

County discusses propane delivery issues

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Feb. 6 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners discussed propane delivery difficulties in the area with Sheriff Mike Le Roux.

Commissioner Veronica Medina explained that both she and Le Roux received phone calls on Feb. 5 regarding constituents having difficulty in receiving propane deliveries.

Le Roux commented that the delivery issues center on a lack of drivers, not a lack of propane supply, and is impacting all suppliers in the area.

He stated that he contacted the Colorado Propane and Gas Association (CPGA), who informed him that the organization published a January newsletter which announced that the Colorado Division of Oil and Public Safety would broadly not be enforcing the state propane container refill laws contained in Colorado Revised Statute 8-20-302 statewide over the winter.

He explained that this means that any tank can be filled by any vendor at any time assuming that it meets the conditions outlined in the announcement.

The newsletter lays out that a consumer must meet eight conditions to qualify for such a refill, including that they have run out or are in imminent danger of running out of propane, that they have made an effort to contact the propane supplier who owns their propane container to obtain a refill and that the supplier has not responded by refilling the propane container.

The newsletter continues that another propane supplier must be willing to refill the container and must make an effort and document their attempts to contact the propane container owner to obtain permission to refill the container as well as documenting that the container is nearly out or out of propane.

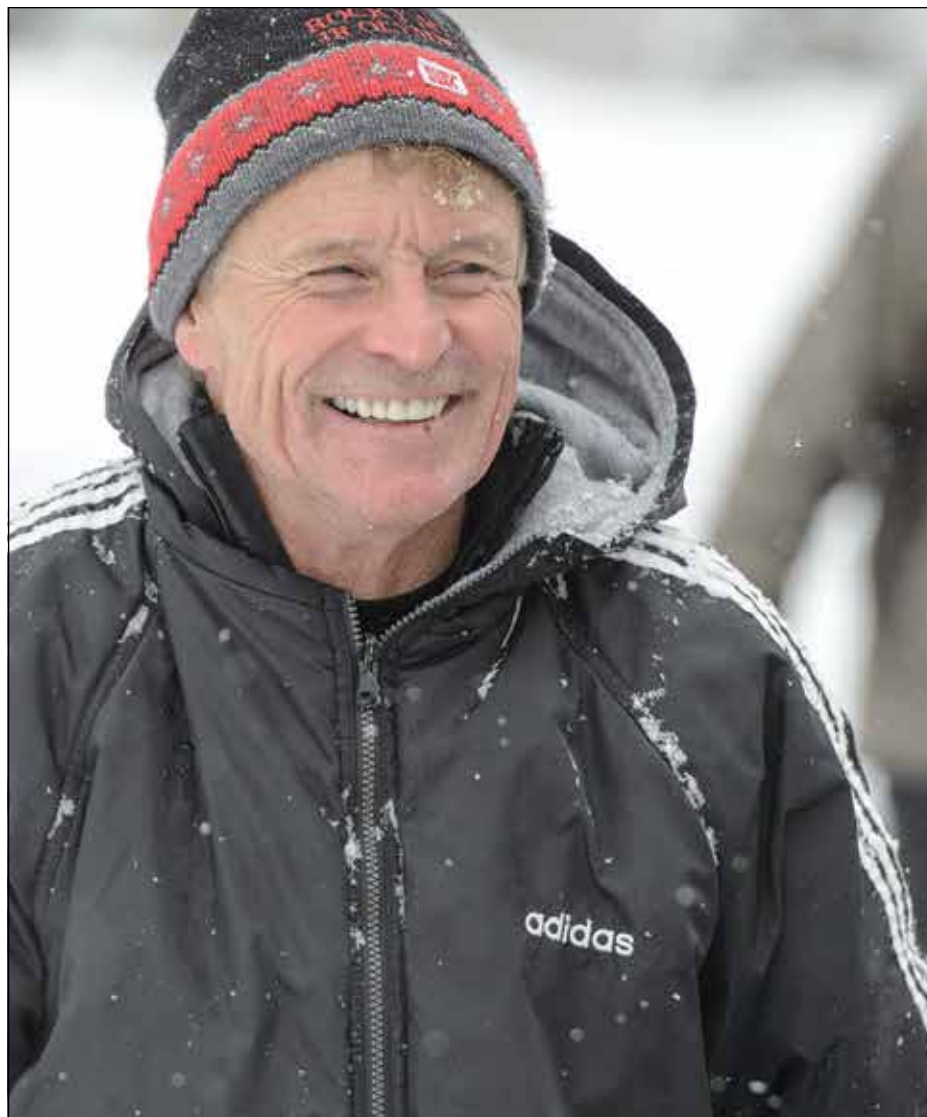
The announcement states as a final condition, "In the case of an out-of-propane situation, the provisions of the Colorado LP-Gas Regulations in Section 3-2, Delivery after Interruption of Service, and all other safety requirements by Colorado statutes, regulations, and codes are met."

Le Roux commented at the work session that these conditions will likely be easily met by local consumers needing propane.

On the reasons for the suspension of enforcement statewide, the newsletter reads: "The Colorado Division of Oil and Public Safety (Division) has been receiving complaints from propane consumers throughout the state that their propane provider cannot provide timely service of propane deliveries during the extreme cold conditions that the state is currently experiencing. In some cases, this inability of the propane provider to service their customers has resulted in out-of-propane

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30 years of passion and commitment



Lindsey Kurt-Mason coaches the high school boys' soccer team during a 2015 playoff match in Vail. Kurt-Mason recently retired from coaching, completing a nearly 30-year career coaching both boys' and girls' soccer for Pagosa Springs High School.

Photos courtesy Michael Pierce

Lindsey Kurt-Mason retires from coaching

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

After nearly 30 years of coaching for Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate soccer teams, coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason will retire from leading the soccer program he helped develop prior to the spring girls' soccer season.

Kurt-Mason formally announced his retirement in December 2023 and his resignation was accepted by the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education at its Dec. 12, 2023, meeting.

Origins and growth

In an interview with The SUN, Kurt-Mason reflected on his history and experiences with the program.

He explained that his first experiences with soccer were playing in clubs in Washington and Alaska during high school, where he was exposed to a range of coaches and coaching styles from around the world.

After high school and time spent as a college gymnast at Washington State University, he transferred to Western Washington University, where he

■ See Coaching A8

Ballots to be mailed for presidential primary

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Ballots for the March 5 presidential primary election will be mailed beginning Monday, Feb. 12.

According to a notice for the election, mail ballot packets will be sent to all active, registered Democratic, Republican and unaffiliated voters.

To be counted, ballots must be returned to the Archuleta County clerk and recorder no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day, March 5.

Unaffiliated voters who have not declared a party preference will receive two ballots in their mail ballot packet. Those voters must return only one ballot in order for their vote to count.

■ See Ballots A8

Town council cancels April municipal election

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Feb. 6, the Pagosa Springs Town Council voted unanimously in favor of a resolution canceling the April 2 municipal election.

Three at-large council member seats were supposed to be up for election. However, since only the three individuals currently holding those seats — Leonard Martinez, Mat deGraaf and Brooks Lindner — filed their candidate petitions by the Jan. 22 deadline, all three will be automatically elected to additional four-year terms starting in April.

The resolution states that "no affidavits of intent to be a write-in candidate for such election [were] filed by the 64th day before the election" and since "there are not more candidates than offices to be filled at the Election, the governing body shall cancel the election and by resolution declare the candidates elected."

The three council members will be sworn in at the April 2 town council meeting to begin their new terms in office.

Martinez was appointed to the council in April 2023 after a vacancy on the council allowed him the opportunity to apply, along with other candidates. He was selected by the council over another finalist for the position.

Lindner came aboard as a council member in May 2022 to serve out a two-year term.

The council voted to appoint deGraaf, the longest serving member out of the three, in the summer of 2016 to serve a four-year term. He was then elected in the 2020 regular municipal election.

At the meeting, Town Clerk April Hess-

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Town sanitation district considers new agreement with PAWSD

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Feb. 6, the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) Board of Directors, which also sits as the Pagosa Springs Town Council, voted to table for future consideration a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

The new MOU would lay "out the beginning of a road map for the future operations and maintenance of wastewater systems in our community" and would also establish "a framework for the potential consolidation" of the two entities, agenda documentation states.

The agreement would, in addition, explore the idea of a new, jointly run "regional wastewater treatment plant at the southern end of Yamaguchi Park," documentation states.

"We are not asking you to take action tonight," town manager David Harris said, adding, the "PAWSD board has tabled this item, if you

will, until the latter part of March."

PAWSD board member Bill Hudson, who was in attendance at the meeting, explained that PAWSD would be too busy over the next month discussing "fees," and therefore did not have time to seriously consider the MOU at the moment.

Mayor Shari Pierce explained that the proposed MOU was "different" than the previous MOU, because it started "the process to look at potentially working together and how that can function over the next couple of years while we determine

the next steps for both entities."

The potential merger of the two entities comes after town-hired consultant Roaring Fork Engineering analyzed the future of the town's wastewater system, recommending that it might be in the town's — and the public's — best interest to consolidate with PAWSD.

The PSSGID has confronted nagging problems with its current wastewater conveyance system, which pumps 460 million gallons of wastewater annually several

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Heartfelt appreciation and gratitude

Archuleta School District Superintendent Rick Holt and others at the district submitted the following to The SUN following the recent crash involving a school bus and an SUV. While some of these thoughts have been expressed throughout the community and in the pages of The SUN already, we feel they bear repeating.

The response to the collision was a true community effort, and we agree with the words penned below.

The SUN continues to wait for additional updates regarding the collision and following investigation.

Dear community of Pagosa Springs, As a district, we are writing to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the incredible individuals who swiftly responded to the recent school bus accident in our community. The collaborative efforts of community members, school staff and emergency medical service (EMS) responders have not gone unnoticed, and their dedication to en-

suring the safety and well-being of our children deserves recognition.

In moments of crisis, it is truly inspiring to witness the unity and compassion within our community. The prompt and efficient response demonstrated by all involved, including parents, staff and EMS responders, has undoubtedly played a crucial role in mitigating the impact of the incident and providing support to those affected.

We would like to extend a special note of gratitude to our school bus driver — Riley Lucero. Your exemplary composure and unwavering adherence to safety protocols during such a challenging situation are commendable. In the face of adversity, you prioritized the well-being of the students on board, showcasing not only professionalism, but also genuine care for the lives entrusted to you as their bus driver.

The coordination and care between community members, school and dis-

trict staff and EMS responders is a testament to the strength, resilience and heart of our community. It is during times like these that we truly appreciate the sense of togetherness that defines our community in Pagosa Springs. Thank you to the parents who extended patience and cooperation during a very scary and challenging incident. We are grateful for your support as we worked to communicate and reunify students with families as quickly as we could in this emergency situation.

Once again, thank you to everyone involved for their swift response, dedication and the invaluable role each played in ensuring the safety of our children. It is through the collective efforts of individuals like these that our Archuleta School District community remains a safe and supportive environment for all.

With the most sincere thanks,
Rick Holt,
Archuleta School District 50JT

LOOKING BACK



From the Jan. 2, 1992, Pagosa SUN — With Christmas coming on Wednesday for 1991, large numbers of vacationers started arriving at Wolf Creek Ski Area on Dec. 27 and the large turnout continued through the weekend. The skiers were greeted with 57 inches of powder and packed powder that made for excellent skiing conditions. With both triple-chair lifts and both double-chair lifts in operation, a wait of five minutes or less was the order of the day in the lift lines.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 8, 1924

It was our pleasure Wednesday to view the plans prepared by Silas Smith, architect of Durango, for the proposed new hotel on the Springs property. They are complete in every detail and done in water colors. Nothing has been overlooked in the way of possible needs for a magnificent structure that will accommodate the traveling tourist and health seeking public.

The plans, as now arranged, call for the completion of the structure began in 1905, the walls and foundation of which are in almost perfect condition. However, instead of two stories as originally planned, which permits only about 22 bedrooms, a third story has been added, allowing for 56 bedrooms besides quarters for employees. All will be outside rooms.

Everything done will be with the idea in mind of catering to the public, which is the big thing for the future development and progress of Pagosa Springs as an all-year-round health resort.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 11, 1949

The popular request by a number of interested students has caused the adding of a class in second year Algebra. The purpose of this class is to enable our young people to meet the college entrance requirements of some of the more technical Engineering Colleges.

This special class is being taught by Mrs. Herman Sisson.

The weather during the past week has just been some more of the same. It started snowing early Monday morning and by the time it had cleared away Monday night, around 12 inches of new snow had fallen. The total snow fall this winter here in town is in the neighborhood of 112 inches or better than nine feet. There is at the present time better than three feet of hard packed snow on the ground. Total moisture content to date this winter since Nov. 20 is 7.08 in.

There have been 37 nights with below zero weather since November 20 and the coldest recorded was 35 below on January 5 with 34 below recorded on February 9. With more than half of February and all of March to go this will undoubtedly be one of the record winters for snowfall and possibly moisture.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 14, 1974

The fuel shortage still hasn't had any terrific impact upon the activities of local residents. The lowered speed limit has, though, as it takes so much longer to travel any great distance.

Local Colorado State Patrol officers say that for the most part motorists are observing the 55 mile per hour speed limit. There are occasional lapses, but they say that the slower driving was noticeable even before the 55 mile per hour law went into effect. We haven't heard as yet just what it is doing to mileage on various types of vehicles, but it seem logical that many will be getting more miles per gallon.

One of the energy conservation measures that hasn't been greeted with enthusiasm locally is that of daylight savings. It is still working a hardship on many, and most people estimate that they are using more heating fuel and more electrical energy because of it.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 11, 1999

After a week of deliberation, the Archuleta County Commissioners are donating \$10,000 for construction of a community center.

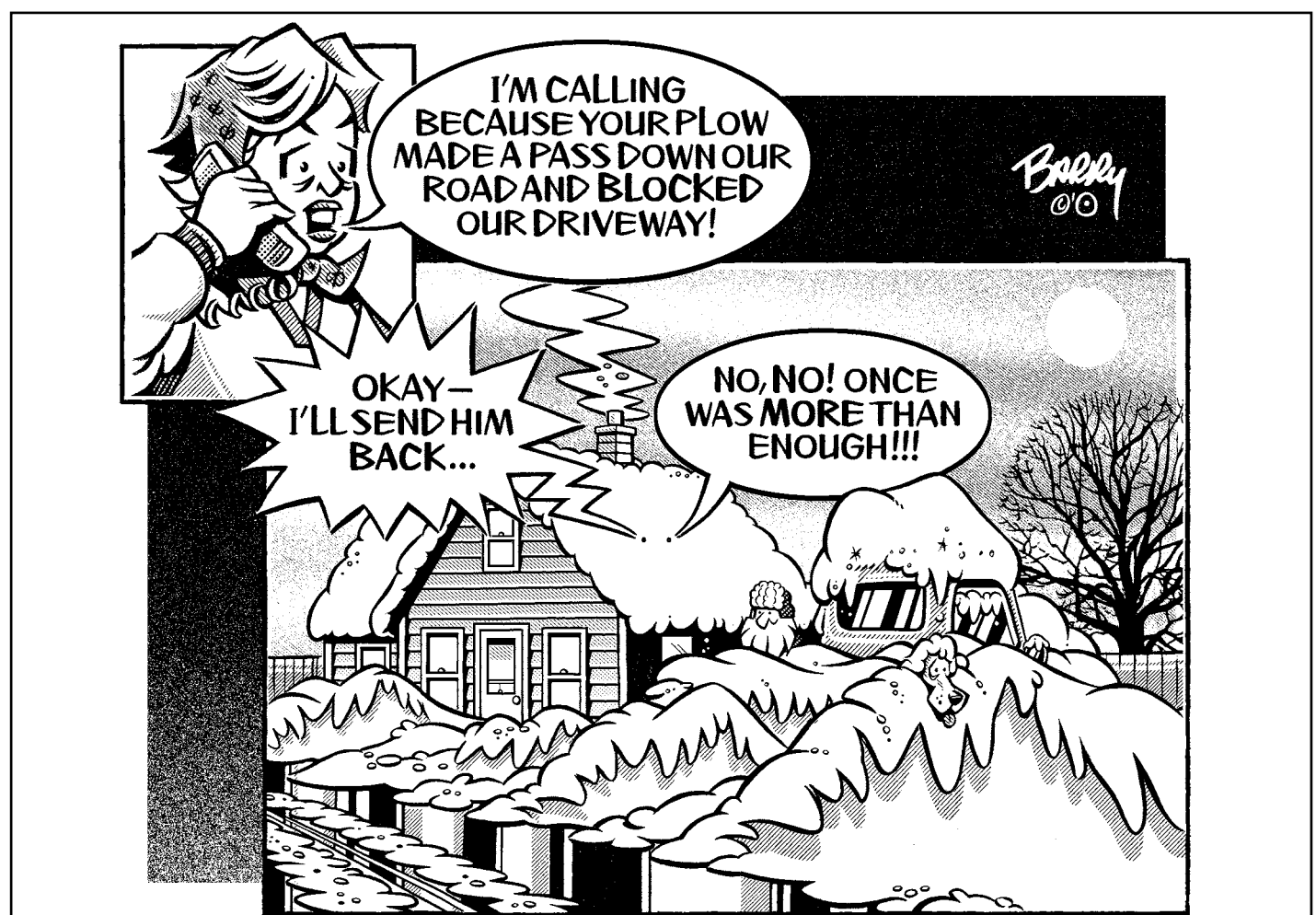
Plans for the proposed community center are being developed by the town. The center will be located on property on Hot Springs Boulevard east of the San Juan River and south of the Great Pagosa Hot Springs. The town plans to develop a municipal office space, a wetlands park area and the community center.

