience to disturbances such as wildfire and drought; promote conditions that provide for long-term wildlife habitat sustainability; and provide wood products for both commercial and noncommercial uses. These activities would improve the forest ecosystem, moving it closer to desired conditions outlined in the 2013 San Juan National Forest Land Resource Management

This is an opportunity to be added to the mailing list as the proposed project enters the planning and analysis process. If you are interested in being added to the project mailing list, please email sara.brinton@usda.gov. Project information and maps can be found on the project Web page: http://www.fs.usda.gov/ project/?project=59146. Public input and comments will be requested once the Pagosa Ranger District begins scoping, anticipated in mid-December.

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

# ▲Public Notices

**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION** CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2020-006

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Marie Sawyer Original Beneficiary(ies) Stephen Plyler Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Stephen Plyler

Date of Deed of Trust July 08, 2014 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust July 09, 2014 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21403765

Original Principal Amount \$335,696.95 Outstanding Principal Balance \$259,758.29 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby

notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

See attached legal description **EXHIBIT A** 

A tract of land in the SW1/4 of section 26, Township 35 North, Range 2-1/2 West, Archuleta County, Colorado being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 26: Thence North 88° 18' 46" East along the East-West mid-section line of said Section 26, a distance of 1303.60 feet to the Northwest corner of said

Thence South 02° 03' 41" East along the West line of said NE1/4SW1/4, a distance of 449.77 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING:

Thence South 79° 43' 17" East, a distance of 84.01 feet to a 5/8" rebar and cap, marked L.S. 5840, being at the corner of two fences running North and West Thence South 78° 39' 53" East, a distance of 192.48

Thence South 60° 08' 53" East, a distance of 300.90

Thence South 02° 03' 41" East parallel with said West line of the NE1/4SW1/4, a distance of 278.38 feet Thence South 87° 56' 19" West, a distance of 524.73

feet to the said West line Thence North 02° 03' 41" West, along said West line, a distance of 500.00 feet to the TRUE POINT

LESS AND EXCEPT any portion thereof lying or being within the parcel described in deed recorded December 4, 1985 as Reception No. 135742. TRACT II:

A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 of Section 26, Township 35 North, Range 2-1/2 West, N.M.P.M., Archuleta County, Colorado, which parcel is more particularly described by metes and bounds as

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of the parce herein described, a point on the east line of said SW1/4 of Section 26, whence the Southeast corne of said SW1/4 of Section 26, a properly marked aluminum cap on a 2-1/2 inch diameter pipe (LS 20691), bears South 00°47' 14" East, 601.50 feet

Thence South 89° 54' 33" West, 1747,10 feet to the Southwest corner of the parcel herein described; Thence North 01° 28' 38" West, 706.84 feet to the Northwest corner of the parcel herein described, a point on the south boundary of that certain tract

of land described in Book 150 at Page 273 of the records in the office of the Archuleta County Clerk Thence North 89° 37' 13" East, 450.00 feet along said south boundary, Book 150 at Page 273, to the

southeast corner thereof; Thence North 00° 47' 08" West, 348.50 feet along the east boundary of said tract described in Book 150 at Page 273 to the southwest corner of that certain

tract of land described under Reception No. 145314 of the records in said office. Thence North 89°12' 52" East, 524.73 feet along the

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of beginning.
LESS AND EXCEPT that certain tract of land described in Book 174 at Page 221 of the records in the office of the Archuleta County Clerk and

TOGETHER WITH, a non-exclusive easement for the purposes of ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of utility transmission lines, which easement is located in the SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 26, Township 35 North, Range 2-1/2 West, N.M.P.M., Archuleta County, Colorado, and which easement is a strip of land 60.00 feet in width, being 30.00 feet wide on each side of the following de

BEGINNING at the southwesterly end-center of the strip herein described, a point on the northerly easement limit for Archuleta County Road No. 139 whence the South 1/4 corner of said Section 26 bears South 80°46' 30" East, 1062.58 feet distant,

Thence North 02° 54' 09" West, 96.19 feet: having a radius of 220.00 feet, the long chord of which curve bears North 10°30' 23" East, 113.41 feet;

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It is the intent of the above and foregoing to described a continuous strip of land 60.00 feet in width, the side lines of which strip are lengthened or shortened to close upon the northerly eas

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NOTICE OF SALE
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Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Daniel L Fiedler #47916

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recorded July 15, 1980 in Book 174 at Page 221. known as No. 1251 County Road 139, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 together with all its appurtenances (Property) Also known by street and number as: 1251 County

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Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado By: /s/ Elsa P. White. Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Daniel L Fiedler #47916

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Christopher Lee Griffin, Deceased

Case No. 20PR30021 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal epresentative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before March 16, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.

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Case No. 20PR18 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 March 25, 2021, or the claims may

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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: EMILY BERRY 905 CEDAR SPRINGS TERRACE ARLINGTON, TX 76010 LUTHER H. BERRY 905 CEDAR SPRINGS TERRACE

ARLINGTON, TX 76010 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at MICHAEL J CAREY

the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 14 OF BLOCK 10 IN AMENDED ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE

15, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74503.

Account Number: R002642 Schedule Number: 569302102009 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03676 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to MICHAEL J CAREY That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed ainst said property for the year 2015

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of EMILY BERRY and LUTHER H. BERRY That said MICHAEL J CAREY on the 28th day of September 2020, 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 MICHAEL J CAREY On the 31st day of March 2021, unless the same has

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

Witness my hand this 30th day of October 2020 Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

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AND 2021 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION

rsuant to Section 29-1-106 and Section 29-1-109, NOTICE is hereby given that the 2020 Draft Supplemental Budget and 2021 Proposed Budget have been submitted to the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Board of Health. These budgets will be considered at a public hearing which will take place during the ular meeting of the Board of Health on Dece 10, 2020 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Agendas and meeting information are available at sibpublichealth. 2021 Proposed budgets are available for inspection at sjbpublichealth.org/ reportsandbudgets. Anyone within the Health District (La Plata County and Archuleta County, CO) may provide comment to SJBPH at any

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to the adoption of the budget

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:

J B SMITH 43 SCRATCH COURT PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at

of Archuleta County, .
public tax lien sale to
BILL BERKE the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 252 IN PAGOSA IN THE PINES UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD FEBRUARY 7, 1972 AS RECEPTION NO.

75408. Account Number: R008228 Schedule Number: 569917108037 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04209 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BILL BERKE
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent

property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of J B SMITH for said year 2016. That said BILL BERKE on the 27th day of October 2020, 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 On the 7th day of April 2021, unless the same has been

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Witness my hand this 3rd day of November 2020

/s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published November 26, December 3 and 10, 2020 in

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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:

RICHARD COTO 871 S. ALESSANDRO ST HEMET. CA 92543-7069 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at CB INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS, LLC

the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 227 IN LAKE HATCHER PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD NOVEMBER 5, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 78738. Account Number: R001732

Schedule Number: 558336203045

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04027 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to CB INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS, LLC That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of RICHARD COTO for said year 2016. That said CB INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS, LLC on the 19th day of October 2020, 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 CB INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS, LLC On the 31st day of March 2021, unless the sa

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any

Witness my hand this 18th day of November 2020 Elsa P White. Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published November 26, December 3 and 10, 2020 in

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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: Entrust of Colorado Inc dba End-Ira, Inc FBO Daniel

J Spark IRA 1070 W CENTURY DR, STE 101 LOUISVILLE, CO 80027 Entrust of Colorado Inc dba End-Ira, Inc FBO Daniel J Spark

IRA 1300 PLAZA COURT NORTH, STE 103

LAFAYETTE, CO 80026 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer public tax lien sale to

**BILL BERKE** the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 460 AND 461, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885

Account Number: R004216 Schedule Number: 569524404021 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04207 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BILL BERKE That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquer property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in

the name(s) of Entrust of Colorado Inc dba End-Ira, Inc FBO Daniel J Spark IRA for said year 2016. That said BILL BERKE on the 27th day of October 2020 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 BILL BERKE On the 7th day of April 2021, unless the same has been

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any Witness my hand this 3rd day of November 2020

Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published November 26, December 3 and 10, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

/s/ Elsa P White

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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:

FBO Szach Jerri A IRA 20860 N TATUM BLVD # 240 PHOENIX, AZ 85050 FBO

Szach Jerri A IRA 5055 E. CALLE CHUECA TUCSON, AZ 85718 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at

public tax lien sale to BILL BERKE the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta. State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOTS 194 AND 195, 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: B004476

Schedule Number: 569525110006 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04208 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BILL BERKE That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Entrust Arizona Retirement Plan

Administration LLC FBO Szach Jerri A IRA for said That said BILL BERKE on the 27th day of October 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to BILL BERKE On the 7th day of April 2021, unless the same has been

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Witness my hand this 3rd day of November 2020

Elsa P White. Treasurer of Archuleta County. Colorado

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

P O BOX 3374 TELLURIDE, CO 81435
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

BILL BERKE the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 313 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971

AS RECEPTION NO. 74884. Account Number: R009996 Schedule Number: 569919320029 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04214 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BILL BERKE

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of CALUM R MCNEIL for said year 2016. That said BILL BERKE on the 27th day of October 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed

On the 7th day of April 2021, unless the same has been Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property

to said property:

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time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Witness mv hand this 3rd day of November 2020 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

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AULD KENNETH V 25236 CLEMANS LANE LAKE FORREST, CA 92630-4103 LUCILLE L AULD 25236 CLEMANS LANE LAKE FORREST, CA 92630-4103 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the

It May Concern, and more especially to:

2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to BILL BERKE the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 378 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971

AS RECEPTION NO. 74884

Account Number: R010079

AULD for said year 2016. That said BILL BERKE on the 27th day of October 2020. the present holder of said certificate (who) has made

request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to BILL BERKE

On the 7th day of April 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.

time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 4th day of November 2020

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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

CRAYS LLC 46 SOUTH LINCOLN STREET DENVER, CO 80209 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasure of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at

the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta. State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 501, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD SEPTEMBER

13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885.

Account Number: R010021

against said property for the year 2016

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of CRAYS LLC for said year 2016. That said BILL BERKE on the 27th day of October 2020. the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to BILL BERKE On the 7th day of April 2021, unless the same has been

Witness my hand this 3rd day of November 2020 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

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LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 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: CRAYS LLC 46 SOUTH LINCOLN STREET DENVER, CO 80209 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the

public tax lien sale to BILL BERKE the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Account Number: R010022 Schedule Number: 569919339023 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04216 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BILL BERKE

That said real estate was taxed or specially asset the name(s) of CRAYS LLC for said year 2016. That said BILL BERKE on the 27th day of October 2020. the present holder of said certificate (who) has made

On the 7th day of April 2021, unless the same has been

Published November 26, December 3 and 10, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN.* **PUBLIC HEARING** The Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday December 17, 2020 at 5:00 n m, by remote participation through Zoom to amend the 2020 approved budget for the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District. Copies of the proposed budget amendments are available for public inspection on the Town website and in

the office of the Town Clerk in the Town Hall. Published December 3, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs* PUBLIC HEARING The Town of Pagosa Springs Town Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday December 17, 2020 at 5:00

Published December 3, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs 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 Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc. Plaintiff

Barbara L Betz Trustee of the Barbara L Betz Trust Dated September 5, 1991, et al. Case No.: 2020CV30080

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):

Barbara L Betz, Trustee of the Barbara L Betz Trust Dated September 5, 1991 H. Herbert Weldon Norma Weldon Richard M Giles Elizabeth Anding Magnolia Leolani Clay

Joe Gene Autry Helen Ann Garne Lance Palermo Bruce Jones Melvin E Carroll Donna M Carroll Samuel E Heizer Nancy M Heizer Constance J Petersen Ralph A Wicklin Charlotte C Wicklin Randall E Duncan Edward Braaten Norman L Gilbreath Kathryn May William J Hicks Peggy G May Kenneth C May Larry E Benzel

Marilyn Benzel

Andrew P Lenker

Tom H Lee

Lois D Lee

Kathleen Autry

Glenn Russell Bear Morgan Yvonne Bear Timothy E Stufflebear Pamela F Stufflebeam Robert W Foxwell Richard I Quincy Diana M Quincy Bill L Klinkhammer Laurie I Klinkhamme Debbie T Reynolds Judith A Matlock Joann E Goldsmith Edgar Kock Donna Marie Windham

Daryl Templeton

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appea 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 you 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 inst 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) located at Masters Place Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, 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: December 3, 2020 Last Publication: December 31, 2020 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Attv. Reg. No.: 51651 Published December 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2020 in *The* 

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

Owner's Association, Inc., James T Umbarger, et al

Case No.: 2020CV30018 COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

Sheriff Sale 2020-11 This is to advise you that a Sheriff's sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order recorded on January 6, 1989, and C.R.S. § 38-38-101. This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condomi recorded on July 29, 1983 in Book 200, page 834 Reception No. 160495, as amended and supp from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and

Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered July 9, 2020, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereo

Owner(s) PAGOSA TIMESHARE LLC PHILLIP A THOMPSO JOHN H ODELL KATHRYN M ODELL LYNN ROGER YOUNG III DANIEL GOLDBERG ADAM CHRISTOPHER HEAPHY

T & T TRANSPORTS INC

Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495 Book 239, Page 2, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Village Pointe Property Owners Asso

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium and

Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment o attorneys' fees and costs. Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651

700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

Association Assessments Due to: Village Pointe Propert Owners Association, Inc. Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare est being conducted pursuant to the power of sa granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED

HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION. The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and navable

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 1 o'clock P.M., on Friday, January 29, 2021, Sale Number 2020-11 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will

deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication: 12/03/2020

Last Publication: 12/31/2020 Name of Publication: Pagosa Springs Sun NOTICE OF RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

IS ATTACHED HERETO.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN \$38 -103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444) THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:

Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for Archuleta County,85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs,

Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Lorena Medina, Office Manager Exhibit A Village Pointe Condominiums PHASE I Amount Property Owner: PAGOSA TIMESHARE LLC

Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$307.09 Attorney's Fee: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,669.37

■ See Public Notices A15

Betty M O'Rourke Dennis E O'Rourke Springs, CO 81147 (970) 507-8528 Schedule Number: 569919418032

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04217 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of ase therefore to BILL BERKE

against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed n the name(s) of AULD, KENNETH V and LUCILLE L

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent

property(and special assessment) taxes assessed

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any

/s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom

public tax lien sale to BILL BERKE

Schedule Number: 569919339022
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04215 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BILL BERKE That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any

The Pagosa Springs SUN. NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of

2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at LOT 502, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD SEPTEMBER

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016

request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property

time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Witness my hand this 3rd day of November 2020 Elsa P White. Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

p.m. by remote participation through Zoom to amend the 2020 approved budget for the Town of Pagosa Springs. Copies of the proposed budget amendments are available for public inspection on the Town website and in the office of the Town Clerk in the Town Hall.

