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State’s snowpack continues to be at record low

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

While many across the nation turned toward any number of rodents for a spring weather forecast on Monday, Feb. 2, many in Colorado have been left wondering when winter-like weather will start as the state continues to experience the lowest snowpack on record.

As of the end of the day on Feb. 3, the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan river basins sat at 48 percent of median in terms of snow water equivalent (SWE), according to the Colorado SNOTEL Snowpack Update Report.

As of Feb. 4, the Wolf Creek summit — which sits at an elevation of 10,930 feet — had 9.0 inches of SWE, which compares to a Feb.

4 median of 19.6 inches, putting it at 46 percent of median.

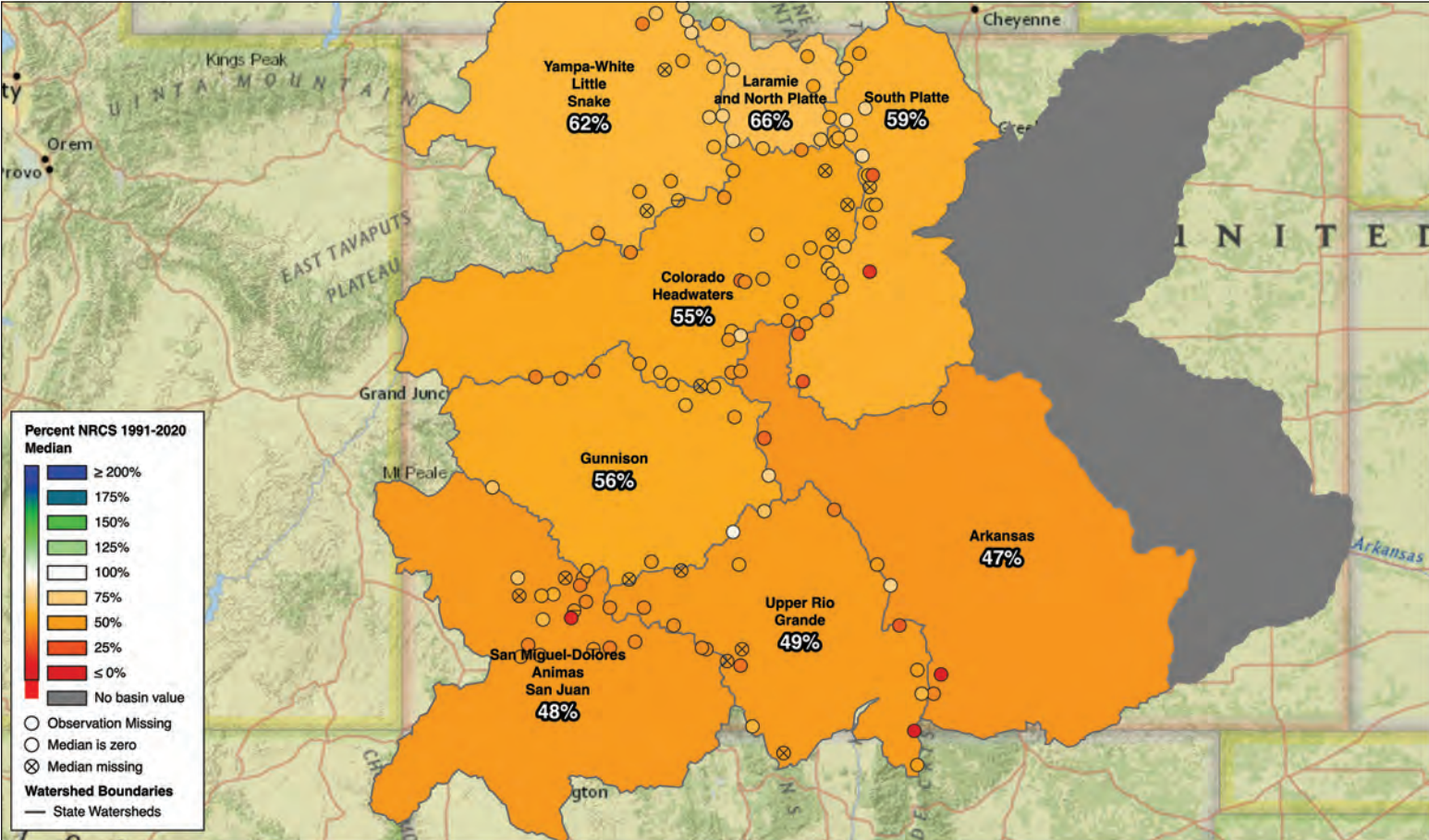
The site’s median peak date is April 29, with a median peak of 35.5 inches. That puts the Wolf Creek summit at 25 percent of the median peak SWE.

The nearby Upper San Juan SNOTEL site, which sits at 10,140 feet, held 8.0 inches of SWE as of Feb. 4, compared to a median of 17.7 inches, putting it at 45 percent of the day’s median.

The site’s median peak is 29.7 inches, with the median peak date of April 9. The site sits at 27 percent of the median peak.

The state as a whole continues to experience the worst snowpack on record at a statewide median of 55 percent as of Feb. 3, with much of the western United States also

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Map courtesy Natural Resource Conservation Service

A map represents Colorado’s snowpack as a percentage of median, as measured in snow water equivalent, as of the end of the day on Feb. 3.

Town council hears about state-mandated Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code

By **Derek Kutzer**
Staff Writer

On Feb. 3, town staff informed the Pagosa Springs Town Council about the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code (CWRC), adopted by the Colorado Legislature in July 2025, with the aim “to help enhance community safety and resiliency from wildfires through the adoption of codes and standards,” according to the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control’s website.

Town Building Code Official Tim Hatch was on hand to explain to the council the steps the town must take to comply with the new state-mandated code.

Hatch explained that the council would need to formally adopt the code by April 1, and that its implementation would need to begin by July 1.

Planning Manager Owen O’Dell was also at the meeting, showing the council a graph that showed fire frequency in the state of Colorado over the last 30 years has “increased by 82 percent,” from about 10 fires a year

in the 1990s to “over 70 fires a year.”

Another graph showed that the total acreage burned has also been increasing, rising by 38 percent from the 1990s to the 2020s.

O’Dell recommended that the council wait to adopt the new code until around the April 1 deadline so that the council, town staff and the larger community would have time to “digest” the new guidelines and have time to prepare for being compliant.

The code will be regulated by a CWRC board, which will consist of 21 voting members “across numerous professions, like fire marshals, building officials, architects and members representing various local governments across the state,” he explained.

The Pagosa Springs Planning Department will be responsible for “defensible space review, including landscaping materials, fencing and decks,” he said.

The code distinguishes properties into “three intensity zones,” with zone one being the closest to a building on

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Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

Crews work on backfilling a utility excavation site at the 2nd Street intersection. Work on the south side of 2nd street will continue throughout February.

PAWSD approves affordable housing fee waivers for Habitat for Humanity

By **Josh Pike**
Staff Writer

At its Jan. 29 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors approved \$101,580 in capital investment fee (CIF) waivers for four homes that Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County plans to construct in 2026.

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County Executive Director Leah Ballard presented the request to the board, which had requested that she present a fee waiver request at its December 2025 meeting.

She began by explaining that the request was for the four homes that are part of the fifth year of Habitat’s initiative to build 15 homes in five years.

She indicated that the homes are purchased by families with incomes between 40 percent and 80 percent of the area median income (AMI).

She explained that the application process for these homes includes ensuring that applicants have reliable income and credit to successfully purchase a home, and homebuyer education courses.

Ballard indicated that the homes

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Commissioners vote to update community plan despite concerns

By **Clayton Chaney**
Staff Writer

Archuleta County is looking for a consulting firm to conduct a community plan update after the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted 2-1 to approve a request for proposal (RFP) for the project during its Feb. 3 regular meeting.

The matter was discussed earlier that day during a work session at which Commissioner John Ranson pushed back on the idea of updating the plan, expressing that money could be better spent elsewhere within the county.

Ranson ultimately voted against approving the RFP, while commissioners Warren Brown and Veronica Medina voted in favor of it.

Both Brown and Medina also expressed discontent with having to spend money on updating the plan, but noted that it is necessary in order to be compliant and eligible for certain grant programs through the state.

The RFP was approved with the county not to spend more than the \$70,000 originally budgeted for the project.

According to the draft RFP included with the BoCC’s meeting

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PAWSD approves rate changes

By **Josh Pike**
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors unanimously approved changes to the district’s fees and rates at its Jan. 29 meeting.

These charges were also reviewed at the district’s December 2025 meeting.

Included in these changes are

increases in water and sewer rates, capital investment fees, fees for waste haulers and equity buy-in fees.

The base rate for water service per month per equivalent unit (EU) increased from \$33.35 to \$34.35, and the wastewater service charge increased from \$46.90 a month per EU to \$50.18.

The capital investment fee for

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The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cheer squad receives a little help from Deputy Dylaina Gauvey, one of the school’s resource officers, at Tuesday evening’s basketball games.

Opinion

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OUR VIEW

We hope Freddy is wrong

On Tuesday, Feb. 2 — Groundhog Day — Flatiron Freddy, a deceased, taxidermed, top hat-wearing yellow-bellied marmot that is evidently Colorado's answer to Punxsutawney Phil, failed to see his shadow in Boulder, apparently indicating that Colorado is in for an early spring.

First, we'd like to counter that, since Freddy is no longer living and no longer has working eyes, there is no possible way for Freddy to see his shadow or not and therefore cannot reliably predict additional winter or early spring.

There's also the fact Freddy is a rodent and we've never seen proof that rodents reliably predict weather, though we're sure someone, somewhere, has done a study. But we do appreciate the chuckle Freddy provided when we learned of his existence, and the fact that this year's entrance and announcement by Freddy were themed to Olympic curling.

Second, we hope the marmot is wrong since we've barely had a winter to speak of.

We're putting more stock — and hope

— into Pagosa Weather, the National Weather Service and others who suggest something resembling seasonal weather is on its way.

And we'll be crossing our fingers to see snow falling in Pagosa Springs.

Regardless of whether next week's wintery weather comes to fruition or not, we should all keep in mind how last summer played out and how quickly the Oak Fire threatened hundreds of homes.

We should all take the defensibility of our spaces seriously when it comes to fire.

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) suggests the following to help your location be wildfire ready:

- Regularly clear leaves, pine needles and other debris from your deck, roof and gutters.

- Rake and remove pine needles and leaves 5 feet from your home.

- Store firewood at least 30 feet from your home, preferably uphill, and never on or under your deck.

- Move items under your deck or porch to a storage area.

- Prune branches hanging over your roof and within 10 feet of your chimney.

- Remove flammable material within 6 vertical inches of your home's siding.

- Mow grasses to 4 inches or less within 30 feet of your home.

- Clear brush, shrubs and other plants within 10 feet of propane tanks and gas meters.

- Screen attic, roof, eaves and foundation vents and wall-in areas below decks and stilt foundations with 1/8-inch metal mesh.

We also suggest checking out the tools available through the CSFS at csfs.colostate.edu/live-wildfire-ready/ — which even includes a tool that allows you to search your address to see the risk of wildfire.

While we dance, pray and hope for snow, we need to be ready for what could come next.

Flatiron Freddy evidently also called for the Patriots to win the Super Bowl this weekend, so we'll see how accurate he is there.

Randi Pierce

LOOKING BACK



From the Jan. 29, 1987 Pagosa SUN — HERE SHE IS — It was easy to agree with the judges decisions at Friday night's Miss Winter Fest pageant. Joni Garcia was selected as Senior Princess, Jennifer Lister was picked to serve as Junior Princess, and Erika Wedemeyer was voted to serve as Miss Winter Fest Queen for 1987. The royal trio will reign over the numerous Winter Fest activities which get underway this weekend.

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 5, 1926

Fire which started in the attic of the G.L. Cotton home at the east end of Hermosa street shortly after one o'clock last Saturday afternoon caused a damage of about \$300 and forced the family to remove to the cottage adjoining the Odd Fellows' hall until it is repaired. In addition to the building damage, considerable clothing and bedding were lost.

The city fire hose carts are being kept temporarily in the Pagosa Springs Motor Co. garage in order to dry out thoroughly, following the use of the same during the blaze of Saturday at the Cotton home. The key to the garage will hang on hook No. 1 in the Metropolitan hotel office in case the carts are needed for fire-fighting at night or any time while the garage is closed.

The Masonic order of this city tendered a surprise dinner and social affair of their lodge rooms on Wednesday evening in honor of E.M. Taylor, oldest living grand master of the local lodge. The lodge also presented him with a Masonic ring as a token of their respect for their venerable member.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 9, 1951

The mercury took a dip that literally let it fall out of the bottom on Wednesday night of last week. According to the government checked thermometer at the SUN, it was 38 below. At the Forest Service official thermometer the temperature dropped below the graduated marking of 42 degrees below zero.