Following several requests by residents for the installation of "multi-way stop signs" at the intersection of South 8th and Apache streets, Pagosa Springs officials asked engineers to conduct a "warrant study" of the intersection to determine if such a traffic control device should be installed.

Traffic at the intersection is currently controlled by two stop signs, halting traffic on 8th Street.

And it will stay that way. A report issued recently by Bechtold Engineering indicated the warrants necessary for a four-way stop at the intersection north of the Pagosa Springs High School property could not be satisfied.

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Letters



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Political primaries and caucuses

Dear Editor: A political primary is a preliminary election in which the registered voters of a political party nominate candidates for office. The key word here is preliminary. The current system allows small states such as Iowa and New Hampshire (assisted by the media) to award front-runner status to the victorious candidate. From there the candidates travel a path determined by which states want to "leap frog" the other by moving up their primary dates. Candidates are whisked across the country without any real ability to distinguish regional issues from national issues. Consequently, party platforms are determined by a make-it-up-as-you-go approach. If the primary process were organized on a regional basis, candidates would be able to study the regional issues, campaign to confirm those issues

and then receive votes based on the solutions they propose. A regional approach would also prevent a premature selection of a front runner because success in one region certainly would not guarantee success in the next region. This would also further validate the process because each state would still have a say all the way down to the end. Finally, the number of delegates awarded in each state should be determined by the percentage of votes won by each candidate. And yes, convert the caucuses to primaries.

Accordingly, the political primaries should occur between January and June of each presidential election year. Each of the six regions would be assigned a particular month. A lottery held in June of the previous year would determine which month each region holds its primaries. An example illustrates the format:

- January Middle West (9): Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Wisconsin
- February Southern (8): Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia
- March Atlantic (8): Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina
- April New England (8): Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont
- May Northwestern (9): Alaska, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming
- June Southwestern (9): Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah.

Joe Bialek

Single-issue bills

Dear Editor: While I'm sure that Lee Stopher and I would agree on nothing politically, her opinion piece does bring up an interesting point, which is - why can't legislation introduced by congress be in the form of single-issue bills? It makes no sense for a border bill and funding for Ukraine to be tied together. I know congress is all about trades, compromises and the art of the deal, but we the American people deserve to have congress give us the straight scoop when it comes to spending and new laws.

Now to Lee's points about the border. If you know history, you understand that without control of their border, no nation has survived. They were eventually brought down by those entering unvetted. The same thing is happening here, and I believe we are already well down the road to our destruction. Many of the people coming here have no intention of becoming part of the American Dream. They are only here to take our money and benefits until the

pot runs dry, or in the worst case, to do us harm. I'm sure you've heard the mayor of Denver is asking for 100 million dollars for illegal immigrant costs. Where do people think this money comes from? I have news for my naive friends on both sides of the aisle, the government has no money of its own. The only money the government has must come from taxpayers or be borrowed from other countries, which in turn adds to our growing national debt. We have thousands of Americans living on the street and in poverty, including veterans.

So, give me one good reason, a practical one not some virtue signaling, kumbaya platitude, as to why we should invite those from other countries to come here and drain our limited resources, when so many Americans need help.

The current border bill being debated in congress does nothing to stop the flow of illegals, it only limits the number who can enter each day. The current figures are somewhere between 5,000 and 8,500 per day. You can do the math. We gain nothing from this bill but a chance for congress and this administration to claim they have finally solved the border crisis. This is no solution. On his first day in office Biden struck down the border policies that Trump put in place, and this resulted in the mess we are now in. Estimates are that 10 to 20 million illegals have entered since Biden's first day in office with more coming every day. This is unsustainable and will destroy our country.

Finally, if you have been following the news, you know that thousands of illegals are military-age men from countries that wish to do us harm. They have come in large enough numbers to constitute an invading army, an army that is inside our defenses. Some of these people are from terrorist nations who have sworn to kill Americans. You can see how this will end.

Milt Dodge

Disservice

Dear Editor: The Carnley's unheeded "sermon" of Feb. 1 does a grave disservice to good Christians across the country. If ever there was incontrovertible evidence for the separation of church and state,

their vile letter is it. DC Duncan

Re: Demented letters

Dear Editor: In reply to Jan and Tom Carnley's letter to the editor titled "Demented letters," I'd like to share a couple of comments. First, I find it disturbing that the writers feel the need to use demonizing, disrespectful language to characterize their neighbors and fellow citizens with whom they disagree. Second, their description of Donald Trump

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 as merely having personality “ticks” is almost beyond belief. He is a liar, a convicted sexual abuser, and a deeply flawed person, morally and ethically unfit to be President. How does that align with anyone’s definition of Christianity?
 Jan Hester

Restorative practices

Dear Editor:
 Restorative practices in schools are seriously important. They’re all about creating a positive and inclusive environment where students feel heard and supported. Instead of just punishing students for their mistakes, restorative practices focus on understanding the root causes of behavior and finding ways to repair harm and build relationships.
 Restorative practices help to foster a sense of belonging and community within the school. By encouraging open communication and active listening, students are given the opportunity to express their thoughts, feelings, and concerns in a safe space. This not only helps to prevent conflicts but also promotes empathy and understanding among students.
 One of the key benefits of restorative practices is that they empower students to take responsibility for their actions. Rather than being passive recipients of punishment, students are encouraged to reflect on the consequences of their behavior and actively participate in

finding solutions. This helps to develop their problem-solving skills and promotes personal growth and accountability.

Restorative practices also have a positive impact on relationships within the school community. By focusing on repairing harm and rebuilding trust, these practices create an environment where conflicts are resolved in a respectful and constructive manner. This not only reduces the likelihood of repeat offenses but also promotes a sense of unity and cooperation among students and staff.

Moreover, restorative practices contribute to a positive school climate, which has been linked to improved academic performance and overall well-being. When students feel supported and valued, they are more engaged in their learning and more likely to thrive academically. By prioritizing relationships and emotional well-being, restorative practices lay the foundation for a successful and fulfilling educational experience.

My work as a part of the Pagosa Peak Open School Restorative Student Board means so much to me. It is a legacy I left in my wake after middle school and gives me space for helping to shape the future of our world; making it a more positive, supportive place overall. Wednesday mornings are my chance to connect with students who share similar views and allow me to strive for the goals I want to achieve for this community alongside like-minded people. Working as a high school

student with a diverse group of middle school students benefits me because I am finding my people and my place where I can connect on many different levels, while offering and receiving support that we as individuals and a community need.
 Nyx Rohrer

Pagosa Views

Dear Editor:
 We would like to thank the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission for calling out the owner/developer of Pagosa Views subdivision for changing the plan that significantly deviated from the original development agreement.

The initial agreement with the owner/developer from New Mexico, for the 79 acres along U.S. 160 west of the elementary school, was to develop a four-phase subdivision with vehicle access coming off Highway 160. The current request is to proceed with phase one of the development with access coming from 10th Street.

We applaud the new requirement to complete a new traffic study and potentially consider this a standalone phase. We would also ask when the developer will consider the other infrastructure additions and improvements that will be needed to accommodate this subdivision and how they intend to participate financially.

As it is currently, the water and sewer district is in need of being expanded. This was explained in the same February 1 newspaper front page article which cited the

many reasons that PAWSD needs to increase rates. The same water and sewer issue is named as a priority by Town Council.

Building affordable workforce housing is the carrot being dangled by this owner/developer that does not live in this community – we should be guarded. Hold them accountable for infrastructure and required improvements, beyond their acreage. It doesn’t make sense to have one without the other.
 Lisa and Bob Scott

Voices crying in the wilderness

Dear Editor:
 I have to commend Jan and Tom Carnley for being voices crying in the wilderness trying to point out that America is in the throes of open spiritual warfare. In their brave occasional answers to the constant negativism and partisan absurdities spewed weekly by regular contributors to the letters columns of the Sun, they are speaking on behalf of countless Christian believers, as they did in last Thursday’s edition. Atheists, agnostics, secularists, globalists and neo-Marxists all seem to be in the ascendancy in our country, and we are witness to the consequences in the daily news. When Jan and Tom wrote “But you would have to be blind, deaf, uncaring, blank, or just stupid not to see our nation, culture being destroyed by Biden and his dem-regime”, I suspect the “dem” has a double-entendre.
 Roy D. Vega

Archuleta County Democratic Club to hear about water resources

By Lynn R. Frederick
 Archuleta County Democratic Club

Josh Kurz will speak at the next Archuleta County Democratic Club meeting.

Kurz is a Pagosa Springs High School science teacher who has a BS degree in watershed science from Colorado State University and worked as a hydrologist before teaching.

Kurz has developed an infographic which he will use to help inform attendees about local water resources. Water resources on the Western Slope are in a precari-

ous situation, so this is a program you will not want to miss.

The club meeting will be held at Beny’s Restaurant, 180 E. Pagosa St., at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 19, with Kurz speaking at noon.

The Democratic Club is a social organization that seeks to sponsor programs about topics of local interest. Everyone is welcome. Do not feel that you need to be a registered Democrat to attend.

As a courtesy to the restaurant, please RSVP by email to lynnfrederick1@gmail.com by Feb. 18 and plan to order lunch during the meeting.

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By Holly Shook
 Centerpoint Church

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“Kid Care.” Meetings will run from 4 to 5:30 p.m. each Saturday from March 2 until May 25. The church is located at 2750 Cornerstone Drive.

For more information, contact Lorena Medina at loremedina0817@gmail.com or contact the church at (970) 731-2205.

You may also go online to find more information on the program and preregister for the class by going to www.divorcecare.org.

Click on “Find a Group” and follow the prompts. There is a registration fee of \$20 for the cost of your workbook. We also offer scholarships.

Correction

The article “County certifies mill levies and revenues” in the Jan. 25 issue of The SUN incorrectly stated that Archuleta School District 50 Jt. will receive \$564,498,330 in prop-

erty tax revenues in 2024. The district will receive \$15,289,437 in property tax revenues.
 The SUN regrets this error.

Obituary

Herb Stipe

Herb Stipe, 77, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away peacefully on Jan. 15, 2024, surrounded by family.

He was born in Cheyenne, Wyo., and grew up loving the outdoors, learning to hunt and fish in the Snowy Range.



He met his wife, Charleen, at the University of Wyoming and taught high school English in Wyoming and Arizona.

He was also a revered wrestling and football coach. When he and Charleen retired from teaching, they moved to Pagosa Springs, where Herb’s sense of humor and friendly, generous and kind spirit

made many friends. He was father to three children, Jim, Kristen and Kara, and grandfather to five grandchildren, all of whom he loved and adored. A celebration of life is planned for June. Donations may be made in his name to the Thingamajig Theater Company or to Rocky Mountain Wild.

Services

Steve Chavez Jr.

It is of great sadness that the family of Steve Chavez Jr. announces his passing amongst family on Feb. 3 in Colorado Springs, Colo.. Services and viewing will be Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. in Colorado Springs, Colo., at the Angelus Chapel, 1104 South Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80910.

Thank you all for the prayers, Connie Chavez and family.

Blood drive a success, future drives announced

By Sharee Grazda
 Special to The SUN

Once again we express sincere appreciation to the generous people who responded to the call for blood donations on Jan. 22.

There were 73 units of life-supporting blood given for Four Corners area patients in need.

Upcoming drive dates at Centerpoint Church are June 11, Sept. 10, Dec. 17.

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Propane

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 conditions with the potential of damage to property due to freezing of water pipes, and more importantly, life safety concerns, with these consumers using space heaters, or even attaching their systems to other containers (e.g., 100lb cylinders) without a proper test for leakage due to an interruption of service.”

At the work session, Le Roux stated that the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office posted the information on its social media pages Feb. 5 and that local providers did not appear to be aware of suspension of refill law enforcement.

He added that the announcement of the suspension was made at the end of January and that he was unsure how widely read the CPGA newsletter is in the industry.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that the county would also have the information posted on its website.

Le Roux added that the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center is also aware of the announcement

and is circulating the information to anyone who calls dispatch about propane needs.

Several area providers indicated they are able to keep up with demand.

“Our local team is working hard to keep up with demand in Pagosa Springs and the surrounding area and we continue to have ample resources to do so,” Ferrellgas Director of Corporate Communications Scott Brockelmeyer stated in an email to The SUN regarding Selph's Propane, which Ferrellgas owns. “Customers who lease their tank from us should only contact Selph's Propane when they are in need of a propane delivery. We encourage those who are enrolled in our Will Call program to contact us when their tank percentage reaches 30 percent and to allow a minimum of seven business days for delivery, and that all customers provide a clear path to their tank for our delivery personnel.”

Arrowhead Propane president Mike Helms stated in an interview that his company currently has sufficient propane supply and is on

schedule with deliveries in the area.

Intermountain Propane co-owner Michael Osborn explained in an interview that Intermountain plans to likely begin deliveries later this week and has both sufficient propane supply and drivers to meet demand.

He commented that he has heard many comments about area residents running low or out of propane and that he has received a large number of phone calls from customers area residents seeking to receive propane.

Basin Coop CEO Don Dukart stated in an interview that his company has been able to maintain supply and keep deliveries on time this winter, although he noted that he has received calls from customers of other companies requesting propane from Basin Coop due to difficulties in receiving refills.

He added that consistent staffing has been a key to keeping deliveries on time and that he has heard that other companies in the area are struggling with staffing.
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Coaching

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 in ranking teams, which at the time was a factor in determining playoff placements, as coaches from the Front Range had never seen the IML teams play and had little information on them except for scores.

“And I wouldn't know how to rank them either,” he added.

Renner commented that playing in the IML and in 3A in general was challenging due to the disparities between the public and private schools in the classification, with many of the private schools being superior due to working to recruit highly talented players for their teams.

“You're going against someone who's getting recruited to [National College Athletics Association Division 1]. It's hard to get past those guys,” Renner said.

Kurt-Mason stated that the IML that the team played in transformed in the mid-2010s when CHSAA introduced the 2A classification,

taking teams like Crested Butte, Telluride and Ridgway out of the IML and into 2A.

He stated that this reduced the amount of traveling the team did and led the Pirates to pick up more games with teams outside of the IML to fill out the schedule.

He commented that this was a challenge in terms of scheduling games, but had the benefit of exposing the Pirates to more styles of play.

The IML generally improved over time, Kurt-Mason commented, with programs expanding and the league's teams becoming better understood and recognized in the state soccer community.

The Pirate boys' soccer team made 16 appearances in the playoffs over Kurt-Mason's career, with the team's first playoff appearance happening in 1996 and the last in 2022.

The Lady Pirate girls' team made five appearances over Kurt-Mason's coaching career, with the first in 2004 and the last in 2019.

For each opponent the teams faced, Kurt-Mason explained that he made an effort to understand their playing style before the match.

“I try to figure out how the team is doing before we play them,” he said. “And I try to call at least somebody who's played that team just to get an idea of how they play. I've got a lot of friends out there who I can call.”

He added that he typically treated regular season and playoff games the same, in accordance with the philosophy he tried to instill in his players of treating every game like a championship game.

Kurt-Mason commented that, although most of the 3A soccer games are now streamed, traveling to assess other teams and talking with coaches who have played against them remained his primary tools for planning strategies against upcoming opponents.

He commented that it is difficult
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Sports

BASKETBALL



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Ignacio defenders attempt to slow Nathaniel Kinsley, who scored 14 points in the Pirates' 45-23 victory over the Bobcats Friday night.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Ridge Wilson skies over the Alamosa Mean Moose to score two of his six points in Saturday's game. The Pirates defeated Alamosa 63-49 to improve their record to 17-1.

Pirates sail to three more victories

By Robert Moore
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team posted three more victories over the last week as the team defeated the 3A Ignacio Bobcats and the 4A Alamosa Mean Moose over the weekend, and then traveled to Mancos on Tuesday night, Feb. 6, to notch another victory.

The wins improved the Pirates' overall record to 18-1, extended their overall winning streak to 17 games, their home court winning streak to seven, and the team remains in first place in the Intermountain League (IML) with an 8-0 record.

The Pirates won at home on Friday, Feb. 2, against the Bobcats 45-23, and followed that with a win Saturday, Feb. 3, against the Mean Moose by the score of 63-49. On Tuesday, Feb. 6, Pagosa defeated the Bluejays 50-43 in a game that was closer than the score indicated.