Attorney for Plaintiff: Christopher B. Conley ALSO BE EXTENDED. THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A

COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed October 28, 2020\_ Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Lorena Medina

Unit Number: 7507 Building Number: 2 Unit Week Number: Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68 Interest: \$182.60

real estate.

Late Fees: \$25.00

#### ■ Continued from A14

Building Number: 1 Unit Week Number: 50 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68 Interest: \$182.60 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$307.09 Attorney's Fee: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,669.37 Property Owner: JOHN H ODELL and KATHRYN M

Unit Number: 7503 Building Number: 1 Unit Week Number: 7 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68 Interest: \$182.60 Costs: \$307.09 Attorney's Fee: \$1,000.00

Total: \$3,669.37 in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County Colorado, that property on which is located two (2) twostory buildings containing four units per building, which are designated, respectively, as Building 1, Units 7501, 7502, 7503 and 7504; and Building 2, Units 7505, 7506 7507, and 7508 as per Plat File No. 331 A-E, Reception No. 0168713, and which are subject to that certain Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership dated December 30, 1988, recorded January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 0160495, Book 239, Page 2 and Second Amendment to Declaration of Condominium and Interval
Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums recorded January 16, 1990, at Reception No. 0168714, Book 280, Page 213, with the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, at such time

as the final as-built plat has been recorded.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Village Pointe Condominiums PHASE II Matter Amount Property Owner: LYNN ROGER YOUNG III

Unit Number: 7514 Building Number: 4 Unit Week Number: 42 Interest: \$198.18 Late Fees: \$50.00

Costs: 307.09 Attorney's Fee: \$1,000.00

in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase II recorded in Plat File No. 332-332A-E, under Reception No. 171189 in the Office of the County
Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to the First Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase I recorded May 3, 1990, Reception No. 171190, Book 292, Page 242, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. The property has located upon it two buildings described as Building 3, containing four units designated, respectively, as Units 7509, 7510, 7511 and 7512; and Building 4 contains four units designated, respectively, as Units 7513, 7514, 7515, 7516.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Village Pointe Condominiums PHASE III

Property Owner: DANIEL GOLDBERG and ABBY GOLDBERG Unit Number: 7521 Building Number: 5 Unit Week Number: 10 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68 Interest: \$182.60 Costs: \$307.09

Attorney's Fee: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,669.37 Property Owner: ADAM CHRISTOPHER HEAPHY Unit Number: 7520 Building Number: 5

Unit Week Number: 21 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68 Interest: \$182.60 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$307.09 Attorney's Fee: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,669.37

Property Owner: T & T TRANSPORTS INC Unit Number: 7530 Building Number: 6 Unit Week Number: 41 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68 Interest: \$182.60 Costs: \$307.09

Attornev's Fee: \$1,000,00

Total: \$3,669.37

in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase III as recorded in Plat Filed No. 238A-F under Reception No. 179324 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration and Third Amendment to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums
Phase III recorded November 21, 1990, Reception No.

176323, Book 315, Page 350. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

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

Eagle's Loft Property Owner's Association, Inc.,

Karl Stauffer, et al Case No.: 2019CV30095 COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM Sheriff Sale No. 2020-12 This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as

amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered June 30, 2020, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without

limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):

Karl Stauffer Fabiana Stauffer Kenneth Sallee Mary E Sallee Charles E Rousenberg Jr. Walter Edward Randolph Scott Latoya Mlete Buffman

DECLARATION

Margaret E James, Trustee of the James Living Trust Agreement dated April 14, 1994
Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-totime, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for

Archuleta County, Colorado. Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association,

Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

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

Owners Association, Inc. Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale

granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado

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

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 2 o'clock P.M., on Friday, January 29, 2021, Sale Number 2020-12 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication: 12/03/2020

Last Publication: 12/31/2020 Name of Publication: Pagosa Springs Sun NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st

Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for Archuleta County, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed October 28, 2020.

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

Exhibit A Phase I of Eagle's Loft Property Owner: Karl Stauffer And Fabiana Stauffer Building Number: 1 Lot (Unit) Number: 1

Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 50 Unpaid Assessments: \$4,245.69 Interest: \$1,557.10 Late Fees: \$100.00 Costs: \$456.78 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$7,359.57 Property Owner: Kenneth Sallee And Mary E Sallee

Building Number: 1 Lot (Unit) Number: 1 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 42 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,567.42 Interest: \$398.36 Late Fees: \$25.00

Costs: \$456.78

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,447.56
in Phase I of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 117699 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and as further described in that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership of Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta

County, Colorado (the "Declarations"). Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described Phase II of Eagle's Loft

Matter Amount Property Owner: Charles E Rousenberg Jr Building Number: 10 Lot (Unit) Number: 10

Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 50 in Phase II of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 119118 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to

that First Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on October 7, 1983, in Book 203, Page 564, Reception No. 119119, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations"). Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described Unpaid Assessments: \$2,635.69

Interest: \$420.02 Costs: \$456.78 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$4,537.49 Phase III of Eagle's Loft Matter Amount

Property Owner: Walter Edward Randolph Scott And Latoya Mlete Buffman Building Number: 28 Lot (Linit) Number: 28 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 51 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,499.15

Interest: \$376.89 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$456.78 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$4.357.82

in Phase III of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 130203 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/ or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on May 30, 1984, under Reception No. 123459, as amended by that First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 13, 1984, Reception No. 124494, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the

"Declarations"). Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft ownhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described

Phase IV of Eagle's Loft Matter Amount
Property Owner: MARGARET E JAMES, TRUSTEE
of the JAMES LIVING TRUST under Trust Agreement dated April 14, 1994

Building Number: 46 Lot (Unit) Number: 46 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 16 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,635.69 Interest: \$420.02 Late Fees: \$25.00

Costs: \$456.78

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$4,537.49 in Phase IV of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/ or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta

County, Colorado (the "Declarations").
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described

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Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148

Tel. 970.264.2400 Ptarmigan Property Owner's Association, Inc.,

Suzanne Quintana A/K/A Sanford, et al Case No.: 2020CV30008
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

Sheriff Sale No. 2020-10 This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered June 30, 2020, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):

Suzanne Quintana A/K/A Sanford McQuiddy Communications and Energy, Inc. Ross G Durbin Blowers Wholesale Products, LLC Nustret Hajrulla Manushaqe Hajrulla Mark A Collier Sandra Collier

Bonnie J Dakan John H Wiesner Donald E Jett Donna Kassel Jett Deborah L Settler

Kathleen J Powers, Trustee of the Powers Living Trust, dated July 16, 2001 mantha R Powers, Trustee of the Powers Living Trust, dated July 16, 2001

Kim F Robinson Shirley A Robinson Ila Nell Holden Barbara Vincent J.F. Vincent

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado,

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Ptarmigan Property Owners Association,

Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs. Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

Association Assessments Due to: Ptarmigan Property Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code,

and the Colorado Common Ownership Act THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 11 o'clock A.M., on Friday, January 29, 2021, Sale Number 2020-10 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of

Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication: 12/03/2020 Last Publication: 12/31/2020 Name of Publication: Pagosa Springs Sun

NOTICE OF RIGHTS
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IS ATTACHED HERETO.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

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The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:

Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed October 28, 2020. Rich Valdez, Sheriff,

Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager Exhibit A Ptarmigan Townhouses - PHASE I

Matter Amount
Property Owner: Suzanne Quintana A/K/A Sanford Unit Number: 7206 Building Number: 3 Unit Week Number: 52

Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93 Interest: \$263.37 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$350.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$4,026.07
Property Owner: McQuiddy Communications and

Energy, Inc. Unit Number: 7207 Building Number: 4 Unit Week Number: 52 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,083.53 Interest: \$203.19 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$350.77

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,687.49 Property Owner: Mark A Collier and Sandra Collier Unit Number: 7203

Building Number: 2 Unit Week Number: 22 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00 Interest: \$205.48 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$350.77

Unit Week Number: 36

Late Fees: \$50.00

Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93 Interest: \$263.37

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,706.25 in that property which is described as Parcel 'E'-Ptarmigan Townhouses as recorded in Plat Sheet No. 324 & 324A under Reception No. 153256, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of

Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded February 4, 1988, under Reception No. 153260 and re-recorded on February 18, 1988 under Reception No. 153557 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners

of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Ptarmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described Ptarmigan Townhouses – PHASE II Matter Amount
Property Owners: Ross G Durbin Unit Number: 7214 Building Number: 007B

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$4,026.07 Property Owners: Bonnie J Dakan and John H Wiesner Unit Number: 7212 Building Number: 6 Unit Week Number: 22 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00 Interest: \$205.48 Late Fees: \$25.00

Total: \$2,705.25 Property Owners: Donald E Jett and Donna Kassel Jett Unit Number: 7212 Building Number: 6 Unit Week Number: 31 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00 erest: \$205.48 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$350.77

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Costs: \$350.77

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,706.25 in that property on which is located four (4) one-story buildings containing two (2) one-level townhouses units per building which are designated, respectively as Building No. 5, Units 7209 and 7210; Building No. 6, Units 7211 and 7212; Building No. 7, Units 7213 and 7214; and Building No. 8, Units 7215 and 7216 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 325 under Reception No. 156199, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain First Supplemental Declaration to Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156200, Book 219, Page 33-38, in the Office of the County Clerk and

Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Ptarmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate

Ptarmigan Townhouses – PHASE III
Matter Amount Property Owners: Blowers Wholesale Products, LLC Unit Number: 7222 Building Number: 11 Unit Week Number: 41 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93 Interest: \$263.37 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$350.77

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$4,026.07 in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per

building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded on June 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder

for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Ptarmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Ptarmigan Townhouses – PHASE IV

Matter Amount Property Owners: Nustret Hajrulla and Manushaqe

Hajrulla Unit Number: 7223 Building Number: 12 Unit Week Number: 33 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93 Interest: \$263.37 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$350.77 Attornev's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$4,026.07 Property Owners: Deborah L Settler, Kathleen J Powers Trustee of the Powers Living Trust, dated July 16, 2001 and Samantha R Powers, Trustee of the Powers Living Trust, dated July 16, 2001

Unit Number: 7226 Building Number: 13 Unit Week Number: 4 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00 Interest: \$221.12 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$350.77

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,721.89 Property Owners: Kim F Robinson and Shirley Robinson Unit Number: 7227 Building Number: 14

Unit Week Number: 15 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00 Interest: \$205.48 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$350.77

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,706.25 in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units

per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 12, Units 7223 and 7224; Building No. 13, Units 7225 and 7226; and Building No. 14, Units 7227 and 7228 as per plat recorded on November 3, 1988, in Plat Map No. 327 under Reception No. 159241, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and further subject to that certain Third Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded on November 2, 1988, under Reception No. 159242, in Record Book 233, Page 171 and rerecorded on November 21, 1988, under Reception No. 0159517 in Record Book 234, Page 283, in the

Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Ptarmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Ptarmigan Townhouses - PHASE V

Matter Amount
Property Owners: Ila Nell Holden Unit Number: 7229 Building Number: 15 Unit Week Number: 42 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00 Interest: \$205.48 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$350.77

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2706.25
Property Owners: Barbara Vincent and J.F. Vincent Unit Number: 7230 Building Number: 15 Unit Week Number: 44 Unpaid Asmts: \$795.95 Interest: \$145.31 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$350.77

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2.317.03 in that parcel of land being a portion of Parcel D, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded under Reception No. 139304, Plat Filed 314A-C, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, on which is located one building containing two, one level townhouse units designated, respectively, as Building 15, Units 7229 and 7230 described as Ptarmigan Phase V as recorded in Plat File No. 341, under Reception No. 179510 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to that Fourth Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded May 22, 1991, Reception No. 179511, Book 331, Page 164 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Ptarmigan Townhouses in that percentage

interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel. 970.264.2400 Eagle's Loft Property Owner's Association, Inc.,