Colder temperatures were reported in the town park and many water pipes in town froze. It was necessary to tow many cars to start them and it was for sure that Pagosa Springs and vicinity were in the icy grip of winter.

On Saturday, January 20, 1951, the Freshmen held a party in the old gym. They invited the three upper grades.

As the party turned out it was not a complete success. It seems that the students do not like school parties or parties on Saturday nights. The conduct of the students that were there was not the best. They seem to like to run up and down the halls or do something else except dance. We served cookies, pop, and sandwiches. The party was out by 10:00 o'clock.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 5, 1976

Snow started falling in town early Wednesday morning of this week, breaking a long dry spell. By late afternoon more than six inches had fallen and the snow was continuing. Chain stations are open on Wolf Creek Pass, but there are no particular problems other than heavy snow to hamper travel. The storm breaks one of the longer spells in recent months and has cheered up irrigation water users, skiers, and snowmobilers. It has also helped the spirits of the committee planning the first annual Frosty Frolics Winter Carnival.

The Town Board discussed the lack of completion of a water main project in the Garvin subdivision Monday night, and also voted to set up a central supply tank for gasoline for town vehicles. The board also voted to donate the building permit for the new ambulance building. It is nearing completion next to the Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Center.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 8, 2001

Since a 1995 redevelopment project for the U.S. 160 corridor at the east end of Pagosa Springs put 52 decorative street lights in place, Pagosa Springs officials have received a stream of critical comments ranging from complaints about light pollution in the night skies to asides about the corridor's resemblance to an "airport runway."

Following a Feb. 6 decision by Pagosa Springs trustees, the airport runway in the 100 block of San Juan Street will be closed.

"From comments received during the Community Plan process," Town Administrator Jay Harrington told trustees, "we received enough feedback to lead us to make changes along the corridor. We decided to consider those changes at the same time we developed a lighting plan for Hot Springs Boulevard and the new Town Hall site."

According to Harrington, new street lights with hooded fixtures hanging from a curved mast arm, will be placed along Hot Springs Boulevard, and at the new Town Hall site. The same type fixture will replace the globe lights now in place along the U.S. 160 corridor on the east end of town. New lights along the highway and street will be on 20 foot poles; lights at the Town Hall will be on 12-foot poles.

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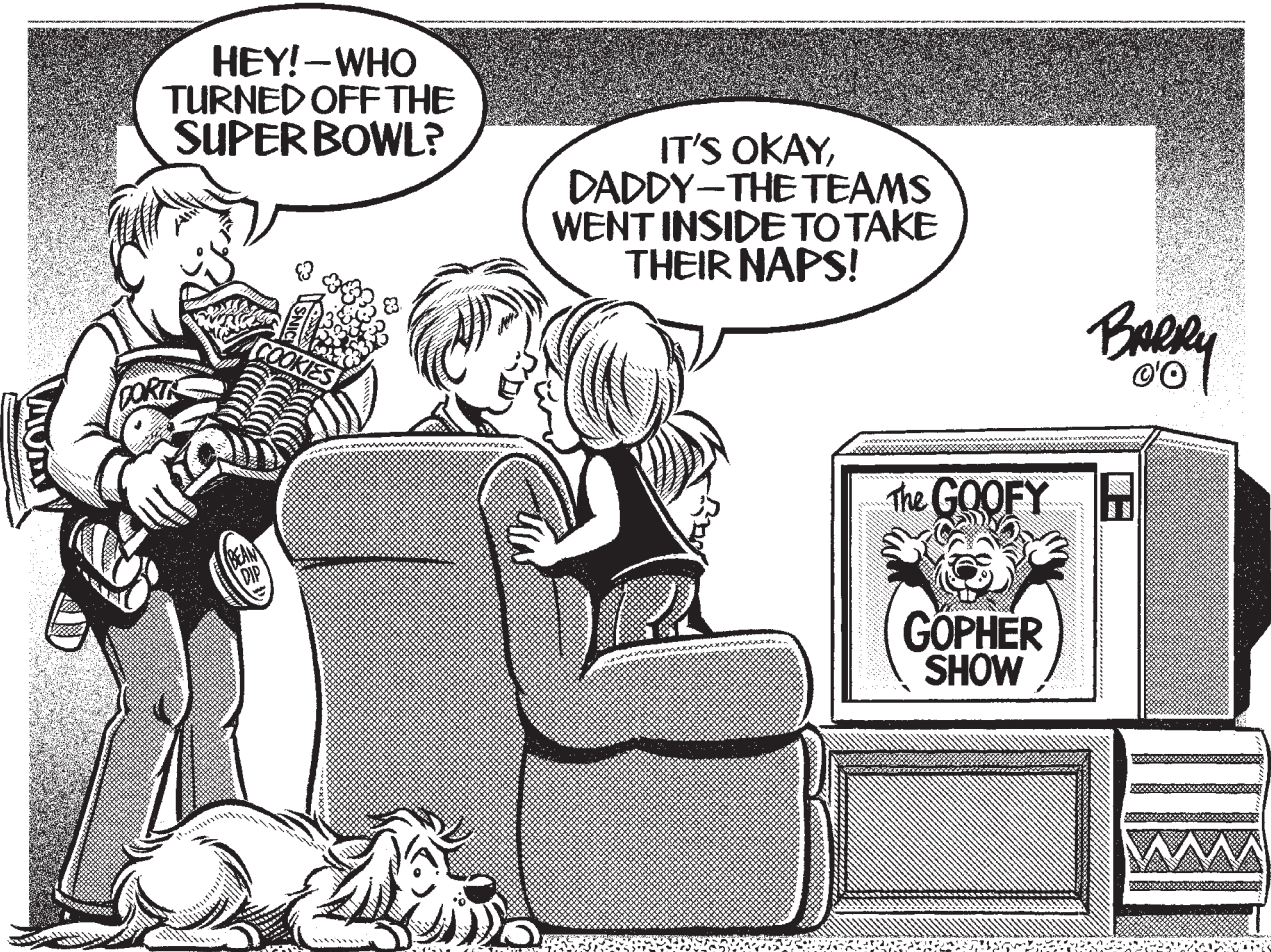


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She spoke about making a decision the board would not regret and emphasized that the greatest risk in this process lies in the limitation of collaboration. In evaluating which site truly prioritizes students, she highlighted community cohesion, walkability, access, and the role schools play as civic anchors. She was the only board member who ultimately voted for the downtown site.

Superintendent Rick Holt also acknowledged a critical reality regarding the BEST grant process: grant advisors want to see evidence that a district has listened to its community and has the community's support. That alignment matters. With such a competitive grant, this decision likely reduces the chances of securing the strongest possible support, shifting the burden instead onto local taxpayers.

And that raises another critical question: if the community's clearly stated preference is ignored at this stage, what happens when that same community is later asked to vote to fund the project?

The cost of this vote may not be immediate, but it will be felt—in public confidence, in future funding efforts, and in the growing disconnect between decision-makers and the people they represent.

Trust matters. Process matters. Listening matters.

If the goal is truly what is best for our students, decisions must be grounded in transparent facts, broad community input, and long-term outcomes.

Abigail Karas

Troubling pattern

Dear Editor:

Analysis of recent data from Immigration and Customs Enforcement reveals a troubling pattern: we're spending billions on enforcement that makes our communities less safe while undermining both fiscal responsibility and basic humanitarian values.

With the passing of H.R. 1 (OBB-BA), ICE's FY2025 budget tripled to \$28.7 billion. According to the Deportation Data Project's analysis of official ICE records through October 2025, ICE street arrests increased eleven-fold, yet data now shows that only 1-2% of those arrested by ICE on the "streets" had violent crime convictions. This means that with 4,500 ICE street arrests per week, only 50 have violent criminal convictions. That's \$368 million more per week to detain 50 more violent criminals. Hmm...

Meanwhile, federal funding for community crime prevention was slashed. The Department of Justice cut \$500 million from local law enforcement programs, including rural police support, community violence prevention, and victim services. These programs demonstrably reduced homicides and gun violence in communities nationwide.

For Archuleta County specifically, the math is plain. Our sheriff's patrol operates with 14 deputies covering 1,300 square miles. If our proportional share of the ICE budget - \$1.2 million based on our population - were allocated to our local law enforcement budget, it could nearly double our patrol force. That would be a game changer. Yet, those resources are not allocated to our county and now fund federal operations elsewhere that predominantly target people with no criminal history.

Contrary to administration claims, states already cooperate extensively. ICE's own data shows 75-85% of violent criminals, in ICE detention or already deported, were arrested by local police and transferred from state and federal facilities—not found through ICE street operations. Yet the federal government demands more local resources through enforcement agreements. For rural counties like Archuleta, this means diverting our resources from community policing to federal immigration enforcement.

The human cost extends beyond budgets. Congressional members are blocked from inspecting detention facilities despite federal law granting them access. Religious leaders attempting to provide pastoral care to detainees have been turned away. Even the International Committee of the Red Cross lacks the systematic access to immigration detention that it has, for example, to Guantanamo Bay, a military facility!

In 2025, 32 people died in ICE custody—more than the previous four years combined. Independent analysis found 95% of detention deaths from 2017-2021 could have been prevented with adequate medical care. This year's toll occurred as detention capacity expanded 75% while oversight offices were eliminated.

We must ask: does this approach serve public safety? When 42% of murders and other violent crimes go unsolved, can we justify spending billions to arrest people whose only offense is a civil immigration infraction—while cutting funding for programs that actually prevent crime?

Federal immigration enforcement is a legitimate government responsibility. But current spending priorities—measured by outcomes, not rhetoric—demonstrate neither fiscal discipline nor effective public safety strategy. Our community deserves better stewardship of both tax dollars and the principles we claim to uphold.

Ed Matlack

Trump accounts

Dear Editor:

Trump accounts will give each newborn \$1,000.00 in a savings account. Many corporations are even matching that amount for their employees. I am waiting to see what the "Trump haters" will have to say about this. It probably won't be positive.

Tax cuts for republican billionaires? What about all the democrat billionaires? I haven't heard any of them complain about the tax cuts. Actually it's a good thing to have smart, hard working, people to provide the capital necessary to start new projects. They provide the capital needs of businesses wanting to expand and the money necessary for new building projects. Very few businesses have the funds on hand to expand and need to borrow. Our farmers need to borrow to buy equipment and seeds for planting. Contractors need to borrow to build new projects such as affordable housing for Pagosa. Where is this money going to come from if not from investors?

John Meyer

Leash law

Dear Editor:

Last week I went to the Wetlands Conservation Area, enjoying the scenery and warm temps. On a sand bar next to the upper pond, was a Great Blue Heron. I was taking pictures of this great bird when an unleashed dog ran in front of me scaring away the bird. When the owner and friend jogged by, I told them I was trying to take a picture. The response was the bird is there the same time each day and then I was ignored when I questioned why the dog wasn't leashed.

Needless to say, I was disappointed at the arrogance and disrespect displayed by the joggers towards the birds, animals and people who are afraid of dogs. The animals/birds outside deal with low temps and natural predators creating a stressful environment and use of their energy to survive. Unleashed pets add unnecessary stress to the local inhabitants and are harassing them with their presence. Additionally, dogs running up to people who had a previous negative experience, remove the feeling of safety in the area normally experienced.

Kudos to those who leash their dogs!! They support the wildlife who are residents or migrating through. To the others, we could lose the privilege of bringing dogs on the walk in the future, if the few don't observe the leash law and respect the environment they are traveling through.

Linda Mozer

ICE in Minnesota

Dear Editor:

After repeatedly watching the videos of the two shootings of protesters in Minnesota, I'm stunned by what happened. First, Renee Good was killed as she attempted to drive away from ICE agents. The videos clearly show that no ICE agent was injured when this happened. One ICE agent went to the hospital claiming internal bleeding, but he was promptly released and sent home. Immediately after Good was shot, another video shows a doctor asking an ICE agent if she could help the dying Renee Good. Incredibly, the agent refused to let the doctor help.

In the second shooting, ICU nurse Alex Pretti, who had a permit to carry, was killed while he was being subdued by 5 ICE agents. The video clearly shows an ICE officer waking away with Pretti's weapon before he was killed.

These two people did not harm nor threaten to harm any ICE agent. They were not terrorists, just legitimate protesters. Granted, the ICE agents have immunity to the perform their duties, but that immunity does not give them the right to kill innocent protesters. So, Mr. president the American people have seen the videos and they are not blind or stupid. They know these two people were murdered. I call on you to immediately have those responsible

charged and prosecuted. Let's let a jury decide the fate of those responsible for these acts. If you refuse to do this, the American people will rightly judge that you and your party are not fit to lead this country. Sir, we anxiously await your response.

Charles Newton
Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Accountability

Dear Editor:

Renee Good was a 37 year old mother of three.

Alex Pretti was a 37 year old ICU nurse for the VA.

Do these sound like the profiles of domestic terrorists?

Renee was shot three times while in her car, including once in the head.

Alex was shot ten times at point blank range, after being restrained and disarmed.

