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County asks for \$850,000 to expand courthouse project

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

On Dec. 3, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners met with the Colorado Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission (UCFC) to discuss the possibility of receiving more funding in order to add a third courtroom to the recently approved Harman Park Justice Facility Center; however, on Wednesday afternoon that request was denied.

The commissioners recently approved a \$4.8 million contract with Nunn Construction to complete the new facility, which will include two courtrooms.

The county was allowed 20 minutes to give a presentation to the UCFC.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez began the presentation with a slideshow containing a description of the current project.

According to the presentation, the building is currently planned to be a 13,460-square-foot, one-story building with two courtrooms. Also included in the current plan are judges' chambers, a jury room, court clerk and probation department offices, and restrooms. If approved for another grant from the UCFC, the county is hoping to add one additional courtroom, a commons room and a security office.

Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffery Wilson was in attendance, along with the commissioners, and spoke to the county's need for a third courtroom at the new facility.

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Wildlife overpass and underpass will make U.S. 160 safer for drivers and animals



A busy highway can be a barrier for wildlife movement. This artist's rendering shows an elk using the overpass to be built over U.S. 160 near Chimney Rock National Monument. The project will also include an underpass, since studies indicate that various species of wildlife prefer either above ground or underground routes to cross highways.

Illustration courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

Construction slated to begin in spring

Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Colorado Department of Transportation

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) have partnered with the Southern Ute Indian tribe and several other organizations to construct a new wildlife mitigation project in southwest Colorado.

The project, slated to begin this coming spring, will construct several features on U.S. 160 between Pagosa Springs and Durango that

will promote safer travel for motorists, enhance safer movement of wildlife and reduce animal-vehicle collisions along this section of highway.

The location of the project will bring a great improvement for that section of highway, explained Scott Wait, senior terrestrial biologist for CPW.

"This is a heavily used corridor by vehicles and an important area in the San Juan Basin for big game," Wait said. "Deer and elk spend the warm months in the high country to the

north, but most big game move to the important winter range areas south of the highway during the winter. So, there is a huge number of deer and elk that cross the highway at that location."

This is an extraordinary collaborative project, CDOT officials said.

"We are extremely grateful for the phenomenal partnerships that have made this project feasible," said Tony Cady, CDOT planning and

■ See Wildlife A8

September sales tax revenues up 37 percent compared to last year

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

September's sales tax revenues were 37 percent higher than last year, with the year's revenues up 21.25 percent, according to the county's most recent sales tax report.

On Monday, Dec. 7, Archuleta County Finance Director LeeAnn Martin outlined the county's September sales tax revenues by categories, along with year-to-date comparisons, in an email to The SUN.

According to Martin, sales tax revenues for "the month of September 2020 is 37.7 [percent] (\$436,088) higher than September of 2019."

Martin's email states, "The gross amount of the September 2020 sales tax was \$1,593,387.90. The Town share was \$795,688.95 and the County share was \$797,698.95."

According to Martin, for the month of September, the categories that are up in comparison to last year include:

- Retail at 53.3 percent, or \$316,060.
- Accommodation/Food Service at 56.2 percent, or \$110,827.
- Miscellaneous at 10.7 percent, or \$18,746.
- Manufacturing at 7.3 percent, or \$3,682.
- Other Services at 4.4 percent, or \$1,010.
- Professional at 2.7 percent, or \$515.

Categories that are down for the month of September in comparison to last year include:

- Real Estate/Rental at 14 percent,

■ See Sales A8



Photo courtesy Gary Hedgecock

Pagosa Springs Cub Scout Pack 807 harvests Christmas trees on Jackson Mountain on Dec. 4.

Archuleta County now in Level Red: Severe Risk Additional testing events planned

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Colorado continues to be under a statewide mask order, with Gov. Jared Polis extending the order for an additional 30 days on Monday.

"Wearing a mask is an easy and highly effective way to significantly reduce the spread of COVID-19," a state press release on the extension states.

The announcement came as cases continue to spike in much of the country, including Archuleta County.

As of Wednesday afternoon, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) reported 371 cumulative cases among Archuleta County residents since late March, and 75 cases among

Archuleta County nonresidents since June 1.

From Dec. 2 to Dec. 9, 95 cases were reported among Archuleta County residents.

Archuleta County moves to Level Red

Archuleta County officially moved to Level Red: Severe Risk on the state's COVID dial at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6.

"To reduce community transmission and slow a dramatic rise in cases that threatens our school learning models and our local economy, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is moving Archuleta County to CO-

■ See COVID-19 A8

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EDITORIAL

We have the power to stop the spread

We are at a critical stage in our community's fight against COVID-19. Unfortunately, there has been an exponential increase in cases since the end of October. Archuleta County had a total of 69 cumulative cases as of Oct. 31. That number grew to 371 cases as of press time.

That is a whopping 438 percent increase.

And, sadly, there is no indication of this rate of increase slowing down.

The impact of the pandemic is taking its toll. Most of us are increasingly overwhelmed. We are stressed. We are tired. We are weary.

Many of us have lost friends and family to COVID-19.

During public comment at a recent county commissioner meeting, someone claimed that the pandemic was not real. Ironically, shortly after it was suggested that this pandemic is a hoax, a friend texted a photo of his mother's urn. She had died in a Farmington hospital due to complications of this disease.

Trust us. This pandemic is real.

We've been pretty fortunate as a county to not have witnessed the death rates that other areas have experienced. While the local dashboard doesn't reflect any deaths for our community, we have suffered losses of former residents.

Also, Archuleta County resident Diamond Dave Pokorney's death didn't count as a local death, since he died in Arizona, but his wife, Kathryn, believes he contracted the disease that took his life here in Pagosa Springs.

Correspondence from Pagosa Springs Medical Center CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb received about two weeks ago stressed: "The risk of the hospital being overwhelmed by a high number of sick patients is now higher than ever. What's different now is that cases in the community are spiking—we're not ahead of the curve, but behind it. The virus is so prevalent in the community that nine PSMC employees have tested positive and another 21 have been exposed to people just in this month. When this happens, those who test positive and those who are exposed are quarantined and can no longer work. We must then try to fill the vacancies so that the hospital can continue to operate. Many positions at the hospital are highly specialized and require staff with years of training and special certifications or licenses. They are not easily replaced. If enough people from certain areas like the emergency room, ambulance service, or diagnostic imaging are sidelined, we will be forced to close some

services, which could potentially affect any of us."

She went on to explain, "Also of note is that PSMC is not alone: hospitals across the region and across the state are experiencing the same problems — a spike in sick patients requiring care, and limited staff to care for those patients. If patients, whether sick from COVID or presenting with an emergency like a heart attack or accident-related trauma, require a higher level of care (a ventilator in an ICU, a cardiac procedure, trauma surgery) can't be transferred to another hospital in the region because those hospitals are at capacity, then they will have to be sent farther away, to larger cities like Denver, assuming they have capacity. This will only further delay potentially life-saving care."

Now is the time we must join together as a community with a united mission to reverse the course of this current surge and take back our schools, our businesses and our churches from the effects of this pandemic.

On Tuesday, the Archuleta School District Board of Education heard a plea from teacher union representative Darcy DeGuisse: "The question of wearing a mask has become an issue throughout our country and even in our small mountain town, people continue to debate its effectiveness. This should not be an issue up for debate when the safety of our students and our staff is paramount. As the union representative for the Pagosa Springs Education Association, I have asked to speak to you, Dr. Kym, and to the school board, on behalf of a number of elementary school teachers in our district, who would like you to consider requiring masks for all K-12 students attending our schools."

She concluded with: "Wearing a mask is about having compassion for others and their health — this is something we should encourage and teach to this community through our children."

The impacts of individual choices on the community as a whole are considerable.

Our children are unable to attend in-person classes due to those choices. This is something that could negatively impact these students for years to come.

Grocery store employees, essential workers and first responders put themselves at risk every single day in order to put food on their table and pay their rent.

Our businesses are functioning at a mere fraction of their capacity. Our restaurants have been crippled. Some businesses have closed permanently.

It doesn't have to be this way. Collectively, we have the ability to reduce the spread of COVID-19. We can get our schools, our businesses and our community back to full operating capacities.

An obituary for Dr. Marvin James Farr, 81, of Scott City, Kan., states that he "passed away Dec. 1, 2020, in isolation at Park Lane Nursing Home. He was preceded in death by more than 260,000 Americans infected with covid-19. He died in a room not his own, being cared for by people dressed in confusing and frightening ways. He died with covid-19, and his final days were harder, scarier and lonelier than necessary. He was not surrounded by friends and family.

"Marvin was born May 23, 1939... He was born into an America recovering from the Great Depression and about to face World War 2, times of loss and sacrifice difficult for most of us to imagine. Americans would be asked to ration essential supplies and send their children around the world to fight and die in wars of unfathomable destruction. He died in a world where many of his fellow Americans refuse to wear a piece of cloth on their face to protect one another."

A vaccine is within reach, but it is up to us to make individual choices to stop doing those things that contribute to the virus' spread.

We must acknowledge this pandemic is real. Coronavirus doesn't care about your political affiliation.

We need to wear face coverings unless you have a bonafide medical condition. It really is not that huge of a sacrifice.

We have to forego traditional large-group gatherings for now. We need to keep our distance from those we don't cohabitate with. We need to limit travel.

We need to stay at least 6 feet apart from one another. We must wash our hands often and not touch our faces.

Adhering to these safe practices can help us stop the exponential growth in cases.

These are not huge things for us all to come together for our children's education, for our educators, for our first responders, for those frontline essential workers, for our medical professionals, for the survival of our local businesses, and for the health and safety of our friends and family.

This is our opportunity as a community to showcase our unity. The power to stop the spread of this virus is in our hands.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 10, 1920

Early Monday morning at St. Edward's church occurred the marriage of Mr. Joe Martinez of Kearns to Miss Juliana Gallegos of Pagosa Springs, Father Miguel Mae officiating. A big wedding dance was held at Kearns Tuesday evening.

Walter Bowling departed Wednesday for Chama, where he will be joined by W.W. Nossaman and together they will go overland to Brownsville, Texas, to spend the winter in the mild climate of the south.

The Order of Eastern Star held its annual election of officers Tuesday evening. Also Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Dunagan were initiated in the degrees of the order, followed by a big oyster supper, served to 35 members present.

John Graham shipped a fine bunch of hogs last week. Bob Henry has made his second shipment of porkers.

C.C. Crawford has built an addition to his residence and has moved from the park to Chromo in order to send the children to school.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 14, 1945

Frank Brown has sold his West Side Grocery and Market to J.F. Whitefield, late of Austin, Texas, in a deal which was completed last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Whitefield took over active management of the store at once and plan to make several changes including an enlarged stock and a new front as well as gas heating equipment. Mr. and Mrs. Whitefield had recently purchased the Pearl McComas property on Pagosa street and have definitely decided to cast their lot with the good people of Pagosa Springs. The Sun on behalf of the business community, extends a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Whitefield and hopes that their residence here will be happy as well as profitable.

Sun orchids this week go to Worthe Crouse, who, bright and early Wednesday morning, plowed out neighboring streets with a plow of his own devising.

If Pagosa Springs had a hospital the past few weeks, it would have been a boon to all those who have been in Durango hospitals for treatment. Incidentally, it would tend to keep more business at home.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 10, 1970

It was announced this week by General and Mrs. Gordon Saville that their Fourmile Ranch has been sold to Jacob W. Hershey, of Houston, Texas. The transaction was handled by Joe Hudson of Pagosa Realty. The ranch, one of the best in the county, is located about three or four miles above town on the Snowball road. The ranch is about 1200 acres in size and is operated as a cattle and horse ranch. About 1000 calves are handled there each year during the season. Purchaser of the ranch, Jacob W. Hershey, is a prominent Houston, Texas, businessman. He has widespread business interests in the United States and in Mexico. Mrs. Hershey is prominent in civic affairs in Houston. At present she is a member of the Governor's Advisory Board on Land Use Planning for the state of Texas. She is also active in other civic and social affairs in Houston.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 14, 1995

A major move is underway to provide local affordable, new single-family housing for qualified families in Archuleta County, and the effort is drawing homeowners and volunteers into a productive partnership that benefits the entire community. Colorado Housing Inc. and Habitat for Humanity currently have eight homes under construction in Archuleta County, and volunteers form the First Baptist Church joined other volunteer workers Saturday to work on a Colorado Housing House in the Pines Subdivision.

Colorado Housing runs a self-help home ownership program, and works in partnership with Habitat for Humanity and the Rural Economic and Community Development Agency — formerly the Farmers Home Administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Colorado Housing uses technical assistance grant monies to provide a staff that finds land for home construction, works with families on funding and supervises construction conducted with the families and with volunteer labor. Colorado Housing is permitted to share its staff and resources with Habitat for Humanity affiliates.

WHADDYA THINK?

Should local governments allow emergency declarations due to COVID-19 to expire this month?

Poll results (496 votes)

Yes. — 51 percent
No. — 48 percent
I don't know. — 1 percent

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Letters



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Letter to wetlands

Dear Editor:
How did you happen, and where did you come from? You are such an inspiration to me about aging, as I walk around in your winter brown depths. I want to age as well as you: using this resting time as renewal so we can both burst into bloom in spring. And I want some of your endless variety and surprises.

It's the holiday season. I must confess that I have fallen in love with you. I marvel at the secrets which you keep to yourself. Nobody really knows where you originate, how deep you are, your long ago geologic history. We watch your changing moods through the seasons and variety of water temperatures. We know that as long as records have been kept, you have offered a healing presence, and that tribal people embraced you here at the crossroads.

I will tell you of my love here and now: a love of your care for so many birds, many of which are here during the winter because of your constant warmth. Was it 179 species the last time I checked on e-bird? Your provision of food for them through native plants draws the birds back year after year. Last time I checked on native plant numbers, it was approaching 40 unique species. And the variety of these plants that you snuggle into and through winter is astounding. Underwater there are mats of hornwort covered with mineral film. On the fringes of the ponds live water hemlock, spike rush, cattails, and my favorite inland saltgrass. Where the minerals are the most evident I can find more saltgrass, seaside arrow grass, alkaline crowfoot, alkaline asters. Don't you love those names? In the more elevated sections there are so many I won't list them all, just my favorites: skunk

bush sumac, silver buffalo berry, fleabane, switchgrass, and the one with the best name of all: rubber rabbitbush.

You are even beautiful in winter. Your subdued browns and yellows, the steam rising from the ponds, the occasional orange and red berry ... all available to view if I just sit and enjoy the whole scene.

What's to become of you? Will you take your water and dive deep underground when the condos are built and the extra businesses open? But then why would anyone come here? Aren't you the reason tourists come in the first place? The birders and bathers should perhaps beware of a future without you. The town shares your tourist dollars with hunters, but I'm not sure the town gains much from them, and their numbers diminish each year. Let's face it, birders and photographers are our tourist future, if not yours. Your future is immutable, sacred really.

You are entirely unique, for you have not just a river running through, but you have the bubbling alkaline springs, warm and nourishing, creating the open ponds. So few of you remain in the world that you must be protected. More than half of all wetlands in this entire country have been lost since the 1970's, when drainage programs and agricultural growth gained momentum. You are not even duplicated in all of Colorado. Please, please don't go. The birds need you. The plants that feed them need you.

And we need you as well.
Diane Cirksona

COVID-19: Not a hoax

Dear Editor:
This week one of my dearest friends died at age 55 of COVID19 after a week in ICU on a ventilator. She had been a pediatric nurse and sole caretaker of a parent with severe dementia. She also leaves behind two devastated daughters in their 20's, one of whom was present for her mother's last agonizing hours. My friend was one of the kindest, most giving people I have ever known ... a real loss to her community.

E. Coleman

Trash control

Dear Editor:
Thank you to Veronica and Mauricio Medina for their work encouraging trash control on our roadways.

I drive #160 every day and am amazed and disgusted at how many drivers/passengers throw trash out car windows or place it in the open rear of their trucks so it can fly out while driving.
Phyl Daleske

Wolves

Dear Editor:
There were so many uninformed statements in letters last week, it's hard to pick just one to comment on. I saw a documentary/movie years ago of a study of impact titled "Never Cry Wolf". It showed that the wolf is a predator that is opportunistic to take the weak or sick; leaving the strongest/smallest to breed. Unlike humans who take the strongest and best looking (more horns) to leave the weaker to breed. Wolves, unlike most humans, mate for life, and follow a system of authority (Alpha). Wolves cannot hold a candle to the most vicious, cruelest, predators on earth, who seem to destroy everything they touch, including each other; I voted against the reintroduction esp. because of people like F Anderson; and his boastful letter shows him to be the "killing machine", not the wolf.

The other letter, if I may comment, is the one by L. Frederick. You obviously missed some public interviews- comments made to millions by Biden- yes, they said-to millions- they are coming for guns; he also said he would cut military spending. The quickest way to get attacked is to have a weak military; that does not take a genius. Ask yourself. Why o why does no one, but no one, attack China or Russia? Ya think? Also Biden came out in favor of abortion on demand-any-stage-any reason. You can blurt "rape" cases, but just how many of, say ... 5,000 baby murders are actual rape cases? Don't miss the point there. The followers of Christ were hoping and praying on behalf of millions of infants that would be denied to see the light of day; someone who stands for the Constitution, etc. They know God's judgment is coming to America and were hoping to avert it for 4 more years. Now, you say give the very people a chance that for the last 48 months have done everything in their greed for power to cause division and stumbling blocks to the unity of this country. And yes, it's factual that extreme election fraud was committed. Hundreds of real affidavits, written by real people and the coming forth of "whistleblowers" is not a republican fairytale ... the dems, as a whole, refused to let the man do his job. He had to wade through the stupid Russian thing, and the impeachment farce, etc. for 4 years. God has a plan and purpose. Often He uses evil people to execute judgment; gosh ... they are so willing and handy. Point; He will have His way. You voted for a "puppet", I voted for a real person.

Peg Ellis

Post office trash

Dear Editor:
Please be considerate and abide by the new guidelines the Post Office is asking of us to not leave your trash (boxes, magazines, mail) on the counters or floor. Wouldn't you prefer to have the staff serving you rather than picking up your trash?
Patricia McMahon

Legacies

Dear Editor:
Wow, was that column ever a blast from the past. One huge

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Benigno Martinez

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Our cheerful, loving father left an enduring mark on our hearts. He will be greatly missed by his children, Della Martinez, Theresa Austill (Lyle), Frances Rogers, Raymond (Linda), Diane Morrell (Jim), Monica Higgins (Bill), Christopher (Beza), and brother to Augustine, MaryLou, and Rose.

Family was everything to Benigno. There was nothing he loved more than to be with his family. It didn't matter if you were a brother, great-grandchild or second-twice-removed cousin; you were family and were always welcomed into the Martinez home. Benigno was a gentle and humble patriarch father, grandfather and great-grandfather of our family. He had a significant presence in the lives of his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-

great-grandchildren.