Thomas J Chiffelle, et al

Case No.: 2020CV30006

COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF
TIMESHARE INTEREST
AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM Sheriff Sale No. 2020-09

This is to advise you that a Sheriff's sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order dated June 30, 2020, and C.R.S. § 38-38-101. This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Individual and/ or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and

Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered July 23, 2020, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without

limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s): THOMAS J CHIFFELLE MARIANNE T CHIFFELLE MARINA BAY & MIDLER SERVICES, LLC BMA SERVICES LLC D L FROEHLICH G M FROEHLICH WALTER DARRELL FROEHLICH AZTEC INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISES, INC.
JOHN E GASPER, Co-trustee of the Gasper Revocable Trust under date of May 25, 2006
MARGARET H GASPER, Co-trustee of the Gasper Revocable Trust under date of May 25, 2006 F MULERO ENTERPRISES LLC LAURA A SLOVASKY YOLANDE K BESTGEN PERCY W SCARBOROUGH ALTHEA SCARBOROUGH LEROY F BUCK PIERO OSSANI JIMMY A PRESSLY CHRIS PRESSLY RODERICK FRULAND JUDITH M FRULAND

PATRICIA A HAMMOND SCOTT E MCVICKER Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-totime, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the

Declaration: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Association Assessments Due to: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc. Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"

Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY

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By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager Exhibit A Phase I of Eagle's Loft Matter Amount Property Owner: Thomas J Chiffelle and Marianne T Chiffelle Building Number: 5 Lot (Unit) Number: 5 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 38

Unpaid Asmts: \$1,671.67 Interest: \$134.31 Late Fees: \$25.00 Cost: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,078.75
Property Owner: Marina Bay & Midler Services, LLC Building Number: 4 Lot (Unit) Number: 4 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 20 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,635.69 Interest: \$461.12 Late Fees: \$25.00 Cost: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$4,369.58
Property Owner: Percy W Scarborough and Althea Scarborough Building Number: 6 Lot (Unit) Number: 6 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 52 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69 Interest: \$159.72 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,243.18 in Phase I of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 117699 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and as further

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Phase II of Eagle's Loft Matter Amount Property Owner: BMA Services LLC Building Number: 12 Lot (Unit) Number: 12 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 40 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,585,69 Interest: \$442.86 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$4.301.32 Property Owner: Leroy F Buck

Lot (Unit) Number: 10 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 42 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,590.88 nterest: \$128.47 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2.992.12 Property Owner: Piero Ossani

Building Number: 10

Building Number: 8 Lot (Unit) Number: 8 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 12 Unpaid Asmts: \$1.810.69 Interest: \$159.72 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$3,243,18 in Phase II of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 119118 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that First Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on October 7, 1983, in Book 203, Page 564, Reception No. 119119, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations"). Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described

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Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,078.75 Property Owner: D L Froehlich, G M Froehlich and Walter Darrell Froehlich

Building Number: 21 Lot (Unit) Number: 21 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 41 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69 Interest: \$159.72 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,243.18

Property Owner: Aztec International Enterprises, Inc. Building Number: 38 Lot (Unit) Number: 38 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 24 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69

Interest: \$159.72 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,243.18 Property Owner: John E Gasper and Margaret H Gasper Co-Trustees of the Gasper Revocable Trust under date

of May 25, 2006 Building Number: 34 Lot (Unit) Number: 34 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 27 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69 Interest: \$159.72 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,243.18 Property Owner: F Mulero Enterprises LLC Building Number: 37 Lot (Unit) Number: 37 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 2 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69 Interest: \$159.72

Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,243.18 Property Owner: Aztec International Enterprises, Inc.

Building Number: 15 Lot (Unit) Number: 15 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 34 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69 Interest: \$159.72 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,243.18 Property Owner: BMA Services LLC Building Number: 31 Lot (Unit) Number: 31 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 14 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,635.69 Interest: \$461.12

Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$4,369.58

Property Owner: Jimmy A Pressly and Chris Pressly Building Number: 32 Lot (Unit) Number: 32 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 33 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,505.93 Interest: \$111.65 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

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Matter Amount
Property Owner: Marina Bay and Midler Services, LLC Building Number: 43 Lot (Unit) Number: 43 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 37 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69 Interest: \$159.72

Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,243.18-Property Owner: Laura A Slovasky Building Number: 56 Lot (Unit) Number: 56 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 7 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69 Interest: \$159.72 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,243.18 Property Owner: Yolande K Bestger Building Number: 49 Lot (Unit) Number: 49 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 22

Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69 Interest: \$159.72 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,243.18-Property Owner: Roderick Fruland and Judith M Fruland

Building Number: 43 Lot (Unit) Number: 43 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 29 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.67 Interest: \$159.72 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,243.16 Property Owner: Patricia A Hammond Building Number: 42 Lot (Unit) Number: 42 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 12 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,762.07 Interest: \$150.81

Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,185.65 Property Owner: Scott E McVicker Building Number: 43 Lot (Unit) Number: 43

Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 43 and 44 Unpaid Asmts: \$3,624.38 Interest: \$319.44 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$5,241.59

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Pagosa Springs SUN.

# Restaurants think creatively to maintain business

By Simone Mounsamy Staff Writer

Businesses in the community have made distinct transitions to adapt to the difficulties brought forth by the pandemic.

Restaurants, in addition to nonprofits, are thinking creatively so that they may weather the storm.

In order to keep business going, restaurants open outdoor seating, have fire pits or heaters, and offer takeout, curbside or delivery ser-

Two examples of these restaurants are Rosie's Pizzeria and City Hall Cafe and Grille.

Rosie's General Manager Carl Hackney discussed his gratitude for the county allowing restaurants to keep open outdoor seating.

"We have a good takeout. We've been lucky with that, but I don't know if we could get by without them allowing the outdoor seating," Hackney said.

Having put up a summer tent right after the first COVID shutdown. Hackney explained they've swapped that tent out for a more winterappropriate tent. The tent is raked of its snow for safety precautions when it snows heavily.

Stocked with three standing heaters, Hackney said, "No, it doesn't stay as warm as inside, but it's unbelievable. Even if it's super cold outside and it's just kind of warm in there, people will ... sit in there!"

Hackney expressed how much the outdoor seating is used.

"People want to sit outside," he reiterated. "Why wouldn't you want to take advantage of the sun?"

Hackney and Rosie's owners have been thinking creatively on how they would adapt to continued restrictions on restaurant operations.

Hackney explained that the tent space could potentially be used to shelter those who come and wait for

#### Correction

In the Nov. 26 edition of The Pagosa Springs SUN, the photo at the top of page A12 for the Dancing with the Pagosa Stars fundraiser was incorrectly captioned.

The caption should have read: Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon, Dancing with the Pagosa Stars 2020 winners pose with their awards at this year's Seeds of Learning fundraiser. The SUN regrets the error.

... A waiting area, out of the wind, out of the snow, where they can stand and have a hot beverage ... and wait for their pizza," Hackney said. "And it's still a decent-sized space to stay away from each other

Hackney notified, "We do do delivery five days a week still. It's not all day; it is at night."

If Archuleta County does reach red or even purple on the COVID-19 dial, Hackney said Rosie's may "go to more delivery drivers, delivering more often, so we can actually serve the community the pizza they want, and the pizza they need."

"You can't just worry about what if. You gotta say when this comes up, I will deal with it ... you can't just sit and worry about what if or you will lose your mind right now," Linda Roy said.

Having expected to open City Hall in mid-April, owners Linda and John Roy decided to hold off until July 7, Linda Roy explained on a recent phone call with The SUN.

"We decided to focus on Coyote Moon and focus on keeping people employed until we knew what was going on," Linda Roy said of the couple's other business, "and by then, we were open at 50 percent ... so we figured that would be fair enough."

City Hall also has supplementary outdoor seating options, however.

"We have enclosed the patio with plastic. It's toasty, we put a nice little heater out here.'

Linda Roy explained that the outdoor seating does get used, as well - even on chilly days.

"Yeah, we put one of those heaters that hangs from the ceiling ... it keeps it pretty toasty in here."

But outdoor seating isn't the only creative option the Roys have come up with to drive business under restrictions.

If you've visited City Hall recently, you may have noticed the gondola them, is what it means to do the lift the Roys have installed in the side pandemic pivot.

"It was John's idea," Linda Roy explained."We were throwing around ideas, like a greenhouse and a big snow-dome-looking thing, and by the time I got home at night, he was like 'Look at this, look at this! I found this online!" she recounted. The gondola lift seats one table inside.

"Then we redid it, we put some curtains, there's heat, there's a light in there, there's a little tiny speaker," Linda Roy said. "It's really cozy in there and people really like it."

When describing what methods they're using at City Hall to remain resilient, Linda Roy made reference to remaining positive.

'You can't just worry about what if. You gotta say when this comes up, I will deal with it ... you can't just sit and worry about what if or you will lose your mind right now," Linda Roy said.

She explained upon opening City Hall, they set up the restaurant "really well for takeout and delivery."

She illustrated they have been working, and will continue to work, to keep the employees calm and make customers comfortable.

"So, like our sanitation, the way we sanitize ... is pretty stringent here," she said. "We don't want anybody to get sick, including our people. We're pretty stringent both here and at Coyote.

In reference to what's next, Linda Roy said, "We're just gonna keep changing it up ... frankly, every other time I get home Johnny's got another

#### Supporting local businesses

Hackney requested that community members think supportively of local businesses despite the regulations that may be, or come to be, put into place.

'We are held to state regulations, held to liquor license regulations, held to seating capacity, fire regulations, all these things we're held to. And so, therefore, when these regulations come up for COVID, we're also held to those to stay open and support our families," he said. "One thing I'd really like the community to be behind is try to support the fact that people are trying to have jobs and keep a paycheck whether they want these rules or not."

Learning to cope with new guidelines, and excel regardless of



City Hall Cafe and Grille offers seating inside a gondola lift installed near its outdoor patio.



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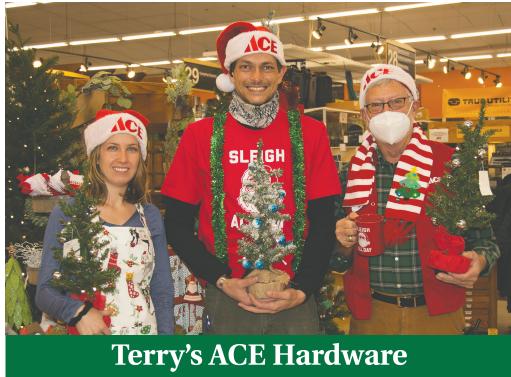
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# From one kitchen to another: Readers share family recipes

With the holiday season in full swing, The Pagosa Springs SUN is asking readers to share special family recipes.

Please submit your recipes to editor@pagosasun.com no later than Dec. 10.

#### Fruit Dinner Salad

From the kitchen of Linda Lawrie. One of our favorites.

8 ounce cream cheese, softened 1/2 cup half and half

3/4 cup mayonnaise

1 can crushed pineapple, drained

2 cups grapes, halved (red is prettier)

2 cups apples (4-6 apples), peeled and sliced

Cream cream cheese with half and half, adding enough mayonnaise to make smooth. Add crushed pineapple and mix together. If not creamy enough, add more mayonnaise.

Add grapes and apples and mix together. Creamed pineapple mixture should cover grapes and apples. If too much, add more grapes and apples, as desired.

Chill and serve.

Note: you can also add 1/4 pound marshmallows, quartered. And just before serving, add two diced bananas

Another variation: Omit cream cheese, half and half, and mayonnaise; Substitute 1 cup whipped cream — this becomes a delicious dessert. Nut meats may be added if desired.

#### Glögg

From the kitchen of Diane Levison

When I was young, I remember my dad making Norwegian Glögg, a hot, strong, mulled wine-type drink around the holidays. I grew up on the Fox River in Illinois and just before Christmas, my mom and dad would go out in this little Viking ship they made out of a fishing boat, cut through the ice in the river to get to the middle where

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**Monster Cookies** 

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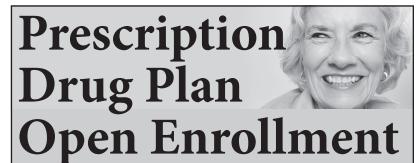


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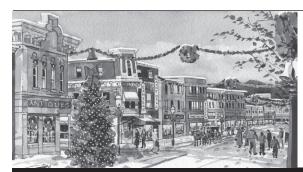
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there was open water, and ride up and down the river, handing out candy canes to the kids and glögg to their parents. Oh yeah, one more thing—they were dressed as Santa and Mrs. Claus! Needless to say, this was embarrassing to me as a teen, but now I can embrace my parents' spirit, uniqueness and ode to our Norwegian heritage traditions.

The glögg recipe I used of my dad's was much more complicated than what I currently make, and it used a lot more liquor. It called for burgundy and port wine, brandy, 151 rum and Everclear (grain alcohol) in various parts of the recipe. Let's just say it was incredibly good and very dangerous. My version is easier and tastes like dad's. Enjoy!