Both were American citizens who were recently murdered by ICE agents in Minneapolis, Minnesota, while exercising their constitutional rights. In Alex's case, ICE has claimed his legally carried firearm justified their response. This should give gun rights advocates serious concern.

President Trump and his cabinet have been spreading blatant lies about these incidents, attempting to justify the killings by his agents. Federal investigators have cut local authorities out of these investigations, which is unprecedented in use-of-force cases.

Fortunately, citizens are documenting the atrocities that are taking place in Minneapolis. If you have not already seen the photos and videos of these events, I encourage you to look them up and see what happened for yourself.

This ICE "operation" has nothing to do with immigration, and everything to do with President Trump's vindictive pattern of targeting states and officials not aligned with his agenda - including Minnesota. Similarly, he used his veto power to block a bipartisan bill that would have brought clean drinking water to rural Colorado.

Our government was designed to be based on a system of checks and balances, with Congress responsible for preventing executive abuse of power. Having a federal agency occupy an American city while using illegal tactics and operating without oversight or training is a prime example of overreach. Congress has failed to intervene, shirking its responsibility to the American people for their own self-preservation. These people are not civil servants - they are cowards - including our congressional representative, Jeff Hurd.

Last year, Congress passed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which included \$75 billion in additional funding for ICE. This roughly tripled the agency's operating budget. The bill passed by a single vote. Representative Hurd voted yes.

On January 22nd of this year, two weeks after the murder of Renee Good, Representative Hurd then voted yes on H.R. 7147, which would add an additional \$10 billion to ICE's budget. Two days later, Alex Pretti was murdered.

Our role as citizens is to hold our representatives accountable. If the occupation of Minnesota and the killing of Americans by our own government makes you angry - which it absolutely should - then please contact Representative Hurd and let him know you do not support ICE's reign of terror.

If you are ok with giving ICE more money and power, then you are ok with the killing of American citizens like you and me. If it can happen in Minnesota, it can happen here in Southwest Colorado.

This is not about politics or team Red vs team Blue.

This is about humanity, and our rights as Americans.

Please make your voice heard, because ultimately, silence is acceptance.

Corey Sheesley

Federal funding freeze

Dear Editor:

Kudos to Randi Pierce for her story on the freeze of federal funding that supports childcare and low-income families in Colorado (<https://www.pagosasun.com/stories/colorado-faces-funding-freeze-for-child-care-support-programs,122717>). Together with a letter in the same SUN edition from David Smith, this issue was well presented. I encourage you to read them as this funding freeze will impact our local economy and the well being of our local families and their children, not to mention the businesses who depend on employees who parent. Working parents may have to quit their jobs or use unsuitable childcare if the funding freeze

goes through.

Colorado is one of five states to incur the ire of our president and receive this freeze on funds that are meant to assist the most vulnerable in our communities. The courts have already delayed the freeze until Feb 6 pending other court happenings, but there is this other branch of government that has the constitutional duty to rein in an out-of-control president. What was that again???? Oh yeah!!! Remember?? Congress is the first branch of the government and is supposed to stop President Crazypants from messing up the entire world! But it could start with stopping this funding freeze. I am looking at you, Jeff Hurd — take back your congressional power and restore the rule of law.

Call me crazy, but I just have this feeling that when the president puts a freeze on any funding, he kinda sorta hopes he can find a way to get that money into that new Qatari bank account with all the Venezuelan oil money. In his deranged mind, all the money should rightly be his, like the peace prizes. I mean, he is suing the IRS for \$10 billion and the Dept of Justice for \$230 million! He wants our taxpayer dollars and he will probably get them since he has installed toadies to run both departments who will "settle" these cases out of court.

Before the election I heard people say that they knew Trump was flawed, but nothing could be worse than a President Kamala Harris. Results from the recent special election in Texas shows that many who voted Trump have changed their minds. When people said a President Harris would be worse, I wonder what they had in mind—I bet they never thought it could ever be this bad. Would President Harris have prevented the release of FEMA funds to places affected by fires and floods? Would she have defunded SNAP, Medicare, and ACA subsidies? What about freezing childcare support in states she was mad at? Would she have alienated our allies, abandoning Ukraine while sucking up to Putin? How about terrorizing our cities with masked goons who murder US citizens, while grifting on a grand scale, enriching herself and her family? There are good reasons for some people to have buyer's remorse right now. They should assume some responsibility and remember that Jeff Hurd needs encouragement to stand up to the White House bully.

Lee Stopher

Community voices

Dear Editor:

Over the past few months, many community members took part in the school district's facilities master planning process. The work began because the district's school buildings have real and growing needs, and as a site decision approached for a proposed new K-8 building, voices spoke up about the value of long-standing public investments that support kids throughout our community.

These voices came from people
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John Coughlin

Nov. 7, 1941-Jan. 27, 2026

John Coughlin, a man of remarkable ambition and entrepreneurial spirit, passed away peacefully on Jan. 27, 2026, at the age of 84. A fixture of the Marion community for decades and a craftsman at heart, John leaves behind a legacy of hard work, and a family that adored him and sons that looked up to him. A memorial Mass was held on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2026, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marion, Iowa. Burial will be at a later date in Rock Island, Ill.



John's story began in his beloved Marshalltown, Iowa, where he spent his youth forming the interests and skills that would define his life. It was there that he first learned the value of a job well done, assisting his father, Bill, in building their family home. This early experience in construction, combined with working on cars and spending time at the local movie theater, laid the foundation for his future.

A Navy veteran, he served his country in the Seabees with honor, until his discharge in 1963. It was during his time in the construction battalions that John learned the trade of plumbing, adding another layer to the mechanical and building skills that would serve him for the rest of his life.

In 1964, John opened his first business in the Marion Skelly Station, where he also operated Rent Em and Run Em, where he rented 50cc motorcycles. In 1965, he moved to a new location in Marion and renamed his business to Marion Radiator and Air Conditioning. Never one to sit still, he expanded into selling Cub Cadet lawn and garden tractors. He was a successful and moral businessman, savvy investor and money manager with a quick wit and good Irish sense of humor. For over 35 years, John operated his shop until 2000, when he retired and went west to reside in Arizona and Colorado.

Upon retirement, John and Kaye traded Midwest winters for the sun of Surprise, Ariz., and the breathtaking peaks of Pagosa Springs, Colo. In Pagosa Springs, John achieved a final, crowning milestone: designing and building the house of his dreams. Utilizing the skills he began honing decades earlier in the Navy and working side by side with his son Mark, John turned his vision into reality.

John lived life with an infectious curiosity and a wide-ranging set of interests that he pursued with total dedication. He could be found on any given Sunday surrounded by friends and family preparing elaborate meals. He was an avid motorcyclist and loved the freedom of boating, camping, and snow skiing. His sense of adventure took him across the globe as he and Kaye traveled extensively, specifically spending winters in Puerto Vallarta for decades.

At home, John was a craftsman of a different sort — he found great joy in brewing his own award-winning beer and making wine. A lifelong learner, he was deeply moved by

reading, music and film, constantly seeking out new stories and sounds. These passions were not just hobbies; they were gifts he passed on in varying degrees to his sons, David and Mark, ensuring his spirit lives on in their own adventures.

John is survived by his wife, Kaye Coughlin; his sons, David Coughlin (Kristin Hutson) and Mark Coughlin; his grandchildren, (David's children) Claire and Daniel; and his sister, Joan Studts. He is also survived by his beloved nephews and niece: Jamie, Joey and Janna; brother-in-law, Timothy Trumpp (Susan Morrison); cousin, Jill Asbury (Craig Bahr) and their boys, Michael, Steven and Jack.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mildred Coughlin.

The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to Cottage Grove Place and Saint Croix Hospice for the compassionate care and dignity they provided John during the final chapter of his life. We can't thank them enough.

John will be remembered as a man who embodied the American Dream — he built it, one radiator, one tractor and one dream home at a time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in John's memory may be directed to St. John of the Cross Catholic Worker House in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Please share a memory of John at www.murdochfuneralhome.com under obituaries.

Patricia 'Dale' Newsome

Patricia "Dale" Newsome, known to nearly everyone who loved her simply as Nana, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2026, in Pagosa Springs. She was 76 years old. Dale leaves behind a wide and devoted circle of family and friends who cherished her deeply and whose lives were forever shaped by her presence. Those closest to her will honor her life through a private gathering, asking for the space to grieve quietly, reflect lovingly and remember her in their own time.



Dale was born on April 23, 1949, in Georgia to Hoke Smith Clark and Tycile Boyette, beginning a life rooted in Southern tradition and strengthened by resilience, independence and deep devotion to family. Over the years, she carried those roots with her, shaping the woman (and Nana) she became. A true southern mama, her kitchen was a place of gathering and full bellies, her presence a constant source of familiarity and warmth.

Above all, Nana cherished her many grandchildren, both those she was born to and those she chose along the way. She took joy in encouraging the intelligence, beauty and kindness she so clearly saw in each of them, celebrating their individuality and reminding them of their worth. To her, every grandchild was a blessing and a source of pride, laughter and endless love. She was always ready to welcome them all with a sweet treat and an open heart.

She is survived by her only son, Calvin Newsome, a man she was eternally proud of; her daughter-in-law, Brittianna Newsome, whom she considered her rock; and her grandchildren, Amoria Netzahualt, Peyton Newsome and Addison Newsome.

Alison Mary Reed

Alison Mary Reed, born on May 24, 1947, in Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away on Jan. 12, 2026, in Albuquerque, N.M. Alison moved to Albuquerque from Durango, Colo., with her two dog buddies — Rocky and Jasper — following the death of her husband, Paul Reed, in 2021.



Alison was passionate about her family, nurturing strong bonds with her brothers Joel, Jonathan, Peter and Nathan Richards, as well as her cousins Wendy Gilmore and Robin Gauthier. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and, of course, Rocky and Jasper.

Alison loved the outdoors, especially the San Juan Mountains of Colorado. She was an avid hunter, fisherperson and edible mushroom hunter, and horse woman who owned, trained and competed in equestrian events in her younger days. Later she and Paul used their horses for pack trips and hunting.

Alison lived for many years in north La Plata County, where she owned Needle's Liquor Store near Purgatory Resort. She was the proud owner of a wood-burning cook stove and a master at using that stove to cook amazing meals for her friends and family. She often used meat she hunted or the chickens she raised in her backyard for her culinary creations.

After her move to Albuquerque, Alison was your go-to foodie: she had a large cookbook collection and loved exploring Albuquerque's many restaurants with her cousins and brother.

Whether she was sharing a meal, embarking on a new culinary adventure or simply enjoying the company of her family and friends, Alison's humor and positive attitude brightened those around her. Alison was a strong and resilient woman who passed away just like she lived her life: on her own terms. She will be missed and remembered by all whose lives she touched.

Alison was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Reed; her father Paul Richards; and her mother, Francis Richards. She is survived by brothers Nathan, Peter, Jonathan and Joel, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Anthony Gabriel Scarpa

Anthony Gabriel Scarpa, known to all as Tony, passed away on Jan. 27, 2026, at the age of 88, surrounded by his family.

Tony was born in Jersey City, N.J., where he grew up with a deep love for family, faith and the game of baseball. A talented athlete, he played

baseball in the Philadelphia Phillies organization — an achievement he remained quietly proud of throughout his life. He later served his country honorably in the United States Army, carrying that sense of duty and integrity with him long after his service ended.



Tony eventually made his home in Pagosa Springs, Colo., where he and his beloved wife Marilyn built both a life and a business together. For many years, they owned and operated two gift stores in the River Center Building, becoming well known for their warmth, hard work and genuine enjoyment of meeting and talking with people. Tony never met a stranger and could strike up a conversation with anyone, anywhere.

A devoted husband, father and grandfather, Tony's greatest joy was his family. He was a man of deep faith who loved his church and community. He was also an enthusiastic sports fan, cheering on the New York Giants and the Denver Nuggets, often with spirited commentary.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents, Sylvia and Anthony Scarpa, and his brothers, Leo and Mikey. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Marilyn; his brother Nick, his sons, Anthony and Chris, his wife Jodi and his cherished grandson, Christopher (Teo), who brought him immense pride and joy.

A rosary and Mass will be held at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Pagosa Springs, Colo., on Monday, Feb. 16, with the rosary at 2 p.m. followed by Mass at 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John Paul II Catholic Church. Tony will be remembered for his kindness, his stories, his unwavering love for his family and the many lives he touched along the way.

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Pagosa Springs Chamber Annual Gala and Community Awards set for Friday

By **Sandy Douthey**
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is rolling out the red carpet for its Annual Gala and Community Awards — an evening that blends celebration and recognition at the Pagosa Lake Property Owners Association (PLPOA) Clubhouse this Friday, Feb. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The gala will gather business owners, nonprofit leaders and residents

for live music, a catered dinner and the presentation of the Chamber's coveted Community Awards. The event is open to the public, not just Chamber members.