He was the loving grandfather to Denise Garcia (Sue), Patricia Van Thiel (Mike), Andrea Garcia, Ryan Garcia (Kathy), Todd Montoya (Lisa), Brad Montoya (Debbie), David Martinez (Kim), Tim Sandoval (Melissa) Amanda Ontiveros, Luke Martinez, Dylan Martinez, Dawn Whitson (James), James Morrell (Lindsay) Jesse Higgins (Ranee), Andy Higgins (Michelle) Jamie Higgins, Forrest Martinez, Pazon Martinez and Bennie Martinez. Grandpa cherished children, especially his time with his 25 great-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Benigno, was born on Sept. 20, 1928, in a small town nestled between the rugged San Juan Mountains in Francés, Colo., to Francisco and Francisquita Ocaña Martinez. Benigno only knew his mother as an infant as she passed six months after his birth.

As a young boy, Benigno spent his summer months with older brother Christoval and hiked into high-country Burn County, where they looked after hundreds of sheep. Christoval would leave at dusk to dance in town, abandoning Benigno to blankets and prayer

for warmth during the frigid nights until Christoval returned days later. Benigno was scared and cold those long summer nights, but now we understand where Benigno found warmth. Benigno cuddled between our Lord and Savior and his mother, giving them quality time to prepare Bennie for his turn to leave the flock to dance in town.

A few years later, Bennie left the tent's warmth and brisk mountain air into the Pine Grove dance hall in Pagosa Springs. There he met a beautiful, 14-year-old young lady who introduced herself as a "16-year-old" Clara Martinez. Bennie found a new source of warmth and they were married the following year on June 2, 1947.

He spent his life as a hardworking, dedicated and loyal man with various jobs. His devotion to providing for his family relocated him back and forth between Pagosa Springs, Seattle and Salt Lake City, where they eventually settled.

Dad was a devout lifelong Catholic and was blessed with God's warmth to his last breath. Our Lord welcomed Benigno to join his mother, whom he only knew as an infant, father, siblings John, Leandro, Genevieve, Madeline, Chris-

toval and Gloria, and his grandson Adrian, son-in-law Wayne Rogers and his beloved wife of 52 years, Clara Martinez.

He will be sadly missed by his many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family would like to thank all the health care professionals from St. Joseph's Villa who cared for our beloved patriarch in his final months, especially during his final battle with the coronavirus.

Bennie will be remembered for his dimpled, contagious smile, sparkling eyes, warming hugs, his "SALUD!" of tequila, his "Bennies" and home remedies, the feeling of his soft hands while we danced, hearing his "AYE, AYE!" while we worked and played together. Although our hearts are heavy, we will celebrate the reuniting with his beloved Clara and look forward to hearing "Hey, Mija/Mijo!" or "Mi Hito/Hita!" when we join them in heaven. Until that day, we know they will be watching over us.

Funeral Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Monday, Nov. 30; he was buried with Clara at Mt. Calvary cemetery.

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Letters

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event from my family's past was consolidated into just a few lines. I'm not sure if readers would want to know any background to the story, but here goes. Charles Johnson came to Pagosa Springs in 1909, as soon as he was 21 and legally able to claim a homestead. In 1920, Charles married Elizabeth King, a young woman from Farmington NM that had come to Pagosa Springs to teach school in the Bayles school district. Time passed and Charles and Elizabeth became parents to four daughters, Genevieve, Elaine, Charlotte and Marilyn. Genevieve married Jim Olsen in 1950, having met him when he came to this area working a construction project.

Elizabeth's parents originally met at Bent's Fort near the current town of Lajunta CO in 1873. Her father, Henry, was a Civil War veteran who had been wounded in the war. They proceeded to move slowly across the state of Colorado, increasing the size of the family as they went. The family traveled over Elwood Pass in covered wagons. There were several other family members in the traveling party, but Elizabeth's mother, Elizabeth, drove one wagon, with two little girls of toddler age, and a baby boy on her lap. They spent time in Pagosa before it was an incorporated town, so that Henry could soak in the healing waters. Elizabeth went on to have thirteen children all together, with my grandmother Elizabeth being the second youngest. Troy and Elmer were older, with Troy living in Farmington NM, and Elmer in Durango in 1970.

Jim suffered a stroke in February of 1970 during the time that Genevieve was the County Assessor. He contracted pneumonia in November and passed away on Thanksgiving Day. As I recall, we

were experiencing a lot more snow that year. His funeral was set for Monday. My mom, (Genevieve's sister) was teaching in Dulce at the time so she took us down there to keep us from missing school; she left my sister and me with another teacher/friend and came back to Pagosa for the funeral and planned to return Monday night. Mom wasn't returning to Dulce that evening and we were really starting to worry that something had happened to her. When she finally got back super late that night, what a story she had to tell.

She had driven out west of Pagosa to get my grandparents, Charles and Elizabeth, and as they were driving back into town they came upon the accident, and were quite shocked to find it was Grandma's brothers and sister-in-law involved. The ambulance was still operated by the Mounted Rangers, and of course, since there was only one, they could only transport Aunt Ida, Troy's wife. Mom took Troy and Elmer to Durango to get checked out at the hospital, along with Grandma and Grandpa. They, obviously, didn't get to attend the funeral.

At the hospital, it was determined that Uncle Elmer had a head injury and he was admitted; as well as Troy having injuries that weren't apparent until he got to the hospital. Since Ida's last name was also King, the staff assumed she was Elmer's wife and they were trying to put them in the same room. Grandma was horrified when she found out, and went straight to whoever was in charge to get the problem remedied and get Troy and Ida together. Ida had broken ribs from hitting the steering wheel since she was driving the car; she had tried to slow down going down Put Hill on the snow-packed road and slid head-on into the plow. Troy and Ida

did recover from the accident and returned to their Farmington home but the accident had taken a toll on Troy. Troy King Road on the west side of Farmington was named for him after he passed away in 1972.

What affected me most was that all that happened 50 years ago. Uncle Jim's passing was really the first experience I had with losing a close relative, and now that Generation is almost completely gone. Strange how the circle of life keeps moving. Thanks for sharing that story.

Susan Nossaman

Nation's tragedy

Dear Editor:

Somewhere out in the hinterlands there must be at least one Republican who has enough integrity to admit that Trump is a pathological liar. Before he was elected, we had the ridiculous "birther" campaign, which Trump eventually admitted was false. He also claimed that thousands of Muslims cheered the fall of the Twin Towers on 9/11, despite absolutely no evidence (sound familiar). Then, he was elected, and we started off with lies about his "historic" electoral college win. In fact, Trump's victory was 45th out of 58 Presidential elections. He also claimed that he would have won the popular vote, which he lost by 2 million votes, had it not been for fraud. Then, he lied about his inaugural crowd, which aerial photos prove was well below Obama's 2009 inaugural (it was later revealed that Trump demanded that the photos be doctored to show a larger crowd). I guess you could say that these lies were just intended to stroke his egomania and didn't do any damage to our nation, although having a President lie before he even was inaugurated did not bode well for the future.

Then, we were treated to a stream of 25,000 authenticated lies during his Administration. Mexico will pay for the wall. I have signed more legislation than any President in history (Clinton, Carter, Truman, and FDR signed more bills at the same point in their Presidencies). He has done more for Black America than any President since Abraham Lincoln (just laughable). China is paying the tariffs (that's not how tariffs work). Lies about health care plans, climate change, the economy, Russia, Ukraine, North

Korea, campaign wiretapping, fake news, refugees, ISIS, taxes, golfing, and on and on.

Then came 2020 and Trump's falsehoods became truly devastating to our nation. First, he intentionally deceived the American people about the dangers of COVID 19. "It's going to disappear. One day, it's like a miracle—it will disappear." In June, the pandemic is "fading away. It's going to fade away." The Trump White House "inherited" a "broken," "bad," and "obsolete" test for the coronavirus, even though the virus didn't exist before 2019. And of course, we had his promotion of ineffective "cures." Because of his shameful lack of leadership and unwillingness to tell the truth lest it stain his reputation, over 14 million Americans have contracted the virus and 274,000 have died.

Finally, we come to the 2020 election and Trump's fabricated assault on the very foundation of our Constitution. He is attempting a coup against the wishes of our citizens like some banana republic dictator. Biden won, period. Don't you think if Trump's legal team had a shred of real evidence of extensive voter fraud, they would have presented it in court? They claim to have evidence, but when they get in to court and are under oath, none is presented. Trump knows he lost but is trying to keep his base agitated for 2024. A tragedy for our Nation.

John Porco

Giving Trees goes virtual

By Allyson Jones
Special to The SUN

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Business

Town council approves \$100,000 allocation for additional business assistance

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

During the most recent Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting on Dec. 1, the town council received an update on the COVID-19 pandemic response efforts and approved a future funding allocation from reserves to continue to assist businesses.

After presenting the local status of COVID-19 as of the time of the meeting, Town Manager Andrea Phillips noted that the town's local disaster emergency declaration is in place until the end of December.

"We have been partnering throughout the pandemic with Archuleta County, the school district, Pagosa Springs Medical Center, the Chamber, San Juan Basin Public Health, many, many others to put out information and a unified message on abiding by health protocols," Phillips said.

The town has been trying to operate within the restrictions as much as it can, Phillips added later.

Town staff has been doing health checks before going into work, and extra sanitation and cleaning efforts are being done in town facilities, Phillips explained.

Relief funds

Phillips explained how the town is spending Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds.

Those funds are available to counties and municipalities, with the state of Colorado receiving \$1.674 billion in federal funds that need to be spent in response to COVID-19, Phillips added later.

Of that \$1.674 billion, \$275 million is available for units of local government with the funding period being from March 1 to Dec. 31, Phillips noted.

The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has been authorized by the state to disburse the funds, Phillips explained, adding that counties and municipalities within the state must have an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) as to how the funds will be distributed.

"All of the funding is reimbursement basis only. We don't receive any money. We have to request reimbursement from the state within the allocations that we have been provided," Phillips said.

Both the town and county agreed within the IGA to split the allocation to Archuleta County of \$1.2 million equally, she added further.

"The amount that the town had was a little over \$601,000," Phillips explained. "We decided to spend as much as possible out in the community to help businesses that are adversely impacted by closures or new protocols that they have to follow. We also agreed to support the school district in multiple ways and several nonprofits, including food banks."

The town has also assisted local health care entities with rapid testing kits and contact tracing, she added.

"We have been able to assist, so far, 23 businesses, I believe, and two nonprofits out of this funding. This has been very helpful, I think, for the business community," Phillips said.

According to Phillips, the town has allocated all of its \$601,000 plus additional requests from businesses, leading to Phillips raising the question to town council of whether or not it would like to consider allocating up to an additional \$100,000 from the town's general fund reserves to cover that overage, if needed.

The town has not received invoices from some community partners for things that have been approved expenditures, Phillips explained, adding that if the town receives the invoices, it would mean the town would potentially be over-committing by about \$73,000 if the other businesses' requests are approved.

"If we were to allocate an additional \$100,000, it would cover the \$73,000 that we have in business requests plus there's a couple interesting programs I would like to get your feedback on that would help businesses throughout the winter," she said.

Another idea would be to continue to get information out to the community on health protocol information via a variety of methods such as advertisements, she added.

"I think it's great we're getting so many businesses who want to use the program to fill what they need in order to comply with state mandates," council member Nicole Pitcher said.

Another thing that the town would like to accomplish is to continue to follow state guidelines, but also encouraging people to recreate in a safe manner at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

"To my knowledge, there have

been no COVID cases related back to the Community Center," Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis said during the meeting, adding that all classes and programs held at the community center have been within the state mandates.

Community Center staff has expressed concern about where things are headed, Lewis noted, adding that COVID-19 is not going away anytime soon.

"We have a plan in regard to keeping this building open. Staff really feels that since none of us have gone through the wintertime of this pandemic, that it's going to be really important that we do whatever we can to ensure that building stays open," Lewis said, adding that the town cannot just "turn its back" in relation to the state health guidelines.

The Community Center is an outlet for people to get out of their homes to do some form of activity, which is a valuable service to the community, Lewis added.

"We talk a lot about getting sick and our responsibilities to try and protect each other from COVID, but there's lots of elements to health and I think the Community Center is a tremendous asset to the community's well-being," Pitcher said.

Following more discussion, town council approved an additional allocation of \$100,000 from the town's general fund reserves to fund business reimbursement and response to state mandates relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

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There are a number of things that our community can do to help our businesses during this holiday season as well as year-round.

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Perks are good for at least six months, so the recipient can use it now or later. This program is over 16 years old and is a way for people to support our local economy. The

Chamber has "We Accept Pagosa Perks" signs that you can post in your store. Contact the Chamber and we will be happy to get one to your business. If you are interested in purchasing Perks, contact the Chamber at 264-2360 and we will prepare the certificates for you.

Gift certificates to a particular business are another way to support our economy. If your business doesn't offer a gift card or gift certificate — why not? Again, this is an easy way for a gift giver to give the gift of a restaurant or retail store to a family member or friend that loves that particular business. Certificates can also be used now or in the near future, but the purchase helps the business out at the time of the certificate purchase. You don't have to have a fancy system. However, make them available to the public.

State updates dial framework to allow more flexibility for places of worship and educational institutions

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment released an amended public health order that provides updates to the COVID-19 dial framework last week.

The new changes, effective Dec. 7, were:

- Worship and ceremonies such as weddings and funerals are classified as essential. This means that they must do their best to follow public health recommendations, but may exceed recommended capacity caps if they cannot con-

duct their essential activity within those restrictions. They still must require masks indoors and other prevention measures like 6-foot spacing between members of different households and appropriate sanitation. Outdoor activities are still strongly preferred.

- Institutions like museums, aquariums or zoos may open indoors in order to perform educational functions, up to 25 percent or 25 people per room, whichever is fewer.

- Review the summary of changes at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TvA43zY5ZstduEvnMCQ7qZ26ddVrQrPk/view>.

The Colorado COVID-19 dial is a tool that allows Colorado to balance the urgent need to contain the virus with the need for localized guidance during the pandemic. Learn more about the dial at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-dial>.

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Undersheriff Derek Woodman: The 'best job at the sheriff's office'

By Simone Mounsamy
Staff Writer

Do you know the difference between the job of a police officer and a county deputy?

Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman outlined in a recent interview at the new sheriff's office what our county deputies actually do.

"I think that's one of the biggest things that people forget is what a sheriff's office does versus a police department," Woodman said.

He described the diversity of the job.

"They work very diligently, and the resources are a little bit less down here ... so you have to be a jack-of-all-trades. They're not only the community service officer, they're the patrol deputy, the school resource officer, doing community policing, being a detective, I mean they're pretty diverse. Responding to fire calls and search/rescue calls—they do have to be well versed in a lot of different aspects of what a sheriff's office is responsible for," Woodman said.

Woodman worked for 38 years in Summit County before accepting the job in Archuleta County.

"I love having the opportunity to bring in new people and giving them an opportunity that somebody gave me many years ago, to start a career in law enforcement ... To me that's very rewarding. I truly enjoy it," he said.

Woodman stated, however, that he hadn't expected Archuleta County to be as busy as it is compared to his experience in Summit County.

"I had no idea how busy it would be down here, how intense some of the crimes would be. Two weeks after I got here there was a triple attempted homicide. Since then we've had another homicide that we've had to deal with, and of course, the other larger cases that



Undersheriff Derek Woodman

we have," he said. "It's unfortunate that we are as busy as we are."

Despite the "diversity of cases," as Woodman described it, the county is still making daily progress on the development of its infrastructure. Woodman described this progress in terms of three things.

First, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) was moved from the old airport hangar into the former residence of Fred Harman III and his wife, Norma Harman, earlier this fall; however, some staff remain at the hangar.

"Unfortunately, we still don't have all our staff over here ... but we've got the jail right next door, and all our detention staff is over there," he said.

Reinstating a county jail is the second part of the progress Wood-

man described.

Woodman explained that, as of Nov. 24, the ACSO had brought their first inmate back to house in jail. Archuleta County has about 25 other inmates at La Plata County jail right now.

"We're still test driving some of the waters ... but it's a great facility, we're excited to get those staffing numbers up," he said.

And they are hiring aggressively, he mentioned, with "a very good pool of applicants" for the detention center staff.

The third part of the progress that Archuleta County is making, as Woodman described it, is the reinstatement of a county courthouse.

"And there probably won't be one for, around ... another 12 months," he said. During the

coming year, the county expects to continue using La Plata County's courthouse.

"As long as we're making progress every day, that's the goal. Organizationally, I think that we are every single day," Woodman affirmed. "Internally, we see it."

Finally, Woodman spoke of his love for his position.

"I've wanted to work in law enforcement forever ... I'm hiring people that are younger than my kids. It's good to foster their growth," he said.

He went on, "I feel that being undersheriff is the, hands down, best job at the sheriff's office. I do work for a political office, but I'm not the politician. It gives me the opportunity to lead and guide the organization," he said.

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Two plead guilty to methamphetamine trafficking on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation

United States Department of Justice

United States Attorney Jason R. Dunn announced last week that two unrelated individuals have pleaded guilty to methamphetamine trafficking on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

Trisha Herrera, age 40, of Ignacio, Colo., and Rita Clark, age 31, of Arboles, Colo., entered their guilty pleas before Magistrate Judge James Candelaria. These investigations were developed in part as a result of the Southern Ute Police Department's hiring of a full-time drug investigator. Southern Ute Police Chief Raymond Coriz joined

in this announcement.

According to court documents, in March, Herrera arranged drug deals on four separate occasions with other individuals on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Over the course of those four deals, Herrera exchanged 38 grams of narcotics for \$1,130 in cash.

In an unrelated case, court documents show that on July 17, Clark arranged a meeting with an individual on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to exchange methamphetamine for money. Clark delivered 56.49 grams of narcotics in exchange for \$1,200 in cash.

Both Herrera and Clark face up to 40 years imprisonment. Herrera is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 2, 2021, with Clark being scheduled to be sentenced on April 5, 2021. Both sentences will be pronounced by U.S. District Court Judge Robert E. Blackburn.

"Federal prosecutors have the important responsibility to work in tandem with our tribal partners to promote public safety on tribal land," said Dunn. "These prosecutions, and the continuing effort to combat narcotics on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, show that endangering the community by profiting from dangerous narcotics

does not pay."

"The Southern Ute Police Department will not tolerate the continued destruction of lives caused by these unscrupulous drug dealers," said Coriz. "We will continue to aggressively investigate low- to high-level drug traffickers anywhere within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and beyond."

These cases were cooperatively investigated by the Southern Ute Police Department and the Bureau of Indian Affairs — Division of Drug Enforcement. The defendants are being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Graves.