Ignacio jumped in front early in the first quarter to lead Pagosa 7-2, but 3-pointers by Colt Lewis and Creede Dozier gave the Pirates their first lead of the game, with Pagosa leading 8-7 at the end of the period.

Sparked by its defensive play and the scoring of Nathaniel Kinsley and Blake Laner, Pagosa took a 24-12 lead over the Bobcats into halftime.

The Pirates continued to widen their margin in the third quarter as the team led by 21 at the end of the period, 37-18.

Coach Wes Lewis pulled the starters at the four-minute mark of the fourth quarter and the reserves closed out the game to win 45-23.

Lewis indicated that he was pleased to come away with the win, saying, "I thought we were OK that night on defense. We were good offensively, we were OK, had kind of some spurts, had some times where things were clicking, and some times where things struggled. But yeah, I mean Ignacio's not bad and we got the win, and we're always happy to get a league win."

The Pirates were led by Laner with 16 points, 13 rebounds, three assists and one steal, followed by Kinsley with 14 points, four rebounds, one assist and two steals. Colt Lewis added eight points, three rebounds, six assists and three steals. Dozier had three points and two assists. Seth Ziegler had two points, six rebounds and one assist. Ridge Wilson contributed two points, one rebound and one assist. Chase Harper chipped in three rebounds, two assists and one steal. Trey Garcia contributed

one rebound and one block.

Pagosa tallied 16 assists, 32 rebounds, seven steals and 13 turnovers in the game while making one of five free throws for 20 percent.

On Saturday, the Pirates defeated the Alamosa Mean Moose 63-49.

Pagosa outscored Alamosa 15-6 in the first quarter and 20-5 in the second quarter to take a 35-11 lead into halftime.

The Pirates led the Mean Moose 49-25 at the end of the third.

In the fourth quarter, the Alamosa press gave Pagosa some trouble late and the Mean Moose outscored the Pirates by 10 to tighten the game. The final score was 63-49 in favor of Pagosa.

"[That was] probably one of the better games we played all year long, especially the first three and a half quarters," said Wes Lewis. "We've been striving ... to put 32 minutes of basketball together against a good team. And we certainly consider Alamosa a good team, and just really pleased with the defensive effort."

Although he indicated he was unhappy with his team's turnovers and "poor decisions" in the fourth quarter, the coach stated, "I thought for three and a half quarters, that's as good as our boys played all year."

The Pirates were again led by Laner who contributed 24 points, 9 rebounds, two assists, one steal and two blocks. Kinsley added 15 points, seven rebounds, two assists and two steals. Colt Lewis had eight points, four rebounds, seven assists and three steals. Wilson scored six points and added five rebounds, one assist and one steal. Harper had four points, two rebounds and three assists. Dozier also scored four points to go with two rebounds and one assist. Zeigler had two points, one rebound and one assist. Jaxten Schiel added two rebounds.

For the game, Pagosa had 32 rebounds, 17 assists, seven steals, two blocks and seven turnovers while making five of 12 free throws for 42 percent.

On Tuesday evening, the Pirates traveled to Mancos for a matchup with the 2A Mancos Bluejays.

In a game that Wes Lewis described as "physical," Pagosa posted an 11-9 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The two teams battled evenly in the second quarter to enter the locker room at halftime tied at 19 points apiece.

Wes Lewis indicated his respect for Mancos, stating, "They're a good team. They're physical, they're strong, they're football-type

kids ... We didn't help ourselves with some of the shots we missed, but ... it's always challenging over there."

The game remained close throughout the third quarter and the Pirates held a slim two-point lead at the end of the period, 34-32.

The teams battled evenly throughout the fourth quarter until approximately two minutes remained in the game, with the Pirates leading by three. At that juncture, Laner blocked a shot, retrieved the ball and scored a layup on the other end to put Pagosa up by five.

For the remainder of the quarter, Wes Lewis said, "It was just good defense and securing the ball to kind of finish the game."

The coach added, "The two things you're always happy to come away with in a game like that is: No. 1, nobody got hurt; No. 2, we got the win."

Additional statistics for the game were not available by press time Wednesday.

With the three wins, the Pirates' improved their record to 18-1 and moved up to No. 3 in the current 4A Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) standings, which help determine postseason seedings.

Ignacio's record stands at 7-9, and the Bobcats are No. 23 in the 3A RPI standings.

Alamosa's record is 11-7, and the Mean Moose are ranked No. 24 in the 3A RPI standings.

Mancos' record is 9-4, and the Bluejays are ranked No. 11 in the 2A RPI standings.

The Pirates have three games on the docket this week, playing the 3A Bayfield Wolverines at home on Friday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m.

The Wolverines' sit at 3-13 and are ranked 45th in the 3A RPI standings.

The Pirates will then hit the road to face the 3A Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 4 p.m.

The Panthers are 5-10 and are ranked No. 34 in the 3A RPI standings.

Pagosa will then face the Monte Vista Pirates at home on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m.

Monte Vista's record is 8-5, and the team is No. 28 in the 2A RPI

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WRESTLING

Pirates drop Intermountain League championship to Centauri

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' wrestling team participated in the Intermountain League (IML) championship dual against Centauri in La Jara on Feb. 1, losing 51-24.

Coach Dan Janowsky commented that Centauri has a strong dual meet lineup with strong wrestlers across the lineup.

He added that Pagosa also has strong wrestlers, but not as many, and that he saw areas of improvement with Pirate wrestlers during the event.

"But, the bottom line is, to see us improve and then kind of fall short in the way we did was a disappointment," he said. "We just wrestled ... really well in the early part of the match — the first period, sometimes into the second period — but then we ... didn't finish. We wrestled a really good half a match. So, our work on our feet was good, was much improved even where we didn't score or whatever, it was much, much better. It was much harder to score on us. We threatened and that kind of stuff and that was good, but then we kind of let down in the second half of the match. ... We just mentally didn't finish the match, kind of stopped wrestling."

He commented that he is also concerned about the numbers of pins and amount of back points given up by Pirate wrestlers in later portions of the matches, noting that avoiding ending up on one's back and moving out of the position is a basic skill and focus for wrestling.

The coach added that he felt the matches at 106 pounds, 132 pounds, 157 pounds and 165 pounds were highly competitive at times, although the athletes involved were eventually pinned or otherwise defeated.

The dual included three forfeits by Pagosa in the 113-pound, 126-pound and 175-pound weight classes, scoring 18 points for Centauri.

Centauri also had one forfeit in the 285-pound weight class, scoring six points for Pagosa.

In the 144-pound weight class, Colton Lucero pinned his opponent in two minutes, 25 seconds, scoring six more points for Pagosa.

Wyatt Hoover, competing in the 150-pound weight class, was defeated by a 6-1 decision, scoring three points for Centauri.

The coach commented that Hoover has previously been pinned by this opponent twice and that he made "huge strides" in achieving a defeat by decision.

He added that Hoover showed intense effort during the match and that this was his favorite match of the night.

"You can lose and still give your team momentum. You can lose ... on the scoreboard, but you're winning in the way you're executing your plan and you're improving," Janowsky said. "And, so he showed a lot of progress. And if you're progressing towards winning, you're winning, in a sense. So, I would give him high marks for the night. ... That was the best he's wrestled,

and he deserves a lot of credit."

In the 157-pound weight class, Seth Aucoin was pinned in 3:46, scoring six points for Centauri.

Derek Carter, wrestling in the 165-pound weight class, was pinned in 3:28, giving Centauri six additional points.

In the 190-pound weight class, Conner Kelly was defeated by a 10-0 major decision, scoring four points for the Falcons.

Janowsky commented that Kelly's defeat was by a larger margin than previous defeats by this opponent — who is top-ranked in his weight class in Colorado 3A wrestling — partially due to the Centauri athlete changing his strategy.

In the 215-pound weight class, Harley Armijo pinned his opponent in 3:26, scoring six points for the Pirates.

Janowsky commented that Armijo is "really good at giving his best effort no matter who he's wrestling."

In the 106-pound weight class, Anthony Manzanara was pinned in 4:54, scoring six points for Centauri.

In the 120-pound weight class, Stetson Osborn was defeated by a 17-1 technical fall in 3:31, scoring five points for Centauri.

Hudson Mazur, in the 132-pound weight class, was defeated 9-7 in the first sudden victory period, scoring Centauri three points.

Luke Tressler, in the 138-pound weight class, pinned his opponent in 1:13, scoring six points for the Pirates.

The Pirates will compete next at regionals in Colorado Springs at The Classical Academy on Feb. 9 and 10.

Wrestling will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 9 and at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 10.

Janowsky commented that the team will focus on "giving their best effort no matter what the situation is" to prepare for the event.

He added that the top four wrestlers for each weight class at regionals will progress to the state tournament.

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Girls' wrestling to compete in regional tournament Feb. 9, 10

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate girls' wrestling division will compete in the regional tournament at Central High School in Grand Junction on Feb. 9 and 10, with wrestling beginning at 4 p.m. on Feb. 9 and 9 a.m. on Feb. 10.

Coach Dan Janowsky stated that this is the first time the girls' wrestling division has competed in regionals and the first time it will face many of the schools that will be at the tournament.

He noted that there is currently only one division for girls' wrestling, meaning that the division will have to compete against teams from much larger schools.

He concluded that the division will focus on giving its best effort.

"You gotta know what your best effort looks like and you gotta be able to summon your best effort at all times, and then it is much easier to live with the outcomes if it's disappointing and it's your best chance for it to turn out in a way you are happy with," Janowsky said. "Hard to do. ... It's one of those things that is simple, but not easy."
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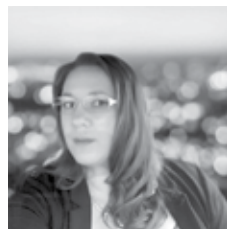
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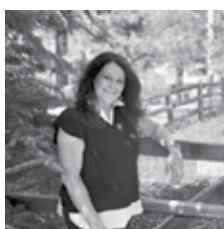
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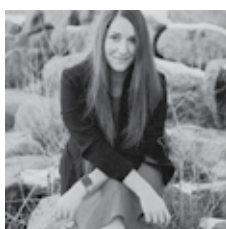
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BASKETBALL



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Annie O'Donnell goes up for two of her game-leading 14 points against Ignacio Friday night. The Bobcats ended the Lady Pirates' win streak at 12 with the 34-33 victory over the Pirates.

Daveyann Snarr goes strong to the basket in the Lady Pirates' 54-32 win Saturday over the Alamosa Mean Moose.

Lady Pirates end win streak, begin new one

By Robert Moore
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates split their games over the last week as the team lost to the 3A Ignacio Bobcats but rebounded with wins against the 4A Alamosa Mean Moose and the 2A Mancos Bluejays.

The 34-33 loss to Ignacio on Friday, Feb. 2, ended the Lady Pirates' win streak at 12 games, but the team returned to its winning form Saturday, Feb. 3, defeating Alamosa 54-32. The team then traveled to Mancos on Tuesday and returned home with a 33-30 victory.

After the three games, the Lady Pirates' overall record stands at 15-4 and the team remains in first in the Intermountain League (IML) with a 7-1 record. Centauri is in second place in the IML with a 5-3 league mark.

Ignacio set the tone early as they hit a pair of 3-pointers to open the scoring in the first quarter. Pagosa answered with a 3-pointer, but Ignacio hit another 3-pointer and led the Pirates 11-7 at the end of the quarter.

The two teams scored eight points each as they traded baskets in the second quarter and Ignacio led Pagosa 19-15 at halftime.

The Pirates outscored the Bobcats 6-5 in a low-scoring third quarter, and 12-10 in the fourth, but came up short, losing 34-33.

It was a tough game for the Lady Pirates as the team experienced early foul trouble, shot a low percentage from both the field and the free-throw line, and coach Sarah Osborn drew a technical, while Ignacio

made seven 3-pointers in the game. Osborn described the game as the "perfect storm ... one of our main starters fouling out with five minutes left and our point guard sitting most of the second and third quarter from foul trouble."

Despite this, Pagosa put itself in a position to win the game, but missed eight of 10 free throws.

One positive Osborn indicated she took away from the game was the play of Adelyn Hittle, saying, "She was fantastic on defense. She snagged some really big rebounds. She actually was the only one to hit one of the six free throws at the end of the game as a freshman."

The Lady Pirates were led by Annie O'Donnell with 19 points, four rebounds and four steals, followed by Karsyn Shahan with nine points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal. Elizabeth Currier had seven points, two rebounds and two steals. Kylie Ketchum tallied two points, four rebounds, two assists and one steal. Hittle had one point, three rebounds and one steal, and Daveyann Snarr added two rebounds, five assists and two steals.

Pagosa tallied eight assists, 11 steals and nine turnovers in the game while making two of 10 free throws for 20 percent.

The Lady Pirates returned to form the next day to face the Alamosa Mean Moose, opening the first quarter with three straight 3-pointers and finishing the quarter leading 17-0.

"I think it was just a good refocus," Osborn said, "and we weren't going to let one turn into two, turn into three and change the end of the season we've worked so hard for."

Pagosa took its foot off the gas in the second quarter, getting outscored by Alamosa 11-6 in the quarter, but the Pirates maintained a 23-11 lead at halftime.

The Mean Moose continued to gain ground and trailed Pagosa by only six points at the end of the third quarter, 33-27.

Alamosa made it a five-point game in the fourth quarter, at which point Osborn called a timeout.

"We ... called that time out and told 'em to refocus again — and we're playing our game, we're good at our game, we're OK at other people's games, but we're really good at our game," she said. "And then you saw we went on another run and bumped [the lead] back up to 22."

The Pirates put up 21 points in the final period while holding the Mean Moose to five and won 54-32.

A balanced scoring attack for the Lady Pirates was led by Currier with 16 points, eight rebounds, four assists and one block, followed by O'Donnell with 12 points, two rebounds and two assists. Shahan had 11 points, five rebounds, three assists and one steal. Daveyann Snarr logged 10 points, four rebounds, four assists and three steals. Ketchum followed with five points, four rebounds, four assists and one steal. Amber Snarr added a rebound.

The team totals for Pagosa were 24 rebounds, 16 assists, five steals, two blocks and 11 turnovers in the game, while making seven of 17 free throws for 41 percent.

On Tuesday evening, the Lady Pirates traveled to Mancos to take on the 10-4 Bluejays, with Pagosa

taking a 22-14 lead into halftime.

The third quarter was a defensive battle as Mancos put up five points to Pagosa's three — their lowest-scoring total for a quarter all season. The Lady Pirates led the Bluejays 25-19 at the end of the period.

The scoring for both teams picked up in the final quarter and Mancos outscored the Pirates 11-8, but Pagosa held on to win the tightly contested game 33-30.

The scoring attack for the Lady Pirates was again led by Currier

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This is a limited prospectus for fishing only. Applicants should carefully read the entire application package. The application package contains the prospectus and all supporting materials. The fishing activities are only for San Juan National Forest lands on the Pagosa District. Season of use will run from mid-May to the end of October.

All items listed under Application Package Requirements must be completed and included in order for a proposal to be considered. Applicants are required to pay a \$150 business/ financial review fee, payable to Ft. Lewis College, which must be submitted with the application.

Applications must be received by close of business (4:30 p.m.)

March 25, 2024, at the Pagosa District office. The final decision on issuance of a special use permit will be contingent on compliance with any needed environmental analysis as determined by the National Environmental Policy Act. Selected applications may be subject to Cost Recovery pursuant to 36 CFR 251.58(c)(3) (iii).

The application package will be available on February 8, 2024, on the San Juan National Forest website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan/> under the 'Recent News' header at the bottom of the page. Hard copies will be available upon request at any San Juan National Forest office.

For questions related to this potential business opportunity, please contact the Pagosa District Visitor desk at 970-264-2268 or Rosalind Wu at rosalind.wu@usda.gov or 970-264-1529.

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SWIM

Lady Pirates end season with 'spectacular' conference meet

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team drew its season to a close Feb. 2 and 3 at the Western Slope Conference meet in Grand Junction.

Despite the team's season ending short of the state tournament, coach Heather Miller notes the conference meet was "spectacular" in an email to The SUN and she's excited for the team's future.

"We had a spectacular meet," she wrote. "We had so many best times and most of them were huge drops for this time of the year!"

The Lady Pirates finished 10th at the meet.

Two Lady Pirate teams competed in the 200-yard medley relay, with the team of Marlowe Hedgecock, Karis Blackman, Chloe Gantt and Asia Gorman taking 15th in the preliminaries with a time of 2 minutes, 22.37 seconds.

That advanced the team to the consolation finals, where they took 13th with a time of 2:19.42 to earn eight points.

The team of Grace Cram, Leah Blackman, Rebecca Stewart and Gemma Slingerland finished 18th in the prelims with a time of 2:40.64.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Gorman finished 26th in the prelims with a time of 2:48.38 and Slingerland finished 28th in the prelims with a time of 2:59.19.