2 bottles (750 ml each) of red wine. (I like darker ones like burgundy, cabernet sauvignon or port.) They don't have to be pricey; boxed wine is fine.

10-15 cloves

20 green cardamom pods (cracked)

4 inches of fresh ginger or equivalent amount of frozen shaved ginger or ginger paste

1/2 cup raisins (you can substitute Craisins, dried apricots or prunes)

1/2 cup blanched almonds (the skin is bitter; you don't want the skins on)

- 1 orange peel or 2 teaspoons dried orange peel
  - 3 large cinnamon sticks
- 1 cup honey (or 1 1/3 cups of cane sugar)

The following ingredients are added closer to the end of cooking, not at the beginning:

1 cup vodka (or brandy)

1/2 cup Cointreau or Triple Sec or similar orange liqueur

Put all the ingredients except the vodka/brandy and Cointreau/Triple Sec in a large crock pot. It's best to put the small spices in a cheesecloth or tea strainer balls so they are easy to take out of the glögg. Cook on low for 2-3 hours or so. Do not let it come to a boil as that will cause the alcohol to evaporate and Christmas won't be as merry.

The longer you cook the glögg, the more flavor will come out of the spices. Towards the end, add the last two liquors. Turn to "warm"



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and serve immediately or put into glass bottles or containers along with the fruit and almonds and refrigerate to serve later. You can garnish with orange slices, additional dried fruit and cinnamon sticks if you like. Serve with a spoon so your guests can eat the fruit and nuts in the glögg.

Note: If you don't have one of the ingredients, but have something similar, feel free to use an alternate that's on hand that you like. That's why I've noted the alternates in the recipe. I rarely use precise recipes in the drinks I make. Taste, and add or modify to fit your taste.

#### **Monster Cookies**

From the kitchen of Kristi Smith. Preheat oven to 350 F.

In a large bowl, combine and cream:

1 cup brown sugar

1 cup sugar 1/2 cup butter

Add and mix well:

3 eggs

Add and mix:

11/2 cup peanut butter (crunchy or creamy)

1 tablespoon vanilla

4 teaspoons baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

Add and mix in the following, one cup at a time:

4 1/2 cup quick oats Stir in:

1 cup M&Ms

1 cup chocolate chips

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Using ice cream scoop (to make monster-sized cookies), scoop out mixture onto cookie sheet and bake 15 minutes.

#### **Peppernuts**

Recipe by Lorinda Holst, Odell, Neb. Submitted by Kristi Smith, Pagosa Springs.

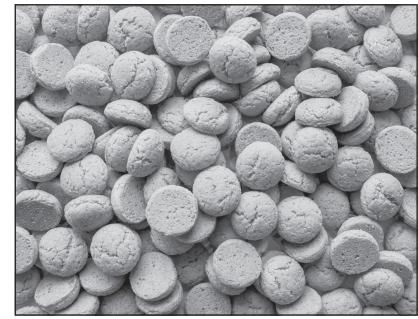
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon baking soda dissolved in 1/4 cup hot water
  - 1 cup molasses
  - 2 teaspoon anise extract
  - 1 teaspoon ground clove
  - 1 teaspoon allspice
  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
  - Up to 4 cups flour
- Cream sugar and butter until fluffy.

Mix in all the ingredients, except flour.

Mix in flour one cup at a time until incorporated and the dough is stiff.

Refrigerate at least 30 minutes to make dough easier to handle.

Roll into ropes and cut the ropes into small pieces (the size of nuts) and then roll the pieces into small balls.



**Peppernuts** 

Place pieces on a cookie sheet and bake at 350 10-14 minutes. They will be soft when warm and then crisp up after they cool.

They can be stored in an airtight container for up to a month.

#### Kruidige Rodekool: Spiced Red Cabbage

From the kitchen of Maxine 

See Recipes on next page

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This is a family favorite which was always served either at my husband's home or later at our home. Our three girls also use it.

4 servings

1/4 cup butter

1 cup water

1 teaspoon salt



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# Recipes.

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1 small red cabbage, finely shredded

2 cooking apples, peeled, cored and sliced

3 cloves

1 tablespoon sugar

Dash of vinegar

In a saucepan, place 1 tablespoon butter, the water and salt. Add red cabbage, apples and cloves and simmer 45 minutes.

Add remaining butter, sugar and vinegar and simmer for another 5 minutes. Remove cloves before serving.

#### Sopapilla Cheesecake

From the Everett family kitchens

2 cans crescent rolls or crescent roll sheets

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cinnamon

2 packages cream cheese

1 stick butter

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Mix cream cheese, 1 cup of sugar and vanilla. Spread crescent rolls in 9x13 baking dish. Put filling on top of layer of rolls, then top with the other can of rolls. Melt butter and pour over top. Sprinkle with rest of sugar and cinnamon. Bake for 30 minutes or until crust is golden brown.

Family-favorite variations: Use any kind of pie filling on top of the cream cheese layer, or mix 1 can crushed pineapple in with cream cheese mixture.

#### **Tamale Dressing**

From the kitchen of TJ Roseth. A new twist on southern cornbread dressing.

Mix together:

Masa from 6-8 tamales, crumbled into small pieces

- 3 slices toasted white or wheat bread, torn into small pieces
  - 4 boiled eggs, chopped
  - 1 bunch of celery, chopped

3 green onions, chopped (just the chives if you don't like onion)

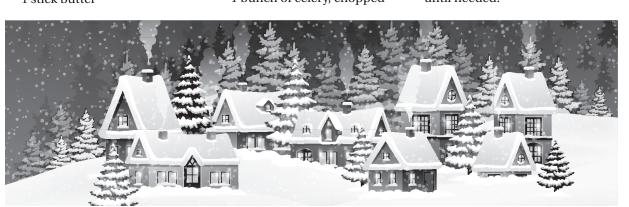
Pinch of sage

2 teaspoons of salt

Place in a 9x12 baking dish. If you are having turkey with your meal, about an hour before the turkey is ready, take it out and pour drippings in with the dressing ingredients, otherwise use chicken or turkey broth. You will need at least 1 cup of drippings or broth to ensure that the dressing is quite moist before cooking. Cover the baking dish with aluminum foil and cook at least an hour at 350 F (or whatever temperature you are cooking the turkey). Uncover and cook another 30 minutes so that the dressing will get a little crispy

One of the great things about this recipe is you can mix together all the ingredients a day or two prior and refrigerate in zip-lock bag until needed.









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### Help local nonprofits with Gifts of the Heart

By Nancy Ford

Community United Methodist Church

At a time when COVID-19 has caused the cancellation or post-ponement of many events that help support area nonprofits, the Gifts of the Heart program at Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) continues to offer a meaningful way to help support four local groups with proceeds from the sale of locally created greeting cards.

The current recipients are Community Assistance Fund, CUMC Food Pantry, After School Tutoring Program and Pagosa Programs for Youth.

There is a wide variety of cards to choose from — not only for Christmas, but for many other occasions as well. They all feature artwork by local artists and photographers and are available for purchase at the Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St., during office hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. You may also call the church at 264-5508 during these times. Cards can be personalized if you wish. All proceeds from your \$5 or more purchase per card, aside from printing costs, go directly to the nonprofits.

This is an excellent opportunity to remember your friends, family, co-workers or business associates in a meaningful way and at the same time donate to the nonprofit group of your choice. Each of these groups provides much-appreciated assistance to people in our community.

#### WHIPS to meet for holiday luncheon

By Nancy Ford

Women Helping in Pagosa Springs

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs) will have its \$15 holiday luncheon Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 11:30 a.m.

We will be spaced properly at Ole Miners Steak House. All women are welcome. You must RSVP to 946-1895.





# Revisit lesser-known Christmas traditions

Special to The PREVIEW

Christmas celebrants participate in many different traditions year after year, but some may not fully understand the meaning behind such activities. A Christian holiday, Christmas did not originate with all activities centralized to the church. In fact, many of the traditions people hold dear have pagan roots, which were adapted as Christmas celebrations evolved.

People who hang mistletoe in doorways may be surprised to learn that this tradition dates back to the ancient Druids. The Druids believed mistletoe possessed mystical powers that brought good luck to the household and warded off evil spirits.

Evergreen trees are now associated with Christmas trees, but evergreen boughs were once used to decorate homes during the winter solstice to help people envision the spring to come. Christians often look at evergreen trees as a sign of everlasting life and their relationship with God.

However, while many Christmas traditions continue to be an integral part of annual celebrations, there are some customs that have fallen out of favor. Although these traditions may no longer be widely practiced, anyone can revive them and make them part of their holiday celebrations.

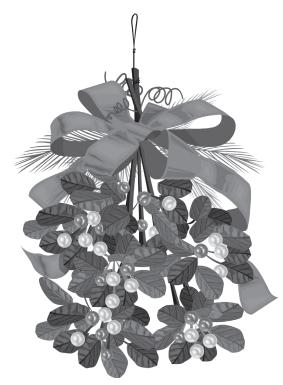
Wassailing is a custom that has ancient origins and is not as popular today as it once was. "Wassail" comes from the Ango-Saxon phrase

"waes hael," which means, "good health." Wassail is a drink made of mulled ale, spices and other ingredients. To go wassailing meant to travel door-to-door singing and offering a drink from a wassail bowl in exchange for gifts. Wassailing has been mentioned in certain Christmas carols, including "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Largely an English tradition, wassailing was brought to America by British settlers. Jan. 17, the old Twelfth Night, is the traditional date for wassailing. Although wassailing has largely fallen by the wayside, increased interest in ales and craft brewing may help revitalize this Christmas tradition, which can inspire community spirit.

Gifting with fruit cake is another tradition that has been much maligned and does not enjoy the same popularity that it once did. Fruit cake is a cake made with chopped candied fruit, nuts and spices and is occasionally soaked in spirits. Fruit cakes have been enjoyed all over the world, but Americans may never have embraced the Christmas fruit cake tradition as much as those from other countries. However, with the right recipe and an open mind, it may be possible to resurrect the fruit cake tradition once again.

Mummers plays are another British tradition that arrived in North America with settlers but has largely fallen by the wayside. Mummers plays involved miming folk dramas, and the plays were commonplace around the holiday season. Celebrants may want to research such



dramas and include them in this year's festivities to liven up celebrations even more.

Traditions passed on through the years help make Christmas a favorite time of celebration. People may want to explore the less-popular traditions today and once again make them interesting parts of this year's festivities.



# **Holiday Church Events**



All events listed in December Church Events Calendar are free of charge. Submit events to editor@ pagosasun.com.

#### Sunday, Dec. 6

Vespers at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. 5 p.m. Online. The theme for this evening's service is hope. This ecumenical service features scriptures, readings, poetry and traditional music designed to bring comfort and joy to your holiday season. Join the livestream by visiting www.stpatrickspagosa.org or view anytime after the event on the church's YouTube channel, All are welcome.

#### Sunday, Dec. 13

Vespers at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. 5 p.m. Online. The theme for this evening's service is peace. This ecumenical service features scriptures, readings, poetry and traditional music designed to bring comfort and joy to your holiday season. Join the livestream by visiting www.stpatrickspagosa.org or view anytime after the event on the church's YouTube channel. All

are welcome.

#### Sunday, Dec. 20

Vespers at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. 5 p.m. Online. The theme for this evening's service is joy. This ecumenical service features scriptures, readings, poetry and traditional music designed to bring comfort and joy to your holiday season. Join the livestream by visiting www.stpatrickspagosa.org or view anytime after the event on the church's YouTube channel. All are welcome.

#### Thursday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Mass. 4 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Christmas songs will be sung half an hour before Mass. Reservations need to be made; call the Parish Office to reserve your place. Streaming will be available. For more information, call 731-5744.

Christmas Eve Mass. 8 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 445 Lewis St. Christmas songs will be sung half an hour before Mass. Reservations need to be made: call the Parish Office to

reserve your place. Streaming will be available. For more information, call 731-5744

#### Friday, Dec. 25

Christmas Day Mass. 9 a.m., John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. The Nativity of the Lord. PCC Family Mass. Reservations need to be made; call the Parish Office to reserve your place. Streaming will be available. For more information, call 731-5744.

#### Thursday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Mass. 5 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Reservations need to be made; call the Parish Office to reserve your place. Streaming will be available. For more information, call 731-5744.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 1

New Year's Day Mass. 9 a.m., John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Reservations need to be made; call the Parish Office to reserve your place. Streaming will be available. For more information, call 731-5744.

# UUs to engage in a 'spiritual garage sale'

#### **By Pauline Benetti**

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship continues virtual service on the first and third Sundays of the month. The fellowship has become quite adept at providing virtual continuity for members and friends in a variety of ways. Continuity comes through abbreviated services, coffee talks and small group meetings, all in virtual community.

On Sunday, Dec. 6, at 10 a.m., the Pagosa UU Fellowship will have a virtual service entitled "Spiritual Garage Sale." It is adapted from the book "Listening Hearts" by the Rev. Christine Robinson and Alicia Hawkins.

Joan Ward, lay leader for the service, will present short readings and lead a discussion. Have you had or would you consider having a spiritual garage sale? What would go in your sale? Something from

another era in your life? Beliefs that never fit but are still hanging around? Things that have broken and can't or shouldn't be fixed? Is there old mental baggage to let go? In freeing up some mental space, what are your new beliefs, ideas

If the idea of clearing out in preparation for the new year appeals to you, please join us.