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'It's been a big year': Dispatch board looks back at accomplishments

By Simone Mounsamy
Staff Writer

2020 was a good year for the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center (ACCDC). "I do feel like we have accomplished pretty much everything that we have set out to do," said ACCDC Chairperson Connie Cook. At its regular meeting held on Dec. 3, the Dispatch Executive Management Board's Emergency Communications Director Kati Harr said, "Relocation really is the biggest thing on my plate at this time. That's kind of where 110 percent of my energy is going, along with keeping us operational through the continued challenges of the pandemic." The communications center is expected to move to a newer facility on Jan. 6, 2021. The

new facility will be furnished with newer communications equipment, as well. Harr explained in a recent email to The SUN that a grant will help pay for the installation and the first six months of monthly recurring 911 charges for the ESNet equipment migration. "We will not receive it until I submit proof of payment for the work that is slated to be done in early January," she explained. Nothing else new is going to come out in the next couple months, Harr explained in the meeting, continuing, "Because, again, we're just focusing on staying operational before, during and after the move." When reviewing the director's goals accomplished in 2020, Cook commended Harr. "You have accomplished an incredible amount of work," Cook said, "Congratulations

on that." In addition to planning the upcoming facility move and equipment replacement, Harr has made actionable improvements to the infrastructure of ACCDC. "It's been a big year," Harr said. Cook will serve her final month as chairperson before Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman takes over next month. There will be no January meeting in order to accommodate the time spent toward the ACCDC move. Meetings for 2021 will resume in February and be held in bimonthly increments for the coming year. During the off months, the Executive Management Board will meet for strategic planning. simone@pagosasun.com



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Commissioners set to approve county budget Tuesday

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

On Dec. 1, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held a work session in which it heard from the county's new finance director, LeeAnn Martin, in regard to some changes in the proposed 2021 county budget. According to an email to The SUN containing documents that Martin referenced in her presentation, the General Fund balance was originally listed at \$9,316,656, whereas the current draft has the General Fund balance listed at \$6,829,421. According to the documents, this reflects a \$3,504,577 draw-

down of the General Fund balance, compared to the original reported draw-down of \$1,750,619. The document states that the change in the balances, "Reflects increased transfers out of the fund, mostly in support of Court Facility Project." The document also states that the unassigned portion of the General Fund balance is still being calculated. Martin's email states, "Please keep in mind that these are working papers only and we still have more adjustments to make before the budget adoption on 12/15/20." The Road and Bridge Fund, Human Services Fund and 1A Fund reflect "very little change," the

documents state. The original draft had zero dollars listed for the 1A Fund, whereas the current status has a balance of \$7,021. The Road and Bridge balance was listed at \$5,316,774; the current status of the fund is listed at \$3,132,700. The Human Services Fund was originally listed at \$516,914, whereas the current balance is listed at \$611,089. The Dispatch Fund reflected a surplus of \$288,249 in the original draft, but currently reflects a surplus of \$99,470. According to the documents, this change in the Dispatch fund balance, "Reflects approval of most (not all) of the proposed items." According to the documents, the Conservation Trust Fund also reflects "Little change." The original draft had the 2020 projected remaining balance of the Conservation Trust Fund listed at \$441,236. The current draft budget has the 2020 projected remaining balance listed at \$370,378. The Justice System Capital Fund reflected a surplus of \$103,000 in

the original draft, but now reflects a drawdown of \$299,504. This is due to updates of 2020 revenue and expenditures for the detention center project, the sheriff's office remodel project and the Harman Park court facility project. The Fairfield Settlement Fund is also listed to show "Little change," according to the documents. The original draft had a 2020 projected remaining balance of \$531,436 and the current draft lists a 2020 projected remaining balance of \$520,061 that includes an update of projections. Martin's email explains that only a few of the funds were discussed in the work session. The email goes on to state that the purpose of the update "was to make sure the Commissioners understand the overall status of the budget and that all funds are balanced, as required." The BoCC will vote to approve a final budget for 2021 at its next board meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15. clayton@pagosasun.com

Public Meetings

- The following meetings are subject to change.
- Thursday, Dec. 10**
San Juan Water Conservancy District monthly meeting — Budget. 9 a.m. Visit sjwcd.org 24 hours prior for Zoom information and agenda.
 - Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting.** 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.
 - 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.
- Tuesday, Dec. 22**
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 special meeting — budget hearing.** 9:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

Fire district approves spending \$150,000 toward new training facility

By Simone Mounsamy
Staff Writer

At its regular meeting held on Dec. 8, the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) board approved the expenditure of \$150,000 toward a new training facility. The motion was approved unanimously. This money has come from unexpected revenues received from wildland fire deployments and specific ownership tax revenue, as well as being under budget because of COVID-19 restrictions on travel and industry cutbacks, Fire Chief Randy Larson explained.

The PFPD received \$210,000 for specific ownership this year when it had only budgeted for \$100,000. Larson implied that the expected timeline on a new facility is near the five- to seven-year mark. simone@pagosasun.com



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COVID-19

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VID-19 Dial Level Red: Severe Risk," a press release from SJBPH states.

According to the state COVID-19 Dial, Level Red: Severe Risk restrictions are warranted when any of three metrics are exceeded. Archuleta currently exceeds one of these metrics: 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.

The state's website Wednesday listed Archuleta County's two-week cumulative incidence rate per 100,000 population as 1,278.5.

Moving to Level Red: Severe Risk makes the following major changes to businesses, events and social gatherings:

- In-person social gatherings with people outside your household, in any setting, are prohibited, even with social distancing.
- Restaurants may only offer take-out, curbside, delivery, and outdoor (open-air) service. Outdoor on-premise service may be used by one household per table.
- Last call is moved to 8 p.m. to reduce the chances of late-night social spread of the virus.
- Office-based businesses must reduce their in-person workforce to 10 percent.
- Gyms and fitness centers must reduce their indoor capacity to 10 percent or no more than 10 people per room, whichever is smaller, by reservation only.
- Indoor events and entertainment venues will be closed. Outdoor event venues may remain open with additional restrictions.

"With the drastic rise in cases over the past month and the related impact on our region's health care system, now is the time to make necessary adjustments to ensure that our loved ones are with us for the winter holidays this year, and for years to come," said Liane Jollon, SJBPH executive director. "Currently, 1 in 40 Coloradans are infectious, the highest prevalence we've seen to date. Archuleta County will be joining 26 other counties in the state at Level Red, all of which are working to implement protocols that although difficult, will help us all get to lower levels of transmission."

"I know these restrictions are very difficult for everyone—especially for local businesses, but we're at

the point where we need to take action," said Dr. Rhonda Webb, Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) CEO. "While it is true that most people who get infected with COVID-19 do not require hospitalization, many do. We need to keep our workforce healthy to keep our EMS, ER, clinics, inpatient units and more fully available to meet the health care needs of our community. Working together, we can flatten this curve."

"The Archuleta School District has seen the impact of COVID-19 cases in our schools," said Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza. "We have had to navigate cases at the elementary, middle- and high-schools, which has impacted our ability to serve our students with in-person learning. We believe the move to red is a necessary step toward lowering our community transmission rate so that we can get our students back into schools, following the winter break. We are hopeful that by working together as a community and following the guidance of our local public health authority, we can keep our families, our staff and our students healthy."

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

For information about all phases of the state's COVID-19 dial framework for public health protections, visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial>.

Increased testing continues

SJBPH is again working with PSMC, Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs to provide free COVID-19 testing events to help meet continued demand.

Testing also continues to be available through a number of local health care facilities.

Free COVID-19 testing events are set for Dec. 10 and 11 and Dec. 16-18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The test site is located at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds at 344 U.S. 84.

Pre-registration for the testing at the fairgrounds is encouraged on the day of the testing at <https://curative.com/sites/14533/walkup>.

PSMC continues to test symptomatic patients through its clinic, and offers testing to asymptomatic individuals who may have been ex-

posed through drive-through testing to the right rear of the medical center six days per week.

The drive-thru testing is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day but Sunday.

Webb suggested that anyone experiencing symptoms should call their provider for advice on how to proceed.

Webb also cautioned that tests are a "snapshot in time" and a negative test does not mean you won't later become symptomatic and spread the virus.

Other providers offering testing include:

- Archuleta Integrated Healthcare: 264-2104.
- Pagosa Medical Group: 372-0456.

COVID-19 symptoms

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

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

Why get tested?

Last week, 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.

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 testing instructions.

Essential precautions

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

Courthouse

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Wilson stated, "We're busting at the seams doing everything over here in La Plata County."

He added that, "Prior to the courthouse shutting down ... we had conflicts constantly back three or four years ago, in terms of everybody trying to get their cases heard, and that's only gotten worse since we moved over here."

In a phone interview with Commissioner Steve Wadley, he also spoke about the difficulty the county has faced in the past due to the lack of facilities.

Wadley mentioned, "We [the commissioners] were constantly getting kicked out of our hearing room" and that, "people were accusing commissioners of moving meetings around so that they didn't have a chance to have their public input."

During his presentation to the UCFC, Wilson stated, "We really do need the third courtroom, particularly with the growth that's going to happen over in Archuleta County. If we don't end up building that, there's still going to be a substantial number of cases 60 miles away over in Durango."

Wadley has previously spoken about his concern for people having to travel to Durango for court.

In a recent phone interview he brought up this concern again, saying, "I've laid awake at night," in reference to people traveling for court. He added, "We need three courtrooms. This community is growing. This is going to be a booming community."

During his presentation, Wilson also spoke to the purpose of adding a commons room.

"We need to have that for several reasons," stated Wilson.

He mentioned that, along with holding meetings in the room, it would serve as an assembly room for when there are larger or multiple cases going on at once.

At the end of his presentation, Wilson mentioned that if Archuleta County is approved for another grant and with the additions it would be able to make, the county wouldn't need to apply for any more grants relating to the project for another "25-30 years."

Maez spoke after Wilson.

"You've heard the basic need and the one that concerns me the most is the safety situation we're putting on the citizens of Archuleta County traveling back and forth right now, and we're at an optimal point to where this could be corrected for several

• 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 person).

• 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, etc.).

• 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.

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years to come," he said.

Maez also spoke about the situation the county was in while the courts and commissioners were located in the old courthouse.

According to the slideshow presentation, "The original (1927) structure was not built to be a Courthouse, is unsuitable for the purpose and does not meet existing code and safety structures."

The presentation also states, "The newer section of the building was studied extensively and found to have serious problems with the foundation, roof, HVAC, electrical, fire and plumbing systems."

It also indicates the courthouse was ranked the worst in the state.

In 2015, a rainstorm occurred during roof work, flooding a large section of the building.

"This destroyed the existing Detention facility outright, and caused evacuation of the Sheriff Offices and one (of two) courtrooms," the presentation explains.

The presentation explains that an attempt was made to repair and reuse the sheriff's offices, but it was abandoned due to air quality concerns, and eventually the other court offices and probation vacated the building, also over concerns with air quality.

Maez reviewed the county's solution with a slide from the presentation that outlined the approximate total cost of the "New Justice System Complex."

The complex includes the new detention facility, which cost \$16.51 million; the remodeled sheriff offices, which cost \$1.27 million; and the new court facility, which is estimated at a cost of \$5.85 million. The total approximate cost adds up to \$23.63 million.

According to the presentation, the county is seeking an additional \$850,000 in order to cover the costs of the requested additions to the courthouse facility.

Maez mentioned that if the county is able to build the additional courtroom and commons room that, "we'll save a lot of money for the future."

He added, "We seriously need the funding. We need this money and this will help us for years to come."

Wadley spoke during the presentation, noting that when he took office in 2011, the county had no strategic reserve fund. The county recently approved \$4 million from the strategic reserve in order to pay for the new court facility.

Wadley added, "I promise you, we've done the best we could with the money we have."

Wadley also noted that over the past two years the county has pulled a significant amount of money from the Road and Bridge Fund to pay for the new justice facilities.

"We have literally put ourselves at risk for some unknown thing to happen in the next year or two," he said.

Mark MacDonnell, chair of the UCFC, mentioned that the county's application for funds last year contained a grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Maez clarified that the county missed a deadline for the grant.

Wadley mentioned that the process for the grant application was very confusing and that the county had trouble communicating with DOLA.

"We were in contact with people. It's a very confusing process; we had a lot of emails out asking for help, asking for a face-to-face meeting ... and then all of the sudden we get told that we missed the deadline," said Wadley.

Maez noted that the county will have another opportunity to apply for a DOLA grant, but not until March of 2021.

MacDonnell also asked the commissioners what their plan is for the old courthouse building.

Maez mentioned that the building is for sale and that it could still be used to generate property taxes in the county.

Wadley noted that the county treasurer, clerk and assessor are still in the old courthouse.

Wadley added, "In all honesty, it's a teardown."

Wadley explained that there's probably about \$500,000 worth of value in the property after the building is torn down.

He went on to explain that the county cannot afford to build another building for the treasurer, clerk and assessor, and the county will have to "limp along" until a new opportunity comes up.

Wadley offered a few more comments in regard to the county's situation.

"We are putting ourselves at risk to build this courthouse. This is bleeding out all the money that we've saved. It's just a chance we have to take, because we'll never get another opportunity. Every year it costs more money. This is our last-ditch effort to get something built for the community that will last a generation," he said.

Sales

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or \$6,051.

- Information at 19.2 percent, or \$5,081.
- Construction at 11.8 percent, or \$3,264.
- Finance/Insurance at 16 percent, or \$357.

Martin's report also highlights year-to-date comparisons of 2019 and 2020 data from January through September.

"On this basis, 2020 is 21.25% (\$1,836,837) higher than 2019, overall," the report reads.

Martin's report notes that the January-through-September data for 2020 includes \$724,633 in collections of remote sales tax.

According to Martin, "Remote

sales tax comes from vendors located outside of Colorado, who are shipping product or providing services to residents or businesses located within Archuleta County."

Martin also notes that in addition to the remote sales tax, \$162,191 in collections related to taxes due in prior years have been received from January to September of 2020.

Martin's report outlines the categories that are either up or down in the year-to-date comparison as well.

The categories that are up in the year-to-date comparison include:

- Retail at 32.2 percent, or \$1,487,097.57.
- Miscellaneous at 13.6 percent,

or \$174,000.04.

- Accommodations/Food Services at 17.8 percent, or \$264,218.09.
- Construction at 5.4 percent, or \$9,192.25.
- Finance/Insurance at 9.8 percent, or \$1,133.10.
- Professional at 2 percent, or \$1,460.77.

Categories that are down in the year-to-date comparison include:

- Real Estate/Rental at 18 percent, or \$46,813.11.
- Manufacturing at 5.7 percent, or \$20,418.45.
- Information at 10.1 percent, or \$23,125.39.
- Other Services at 6.5 percent, or \$9,907.93.

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Wildlife

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environmental manager for southwest Colorado. "These partnerships greatly leverage the individual contributions made by these different entities and will increase the return on our investments."

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is a critical partner and provided important biological information to help design the project.

"Hunting is an extremely important component to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and culture and it is considered vital to keep these traditions alive," said Steve Whiteman, acting director of Natural Resources. "The Tribe has long maintained a positive working relationship with the state of Colorado, and looks forward to the collaboration with CPW and CDOT to bring this important project into reality."

Organizations and agencies as well as their contributions toward the project include:

- \$8.6 million from CDOT.
- \$1.3 million from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.
- \$750,000 from CPW.
- \$317,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.
- \$100,000 from Mule Deer Foundation (via a private donor).
- \$75,000 from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Cady added, "Not only have several agencies and organizations come forward with valuable funding commitments, some agencies have also contributed with studies, research and development plans to make the project possible."

The Colorado Wildlife and Transportation Alliance, a consortium of federal and state agencies, academics, nonprofits, biologists and engineers, played a significant role in developing the unique financial partnerships to advance the southwest Colorado project.

Additionally, along with their financial backing, the Southern Ute Tribe provided support with critical Global Positioning System data which identified seasonal migration patterns and habitat in the area.

The project site is located on U.S. 160 in Archuleta County, centered at the Colo. 151 intersection, near Lake Capote and Chimney Rock National Monument. The project will span for approximately 2 miles on U.S. 160, about 13 miles west of Pagosa Springs and 37 miles east of Durango, between mile points 126-128.

Work will include:

- Construction of a wildlife underpass structure just west of the U.S. 160 and Colo. 151 intersection at MP 126.8.
- Construction of a wildlife overpass structure just east of the U.S. 160 and Colo. 151 intersection at MP 127.3.
- Installation of an 8-foot-tall exclusion fence along both sides of U.S. 160 throughout the project limits, approximately a 2-mile stretch from MP 126-128.
- Construction of earthen escape ramps and deer guards along the length of fencing.
- Installation of a large deer guard on Colo. 151 at the approach to U.S.

160, similar to a cattle guard but much wider to prevent deer from jumping across and into the highway corridor.

- Extension of the existing west-bound passing lane on U.S. 160 at the Colo. 151 intersection.
- Extension of the westbound left-turn acceleration lane on U.S. 160 at the Colo. 151 intersection.

The construction project, awarded at a cost of \$7.95 million, will be completed within one construction season, breaking ground next spring and wrapping up by the fall of 2021. The total cost of the project is approximately \$11.3 million, including design and planning.

CDOT has built more than 60 wildlife mitigation structures crossing above or under highways throughout the state. Additionally, almost 400 miles of high big game fencing has been installed along state and U.S. highways or next to the interstates.

Correction

In the Dec. 3 issue of The SUN, it was incorrectly stated that Archuleta School District (ASD) had received \$346,000 in Relevant Information to Strengthen Education grant funding.

In fact, it was originally announced that ASD had received \$365,000, with ASD Superintendent indicating Tuesday the district received \$363,000.

The SUN regrets the error.



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Colorado prepares for limited vaccine deployment

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

Approval of a COVID-19 vaccine is on the horizon, and health officials at the local, state and national levels are preparing to deploy limited doses of the vaccines across the country.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) placed the state's first order on Dec. 3 with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for 46,800 doses of the Pfizer vaccine in anticipation of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

The FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee is meeting in open session today to discuss EUA of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for use in people 16 and older.

On Dec. 17, the committee will consider EUA for the Moderna Inc. vaccine for use in people 18 and older.

According to the CDPHE, regular vaccine allocation from the federal government will be based on the size of Colorado's total population and the quantity of ready-to-ship doses from the manufacturer. Colorado makes up 1.69 percent of the U.S. population, so the CDPHE has stated it expects 1.69 percent of the available vaccine.

"The availability of a COVID-19 vaccine is a major turning point in this pandemic, and we will act as swiftly as possible to get it distributed once it is approved," said Jill Hunsaker Ryan, executive

director of the CDPHE, last week. "We are working closely with local public health agencies, hospitals and other health care providers, pharmacies, and diverse community partners to distribute and administer the vaccine as equitably and efficiently as possible. Because of limited quantities, it will take several months to get the vaccine to everyone who wants it -- so we need Coloradans to continue to take all possible measures to prevent the spread of the virus."

Pfizer plans to ship the first vaccine allocations to states within 24 hours of the FDA issuing an EUA. Colorado will begin administering the vaccine shortly after the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) makes its recommendations for vaccine use, the CDPHE announced.

The CDPHE announced the state will share when the vaccine arrives in Colorado. Due to safety and security precautions, the ultra cold storage locations of the vaccine will be kept confidential.

The CDPHE stated it continues to monitor the development of COVID-19 vaccines and will provide regular updates on Colorado's vaccination planning and distribution plans.

Locally, both San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) have announced they have applied to receive doses.

The state launched its COVID-19 vaccine Web page, <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine>, Wednesday, which details information about the vaccine process and available information about how it will be deployed, though it

notes, "More information about provider settings and options for phase 2 and phase 3 recipients will be coming soon."

Who will be vaccinated first?

According to the state's website, "The first delivery of the Pfizer vaccine will provide 46,800 vaccine doses. These vaccines will go to health care workers who are treating COVID-19 patients. These workers have been on the front lines since the beginning of the pandemic and are directly exposed to COVID-19 as part of their job. Protecting the people who care for COVID-19 patients will help us save lives until the vaccine becomes widely available."