Guests will be treated to dinner and dessert, alongside a cash bar and a silent auction. Live music will be provided by Michael Dae Hanlon.

The best part of the night will be the Community Awards ceremony, where we will recognize individuals, small businesses and nonprofits that have made a measurable impact

on Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County. Honors include Non-Profit of the Year, Small Business of the Year, Citizen of The Year and Volunteer of the Year.

The gala also serves as an opportunity to introduce the newly elected members of the 2026 board of directors, as well as honor our outgoing board members.

We appreciate and thank all of the sponsors and volunteers who are making this night a truly successful evening for everyone.



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with firsthand experience supporting students: teachers, parents, grant writers, and individuals involved with the library, parks and recreation programs, and even non-profits and businesses supporting safe places and services for kids and families already concentrated downtown.

What many of these comments had in common was a belief that schools are more than buildings. People spoke about the value of keeping students connected to a walkable

downtown network of learning, recreation, and cultural spaces.

Places like Yamaguchi Park, the San Juan River and Reservoir Hill have long been a unique part of how kids learn, play, and grow in Pagosa Springs. Some also raised thoughtful questions about how the district's existing, centrally located properties might continue to serve students and build on past investments.

No matter where you stand on the path forward, it's important that this part of the conversation is recog-

nized.

Public processes work better when people feel their experiences and values are heard, even when there are hard choices and real disagreements.

As decisions continue, I hope the care and good faith people brought to this process remain visible, along with an honest recognition that reasonable people can disagree about what will best serve students and families in Pagosa Springs.

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Healthy Archuleta discusses food hub and food hall project with commissioners

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard from representatives of Healthy Archuleta about the organization’s plans for a food hub and food hall during the BoCC’s Jan. 27 work session.

Healthy Archuleta’s Vanessa Skean explained they have been working through a year-long process gathering information from community members and stakeholders about how a local food hub and food hall could serve the community and contribute to the local economy.

“This project focuses a lot on economic development,” Skean said, explaining the food hub project aligns with the county’s goals and priorities of diversifying the local economy.

Skean mentioned that part of the process has included looking into how much money is spent on food locally within the county, as Healthy Archuleta is “really focusing on a project that helps keep some of those dollars local through local food purchase to support small food business.”

She went on to talk about how the food hub project focuses on the community’s youth by offering workforce development opportunities locally, highlighting again how the project is intended to be an “economic hub for the community.”

Skean added that focusing on creating workforce pathways locally will allow young people to stay in the community, “instead of having to leave being the primary objective of young people.”

She then spoke about witnessing disruptions over the past year with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

“This infrastructure really looks at how we can support emergency preparedness and resilience” by being able to quickly move resources around in community in a coordinated manner while also strengthening local food supply chains, she noted.

Skean explained how community well-being has been incorporated into the process, commenting, “We all want this to be a healthy, happy place to live,” which entails expanding access to healthy, locally produced food for the community.

Skean provided more on what a food hub and food hall is, explaining that Healthy Archuleta is looking to develop a “year-round shared-use

facility” that supports the county’s local food system, farmers, ranchers and small food businesses.

She noted that there will be access to local food through a small retail market business space, along with space for community gatherings.

Skean mentioned that the project is “really looking at supporting the whole local food system,” including the production side and the distribution side.

Skean explained that Healthy Archuleta was “very fortunate” to get connected with a team of architects through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that supports these kinds of projects across the country.

She then explained why there is a need for a food hub and food hall in the county, explaining that Healthy Archuleta has done “extensive community engagement” and found there is currently a limited amount of shared infrastructure that food producers and retailers have access to.

“The main piece of infrastructure is a shared community commercial kitchen,” Skean said of the plans for the food hub and food hall. “That desire for access to those kinds of spaces has been evident in the community.”

Skean also commented on how the community experiences seasonal population fluctuations with visitors, noting there are some opportunities for growers and producers to bring their products to market with things like the summertime farmers market, “but we need a space where people can sell and access local goods year-round.”

Skean further noted that Healthy Archuleta has seen community members experience issues with food access.

“We have continued to see more and more community members access food pantry services since the pandemic,” she said.

She noted that the food hub and food hall will also provide space for Healthy Archuleta to continue its mission to support charitable food access.

“We as an organization are very intentionally community-driven,” Skean said, explaining the planning process behind the food hub and food hall project, which has included a steering committee that Healthy Archuleta refers to as a Community Learning and Leadership Circle (CLLC).

Skean explained the CLLC is made up of a wide variety of community members — county and town representatives, business owners, food truck and restaurant owners, ranchers, farmers and growers.

Other community engagement was carried out by performing a needs assessment with folks in the local food system, along with community outreach events, Skean noted, highlighting that more than 300 community members have been involved in the process over the past year.

She also spoke about how the project is centered around providing community space, such as a shared commercial kitchen and indoor vendor spaces providing market access, along with an “anchor restaurant vendor” that would provide a space for sit-down meal opportunities.

Storage for food business would also be incorporated, Skean noted, explaining that there will be room for dry, frozen and refrigerated storage.

She also explained that there will be space outside the building for things like community gardens and potentially a greenhouse growing dome.

A space for indoor food production using hydroponics would also be included, Skean noted.

She went on to explain that Healthy Archuleta had a market analysis performed that looked at resident and visitor spending on food, noting that, with a conservative approach, roughly \$89 million is spent on food in the county annually.

She explained the numbers from that assessment were used to model how the food hub can capture some of that spending and keep dollars in the community.

Skean explained that Healthy Archuleta was “very fortunate” to get connected with a team of architects through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that supports these kinds of projects across the country.

She noted that the group offers no-cost design services and develops concept drawings that takes all community feedback into consideration and responds to that need.

Skean mentioned that, based on

these models, Healthy Archuleta would like to capture 0.5 percent of the \$89 million that is spent on food.

She noted that a conservative approach was very intentionally taken, and that possibly by year five of running the food hub those numbers could increase to 2.5 percent.

Skean estimated that 25 to 40 small food businesses could be supported by the facility, and that 60 to 80 jobs could be created or enhanced.

She went on to mention that based on input from the USDA, the cost to build the infrastructure of the food hub and food hall is roughly \$6 million to \$7 million, though the final budget will depend on the site selection and if it is possible to have land donated for the project.

“Really hoping this project can be a public-private partnership,” Skean said.

She explained the hope is to have a site acquired in the next 12 months, with a timeline of three years to raise funds for the build, and then a two-year construction timeline after that, with the goal of opening the facility at the end of 2028.

Skean mentioned that Healthy Archuleta will be launching a capital campaign to fund the infrastructure.

“We will be going after grant funding as part of our capital campaign,” she added.

Commissioner John Ranson commented, “This, to me, is truly an economic development project for the community.”

In response to a question from Ranson, Skean explained that current site designs feature about a 2.5 acre parcel that includes a 10,000-square-foot building, space for parking and other outdoor areas.

“This would be a wonderful addition to our community for economic development, so I really like it,” Commissioner Veronica Medina said.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented in support of the project, stating, “I also think it’s a great idea.”

Brown mentioned the BoCC has long supported Healthy Archuleta, “and I think we will continue to do so.”

Brown noted that this is a need he does not see going away anytime soon, and agreed that this “is a big economic driver” that could even be a “cornerstone in the community.”

For more information about Healthy Archuleta’s Community Food Hub and Hall, visit www.food-coalition4archuleta.org/community-food-hub.html.

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Charter school students to celebrate projects, showcase works at Feb. 5 Winter Expo

Pagosa Peak Open School

Education at Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) often extends beyond the four walls of the classroom, and this winter, the sixth-grade class is taking that mission to our community.

On a recent morning, students visited the food share space at the Community United Methodist Church to get a firsthand look at how neighbors support neighbors. The visit is part of the students’ current project, “Winter Weather Heroes.”

“By understanding winter weather, students have become community heroes who use data, empathy and problem-solving to take action and support their community during the toughest season,” Project-Based Learning (PBL) Advisor Rue Graham said. “Even though our winter has been extremely mild, we learned about the implications of that, too. Applied real-world science is what it’s all about.”

The food share trip focused on the concept of mutual aid — a model of community support where resources, time and responsibility are shared among equals. Lessons emphasized the distinction between traditional charity and caring with a community, encouraging students to see themselves as active participants in local well-being.

“The operation is a lot more than giving out food,” sixth-grader Emmett said. “Instead of just giving them bags of food, they want to remove barriers for people by giving them choices around what people want and need. It makes it so it’s not like a normal charity where you have to take what you are given.”

This initial trip was just the beginning of the students’ involvement. As part of their PBL curriculum, the sixth-graders are scheduled to return to the food share space two more times this season. During these future visits, they will work directly alongside community members, transitioning from observers to active contributors.

“We’re proud of our students for showing empathy, teamwork, and a growing sense of civic responsibility,”

PPOS Director Emily Murphy said.

By engaging with local “Winter Heroes” and participating in mutual aid, PPOS students are learning that civic duty is a year-round commitment to their Pagosa Springs neighbors.

In addition to working with the food pantry, students will be handing out blankets as a part of Blankets of Hope.

“I like this project because we actually get to help all people, including adults. We get to give to homeless people who don’t have what we have,”

sixth-grader Riley said.

“Blankets of Hope is really cool because you get to write letters and give blankets, which makes people’s day better. And our snowiest month is February, which is coming up. I like that I can help people,” sixth-grader Cambria said.

This project will be celebrated during the school’s Winter Expo at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5, which is open to the public.

Sixth-graders will share their learning and manage a winter clothing

swap, along with the kindergartner and third-graders who will be celebrating as well: a Blankets of Hope project studied preparation for different types of weather, and a makers’ market. All three projects will be showcased, along with a showing of the kids’ version of the Backcountry Skiing Film Fest and snacks.

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are financed by U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development 502 Direct mortgages, which provide longer-term, low down payment and low-interest financing, and are covered by deed restrictions that are designed to ensure that they remain affordable in the future.

Habitat uses modular construction to minimize home prices, Ballard explained, adding that Habitat currently works with a home supplier based out of Albuquerque, N.M.

She noted that, for the 2025 build season where the organization built four homes, Habitat received 4,594 volunteer hours of assistance from the community, and 34 local businesses and organizations contributed about \$73,000 in in-kind labor.

Ballard added that Habitat also brought \$250,000 in Colorado Department of Housing grant funds to the community and took other steps to promote affordable housing at a regional and national level.

During her presentation, Ballard also introduced members of two of the families who will partner with Habitat to build and purchase a home in 2026.

Both spoke of the stability that owning a home would provide and how Habitat would make that possible for them.

She then made her request for a waiver, asking that PAWSO waive the CIFs for four homes, including \$36,908 in water CIFs and \$64,672 in wastewater CIFs.

She added that the families who will occupy these homes make between 59 percent and 78 percent of AMI.

PAWSO board chairman Gene Tautges commented that he is an “apartment person” and that he believes that many people in the community are starting their careers and cannot afford a home.

He asked if Habitat would be able to consider building apartment complexes.

Ballard stated that this would be possible, but that Habitat had been tasked by Archuleta County with building homes on lots the county donated within the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA), where getting the exceptions to the homeowners’ association rules needed to build apartments is likely unfeasible.

Following more discussion of the feasibility of building apartments in the PLPOA, Tautges commented that one person he talked to told him that he needed a job more than he needed a house and suggested that community development should focus on getting more stores and apartments in the community.

He added that younger people in the community living in apartments is “normal.”

PAWSO board member Glenn Walsh commented that providing housing to lower AMI residents requires much more “faith” and “trust” than providing it to wealthier residents.

“I always compare it to volunteering to be a math tutor, but I only want kids who are 140 percent of the ... average state score,” Walsh said.

Walsh added that he also has increased trust in Habitat since it consistently reports to PAWSO if the income of one of their partner families rises above 80 percent AMI, which the board has previously designated as a threshold for its willingness to provide fee waivers for affordable housing projects.

PAWSO board member Bruce Jones moved to grant Habitat’s request for waivers, which was seconded by board member Alex Boehmer.

Boehmer stated that he previously voted against granting fees waivers for Habitat’s 2025 projects, although he voted yes on a subsequent vote on waivers for the same projects.

He commented that he is pleased that the homes are being built in Chris Mountain Village II since that helps move forwards toward meeting the requirements for an infrastructure development grant that the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation obtained for the area.

Boehmer added that he feels that Habitat are “the best partners to work with.”

He stated that the projects also benefit the PAWSO ratepayers by helping accomplish the goals of the grant and helping Archuleta County meet its grant obligations.

“I want to see the county honor their grants so that we can continue to

get more grants so that we can make this as affordable of a place as we can to live,” he said. “I’m not going to say affordable, because it’s not.

“I’ve appreciated your honesty and your integrity and your willingness to talk with me even when we disagreed, and I think you guys do an amazing job.”

Tautges then spoke, noting that his comments were “not going to be real popular, I’m sure.”