Miller highlights Slingerland dropped just over two seconds in the event.

Four Lady Pirates competed in the 50-yard freestyle prelims, with Natalia Monteroso taking 32nd with a time of 36.68 seconds, Stewart finishing 34th in 36.79 seconds, Bella Gutierrez taking 37th with a time of 39.52 seconds and Marie Smith finishing 38th with a time of 40.08 seconds.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Gantt swam a time of 1:25.03 in the prelims to finish 14th. After advancing to the consolation finals, she finished 13th and earned four points with a time of 1:22.58.

"Chloe Gantt dropped 10 seconds on her 100 fly and qualified to swim again in the consolation round of finals on Saturday and ended up placing 13th," Miller highlights. "This is an amazing feat and Chloe is just a freshman so we have a lot of great things to look forward to from her."

In the 100-yard freestyle, Hedgecock finished 26th in the prelims with a time of 1:12.68, Monteroso took 33rd in the prelims with a time of 1:24.13 and Gutierrez took 35th in the prelims with a time of 1:31.04.

Gutierrez, according to the coach, dropped just over four seconds.

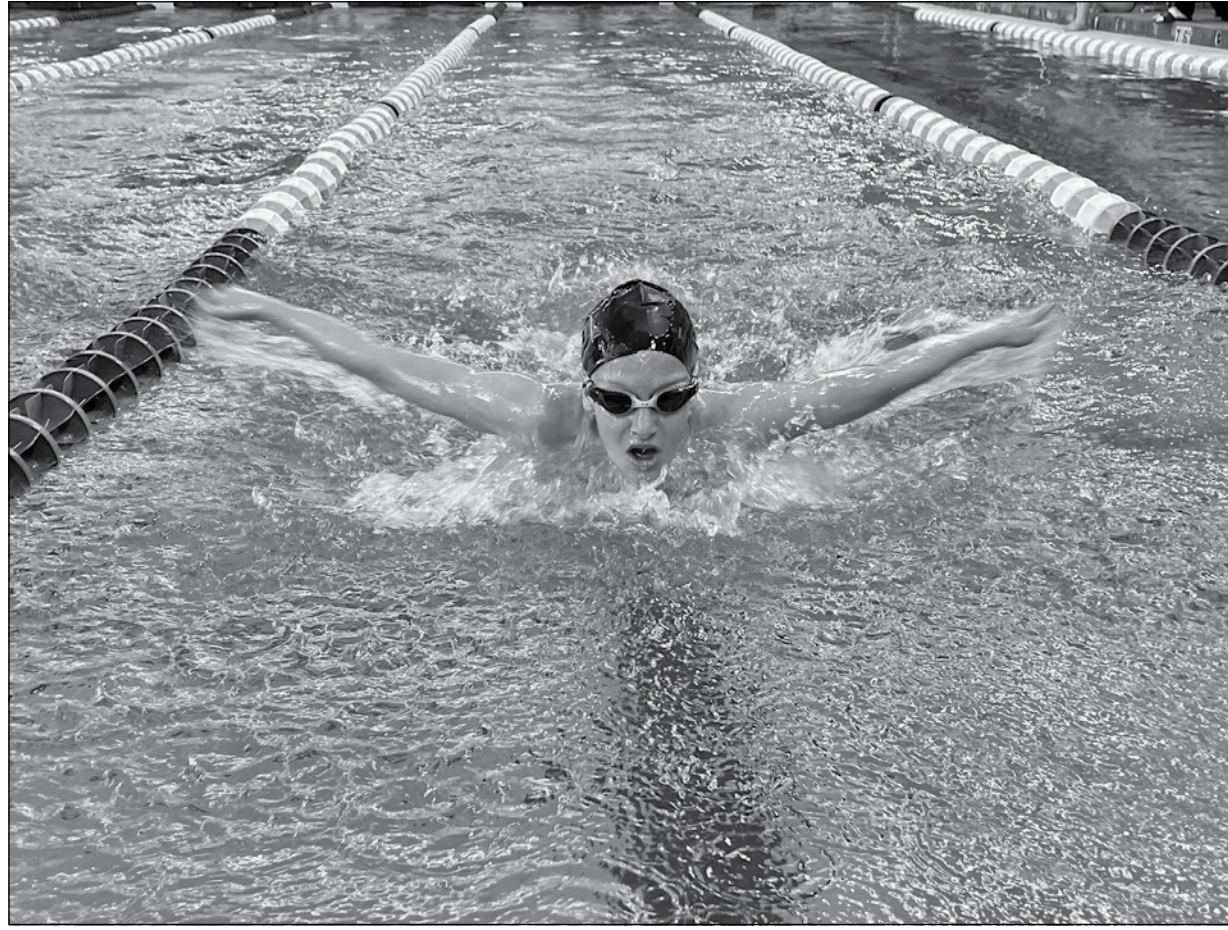


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Lady Pirate Chloe Gantt swims the butterfly on the 200-yard medley relay at the Western Slope conference meet. The medley team took 13th in the consolation finals.

Slingerland finished 23th in the 500-yard freestyle prelims with a time of 8:20.44, with Miller noting she dropped just over five seconds in the event.

The Lady Pirates fielded two teams for the 200-yard freestyle relay, with the team of Gorman, Karis Blackman, Hedgecock and Gantt finishing 13th in the prelims with a time of 2:06.69 and 13th in the consolation finals with a time of 2:06.08. The team earned eight points with the finish in the finals.

The team of Monteroso, Leah Blackman, Stewart and Cram finished 17th in the prelims with a time of 2:19.73.

Cram and Smith both took part in the 100-yard backstroke prelims, with Cram taking 21st with a time of 1:25.58 and Smith taking 29th with a time of 1:45.35.

Cram took off almost four seconds, the coach highlights. In the 100-yard breaststroke, Karis Blackman took ninth in the prelims with a time of 1:23.40, advancing her to the consolation finals. There, she took 10th and scored seven points with a time of 1:24.96.

Miller calls Karis Blackman's performance in the event "stand-out," adding, "she had an amazing performance dropping just over 2 seconds to qualify for the consolation round Saturday."

Leah Blackman finished 18th in the prelims with a time of 1:34.12

— her best time, according to the coach.

Both Lady Pirate teams made the consolation finals in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The team of Hedgecock, Karis Blackman, Gorman and Gantt took 11th in the prelims with a time of 4:56.41 before taking 10th and earning 14 points in the consolation finals with a time of 4:49.42.

The team of Monteroso, Leah Blackman, Slingerland, and Cram finished 14th in the prelims with a time of 5:29.38, but was disqualified during the consolation finals.

"All of our relays were able to come together and have some great swims. We had relays qualify for consolation in all events and actually had 2 come back in the 400 free relay to swim on Saturday," Miller wrote, adding, "All of the relays swam faster than their entry times and those that made it back to swim on Saturday dropped even more time."

According to Miller, she knew this season would be a rebuilding year, but indicates it came with a lot of highlights.

"Overall the season went much better than expected," she wrote. "Coming into the season with so many new faces we knew this would be a rebuilding year. We ended the season with many of our new swimmers being legal in all events which usually takes awhile. The biggest highlight of the season

is our performance at the conference meet. We have a really strong conference and to have a couple swimmers qualify to swim in finals was unexpected but it shows their hard work and determination really payed off in the end."

The coach also notes she's excited for the potential the future holds.

"The potential is what is most exciting," Miller wrote. "We ended the season on a high note with the performance at conference. Although we will be losing a couple seniors our team is pretty young and they have so much potential if they keep working hard at improving their swimming."

Those two seniors the team will say goodbye to are Karis Blackman and Smith.

"We will miss the quiet leadership of both of our seniors," she adds. "Karis Blackman swam with us for 3 years and she has always led by example, she is a hard worker who is always focused on improving her strokes. She is willing to do whatever is asked of her. Marie Smith just joined the team this year but quickly made a positive impact on the team. She is always one of the first in the water and is eager to improve, especially on her dive and showing the whole team how to use their legs off the blocks. We will really miss both Karis and Marie next year!"

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Pirates

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with 11 points, to go with five rebounds, and three assists. Ketchum followed with 10 points, two rebounds and two steals. Shahan had eight points, two rebounds and three steals. O'Donnell added three points, eight rebounds and three steals. Amber Snarr had one point and two rebounds. Daveyann Snarr tallied five rebounds, one assist and one block. Hittle added four rebounds, two assists and two steals.

For the game, Pagosa had 20

rebounds, six assists, 10 steals, one block and 22 turnovers, and made nine of 17 free throws for 53 percent.

Osborn was unavailable for comment after the Mancos game.

At this point in the season, the Lady Pirates' record stands at 15-4.

The team dropped one spot to No. 3 in the 4A Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) standings, which help determine postseason seedings.

Ignacio's record moved to 7-8 and the Bobcats are currently ranked No. 14 in the 3A RPI stand-

ings.

Alamosa's record is 10-8, and the Mean Moose are ranked No. 14 in the current 3A RPI standings.

The Pirates have three games on the docket this week, beginning with a home matchup against the 3A Bayfield Wolverines on Friday, Feb. 9, at 5:30 p.m.

The Wolverines' record is 1-12. They are the No. 44 team in the 3A RPI standings.

The Lady Pirates will then hit the road again to face the Montezuma-

Cortez Panthers on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 2:30 p.m.

The Panthers are 8-6 and are ranked No. 16 in the 3A RPI standings after defeating both Centauri and Alamosa last week.

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, Pagosa will host a Pirate-versus-Pirate matchup when they host the Monte Vista Pirates at 5:30 p.m.

Monte Vista, the No. 5 team in the 2A RPI standings, is 11-1 on the season.

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Original Grantor(s) June J Balizan and James A Pacheco
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for The Central Trust Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Date of Deed of Trust September 06, 2019
County of Recording Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust September 09, 2019
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21905117 Book: N/A Page:
Original Principal Amount \$250,381.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$236,059.23

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the close of business on the 64th day before the April 2, 2024 Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, Municipal Election, there were not more candidates for the Town Council than there were positions to be filled at said election, including persons filing Affidavits of Intent to Run as Write-In Candidates. Therefore, the Municipal Election to be held in the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, on April 2, 2024, is hereby canceled pursuant to Section 31-10-507, C.R.S., and the following candidates are hereby declared elected to the Town Council for four-year terms:
Mat deGraaf
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DATED 2 day of February, 2024.
TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO
By: April Hession, Town Clerk
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Pursuant to C.R.S. 44-3-311(1) notice is hereby given that Victor's Sushi 2 LLC dba Victor's Sushi has applied for a Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License with the Premises being located at 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. in Pagosa Springs, CO. A public hearing is set by the Board of County Commissioners as the local Liquor Board for 1:30 p.m. on February 20, 2024 in the meeting room at 998 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
Submitted this 1st day of February 2024 for publishing in the *Pagosa Springs Sun* in the February 8, 2024 issue.
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Estate of Bryan Mason Hartman, Case Number 2024 PR 30002
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Coaching

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to assess player speed and positioning on film, although he did find film helpful for identifying things like whether a team heavily uses a short passing game.

The highlights

Kurt-Mason stated that the 2015 boys' soccer season was a particular highlight of his coaching career.

"We kept winning games and nobody talked about it," he said. "We never said anything. One time, I think we were 12-0 and we never said, 'Hey coach, we're 12-0.' Nobody ever did that because we didn't wanna spoil it."

He explained that the team was facing and defeating challenging opponents, including a victory against Jefferson Academy in the first round of the playoffs where the Pirates came back from a 3-0 deficit at halftime to win 6-3.

"They were up 3-0 at halftime and I said, 'Guys, remember back in Denver we were down 5-2,'" Kurt-Mason recalled. "We were doing this scrimmage day up there against some 4A or 5A school. ... I said, 'You guys are better than this.' And I gave them a good talk and they believed in themselves, they really did. They tightened everything up and we got a goal right away, and we got another goal right after that one and then we had the other team on their heels."

He explained that Jefferson Academy was highly ranked that season.

"It was pretty crazy," he said of the victory. "And the crowd just emptied the stands, everybody ran on the field. It was really cool."

He explained that, the next day, the team notched another victory before heading to Vail for another playoff match with a 17-0 record.

He explained that this game occurred in a blizzard, with the teams having to shovel the field lines to clear them of snow and both teams dressed in black and white due to the Vail team remaining in their warm-up outfits for the match.

"And they got a goal in the first half," he explained. "It was on a corner kick. Nobody knew the marking and it went beyond [the Pirate goalkeeper's] fingers and bounced off the post and went in. Then, in the second half, we had three shots on their goal that went off the crossbar twice and the post once. ... So, we lost, but that season was really cool."

Kurt-Mason also highlighted the girls' soccer team attending the Spring Fling tournament in Juneau, Alaska, in 2004 as a standout moment.

He explained that the idea began with a friend of his in Alaska proposing that he bring the Lady Pirates to a tournament there.

He had initial concerns about the cost, Kurt-Mason explained, but his friend was able to arrange to have members of the soccer community in Juneau donate air miles to decrease travel costs as well as having Pagosa athletes hosted at the homes of other players at the tournament.

He stated that this plan required approval from the school board in addition to the commissioner of CHSAA.

"And we did it," Kurt-Mason said. "We drove to Denver, flew to Seattle and then flew to Juneau. ... A lot of the kids had never been on an airplane before. ... We played in this tournament, it was a spring tournament and they had a turf field up there and there was snow on the side of the field."

Kurt-Mason stated that, while attending the tournament, he took the team on hikes in the area as well as whale watching with a friend of his who owned a boat and to a folk music festival occurring at the time.

He also noted that, following a final game in cold and heavy rain, he convinced the team to go out and view eagles near the ocean, where the team was able to see a large number of bald eagles.

Former Lady Pirate players Iris Frye, who played on the team from 2004 to 2007, and Laurel Cammack, who played on the team from 2004 to 2008, also remembered the tournament as a highlight.

"I had the honor of freshman year going on the Alaska trip," Frye recollected. "That was incredible, something I'll never forget. Of course, I remember the games we played up there, but, if anything, I remember the other experiences he took us on. He took us to [see] eagles and whale watching and hiking a glacier and we all just home-stayed, staying with different families."

Cammack pointed toward the trip as a key moment of growth for the team.

"I think the experience itself was so valuable, and for him to have that

vision was awesome," she said. "We were not very good. ... One of the games we got beat 19-0. But what I remember is us just kind of being sort of humble ... about it. ... Just being like, 'This is the rest of the world. This is how they play soccer and here's our little town trying to compete.' But I think the best part of that experience is we all just kept a good attitude even though it was really grueling to get beat that bad."

Assistant coach Scott Galabota, who coached with Kurt-Mason for 13 years, including two years with the boys' team, two years of assistant with both teams and nine years of assistant with the girls' team, commented that the small moments stood out to him as highlights of his time with Kurt-Mason.

He stated that these included many moments of breakthroughs, whether when players realized that a specific drill could help them on the field or when the coaches discovered new ways to help teach and guide the players.

Galabota also highlighted the 2012 playoffs, when the boys' team traveled to play Basalt in the first round of playoffs at Faith Christian High School in Arvada.

"We went there the night before and the next morning we woke up at 8 a.m. and had all day because our game was in the afternoon," he recalled. "So, we went and did some things, including ... we went to [Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre]. And, at that point, we were singing the national anthem before every game at home. Either someone live would sing it over the PA or there was a recording."

"And, Red Rocks is open to the public ... and we go on the stage and we're just looking at that and someone had the idea that we should sing the national anthem. So, there we were — definitely not a choir — a soccer team and, at that point, Lindsey had kind of encouraged everybody to just sing, like the national anthem is ... not just for the people who have the pretty voices, it's for every American, and we stood as a team on the stage at Red Rocks and sang our national anthem."

"And, at that point, it was just kind of us being a team, but as I look back, wow, how many people have the opportunity to say that, that they sang the national anthem on the stage at Red Rocks with 25 high school boys on a soccer team?"

Building teams and people

Kurt-Mason stated that there were also seasons where the teams he coached "didn't click."

"But, I'd like to think though, that all the seasons we did, when those kids are talking to their kids about soccer and being on a team, that they learned how to problem solve and ... the hard stuff they got through taught them a little bit about themselves so they understood themselves and maybe it gave them some tools to meet the challenges and pressures of stuff they are going to go through," he said.

He explained that he has encountered former players several times who noted the impact his coaching had on their lives.

"That's why I did this," he said. "There's a huge impact you can make, and these kids are going through a lot of crap that you don't know and sometimes being surrounded by their peers, they're all on the same page, that culture helps tremendously. I just wanted to be a part of that."

Many of Kurt-Mason's former players and the assistant coaches and trainers who worked under him noted his knowledge, dedication and passion for soccer as well as the strong rapport he built with the teams he coached.

"It was fantastic working with Lindsey," Galabota said. "Lindsey has a lot of energy. He's passionate about several things, two of which are soccer and helping kids grow."