That follows the phased approach Colorado will take in deploying vaccines, which is further outlined on the vaccine Web page.

But, as SJBPH Director of Communications Claire Ninde pointed out, only a fraction of those who fall under Phase 1a will receive the vaccine due to the limited doses that will initially be available.

"Initial vaccine supply will not be sufficient to immediately immunize all critical populations in Colorado and the state's allocation plan relies upon the Phased Implementation Plan created by the Governor's Expert Emergency Epidemic Response Committee's Medical Advisory Group, CDPHE, the Governor's Office, and after extensive community engagement with community members and leaders," the state's website explains.

Ninde added that, in addition to

a limited number of doses being received through the first batch, Pfizer's next batches are already accounted for.

The state's website indicates that the majority of people served under Phase 1a will receive the vaccine through their employer.

When will a vaccine be available for anyone who wants it?

Ninde cautioned that the vaccine is "months out" from being available for the general public.

The state's website further explains, "After the FDA authorizes a vaccine and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) makes recommendations for its use, we expect it will take several months before everyone who wants one can get one because of limited availability. Prioritizing health care workers who have been on the front lines of the pandemic and are directly exposed to COVID-19 as part of their jobs will help us save lives in the next few months."

In a joint remote press conference with Colorado Gov. Jared Polis last week, Dr. Anthony Fauci — National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases director — 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.

"This is logistically a huge endeavor," Ninde said.

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CDC publishes options to reduce quarantine length

CDC and CDPHE continue to recommend a full 14-day quarantine as the 'gold standard'

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published additional options to reduce the length of quarantine while still

continuing to recommend a full 14-day quarantine as the most effective way to reduce disease spread.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) will be updating its guidance to explain when other, less protective options might be appropriate.

A quarantine could only be shortened in the following situations:

- If exposed people do not develop symptoms, they may be released from quarantine after completing day seven if they have a negative molecular or antigen test collected within 48 hours of ending quarantine. The test should be collected at least five days after their exposure.

• People may stop quarantining after completing 10 days of quarantine without a test if they do not develop any symptoms.

Under no circumstances should

the quarantine end before seven days have fully passed.

"We need everyone to do everything possible to avoid all in-person interactions with people they don't live with, whether they've had a known exposure to COVID-19 or not. The risks are too high right now. ... The additional quarantine options provided by CDC give the public more flexibility on quarantining, which is sometimes necessary."

■ See **Quarantine A10**

Fleet Department aims to fix staffing issues

By **Clayton Chaney**
Staff Writer

At a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) Tuesday, Dec. 8, the BoCC heard from the Fleet Department Manager Mike Torres.

Torres presented an annual department update to the BoCC in which he highlighted the department's need to be fully staffed.

According to Torres, "We haven't had a full staff since June."

There are currently only three positions filled in the department.

Torres explained that the department has been operating while being down one employee since June, and as of October the department is down two employees.

The two positions that are open in the department are mechanic I and mechanic II.

According to Torres, the mechanic I position has possibly been filled, with the new employee

scheduled to begin next week.

Torres went on to explain that he is having trouble filling the mechanic II position.

He mentioned that he is "not really seeing the qualifications" that he is wanting.

According to Torres, the last applicant for the mechanic II position applied in November, but lacked the required experience needed for the position.

Torres spoke more about the problems that he has encountered during this hiring process.

He mentioned that a lot of the applicants are from out of town and are not ready to move to Archuleta County.

"It's really been a nightmare," Torres stated.

At the end of the presentation, Commissioner Steve Wadley asked, "What can we do to help you with that mechanic II position?"

Torres mentioned the possibility of a hiring bonus or a sign-on

bonus to help fill the position.

Wadley asked how much of a bonus would help get the mechanic II position filled.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez, then interjected, saying, "We'd like to do some research."

Wadley reiterated, "We're here to help and we want to help."

Torres explained in his presentation that whoever is hired will receive a full week of training.

Other topics Torres discussed during his presentation included an update on some of the new equipment the department has purchased.

According to Torres, the department recently bought a second 10,000-pound two-post vehicle lift.

"It helped us significantly as far as keeping up with services," Torres said.

Torres also mentioned that the department has recently purchased a new tire changer and a new tire balancer machine.

He noted the new tire machines have allowed for them to use more varieties of tire types on the county's vehicles.

According to Torres, the county currently has 184 units in use.

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Outdoors

Echo Canyon Reservoir drained 5 feet below spillway for dam repairs

By Simone Mounsamy
Staff Writer

Four miles south from Pagosa Springs on U.S. 84 lies Echo Canyon Reservoir State Wildlife Area, 211 acres of state land, according to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW). Water supplied by spring runoff from Echo Canyon Creek leaves the reservoir and drains into the San Juan River south of town.

According to the CPW website, there is a dam at the west end and the water is normally maintained at full level throughout the year.

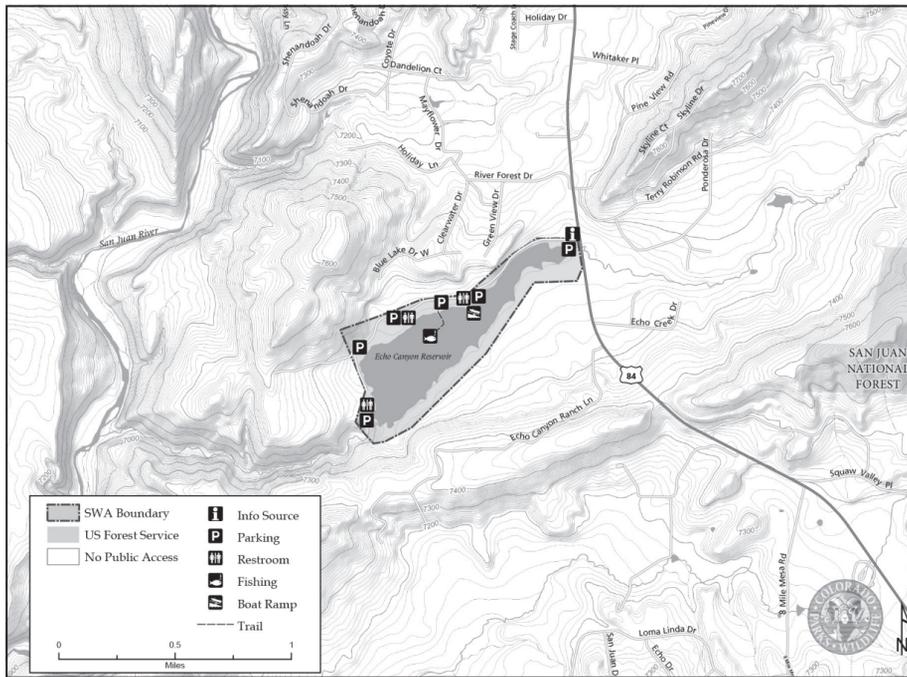
The reservoir has recently been drained, however, to 5 feet below the dam spillway.

CPW Southwest Region Public Information Officer Joe Lewandowski informed The SUN that during a routine inspection of the dam in late October, "A crack in the earthen dam at Echo Reservoir was discovered."

He explained that CPW's dam safety engineers worked with Division of Water Resources (DWR) dam safety engineers to control the water level drawdown, and have filled and covered the crack.

According to Lewandowski, dam safety engineers will continue to monitor the embankment over winter. Though the crack has been reported to be stable, CPW is working with DWR to determine future measures that would ensure the integrity of the dam embankment.

"That process will take several months and there is no timeline,"



Map courtesy Colorado Parks and Wildlife

To access Echo Canyon Reservoir State Wildlife Area from Pagosa Springs, go 1 mile east on U.S. 160 to U.S. 84, then 4 miles south to the sign and access road on the right.

Lewandowski stated.

Echo Canyon Reservoir remains open, however.

Lewandowski noted that "fishing would be difficult now because mud flats are exposed and not yet

frozen," but the recreational hatchery does remain open for fishing, he explained.

"As colder weather sets in it will be open for ice fishing. Anglers are asked to exercise caution when

venturing onto the ice," Lewandowski advised.

CPW will keep the community informed on the status of the reservoir.

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Volunteer for Audubon's Christmas Bird Count

By Jean Zirnelt
Weminuche Audubon Society

There is still time to join Audubon's Christmas Bird Count, to be held this year on Saturday, Dec. 19. This is the 121st year of this annual census of birds and the 10th year that we are conducting the count in Pagosa Springs.

We hope that you will join us in the fun and make a contribution to this important citizen science project. We welcome participation from all community members. The Pagosa Springs count is organized by the Weminuche

Audubon Society with the support of Audubon Rockies.

We will be recording all of the birds that we identify within the 15-mile diameter circle centered near the transfer station on Trujillo Road. If you live within the circle, you can also participate by counting birds at your home feeders or let us know your address so that volunteers can stop by to add birds in your yard to the census.

Following protocols of the National Audubon Society and the state of Colorado, we will conduct the count with volunteer safety

in mind. Please let us know that you will participate by emailing us at weminuche.audubon@gmail.com so that we can assign you to a count team.

To refresh our bird identification skills, Keith Bruno, Audubon Rockies community naturalist and Weminuche Audubon board member, will be presenting an online class focusing on corvids and raptors on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. The Zoom link for this class is provided on the events tab of our website, weminucheaudubon.org.

We hope to see you there.

Water production increases for second consecutive week

By Simone Mounsamy
Staff Writer

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Manager Justin Ramsey released information Monday, Dec. 7, outlining the current water levels in local lakes.

According to the press release, Lake Forest is 4 inches from full.

Hatcher Lake's water level is down 52 inches.

Stevens Lake is listed at 61 inches from full.

Lake Pagosa is down 14 inches, or 95.29 percent full.

Village Lake is down 16 inches.

All lake levels rose this week from last week by an inch or 2 except Hatcher Lake, whose level decreased from last week by 3 inches.

Diversion flows remain at a total of 5 cfs, with the West Fork diversion contributing 3 cfs, the Four Mile diversion contributing 2 cfs, and the San Juan diversion contributing no water.

An increasing trend on water

production continues for the second consecutive week. From Nov. 27 through Dec. 3, the total was listed at 11.10 million gallons, 1.05 million gallons more than last week.

The Snowball water plant contributed 3.53 million gallons, while the Hatcher plant contributed 7.57 million gallons. The San Juan water treatment plant was shut off on Sept. 30.

Last year, total water production was listed at 9.87 million gallons for those dates.

River report

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the San Juan River was flowing at a rate of 43.5 cfs in Pagosa

Springs as of 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

The maximum flow rate for Pagosa Springs for that date, based on 85 years of records was recorded in 2008 at 240 cfs, and the minimum for that date was recorded in 1957 at 14 cfs.

Snow report

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Water and Climate Center's snow pack report, the Wolf Creek summit, at 11,000 feet of elevation, had 11 inches of snow water equivalent as of 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 9.

That amount is 115 percent of the Dec. 9 median for the site.

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Quarantine

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sary to sustain the response, allowing folks to do essential activities. But the gold standard remains to be a 14-day quarantine after any possible exposure," said Rachel Herlihy, state epidemiologist, CDPHE.

While people may leave quarantine earlier, if they follow these additional safety precautions they should continue to monitor themselves daily for symptoms of COVID-19 for a full 14 days. Some people may not get sick until 14 days after their exposure. That is why it is also important to wear a mask and keep physical distance (at least 6 feet) from others.

Symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

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

The new quarantine options also advise people to wait at least five days after their exposure date before getting tested, unless symptoms develop. Testing immediately after exposure isn't helpful because it may be too early in the incubation period and there isn't enough viral material for the test to detect.

Follow the instructions on how to quarantine after exposure to prevent further transmission.

Anyone with symptoms should get tested as soon as possible, stay away from others and follow the instructions on how to isolate. Isolation is different from quarantining and is for people who are ill.

We appreciate Coloradans' patience while we update our Web pages and guidance documents to explain the additional options provided by the CDC. Continue to stay up to date by visiting covid19.colorado.gov.

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Luke 1:30-31

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Education

Board of Education adds student representatives

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District Board of Education (BOE) grew a little bit Tuesday evening.

For the first time, the BOE welcomed aboard a pair of students who will serve as nonvoting representatives on the board.

On Nov. 10, the BOE interviewed five applicants interested in serving as student representatives: Kiera Su, Vinicio Carranza, Rachel Smith, Hannah Rockensock and Nell Taylor.

The BOE members then individually ranked and reported their rankings to the district.

The top candidates, Carranza and Smith, were invited to Tuesday's meeting, where the board formally appointed the students.

Both are juniors at Pagosa Springs High School.

Following a unanimous vote, BOE Vice President Bob Lynch, who was presiding over the meeting, administered an oath of office.

According to the meeting's agenda, "The students' role will be to listen and provide input to the board on agenda items and policy considerations. The role of student representative is a non-voting representative to the Board."



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

The Archuleta School District Board of Education swore in two new nonvoting additions to its board Tuesday evening: student representatives Vinny Carranza and Rachel Smith. Both are juniors at Pagosa Springs High School.

During their interviews, both students spoke about helping the board understand how decisions

will affect students and understand the student perspective. Superintendent Dr. Kym LeB-

lanc-Esparza suggested adding student representatives to the BOE after she was hired.

Texas A&M Cadets to march 1,000 miles to Pagosa Springs for Special Operations Warrior Foundation

By Amy Thompson
Texas A&M Corps of Cadets

Six members of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets are participating in their fourth annual Project Atlas Ruck March in support of the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

The cadets will conduct a "ruck march" a cumulative distance of 1,000 miles from Zion National Park in Utah to Pagosa Springs over the course of eight days during the holidays.

The term "ruck march" is in reference to the rucksack carried on the backs of the cadets that holds their extra layers of clothing, food and water.

This ruck march will raise awareness and funds for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides scholarships and educational counseling for the surviving children of Special Operations personnel killed in the line of duty.

Each cadet will march a portion of the 1,000 miles throughout the eight days. This year's fundraising goal is \$16,000. Over the past three years, the cadets conducting the Project Atlas Ruck March have raised more than \$33,000.

Read more on Corps News at <https://corps.tamu.edu/texas-am-cadets-to-march-1000-miles/>.

Six members of Company H-1 in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets include:

- Ethan Lochner (senior).

- Taylor Elliott (senior).
- Wyatt Vance (junior).
- Zachary Cross (sophomore).
- Colton Kennedy (sophomore).
- Bryce Buchanan (sophomore).

The group members will begin their ruck march in Zion National Park, Utah, on Dec. 9 and end in Pagosa Springs on Dec. 17.

Timeline

- Dec. 9: Complete hike through Zion National Park.
- Dec. 10: Ruck March to Big Water, Utah.
- Dec. 11: Ruck March around rim of Lake Powell, Utah/Ariz.
- Dec. 12: Ruck March east of Page, Ariz.
- Dec. 13: Ruck March to Navajo National Monument, Ariz.
- Dec. 14: Ruck March through

Monument Valley, Utah.

- Dec. 15: Ruck March through Mesa Verde National Park, Colo.
- Dec. 16: Ruck March through Durango.

Dec. 17: Ruck March through Pagosa Springs.

Updates about the Project Atlas Ruck March will be posted on social media. Follow along at @aggiecorps on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, @tamuccommandant on Facebook and Twitter, or @projectatlasrucks on Instagram and Facebook.

Additional information about the Project Atlas Ruck March, the Special Warrior Operations Foundation, and a link to give to the campaign can be accessed at <https://give.specialops.org/campaign/project-atlas-ruck-4/c312963>.



Photo courtesy Justin Cowan

The Pagosa Springs Elementary School student of the week is Alan Renteria. He always puts forth his best effort in every assignment. Renteria performs well academically and takes pride in his work. He's curious about how and why things work, and often asks questions to deepen his understanding.

Debate team wins dual with Alamosa

By Kristin Morehouse
Archuleta School District

During the week of Dec. 1, Pagosa Springs High School Speech and Debate Team's debaters triumphed virtually over Alamosa with Anneka Sleed placing first, Carter Kasson second and David Morehouse third. Alamosa held onto first place in speech events.

During a recent Wyoming-based virtual tournament, the T-Bird Classic, Ruth Ann Morehouse placed second after a split decision loss in the novice Lincoln-Douglas finals. David Morehouse cleared to quarterfinals in varsity Lincoln-Douglas.

In this past weekend's Strive Prep Challenge, Sleed narrowly missed clearing to elimination

rounds with a 3-1 finish and Ruth Ann Morehouse had a respectable 2-2 finish.

Competition continues this Saturday at Cherry Creek High School, virtually. This will be the last weekend Lincoln-Douglas debate uses the federal job guarantee topic. Our Program Oral Interpretation competitors will continue

revising their competition pieces all the way to the state tournament at the end of January 2021.

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Sports

State delays remaining high school sports seasons

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

In light of rising COVID-19 cases across the state, the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) announced Monday that the start of Season B has been delayed.

The change also affects the planned starts of seasons C and D. "The start of Season B sports has been delayed, following communication between the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment [CDPHE] and the Colorado High School Activities Association late Sunday night," a press release from CHSAA explains.

In a letter sent to CHSAA Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green, the CDPHE indicated that Season B would not be permitted to begin on Jan. 4, 2021, as had been scheduled on the CHSAA 2020-21 sports calendar.

The CDPHE further stated that no variances will be given to CHSAA sports at this time.

In the letter, Jill Hunsaker Ryan, executive director of the CDPHE wrote, "The COVID-19 pandemic has reached an all time high in terms of disease transmission both in Colorado and around the nation. The Colorado School of Public Health estimates that 1 in 40 Coloradans are currently infectious. Hospital admissions are steadily increasing, and the past six weeks have produced a significant increase in the number of deaths

statewide. With the Thanksgiving holiday just behind us and the impending December holiday festivities, we are very concerned that the rate of transmission will continue to increase.

"At this time, we do not have enough information about what disease incidence and hospitalization capacity will look like in January, and therefore are unable to make a determination regarding indoor high school athletics in Season B. Season B high school sports would operate based on the restrictions in the level of the Dial in the county in which the school resides. For counties in Level Red, this means no indoor group sports are authorized."

The letter also touches upon the CDPHE's goal of supporting in-person education.

It states, "In addition, our top goal for the new year is to support a return to in-person learning. Season B sports are conducted mainly indoors during the colder months, which reduces the ability to assure social distancing. This in turn may further promote disease transmission at a time when we need to ensure that students and teachers are protected and that in-person learning is the highest priority."

"We welcome an ongoing conversation regarding the indoor requests at a future date as more schools safely open their indoor facilities for students."

As a result, Monday's press release explains, CHSAA is proposing

a Feb. 1 start date for Season B.

CHSAA, the CDPHE and Gov. Jared Polis' COVID Response Team plan to meet again mid-January to continue the discussion around variances for Season B, and reassess COVID-19 data at that time. Variances will not be considered prior to that date.

Specifics for each sport will be communicated upon variance approval from the CDPHE, CHSAA announced.

Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Athletic Director Marcie Ham indicated that, despite the delays, officials across the state are meeting to set game limits, look at state tournament plans and focus on other contingency plans to be ready.

They're also reflecting on the fall seasons.

"We're taking the lessons we learned and applying them," she said.

Ham noted that, for the most part, people have handled news of the delay well, but acknowledged negative response to the news on social media.