He questioned the board and Ballard about what the interest rate on the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority loan he received in 1976 was.

Following several guesses, Tautges revealed that the interest rate was 8.75 percent.

He then commented that he was “thankful” and “proud” to hear Habitat’s presentation and that he believes that Habitat is “bar none, the most efficient, quality entity in this county, and we’re glad you’re here.

“But, full disclosure, what you’re actually askin’ for is \$101,580 for these four units.”

Tautges then urged Habitat to pursue options to develop apartments, reiterating his interest in developing apartments and his belief that working on apartments would increase the number of people who benefit from Habitat’s work.

The board then voted on granting the waivers, with four board members voting in support and Tautges voting in opposition.

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agenda, the scope of the project will entail providing a community plan “to address statutory requirements related to the Water Supply Element and Strategic Growth Element, consistent with comments provided by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). All Tasks shall take into consideration the priorities, milestones, and recommended actions as set forth in the 2025-2028 Archuleta Strategic Plan.”

During the BoCC’s work session, County Manager Longinos Gonzalez explained that DOLA offers a matching grant program for these types of projects that would cover 50 percent of the total cost.

Gonzalez also explained that the community plan was last updated in 2017, “and as part of the state requirements for different activities, such as [Proposition 123], staying compliant with the regulations anytime the community plan is updated, or should be updated, must include certain aspects of that.”

He noted those aspects include looking at things like strategic growth areas, housing options and water considerations that “need to be included.”

Gonzalez mentioned that the county was able to review the previous plan with DOLA and received feedback on what needs to be updated.

Gonzalez mentioned that the RFP would be open for 30 days, with a deadline of March 6, also noting that the RFP could include a cost cap, “so that the bidders know that this is a small county with a limited budget.”

Ranson stated, “You know where I stand on this. I struggle with these plans.”

He stated the county spent money on a strategic plan that has yet to be completed.

“My two cents is focus on the strategic plan, and ... I’m not in favor of this,” he said, explaining that he wants the county to raise money for the Road and Bridge Department.

“Every step we take to spend money on different things is hurting our chances of raising \$1 million dollars, or whatever we’re trying to raise,” Ranson said. “I just think there’s more important things that we need to focus on.”

While stating that he tends to agree with Ranson, Brown expressed that this particular community plan update is tied to other grant funds for the county in the future.

Gonzalez confirmed that the county would have to be in compliance for other grants, noting that some of the work could be done in-house.

“It’d be a lot of work, but, yes, some of these need to be updated

as part of our other grants that we’re looking at moving forward with in the future,” Gonzalez said.

County Attorney Cathleen Giovannini weighed in, as well, indicating that the county is mandated by the state to do some of the things included in the update.

She acknowledged that it may be an “unfunded mandate,” but noted that it is coming from the state.

Brown expressed that he wants to make sure the county is approaching this with “the slimmest margin that we can.”

He asked if the county should move forward with including \$70,000 to be spent on the update, or if the county could go lower to \$50,000.

Gonzalez noted that matching funds through DOLA’s grant program could essentially double the amount the county could spend on the update.

“The probability is very high that we could hit that 50 percent match,” he said, explaining the grant is a “pretty standard one” the state provides to most communities.

Gonzalez also noted that other grants for the county are tied to making sure the community plan is updated.

“I agree with my fellow commissioners; I really wish we wouldn’t have to spend money on the community plan,” Medina said, explaining that one of her priorities is to get the community plan updated “only because every time [the Planning Department] comes before the BoCC, they refer to this outdated document.”

She explained how that then “ties our community to outdated policies, and we really need to get things updated.”

Medina also expressed she’d like to scale back on what is put in the community plan document, indicating she’d like to focus only on what’s being required by the state and language needed to be compliant with Proposition 123.

She mentioned that it’d be nice to get down to the “bare bones,” because “it is an unfunded mandate, and we do need to protect the community.”

The matter was discussed more during the BoCC’s regular meeting prior to the commissioners voting to approve the RFP, with Gonzalez explaining that the goal may be to have the updated community plan accepted or adopted by the BoCC by the end of the year, citing concerns about meeting requirements outlined in Proposition 123.

However, Gonzalez also indicated that DOLA expressed to him that the project could extend into 2027, as long as the county is “on a path or track to complete those updates in compliance with ... state require-

ments.”

Ranson expressed again that he is opposed to the plan, stating, “I’m not a big fan of mandates by the state. They can’t even manage their own money.”

Gonzalez then noted that DOLA also indicated to him that it would likely be difficult to get a contract bid for anything under \$100,000 for the project.

Brown brought up questions about if the county should put in a price cap of \$70,000, or \$140,000, noting that he does not want the county to be on the hook for the entire \$140,000 if a DOLA grant is not awarded.

Brown and Medina expressed that language should be included in the RFP to let bidders know that the contract may not be executed if the county does not receive a matching DOLA grant.

Medina also mentioned that she is not comfortable spending more than \$70,000 from the county’s funds for the project.

She went on to state, “I, too, do not like unfunded mandates,” explaining that she has “disliked” the community plan for a while now.

She asked, “But we’re required to have this document, right?”

Giovannini indicated “yes,” explaining that state laws are mandating updates on certain aspects of jurisdiction’s community plans.

Medina moved to approve the RFP with the county not exceeding spending more than \$70,000 out of its funds. Brown seconded the motion.

Medina offered more comments before voting on the motion, noting that Ranson brought up good points about unfunded mandates, indicating more of those conversations are coming, but “unfortunately it looks like we need to have this — we’re required to have it, and more requirements that are not funded will be going into this document.”

She added, “Our Planning Department is using an outdated community plan that’s not helping our community overall.”

She suggested the county needs to move forward and be strategic about its development, describing the update as a “necessary evil.”

Medina’s motion was then approved 2-1, with Ranson voting against.

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Archuleta County Republican Women to meet Feb. 11

By **Michele Turney**
Archuleta County Republican Women

The Archuleta County Republican Women (ACRW) will have their February meeting at Boss Hogg’s

Restaurant on Feb. 11 from noon to 1 p.m. Lunch orders will begin at 11:30.

Dave Cuyler will be explaining the caucus process.

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County approves snow removal contract for Stevens Field Airport, hangar leases

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During its Jan. 20 regular meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously approved a contract for services with Concrete Connection to provide snow removal services at Stevens Field Airport, along with two airport hangar assignment leases.

Airport Manager Chris Torres briefed the BoCC on the items during a work session held earlier that day, explaining that the county only received one bid for snow removal services for the 2024-2025 season.

Torres mentioned that the contractor was unable to commit to a three-year contract, with the contractor expressing concerns about having enough employees going forward.

He added that the contract has come up again to allow the county to give Concrete Connection the first right of refusal going forward.

“So, that’s what the snow contract was all about,” Torres said, explaining the county is trying to retain the con-

tractor for as long as possible.

Torres also commented that the budget for the snow removal is “high,” but that it may not all be used depending on how much it snows over the winter season.

In response to a question from Commissioner Warren Brown, Torres explained that the contractor is paid an hourly rate of \$75 per person per snow event, with no minimum charge incorporated.

Commissioner Veronica Medina noted the last bill for snow removal services at the airport was around \$1,800, as Torres noted the contractor uses a five-person crew.

Torres also explained that the county owns specialized snow removal equipment for the airport that is used by the contractor.

“We do have specialized equipment for the airport,” he said, noting that if the contractor has to bring in his own equipment, then the rate goes up to \$150 per hour per person.

In response to a question from Commissioner John ranson, Torres explained that the county began

purchasing snow removal equipment for the airport in 2019, with the last piece of equipment purchased three years ago being a dump truck with a 24-foot plow auctioned off by Denver International Airport.

“And that’s where most of our equipment comes from,” Torres said.

He noted that the county only had to pay approximately \$2,500 for the dump truck with the cost being a 90 percent/10 percent split with the state.

Brown described that as “very affordable.”

Torres then provided information on revenue the county receives from hangar leases at the airport, noting this year revenues will total at \$104,488.80 just from hangar leases.

Torres also noted that property tax totals for 2025 are going to be \$179,585.33, clarifying that those numbers are only for hangars at the airport field.

Torres explained the county leases ground space per square foot to individuals to then build a hangar on.

He indicated that the county charges around 68 to 70 cents per

square foot, and that price goes up annually.

Torres then explained how lease assumptions work on the hangars, noting that the county offers 25-year renewable leases, but that people can sell their hangars and transfer the lease.

Medina then asked how much the county receives on hangar leases, with Torres referring to the \$104,488.80 figure previously noted.

“That’s what we receive for just hangar leases?” Medina asked, noting that with 79 hangars on the airport, field that comes out to about \$1,300 per hangar per year.

Medina acknowledged that it is expensive to build a hangar, but suggested the county might want to review its pricing before Torres noted that pricing is on par with the industry standard.

Torres also clarified that the county does not build any hangars, and only leases the land for them.

“We’re right there in the ballpark,” Torres said.

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Snowpack

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sitting well below median SWE.

The conditions are also being reflected by the U.S. Drought Monitor’s map, which shows all of Archuleta County being in drought.

According to the Jan. 29 update, 100 percent of the county is abnormally dry, with 47.98 percent — primarily the northern half of the county

— being in moderate drought.

The drought status is better than a year ago, however.

One year prior, when all of Archuleta County was also in drought, 79.95 percent of the county fell into the severe drought category.

Forecasters are predicting some moisture could move into the area next week.

The National Weather Service’s Climate Prediction Center predicts chances for below-average precipitation for the area and above-normal temperatures for February, though the 6-10 Day Outlooks forecasts above-average chances for precipitation.

According to Pagosa Weather, the area will be dry and see “Lots of sun and temps around 10 degrees above

average,” but could see a more active weather pattern beginning around Feb. 10 and 11.

According to a forecast written by Pagosa Weather’s Shawn Prochazka on Feb. 2, “The models continue to indicate a more active weather pattern starting 10 or 11 Feb. Precip amounts are gradually trending up – yay!”

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Council

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a property, he explained, adding that zone one “is intended to not have any combustible materials from plant life, woodchips and anything in between.”

“Zones two and three are a little more flexible on allowances,” he said.

The Planning Department would conduct a “site visit to ensure the landscaping plans meet the intent of the [new] code” before a final certificate of occupancy (CO) would be granted to an applicant for new construction, he explained.

Hatch added that, as the town’s building official, he would be responsible for interpreting and enforcing the new code once it’s adopted, and that he’d have some flexibility.

Hatch explained that existing buildings would not need to change anything to meet the new requirements, but that the new code would be triggered if an owner wants to remodel or replace 25 percent or more of the roof or siding on an existing building.

He explained, for example, if more than 25 percent of a roof or siding is being replaced, then the entire roof or siding would need to come into compliance with the code.

If you are doing less than 25 percent of a roof or siding replacement, “then you don’t have to worry about this code at all,” he said.

For new builds, he explained, the “intensity classifications will determine what the ‘hardening’ is that you have to do.”

“In low-intensity areas,” he said, “you have to do a class 1 hardening ... it’s very minimal what you have to do, but in moderate- and high-intensity areas you have to do a class 2 hardening,” adding that there are three intensity zones in the code, but only two hardening classifications.

“It’s very clear that the state is not gonna babysit us,” he said, adding that the code leaves some “flexibility and decision making to local” jurisdictions.

He added, “A lot in this code just

makes sense,” adding that it only applies to new construction and “we don’t have to go back on existing homes.”

He added that, while the code mostly applies to new construction, he hopes that the new code will “educate people to do the right thing,” as far as fire mitigation.

Council member Gary Williams expressed concern that the added burden of meeting the new code for new construction might add to the costs of building workforce housing in the community.

Hatch noted that bigger costs would come for “custom” home-builders, and that for traditional affordable/workforce housing it might add an estimated “5 to 10 percent maximum” to the construction costs.

“It’s really determined by what style of home you’re building,” he said.

Williams expressed that he also hopes that the new code would help educate people to do their part to

help mitigate fire hazards, suggesting that the town employ its communications team to get the word out about how to be firewise.

He added he hopes that if people do their part, “we could get rid of all these red zones” in the area depicted on the state fire hazard maps.

Development Director James Dickhoff ended by saying “hopefully we can protect our residential homes so they can survive long into the future.”

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Rate

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water rose from \$9,227 to \$9,504 per EU, while the wastewater capital investment fee rose to \$16,654 per EU from \$16,168.

Equity buy-in fees for water were increased from \$4,706 to \$6,571, while equity buy-in fees for wastewater rose from \$3,372 to \$3,430.

The board packet for the meeting indicates that equity buy-in fees are calculated from the net audited assets for the district’s water and wastewater fund divided by the total number of EUs and availability accounts in the district.

It adds that the increase was driven by major asset capitalizations

and depreciation of assets.

Fees for waste haulers to deposit waste for treatment by PAWSD also increased from \$22.44 per 100 gallons to \$24.01.

Additionally, the fee increases approved by the board included changes to monthly availability fees, raw water charges and other miscellaneous fees.