He stated that, through Kurt-Mason's coaching, his players grew as people and developed focus, teamwork, communication and discipline.

"Those are important skills to help kids develop and to grow into who they can be," he added.

Galabota noted Kurt-Mason encouraged athletes to have fun playing soccer, although he could be more serious when the situation warranted it.

"I grew a lot as a coach, as a teacher, as a person ... by working with Lindsey and seeing his example," he said. "And the idea was, 'It's not necessarily reaching the goal that makes you happy, it's enjoying the journey.'"

He commented that, while the ultimate goal in soccer might be

winning a game or the state tournament, the path to getting there centers on player's personal growth and contributions to the team.

"It does seem like, in more modern times, there is a decreased focus in our country on service and the idea there's something bigger than you," Galabota said. "And plus, these are high school kids who are at a very formative time in their life, and the idea that sometimes sacrifice was necessary for the good of the whole, it really, I think, helps develop this empathy towards others. You realize it's not just about the one player. It's about what's the one player going to do to help the team and how's the team going to then help all of the individuals."

Galabota added this philosophy, in addition to the details and intensity Kurt-Mason emphasized in his practices, helped keep the team moving forward.

"There were big things and small things that he did that all were moving towards the end goal of being a strong team. And in order to be a strong team, you have to have strong individuals," Galabota said.

PSHS athletic trainer Ryan Jensen, who worked with Kurt-Mason for nine years, highlighted Kurt-Mason's dedication to encouraging growth beyond soccer.

"Some of the stuff I do remember more of is just how much Coach always put a real emphasis on, 'Hey, we do things no matter what,'" Jensen said. "Just always trying to teach the kids more than this is how you play this game — a commitment to just, 'Hey, we do things that are bigger than us.' And taking care of players that maybe need a little more. ... He was never one of those that just stood on the sidelines and was like, 'Alright, sweet, you guys do this.'"

"He was always very engaged with his practices. ... I remember during ... our girls' seasons where it's super cold outside and it's miserable and we're short-numbered ... the energy level was always still there and he was trying to teach the girls that, 'Hey, look, you still go and if we need to make accommodations or whatever we can, we'll make it easier for you guys, but this is who we've got, so we've gotta continue to work.' The excitement and enthusiasm is always cool to see."

Jensen commented that Kurt-Mason was "super supportive" of him in terms of sport medicine and medical restrictions and made an effort to put the health of his athletes first.

He added that soccer is a challenging sport to coach due to both the boys' and girls' seasons occurring after less active seasons in the winter and summer, which necessitates intensive conditioning work at the beginning of the season and raises the chance of injury.

Cammack gave a personal account of Kurt-Mason's dedication to developing athletes.

"For me, something that was super influential was ... his unwavering support and just getting me to the next level," she said. "I remember, in rec soccer, telling my dad, 'I think I really want to do this in college' as maybe a second-grader. ... I think Lindsey really helped that dream come true. ... He got me to the Olympic Development Program and then over to play club soccer in Durango."

"So, I think, personally, not only just playing on the team, he just helped me realize that dream, and I think that's what stood out to me — is that he knew that I wanted to go that route and he pushed me to do so and found opportunities for me and opened up my world. Coming from a small town, I think it's just hard to build that for yourself, but he helped me build that."

She stated that, beyond his connections, Kurt-Mason helped develop her understanding of soccer and ability to think ahead of the immediate situation on the field — both skills which served her in her four years playing soccer for Fort Lewis College.

She added that Kurt-Mason's coaching was highly systematic, with a focus on developing the team's players into a cohesive unit and on maintaining formation on the field to maximize passing opportunities.

She commented that this systematic approach was relatively rare with the other teams the Lady Pirates played against at the time and gave the team an advantage in terms of their understanding of soccer.

Assistant coach Ben Vaughan, who coached with Kurt-Mason for the boys' team for 10 years, highlighted Kurt-Mason's ability to connect to and inspire his players.

"The way he could connect with those kids, it was really fun to

watch," Vaughan said. "Like, there were times on the bus where he'd come up with the most random trivia questions and there's just one or two kids on the [bus] caught it."

He also recalled a time when, while traveling from a game, the team picked golden aspen leaves for an Olympics event at the elementary school.

"One of the soccer boys was like, 'Hey coach, you asked us if we'd be willing to pick these leaves or what?'" Vaughan said. "And, on one of the passes back from the game, we all jumped out, went out into the woods and had trash bags filled up with golden leaves so they could dump the leaves from the airplane at the Olympics events ... at the elementary."

Renner commented on how Kurt-Mason's connections with his athletes enhanced his ability to coach them.

He related that Kurt-Mason understood his abilities as a goalkeeper and was able to coach him effectively despite Renner often practicing independently from the team with the assistant coach and other goalkeepers during team practices.

"I was always ranked really high in state and I did start varsity all four years," he said. "I think he knew I was dedicated enough and I wanted to do stuff. He didn't really harp on me. He didn't have to ... be hounding me to do stuff because he knew I was doing it. ... He knew that I wanted to do good and that I was focused on doing good and so he just ... let me do my thing as goalie. Obviously he would put his input in every once in a while, but it was more just, 'Hey, make sure that you're honing your skills and you should be good to go.'"

Frye commented on Kurt-Mason's passion for soccer, stating that this passion helped him connect with and inspire his players.

She added that Kurt-Mason worked hard to make the experience of being on the team fun, even during challenging times.

"Women's soccer, it starts out in the winter and there's snow everywhere and it is cold," she said. "And we would have inside practice and then we'd go as a group to shovel the fields and play in the snow. I just remember him even making that fun. It wasn't like, 'We have to go this.' It was like, 'Hey, let's go shovel some snow!'"

"Everything was fun and like a joke to make it light. I remember on rainy, muddy days we'd get through and then he'd let us have slip-and-slide contests — who can run and slide on their tummy in the mud as far as we can? It had to be fun."

Blue commented that Kurt-Mason promoted both the athletic and academic success of his players.

"Coach was passionate about soccer for the Pirates in general and he was super hard on us in a good way," he said. "He did not demand respect, but created a really good environment as far as making school first, in my experience."

School first and, if you don't have that right, then we can't play.

"And so, it was a well-rounded thought process as a player and I watched so many kids get upset at him because he wouldn't let them play and they're good players, including myself when I didn't have good grades. And that definitely shows that he was a passionate person about school first. And, if you're good in the classroom, you're good on the field and there's nothing to worry about."

Galabota echoed Blue's comments, noting that Kurt-Mason recognized that the primary goal for student athletes is to be good students first and that he promoted that on and off the field.

In statements to The SUN, PSHS Principal Sean O'Donnell and Vice Principal/Athletic Director Chantelle Jordan highlight Kurt-Mason's dedication to the school and to coaching.

"Longevity in coaching at the high school level seems to be becoming a rarity," O'Donnell wrote. "Coach Kurt-Mason goes against that norm, as he has guided our soccer programs since the 1990's. In the pages of Pagosa Springs High School athletics, he has penned a chapter of dedication and unwavering commitment. As the final whistle blows on his career, we want to thank him for everything he has done to support and guide our boys and girls on the soccer pitch over the last three decades."

Jordan adds, "Coach Kurt-Mason's dedication to the development and continuation of the soccer programs at PSHS is really quite unbelievable. Dedication to coaching for over 30 years is something we don't typically see and is very much appreciated. We are proud of him and wish him the very best during his retirement. We are certain that he has many adventures awaiting!"

The future and moving on

On the reasons for his retirement, Kurt-Mason commented, "For years, I've been turning down opportunities to go on these adventures. I want to start saying yes to these opportunities to go on adventures with my family. Travel with my wife, river trips and backpacking."

"So, in the fall and the summer, I was locked in from August to the late fall. And then we start in the spring and go all the way to the end of the school year almost. And there were a lot of weekends where I was ... doing this thing. And I'm looking at my timeline and I'm thinking, 'Well, I could keep doing this for a long time, but then I'm missing out on being present with my family and wife and friends.'"

He stated that, due to his commitments as coach, he turned down an opportunity to go on a trek in Nepal in addition to multiple trips in the Grand Canyon and a trip to Portugal.

Kurt-Mason stated that he believes he's leaving the program in a strong position, with talented players on both Pirate teams.

"I think the strength of a program is the culture," he commented. "That's the first thing that whoever takes it over needs to develop. And I just hope and pray that that will happen. ... It's a key component to a team. Especially soccer. Everybody's got to have each other's back and everybody's got to be able to play that position, 'cause you never know when that guy might get hurt. ... That's the one thing I think about."

However, Kurt-Mason emphasized that fostering and developing this culture will be in the hands of whoever replaces him as coach.

"It's time for somebody else to drive the bus," he concluded.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Friends book sale Saturday plus two new programs this month

By Carole Howard

SUN Columnist, and the library staff

This Saturday, Feb. 10, the Friends of the Library will host their first book sale of the year, a Cabin Fever popup event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library.

Friends members, teachers, nurses and first responders enjoy “buy one, get one free” with proof of membership or employment. To learn about becoming a Friend or to renew your membership, stop by your library or go to friends@pagosalibrary.org.

These book sales are a superb opportunity for you to purchase books for yourself and your family, and as gifts at remarkably low prices while also benefiting your library, which gets all the proceeds.

New programs for preschoolers and adults

We also want to be sure you know about two new free programs this month:

- “Strategize Change in Your Life in 2024” is a weekly program for adults on Wednesdays from 1 to 2:15 p.m. that will happen only in February. Led by a licensed professional counselor named Jennifer, the group will focus on goal setting and making positive changes to identify and change unwanted behaviors. Attendance is limited so preregistration is required.

- “Ready, Set, Learn” helps build important preschool skills such as tracing a line, cutting, identifying letters and holding a pencil. It will happen on Friday, Feb. 16, from 10 to 11 a.m. We are hoping this will become a monthly program.

Early library closure

Your library will close early on the Monday, Feb. 12, for a staff meeting at 5 p.m. This is our regular staff meeting schedule — on the second Monday of the month.

Teen Great Stories Club today

Teens are invited to join us on Thursday, Feb. 8, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to discuss the book “American Street” by Ibi Zoboi and create art based on the book. The book explores the idea of the American Dream from the perspective of a young Haitian immigrant.

Pizza and beverages will be served at this free event, and everyone will come away with a free copy of the book.

Note that this event takes place at Pagosa Community Initiative’s studio space under the new Department of Human Services on Hot Springs Boulevard. Preregistration is required.

Teen violence dating workshop today

Rise Above Violence will lead a “Love Shouldn’t Hurt” dating violence workshop for teens next Thursday, Feb. 8, from 4 to 5 p.m. in honor of Teen Violence Awareness Month.

This class will provide advice on how to deal with and avoid violence in teen relationships.

Online New York Times

Fans of The New York Times will be pleased to know that we have purchased an online subscription that allows you 24/7 free access to the online version of the newspaper from your home or any personal device.

Go to the library website at <https://pagosalibrary.org>. Click on Online Resources on the gray top line on the home page. Scroll down to the Ns for New York Times and click on that icon. Your access code will automatically be generated, good for 24 hours each time you sign on. You then will be asked for your email address to log in or to create an account.

Virtual author talks

Our highly popular free online author talks continue with three more opportunities for you to interact with New York Times best-selling authors and ask questions in February.

For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Thursday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. will feature rom-com multi-book author Tessa Bailey.

On Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. we will explore identity, love and being Black in America with Jason Mott.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, at noon will showcase Kim Scott, author of “Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without Losing Your Humanity.”

Craftapalooza tomorrow

All ages are invited to create a

variety of crafts Friday, Feb. 9. We will have several different craft stations set up. Stop by anytime from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Legal clinic tomorrow

This month’s legal clinic on civil issues is by appointment tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 9, from 2 to 3 p.m. Come to the library to meet privately via Zoom with our volunteer attorney.

To schedule an appointment, at the beginning of the month send an email titled “Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic” with your first name and phone number to ruby@pagosalibrary.org, phone (970) 264-2209 or stop by the library.

Chess Club Saturday

Learn how to play chess with free, quick lessons and game time to practice your skills on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Adult knitting Saturday

Join new and experienced knitters this Saturday, Feb. 10, for our free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. It is for anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project.

Knitting and crochet lessons

Learn to knit or crochet on Monday, Feb. 12, at our free gathering from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for ages 8 and up. Supplies will be provided. Note this gathering will now happen twice a month.

Shakespeare Read-Aloud

The Shakespeare Read-Aloud Club features “As You Like It” on the agenda Monday, Feb. 12, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Call Jenny at (240) 426-7887 for more information. This is an all-ages event.

Teen/tween art camp

Each month we explore a different style or medium at this free event. In February, it’s pastels. Join us Mondays, Feb. 12 and 26, from 4 to 5 p.m. Registration is required.

Ruby’s Book Club Tuesday

Ruby’s Book Club meets from 2 to 3 p.m. next Tuesday, Feb. 13, to discuss “The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo” by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Copies are available at your library.

This free book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and non-fiction titles, with snacks provided. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie at pagosalibrary.org to join.

New basic quilting classes

Adults are invited to a free quilting class every Wednesday until March 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. led by Wanita Martin, a local quilter and

member of the quilters’ guild.

Preregistration is required and classes are limited to six participants who need to do some homework. You also will need access to a sewing machine, a ruler, good scissors, a marking pen, straight pins, thread, an iron and an ironing board.

Knowledge Bowl

Our free Knowledge Bowl for tweens and teens takes place next Thursday, Feb. 15, from 4 to 5 p.m. Test your trivia skills on a wide range of subjects.

Elementary tutoring sessions

Children ages 6-11 are welcome at these free sessions on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., where they will build essential skills in core subjects. Preregistration is required.

Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join us for a free educational hour of reading, singing and free play to build early literacy skills.

ESL

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays: 4 to 5 p.m. is reserved for beginners, 5 to 6 p.m. for intermediate and 6 to 7 p.m. for advanced students. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested, and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy helps you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets, and also provides assistance in accessing any of the library’s online resources.

No appointment is needed for these drop-in sessions, but it is important that you bring both your device’s charger and also your device passwords with you.

Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS)

Join Mark or Sally for free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. PALS stands for Pagosa Adult Learning Services.

How-to and self-help

“Starting a Business” by Michele Cagan is a primer including how to create a business plan, stick to a budget, perform market research and make a profit. “Weight-Lifting Fundamentals” by Matt Dale outlines a simple and effective method for building strength. “The Complete Guide to Strength Training Methods” by Keven Arseneault reveals 237 techniques for strength, power, hypertrophy and more. “How to ADHD” by Jessica McCabe shares insights and strategies that helped her survive. “Younger for Life” by Dr. Anthony Youn is a guide to reversing the effects of aging. “Break the Cycle” by trauma

psychologist Dr. Mariel Buque tells how to break the cycle of passed-down trauma.

Other nonfiction

“Our Moon” by Rebecca Boyle is a detailed study of the history and power of the moon. “American Girls” by Jessica Roy tells of a sister working to get her sister and American-born children safely home from Syria and her ISIS husband. “Six Feet to Independence” by Lauryn Walton shares the joy and complexities of life in the service dog world. “The Rebels” by Joshua Green explores the influence of Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez on the Democratic Party and U.S. politics. “The Upcycled Self” by rapper and Grammy winner Tariq “Black Thought” Trotter describes four powerful relationships that shaped him. “Naomi Osaka” by Ben Rothenberg is a biography of the tennis star and activist.

Books on CD

“The Edge” by David Balducci is a CIA thriller. “What Really Happens in Vegas” by James Patterson and Mark Seal explores the people behind the glitter. “Killing the Witches” by Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard is a history of the Salem trials. “Resurrection Walk” by Michael Connelly is a legal mystery featuring Mickey Haller and Harry Bosch.

DVDs

“Mrs. Sidhu Investigates” is series one. “America Outdoors” is season two of this PBS series with Baratunde Thurston. “Far Haven” is a 2023 western set in the 1800s.