"I think people are extremely understanding," she said, noting that if you only look at social media comments, you'll get a very skewed picture. "The very large majority are happy that we're trying to move forward in a way that can actually happen."

Ham also expressed hope. "I think we have a really good shot of starting on Feb. 1, I do," she said, adding that people want

sports to happen. "I think everybody will do everything they can."

But, the athletic director warned that she does not anticipate spectators being allowed if the season begins on Feb. 1, but could be allowed as the sports year progresses, COVID-19 cases decrease and vaccines become available.

Proposed calendar

CHSAA also announced a new proposed calendar for winter and spring of 2021 on Monday, but noted that it is subject to variance approval.

CHSAA has proposed a seven-week Season B in which practices would begin on Jan. 25 and competition would run from Feb. 1 to March 20.

For PSHS, that would include boys' and girls' basketball, wrestling, girls' swimming and spirit, with the spirit championship weekend proposed to be March 25-27.

A proposed seven-week Season C, then, is proposed to begin with practices on March 15 and competition would run from March 22 to May 8.

For PSHS, that season would include boys' soccer and volleyball.

Season D, also proposed to be seven weeks, would begin with practices on May 3 and competition would run from May 10 to June 26.

For PSHS, Season D would include baseball, track and field, and girls' soccer.
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Parks and rec board sets goals for 2021

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Goals for 2021 was a topic of discussion by the Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) during a regular meeting on Dec. 3.

PRAB Chair Amanda Gadomski explained to the board during the meeting that she would like to see the group identify five short-term goals and five long-term goals.

Short-term goals are classified as those that can be done in one to three years, according to PRAB member Sally High.

For short-term goals, Gadomski suggested that the PRAB get someone from the Pagosa Springs Town Council or the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners.

This would allow for both entities to be on the same page with the PRAB in regard to its goals and objectives for the future, Gadomski noted.

High explained that it would help the board do its job more efficiently if both the town and county were aware of projects the PRAB wanted to accomplish.

"Parking lots adjacent to parks, in particular Centennial Park and River Center. We recognize that in Centennial Park traffic was increasing and parking was needed and so forth. Since that time, there has been some roadbed laid, but no paving or anything," High said. "I'd like to keep that on the list of goals."

High noted that she would like to see this goal moved up to be completed in the short-term for the PRAB.

Improving signage on the town Riverwalk trails and continuing those efforts is also a goal that is important to continue with, Gadomski added.

Improving river access and a new dog park were also listed as some goals for the PRAB, Gadomski explained later in the meeting.

"I know that with the planning of the south Yamaguchi project, potential river access will hopefully be improved," Gadomski said.

River Center Park's river access should also be made a priority, she added later.

"We're going to have to really look into improving the put-in and figuring out what we can do there," she said.

The PRAB has some options for a dog park not only at Yamaguchi

south, but at other places in town, Gadomski noted.

"There's really not a lot of options for a dog park currently with the facilities that we have," Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis said. "I don't think a real location has been pointed out within our current parks that makes sense."

"The purpose for creating a rec district is to really centralize management of parks and recreation facilities and amenities," Town Manager Andrea Phillips said during the meeting.

Other projects that should be considered are things such as the phase two of the Town-to-Lakes trail project, as well as extending the pedestrian trail farther south on North Pagosa Boulevard.

"We didn't put Town to Lakes on our short-term or long-term goals, yet, in this. It's definitely something that we've all wanted and talked about," Gadomski said, adding that it wasn't put on the goal list because the PRAB felt like that was more of a town council goal.

Gadomski added that it could be a short-term goal but "kept vague."

Following more discussion, Lewis clarified that the short-term goals for the PRAB are: parking improvements at the Centennial and River Center parks, improved river access at the River Center and Yamaguchi parks, building a dog park, improving Town-to-Lakes trail connectivity, and Riverwalk improvements.

Long-term goals

For goals that have been outlined as taking four to 10 years, or long-term, the PRAB had previously listed a rec center, a recreation district, an event center and pickleball courts as five long-term goals.

Developing Yamaguchi South is also a long-term goal for the PRAB, Gadomski noted.

"It seems that we should maybe

still consider, because of the need, we should consider a rec center in our long-term goals as something that we can figure out in the next five to seven years," she said.

However, Gadomski added later in the meeting that, at this time, pursuing a recreation district potentially doesn't make sense for the what the PRAB is trying to do.

"I feel like the whole reason we would try to do a rec district is for funding for a rec center. I feel like that's almost like a double goal," she said.

PRAB board member Larry Lynch added that he agreed with Gadomski, citing that the PRAB would need a specific reason to form the recreation district.

However, Lewis explained he did not believe you create a rec district to build a recreation center, but rather the rec district would help run the recreation center.

"The purpose for creating a rec district is to really centralize management of parks and recreation facilities and amenities," Town Manager Andrea Phillips said during the meeting.

PRAB member Marcie Lynch added that the PRAB should take this goal of creating a rec district off of the 2021 list and look to do something else.

The idea of an event venue and looking for a place to hold events is a tough one because it could also signal that the PRAB is looking for more land for parks, Gadomski added.

"Town park is getting maxed out on what it can hold, maybe Yamaguchi South can be a part of that," she said, adding that the PRAB could reward that goal.

A mobile stage was recently purchased by the Pagosa Area Tourism Board, which could be a potential small solution to this long-term goal, Lewis added.

The last two long-term goals of event venue and pickleball courts could be tough to implement because they could be put into the development of Yamaguchi south

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FOOTBALL

13 Pirates garner league honors for football



Photo courtesy Archuleta School District
Coach Nathan Morales was named the 2A Southwest League Coach of the Year. The Pirates finished first place in the league.

By Clayton Chaney
 Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Dec. 8, it was announced that 13 of the Pagosa Springs High School Pirates varsity football team players garnered league awards for the state's 2A Southwest League.

Eight players were announced as part of the all-conference first team. Those players were Mitch Lewis, Aidan O'Donnell, Dylan Tressler, Wil Aucoin, Evan Raymond, Grant Aucoin, Caleb Laverty and Aaron Aucoin.

Five Pirates were given honorable mention. These five players were EJ Monterroso, Skyler Hill, Nolan Kay, Trevor Moore and Kaden McKee.

Tressler was named the Running Back of the Year for the 2A Southwest League. Tressler ran for 1,052 yards and six touchdowns on 118 carries throughout the season, according to stats from Maxpreps.com. Tressler averaged 210 yards rushing per game. His longest recorded run of the season was for 73 yards.

Grant Aucoin and Lewis were both named Linebacker of the Year for the 2A Southwest League.

Lewis had 31 total tackles on the season including one sack and one defensive fumble recovery, according to Maxpreps.com.

Grant Aucoin had a total of 34 tackles on the year and one defensive fumble recovery, according to Maxpreps.com.

Lewis was also named the Defensive Special Teams Player of the Year for the 2A Southwest League.

Coach Nathan Morales was named the 2A Southwest League Coach of the Year. This season was Morales' first year as head coach of the Pirates.

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SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Dylan Tressler was named Running Back of the Year for the state's 2A Southwest League. Tressler ran for more than 1,000 yards on the season.



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Grant Aucoin was named a Linebacker of the Year in the 2A Southwest League. Aucoin had more than 30 total tackles on the year.



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Mitch Lewis was named a Linebacker of the Year. Lewis was also named as Defensive Special Teams Player of the Year.

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Community Center implements reservation policy

Pagosa Springs Recreation Department

Effective Monday, Dec. 7, the Ross Aragon Community Center will be implementing a reservation policy for use of the building.

By implementing this policy, it will help staff be able to control the flow of pedestrian traffic in the building and ensure we stay within the guidelines of Level Red. This policy is simply a start to ensure we

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Calls for service over week: 125.
Dec. 2 — Domestic violence, false imprisonment, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, Big Sky Place.

Dec. 2 — Failed to display valid registration, drove vehicle without insurance, Rob Snow Road and U.S. 160.

Dec. 3 — Information only, Navajo Trail Drive.

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Dec. 3 — Domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, Great West Avenue.

Dec. 3 — Driving under restraint of alcohol/drug-related offense, improper registration, East Pagosa Street.

Dec. 4 — Under investigation, no location listed.

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Dec. 4 — Improper registration, owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, Majestic Drive and U.S. 160.

Dec. 4 — Warrant arrest, Back Swing Drive and County Road 600.

Dec. 4 — Drove vehicle when license revoked as habitual offender, Back Swing Drive and County Road 600.

Dec. 5 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Dec. 5 — Under investigation, no location listed.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

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Calls for service over two weeks: 314.

Nov. 22 — Burglary/theft, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Nov. 22 — Missing property, Country Center Drive.

Nov. 22 — Trespass warning, San Juan Street.

Nov. 22 — Harassment, South 8th Street.

Nov. 24 — Theft, Great West Avenue.

Nov. 25 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, speeding, Pagosa Street.

Nov. 25 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

Nov. 27 — Criminal mischief, San Juan Street.

Nov. 27 — Warrant arrest, South 7th Street.

Nov. 29 — Assault, harassment, East Pagosa Street.

Nov. 30 — Harbored vicious animal, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Dec. 1 — Menacing, trespass warning, San Juan Street.

Dec. 1 — Recovered vehicle, East Pagosa Street.

Dec. 2 — Criminal mischief, Country Center Drive.

Dec. 2 — Trespass warning, North 8th Street.

Dec. 4 — Hit and run, San Juan Street.

Dec. 5 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

Dec. 5 — Violation of restraining order, Alderwood Court.

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 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 redeemed.
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
 Witness my hand this 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 *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED
 To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
 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 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 502, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868.
 Account Number: R004476
 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 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 redeemed.
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
 Witness my hand this 18th 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 *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

to BILL BERKE
 On the 7th day of April 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
 Witness my hand this 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 *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
 Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc.
 Plaintiff
 v.
 Barbara L Betz, Trustee of the Barbara L Betz Trust Dated September 5, 1991, et al.
 Defendants
 Case No.: 2020CV30080
 Under Receipt No. 17185
 Christopher B. Conley
 Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC
 700 South 21st Street
 Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814
 Email: chris@hjclegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):

Barbara L Betz, Trustee of the Barbara L Betz Trust Dated September 5, 1991
 H. Herbert Weldon
 Norma Weldon
 Richard M Giles
 Elizabeth Anding
 Seville Sensenbath
 Magnolia Lealani Clay
 Kathleen Aulani
 Kelly Naylor
 Helen Ann Galtner
 Violet T Gerard
 Lance Palermo
 Bruce Jones
 Melvin E Carroll
 Donna M Carroll
 Samuel E Heizer
 Nancy M Heizer
 Constance J Petersen
 Melvin F Peterson
 Ralph A Wicklin
 Charlotte C Wicklin
 Randall E Duncan
 Edward Braaten
 Rebecca Braaten
 Norman L Gilbreath
 Lorella Gilbreath
 Kathryn May
 William J Hicks
 Peggy G May
 Kenneth C May
 Larry E Benzel
 Marilyn Benzel
 Tom H Lee
 Lois D Lee
 Andrew P Lenker
 Betty M Rourke
 Dennis E O'Rourke
 Glenn Russell Bear
 Morgan Yvonne Bear
 Timothy E Stufflebeam
 Pamela F Stufflebeam
 Robert W Foxwell
 Dorothee I Foxwell
 Richard I Quincy
 Diana M Quincy
 Bill L Klinkhammer
 Laurie L Klinkhammer
 Maria Isabel Gil Santos
 Debbie T Reynolds
 Steve F Stevens
 Judith A Matlock
 Joann E Goldsmith
 Yvonne P Kock
 Edgar Kock
 OS Windham Jr.
 Donna Marie Windham
 Daryl Templeton
 Cindy L Templeton
 YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be deemed complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Masters Place Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc. Plaintiff In Action: 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
 Atty. 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
Village Pointe Property Owner's Association, Inc.,
 Plaintiff
 v.
 James T Umbarger, et al
 Defendants
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 provisions of the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983 in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 160495, 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 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 hereof Owner(s):
 PAGOSA TIMESHARE LLC
 PHILLIP A THOMPSON
 JOHN H ODELL
 KATHRYN M ODELL
 LYNN ROGER YOUNG III
 LORENA MEDINA
 ABBY GOLDBERG
 ADAM CHRISTOPHER HEAPHY
 T & T TRANSPORTS INC
 Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
 Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc.
 Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
 Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
 Association Assessments Due to: Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc.
 Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
 Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
 THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
 The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
 THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 2 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 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 PROCESS.
 The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
 Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901
 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
 Village Pointe Condominiums PHASE I
 Matter Amount
 Property Owner: PAGOSA TIMESHARE LLC
 Unit Number: 7507
 Building Number: 2
 Unit Week Number: 2
 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
 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) two-story buildings containing four units per building, which are designed, respectively, as Building 1, Units 7501, 7502, and 7503; 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, and Reception No. 0168714, Book 289, 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.
 Matter Amount
 Property Owner: LYNN ROGER YOUNG III
 Unit Number: 7514
 Building Number: 4
 Unit Week Number: 42
 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68
 Interest: \$198.18
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 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 is described as Village Pointe Phase II recorded in Plat File No. 332-332A-E, under Receipt No. 17185, 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 II 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, 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.
 Matter Amount
 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
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$307.09
 Attorney's Fee: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,669.37
 Property Owner: ADAM CHRISTOPHER HEAPHY
 Unit Number: 7520
 Building 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
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 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. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase III as recorded in Plat File 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, Page 315, Page 350.
 Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of

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Building Number: 28
 Lot (Unit) Number: 28
 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 51
 Unpaid Assments: \$2,499.15
 Interest: \$376.89
 Late Fees: \$25.00
 Costs: \$456.78
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$4,357.92
 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 Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
 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 Assments: \$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 real estate.
 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
Parmigan Property Owner's Association, Inc.,
 Plaintiff
 v.
Suzanne Quintana A/K/A Sanford, et al
 Defendants
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 Parmigan 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
 Manushage 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
 Samantha 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 Parmigan 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: Parmigan Property Owners Association, Inc.
 Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
 Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
 Association Assessments Due to: Parmigan Property Owners Association, Inc.
 Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
 Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
 Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act.
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
 The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
 THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 11 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 hereunder 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 PROCESS.
 The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
 Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
 INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for Archuleta

County, 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 THE ABOVE PURPOSES.
 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
 Parmigan Townhouses – PHASE I
 Matter Amount
 Property Owner: Suzanne Quintana A/K/A Sanford
 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 Owners: 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
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,767.25
 In that property which is described as Parcel 'E'- Parmigan Townhouses as recorded in Plat Sheet No. 324 & 324A under Reception No. 153265, 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 Parmigan 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 Parmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
 Parmigan Townhouses – PHASE II
 Matter Amount
 Property Owners: Ross G Durbin
 Unit Number: 7214
 Building Number: 007B
 Unit Week Number: 36
 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 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
 Costs: \$350.77
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 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
 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 four (4) one-story buildings containing two (2) one-level townhouse 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 Parmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156200, Book 219, Page 33-36, 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 Parmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
 Parmigan 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 Parmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 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 Parmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
 Parmigan Townhouses – PHASE IV
 Matter Amount
 Property Owners: Nustret Hajrulla and Manushage Hajrulla
 Unit Number: 7223
 Building Number: 13
 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93
 Interest: \$263.37
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$350.77
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,721.85
 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 Parmigan 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 Parmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
 Parmigan 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: \$2,706.25
 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 townhouses designated, respectively, as Building 15, Units 7229 and 7230 described as Parmigan 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 Parmigan 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 Parmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
 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
Eagle's Loft Property Owner's Association, Inc.,
 Plaintiff
 v.
Thomas J Chiffelle, et al
 Defendants
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
 F. FROELICH
 G M FROELICH
 WALTER DARRELL FROELICH
 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
 PERRY W SCARBOROUGH
 ALTHEA SCARBOROUGH
 LEROY F BUCK
 PIERO OSSANI
 JIMMY A PRESSLY
 RODERICK FRULAND
 JUDITH M FRULAND
 RUTH A HAMMOND
 SCOTT E MCVICKEER
 Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
 Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.
 Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
 Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
 Association Assessments Due to: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.
 Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
 Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
 Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
 The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
 THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 11 o'clock A.M., on Friday, January 29, 2021, Sale Number 2020-09 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 hereunder 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 PROCESS.
 The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
 Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
 INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for Archuleta County, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSES.
 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
 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
 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

Cost: \$247.77
 Unit Week Number: 42
 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 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 real estate.
 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
 Building Number: 10
 Lot (Unit) Number: 10
 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 42
 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,590.88
 Interest: \$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: 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 real estate.
 Phase III of Eagle's Loft
 Matter Amount
 Property Owner: Thomas J Chiffelle and Marianne T Chiffelle
 Building Number: 18
 Lot (Unit) Number: 18
 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 21
 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,671.67
 Interest: \$134.31
 Late Fees: \$25.00
 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: D L Froehlich, G M Froehlich and Walter Darrell Froehlich
 Building Number: 21
 Lot (Unit) Number: 21
 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: Aztec International Enterprises, Inc.
 Building Number: 38
 Lot (Unit) Number: 38
 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
 Total: \$2,890.35
 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 Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
 Phase IV of Eagle's Loft
 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 Bestgen
 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: \$3,243.18
 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
 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 real estate.
 Published December 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2020 in *The*

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 The office of Gerlinde Ehni Snyder, DDS, PC; is purging all records of patients not seen in the practice for the last seven (7) consecutive years and all deceased patients. If you are not planning on returning to the practice and would like the records, please contact the office at 970-264-2588. Records will be destroyed on or after February 9, 2021.
 Published December 10, 17, 24, 31, 2020 and January 7, 2021 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN.*
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of Terrisa M. Diestelkamp, Deceased
 Case No. 2020 PR 30040
 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 April 10, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.
 Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law
 190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
 Published December 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN.*
NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED
 To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
 GROVE, ROBERT JOE SR.
 C/O ANTHON

PANDEMIC PIVOT



Photo courtesy Hayley Buckingham
Hayley Buckingham keeps the wedding dress she originally chose for her and husband Jeremy's photo shoot with Kierstan Renner and Ohea Graham.

Making the vows amidst a pandemic

By Simone Mounsamy
Staff Writer

Kids grow up hearing fairy tales about true love. As a result, adults have visionary plans for their wedding days.

For couples who planned to marry in 2020, those ideas were likely challenged. This was the case for two couples that recently spoke with The SUN.

Hayley Buckingham, formerly Hayley Goodman, said, "Our original wedding was basically planned since I was a little girl. I've looked forward to that day for a long time, as many little girls do, and spent countless hours on Pinterest perfecting the event."

Boys, as well as girls, have ideas about how their wedding should look. For Dean Scott and his bride, Carson Scott, having all their family present was important.

"One of the hardest things about it was we wanted our whole family to be there," Dean Scott said.

Of her and her husband's ideas, Buckingham said, "Once we realized it wasn't going to work, we considered a lot of options. It was just really difficult to find motivation to replan, in the middle of a pandemic, after all the work put into our initial plans."

But both couples adapted to the obstacles set forth this year that challenged their conceptions of what this special day would look like. In the end, they were able to maintain memorable details in their matrimonial celebrations.

For others' sake

For both the Scotts and the Buckingham, pressure on their invitees became quickly apparent.