Prior to the vote to approve the fees, PAWSD board chairman Gene Tautges commented that he was hoping to see a reduction in fees due to declining costs of commodities like fuel.

However, he added that these changes have not impacted the price

of items related to water and wastewater service and that increases are necessary to ensure the district is meeting its costs.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh commented on the fact that some fees for turning on or off meters and other activities reliant on PAWSD staff had gone down and asked what drove this change.

PAWSD District Manager Andy Connor explained that the district has replaced many staff with a long tenure at the district with less experienced staff and that costs have decreased due to these staff members’ lesser salaries.

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Archuleta County Democrats invite community to take part in caucus and assembly March 7

By Leslie Cole
Archuleta County Democrats

The Archuleta County Democratic Party will hold its caucus and assembly on March 7 at 9 a.m. by Zoom, where community members will help shape the future of the party and decide which candidates move forward to the June 30 Democratic primary ballot.

Any registered Democrat in the county is welcome to participate in

the virtual meeting.

Attendees must register for the meeting in advance. Participants will vote on candidates in contested races across the ballot, including U.S. Senate, governor, attorney general, secretary of state and treasurer. They will also select three local delegates to the state assembly.

“Caucus and assembly is how everyday Democrats have a real say in what our party stands for and who

represents us,” said Shawna Seed, Archuleta County chair.

If you’re currently registered as unaffiliated and you want to participate, you will need to update your party registration no later than Thursday, Feb. 12. To check your voter registration and make changes, go to govotecolorado.org.

For more information and to register for the caucus, go to archuleta-dems.org.

Archuleta County Democratic Club to meet Feb. 16

By Lynn R. Frederick
Archuleta County Democratic Club

Leah Ballard from Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County will speak at the Feb. 16 meeting of the Archuleta County Democratic Club.

The club meets at 11:30 a.m. at Coyote Moon.

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County partners with future home-

owners and volunteers to build affordable housing. Pagosa Springs faces a critical shortage of affordable housing, and Habitat has plans to build 15 houses over five years. Come to our meeting to learn more about Habitat and how you can support this necessary nonprofit in our community.

The Archuleta County Democratic Club meets every month. The club gives local Democrats the opportunity

to meet with other Democrats, to hear speakers from the community, to meet candidates for local and national offices, and to hear about topics of timely interest. All are welcome to attend.

Please plan to come by 11:30 a.m. to order lunch. The speaker will present at noon. Having cash will facilitate ordering.

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BASKETBALL

Pirates pick up trio of wins, to face Monte Vista next

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team improved 8-8 after three straight wins over the last week.

The Pirates began the streak with a 57-55 win over Bayfield at home on Friday, Jan. 30.

The Pirates took the lead early in the game, leading 13-8 at the end of the first and 32-25 at the half. Both teams scored 16 in the third, making it a 48-41 game heading into the final quarter.

With four minutes to go in the game the Pirates were up 10 points, but the Wolverines fought back to tie it up with under a minute left.

In the final seconds of the game, Creede Dozier made a pass to Duke Ketchum, who made a game-winning layup in front of the home crowd.

“You know, it’s always a fun one to win against Bayfield at your own place,” said coach Brandon Forster. “The last second shot [was] fun for us, [but] better for the crowd.”

The Pirates had three players finish in double figures. Ty Richey led the boys in scoring with 17 points, Dozier had 11 of his own and Ketchum scored 10. Jeremiah Jones and Jayton Ross each had eight points, and Kasen Limebrook scored three to round out the scoring.

As a team the Pirates shot 38 percent on free throws, 59 percent from the field and 57 percent from the 3-point line and assisted on 17 of their 23 made field goals.

They also grabbed 26 rebounds, led by six from Jones. Dozier and Richey each pulled down five, Ketchum had four, Ross had three, Bode Hubbard had two, and Jerry Dean had one.

The Pirates turned the ball over 15 times.

“I think, for us, we kind of started trusting ourselves to shoot the ball,” Forster said. “And watching it go in the hole kind of gets contagious.”

The Pirates trailed 10-8 at the end of the first, and the teams were tied 19-19 at halftime.

The Pirates really tuned up their defense in the second half, holding the Falcons to only eight points, noted Forster, adding that, after starting out in a zone press, the boys moved into a man defense in the second half that helped them secure the win.

The Pirates outscored the Falcons 9-2 in the third and 9-6 in the fourth.

Dozier led the team in scoring with 14 points, Richey added eight, Jones had seven, Ketchum had four and Ross scored three points. Limebrook had one point to round out the scoring.

As a team, the Pirates shot 29 percent from the field, 36 percent on 3-pointers and 56 percent from the foul line. They assisted on nine of their 12 made field goals.

The team logged 28 rebounds. Jones led with nine, followed by five each by Dozier and Ketchum. Dean pulled down four, Richey notched three, and Limebrook and Ross each had one.

The Pirates turned the ball over 13 times.

“I felt like we kind of found our identity for the season as far as being more of a man team that can get out and help each other,” said Forster.

The Pirates got their third straight win on Tuesday, Feb. 5, beating Del Norte 82-46 at home.

Despite Del Norte battling hard in the first half, the boys were able to



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Randi Pierce

Pirate Duke Ketchum puts up a shot against the Del Norte Tigers on Tuesday, Feb. 3. Ketchum had 26 points over three games last week, with the Pirates winning all three.

execute down the stretch and pull away, Forster explained.

The Pirates led 21-15 at the end of the first and 39-26 by halftime.

The Pirates then outscored the Tigers 21-8 in the third to move to a 60-34 lead heading into the fourth. The Pirates again bested Del Norte in the fourth, this time, 22-12, to finish with the 82-46 win.

Four Pirates finished the game in

“You know, it’s always a fun one to win against Bayfield at your own place. The last second shot [was] fun for us, [but] better for the crowd.”

Coach Brandon Forster

double-figures for scoring. Dozier once again led the team in scoring with 16 points, Ketchum and Ross each had 12 apiece, and Jones had 11. Limebrook added eight, Hubbard and Richey each had seven points and Koen Pitcher, Dean and Hudson Davis each had three points to round out the scoring for the Pirates.

As a team, the Pirates shot 50 percent from the field, 33 percent from the 3-point line and 78 percent from the free-throw line. They assisted on 17 of their 29 made field goals.

The Pirates totaled 39 rebounds, led by Dozier’s nine. Ketchum and Jones each logged seven, Richey had four and Pitcher had three. Dean, Limebrook, Davis and Ross each

pulled down two. Hubbard notched one rebound.

The Pirates finished with 12 steals and turned the ball over 15 times.

Forster noted he got a chance to play a lot of his bench at the end of the game, giving guys who don’t play a whole lot the chance to get some minutes.

“It’s good to get all those guys in,” he said. “You know, that’s kind of what I want to do, build a program, give minutes to kids that will play next year.”

The Pirates have two more games left this week, with a chance to improve their record above .500 for the first time since Dec. 13, 2025.

First, the team will head to Monte Vista on Friday, Feb. 6, to take on the 3A Monte Vista Pirates, a team they beat earlier this year.

Monte Vista is 9-6 on the season. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Pagosa’s Pirates will then return to their home court on Saturday, Feb. 7, to host the Ignacio Bobcats.

The Bobcats, who the Pirates beat earlier this season, are 8-8 on the season.

Tip-off is set for 4 p.m. Forster emphasized that the boys understand not to look ahead and only think one game at a time.

They’re realizing that they don’t have many more games left together, so they want to continue to put forth their best effort, he added.

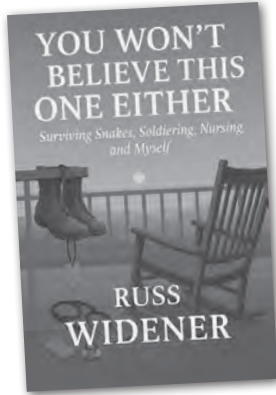
“It’s always hard to beat a team twice, you know, in a year,” said Forster. “So, we’re not taking anything for granted.”

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SWIMMING

Lady Pirates break another school record, log personal bests in Durango

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team competed in a pair of “very successful” meets last week.

The team competed in Durango’s Friday Night Invite on Friday, Jan. 30, and then had another dual against Durango again on Saturday, Jan. 31.

“We had very successful meets this weekend, with swimmers stepping up to compete in a mix of their strongest events as well as some challenging and less familiar ones,” wrote coach Heather Miller in an email to The SUN. “The results were outstanding, with numerous personal best and season best performances across both meets.”

The first event Friday was the 200-yard medley relay. The team of Marlowe Hedgecock, Leah Blackman, Grace Cram and Gianna Shaeffer finished second with a time of two minutes, 26.41 seconds. The team of Brooklyn Trujillo, Avery Book, Kailen Taylor and Cheyenne Trujillo finished fifth with a time of 3:16.70. The team of Ruby Snell, Leilani Snell, Natalia Monterroso and Angela Gomez was disqualified.

Four swimmers competed in the 200-yard freestyle. Chloe Gantt swam a 2:25.57 and finished second. Asia Gorman swam a 2:31.58 and finished fourth. Gomez swam a 2:47.02 and finished sixth, cutting more than six seconds off her best time. Kailey Vincent swam a 3:11.42 and finished seventh, cutting more than a second off her previous best time.

Eight swimmers competed in the 200-yard individual medley relay. Shaeffer placed third, swimming a 3:10.54 and dropping more than four seconds from her previous best time. Cram swam a 3:17.71 and placed fourth, dropping 0.64 seconds from her previous best. Blackman swam a 3:18.87 and placed fifth, dropping almost three seconds from her previous best time. Ruby Snell swam a 3:20.88 and placed sixth, dropping more than 10 seconds off her previous best time. Monterroso swam a 3:21.39 and placed seventh. Brooklyn Trujillo swam a 3:38.58 and placed eighth. Taylor swam a 5:26.10 and placed ninth. Lucia Rivera was disqualified.

Six swimmers competed in the 50-yard freestyle. Hedgecock won the event with a time of 30.81 seconds. Leilani Snell finished fifth with a 33.14. Book finished ninth with a 36.60. Isabela Forster finished 10th with 36.75. Shantee Murphy finished 13th with a 37.61. Arya Patel finished 15th with a 44.50.

Three swimmers competed in the 100-yard butterfly. Monterroso placed fifth with a 1:35.15, Vincent placed sixth with a 1:51.81 and Taylor placed seventh with a 2:34.99.

All three swimmers were new to the event, Miller points out.

Three swimmers competed in the 100-yard freestyle. Gomez placed first with a time of 1:12.37, dropping more than five seconds off her previous personal best. Cheyenne Trujillo dropped more than six seconds, swimming a 1:22.22 and placed third. Angelique Buffum placed fifth with a 1:41.04.

Five Pirates swam the 500-yard freestyle. Gantt placed first with a 6:41.38. Gorman followed, placing second with a 6:57.41. Cram swam a 7:20.08 and placed fourth. Leilani Snell placed fifth and swam a 8:28.43, dropping more than eight seconds from her previous personal best. Forster swam a 9:51.51 and placed sixth, dropping more than 15 seconds from her previous personal best.

The Pirates had four teams compete in the 200-yard freestyle relay. The team of Blackman, Gomez, Monterroso and Leilani Snell swam a 2:14.96 and placed third. The team of Brooklyn Trujillo, Book, Cheyenne Trujillo and Vincent swam a 2:30.69 and placed fifth. The team of Murphy, Taylor, Rivera and Patel swam a 3:03.57 and placed sixth. The team of Ruby Snell, Cram, Gorman and Gantt was disqualified.

Five swimmers competed in the 100-yard backstroke. Hedgecock swam a 1:20.16 and placed third,



Photo courtesy Heather Miller

Lady Pirate Brooklyn Trujillo swims in Durango last week. The team took to the waters in Durango for a pair of meets on Jan. 30 and 31, with the team recording a number of personal bests.

dropping almost two seconds off her previous personal best. Shaeffer swam a 1:35.99 and placed seventh, dropping more than 13 seconds from her previous personal best. Brooklyn Trujillo swam a 1:55.72 and placed eighth. Buffum swam a 2:12.55 and placed 10th. Murphy was disqualified.

Six swimmers competed in the 100-yard breaststroke, the final individual event of the meet. Blackman placed fourth after swimming a 1:29.12. Ruby Snell placed seventh after swimming a 1:42.11, knocking more than three seconds off her previous personal best. Book swam a 1:44.69 and placed 10th, knocking more than 12 seconds off her previous personal best. Rivera placed 11th after swimming a 1:45.15, knocking almost six seconds off her previous personal best. Cheyenne Trujillo placed 12th after swimming a 1:55.59, and Patel finished 13th after swimming a 2:14.84, knocking more than two seconds off her previous personal best.

The final event of the meet was the 400-yard freestyle relay. The team of Gorman, Shaeffer, Hedgecock and Gantt placed first after swimming a 4:33.28. The team of Murphy, Buffum, Forster and Rivera placed fourth after swimming 6:18.80.