Zoom meeting: https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/88284380641? pwd=ZnAycGppOUdZTVlJMlRYV GV6OVdQdz09, telephone: (346) 248-7799, meeting ID: 882 8438 0641, password: 059944.

Our fellowship offers each individual support in our unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in positive social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

Religious Exploration (RE) classes have been temporarily canceled due to COVID-19. For more information about RE or the fellowship, call 731-7900 or email info@pagosauu.org.

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#### St. Patrick's to offer Vespers service during December

By Sarah Riehm

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

Beginning Dec. 6, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will offer candlelight Vesper services for the first three Sundays in December at 5 p.m.

Vespers has been part of the Christian tradition for centuries. The word vesper means evening in Greek and the service typically begins with the lighting of the evening lamp at sunset. In the Episcopal tradition, Vespers is also called Evening Prayer or Evensong.

"We hope this is a time and place where everyone in the community feels welcome," said the Rev. Lyn Burns. "Our service offers prayers, poems and reflective music drawn from a number of Christian traditions — all designed to bring comfort and joy to participants. In this time of unusual stress, anxiety and change, Vespers provides an oasis of calm and can help people feel more connected to the real meaning of Christmas."

The services will be based on traditional Advent themes: Dec. 6 will be hope, Dec. 13 is peace and Dec. 20 is joy.

"This is our Christmas card to the community," said Music Director Sarah Riehm. "Through the beauty of timeless scriptures and traditional music of the Christmas season, we hope to bring a sense of peace for people who are facing serious challenges this year."

Although the sanctuary at St. Patrick's is currently closed due to COVID-19, the community can access the service by visiting the church website at www. stpatrickspagosa.org/. Vesper services can also be located on the church's YouTube channel for viewing at any time after the original event.

# New Thought topic: success with soul

By Lisa Burnson

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

"True success is the experience of the miraculous. It is the unfolding of the divinity within us. It is the perception of the divinity in whatever we perceive. When we begin to experience our life as the miraculous expression of divinity, then we will know the true meaning of success." — Dr. Deepak Chopra.

All are welcome to join the New Thought Center this Sunday, Dec. 6, at 10:30 a.m. for our presentation, "Does Success Have To Cost The Soul?" Our speaker will be Dr. Elaine Harding, Ph.D., author of "Be Authentic: Three Keys To Unlocking Your True Potential."

Our sanctuary is sanitized and set up for social distancing.

We will have spirited live music.

#### **Upcoming events**

Meditation Circle is held each Wednesday at 6 p.m. (weather permitting). All are welcome.

Band practice is every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join our band. Please text Bruce at 507-0739 to join or for band information.

Friday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m., movie night: "Joyeux Noel," a moving true story. Donations appreciated.

Sunday Dec. 20, 6 p.m.: interdenominational candlelight service. There will be no morning service on this date. All are welcome to bring a potluck dish.

#### Library

The New Thought Center has a large library of inspirational and spiritual books. To borrow or donate a book, please come to the New Thought Center prior to Sunday service or Meditation Circle.

#### About us

The New Thought Center promotes living a spiritually centered life, and promotes the philosophies of Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. New Thought honors all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine.

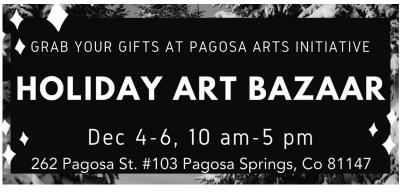
We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

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

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

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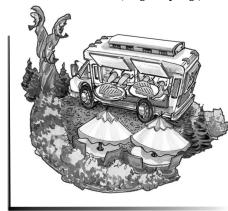






Photo courtesy Carole Howard

Thingamajig Theatre Company's 2017 production of "Hairspray" is nominated for best musical production of the decade in the 2020 statewide contest currently being conducted by BroadwayWorld Denver to honor the best in theater in the past 10 years in the state of Colorado. Thingamajig's actors, directors and designers received a record 59 nominations for awards in the contest, almost double the number of nominations for any other theater. Voting is underway at https://www.broadwayworld.com/denver/voteregion.cfm and runs through Dec. 31.

# Thingamajig honored with record number of nominations for 'best of the decade'

By Carole Howard

Thingamajig Theatre Company

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Among the most prestigious of the many tributes to Thingamajig are being nominated for "theater company of the decade," "top arts supporter of the decade" and "best theater staff," as well as having the theater and both Tim Moore and Dennis Elkins nominated for "arts educator of the decade."

#### More Thingamajig nominees

Here are the additional Thingamajig people and productions that made it to the final ballot in this respected competition:

Ensemble cast of the decade: "Jekyll and Hyde," "Thoroughly Modern Millie," "West Side Story," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Tarzan" and "Cabaret."

Production of the play of the decade: "Sylvia," "Red," "Proof,"

"A Picasso," "Misterman," "God of Carnage" and "Welcome to Siberia, Now Go Home."

Production of the musical of the decade: "Jekyll and Hyde," "Thoroughly Modern Millie," "Hairspray," "West Side Story," "Cabaret," "Tarzan" and "Beauty and the Beast."

Director of the play of the decade: Melissa Firlit for "Red" and "Proof," Moore for "Grounded," Michael Thomas Walker for "God of Carnage" and Elkins for "A Christmas Carol."

Director of the musical of the decade: Ryan Hazelbaker for "Cabaret" and "Damn Yankees," Firlit for "Jekyll and Hyde," Elkins for "Thoroughly Modern Millie," Walker for "Hairspray," Pia Wyatt for "The Who's Tommy" and Anita Jo Lenart for "Big River."

Original script of the decade: Elkins for his one-man show "box."

Costume design of the decade: Nanette Cheffers for "White Christmas," Taylor Marrs for "Damn Yankees" and Elly Hunt for "Men on Boats."

Set design of the decade: Laura Moore for "Little Mermaid," "Men on Boats" and "Tarzan"; Matt Mc-Carren for "West Side Story" and "A Christmas Carol"; and John Santangelo for "Good People."

Lighting design of the decade: Laine Wong for "Jekyll and Hyde" and "West Side Story," and Jason Flamos for "A Few Good Men."

Sound design of the decade: Tim Moore for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Hannah Shutt for "Thoroughly Modern Millie," Robert Hornbastel for "A Christmas Carol" and Michael Fuchs for "A Grand Night for Singing."

Top arts supporter of the decade: Friends of the Theatre, Thingamajig Theatre Company and Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Best fundraising supporter of the decade: Friends of the Theatre.

Best youth theater camp of the decade: Whatchamawhozits Children's Theatre Summer Camp.

### Reaction from Thingamajig

Said Tim Moore, producing artistic director and co-founder of the theater with his wife, Laura, executive director, when the nominations were announced: "After 10 years of incredible growth because of our patrons, audiences and other supporters who could have imagined that our beloved theater would be dark because of a global pandemic.

"This situation makes us even more grateful for these BroadwayWorld nominations that let us revisit and celebrate all the good

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By Joan Mieritz

San Juan Stargazers

The Deep Space Mysteries calendars are an exceptional gift for yourself or some other lucky person during this COVID-19 pandemic. They provide inspiration and many connections for a time when connections are so limited. They are easy and inexpensive to mail. But, most importantly, they will be used on a daily basis for all of 2021.

They are a constant reminder that we live in an amazing universe and you want to share that with an amazing person in your life. When you talk, you can share your use of the calendar. You've heard the expression, "I love you to the moon and back." This is like, "I love you as big as the universe and here are some things about it to blow your mind."

Astronomy Magazine, the world's best-selling astronomy magazine, brings you a calendar filled with dramatic images of nebulae, spiral galaxies, planets, star-forming regions and other mysteries of deep space. Many of probably the best Hubble photos of the past year are featured, one for each month, with several paragraphs describing and giving other information, so you will learn the most important facts. After 12 unique fantastic pictures and information, you will have a summary of a college astronomy class.

Each month details planet visibility, meteor showers, conjunctions and other observing opportunities, as well as moon phases and major astronomical events. Wouldn't it be cool to know for certain what planets you are seeing any given night? July features a picture of Jupiter with unbelievable storms and weather patterns. That photo alone is worth the \$15 cost of the calendar.

If you would like a calendar, call (303) 995-2888 to leave a message. Someone will get back to you to make arrangements for you to get your calendar.

# Thingamajig

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times we have had together at Thingamajig. The nominations are a tribute to the amazing talents of the hundreds of actors, directors and designers who have created such memorable experiences for us over the past decade.

"We all look forward to next summer when we expect that our lights will be on again."

#### How to vote

If you want to vote in this awards contest, go to https://www.broadwayworld.com/denver/voteregion.cfm, where online voting is underway now. Voting runs through Dec. 31 and winners will be announced in January.

Thingamajig is a 501(c)(3) non-profit professional theater in residence at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The company was co-founded in April 2011 by the Moores, both of whom won individual BroadwayWorld awards for their work in 2017.

In addition to these multiple nominations for Thingamajig, Pagosa Springs is receiving additional positive visibility as three of our local restaurants were nominated for best pre- and post-show dining, and Pagosa Arts Initiative is nominated for supporting the arts.

#### **High-caliber competition**

Thingamajig competes in the impressive Denver regional professional theater market, which also includes Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Creede Repertory Theatre, Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, Arvada Center, Cherry Creek Theatre, Su Teatro Cultural and Performing Arts, The Source, Boulder Dinner Theater and many

This year's nominations honor productions which opened in Colorado between 2011 and Sept. 30. Regional productions, touring shows and other shows were included in the statewide awards categories. This means that the caliber of the competition is extremely high.

BroadwayWorld is the largest theater site on the Internet, covering Broadway in New York, the West End in London and other key artistic locations worldwide. This year's awards attracted a record number of nominations in more than 100 cities across the U.S., Canada, Europe, Asia, and Central and South America.

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# Senior Center focusing on learning, social activities despite closure

By Cheryl Wilkinson

PREVIEW Columnist

While ASI has been busily serving meals, we have also been quietly building programs for area residents and visitors that give them opportunities for learning and social activities as long as our center is closed. We have leveraged alliances and technology so that folks can be more easily connected and simply have more fun and a richer day every day.

"Recent research reveals that older populations are less consumed by pandemic depression than those that are younger," a Nov. 26 NPR report, "There's No Stopping These Seniors; Even A Pandemic Can't Bring Them Down," states. "According to a recent study, some seniors have even expanded their social support networks during the lockdowns. And the researchers found that older adults tended to report lower levels of loneliness compared with middle-aged and younger adults.

Ashwin Kotwal, at the University of California, San Francisco says that 'They've been finding ways to adapt and cope. They're finding creative ways to interact with family members through Zoom, taking dance classes online or joining virtual book clubs.'"

Our website now regularly provides seniors throughout Archuleta County with download printable resources, as well as a links to sign up to enjoy a bevy of virtual — both live and recorded — fun, educational and social opportunities. You can learn more at: http://www.psseniors.org/.

This shift in our programs is part of a larger philosophy and set of "60 and better" best practices that we have been working to adopt since

#### Senior News

before the pandemic began. Community services around the globe have found success in their region using this approach. This movement relegates the term "seniors" to another era, instead focusing on encouraging "senior" centers to become multigenerational resource centers, retaining their core of service for those "60 and better."

We'll be conducting short online surveys on our website throughout the winter and into next year to give a voice to our community members in the evolution of our programs. We'll let you know in our weekly articles whenever we have a survey open.

#### Take-out meals continue

The center is continuing its temporary closing of the congregate dining room due to coronavirus concerns.

In order to continue providing meals, we are offering take-out hot meals and a salad with a drive-up option under the portico at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

These meals will be available Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is a \$4 suggested donation for lunch for those age 60 and better. If you need to have your meal delivered, please call 264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area.

The cost per meal for the public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread.

Please call 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program.

There will be no games, classes, or presentations during this time. The staff will be available by phone. If you need to speak to a staff member, please call 264-2167.

### The Community Café menu

Thursday, Dec. 3 — Lox and bagel with tomato, onion and caper cream cheese, roasted red pepper bisque, milk, salad and baked apple.

Friday, Dec. 4 — Cream of mushroom soup, steamed asparagus, salad and banana pudding.

Monday, Dec. 7 — Beef Bolognese with spaghetti, ratatouille, focaccia bread with butter, milk, salad and chocolate cake.

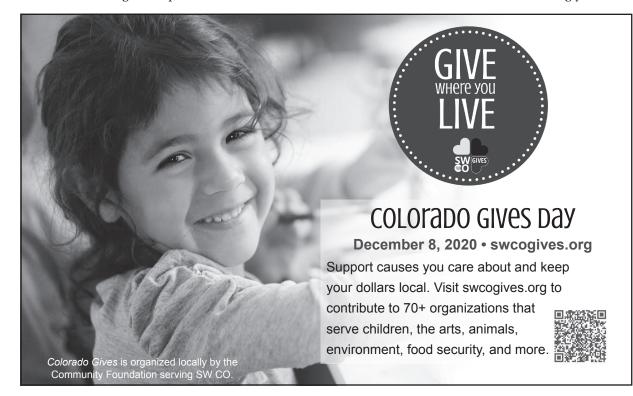
Tuesday, Dec. 8 — Crispy pork with macaroni and cheese, roasted beets, milk, salad and cranberry cheesecake.