"We knew even under safer circumstances, taking time off work was a lot to ask after many guests would have JUST gone back to work after being at home for 2 weeks or more due to Stay at Home Order," Buckingham said.

Dean Scott mentioned the concern for wedding guests, too.

"Once August rolled around, we got a lot of concern from the people that were invited and with the county restrictions ... We decided not to have it for people's safety," he

said of his and his wife's postponed reception.

Buckingham added, "A lot of people told us they truly wanted to come but were so relieved to hear we were waiting. It was hard, but seemed like the right thing to do in our situation."

Waiting didn't change much, however. Both couples anticipated postponing their ceremony and reception dates, only to grow impatient and change plans again.

What remains special

"After a month of dealing with the pandemic and our stressful lives, Jeremy and I realized a big wedding wasn't what's important," recounted Hayley Buckingham. "Our future together should be the focus and it felt good to have each other during that very stressful time."

Hayley Buckingham explained that her father still walked her down the aisle during their small ceremony, her and her husband were still able to get an anniversary date they had wanted, and they were able to get all dressed up to be in their photographer's practice elopement shoot.

"My family came together to make the day special and I'll always be grateful for that," she said. "It was all planned in a few days. We focused on what was important and that was our marriage. It really simplified things."

Dean Scott explained that he and his wife couldn't wait any longer, either.

"We decided we just really wanted to be married, and we had no idea how long COVID was going to last ... She didn't want to wait any longer so we decided to do that," he said.

The Scotts kept their desired date and held a small ceremony in her parents' backyard.

"My siblings and her sister weren't able to make it because of COVID. So, my dad set up a Zoom meeting," Dean Scott said. "My grandparents, too, they called in as well."

The Scotts read their vows and had a nice dinner with both sets of parents after the ceremony.

"It wasn't as much as we origi-

nally planned for, but it ended up being great," he said.

The marriage and not the wedding

Hayley Buckingham mentioned, "Just because it's not traditional doesn't mean it can't still be perfect."

Dean Scott noted, "Whether it's a small ceremony or big ceremony, virtual or in-person, I think you can make either special."

Hayley Buckingham stated, "You can plan the wedding of a lifetime, but it's not the wedding that matters — it's the marriage."

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Letters to Santa



Hey, kids!

Send us your letter to Santa and his elves at the North Pole! Your letter may be selected for publication in The Pagosa Springs SUN. Please include your first name and age on your letter.

Make sure we receive your letter by noon on Friday, Dec. 11.

You can also email your letter to editor@pagosasun.com or drop it off at the Santa mailbox at 457 Lewis Street



Pagosa Springs Town Council

Respectfully requests all residents and visitors of

PAGOSA SPRINGS
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TO CURB THE SPREAD OF COVID-19



- Help Keep Us All Safe and Healthy
- Support our Local Businesses and Avoid Further Closures
- Respect One Another

Please:

- Wear a Face Covering
- Stay home if you are sick and get tested
- Practice social distancing and stay six feet apart
- Wash your hands frequently
- Avoid gatherings outside your household



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Photo courtesy Lisa Scott

Dean Scott marries Carson Deadman on April 11.

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Christmas in Pagosa



Homespun Comforts



Goodman's Department Store



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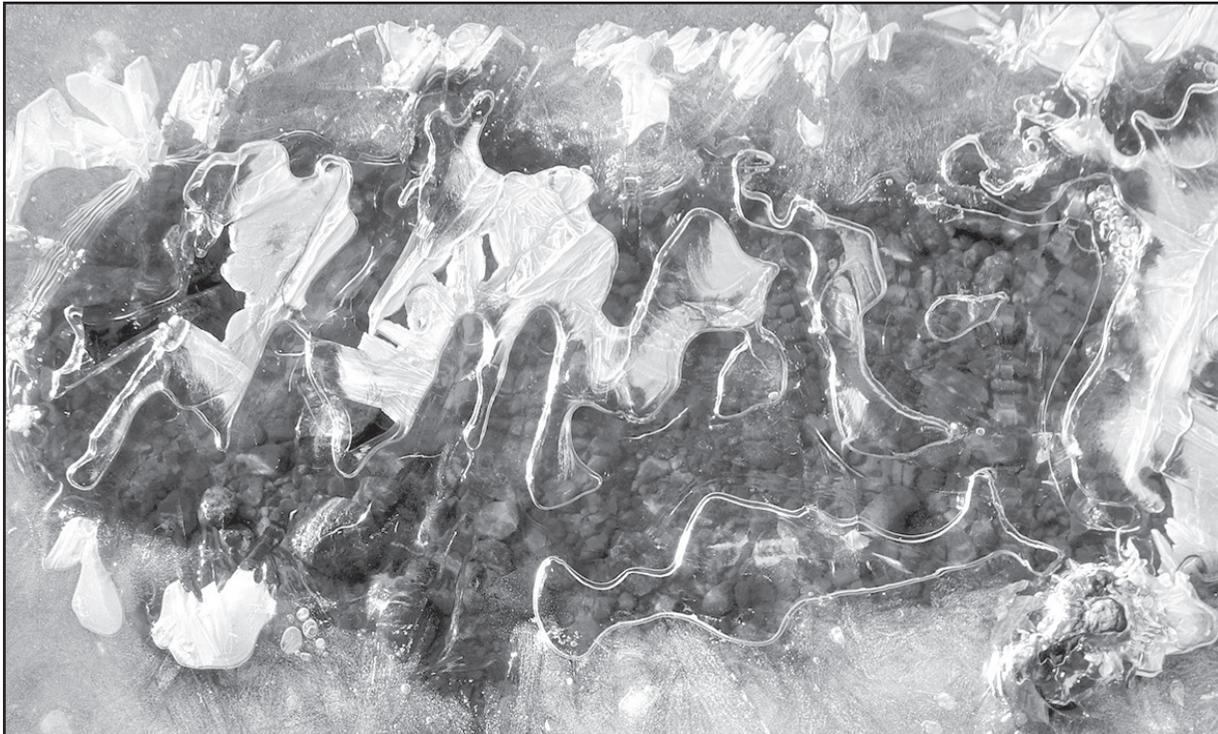


Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

Mother Nature provided a little art in an irrigation ditch near Chromo recently.

Archuleta Food Coalition hard at work

By **Pauline Benetti**
Archuleta Food Coalition

Here we are entering the holiday season with all of its expectations and, at the same time, so many in our community are facing unfortunate circumstances, making the COVID-relief work of the Food Systems/Food Equity Coalition all the more necessary and urgent. The coalition in collaboration with other community organizations is responding on several different fronts.

The coalition's use of the Participatory Budgeting Process — a process involving community submission of food-related projects for funding and community selection of those that would be funded — is complete and several projects are in progress while two, the Backpack Program and Heritage Cooking Classes, have been put on hold due to current COVID precautions.

The projects in progress are: the After-Hour Food Pantry project submitted by the Food Pantry Network and Pagosa Peak Open School yielding information about the usefulness of extended hours;

the building of the Pagosa Farmers Market online platform with its several food and economic objectives, among them the offer of privacy to those who can use support in food purchase; the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) Season Extension program using lighting to increase production during these short days of winter; and the Gift Card Project supported by several community entities helping those who have an immediate emergency need.

The coalition thanks all the individuals and organizations who made this process so very successful and useful for alleviating need in our community.

Plans are underway to use COVID Relief Funding from the CARES Act to support different projects in collaboration with other local agencies: with the Archuleta School District, holiday food boxes will be delivered to families with children in school via the school bus routes, as well as to families with children in the Head Start Program; holiday food boxes will go to seniors and Meals on Wheels clients; from the Geothermal Green-

house Partnership winter CSA will be fresh, nutritious produce that will go to food pantry clients as the GGP increases winter production with growing lights; and with local agencies and our restaurants an initiative is in the works.

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado through funding from the Town of Pagosa Springs has worked alongside the Food Coalition to order and procure a variety of foods (some local and regional). These foods have greatly enhanced the offering to the clients of the six food pantries in Archuleta County. Donations received from the La Plata Electric Association food drive are also being distributed through the food pantries in the county.

In this time of giving, we ask our community to support the work of the Food Coalition and help advance food equity in our community by making a donation at our website, <https://www.food-coalition4archuleta.org/donate.html>, or by sending a donation with "Coalition" in the memo line to CUMC, P.O. Box 300, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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Get Christmas crafty with homemade ornaments

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Handmade gifts, trinkets and treats help make the holiday season special. Although cookies and other baked goods are some of the most popular homemade creations this time of year, gift-givers young

and old can put their talents to use with various craft projects. Ornaments and decorations are one such idea. Here are some clever and, not-too-time-consuming craft projects to try this holiday season.

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St. Patrick's Episcopal Church	225 S. Pagosa Boulevard	970-731-5801
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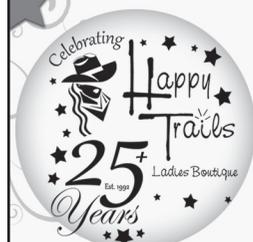
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Mini sleighs: Create miniature replicas of Santa's famous sleigh. Paint several popsicle sticks to form the main body of the sleigh and glue them together. Put one at the top perpendicular to the others to serve as the steering rudder. Two silver-painted popsicle sticks placed on their thin sides act as the blades of a sled.

Popcorn garland: Garland made of popcorn is a classic handmade holiday project. For a new twist, toss the popcorn with food coloring and allow it to dry before stringing for some bright color on the tree.

Photo ornaments: Print out several different photos that you love. Purchase round or square thin wood pieces from a craft store and attach the photos with Mod Podge®. When dry, drill a hole through the top and thread with twine.

Advent calendar: Make an Advent calendar to count down to Christmas by covering a foam board with fabric. Use paper tags or small ornaments and write a number on each for each day of the month. Hang these all from the board. As each day passes, move the tag or ornament to the tree.

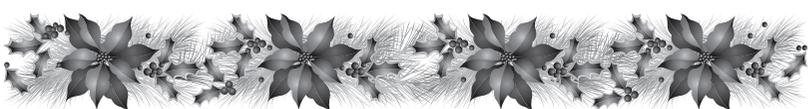
Wooden snowflakes: Have children collect small twigs from outdoors, as well as holly leaves and some sprigs of evergreen. Arrange similarly sized twigs in the shape of

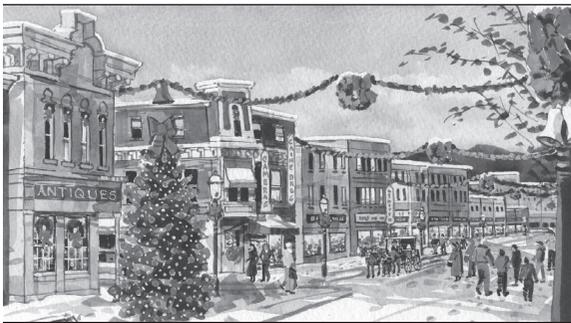
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Early Christmas meal to be served at Loaves and Fishes

By Nancy Crouse
Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes will host its annual Christmas dinner next Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Parish Hall on Lewis Street. The feast, offered free to the public one week before Christmas Eve, will include honey-baked ham, Chef Emily's famous cheesy potatoes, Stephen's scrumptious salad, roll and pie. The community is invited to pick up meals, curbside or walk up, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Table service in the Parish Hall is on hold indefinitely, although the regular Loaves and Fishes' weekly Thursday meal will continue next year under the restricted conditions. Loaves and Fishes will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

Loaves and Fishes celebrated its 15th anniversary this year. It is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a free hot, nutritious meal to whomever comes seeking nourishment and encouragement.

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snowflakes and glue together, or tie with twine. Embellish with stickers, glitter, dried berries and more.

Dough ornaments: Anyone can have fun molding their own ornaments, letting them dry and then painting them. Use cookie cutters to get perfect holiday shapes. Craft stores sell various types of modeling clays and lightweight modeling materials. Or, make your own salt dough.

Reindeer bottle topper: Put to use any wine corks you have lying around. Attach googly eyes and a small fuzzy nose to the front of a cork. Insert twisted, brown pipe cleaners to make the antlers up top. Add ribbons, small snippets of faux fur or any other extras you desire.

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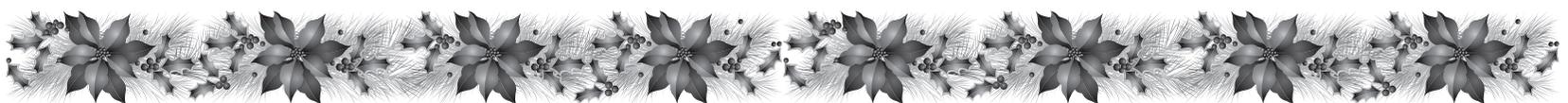
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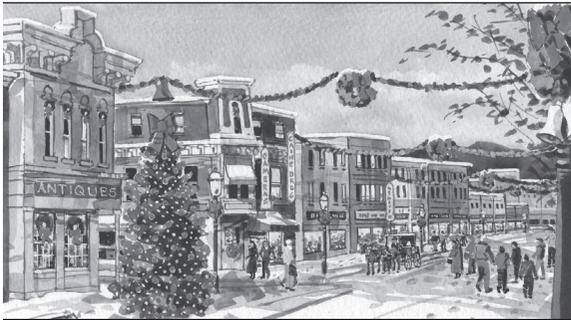
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Composed by Robert Allen, with lyrics by Al Stillman, “(There’s No Place Like) Home for the Holidays” was published in 1954. The best-known recordings of the song are by Perry Como, who recorded it twice — once in 1954 and then again in 1959 with a different musical arrangement.

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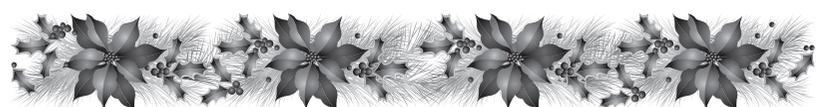
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Pagosa packs 1,985 boxes for Operation Christmas Child

By Linda George
Operation Christmas Child

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A big thank you goes to several business owners that had displays for customers to pick up shoe boxes for packing. They brought in hundreds of gifts to the outside drive-thru at Crossroad Christian Fellowship. This year, three generous youth groups filled boxes for kids. They were Wolf Creek Wonders and Rocky Mountain Riders from 4-H, and our high school Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club.

Many churches in our county gave generous donations even though church services were closed or very limited due to state restrictions. They were Amazing Grace, Calvary Home Fellowship, Centerpoint, Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Community United Methodist, Crossroad Christian Fellowship, Grace in Pagosa, Jicarilla Apache Reformed, Linda Gill/Healing Rooms, Open Door Church, Our Savior Lutheran, Saint Patrick's Episcopal and Seventh Day Adventist. We also had 28 strong, healthy volunteers come out and weather the cold to unload, pack, count and fill large cartons for shipping. A donated 20-foot truck and trailer was loaded to capacity and headed to Denver for outgoing flights.

Together, your gifts of love will bring joy to the world this Christmas. Thank you for making a difference in 2020.



Photo courtesy Scott Wall

Pagosa Lodge No. 114 held its officer installation at a called meeting Dec. 1. The installation included Ronnie Maez as worshipful master; Richard Vihel senior warden; and Jon Bowers, junior warden; James Hawkins, secretary; and Scott Wall and Mason Carpenter as deacons.

Pagosa Masonic Lodge No. 114 A.F and A.M. installation of officers announced

By Scott Wall
Pagosa Masonic Lodge No. 114

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The Pagosa Lodge meets the first Tuesday of each month and visiting brothers are always welcome.



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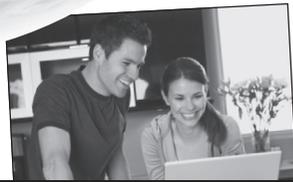
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Holiday Church Events



All events listed in December Church Events Calendar are free of charge. Submit events to editor@pagosasun.com.

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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.

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Wednesday, Jan. 1

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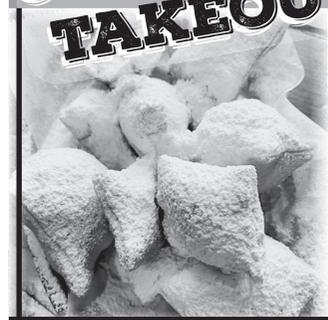
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New Thought topic: celebrating life without fear

By Shayla McClure and Lisa Burnson

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

“Blessings that are mine by Divine Right come to me in abundance, and I joyously accept them.” — the Rev. Catherine Ponder.

All are welcome to join the New Thought Center for Inspirational Living this Sunday, Dec. 13, at 10:30 a.m. for our presentation, “Celebrating Life without Fear,” with Shayla McClure.

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 Noelle,” a moving true World War I 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.

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).

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=bkdEeVlaSWN0bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09>, call-in number: (669) 900-6833, meeting ID: 884 668 836.

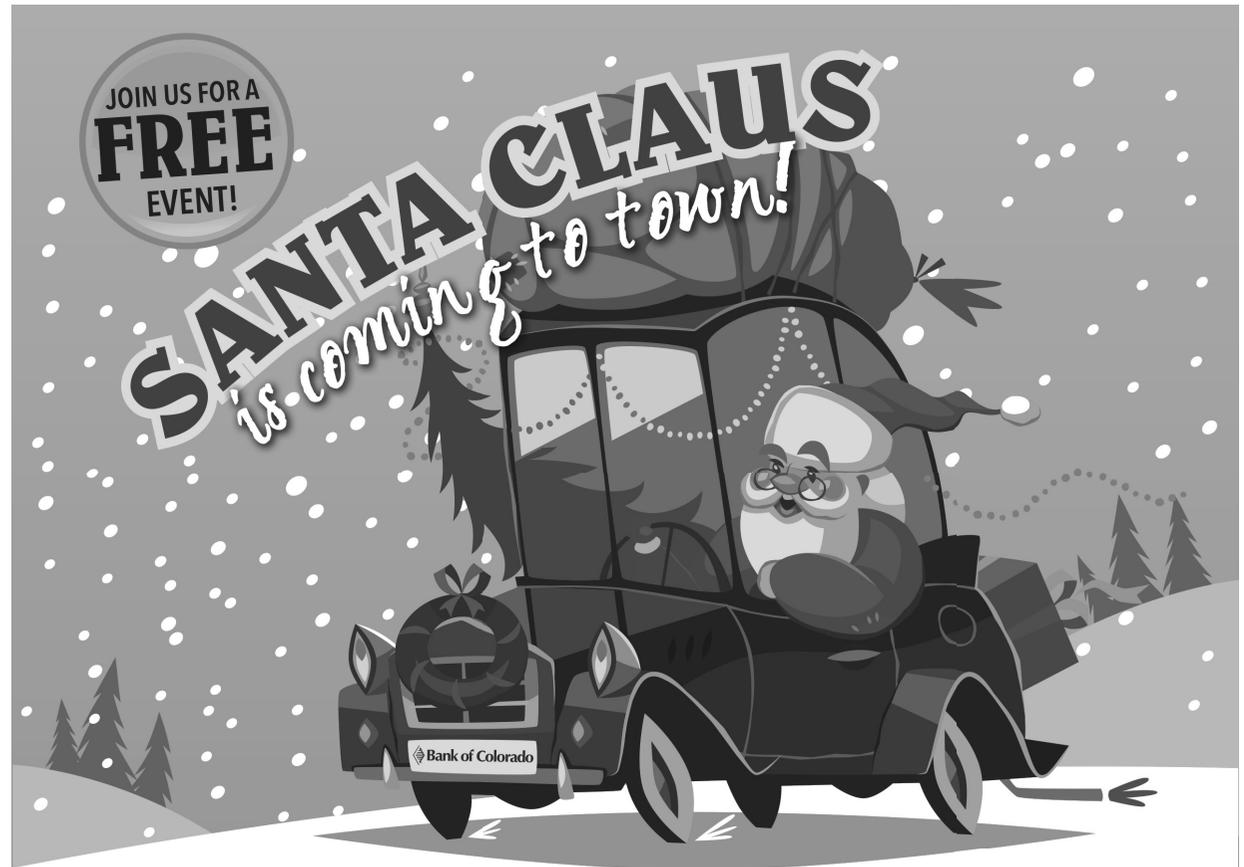
A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged

to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, Dec. 13, our theme is devotion.