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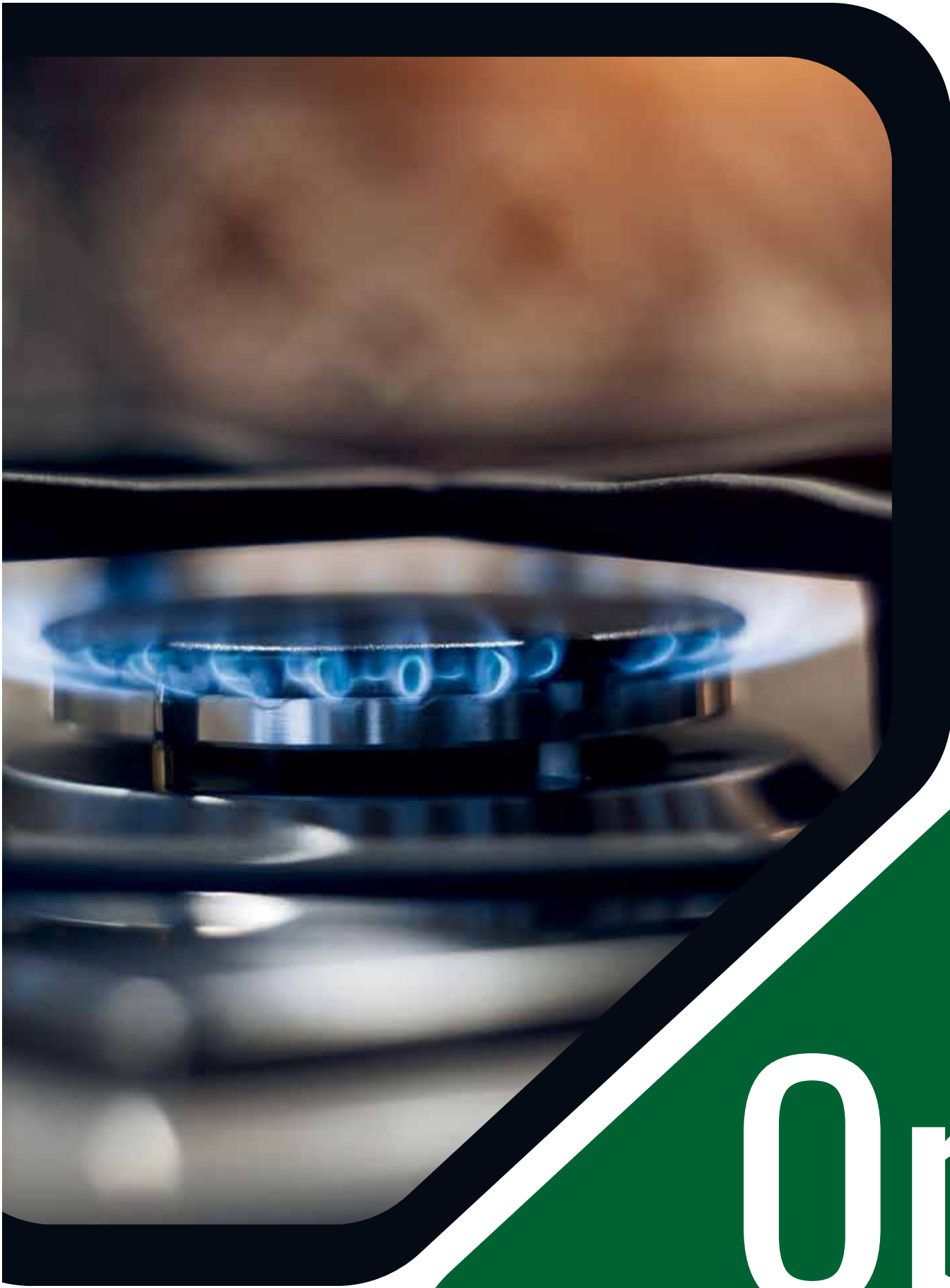


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Tickets available for Rotary's Super Bowl party

By Lisa Scott
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

Bring yourself and friends for fun and viewing of the 58th NFL Super Bowl.

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs, the Super Bowl event will be Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Tennyson Building Event Center. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased online at pagosaspringsrotary.org or in person with cash or check at The Choke Cherry Tree.

The doors will open at 3 p.m. and betting squares will begin at that time. Per state-sanctioned guidelines, betting squares will close at 4:15 p.m., prior to kickoff at 4:30 p.m. One hundred squares will be available for \$20 cash per square, and cash awards of \$250 will be given out at the end of every quarter, for a total of \$1,000 in prize money. Come early to get the squares you want.

Party food will be offered at the end of every quarter and includes homemade chili, a hot dog bar, popcorn machine and snacks galore. Beer, wine and mixed

drinks will be offered at the cash/credit card bar. One large projection screen plus four additional large televisions around the room will air the game and all the great commercials and entertainment.

Prizes will be awarded to the best-dressed fan — one male and one female attendee — and all ticketed attendees have the chance to win door prizes throughout the game. Prizes include passes to the geothermal springs, ax throwing, virtual shooting range, salt cave, a horse-drawn carriage ride and more.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Rotary Club local scholarship program for graduating high school seniors that awards higher education support for college and certificate and vo-tech training.

Rotary International is a service organization with the goal of bringing together dedicated individuals to provide service in their communities and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Exemplifying the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self," the local Rotary clubs provide support for local and international projects that improve the lives of others.

Humane Society announces annual meeting

By Kate Simmons
Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs (HSPS) Annual Meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Feb. 20 at the Humane Society Thrift Store.

The purpose of the annual

meeting is to vote on new changes to the organization's bylaws and to review the previous year's financials and impact.

Annual meeting attendance is limited to persons who are current members. You must become a new member in good standing no

later than Feb. 19 or have renewed your existing membership prior to the annual meeting to attend and vote.

Please contact the HSPS administration office at hsadmin@pagosahumane.org or (970) 264-5549 to make arrangements to participate.

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Feb. 14 Pagosa Springs Photography Club presentation: 'Masking in Lightroom'

By Gregg Heid
Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The Feb. 14 meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will feature a presentation by Doug Coombs on "Masking in Lightroom."

The club's meeting will be held at the Community United Methodist Church. Come at 6 p.m. for socializing; the presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Adobe Lightroom introduced very powerful new masking tools in October 2022.

Learning to use these tools is a game changer for photographers who are serious about post-processing. Before this, Lightroom had masking, but it was not nearly as powerful as tools in Photoshop.

When you take a photo with your phone, the manufacturer's software uses sophisticated algorithms to post-process it. If you shoot .jpg in your camera, your camera is doing the same. If you take a photo in the RAW format, then you can use available software tools to develop the image as you visualize it.

Ansel Adams was a master at post-processing in the darkroom and altered his original images greatly to take them beyond journalism to fine art. Today, with these tools in Lightroom, we can do much more, with more control and more options digitally, which has raised the bar considerably.

Coombs will describe these Lightroom masking features and demonstrate their use on a few of his images.

Photography Club members, remember the upcoming club outing to Arches and Canyonlands National Parks Feb 20-23. Based in Moab, Utah, this trip is a great opportunity to get some images of these desert national parks and learn from other club members.

The Pagosa Springs Photog-

raphy Club welcomes all who enjoy making and viewing great photography. The club sponsors educational programs and outings to help photographers hone their skills. For more information about the club, and to download a membership application, visit our website at <https://pagosasprings-photoclub.org/about/>.

Our meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with socializing, and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. This will be a hybrid meeting, also available on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to members; others who wish to attend may request the link by email to abutler@mac.com. Photography Club meetings are open to the public.

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Karisa Bruin to lead cast of Thingamajig's 'Tiny Beautiful Things'

By Tim Moore
Thingamajig Theatre Company

In a harmonious blend of raw emotion and poignant storytelling, Thingamajig Theatre Company presents "Tiny Beautiful Things" at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts opening on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.

Hailed as a Critic's Pick by The New York Times when it originally opened in 2016, this production is not just a play — it's an intimate symphony of human empathy, featuring the talent of Karisa Bruin in the role of Sugar, the writer who navigates the complexities of life.

The New York Times lauds "Tiny Beautiful Things" as an exploration of the endangered art of listening and responding to others, a sustained theatrical exercise in empathy that transcends the ordinary.

At the heart of this narrative is Bruin, who breathes life into the character of Sugar — a role that requires finesse and emotional acuity. Bruin's portrayal promises to be an insightful journey into the human experience, a performance that will linger in the minds of the audience.

Joining her on stage is a stellar cast of letter writers, each bringing their unique stories to the forefront. Anna Hershey, Ivy King, Anita Bens, Scott Bruin and Gus Palma form a supporting ensemble that adds depth and richness to the tapestry of "Tiny Beautiful Things." Their collective talents promise an evening filled with authenticity and genuine human connection.

Cheryl Strayed's bestselling book serves as the inspiration for this theatrical masterpiece, adapted by Thingamajig Theatre Company and director Laura Moore. The production's meticulous attention to detail ensures a seamless blend of narrative threads, creating an emotional mosaic that resonates with audiences on a level few plays can deliver. "Tiny Beautiful Things" is not merely a spectator sport but an invitation to engage, to feel and



Karisa Bruin

to connect with the shared experiences of the characters portrayed.

Secure your tickets now for this one-of-a-kind event at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, where "Tiny Beautiful Things" promises

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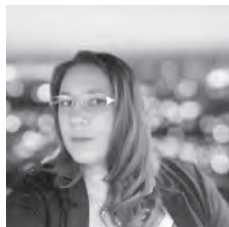
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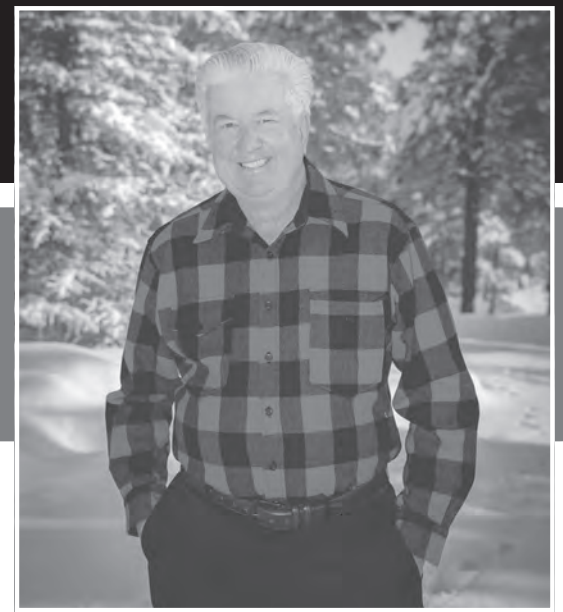
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THE LATEST REAL ESTATE NEWS reveals that 2023 was pretty soft.

Total number of sales were down 20%, home sales were down 11%, condos and town home sales were down 35%, and land sales were down 20%.

SOME GOOD NEWS is inventory was up 4% in both the home and land category, and condo and town home inventory was up 340%.

As I look at my stats, there are a couple of notable numbers.

Condo and town home inventory is at 22 compared to 5 last year, getting us near the pre-pandemic number of 26 back in 2020.

The increase in home inventory is all coming at the top end of the market, with inventory above \$750,000 up 35%.

THE BIGGEST ISSUE affecting both sales inventory in the residential market this year was interest rates.

Back in October, rates got up to 8.25%, a far cry from the 3% rates we saw a few years ago.

Rates have started to decline and are hovering in the high 6% range. Today the average rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is 6.69%, and a 15-year is at 5.95%.

The economists are predicting that rates will fall, maybe as early as March, but I think it will be closer to June before we see anything.

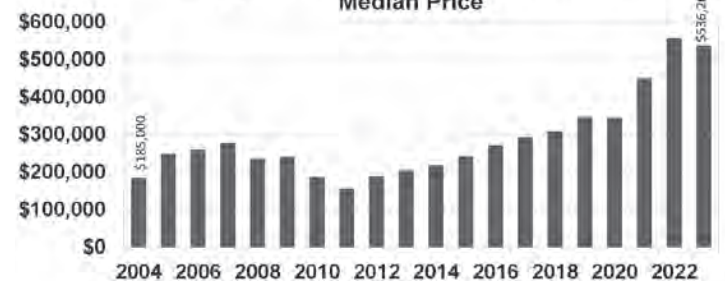
Hopefully by the end of 2024, rates will be closer to 6% and in the 5% range by 2025.

MY PREDICTION for the local real estate marked this year is that prices will be relatively flat.

One wild card could be inflation going down sooner than expected, allowing the Fed to ease rates sooner than later.

A second wild card might be political problems out there in the world. This is an election year, and anything could happen!

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Four decades of dedication: Humane Society of Pagosa Springs celebrating 40th anniversary

By **Kate Simmons**

Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

This year, the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs (HSPS) is celebrating an incredible milestone — 40 years of serving animals and our community.

Founded by a group of devoted animal lovers in 1984, the HSPS was created to help our community's animals in need of a temporary safe haven to call home. The small but mighty group of original volunteers obtained tax-exempt status, began fundraising, and started sheltering unwanted, lost and orphaned animals. The HSPS staff and board of directors are incredibly grateful for the support of the community over the last 40 years.

The HSPS is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) serving Archuleta County. The organization was founded in 1984 and incorporated in 1986 as the Upper San Juan Humane Society. The name was changed to the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs in 1999.

The HSPS operates the only animal shelter in Archuleta County, with its original shelter built and opened in 1986 and a new, larger animal shelter built in 2007 on 11 acres located on Cloman Boulevard.

In 1994, the HSPS opened a thrift store to support the operation of the animal shelter. The thrift store, located downtown, accepts donated items for resale and sells a limited amount of new household items.

In 2023, the thrift store collaborated with local artist Markus Hughes to create a mural on its street side wall to help beautify downtown, attract more visitors and support the arts. The HSPS wholly owns the thrift store, and all revenues from the store are used to support the programs and operation of the organization. The thrift store is a key component in creating a financially sustainable model of operation for the HSPS.

In 2011, thanks to a generous donation directed toward facility enhancement at the animal shelter, the day-use outdoor dog kennel area received a significant upgrade. This upgrade also included the construction of a community dog park adjacent to the shelter.

In 2013, the HSPS created several outdoor fenced “play yards” so that shelter dogs could spend time each day in small compatible groups conducive to social interaction, play and exercise.

In 2014, the HSPS built an outdoor cat enclosure as part of its cat enrichment program so that shelter cats can freely move between our indoor cat area and the outdoors.

In 2016, the outdoor dog area was expanded further to include a fenced area for agility equipment as part of the organization's shelter dog enrichment program.

In 2017, the HSPS erected a metal building to house a newly purchased pet crematorium to replace an existing cremation unit that had long outlived its service lifetime. Pet cremation is both a

revenue source for HSPS and a service to community pet owners. In a typical year, the HSPS will perform approximately 300 pet cremations for community members, returning cremains respectfully and

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■ **continued from previous page** with compassion for the loss of a family pet.

In 2018, the HSPS purchased and installed a 40-foot shipping container on the shelter grounds to house equipment essential for an emergency evacuation of the shelter. In 2019, HSPS collaborated with the Pagosa Springs Arts Council for Kathleen Steventon to transform the exterior of the storage container from a drab industrial appearance to a colorful mural depicting shelter pets and promoting shelter adoptions. This was one of Pagosa Springs' first public works of art.

The HSPS's community cat Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program, which was implemented in 2011 to address a growing feral and free-roaming cat problem in Archuleta County, has grown to spaying or neutering more than 200 community feral cats annually, bringing the total to over 2,000 cats trapped, examined, vaccinated and spayed or neutered since the inception of this program.

During the same time frame, more than 2,800 community pets have also been spayed or neutered through the HSPS's Fix-It-Free and Spay-Aid voucher programs. The HSPS has assisted more than 400 local pet owners who were unable to fully cope with the financial requirements of unexpected veterinary emergencies through its Emergency Veterinary Medical Fund.

The HSPS is proud to be a no-kill animal shelter. To be considered "no-kill" in the animal shelter industry, a shelter must have a

90 percent live release rate. Since 2015, HSPS has maintained a 97 percent live-release rate from its shelter. Although there are circumstances where saving an animal is not humane, and euthanasia is an act of compassion, the HSPS is incredibly proud of its track record of placing animals into permanent homes.

Since 2015, nearly 6,000 animals have entered the HSPS shelter and have been either adopted, reunited with their owners or transferred to other partner shelters for adoption.

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Today, 40 years since its founding in 1984, the HSPS is more dedicated than ever to the care and well-being of cats and dogs in Archuleta County. In addition to sheltering hundreds of animals every year, the organization has grown to offer a multitude of ser-

vices for pets and our community, including a pet food pantry that offers more than 10,000 pounds of free pet food to our community annually, low-cost vaccination events to keep animals healthy, spay/neuter assistance to keep our local pet population under control, medical financial aid for members of our community who may not be able to afford medical care for their pets, a TNR program for feral cats and so much more.

The HSPS will host several community events in 2024 to celebrate its 40th anniversary. Visit www.PagosaHumane.org for the latest information about the organization and animals up for adoption, to learn about ways to support the organization and get involved, and for a list of all upcoming events.

For any questions or more information about the HSPS, contact Kate Simmons, fundraising manager, at hsfundraising@pagosahumane.org or call (970) 264-5549.

The HSPS is a local, private non-profit organization that operates the only animal shelter in Archuleta County. Your local humane society does not receive funding from the Humane Society of the United States, American Humane, ASPCA or other national animal welfare organizations. Private donations, grants and thrift store revenues cover only a portion of animal shelter operating expenses. The remainder of shelter costs must be met through fundraising events and community support. The HSPS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

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Meditation group to learn to be a valentine

By Joan Y. Ward
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Want to be a valentine? Learn how training in love and compassion for others can make you more joyful and attractive. Just bring a kind heart and an open mind. We can even help you find those.

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship with Dan Dempster. Dempster is a certified meditation instructor, authorized Dharma teacher and long-time student of Khenpo Migmar Tseten, Buddhist chaplain at Harvard University.