Wednesday, Dec. 9 — Mediterranean tuna melt, corn chowder, milk, salad and peach cobbler.

Thursday, Dec. 10 — Lentils with leeks and sausage, baked rice, milk, salad and pear pie.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always pick up. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days. We want to thank everyone for their support by observing our reservation policy. This helps ensure that everyone with reservations receives a meal and enables us to provide additional and healthier meals.

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#### Alzheimer's Association to offer free webinars in December

**Bv Jim Herlihv** 

Alzheimer's Association

Holiday gatherings and the coronavirus do not mix, but for the families of 76,000 Coloradans living with Alzheimer's disease, the caregiving challenges will be even more complex this year.

The Alzheimer's Association is offering a series of free webinars in December, including one from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, to provide caregivers with simple tips on coping with coronavirus, whether their loved one with dementia lives at home, in a residential facility or care providers are coming into the home.

In addition to "COVID-19 and Caregiving," the full schedule of free webinars offered during the month of December includes:

- "The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease." Learn about the 10 common warning signs, what to watch for in yourself and others, typical age-related changes, the benefits of a diagnosis, early detection and more. — 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3; and 10 to 11 a.m. Dec. 15.
- "Las 10 Señales de Advertencia." En Espanol — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 11.
- "Effective Communication Strategies." This workshop teaches caregivers to decode verbal and behavioral communication from someone with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Develop strategies for having meaningful connection with people in differing stages of dementia. — 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4; and 10 to 11 a.m. Dec. 17.
- "Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's." An interactive program where you'll learn about important legal and financial issues to consider, how to put plans in place and how to access legal and financial resources near you. - noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4.
- "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia." Learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the differences between Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, risk factors, current research, treatments to address some symptoms and more. — 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7: and 10 to 11 a.m. Dec. 14.

- "Understanding and Responding to Dementia-related Behavior." Behavior is a powerful form of communication and one of the primary ways that people with dementia communicate their needs and feelings as the ability to use language declines. But these behaviors can be challenging for caregivers. Join us to learn how to decode behavioral messages and learn strategies to intervene with some of the most common behavioral challenges. — 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8; and 10 to 11 a.m. Dec. 16.
- "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research." We've always known that the health of the brain and body are linked, but now science is able to provide insights into how we can optimize our physical and cognitive health as we age. Learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. - 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8; and 1 to 2 p.m. Dec. 21.
- "Dementia Conversations." Tips on how to have honest and caring conversations with family members about going to the doctor, when to stop driving, and making legal/financial plans. — 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10; and 6 to 7 p.m. Dec. 14.
- "Living with Alzheimer's: for Caregivers — Late Stage — Part 2." In the late stage of Alzheimer's disease, caregiving typically involves new ways of connecting and interacting with the person with the disease. In this two-part series, you'll hear from caregivers and professionals about resources, monitoring care and providing meaningful connection for the person with late-stage Alzheimer's and their families. — 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7.

Like all programs and services of the Alzheimer's Association, the webinars are offered at no charge, but registration is required. To register, call the free Alzheimer's Association Helpline at (800) 272-3900. To learn more about Alzheimer's Association programs and services, go to www.alz.org.

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#### The Weekly Crossword

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- **24** No-good sort
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- 30 Alpine lake
- 31 Tight spot
- 32 Formerly
- **34** Simple shelter
- 38 Skedaddled
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- 43 Turn on the charm
- **45** Italian import
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- 29 Offensive
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- 35 From dusk to dawn
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- **39** Handyman's roll

- **51** Egyptian beetle
- 52 Baddest of the bad
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- 44 Blubbered
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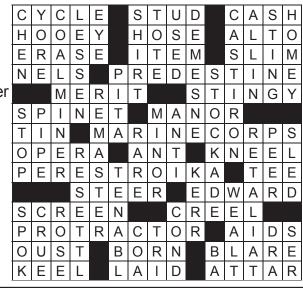
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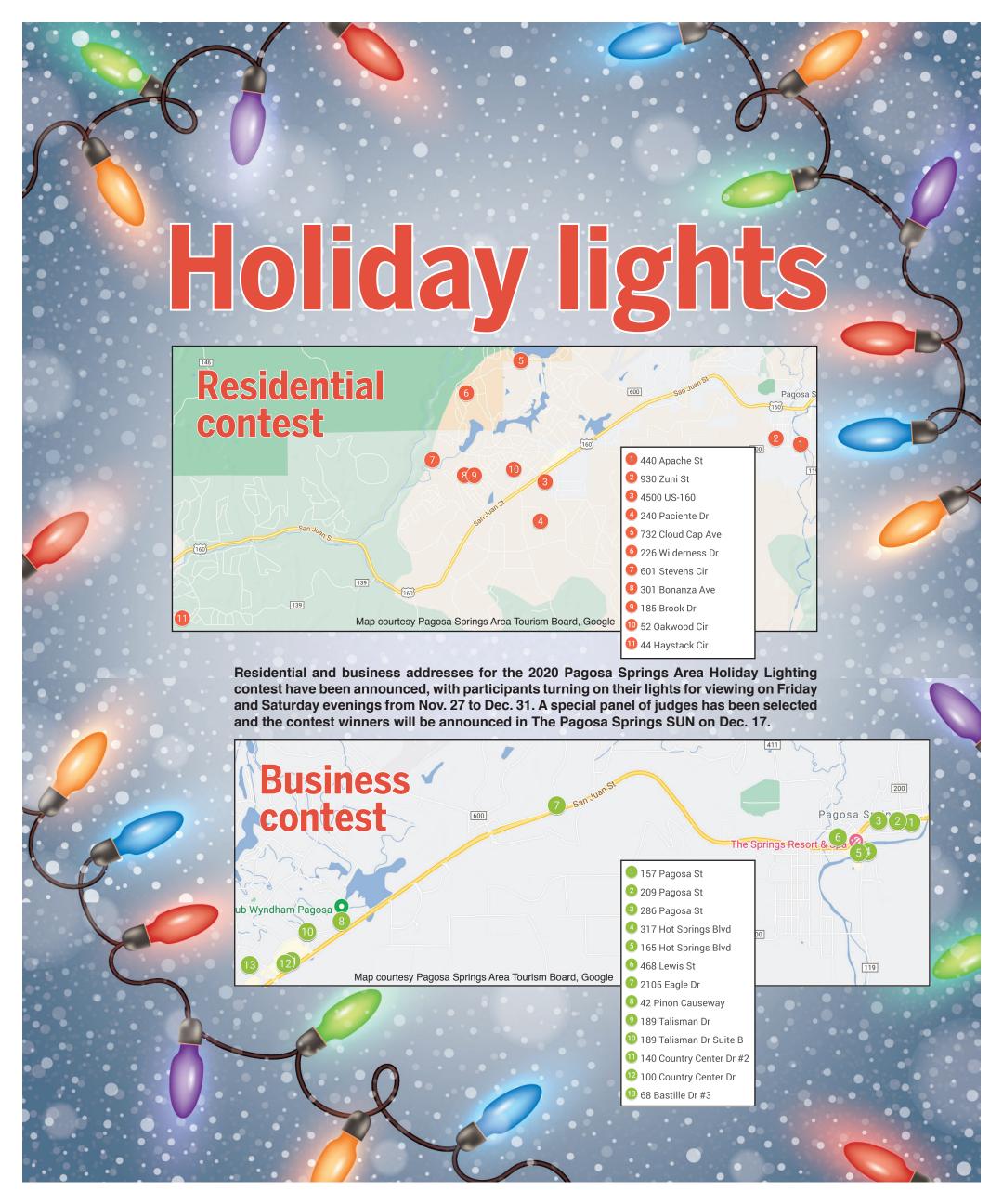


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# **Bird of the Week**



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the red-breasted nuthatch.

When cone crops are good, this tiny bird stays year-round in northern Canada and the mountains of the west. Its scientific name, sitta canadensis, is a reference to the red-breasted's more northerly breeding range than that of its cousin, the white-breasted. Of the three nuthatch species that we see here, the red-breasted is the least common.

In winter, this bird may be found across the United States, spreading from coniferous forests into deciduous woods. Especially in the east, a poor cone crop in Canadian forests will predict an irruption of these nuthatches in southward directions.

Like many birds, red-breasted nuthatches require the extra protein of insects and spiders in their summer diet, but conifer seeds are the staple in winter. After wedging the seed in a bark crevice, the nuthatch cracks it open with its strong bill. Nuthatches will visit feeders and open sunflower seeds in the same manner.

Gripping with a large claw on its backward facing toe, this active bird moves in all directions on a tree. It will spread its wings and sway back and forth to ward off larger birds. The red-breasted is blue-gray above and rusty red below. Its black crown and eyeline are cut by a white eyebrow and its neck and tail are short. Females are paler-colored versions of the male.

This bird is a cavity-nester, using an abandoned woodpecker hole or excavating its own in dead trees or tree parts. To defend the nest from intruders and parasites, the male and female collect globs of resin and coat the outside and inside of the entrance hole. They often use a piece of bark to apply the resin, an example of tool use by birds.

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

# Did you know? Facts about popular Christmas songs

Special to The PREVIEW

Christmas songs provide the soundtrack for holiday magic. Such songs evoke strong feelings in people, and various songs have become staples at holiday celebrations

Some interesting facts and history surround many popular Christmas songs.

"White Christmas," for example, is the best-selling Christmas song of all time. However, "Silent Night" is the most recorded Christmas song in history, says TIME. "Santa Claus Is Coming to

Town" is considered a jolly song, but songwriter James Gillespie was unemployed and had just lost his brother prior to writing the song. Still, he was able to look past his grief to pen the classic. Many are unaware that "Jingle Bells" originally was supposed to be a Thanksgiving song.

While many beloved Christmas songs have been around for decades, one artist managed to tap into the success of classic Christmas music. Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas Is You" is a popular modern-day Christmas song.







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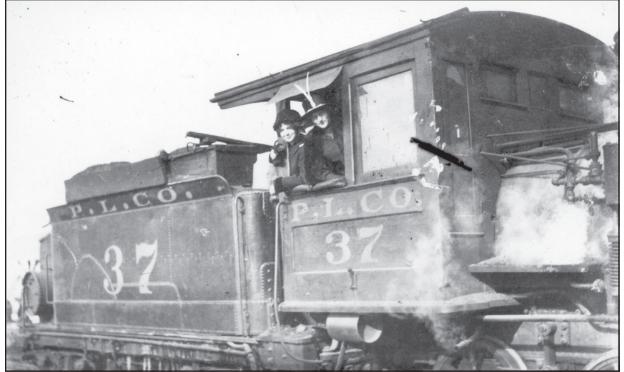


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Engine No. 37 belonging to the Pagosa Lumber Company is shown on its way from Pagosa Junction to Pagosa Springs carrying a couple of joyful young ladies on their way to a picnic.

# Life in Pagosa Country 2,000 years ago

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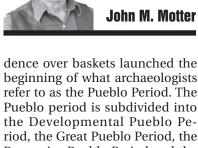
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We've been writing about the Ancestral Puebloans, previously called Anasazi Indians, who lived in Pagosa Country circa 2,000 years ago. Continuing from where we left off last week, "These later Basketmakers added beans to their diet, developed the bow and arrow, and learned to make pottery.

Turquoise and pottery jewelry and statues have been found from this period indicating an increased interest in religion. Clothing probably was little worn by the Basketmakers. Sandals were woven from yucca strips. Loin cloths and mantlelike garments may have been worn.

'The Basketmakers were short in stature. Men averaged 5 feet, 3 inches in height and women were slightly shorter. As life became easier, the population multiplied.

"Slowly, reliance shifted from baskets to pottery. The period of time when pottery gained ascen-



periods in this history. "Multi-family dwellings called size and complexity. Pueblo dwellings were constructed of stone and adobe and faced a central plaza containing one or more kivas. "Kivas, introduced during the

later years of the Basketmaker Period, assumed extreme importance. They were used for religious ceremonies and, perhaps, as a gathering place for male societies within the tribe.

'Cotton was introduced, al-

#### dence over baskets launched the beginning of what archaeologists refer to as the Pueblo Period. The Pueblo period is subdivided into the Developmental Pueblo Period, the Great Pueblo Period, the Regressive Pueblo Period and the Historic Pueblo Period. Because the Anasazi abandoned Pagosa Country before the last two periods began, we will not deal with those

Pueblos provide the name for the Pueblo Period. These communal dwellings were at first built on a



small scale, but later increased in

lowing the weaving of true cloth suitable for blankets, poncho-like shirts, skirts and other apparel. Another important change affected the appearance of the people. The soft cradle of the Basketmakers was replaced by the hard cradleboard of the Pueblos. The hard cradleboard, to which infants were attached, caused the back of the head to flatten, giving the entire head a rounder and broader appearance."

# **Preview Calendar**

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

#### Thursday, Dec. 3

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community** Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Due to the CO-VID-19 threat, Loaves and Fishes will continue to offer meals to the community as takeout only. There will be no sit-down service. Guests should come to the front doors of the Parish Hall, where they can pick up meals to go. This practice will continue until further notice.

Tech Time by Appointment. Noon-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Make an appointment for one of three slots available. Brad will help one person or one couple at a time. Call 264-2209 to make an appointment or for more information.