“All majesty and glory, O my God, and all dominion and light and grandeur and splendor be unto Thee.” — The Bab.

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A different time

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

The Great Depression stands out as one of the darkest days in history as the stock market crashed. Unemployment skyrocketed and many people became homeless. One day at a time, society braved a terrible financial crisis. Families gathered close together to provide help and encouragement.

This catastrophic event ended when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and thrust us into World War II. Young men enlisted to fight half-way around the world.

On the other side of the pond, our sweet Aunt Patty grew up in war-ravaged England. Many of her childhood memories involved the sound of sirens as people ran into the streets in search of the nearest bomb shelter. She hunkered down with family and friends in underground structures and tunnels until loudspeakers announced an all clear. The spread of Nazism gave the villain a name.

They left the protection of bunkers and walked through neighborhoods where businesses stood in shambles and homes laid in ruins, all the after-effects of war, the alerts a constant reminder of the presence of death.

Along with her parents, Patty stood in long queues to receive boxes of rationed food. Sugar and tea were scarce and considered a luxury. The dinner meals consisted of soups made from stale vegetables and water. The scrawniest chicken became a rare feast. Farmers herded their cattle and sheep off to help feed troops on the front line.

Battles fought across the seas kept our country safe from invasion. Fathers, husbands and sons died to protect freedom and liberty beside their European allies. But even in America, food shortages existed. Wives and mothers entered the workforce to fill the void created by war.

The baby boomer generation followed as soldiers came home eager to start a new life and raise a family. Yet, even this age faced perils. Children played outside while the silent danger of nuclear war lurked in the shadows. Parents built fall-out cellars and lined the shelves with canned goods. Schools practiced safety drills and instructed kids to take cover under their desks. A feeble attempt to provide a sense of security. World leaders silenced the threat through tough negotiations and worldwide preparedness.

Scientific breakthroughs endorsed innovative immunizations for adolescent diseases. The discovery of a vaccine for polio, tuberculosis and smallpox prevented the deaths of many young children. Penicillin introduced antibiotics to combat bacterial infections. Families

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lies thrived without worry of unseen illnesses.

The United States prospered as industry and knowledge increased. Citizens pursued the American dream, but not without a high cost as young men continued to defend freedom in foreign countries. Many sacrificed their lives in the rice fields of Korea, the jungles of Vietnam and the deserts of the Middle East, while others returned home to suffer in silence.

Life progressed in spite of adversity. Technology introduced the baby boomers to the 21st century. Texts and emails replaced phone calls and letters. The cellphone allowed people to interact with more efficiency, emojis a poor excuse for real words.

In 2020, our country was challenged with a pandemic beyond comparison. Dread lingered in the hearts of every man, woman and child. In lieu of social distancing people self-quarantined at home. Dining room tables became workspaces and virtual classrooms.

First responders, doctors and nurses stood in the gap and ministered help to those exposed to this unknown enemy. Every American was impacted as the virus swept through communities without respect of age.

Health equipment and supplies were mass produced and shipped on planes, trains and trucks to locations all over the world, this priceless cargo intended to save millions.

In this time of uncertainty, technology offered an alternative. People lined up in cars to pick up groceries. Amazon and FedEx joined forces to expedite medication and household products to our front doors. The drivers became our new best friends.

Ordered to stop services, churches flooded the communication airways. Christians refused to surrender their right to worship. The Internet provided an opportunity to leave the building and become the church. Congregations established an online presence with messages and prayer meetings designed to encourage people.

The bravest individuals ventured outside to view for themselves the repercussion of this decision. The usual flow of traffic slowed to a crawl. Storefronts posted signs, "Temporarily Closed Due to COVID." Unafraid of the consequences, vandals hid behind masks and invaded, ransacked stores and destroyed property.

The government continues to work feverishly to discover a vac-

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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3	5	1	8	9	7	6	2	4
8	7	4	3	2	6	1	9	5
9	2	6	4	5	1	3	8	7

ANSWER:

Gift-wrapping tips and tricks

Special to The PREVIEW

Much of the focus of each holiday season is on gift-giving, but all those gifts will eventually need to be wrapped.

Stacks of presents just waiting to be covered with paper and ribbon can overwhelm gift givers, prompting them to put off wrapping gifts until the last minute. Hesitant wrappers with a pile of gifts to wrap can use these tricks to make the process go smoothly.

Find inspiration

Instead of looking at wrapping as yet another chore, try to envision how the recipient will feel peeling open the paper and finding the gift inside. Wrapping can be the prelude to the gift itself, and intensify the anticipation. The wrapping paper or style also may draw on aspects of the gift itself. For example, a knit scarf can be placed in a crocheted stocking.

Handle oddly shaped items

Wrapping rectangular boxes can be a snap, but what about something that's round or full of angles? Think about placing oddly-shaped items inside another item to make the shape more uniform. Shoe boxes, coffee cans and even paper towel rolls can hold items. Then place the wrapping on these containers.

Cover prices

To enable easy exchanges or returns, do not cut off

the price tags of gifts. Instead, place a festive sticker over the dollar amount, but leave the scan bar visible. This way the gift recipient can return the gift with ease if necessary.

Keep supplies at the ready

Devote a bin or bins to wrapping supplies and tools. Having scissors, paper, tape, ribbon and more in a designated spot will cut down on having to hunt and peck when it comes time to wrap.

Martha Stewart suggests getting a rotary cutter to cut long straight or decorative edges on wrapping paper. Rotary cutters may be easier to use than scissors, especially when paired with a ruler.

Wrap on a firm surface

Devote a table or counter to wrapping gifts. This will keep the paper taut and neat and make it easier to cut and position. You risk tearing the paper or puncturing it when working on carpeting or bedding.

Color- or pattern-code gifts

It's easy to visualize who gets what gift when each recipient has his or her own special wrapping paper. This is also a handy idea when wrapping gifts from Santa, as it will differentiate the Santa gifts from the ones being given by Mom and Dad.

With a few helpful pointers, wrapping gifts can be easy. And for those who prefer to skip the wrapping themselves, many malls and retailers offer complimentary wrapping for a small donation to charity.

Faith

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cination to end this terrible plague. Renowned physicians, scientists and politicians strive toward the ultimate goal — a cure for COVID-19.

Aunt Patty survived World War II and, years later, we helped move her to the United States. This year, she, along with many others in an assisted living facility, were told the mandated quarantine protocols as they remained behind locked doors.

Patty receives well-balanced hot meals three times a day and excellent health care by the qualified staff. The loneliness which comes from physical separation becomes obvious as weeks turn into months. She craves hugs and kisses more than delicious desserts.

FaceTime helps as family reach out and bring a smile to her aged face. She enjoys a funny story, a shared picture and words of encouragement.

Mail also provides a boost to her day as we flood her box with cards and short notes filled with updates on home projects, school activities and church events. We pray these little acts of kindness break up the monotony.

Let's take this extraordinary time to help the Patties in our personal lives navigate through the loneliness and celebrate the gift of time — quality time, not rushed or pushed into a spot on a calendar. Time to reflect on the value of life and loved ones neglected in our day to day busyness. Time to pause and give God thanks for his love, protection and family.

We must stand steadfast in our

faith. This, too, shall pass. The citizens of this great nation will defeat another adversary and rise above the chaos stronger, full of hope and promise for the next generation.

When life returns to normal, let's not use the excuse, "I need to make up lost time," and fall back into old

patterns of rush, push and shove. Instead, consider the question, "Was time lost or gained?"

"For everything there is a season. A time for every purpose under heaven." — Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV).

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Loggers had to improvise during the old days. This circa 1900 logger seems to be improvising with railroad ties and fence posts. The logs will roll down the fence posts from a flat rail car.

An archaeological look at Chimney Rock

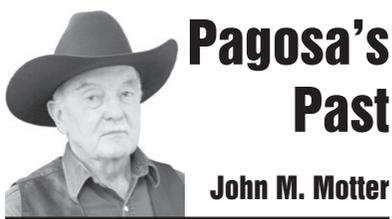
Dr. Frank W. Eddy, University of Colorado at Boulder, directed a more recent study of the Chimney Rock Indian ruins during the summers of 1970, 1971 and 1972. We rely primarily upon his monograph, "Archaeological Investigations at Chimney Rock Mesa: 170-1972" for the following description of the people who lived there.

Cultural remains of the Pueblo Period II dating from A.D. 925 to A.D. 1125 were identified.

Eddy relates a legendary account obtained from the elders of the Taos Pueblo that seems to indicate the twin pinnacles of Chimney Rock served as a landmark since prehistoric times. According to the legend, the mesa and its pinnacles are a shrine used by the Day People (a Kiva group) of Taos Indians who dwelt in the area before moving to the Rio Grande Valley.

The shrine could have been dedicated to the twin war gods, well-known in Pueblo mythology. Eddy reasons that the Chimney Rock Pueblo was built on the upper mesa not for practical reasons, but for its superb and elevated view of a sacred shrine.

The principal house form at



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

Chimney Rock was constructed from irregularly coursed sandstone masonry, sometimes with multiple stories. One set of buildings, the High Mesa group, is thought to have been built and inhabited by colonists from the Chaco community of New Mexico. It is thought that the Chacoans lived among the indigenous members of the Chimney Rock culture.

Farming was probably practiced on alluvial flood plains at the base of Chimney Rock Mesa. Water for domestic purposes could have been carried to the mesa top from the Piedra River, Stollsteimer Creek or Devil Creek, a considerable portage.

Eddy estimated the human population of seven dwelling clusters scattered on or near Chimney Rock Mesa at from 1,215 to 2,025 people, a number comparable to Pagosa Springs' population in 1984.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Selma event of 1965
- 6 Old Spice rival
- 10 Annoy
- 14 Flaming
- 15 Husky burden
- 16 Geometric measure
- 17 Mount Vernon, for one
- 18 City on Monterey Bay
- 20 Heated discussions
- 22 Group of lions
- 23 Casino area
- 24 Pekoe vessel
- 26 Think hard
- 30 Ketcham's Dennis, e.g.
- 33 Anagram for "rule"

- 34 Fragrance
- 36 Tartan cap
- 37 Never-ending
- 40 Glacial deposit
- 42 Census statistic
- 43 Verbal white flag
- 45 Welcome benefit
- 46 Like some yogurt
- 48 Sealed
- 51 Kermit's creator
- 53 Request starter
- 54 Unemotional
- 56 Pie chart alternatives
- 61 Rent sharer
- 63 Acquired kin
- 64 Give the boot
- 65 In the thick of
- 66 Integra maker
- 67 Bugs, to Elmer
- 68 Fiesta fare
- 69 Studly sorts

DOWN

- 1 Cass of 60's music
- 2 Miles away
- 3 Smoke or napkin follower

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- 4 Casino dealer
- 5 Solitary sort
- 6 Part of AARP, briefly
- 7 Praise effusively
- 8 On edge
- 9 Big name in home security
- 10 French leader after Hollande
- 11 Annoyance
- 12 Clash of clans
- 13 Unnerve
- 19 Show one's face
- 21 Flight board abbr.
- 25 Bullets and such
- 26 Unarmed, in slang
- 27 Expenditure
- 28 Plant-growing site
- 29 After-bath powder
- 31 Camp craft
- 32 Make corrections
- 35 Sign of trouble
- 38 Subtlety
- 39 Aardvark's fare
- 41 State of limbo
- 44 Crackpot
- 47 Spirited
- 49 Texter's "Wow!"
- 50 Outcast
- 52 Bush successor
- 54 Go on a spree
- 55 See the sights
- 57 Make over
- 58 Pudding fruit
- 59 Tortoise racer
- 60 White-plumed swimmer
- 62 Welcome ____

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Residential and business addresses for the 2020 Pagosa Springs Area Holiday Lighting contest have been announced, with participants turning on their lights for viewing on Friday and Saturday evenings from Nov. 27 to Dec. 31. A special panel of judges has been selected and the contest winners will be announced in The Pagosa Springs SUN on Dec. 17.

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12	100 Country Center Dr
13	68 Bastille Dr #3

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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the downy woodpecker.

One of the birds that commonly visits suet feeders is the downy woodpecker, the smallest woodpecker in North America. From fall into spring, it often can be found foraging in the company of other small birds: chickadees, nuthatches and titmice. Its small size confers an advantage by allowing it to search for insects on the slender branches of trees and shrubs, and on weed stems which wouldn't support a heavier woodpecker.

Over 75 percent of the downy's diet is insects, many of which are considered pests by humans. Its small, fine-tipped bill allows the downy to pierce plant galls and pick tiny insects from stems and leaves. Downies do not cache food for winter, but have been observed following a nuthatch to steal from its horde. In winter, male downies chase females away from the best feeding areas.

Downy woodpeckers are named for the soft, white feathers that make up the wide stripe down their black backs. The underside is white and black wings are checked with white patches. Male downies sport a red patch on the back of the head.

In woodpecker style, the downy perches on tree trunks with a straight-backed posture, using stiff tail feathers for support. Woodpeckers grasp with two toes facing forward and two backward.

Although they are not closely related, downy woodpeckers appear nearly identical to the larger hairy woodpeckers. Size and bill length set them apart.

Remembering the phrase "dinky downy, huge hairy" is a way to keep them straight.

For information on future events, visit www.weminucheadubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/.

SCoRR announces Holiday Meal Program

By Stacey Zwirn

Southwest Colorado Respite Resources

2020 has been a trying year for many. With the challenges of this year, Southwest Colorado Respite Resources (SCoRR) has decided to introduce a holiday meal program. This program follows similar financial guidelines as our Voucher Program for caregivers in need of respite care.

Our Holiday Meal Program will provide a meal for those caring for a loved one and their immediate family. The holiday meal will include everything they need, including the main course, side dishes, drinks and more.

If you know of someone who is caring for a loved one, in need of funding for respite care and/or a meal this holiday season, please contact SCoRR at 585-4031 or scorr970@gmail.com.

SCoRR also wants to thank those who have donated and/or volunteered their time to our program. If you would like to know how you can help SCoRR, please call us or email us.

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Preview Calendar

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

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 continue until further notice.

Principles Before Personalities Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Contact Charlotte or Ken at 903-9690, or Nate at 507-1004.

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Virtual Pro Se Clinic Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m. By phone or Zoom. To be added to the sign-up sheet, please send an email titled "Sign up for Free Legal Clinic," plus your name and phone number, to ruby@pagosalibrary.org. Space is limited. This is a free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran's benefits and civil protection orders. 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 in K-6th grade. COVID mandates will be followed, including social distancing and masks. For more information or to register, go to coloradocef.org/GNC.

Saturday, Dec. 12

LEGO Challenge. 10 a.m. Facebook. Break out your LEGO bricks and join the challenge. A new challenge will be presented each month; check the specifications and see what you can create. No LEGOs? No problem. Stop by the library to pick up a grab bag that will help you complete the challenge. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Discovery Time. 2:30 p.m. Facebook. For all ages. New videos are posted to Facebook each Saturday. View to explore new games, art ideas,

science experiments, history, activities and more. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Monday, Dec. 14

Hot Chocolate Hullabaloo. At home. Celebrate the season with us. Pick up materials for crafts and activities, plus some hot chocolate packets to enjoy at home. Available while supplies last. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Tuesday, Dec. 15

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and associated members are invited. Social distancing is required at this time. Contact 799-8387 for more details.

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Wednesday, Dec. 16

Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children ages 3-5. Includes Bible time, songs, crafts, games and more. COVID

mandates will be followed, including social distancing and masks. For more information or to register, go to coloradocef.org/GNC.

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for details on how to join.

Birding 101: Corvids and Raptors.

6:30 p.m., Zoom. In preparation for the count, we will again host bird identification classes, presented by Keith Bruno. Look for the Zoom link on the events tab of our website, www.weminucheaudubon.org. For more information and to sign up, email weminuche.audubon@gmail.com.

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Loaves and Fishes Christmas Dinner Free Community Lunch.

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Saturday, Dec. 19

Weminuche Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count.

Volunteers will count and record all of the birds that they see within one of eight zones in Pagosa Springs. If you live within the count circle and prefer to participate by counting birds at your feeders, you can do so from the comfort of your home. We will provide forms and instructions. Following protocols, we will not be carpooling. All in-person gatherings will be done outside with masks and social distancing. For more information and to sign up as a volunteer, email weminuche.audubon@gmail.com.

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Some small changes in library services under COVID Level Red

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff



Our county is now operating under COVID Level Red: Severe Risk. Because libraries have been declared a critical service, we are able to stay open — with some modifications to our operations. Here is the current status:

- We are limited to 10 patrons at a time plus staff in the building, since we must operate at only 25 percent capacity.

- We remain open on Thursdays from 1 to 7 p.m. with 1 to 2 p.m. reserved for seniors and higher-risk 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 only for individuals or members of the same household, 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.

- Hand sanitizers are available and there will be frequent cleanings inside the building throughout the day. Please practice social distancing and wear facial coverings while you are in the building. If you don't have a mask, we are happy to give one to you.

- 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.

- One early literacy computer is available for youngsters Monday through Saturday.

- Curbside service continues Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. except for Thursdays, when it's from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone 264-2209 when you are in the parking lot so staff can bring the items out for you. If you put a hold on something, please wait for your usual alert (email, phone call or text) before coming to pick it up.

- You can drop your returns of books, CDs and DVDs in the drop box at City Market, as well as in the drop box at the library. No donations in the City Market box, please.

- Notary service is available on a very limited basis. Please call for an appointment. The cost is \$5 per notary.

- You can place holds on items from other libraries. They are in different stages of reopening, so items may take longer than usual.

- We're happy to provide tech help in person or over the phone for our online resources.

"We are very glad that we can

continue serving our community's needs while still keeping patrons and staff safe," said Meg Wempe, library director. "We're dividing into two smaller work groups to make every effort to serve you well and safely. But please be aware that some of our services may be a little slower than normal, so we ask for your patience and understanding."

Special note

"We want people to always feel welcome in the library and to experience a very friendly vibe when they visit," Wempe said. "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."

Library closure

Your library will be closed today, Thursday, Dec. 10, for staff education.

Hot Chocolate Hullabaloo

Like so many other activities in our current COVID world, our annual holiday Hot Chocolate Hullabaloo has had to adapt — and move to your homes rather than take place at the library. We will have free materials for crafts, activities and packets to make hot chocolate at the library for you to pick up starting Dec. 14 and lasting until supplies run out. Have fun at home.