We all hope to find love. But what is it? Our worldly version of love is freighted with ego and expectation. It is, "I love you ... so, don't you love me?" If our expectations are not met, our love can quickly turn to disappointment

and anger. Is that love really love? Or, is it just another exercise in ego?

Every being on this planet wishes to find happiness and to avoid suffering. On that basis we can relate to everyone. Isn't that what we all really want, deep down? To be understood?

Everybody is going through something. Learning to see past our own preoccupations to recognize the pain and suffering of others has the capacity to free us from our own pain.

Impermanence is a fact of life. Everything changes. Nothing stays the same. Denying and resisting change causes pain. Getting angry about it causes even more pain. Interdependence is another fact of life. Nothing exists without depending on everything else for its existence. Learning to see these two truths is the first step in creating true love.

How? Freed from the preference

and prejudice of wishing things were other than they are, our minds eventually become light and clear. A deep joy arises, radiating boundless love and compassion to all beings, wishing they could share this joy. Since it does not depend on anything or anyone else for its existence, it is free from the worry and pain of separation. We belong.

Our delight has the capacity to spark delight in others. This takes time and commitment to develop, but doing so for the sake of all beings is true love. And it's attractive.

Meditation is offered on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 9 a.m. Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the mountains. For more information about the fellowship, our services, and the other activities, please visit www.pagosauu.org or email info@pagosauu.org.

New Thought Center to meet Sunday

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service on Feb. 11 at 11 a.m. will be with Shayla White Eagle McClure on "The Cosmic Heart." "My heart beats with the pulsa-

tion of the Universe, in serenity, in peace, and in joy. My whole physical being is animated by the Divine Spirit." — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join the SpiritHeart band. Please text/call Shelly at (937) 657-5972 for band information.

Feb. 11, 11 a.m.: Sunday ser-
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GriefShare to begin March 2

By Holly Shook
Centerpoint Church

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With GriefShare, you will learn how to walk through the journey of grief with others as we learn together how to move from mourning to joy. This is a 13-week program offering biblical concepts for healing from your grief over the death of your loved one.

The support group meets weekly and provides a welcome environment for those grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent or other family member or friend.

Centerpoint Church is offering this program to our community on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The session will run

from March 2 until May 25.

Three key elements work together to assist you in the healing process: a video segment on grief-related topics from professionals as well as lay people, a discussion facilitated in a group setting and a personal handbook for you to use as you choose.

Regardless of how long it has been since your loved one passed, the grieving process is vital to healing.

Centerpoint Church is located at 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Jon Duncan is the pastor. There is no cost.

For more information, call Marie Rascoe at (970) 946-9379 or Centerpoint Church at (970) 731-2205. You may also register or learn more about GriefShare by visiting www.griefshare.org. Click on "Find a Group" and follow the prompts to register online, or you may register at the first meeting.

Circle

■ continued from previous page vice — "The Cosmic Heart." Open heart ceremony to celebrate the heart and universal love with White Eagle.

Feb. 25, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with Dr. Elaine Harding.

March 3, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with Stephanie Morrow.

March 10, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with Morrow.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day celebration with live music, food and fun.

April: New Mexico spiritual retreat.

May 5, 11 a.m.: Wolfwood Refuge tour and picnic in Ignacio.

About us

The New Thought Center is a 501(c)(3) and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spirit

tual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth, and to enhance our members' life experience through self-empowerment, inner peace and being part of an all-inclusive community. Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through awareness of a higher power.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of the Pagosa Lodge (elevator available). Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacomunitynewthought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309.

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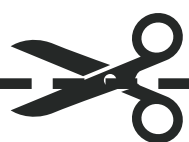
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Pagosa Catholic Community announces Stations of the Cross schedule

By Shanna Robb
Pagosa Catholic Community

As a kid I loved to hide behind our floor-to-ceiling curtains. I would wrap the polyester fabric around my body, squeeze my eyes shut and hold my breath to avoid being detected. I teetered between the excitement of being found and the dread of not being discovered.

Equally terrifying was "The Wizard of Oz." Broadcast once a year, I would sit on the floor with eyes glued to the television screen. Even though I memorized the storyline, the moment that the man behind the curtain was accidentally revealed was always disappointing. Like the people of Emerald City, I wanted to believe that the wizard was more than just an ordinary man.

While both these memories make me smile, it is the veil mentioned in 2 Corinthians 3:16,18 that sparks my attention. For it is written, "But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away" and "So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord."

Unlike the wizard who was deliberately hiding and found to be ordinary, Jesus is not hiding and His existence is not ordinary.

There is no place like home

and, as Christians, our eternal home is Heaven. A pair of ruby slippers and a yellow brick road are not needed. All one must do is accept Jesus' invitation to come out of hiding.

Accepting the invitation and in anticipation of Jesus' resurrection on Easter, many Western Christians are following the Stations of the Cross that present the trial, crucifixion and burial of Jesus. This time-honored Lenten devotion has been in place for more than 1,000 years and, even though there are some differences between denominations, the stations are found in the traditions of Roman Catholics, Orthodox Christians, Anglicans, Methodists, Lutherans, etc.

Those wishing to pull back the veil are invited to join the Pagosa Catholic Community for the Stations of the Cross on Fridays starting Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at Pope John Paul II located at 353 S. Pagosa and/or on Wednesdays starting Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. for rosary followed

by the stations at Immaculate Heart of Mary located at 451 Lewis St. Stations are held seven consecutive weeks ending on Good Friday.

Visit ihmjp2.org for the Good Friday Procession and Easter schedules.

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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 Cassin's finch.

Attentive hikers in the forests of Pagosa Country will likely encounter this small- to medium-sized finch, the Cassin's finch. In the southwestern United States, they are found at elevations from 3,000 feet to 10,000 feet. In our area, they are year-round residents which drop to lower elevations in the winter. Here they may be found in greater numbers at our feeders enjoying sunflower seeds, which they easily break open with their stout, conical beaks.

The males can be distinguished from very similar-looking house finches by the lack of streaking on their breasts and a much redder crown. Females of both these finch species are similar in coloration and streaking patterns on their breasts, but the Cassin's female body is more compact compared to the house finch female.

Cassin's finches tend to feed on seeds and insects, with aspen buds making up a significant part of their diet in the spring. Insects, including the larvae of destructive Douglas-fir tussock moths, are a favored food item in the summer.

Female Cassin's finches build a nest using various plant materials, animal hair, feathers and similar debris near the top of conifer trees. Breeding pairs may occupy nests within a few feet of one another once eggs are laid, but before incubation begins, the female is often the aggressor, chasing other males from the area.

The Cassin's finch is considered at risk of extinction because of declining population numbers, particularly in the Northeastern U.S., for reasons that are not well understood. We are indeed fortunate to have this bird species in our area.

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

Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Feb. 8

Ruby's Writers Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writers Guild will welcome writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

T'ai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30, Senior Center. Free for those 60 and better.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide

assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Teen Violence Dating Workshop. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Rise Above Violence will lead a "Love Shouldn't Hurt" dating violence workshop for teens in honor of Teen Violence Awareness Month. This class will provide advice on how to deal with and avoid violence in teen relationships.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students

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Great Stories Club. 5:30-8 p.m., Pagosa Community Initiative studio. Teens are invited to discuss the book "American Street" by Ibi Zoboi and create art based on the book. Pizza and beverages will be served at this free event, and everyone will come away with a free copy of the book. Registration is required.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Author Talk. 5:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 South Pagosa Blvd. Is Super Bowl Sunday America's New Holy Day? Noted Dartmouth professor and church historian Randall Balmer, author of "Passion Plays: How Religion Shaped Sports in North America," will address this topic as America prepares to watch its most popular sports event. All are welcome to attend this no-cost discussion.

Spanish Fiesta Committee Meeting. 5 p.m., dining hall, Ross Aragon Community Center. All are welcome.

Virtual Author Talk: Tessa Bailey. 6 p.m., virtual. Listen live or recorded. Featuring rom-com author Tessa Bailey. For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Friday, Feb. 9

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Bingo. 1:15-2:30 p.m., Senior Center. Free. Those under 18 must have an adult chaperone. For more information, contact (970) 264-2167.

Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m., Sisson

Library. Meet with a volunteer civil attorney via Zoom at the library. Registration required. Registration opens on the first day of each month. Space is limited. Call (970) 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary.com.

Craftapalooza. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Create a variety of crafts for all ages. Several different craft stations will be set up. Stop by anytime during the program.

Booster Club Basket Silent Auction. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Bid on awesome and unique baskets of diverse themes full of amazing goodies created by each high school teams' families. The silent auction will end during halftime of the varsity boys' game.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Basketball. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa versus Bayfield.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Basketball. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa versus Bayfield.

Saturday, Feb. 10

Cabin Fever Book Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Friends of the Library are hosting their first book sale of the year. These book sales are a superb opportunity for you to purchase books for yourself and your family and as gifts at remarkably low prices while also benefiting your library. Friends members, teachers, nurses and first responders enjoy "buy one, get one free" with proof of membership or employment. To learn about becoming a Friend or to renew your membership, stop by your library or go to friends@pagosalibrary.org.

Chess Club. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Learn how to play chess with quick lessons and game time or practice your skills. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Senior Center dining room. Bring your scrapbooking projects or any crafting project you may want to work on with the group.

Knitters Circle. 1-3 p.m., Sisson

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Protein and Weight Loss (Part 3)

Some final advice on protein consumption is to eat plenty of protein at Breakfast.

Generally, we don't get enough protein at breakfast, so focus on adding extra protein to start the day. Organic Whole grain cereals topped with nuts is an excellent way to add some delicious protein to your morning routine. Use plant based milks, such as Soy, Almond, Cashew, etc. for an even healthier protein breakfast. Another high protein breakfast food is plant based yogurt. It's best to buy plain yogurt and add your own nuts and organic fruits to reduce the amount of sugar in flavored yogurts.



Finally, while protein is essential to good health, too much of any food group, even protein, produces more calories than your body requires. This will sabotage your weight loss or even cause weight gain, and over consumption can also put a strain on your kidneys. So don't overdo it.

Next week, we will look at the incredibly healthy legume, which is another high protein food.

"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires." James 1:19-20 NIV

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Library. Join new or experienced knitters to get help with your project, or sit and knit.

Sunday, Feb. 11

Rotary Super Bowl Party. 3-8 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. The doors open at 3 p.m. Kickoff is at 4:30 p.m. Betting squares ends at 4:15 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and available online at pagosaspringsrotary.org or in person with cash or check at The Choke Cherry Tree. There will be food, prizes and a cash bar.

Monday, Feb. 12

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Women's Fellowship. 9-11 a.m., John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network-Critique Groups. 9-11 a.m., Grace in Pagosa Community Room, 1044 Park Ave. A meeting to fellowship, inspire, encourage, critique and study the practice of writing.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:30 and advance group at 10:30. If you have not attended before, call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

Senior Conversations. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Learn to Knit or Crochet. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn to knit or crochet. For ages 8 and up. Supplies are provided.

Healthy Aging and Yoga Therapy Class. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Shakespeare Read-Aloud Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join in reading aloud "As You Like It" together. Call Jenny at (240) 426-7887 for more information.

Boy Scout Meeting. 4 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Boys aged 11-17 are invited to attend meetings. Scouts learn outdoor and leadership skills, teamwork, support our community and, above all, have fun. Contact

Jennifer Walterscheid at (970) 986-0387 or scoutmaster807@gmail.com for more details.

Tween/Teen Art Camp. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Art classes for tween and teens. Each month will explore a different style or medium.

Deepening the Faith Classes. 6-7 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish, and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. All are welcome.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Mahjong. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to discuss "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Pick up a copy at the Library.

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join the adventure. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you devel-

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 31 Miracle response
- 32 "The ___ of Kilimanjaro"
- 35 Meryl's "Silkwood" role
- 36 Happy as a ___
- 38 Cary's "To Catch a Thief" co-star
- 40 Fluff
- 41 Part of BLM
- 43 Scent
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- 46 Rouse
- 48 Like Tabasco sauce
- 50 2004 Tom Cruise flick
- 53 One of a hockey pair
- 55 Abase oneself
- 59 Use a stopwatch
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- 26 Hang around for
- 27 Male in the armed forces
- 29 Saxophone range

30 Diary note

- 33 Tolstoy title word
- 34 Sniper's aid
- 37 Lantern liquid
- 39 Newly arising
- 42 Be a poor loser
- 44 Not together
- 47 HDTV choice
- 49 Cleared of snow
- 51 Perfume

52 Brief and to the point

- 53 Longing
- 54 Italian farewell
- 56 Traveler's document
- 57 Catch sight of
- 58 Microscope piece
- 61 Period of time

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Basketball. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa versus Monte Vista.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Basketball. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa versus Monte Vista.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Pickleball Beginner Lessons. 8:30-10:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available. Reservations are required and can be made at pagosapickleball.org under the "Play" tab.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for an educational hour of reading, singing and free play while building early literacy skills together. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Strategize Change in Your Life in 2024. 1-2:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Learn proven techniques to identify and change

unwanted behaviors.

New Basic Quilting Class. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration is required.

Mindful Drawing. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Elementary Tutoring. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Build essential skills in core subjects. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Come at 6 p.m. for socializing. At 6:30 p.m., Doug Coombs will present on "Masking in Lightroom."

Thursday, Feb. 15

Ruby's Writers Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writers Guild will welcome writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

T'ai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30, Senior Center. Free for those 60 and better.

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Knowledge Bowl. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Test your trivia skills in a wide range of subjects.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Friday, Feb. 16

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

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Messy Art: Marbling. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Create beautiful swirling artwork.

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Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Tiny Beautiful Things.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Saturday, Feb. 17

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

Pokémon Club. 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Bring your cards to battle against others who love Pokémon too. No experience required. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

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Monday, Feb. 19

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Women's Fellowship. 9-11 a.m.,

John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network-Critique Groups. 9-11 a.m., Grace in Pagosa Community Room, 1044 Park Ave. A meeting to fellowship, inspire, encourage, critique and study the practice of writing.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:30 and advance group at 10:30. If you have not attended before, call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

Archuleta County Democratic Club. 11:30 a.m., Beny's Restaurant, 180 E. Pagosa St. Josh Kurz will speak about water resources. RSVP to lynnfrederick1@gmail.com.

Senior Conversations. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Healthy Aging and Yoga Therapy Class. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Senior Center. Zoom.

Boy Scout Meeting. 4 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Boys aged 11-17 are invited to attend meetings. Scouts learn outdoor and leadership skills, teamwork, support our community and, above all, have fun. Contact Jennifer Walterscheid at (970) 986-0387 or scoutmaster807@gmail.com for more details.

Deepening the Faith Classes. 6-7 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish, and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. All are welcome.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

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Senior Center launches ‘Sweetheart’ campaign

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnists



In February, let's ignite a spark of generosity.

Through the month of February, the Pagosa Senior Center is working to bring in donations to support services for seniors.

Our campaign, "A Sweetheart Deal, Buy A Senior A Meal and More" makes it possible for community members to directly support and donate hot, nutritious meals and social opportunities for low-income older adults in Archuleta County.

In addition to being a nutrition center, the Senior Center serves as a community hub where food and other resources/supports are available to help older adults stay independent, active, engaged in our community and living in their homes.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) delivers the following to support older adult wellness, health and quality of life in Archuleta County.

Meals and supplemental nutrition:

- A total of 25,000 fresh and nutritious meals (salad, entrée, dessert and beverage) are provided annually, available five days per week via drive-thru carryout, delivery (Meals on Wheels, Wilderness Journey) and on-site dining. Fifteen percent of all meals are provided to caregivers who also are age 60 or better.

- Menu planning and a commitment to high-quality nutrition ensure that those with special dietary requirements – including cultural preferences and religious requirements – generally are accommodated (heritage foods are regularly integrated and vegetarian foods are readily available, etc.).

- Older adults living in low-income senior housing are provided supplemental nutrition (i.e. groceries, CSA produce box) as needed/available.

Social connection activities; educational, other resources and referrals:

- Afternoon on-site and off-site social, service and future field trip activities, including games, discussion groups, yoga and stretching, etc. are provided, benefitting an average 15 individuals per activity via an average of 2.5 activities per month.

- Educational workshops and presentations – e.g., healthy habits, VITA tax support, financial literacy, fall prevention – benefit an average 15 individuals per activity via in-person and remote educational offerings per month.

- Informed and comprehensive referrals to other community organizations provide for assistance through a variety of services, materials/resources and other supports. Isolation prevention and care-

giver supports:

- Residents of congregate housing for individuals of low incomes utilize walkable access to and delivery service of meals.

- An average of 20 local individuals benefit each month from on-demand transportation to and from the Senior Center for meals, social and educational programming.

- Typically, 35 to 40 individuals are visited daily (five days per week) by Meals on Wheels, which includes an at-home wellness check.

- Electronic monitoring devices (hardware, subscription service) for 24/7 assurance are provided for 15 individuals annually.