Gorman, Shaeffer, Hedgecock and Gantt broke a 6-year-old school record with their time in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

In her email, Miller calls it the biggest highlight of the weekend.

Then, on Saturday, Jan. 31, the Lady Pirates swam against Durango again.

As a team, the girls swam the same 11 events, but each girl switched up her individual events for the meet.

The first event was once again the 200 medley relay. The team of Hedgecock, Blackman, Gantt and Gorman placed second with a 2:18.67. The team of Cram, Shaeffer, Monterroso and Gomez placed fourth with a 2:30.84. The team of Taylor, Forster, Brooklyn Trujillo and Buffum finished sixth and swam a 3:43.06.

Three swimmers swam the 200 freestyle. Murphy came in first, swimming a 3:05.04. Rivera came in fourth, swimming a 3:24.56. Patel came in seventh, swimming a 3:42.52. Rivera swam her personal best by more than six seconds and Patel swam her personal best by almost 11 seconds.

Gorman was the only Lady Pirate to swim the 200 individual medley. She swam a 2:59.06 and placed second.

The 50 freestyle saw nine Lady Pirates compete. Gantt was the top finisher for Pagosa Springs, swimming a time of 28.99 seconds and placing fourth. Gantt dropped 0.14

seconds from her previous personal best. Hedgecock swam a 30.45 and placed fifth. Gomez swam a 31.87 and placed seventh, dropping more than two seconds from her previous personal best. Monterroso swam a 33.25 and placed 10th, dropping just over a second from her previous best time. Vincent swam a 34.55 and placed 12th. Cheyenne Trujillo swam a 35.59 and placed 13th. Brooklyn Trujillo swam a 35.59 and placed 15th. Buffum swam a 42.06 and placed 16th. Taylor swam a 57.89 and placed 18th.

Gorman was the only Lady Pirate in the 100 butterfly. She placed first with a time of 1:26.12.

Hedgecock took first place in the 100 freestyle after she swam a 1:09.81. Shaeffer swam a 1:10.59 and placed second, dropping more than a second off her previous best time. Cram swam a 1:16.17 and placed third. Murphy swam a 1:23.65 and placed fourth. Forster swam a 1:26.23 and placed fifth, dropping more than three seconds from her previous best time.

Five swimmers competed in the 500 freestyle. Monterroso placed 13th after swimming an 8:23.66. Vincent placed 14th after swimming an 8:54.11. Blackman placed 15th after swimming a 9:01.03. Rivera placed 16th after swimming a 9:06.35. Rivera dropped more than 18 seconds from her previous best time. Buffum placed 18th after swimming an 11:03.98.

The next event was the 200 freestyle relay. The team of Gorman, Shaeffer, Hedgecock and Gantt placed first, swimming a 1:59.55. The team of Brooklyn Trujillo, Patel, Murphy and Cheyenne Trujillo placed third, swimming a 2:37.33.

Seven swimmers competed in the 100-yard backstroke. Gantt placed first overall after swimming a 1:15.46. Gantt dropped more than one second from her previous personal best. Cram placed second, swimming a 1:30.19. Gomez placed fourth, swimming a 1:38.46. Gomez dropped more than a second from her previous personal best time. Cheyenne Trujillo swam a 1:40.08 and placed fifth, dropping more than a second from her previous best time. Blackman swam a 1:40.50 and placed sixth, dropping more than seven seconds from her previous personal best. Patel swam a 2:19.80 and placed eighth. Taylor placed ninth and swam a 2:38.12, dropping more than two seconds from her personal best.

Three swimmers competed in the 100 breaststroke, the final individual event of the weekend. Shaeffer placed second with a 1:26.63. Brooklyn Trujillo placed fifth after swimming a 1:51.80. She dropped 0.96 seconds from her previous personal best. For-

ster swam a 2:03.77, dropping more than 27 seconds from her previous best time and finishing sixth.

The final event of the weekend was the 400 freestyle relay. The team of Gomez, Murphy, Monterroso and Cram placed third after swimming a 5:15.09. The team of Vincent, Rivera, Cheyenne Trujillo and Blackman placed fourth after swimming a 5:48.75.

The Lady Pirates will head to Grand Junction this weekend for the conference meet, which will take place on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6 and 7.

“As we head into conference meet week, our focus will be on fine-tuning stroke technique, sharpening starts and turns, and dialing in speed and racing strategy to be fully prepared to race fast when it counts,” wrote Miller.

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BASKETBALL



Lady Pirate Lexi Campbell puts up a shot during the team's 49-11 win over the Bayfield Wolverines on Friday, Jan. 30.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirates win two of three, move to 8-8

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

After winning two of their past three games, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team is now 8-8 on the season.

The Lady Pirates began the three-game stretch with a 49-11 win over the Bayfield Wolverines at home on Friday, Jan. 30.

"Our Bayfield game was a really fun one for the whole team," wrote Sarah Osborn in an email to The SUN. "Our starters and 6th man went out there and took care of business early which gave our swings and younger girls an opportunity to see the varsity floor and have tons of minutes and gain experience. It was truly a whole team effort and fun to be a part of."

The Lady Pirates led 15-0 at the end of the first and 32-6 at halftime.

The Lady Pirates had a balanced scoring attack, with nine players scoring in the game. Ximena Garcia led the team with 13 points, Kaila Limebrook had nine, and Lexi Campbell and Victoria Currier each had five. Charity Domingo, Adelyn Hittle and Amber Snarr each had four points. Dawson Iverson had three points, and Bella Adkisson rounded out the scoring with two points.

The team shot 64 percent from the free-throw line and assisted on 12 of their 19 made field goals.

The girls grabbed 28 rebounds, led by six from Hittle. Currier, Limebrook and Snarr each pulled down four. Campbell logged three. Maddie DeClark, Ahrianna Martinez and Iverson each had two, and Garcia had one.

The Lady Pirates finished with 16 steals and only turned the ball over 11 times.

The Lady Pirates then traveled to La Jara on Saturday, Jan. 31, and lost 48-37 to the Centauri Falcons, who sit as the No. 4 team in Colorado 3A girls' basketball.

The Lady Pirates came out slow in the first half and struggled to connect passes, but after halftime they came out with a new energy, indicates Osborn.

"They were relentless in their defense and started hitting big shots," wrote Osborn. "We had huge momentum going into the fourth, but we had dug too big of a hole for us to

get out of."

Centauri led 12-7 at the end of the first and 31-11 at halftime. The Lady Pirates outscored Centauri 9-6 in the third and 17-11 in the fourth.

Limebrook led the girls with 12 points. Snarr added nine, Domingo and Garcia each had six, and Campbell rounded out the scoring with four points.

"I feel really good about this group and their mindset. They believe in each other, they're competing hard every night, and they understand what's at stake. If we continue to improve and stay focused one game at a time, I like our chances heading into the playoffs in March."
Coach Sarah Osborn

As a team, the Lady Pirates assisted on seven of their 14 made field goals and shot 63 percent from the charity stripe.

The team notched 30 total rebounds, led by Hittle's nine. Campbell and Limebrook tallied seven each. Garcia had four rebounds, Snarr had two and Domingo had one.

The Lady Pirates finished with six steals and turned the ball over 15 times.

The Lady Pirates were back home on Tuesday, Feb. 3, winning their matchup with the Del Norte Tigers 37-25.

The Lady Pirates, however, found themselves on the wrong end of the 7-2 score at the end of the first.

The team struggled to make shots early, but an and-one 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer from Hittle capped off a 17-point second quarter and completely changed the momentum of the game, wrote Osborn.

The Pirates led 19-13 at the half and 31-18 at the end of the third.

Hittle led the Lady Pirates in scoring with 11 points in the game. Garcia added eight, Campbell and Snarr each had six, Domingo scored four, and Limebrook rounded out the scoring with two points.

As a team, the Lady Pirates assisted on six of their 13 made field goals and shot 53 percent from the free-throw line.

The team picked up 24 rebounds, led by 10 from Campbell. Garcia and Hittle each added five. Snarr pulled down two. Domingo and Limebrook each added one.

The team finished with six steals and turned the ball over 18 times.

"The girls were patient and let the offense come to them," Osborn wrote. "Our press was also one of our strong suits against them. They struggled with the full court pressure."

The Lady Pirates have two more games this week against 3A opponents.

The first is on the road against Monte Vista on Friday, Feb. 6, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Monte Vista is 10-5 on the season.

The second is back at home against Ignacio on Saturday, Feb. 7, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The Bobcats are 3-13 on the season.

Pagosa, who sits as the No. 18 team in Colorado 4A girls' basketball, beat both teams earlier in the season.

"I feel really good about this group and their mindset," wrote Osborn. "They believe in each other, they're competing hard every night, and they understand what's at stake. If we continue to improve and stay focused one game at a time, I like our chances heading into the playoffs in March."

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Lady Pirate Laykyn Baxstrom looks to pin an opponent at the Ladies Cañon Classic, where she took second.

Lady Pirates finish busy week, preparing for regionals

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate wrestling team just finished up its busiest week of the year, wrestling in a dual and two tournaments, as they prepare for the upcoming regional and state tournaments.

The Lady Pirates started with a dual against Montezuma-Cortez on Thursday, Jan. 29, which they won 36-18.

Bella Jackson pinned her opponent in one minute and 58 seconds while wrestling at 105 pounds to start off the dual. Madi Stretton pinned her opponent after 1:13 seconds at 110 pounds. Neveah Castaneda pinned her opponent after 5:01 at 115 pounds. At 120 pounds, Sarah Thomas was pinned after 2:42. Corrina Galabota was pinned after 1:45 while wrestling at 125 pounds. Kelsey Matyniak won by forfeit at 130 pounds. Audrina Smith pinned her opponent after 1:26 at 135 pounds. The Lady Pirates gave up a forfeit at 155 pounds, but Laykyn Baxstrom gained it back by winning via forfeit at 190 pounds.

“Our freshman girls are starting to elevate their performances,” said coach Dan Janowsky. “I would say Kelsey Matyniak, Neveah Castaneda and Sarah Thomas are all clearly getting better. They’re all attacking and scoring points, and that’s a great thing to help out those juniors and that one sophomore that have been consistently scoring points for us.”

The Lady Pirates then traveled to Cañon City on Friday, Jan. 30, to compete in their first of two tournaments on the weekend, the Ladies Canon Classic.

The girls placed 22nd out of 42 teams and had three placers at the tournament.

Jackson did not place, but scored eight points for the Lady Pirates at the tournament.

She won her first two matches, pinning her first opponent after 1:26 and her second opponent after 2:40, but was pinned in the quarterfinal after 3:07. Jackson was injured in her next match, bringing the tournament to an end for her.

Stretton placed fifth for the Lady Pirates and scored 16.5 points.

Stretton received a first-round bye, then won her first two matches, the first by a 17-1 technical fall and the second by fall after 3:54. In the semi-final she was pinned after 47 seconds, and then she lost by a 16-0 technical fall in the fourth round of the consolation bracket. Stretton bounced back and won the fifth-place match with a 4-0 decision.

Castaneda did not place and scored three points for the Lady Pirates.

She lost her first round match by fall after 1:18, bounced back and pinned her next opponent after 3:58 and then was pinned after 1:59.

Castaneda is now 8-10 overall on the season.

Kelsey Matyniak did not place and did not score any team points while wrestling at 120 pounds.

After receiving a first-round bye, she was pinned twice, the first after 1:17 and the second after 1:16.

Galabota did not place, but scored six points for the Lady Pirates.

She lost her first match by pin after 3:04. Then she pinned her next two

opponents, the first after 2:37 and the second after 2:54. Her tournament came to a close after being pinned after 1:35 in her next match.

Kyley Matyniak placed sixth and scored 13 points for the Lady Pirates.

She won her first three matches, pinning her first opponent after 1:16, her second opponent after 3:43 and winning by a 4-1 decision in the third match. She was then defeated three straight matches, getting pinned after 3:14 in her fourth match, 3:21 in her fifth match and 4:33 in her sixth match to take sixth place.

Smith did not place and did not score team points.

She lost her first match by fall after 1:43, received a bye in the next round and was pinned after 3:57 in her final match of the tournament.

“Our freshman girls are starting to elevate their performances. I would say Kelsey Matyniak, Neveah Castaneda and Sarah Thomas are all clearly getting better. They’re all attacking and scoring points, and that’s a great thing to help out those juniors and that one sophomore that have been consistently scoring points for us.”
Coach Dan Janowsky

Baxstrom was the highest Lady Pirate placer at the tournament. She placed second and scored 24 points.

Baxstrom pinned her first three opponents to reach the first-place match. She pinned the first after 1:30, the second after 3:00 and the third after 3:00. She took home second after losing her first match of the season by a 5-2 decision.