New teen book club

The free tween book club has morphed to a teen book club for sixth through 12th grades due to the age of the interested parties. Join us for a lively discussion next Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 4 to 5 p.m. on Zoom about this month's book, "The Wren Hunt" by Mary Watson. Stop by the library to pick up a copy. To join the session and help us decide what to read next, please go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82245964216>.

New knitting takeaways

We are adding free knitting takeaways to our collection of crafts and activities you can pick up at the library entrance during open hours to take for your in-home enjoyment.

We'll have patterns, craft ideas, instructions and some limited supplies available.

Legal clinic tomorrow

The free legal clinic each month is happening by appointment tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 11, from 2 to 3 p.m. by telephone or Zoom. You can have the volunteer attorney phone you directly or you can come into the library and meet via Zoom.

To be added to the sign-up sheet for these calls, send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic," with your first name and phone number, to ruby@pagosalibrary.org, or phone or stop by the library. The volunteer attorney's time is limited, so it's first-come first-served.

LEGO challenge

Join us Saturday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m. for a free all-ages LEGO challenge via an image posted on Facebook and the library website. The image will invite participants to use your own pieces to create something that will fit the challenge. If you don't have LEGOs, we will have a few grab bags available at the library that you can pick up to complete the challenge.

New writing challenge

Twice this month, we are posting a new writing challenge on the library's Facebook page. The current challenge was posted Dec. 7 and the next one will be Dec. 21. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating. This is a free all-ages activity.

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 instructions.

In-person gaming

Free in-person gaming is suspended for the time being due to COVID safety concerns.

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For application assistance call 970-264-8513. If you or your organization is interested in hosting an outreach event call 970-264-8510.

Library

continued from previous page Storywalk for kids

Every other Thursday, Josie posts signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up towards 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.

ESL

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.

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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.

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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.

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.

Large print westerns

"Killer Take All" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a Duff MacCallister western. "The Wolves of Seven Pines" by E.L. Ripley is the latest in the Ralph Compton Sun-down Riders series.

Nonfiction

"No Time Like The Future: An Optimist Considers Mortality" is a memoir by Michael J. Fox, actor and Parkinson's advocate. "Mediocre: The Dangerous Legacy of White Male America" by Ijeoma Oluo explores the effect of white male supremacy on the country. "Black Futures" edited by Kimberly Drew and Jenna Wortham is a collection of essays, interviews, art, photos, poems, tweets and screenshots celebrating Black life.

Books on CD

"How to Raise an Elephant" by Alexander McCall Smith is a No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency mystery. "A Song for the Dark Times" by Ian Rankin is an Inspector Resus mystery.

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Quotable quote

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Cats on CPAP and other tails

I'm not one to bond with furry friends. I put up with them as a means of keeping peace in the family. But, the baby talk, that perfect toy and finicky-eater treats — it's all nonsense to me.

These days, we know what keeps us grounded. Maybe befriending those who are closest to it is our key to happiness.

Friends invited me out to lunch to celebrate my birthday. As always, I tried to be present in the moment. But before long, I found myself sitting alone as my table mates oohed and awed over their feline and canine kind.

Don't get me wrong, I greatly appreciated the birthday sentiment, and equally appreciate my friends,

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



but I think lunch would have been more productive had I sent my Sweet Al in my place.

Do you remember the days when grandma thumbed through her never-ending stack of Polaroids? Whether asked or not, the first person to make eye contact at the holiday gathering was sure to be fanned by page after page from the photo album.

"Remember when Johnny was 1? Now look at him at 2. He was so cute at 3."

Flash forward 20 years and there I sat, perched between friends swiping left and right on their phones. Poppy is in a pink sweater. Teddy wore a matching hat and cuffs. Then there is Bella in her tutu.

Grandchildren, yes. Granddogs, heavens no!

I get the idea that pets ask for nothing in return, they provide emotional support and love unconditionally, but so does a good throw.

Back at the table, one of my friends said she had just adopted
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Age

■ continued from previous page must have seen it. They challenged him to ask me out. Kevin is rather shy and wasn't going to, but one guy said he would lend Kevin his truck for the date. Kevin had always wanted to drive the guy's beautiful pickup, so he decided he would."

Lindy went on to tell us about how Kevin came and asked her. She talked about their first date and some of the crazy things they did, as well as some about other dates. She finished by saying, "And, well, here we are."

Lindy then asked, "So, how did you meet?"

"We met at Ricks College," I replied.

"Wow!" Lindy said. "Was she a student in one of your classes? I

didn't think you were supposed to date your students."

Donna snickered, and I glanced at her. Lindy must have noticed, because she said, "I mean, you know, the age difference and all."

"We were both in school at the time," I replied.

Again, Lindy looked shocked. "You must have gone to school late in life."

I shook my head. "We're only three years different in age."

Once more, Lindy looked surprised, but answered in a sympathetic tone. "I'm sorry. You must have been through a lot in your life."

By this time, Donna is almost choking to keep back her laughter. Kevin looked mortified about what

his wife was saying and seemed to want to stop her. He spoke the first words I heard him say all evening.

"Hey, everybody, how about some brownies?"

I nodded. "Sounds good to me."

Hey, I might as well be both old and fat.



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Try a different take on turkey this holiday season

Special to The PREVIEW

Turkey is a holiday dinner staple in many families. While many might scoff at the idea of altering their holiday turkey traditions, others may embrace changing things up, feeling that the joy of cooking often lies in experimentation.

Those unafraid to try something new might want to cook up the following recipe for Turkey Roulade with Cranberry Chutney from Laurie Masterton's "The Fresh Honey Cookbook" (Storey).

Turkey Roulade with Cranberry Chutney

Serves 6

1 sheet puff pastry

1 pound turkey meat from turkey breast and/or thigh meat, cut into 1-inch chunks

3 eggs

1/2 cup chicken stock

1/4 cup Marsala

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
Unbleached all-purpose flour, for the pastry

1/2 cup celery sliced on the diagonal

1/2 cup sliced button mushrooms

1/2 cup cranberry chutney (see below), plus more for serving

Fresh parsley sprigs for garnish

1. Following the instructions on

the package, thaw the puff pastry. This will take 30 to 45 minutes, depending on the type of pastry. You should be able to unfold it without it breaking. Set aside.

2. Pulse the turkey in a food processor until it is the consistency of ground beef. Add 2 of the eggs, the chicken stock, the Marsala, and the butter. Pulse again briefly, until just combined.

3. Roll out the puff pastry on a floured surface until it is a 12- or 13-inch square. Cover a baking sheet with parchment paper and place the pastry on top.

4. Form the minced turkey mixture into a log and position it down the center of the prepared puff pastry. Make an indentation down the length of the turkey and place the celery, mushrooms, and cranberry chutney along the indentation. Cover the indentation with the meat, forming a log once again.

5. Wrap the puff pastry around the turkey, neatly folding the ends and top together, rolling or tucking the edges together, and pinching to seal any gaps. Make the pastry-covered log as round as possible, like a Yule log — try to avoid a flattened version, like a strudel.

6. Preheat the oven to 450 F.

7. Combine the remaining egg with 1 tablespoon water in a small

bowl or cup. Stir well until completely mixed. Brush the roulade with the egg wash, being careful to brush every bit of the exposed pastry.

8. Bake for 10 minutes at 450 F, then reduce the heat to 375 F. Continue to bake for 30 to 45 minutes longer, until the pastry has risen and is a toasty, golden color and the turkey has reached an internal temperature of 165 F. Generally speaking, once the pastry has cooked, the meat will be cooked, too. Remove the roulade from the oven. Transfer it to a serving platter, using the parchment paper to help you. Allow to rest for about 10 minutes.

9. Slice and serve, garnishing with the parsley and accompanying with a bowl of extra cranberry chutney.

Cranberry Chutney

Makes 3 cups

1 1-pound bag fresh cranberries

2 navel oranges, unpeeled, cut into 6 wedges and then into thin slices

1/3 cup golden raisins

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

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a new cat. She spent 10 minutes telling us what happened to the last one, then another 10 telling what she had planned for her new one.

Before long, the conversation just between girls moved to sleeping arrangements and I shuddered with horror.

One of my friends said that all three of her cats sleep with her. One at her feet, one at her back and one stretched over the top of her head with its paw hanging down on top of her CPAP machine.

Am I hearing this right? A cat on the CPAP? I couldn't even begin to envision the scene. Each friend took turns sharing who hogged the covers and who made pillow talk.

I can only imagine the look on my face as I sat there with arms crossed and my head tilted to the side.

Then someone asked, "What about you?"

"I will never share my bed with Whiskey unless my Sweet Al plans on sleeping outside. And even then, it better be in a flask and not on my pillow."

"Did something happen in your childhood that makes you not like dogs?"

"Good question. No."

I'm just not into dogs. More so, I'm not one to make bedfellows with those on all four. Maybe it's because mine is the house that boards those whose owners go

on vacation. I have an arsenal of carpet cleaner in the cabinet to prove it.

Alas, for the lad and his Lassie, I will continue to put up with my Sweet Al and his adored pup, even if it means that I don't get to sit down and eat unless there is a dog at my feet. If nothing less, it brings levity during the breaking of the unleavened.

Final brushstroke: We live in a dog's (or cat's) world. Nowadays, my family likes to watch YouTube videos of dogs playing soccer, skateboarding or running obstacle courses. I will concede this. It certainly beats watching the news. But I'll take a good blanket minus the bad breath, any day.

My friend and faithful reader, Mr. G, called to wish me a happy birthday. He told me he read the story about the yellow lab and about the one they had adopted. I'm still not a dog person, Mr. G, but this article is for you.

"Betty, 'Listen to the Silence,' You are so right and your column is so good. I ache when I think of all I must have missed because of not listening well to the silence. It takes extraordinary sensibility to perceive the message hidden in someone's silence. RG, Arizona"

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Laughing is good for your mind and your body

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Those giggles and guffaws can seem like just silly throwaways. But laughter, in response to funny events, actually takes a lot of work because it activates many areas of the brain: areas that control motor, emotional, cognitive and social processing. Researchers now appreciate laughter's power to enhance physical and mental well-being.

Laughter's physical power

People begin laughing in infancy, when it helps develop muscles and upper body strength. Laughter is not just breathing. It relies on complex combinations of facial muscles, often involving movement of the eyes, head and shoulders.

Laughter — doing it or observing it — activates multiple regions of the brain: the motor cortex, which controls muscles; the frontal lobe, which helps you understand context; and the limbic system, which modulates positive emotions. Turning all these circuits on strengthens neural connections and helps a healthy brain coordinate its activity.

By activating the neural pathways of emotions like joy and mirth, laughter can improve your mood and make your physical and emotional response to stress less intense. For example, laughing may help control brain levels of the neurotransmitter serotonin, similar to what antidepressants do. By minimizing your brain's responses to threats, it limits the release of neurotransmitters and hormones like cortisol that can wear down your cardiovascular, metabolic and immune systems over time. Laughter's kind of like an antidote to stress, which weakens these systems and increases vulnerability to diseases.

Laughter's cognitive power

A good sense of humor and

Turkey

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- 1/2 teaspoon whole cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 cup apple cider
- 1/2 cup honey, preferably cranberry honey
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1. Pour the cranberries into a 2-quart pot. Add the oranges, raisins, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, salt, apple cider, honey and vinegar. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer until the chutney thickens, about 20 minutes.
- 2. Remove from the heat and serve warm or, if you prefer, chill and serve cold.

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the laughter that follows depend on an ample measure of social intelligence and working memory resources.

Laughter, like humor, typically sparks from recognizing the incongruities or absurdities of a situation. You need to mentally resolve the surprising behavior or event — otherwise you won't laugh; you might just be confused instead. Inferring the intentions of others and taking their perspective can enhance the intensity of the laughter and amusement you feel.

To "get" a joke or humorous situation, you need to be able to see the lighter side of things. You must believe that other possibilities besides the literal exist — think about being amused by comic strips with talking animals, like those found in "The Far Side."

Laughter's social power

Many cognitive and social skills work together to help you monitor when and why laughter occurs during conversations. You don't even need to hear a laugh to be able to laugh. Deaf signers punctuate their signed sentences with laughter, much like emoticons in written text.

Laughter creates bonds and increases intimacy with others.

Linguist Don Nilsen points out that chuckles and belly laughs seldom happen when alone, supporting their strong social role. Beginning early in life, infants' laughter is an external sign of pleasure that helps strengthen bonds with caregivers. Later, it's an external sign of sharing an appreciation of the situation. For example, public speakers and comedians try to get a laugh to make audiences feel psychologically closer to them, to create intimacy.

By practicing a little laughter each day, you can enhance social skills that may not come naturally to you. When you laugh in response to humor, you share your feelings with others and learn from risks that your response will be accepted/shared/enjoyed by others and

not be rejected/ignored/disliked.

In studies, psychologists have found that men with Type A personality characteristics, including competitiveness and time urgency, tend to laugh more, while women with those traits laugh less. Both sexes laugh more with others than when alone.

Laughter's mental power

Positive psychology researchers study how people can live meaningful lives and thrive. Laughter produces positive emotions that lead to this kind of flourishing. These feelings — like amusement, happiness, mirth and joy — build resiliency and increase creative thinking. They increase subjective well-being and life satisfaction.

Researchers find that these positive emotions experienced with humor and laughter correlate with appreciating the meaning of life and help older adults hold a benign view of difficulties they've faced over a lifetime.

Laughter in response to amusement is a healthy coping mechanism. When you laugh, you take yourself or the situation less seriously and may feel empowered to problem-solve.

For example, psychologists measured the frequency and intensity of 41 people's laughter over two weeks, along with their ratings of physical and mental stress. They found that the more laughter experienced, the lower the reported stress. Whether the instances of laughter were strong, medium or weak in intensity didn't matter.

A growing number of therapists advocate using humor and laughter to help clients build trust and improve work environments; a review of five different studies found that measures of well-being did increase after laughter interventions. Sometimes called homeplay instead of homework, these interventions take the form of daily humor activities — surrounding yourself with funny people, watching a comedy that makes you laugh or writing down three funny things that happened today.

You can practice laughing even when alone. Intentionally take a perspective that appreciates the funny side of events. Laughing yoga is a technique of using breathing muscles to achieve the posi-

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Luke 1:30-31

Mary faced an angel. The angel said to her “Do not be afraid” of me or what is going to happen. Joseph, the shepherds in a field, and Zechariah were also told “Do not be afraid” when angels appeared and told them what was happening or coming. The birth of the Savior was imminent. Ultimately he would die to take away sin and rise to show we can live again.

Before He went back to heaven He told His disciples “I am with you always to the end of the age.” Joseph was told to name the newborn son Immanuel which means “God with us.” He still is.

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By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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Tuesday, Dec. 15 — Sesame seed-crust salmon with rice noodles, snow pea stir-fry, milk, salad and carrot cake.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 — Sausage, biscuits and gravy, caramelized butternut squash, milk, salad and banana pudding.

Thursday, Dec. 17 — Roasted garlicky lemon chicken, spaghetti squash, Mediterranean beets, milk, salad and chocolate cake.

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tive physical responses of natural laughing with forced laughter (ha ha hee hee ho ho).

Researchers today certainly aren't laughing off its value, but a good deal of the research on laughter's influence on mental and physical health is based on self-report measures. More psychological experimentation around laughter or the contexts in which it occurs will likely support the importance of laughing throughout your day, and maybe even suggest more ways to intentionally harness its benefits.

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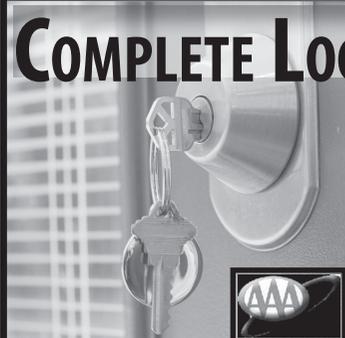
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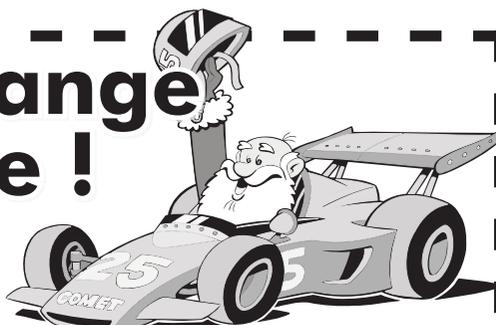




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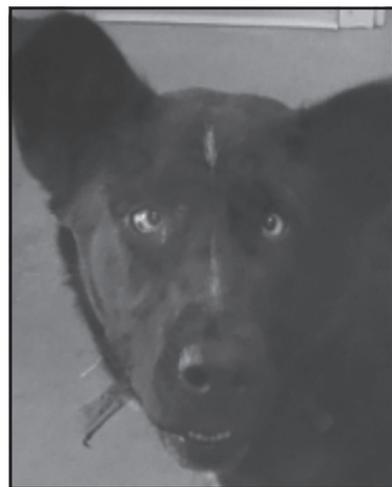
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AL-ANON MEETS EVERY TUESDAY at 6p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in the Parish Hall. www.al-anon-co.org. As of 3/31, our meeting space is temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19 precautions. For updates, please text (303)815-8569. For a list of online and phone meetings, please visit al-anon.org.

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How to give back to health care workers

Special to The PREVIEW

Millions of people across the globe donate to charities or volunteer as a means of bolstering their communities and helping the less fortunate. Such help is valuable no matter when it's offered, but giving back in 2020 has proven to be an especially necessary endeavor.

As a global pandemic took hold during the winter of 2019-20, millions of people found themselves battling a potentially deadly virus, while millions more found themselves out of work as the economy came crashing to a halt.

Health care workers have been on the front lines in the fight against the COVID-19 virus for months on end. Stressful working environments and concerns about bringing the virus home and potentially infecting their families have made the challenges of fighting the pandemic even tougher for health care workers.

Supporting such workers in these uncertain times can be a great way for people to show just how much they appreciate the extraordinary efforts of doctors, nurses, EMTs and others who continue to confront COVID-19 every day.

- Keep it simple. Efforts to give back to health care workers need not be extraordinary. Simple gestures like preparing a weeknight meal for health care workers and their families, offering to babysit on a weekend afternoon or tackle a few chores around the house can help exhausted health care workers catch their breath.

- Donate more than just your time and effort. An actively engaged general public can reassure health care workers that they're not alone in the fight against COVID-19 and other potentially deadly viruses and diseases. While blood is not used to treat COVID-19, various health organizations, including the U.S. Surgeon General's Office, have expressed concerns that hospitals will not have enough blood on hand to treat accident victims and sick people who need blood to survive. The American Red Cross is urging people to continue donating blood so health care workers can meet the needs of patient care.

- Support efforts to procure more funding for hospitals. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, both the American Hospital Association and the American Nurses Association have expressed hospitals' need for more financial support as they continue to battle the virus. By supporting such efforts and encouraging others to do the same, people looking to give back can send a message to health care workers that they're supported and that their voices are being heard.

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-  **Support our Local Businesses and Avoid Further Closures**
-  **Respect One Another**

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- Stay home if you are sick and get tested
- Practice social distancing and stay six feet apart
- Wash your hands frequently
- Avoid gatherings outside your household



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