PALS by Appointment. 2-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Adult education in person. Pagosa Adult Learning Services can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary.org for more information or to make an appointment.

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

**Principles Before Personalities** Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Contact Charlotte or Ken at 903-9690, or Nate at 507-1004.

#### Friday, Dec. 4

HER Story. 8:30-9:30 a.m., 140 Country Center Drive, Unit 2. A women's group providing a safe, supportive space to grow and heal as you

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### Christmas books to enjoy or give as gifts plus latest building code manuals available

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

With Thanksgiving in our rearview mirrors, you now probably are thinking about Christmas. So we wanted to give you some ideas about new holiday books that might be good for you to read or give as gifts to family and friends.

Large-print Christmas books include "Christmas Cupcake Murder" by Joanne Flake, a Hannah Swenson holiday mystery; "The Brightest Star" by Fern Michaels, featuring the owner of a small Christmas shop; and "Return to Virgin River" by Robyn Carr, featuring a rescue dog with puppies.

Offerings from bestselling authors include "Jingle All the Way" by Debbie Macomber, "A Christmas Resolution" mystery by Anne Perry and "The Noel Letters" by Richard Paul Evans.

Holiday books by other popular authors include "The Christmas Table" by Donna VanLiere, "In a Holidaze" by Christina Lauren, "A Dog's Perfect Christmas" by W. Bruce Cameron, a "Christmas Card Murder" large-print collection and "Manchester Christmas" by John

#### **Current building code** manuals

We now have five 2015 international building code manuals, which is the year currently being used by the Archuleta County Building Department: IBC, IEBC, IRC, IMC and IFGC.

#### Library closure

Your library will be closed next Thursday, Dec. 10, for staff educa-

#### 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 need to remind everyone that, similar to other public indoor spaces in Colorado, we must follow the executive order that requires people ages 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 have made reasonable accommodations and are pleased to assist you outside the building through our curbside service.'

#### New writing challenge

Twice this month, we are posting a new writing challenge on the library's Facebook page. Details will be posted Dec. 7 and 21. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating. This is an all-ages activity.

#### Library **News**

#### Book club for adults

Ruby's Book Club meets from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8, via Zoom to discuss "The Dreamers" by Karen Thompson Walker, Please contact the library if you need a copy of the book. The Zoom meeting ID is 874 5826 9188, passcode 81147. This book club is held the second Tuesday of each month.

#### Adult DIY: holiday treats

You can access our food-themed DIY from Nov. 20 that will inspire you to create new appetizers and desserts for the holidays on the library's website.

#### **New after-school** program

In response to COVID, we have revamped our free after-school program into STEAM enrichment kits, STEAM standing for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, for ages 5 and up. Registration is required at 264-2209. Pick up your kit and then bring your completed projects back to the library to be displayed in the last week of the month.

#### DIY craft takeaway for kids

Drop by your library for free DIY

crafts takeaways for youngsters age 10 and older. Just pick up a packet outside the library and follow the

#### In-person gaming

Free in-person gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect for all ages has resumed on Fridays from 2 to 3 p.m. Due to COVID concerns, we are only allowing a maximum of four participants in the gaming room. Masks must be worn and social distancing maintained at all times.

#### Storywalk for kids

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 Dec. 3-16 theme is dream time. After you finish the walk, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library.

#### **Tech Time**

Make a 15- or 30-minute appointment for one of three free in-person slots available noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Brad will help one person (or one couple) at a time. If you have a Tech Time appointment on Thursday, phone from the parking lot or knock loudly on the front door to be let in.

Free in-person classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. by appointment. Please register so we can keep it to a small group in our limited open spaces. No walk-ins, please.

■ See Library on page 21



"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Today, upon a bus, I saw a lovely girl with golden hair,

I envied her....she seemed so beautiful....and wished I were so fair.

When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle.

She had one leg and wore a crutch; but

Oh God, forgive me when I whine, I have two legs. The world is mine!

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm.

I talked with him. He seemed so glad.

And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you. You have been so kind.

It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind."

Oh God, forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes. The world is mine.

Later while walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue.

He stood and watched the others play. I stopped a moment,

When I said, "Why don't you join the others, Dear?" He looked ahead without a word, and

Oh God, forgive me when I whine.

then I knew he could not hear.

I have two ears, the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go, with eyes to see the sunset's glow, with ears to hear what I would know....

Oh God forgive me when I whine. I am blessed indeed. The world is

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## Library

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#### **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**

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m., join us on the library's Facebook page for free children's programs. Wednesday 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.

If you have a Facebook account, log in to Facebook and search for the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. If you don't have a Facebook account, access the page by visiting our website and clicking the Facebook icon (a lowercase f) in the upper left-hand corner of the screen. Or, contact us and we can send you a direct link.

#### **Adult education**

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#### **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.

## Summary of our partial reopening

- We're now open on Thursdays from 1 to 7 p.m. with 1 to 2 p.m. reserved for seniors and higherrisk populations.
- Other hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for seniors and higher-risk populations. Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays: closed.
- We are accepting meeting room reservations for small groups, with library programs having first dibs on the rooms. You can schedule only so far out, usually two weeks to a month, depending on where we are in the month.
- Up to 30 patrons at a time can come into the building.
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- Nine computers are available. In most cases, usage will be allowed for three hours per day. Staff will clean and disinfect the computers between uses.
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- We're happy to provide tech help in person or over the phone for our online resources.

## Thrillers, mysteries and suspense

"Hot to Trot" by M.C. Beaton is an Agatha Raisin mystery. "Deadly Cross" by James Patterson is an Alex Cross mystery.

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"Rhythm of War" by Brandon Sanderson is book four of the Stormlight Archive fantasy series. "V2" by Robert Harris is a novel about espionage in World War II. "Ready Player Two" by Ernest Cline is the author's second adventure through his virtual universe. "All That Glitters" by Danielle Steel follows a young woman after her parents are killed in a terrorist attack in France.

#### Large print

"Riviera Gold" by Leslie B. King is a suspense story featuring Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes. "Why Did I Come Into This Room" by Joan Lunden is a candid conversation about aging. "Tom Clancy: Shadow of the Dragon" by Marc Cameron is a Jack Ryan adventure.

#### **DVDs**

"Words on Bathroom Walls" is an inspirational love story about mental illness. "Words From a Bear" is a biography of N. Scott Momaday, who won the Pulitzer Prize for Literature and is a founding member of the Native American Renaissance. "Country Music" is the eight-part, 16-hour PBS documentary by Ken Burns.

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# January begins special Medigap open enrollment period

By Kay Kaylor PREVIEW Columnist

I advocate for residents in extended care and assisted living residences as the regional long-term care ombudsman. I also am 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.

For Medicare beneficiaries, in addition to the Medicare Advantage and Part D Prescription Plan Open Enrollment Period that ends Dec. 7, two special enrollment periods begin Jan. 1, 2021, including one unique so far to Colorado and 2021.

As mentioned in October, people already enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan may change plans or go back to Original Medicare and enroll in a Part D plan from Jan. 1 to March 31 each year. For 2021, Colorado created a regulation that allows people who have a Medigap Supplement C or F to change to D or G at any insurance provider that covers Colorado without underwriting or increased prices, a classification known as Guaranteed Issue. Beneficiaries may call a Medigap company to make the switch now, effective Jan. 1; the period ends June 30.

## After-hours food pantry announced for December

By Alison Beach

Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School is proud to work with the Food Pantry Network this December to get food to our community through these difficult times. The Food System/Food Equity Coalition is supporting this collaboration through the participatory budgeting funds that were voted on in November.

This pantry is open to the community from 4 to 7 p.m. on Mondays, Dec. 7, 14 and 21, at Pagosa Peak Open School (7 Parelli Way, the green building off U.S. 160 in front of Walmart). This after-hours food pantry will provide food boxes through a drive-through service. Please note that this is a pilot program to determine the needs for our community in an after-hour service.

Pagosa Peak Open School is excited be a part of this collaborative effort with the Food Pantry Network as supporting food equity has been a priority of Pagosa Peak Open School since the school's inception.

## Area Agency on Aging

Why switch? Plans C and F are no longer available to people eligible for Medicare Jan. 1, 2020, or later, and in price comparisons these plans have monthly rates that add up in a few months to paying more than the benefit difference between them and D and G. The only difference between C and D and F and G is that C and F cover the Part B medical deductible, paid once a year.

In 2021, the Part B deductible will be \$203. The Part A deductible will be \$1,484, and the Part B monthly premium will be \$148.50.

The Medigap regulation also has made an exception for people losing a Rocky Mountain Health Plans cost plan if they were eligible for Medicare before Jan. 1, 2020. These beneficiaries have the option of enrolling in Plan D or G, in addition to six other Medigap plans: A, B, C, F, K and L.

Medigap beneficiaries enrolled in C or F should have received a letter in the past couple months about the Colorado Medigap period, which the Department of Regulatory Agencies finalized Nov. 20. Insurance agents should know about it, but when talking to them mention the Colorado Guaranteed Issue regulation.

## Ongoing scams and new Office of the Inspector General website

A scam involving Medicare

cards is the attempt to get your Medicare number by claiming Medicare cards now have data chips in them, like those on credit cards. Medicare has not changed cards since the switch from using Social Security numbers as the beneficiary number. Advocates advise not carrying the cards, either, so you will not be tempted to use them to prove you are a beneficiary in improper places, such as booths, rather than for a legitimate medical provider.

Beware of all unsolicited phone calls, some offering "help" with back or neck pain and others trying to entice you to give information or money for COVID-19 rapid tests and early vaccines. Such callers seem realistic and are taking advantage of common pain complaints and current news stories. The best advice, besides hanging up, is to initiate any contacts yourself. One clue to a scam is whether the caller will reveal a call-back phone number. Many scammers say only they can do the calling.

The federal Office of Inspector General (OIG), part of the Department of Health and Human Services, has launched a new website encouraging the public to advocate for the elder population, especially residents of long-term care facilities. Titled Operation CARE, the website, oig.hhs.gov/fraud/care, offers information about elder harm and neglect, including health insurance scams. Links from it lead to other OIG programs.

SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare; see sjbaaa.org. For further information, please call or text 403-2165 or send an email to kkaylor@sjbaaa.org.

## Library.

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## **WORD SCRAMBLE**

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to jewelry.

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Answer: Silver

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## CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to jewelry.

Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: 22 = R)

A. 18 2 9 2 12 22 16

Clue: Personal ornaments

B. 17 20 22 20 15

Clue: Measure of purity of gold

C. 19 22 13 12 12 13 20 14 6 2

Clue: Intense brightness of light

D. 22 13 14 10

Clue: Finger jewelry

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Answers: A. jewelry B. karat C. brilliance D. ring

## **Preview Calendar**

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share your story. An opportunity to meet other women in your community in a peer-supported group focused on healing from trauma, abuse or violence.

Gaming. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect. Please note: Due to COVID concerns, we are only allowing a maximum of four participants in the gaming room. Masks must be worn at all times inside the library and social distancing must be maintained throughout the program. Call 264-2209 for more information.

The Good News Club. 2-4 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children K-6th grade. COVID mandates will be followed, including social distancing and masks. For more information or to register, go to coloradocef. org/GNC.

#### Saturday, Dec. 5

Discovery Time. 2:30 p.m. Facebook. For all ages. New videos are posted to Facebook each Saturday. View to explore new games, art ideas, science experiments, history, activities, and more. Call 264-2209 for more information.

#### Monday, Dec. 7

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#### Tuesday, Dec. 8

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and associated members are invited. Social distancing is required at this time. Contact 799-8387 for more details.

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs) Holiday Luncheon. 11:30 a.m., Ole Miners Steak House. All women are welcome. We will be spaced properly. Luncheon is \$15. Must RSVP to 946-1895.

Tech Time by Appointment. Noon-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Make an appointment for one of three slots available. Brad will help one person or one couple at a time. Call 264-2209 to make an appointment or for more information. Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m. Zoom. We will discuss "The Dreamers" by Karen Thompson Walker. Call 264-2209 for more information or if you need a copy of the book. Zoom meeting ID: 874 5826 9188, pass-code 81147.

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

Principles Before Personalities Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Contact Charlotte or Ken at 903-9690, or Nate at 507-1004.

#### Wednesday, Dec. 9

Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children ages 3-5. Includes Bible time, songs, crafts, games and more. COVID mandates will be followed, including social distancing and masks. For more information or to register, go to coloradocef.org/GNC.

Family Storytime. 10 a.m. For all ages. Join us for great stories and fun songs. Wednesday storytimes are on Facebook Live, so if you go to Facebook at 10 a.m., you can interact with Josie. If you have a Facebook account, you can log in and search for the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can access the page by visiting our website and clicking the Facebook icon, or you can contact us and we can send you a link. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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#### Thursday, Dec. 10

Loaves and Fishes Free Community
Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish
Hall, Lewis Street. Due to the COVID-19 threat, Loaves and Fishes
will continue to offer meals to the
community as takeout only. There
will be no sit-down service. Guests
should come to the front doors of
the Parish Hall, where they can pick
up meals to go. This practice will
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## Building on the right foundation

**PREVIEW Columnist** 

My friend's excitement secured a point of clarity for me. She called to say she and her husband had found the perfect house.