- Caregivers have access to informational/educational materials specific to their needs (e.g. meals, counseling).

This valentines season, let's come together to make a lasting impact by opening up our hearts and wallets for a great cause. All meals have a suggested donation of \$10, with social events and educational offerings provided at no/low cost. To make a donation in support of ASI, visit our website at www.psseniors.org or drop by our office at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. in the Ross Aragon Community Center. Thank you for your generosity.

Grant available for adult learners

Are you a BIPOC adult age 55 or better living in Archuleta County eager to pursue further education? Here's your chance.

ASI, in coordination with the Spanish Fiesta Committee, is delighted to announce a \$1,000 educational grant available exclusively for these adult learners in our community.

The grant aims to support individuals seeking to enhance their skills, pursue new career paths or simply satisfy their thirst for knowledge. Whether you aspire to enroll in a vocational program, attend workshops or pursue a degree, this grant can provide the financial boost you need to turn your educational dreams into reality.

ASI and members of our local Spanish Fiesta Committee believe that education is a lifelong journey and it's never too late to invest in oneself. This grant is designed to remove financial barriers and empower adults in our community to pursue their educational goals.

To be eligible for the grant, applicants must meet the following

criteria:

- Reside in Archuleta County.
- Be 55 years of age or older.
- Be Black, Indigenous or a person of color.
- Demonstrate a commitment to furthering their education.
- Submit a compelling application outlining their educational

goals and how the grant will be utilized.

Applications are now open and will be accepted until March 20. A scholarship selection committee composed of community leaders will review all applications and select the most deserving candidates.

ASI encourages all motivated

BIPOC, 55-and-older adults in Archuleta County to take advantage of this opportunity. Whether you're looking to advance your career, explore new interests or simply expand your horizons, this grant can be the catalyst for your educational journey.

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ASI has an opportunity for a volunteer position to teach one Fresh Conversations session each month.

Fresh Conversations is a healthy-living program for people 60 and older who are living on a budget and want to maintain their health and independence. Topics of discussion include heart disease, diet trends and preventing cancer, to name just a few.

Each session is held in-person or virtually and lasts approximately 60 minutes. The time commitment is about one hour to facilitate each session plus preparation time, and you do not need to be a dietician or an expert in nutrition. We'll provide you with training materials.

If you are interested, contact Rose Chavez at rosa@psseniors.org.

Healthy aging yoga therapy class series

This winter, a healthy aging yoga series will be offered as a hybrid class at the Senior Center on Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Classes will be structured by therapeutic yoga tools and techniques with chair movement, standing stretches, gentle postures,

breathing practices and reflective meditative moments.

Monthly themes for the series will include topics such as sustainable strength for healthy aging individuals, brain health, heart and cardiovascular health, mental and emotional well-being, community connections, and stress management, to name a few.

Classes will be educational for participants to utilize practices in daily life and are meant for all levels of experience with yoga.

The class is hosted by local yoga therapist AJ Connors, with a hybrid focus for the winter months, blending in-person, online and, occasionally, recorded classes. Zoom sessions will be streamed at the Senior Center to provide the community experience to practice together or can be accessed at home if weather is a factor.

Mats and chairs will be provided at the Senior Center; some blocks and Therabands are available, too. The addition of yoga props is always welcomed.

We are requesting that individuals who are new to joining the series arrive early for intake inquiries and to please communicate with AJ directly by emailing ajconnorslove@gmail.com.

Bingo

The Senior Center will be hosting bingo twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.

Bingo will be on Feb. 9 and Feb. 23, March 8, March 15, April 5, and April 19.

The price to participate is free and we ask you bring yourself and a friend for joyful fellowship. We will provide prizes from local businesses for all winners and snacks will also be provided.

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In August, 2023 I had a hearing with Judge Justin Fay to defend against frivolous TPO's (temporary protection orders) obtained by neighbors who used false accusations to do so (as contained in cases 2023C75/76). Reluctantly ruling in my favor, Fay also questioned my honesty, made unnecessary personal comments about me, and denied motion for legal fees – actions which call into question his competence and suitability.

More about the judge, court, and my case: archuletacountycourts.com.

PAGOSA AREA WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON CHANGES TO WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGES SCHEDULED FOR 5PM ON FEBRUARY 15, 2024 AT THE PAWSD DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED AT 100 LYN AVE, PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO

At a Board Meeting on December 14, 2023, the Pagosa Area Water & Sanitation District Board of Directors approved the findings of the 2023 Water and Wastewater Rate Study performed by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. The following rate changes, including but not limited to, will be considered for implementation on March 1, 2024:

WATER CHARGES

The recommended changes to the minimum monthly water service charge per equivalent unit (E.U.) and to the volumetric charges include an increase of 3% annually through 2031 and will equate to a 27% cumulative increase over the 8-year period.

Monthly Service Charge (per E.U.)	increase from \$31.44 to \$32.38
Volume Charge:	
2,001-8,000 gallons usage (rate per 1,000 gallons)	increase from \$5.64 to \$5.81
8,001-20,000 gallons usage (rate per 1,000 gallons)	increase from \$11.29 to \$11.63
Over 20,001 gallons usage (rate per 1,000 gallons)	increase from \$14.17 to \$14.60
Water Fill Station Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	increase from \$12.18 to \$12.55
Water Availability of Service	increase from \$14.30 to \$14.73

WASTEWATER CHARGES

The recommended changes to monthly wastewater service charges include an initial 30% annual rate increase beginning in 2024 and ending in 2025, a 5% annual rate increase beginning in 2026 and ending in 2029, and a 15% annual rate increase beginning in 2030 and ending in 2031. These increases will equate to a 172% cumulative increase over the 8-year period.

Monthly Service Charge (per E.U.)	increase from \$32.80 to \$42.64
Short Term Rental Monthly Service Charge (per E.U.)	increase from \$32.80 to \$59.70
Wastewater Availability of Service	increase from \$12.50 to \$16.25
Wastewater Hauler Charge (rate per 100 gallons)	increase from \$13.28 to \$17.26

CAPITAL INVESTMENT FEES

Capital Investment Fees for Water	increase from \$5,352.37 to \$8,958.00
Capital Investment Fees for Wastewater	increase from \$1,178.98 to \$15,697.00

The Water and Wastewater Rate Study can be found at <https://www.pawsd.org/district-business/financial-information/>.

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T'ai Chi Chih is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this practice.

All classes will be free for older adults (age 60 and better) and will last approximately one hour in the dining hall.

No special clothing or equipment is required.

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Share lunch Monday through Friday

Join us at the Silver Fox's Den, aka the Community Cafe, in person for daily hot/cold meals Mondays through Thursdays at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It is open to all. Pickup is available all week, including Fridays.

Our dining hall is open to all ages and welcomes you all with kindness and warmth. We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and delicious meal. For those 60 or older we request a suggested donation of \$10, but no one will be turned away. There is a \$10.50 charge for guests under the age of 60.

Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, garden salad plus beverage. Some popular menu items include Frito chili pie, pork tenderloin with harvest chutney, Singaporean pork ribs, vegetarian lasagna, Hawaiian shrimp with coconut rice and always a beautiful green salad. Many of our items are locally sourced and organic.

Our chef works with a team of local food professionals to hand-prepare your meal for dine-in service in our cozy dining room (with an amazing view of the San Juans) or for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. weekdays.

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Feb. 8 — Cod Veracruz, brown rice with quinoa, roasted cauliflower, garden salad, fruit, lemon bar and milk.

Friday, Feb. 9 — Philly cheesesteak sandwich on hoagie roll

with peppers, onions and provolone; garden salad; fruit; chocolate brownie; and milk.

Monday, Feb. 12 — Hawaiian pork and pineapple, coconut rice, zucchini saute, garden salad, fruit, hazelnut torte and milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 13 — Three sisters chili, quinoa rice, jalapeno cornbread, garden salad, fruit, blueberry shortcake and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 14 — Greek chicken pita with red onion, tomato and cucumber, tzatziki sauce, spanakopitas, garden salad, strawberry cupcake and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 15 — Salisbury steak with mushroom sauce, roasted potato medley, garden salad, fruit, carrot cake and milk.

Friday, Feb. 16 — Baja fish tacos with cabbage and Baja sauce, corn tortillas, refried beans, garden salad, fruit, flan and milk.

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Classes are every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center. This activity is open to all ages. Help us create an intergenerational community. For those under 18 and/or with disabilities, you are welcome to join us, but we kindly ask you to please bring an adult chaperone with you.

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Women farmers quantitatively linked to better community well-being

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Penn State and University of Wisconsin-Madison researchers found that counties with more women farmers also have longer life expectancies and lower poverty rates.

Having more women in agriculture is associated with greater community well-being, according to researchers at Penn State and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Their work is the first to quantitatively assess this link, and their findings suggest that women farmers approach their operations in ways that positively impact their communities.

The study in Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy revealed that U.S. counties with a higher share of farms owned or operated by women have higher rates of nonfarm entrepreneurship, longer life expectancies and lower poverty rates.

"We know from previous qualitative research that women farmers tend to enter into farming for different reasons than men and often make decisions with the greater good in mind," said Claudia Schmidt, assistant professor of marketing and local/regional food systems at Penn State and the study's lead author. "For example, they strive to meet a social need in their community, or they prioritize environmental stewardship over profits. Our study is the first to use

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quantitative research methods to explore whether this concept of 'civic agriculture' actually translates to improved community well-being in places with higher shares of women farmers."

Using U.S. county-level data from the most recent U.S. Census and the Census of Agriculture, the researchers conducted a series of analyses to model the independent effect of women farmers on three local economic variables: the poverty rate, average life expectancy and the rate of new business formation.

The researchers chose these measures to approximate a community's quality of life. For example, the rate of new business formation relates to the entrepreneurial energy in a community, which is a good indicator of economic health, said co-author Steve Deller, Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor and community development Extension specialist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who constructed the statistical models.

"Communities with more people starting businesses tend to be more dynamic and resilient to shocks, thus enhancing com-

munity well-being," Deller said. "Similarly, a county with less poverty, and where people tend to have longer lifespans, is likely to be a better place to live than a county with higher poverty rates and shorter lifespans."

They also controlled for the possibility that their findings could be attributed to other community factors, such as the racial composition, the number of single-parent households and the number of college graduates.

The researchers found that the positive association with women farmers spilled over into neighboring counties, meaning that more women farmers in one county was associated with greater community well-being in neighboring counties, too.

"The fact that these spillovers exist suggests having a critical mass of female farmers within a larger region, and not just within a county, has an even greater impact on regional well-being," said co-author Stephan Goetz, professor of agricultural economics and regional economics at Penn State and director of the Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development.

Although the findings do not establish causality, they warrant a closer look by policy makers concerned with rural poverty and well-being, according to Goetz.

"Anything that can help reduce rural poverty is worth looking at more closely," Goetz said. "Even though women farmers tend to

be less profit-driven and operate smaller farms than their male counterparts, our findings suggest that having more of them is good for a community."

The number of farms operated by women has increased over the past 20 years, according to Schmidt.

"Along with more women participating in agriculture than we've seen historically, we're also beginning to see more research investigating their role and impact in the United States," Schmidt said, noting that the trend is timely, especially given that the most recent Nobel Prize in economics was awarded for research on the previously unrecognized positive role of women in the general economy. "I'm hoping our study will encourage more research in this area, because there are so many more questions to explore and perspectives to draw from — such as those from women of color or farmers who identify as a gender other than male or female. We need to understand these dynamics to develop sound rural policy strategies and to support greater participation in agriculture."

The above article was released by Penn State University.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture(USDA), National Institute of Food and Agriculture, the USDA NIFA and Multistate/Regional Research and Extension Appropriations, and the U.S. Department of Commerce supported this research in part.

Save the dates

- Feb. 20, 22: Livestock and Forage Growers Updates.

- Feb. 20: Weather updates, market updates and irrigation strategies.

- Feb. 22: Biosecurity, current diseases and outbreak issues, emergency preparedness, and influences on meat quality.

Go to <https://abm.extension.colostate.edu/lfg-update/> for more information.

- Save the dates for Tuesday evenings in April at 5:30 p.m.

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FIRESIDE CABINS 1600 E Hwy 160 Pagosa Springs. (East side of Pagosa just past Hwy 84 & 160 junction 1 mile from downtown Pagosa area) must be dependable. For more information call (970)264-9204 or email Johnjessharper@gmail.com. Come in to preview our facility.

NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON is hiring a full-time cashier nights and weekends. Competitive wages. Please apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

OWNERS, THERE IS A LONG TERM RENTAL SHORTAGE IN PAGOSA SPRINGS. We have a waiting list for approved tenants. Need all types of rentals. Call us today for lowest commission and highest customer service. All you have to do is wait for your rent check to come in. We do the rest! Rocky Mountain Realty & Rentals (970)507-1192.

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GROWING SPACES is hiring an enthusiastic, motivated individual with a passion for organic gardening, healthy living and helping customers succeed in growing their dream gardens. We are looking for a PARTS AND MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR who can help customers with parts and maintenance orders. The position requires the ability to identify and diagnose parts of a Growing Dome and replacements needed. This position will also create estimates, schedule, and coordinate maintenance jobs. Computer experience with CRM, Shopify and QuickBooks programs preferred. Full-time position includes paid health benefits, 401(k) match and paid time off. \$20+ DOE. EOE. Go to www.growingspaces.com/ employment to print an application, or send resume to employment@growingspaces.com.

HIRING AN EXPERIENCED CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR. Ideal candidates would be experienced in residential and commercial excavation- be comfortable reading plans and grade stakes. Top pay, DOE. Call (970)946-3966.

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Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

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MOUNTAIN SPIRITS IS SEEKING customer service associates. Must be available nights and weekends. We offer \$16 p/h to start, accrued vacation/personal time, performance-based bonuses twice a year, and employee discounts. Please apply in person.

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PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Come join a growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please email your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

PHYSICAL THERAPY TECH. Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy has an opening for a full time Physical Therapy Tech. We are looking for a dependable, energetic multitasker who will enjoy helping people recover from surgeries, injuries, accidents and other health issues to join our team. No prior experience necessary. We offer competitive pay, \$16-18 per hour, and benefits including paid holidays, paid sick leave, 401k plan, and a profit sharing program. Please submit resume to RMPT, 35 Mary Fisher Circle or email to rockymountainpt@yahoo.com

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a person for a yard associate/ driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL license is a plus, but not necessary. Duties may include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/ Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

ROOF LABORER NEEDED with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

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Ponderosa Lumber is seeking a customer service oriented individual to assist contractors with purchasing building materials. Knowledge of building materials is necessary.

Responsibilities include:

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- Completing required paperwork
- Providing product information
- Data Entry

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Ponderosa Lumber
2435 Eagle Drive or call (970) 731-4111

SUBWAY IS HIRING. Enjoy working in a fun environment with a great team? Earn a strong hourly wage with tips while serving our wonderful community. Apply online at subway.com, or in person.

THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS is seeking to hire a dynamic professional **Planning Manager** in our Community Development department. This position requires an experienced planner who can focus on multiple priorities - the work week is never dull! Our public engagement link for proposed and current projects: <https://mypagosa.org/>. This position performs a variety of **managerial, professional, and technical duties** as needed to plan, organize, direct, and coordinate the daily operation of the planning division. Oversees the development and implementation of comprehensive current and long-range master planning. Oversees the enforcement of town regulations and codes. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at www.pagosaspings.co.gov and select Employment.

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OFFICE SPACE. 170 SF Downtown Metropolitan Hotel. \$270 per month. Utilities included. Broadband available. Call Jacques (970)946-7636.

OFFICE SPACE. 260 SF Downtown Metropolitan Hotel. Available Feb 1. \$460 per month. Utilities included. Broadband available. Call Jacques (970)946-7636.

OFFICE UNIT FOR RENT. 262 Pagosa St. #101 in the Town Terrace Building. Main street location. 767 sq. ft. Bathroom and kitchenette included. \$850, all utilities included. Call (970)946-9780.

PAGOSA VALLEY PROPERTIES: Offering "Aspen Plaza ProSuites" These are Professional Office Suites available for Long Term or Short Term rental from 100 SF to 205 SF, priced from \$264-\$669/ month. We also offer Hourly, Daily, or other Membership options for even more flexibility. Also, Large Conference/ Event Room Available. Call (970)889-2022 for more information.

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SECOND FLOOR OFFICE SPACE 2nd floor office, #6B, 184 sq. ft. Utilities not included. Rent \$395, Security Deposit, \$395. Call us at (970)731-4344 to schedule a tour! www.sunethaproperties.com.

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AMAZING FURNISHED 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath home that sits on 35 private acres in the Chimney Rock area. This is a must see property. \$2350 per month with some utilities included. TP-8. Team Pagosa, (970)731-8599, pagosaspringsrealty.com.

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DOWNTOWN, FLAT, BUILDABLE .52 acre lot, views, close to river, all utilities available. \$500,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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