"It's a fixer-upper. There'll be lots of work, but we plan to buy it."

My question to her, "How's the foundation?'

"They found some cracks in the foundation, but it's a great deal. Besides, it has a great view."

View, nothing! All I heard was "cracks in the foundation" and a huge red flag went up. I'm no builder, but you need an uncompromised foundation in order to support the walls and ceiling. Otherwise, the whole thing may come crashing down.

Metaphorically, the Bible speaks of building a house on one of two types of foundations. We can build on shifting sand or on rock. And, when the storms in life hit, if a house isn't built on solid ground, it will

A sure foundation doesn't just apply to a place of dwelling, but anything that requires a secure footing to stand. This could be a marriage, a family, even a community or government. All of these things require a

## **Artist's** Lane

**Betty Slade** 



strong base if they are to survive the

When I look at the marriage of my Sweet Al and me, there is no doubt in my mind that a strong foundation kept us from detachment or demise. Be it during times of rain or squall, we have remained steadfast. Our roots are deep in our faith in God and our love for one another, come what may.

I asked my Sweet Al what he thought was key to a successful marriage. His response, "Well, you don't stand a chance if the husband is lazy and won't work, or the wife nags and runs him off."

That wasn't exactly the direction was going with my thought, but somewhere in there we are aligned. And that, at least, is the premise we

Yes, there has to be a strong base to stand on. Equally, walls have to be parallel, which takes a plumb line of dispositioned hearts.

It is not just marriage where build

is important, either. Look at community or even our country. It is not hard to imagine what happens when balance teeters on fear versus faith. Look at what our country was founded on; now consider where we could be headed if hearts do not stay inherently placed.

Our country's foundation was built on God, men's faith and a choice for freedom. Adherence to that will eventually frame how we stand.

Paul warned the church at Corinth not just how they should build, but what they should build with. He also told of what would happen when storms shake us at our core, and where our strength lies.

Before a single grain of sand was put in place, the need for a capstone was realized in the form of one who would lay down his life so that we may live.

Final brushstroke: Everyone knows that a divided house cannot stand. We also know that it is impossible to dodge the storms in life. What is for sure is that we can prevent being toppled in place by examining and fortifying our roots, in the origins that created us.

#### Readers' comments

Send your comments to betty@ bettyslade.com.

## Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By Paulette Heber

Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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

Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/ 884668836?pwd=bkdEeVlaSWN0 bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09, call-in number: (669) 900-6833, meeting ID: 884 668 836.

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, Dec. 6, our theme is "Be as a Lamp."

"Let each of you be as a lamp shining forth with the light of the virtues of the world of humanity.'

The Baha'i Faith is a world religion whose purpose is to unite all people of the world in one universal cause, one common faith.

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## Potatoes perfect for the holiday breakfast table

Special to The PREVIEW

Holiday dinners may get all the glory, but men and women who host friends and family each holiday season know that time spent with loved ones at the breakfast table can be just as enjoyable as breaking bread in the evening.

A homecooked meal first thing in the morning is a great way to start the day, and hosts who want to serve up something familiar with a little extra flavor can try the following recipe for "Skillet-Roasted Potatoes with Mushrooms and Pancetta" from Betty Rosbottom's "Sunday Brunch" (Chronicle Books).

## **Skillet-Roasted Potatoes** with Mushrooms and **Pancetta**

4 ounces pancetta, cut into 1/4inch cubes (see note)

3 tablespoons olive oil, plus more if necessary

1 pound Yukon gold potatoes, unpeeled, scrubbed and quartered Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper 10 ounces cremini or brown

mushrooms, quartered 6 garlic cloves, peeled and

halved crosswise

2 teaspoons dried thyme Several fresh thyme sprigs for

garnish (optional)

1. Arrange a rack at center position and preheat the oven to 400 F.

2. In a large, heavy, ovenproof frying pan (preferably cast iron) set over medium heat, sauté the pancetta until golden and crisp, 5 to 7 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon to drain on paper towels.

3. Remove all but 2 tablespoons of the drippings from the pan. (If you don't have 2 tablespoons, add olive oil to make this amount.) When hot, add the potatoes and sauté, stirring, until they start to take on a little color, 5 to 7 minutes. Season with salt and pepper and place the frying pan in the oven. Roast for 15 minutes.

4. Remove the frying pan from the oven and add the mushrooms, garlic and the 3 tablespoons of olive oil. Add the dried thyme and season with more salt and pepper. Toss to coat well.

5. Return the pan to the oven and roast until the potatoes are golden brown and tender and the mushrooms are softened, about 15 minutes more. Remove the frying pan from the oven and stir in the reserved pancetta. If desired, garnish the center of the pan with fresh thyme sprigs. Serve warm.

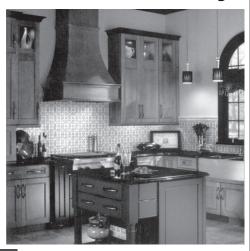
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## Caring for your mental health during COVID-19

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When the COVID-19 pandemic began in March, our communities were asked to help "flatten the curve" by staying home, avoiding crowds, washing our hands often and taking various other safety measures. Many of us changed our daily routines in ways we never imagined, hopeful that we would soon return to some level of "normal" again.

Across the country, including Colorado and western Kansas, we are now seeing record numbers of COVID-19-positive patients and hospitalizations, and many in our communities are feeling overwhelmed, worried and tired.

"Pandemic fatigue is real and it is both emotional and physical fatigue," explained Di Thompson, MD, medical director of physician wellness. "We initially thought this pandemic was going to be a marathon. Then it turned into an ultramarathon. Now, it is so far beyond that and reserves are low. You can't hold your breath for 10 months. Now more than ever, we need to care for our own well-being."

Although it is essential that we all do everything we can to slow the spread of COVID-19, such as by wearing a mask and avoiding gatherings outside of our household, it is also important that we take care of ourselves so that we are able to bring our best selves to our work and our homes each day.

Thompson recommends these tips to care for your whole health:

• Make connections and interact (virtually) with people. These connections and human interactions are so important to our emotional and spiritual wellness. Turn on your camera during meetings with your colleagues. Schedule virtual dinners and coffee with loved ones or attend a virtual exercise class. Because we so deeply want to

make connections, it can be easy to try to rationalize small gatherings with friends and family. Craving these connections is normal, so acknowledge that feeling and then remind yourself of why we need to continue wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

- Check in with how you are feeling. Set a daily alarm on your phone to take a few minutes to check in with yourself and ask how you're feeling. Are you caring for your mind, body and spirit by eating well, exercising and getting adequate rest? Are you protecting your health and safety by wearing your mask and staying home when possible? Check in with how you are feeling, make adjustments and seek support as needed.
- Accept your feelings. We are experiencing so many different emotions during the pandemic. Many of us are feeling grief, anger, fatigue, fear and sadness. This can take several forms. You may be grieving, perhaps, over a death of a loved one or a friend, or grieving missed events and connections. It's OK to grieve over a missed graduation party or long for family and friends that you can't see right now. It's normal to fear your family members getting sick. Acknowledge that you don't always have to be a cheerleader and that it's OK to take time to focus on your personal well-being. Slow down and take time to recharge.
- Acknowledge the holidays will look different this year. As we head into the holidays, Thompson recommended mentally preparing yourself for what will not be the traditional holiday season.

"This is not going to be your storybook Christmas. Recognize that and don't try to make your holidays something that they can't be right now," she explained. "Think about what you can do with the tools you have. Make phone calls,

give creative or homemade gifts to people, send video clips of your favorite holiday memories and discover other venues to make the season merry, albeit in a new and different way."

Defeating the pandemic requires ongoing effort from our communities to follow basic, timetested personal interventions to fight the virus, including wearing masks when around others, maintaining safe social distancing and properly washing our hands.

By also taking the time to prioritize our personal health and well-being, we can help ensure we remain emotionally prepared for the challenges our communities will continue to face as we await distribution of a safe and effective vaccine.



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## Modern-day false prophets

By Jan Davis

PREVIEW Columnist

A prophet called by God in the Old Testament issued instructions and warnings to the nation of Israel. This did not place them in good standing with men. Many were tortured and killed because of the harsh messages they delivered.

On the other hand, false prophets of the past taught goodwill and prosperity over gloom and despair. They spread deception and enticed through a slanted representation of God. The multitudes responded with accolades and a misplaced sense of trust.

Today, social media elevates politicians and journalists as social prophets. Fallacies are championed as facts and opinions as valid information. An opportunity for selfish gain is the silver lining for wars, financial chaos and pandemics. The outcome outweighs any adversity and sacrifice of human lives.

The world is manipulated one fake policy at a time. Self-righteousness is disguised as thoughtful consideration of others. Equality for mankind is masked in programs to promote dependency on government-funded welfare. Powerful heads of state determine the beneficiaries and leave the rest of humanity by the wayside. These policies are accomplished on the ruse of justice for the less fortunate. The general public develops an unfounded perspective of harmony and comfort.

Americans who dare to disagree with the agenda, laid out as mandates by authorities, are scorned and discredited as conspiracy theorists. Ridiculed and disgraced, they pay an unjust penalty. The price becomes apparent as lives are destroyed and businesses ruined in the aftershock.

Professors in universities educate and influence students into the acceptance of philosophical viewpoints such as socialism. They render the Bible as historical rhetoric with no true purpose or relevancy in today's culture. Christianity is dismissed as archaic and noninclusive. Young adults forsake the wisdom of parents and reject their beliefs as fabricated and without validation.

Spiritualists are elevated to a level equal to God. "All paths lead to God," is one of many theories instilled into the hearts of the young and old. Men attempt to communicate with God through angels and masters of channeling. God is portrayed through creation as the universe encapsulates his essence. In summary, the church has entered into a new age of psychic enlightenment of God.

Religious false prophets, disguised as evangelists, parade onto the world stage through modern A Matter of Faith

The presentday Christian church is not without fault. We adapted our services to the times we live in.

technology. They align themselves with Christ and present their interpretation of God's Word as divine revelation. They deceive many with pretentious theologies and ideas. Their books are promoted with hefty price tags, as answers to the world's problems.

The present-day Christian church is not without fault. We adapted our services to the times we live in. Live bands and performers impersonate worship leaders. Churches provide gourmet coffee and donuts to entice people inside.

Members leave faithful churches to follow a carefree shepherd. The crowds are drawn like sheep to the slaughter, attracted by social events where spiritual change is neither expected nor required.

Ministers stand behind pulpits and preach "feel-good" messages of love and monetary success. They water down the Word of God and speak words which are accepted as tested guidelines and received as socially and politically correct.

Their followers walk out the door with an optimistic outlook on life. The outward shell takes on the persona of happiness, while inside they remain empty of any substance.

Helpless to stop the mass exodus, a few brave and committed pastors continue to preach the truth of the Bible. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, they teach the entire gospel of Jesus Christ, without regard to personal risks and sacrifices.

These men are ridiculed and branded as blasphemers. Their churches are burned. The once majestic buildings are painted with obscenities and graffiti, this destructive behavior performed under the guise of freedom of expression without regard for the religious rights of others.

Because of the dishonesty and diluted truths vocalized by political and religious figures, along with commentators and educators, the human race is primed to receive the greatest counterfeit prophet in history.

Camouflaged as a believer in God, this individual enters the world scene and promotes peace. He proclaims unity as the driving force behind one world religion where all faiths are treated equal. One world power, currency and belief system are touted as endeavors of goodwill for all men.

Those who oppose the mandates established by this world leader and his government suffer the consequences meted out by the establishment. A time of reckoning with great tribulation, economic failure and death are the aftereffects of this evil scheme.

God's Word cautions followers of Christ to be diligent in prayer to discern reality from fiction and facts from garbage. A committed follower of Jesus will not be fooled by sweet-talking words. We understand the last book of the Bible and realize the inevitable destruction of this radical movement. The story does not end well for "yes men," but the assurance of eternal life with Christ is worth the persecution for believers.

The time is short, and Christians have a collective responsibility to share the accurate account of God's word. Jesus is the Son of God and our absolute Lord and Savior. He died on the cross for our sins, was buried and conquered death. He rose again on the third day, which assured us of eternal life with him. His return is eminent as our King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The watered-down version and lies are easier to accept. Do not be swayed by the deceitfulness of man, but place your trust in Jesus. You will not be disappointed.

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." — 2 Timothy 4:2-4

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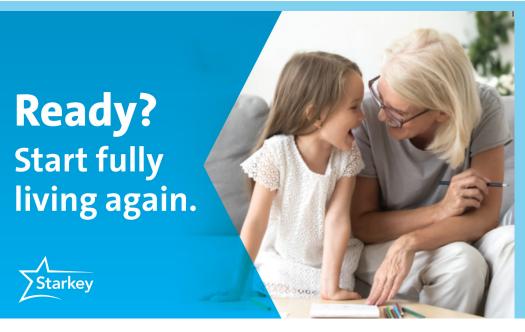
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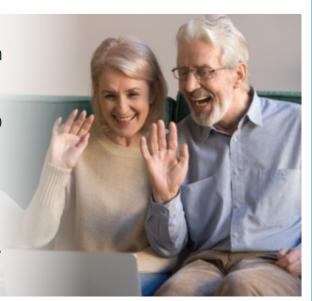
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