“Friday’s tournament in Cañon City is exactly what we needed to kind of get a look at what our competition was going to be like beyond the regional tournament,” said Janowsky. “A lot of 4A teams there and a lot of 5A teams there, and so the competition was just what we needed.”

After returning home late Friday night, the Lady Pirates were back on the road early the morning of Saturday, Jan. 31, to compete in the Rio Grande Women’s Showdown in Del Norte.

The Lady Pirates placed second at the tournament out of six teams, and had one individual champion and seven total placers.

Stretton placed second and scored 19 points. Stretton pinned her first opponent after 5:56, won by a 20-2 technical fall in round two, won by a 19-2 technical fall in round three and pinned her fourth opponent after 3:29. She was pinned in her final match after 2:33, taking home second.

At 110 pounds, Carli Duncan placed sixth, but didn’t score.

Duncan lost five matches, the first

by fall after 1:48, the second by a 20-5 technical fall, the third by fall after 1:30, the fourth by fall after 47 seconds and the fifth by fall after 30 seconds.

Thomas placed second and scored 12 points while wrestling at 115 pounds. Thomas pinned her first three opponents, the first after 4:27, the second after 4:47 and the third after 5:31. She lost her final match after being pinned in 1:05.

MacKayla Beach also wrestled at 115 pounds and placed fifth, but did not score. Beach lost four matches, the first by fall after 37 seconds, the second by fall after 4:27, the third by fall after 1:05 and the fourth by fall after 49 seconds.

Castaneda placed third and scored seven points while wrestling at 120 pounds.

She lost her first match by pin after 2:43, but came back and won her next two. She pinned her second opponent after 5:03 and her third opponent after 40 seconds. Castaneda lost her final match by a 15-0 technical fall.

Kelsey Matyniak placed fourth in the 120-pound bracket, but did not score.

She pinned her first opponent after 5:12, but lost her next three matches, the second by fall after 5:03, the third by fall after 16 seconds and the final match by fall after 28 seconds.

Kyley Matyniak placed second, scoring 19.5 points for the Lady Pirates.

She won her first four matches, pinning her first opponent after 3:53, her second opponent after 2:45, winning by a 15-0 technical fall in her third match and pinning her fourth opponent after 1:35. She lost her final match by a 15-12 decision and took second place.

Galabota also wrestled at 130 pounds and placed third, but did not score. She lost her first match, getting pinned after 3:53, then picked up three wins in her next four matches. She pinned her second opponent after 1:20, her third opponent after 2:14, was pinned after 1:37 by her fourth opponent and pinned her final opponent after 2:51 to take third.

Smith wrestled at 140 pounds and placed third, scoring 15 points for the Lady Pirates.

She was pinned after 1:26 in her first match, but then won three of her next four. She pinned her second opponent after 1:13, her third opponent after 1:22, was pinned after 47 seconds by her fourth opponent and pinned her final opponent after 40 seconds.

Baxstrom was the Lady Pirates’ only champion at the tournament. She scored 16 points, but she didn’t have to wrestle a single opponent. She received two straight byes because she was the only wrestler in her weight class.

Janowsky emphasized after the tournament in Del Norte that the Lady Pirates were working through fatigue after such a busy week, but he was happy to get a lot of the younger girls good matches at the tournament.

The girls will head to Alamosa for a dual on Thursday, Feb. 5, for their final action of the regular season. Afterward, they will begin preparation mode for the regional and state tournaments later this month.

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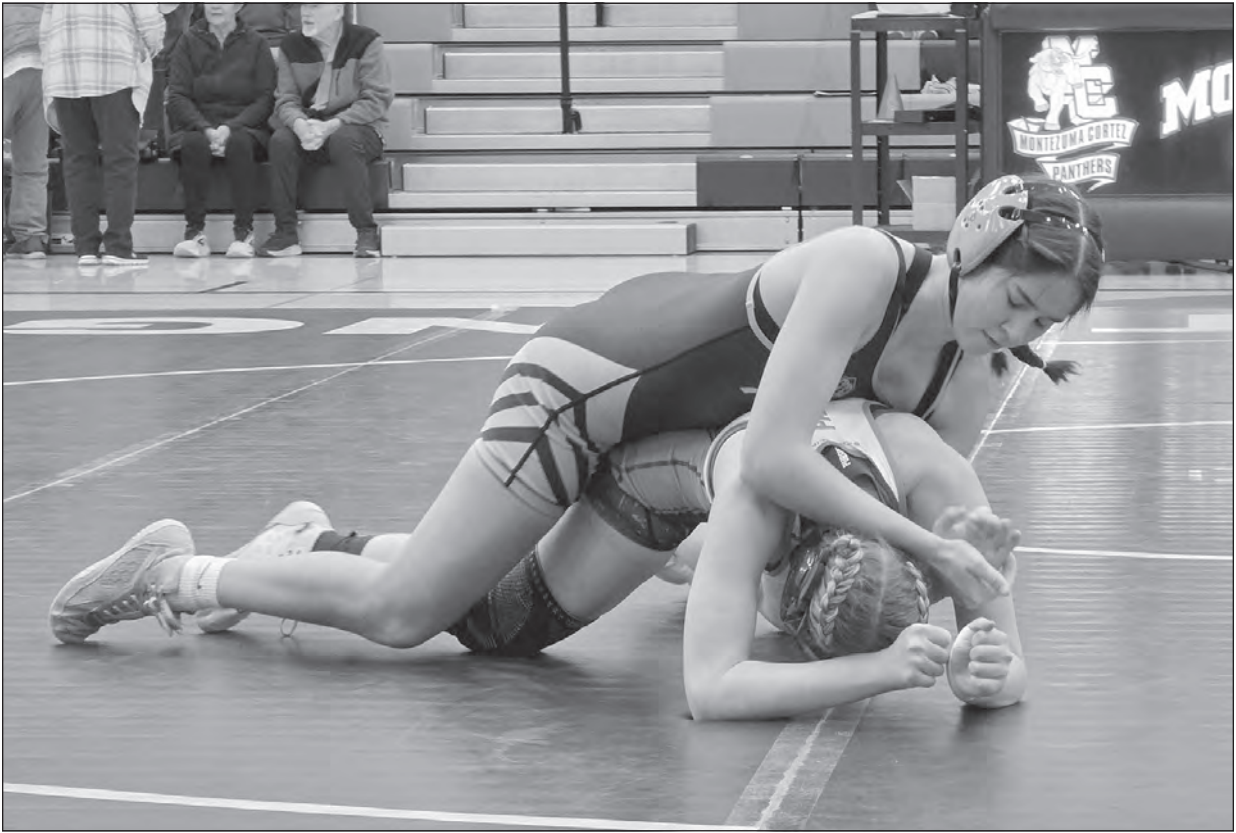


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Lady Pirate Audrina Smith works to take control of her opponent during the team’s dual against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers. Smith pinned her opponent after 1:26 at 135 pounds.

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WRESTLING

Pirates top Panthers, take seventh at Valley Classic

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' wrestling team finished up a busy week with a win in its dual against Montezuma-Cortez and a seventh-place finish at the Valley Classic in Cañon City.

The Pirates traveled to Cortez on Thursday, Jan. 29, for a dual against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers. The Pirates won the dual 58-23.

The Pirates gave up 18 points via forfeit at 106 pounds, 113 pounds and 120 pounds. They gained 24 points back with the Panthers' inability to produce opponents for Hudson Mazur at 150 pounds, Ryker Hanson at 175 pounds, Jimmy Elledge at 215 pounds and Hunter Martinez at 285 pounds.

Johnny Baker defeated his opponent via a 16-0 technical fall at 126 pounds. Eric Smith defeated his opponent via a 15-0 technical fall at 132 pounds. Stetson Osborn pinned his opponent after 51 seconds at 138 pounds. Asher McKennie lost via a 18-3 technical fall at 144 pounds. Colton Lucero pinned his opponent after two minutes and 20 seconds at 157 pounds. Devin Gonzalez pinned his opponent after 1:14 at 165 pounds, and Truman Vasek pinned his opponent after 1:24 at 190 pounds.

"In winning and in losing, we're seeing progress, which is exciting," said coach Dan Janowsky after the dual. "I think they're building their confidence in their ability to score points, to get takedowns."

The Pirates then hopped on a bus early Friday, Jan. 30, and made their way to the two-day Valley Classic in Cañon City, where they placed seventh overall out of 22 teams with 114 points.

The boys had six individual placers at the tournament. Lucero did not travel with the team due to illness, Janowsky notes.

Baker did not place and scored four points for the Pirates.

He won his first match, pinning his opponent after 3:03, but lost his next

two matches. He lost the first via a 17-2 technical fall and he was pinned after 2:39 in the second.

Baker now holds a 7-18 record on the season.

Mark Ray wrestled at 132 pounds, did not place and did not log team points for the Pirates.

Ray won his first match, pinning his opponent after 1:21. He then lost his second match after being pinned in 44 seconds. He came back to win his third match, pinning his opponent in 22 seconds, but was pinned in his fourth and final match after 51 seconds.

Ray is now 2-2 on the season. Smith placed third and scored 20 points for the Pirates.

Smith pinned his first opponent after 39 seconds and won his second match by a 16-13 decision. He lost in the semifinal by a 13-9 decision, but won his next match by pinning his opponent after 2:03 to reach the third-place match. Smith pinned his opponent after 2:39 to take third place. Smith is now 24-16 on the season.

Osborn placed sixth and scored 13 points for the Pirates.

Osborn pinned his first opponent after 23 seconds, but lost in the quarterfinal by a 7-2 decision. Osborn then won his next two matches, the first by fall after 1:50 and the second by fall after 2:49. He lost his next match after being pinned in 1:55 and lost by a 13-1 major decision in the fifth-place match, taking sixth place.

Osborn now holds a 23-18 record on the year.

McKennie placed fourth and scored 16 team points for the Pirates.

McKennie won his first two matches, the first by fall after 3:06 and the second by a 10-5 decision. He then lost by a 17-14 decision in the semifinals, but came back and won his next match by fall after 3:13 to make the third-place match. McKennie lost by a 4-3 decision and took fourth place.

He now holds a 23-13 record for the season.

Mazur was the top finisher for the Pirates at the tournament. He placed

second and scored 20 points.

Mazur received a bye in the first round, then pinned his next opponent after 1:53 and won by a 12-9 decision in the semifinals to make the first-place match. Mazur lost by a 11-3 major decision and took second place.

He now holds a 27-12 record on the season.

Gonzalez did not place and did not score any team points.

After receiving a first-round bye, he lost by a 16-14 decision in the quarterfinal. Then he received another bye, this time in the second round of the consolation bracket, and lost his next match after being pinned after 1:28.

Gonzalez holds a 21-13 record on the season.

Hanson placed fourth for the Pirates and scored 14 points.

After a first-round bye, Hanson was pinned after 1:26 in his first match. He received another bye in the second round of the consolation bracket, then won his next two matches, the first by fall after 16 seconds and the second due to a medical forfeit. Hanson lost the third-place match after he was pinned in 2:48.

He now holds a 21-9 record on the season.

Vasek did not place and scored six points for the Pirates.

Vasek won by a 13-1 major decision in his first match, but lost his next match after he was pinned in 33 seconds. He pinned his next opponent after 2:12, but was pinned after 2:06 as his weekend came to a close.

Vasek holds a 12-18 record this season.

Elledge was the final Pirate to place, finishing fourth and scoring 18 points.

Elledge pinned his first two opponents, the first after 1:01 and the second after 5:35. He was then pinned after 55 seconds, but came back and won his next match after pinning his opponent in 2:49 to reach the third-place match. Elledge lost his final match by a 11-2 major decision to take fourth place.

He now holds a 32-11 record on the season.

The final wrestler to compete was Martinez. He did not place and scored three team points.

After receiving a first-round bye, Martinez was pinned after 1:01 in his first match. He pinned his next opponent after 45 seconds in the second round of the consolation bracket, but was pinned in his next match after 55 seconds.

Martinez holds a 27-10 record on the season.

"[We were] really strong on Friday," Janowsky said about the tournament. "Kind of hit our ceiling on Saturday, and we've got to break through that ceiling and we're getting closer."

Janowsky noted that the Pirates aren't having trouble getting into the late rounds of tournaments, but they need to find a way to turn the late losses into wins by fixing correctable mistakes down the stretch.

The team will travel to finish the regular season with a dual against top-ranked Alamosa on Thursday, Feb. 5. They then have the weekend off as they prepare for the upcoming regional and state tournaments.

"We're pretty confident in our conditioning, you might say cardio-type conditioning," Janowsky said. "We're still, I think, working on our technical conditioning, hitting our shots correctly and crisply, and getting to them and finishing fast instead of overthinking things."

Celebration

Evan Cusick

Millersville University is pleased to announce that Evan Cusick, of Pagosa Springs, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2025 semester.

Students are eligible for the Dean's List if they earn a semester GPA of 3.50 or higher.

Cusick is a class of 2029 business administration major.

County plans to resurface Pines Drive this summer

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Archuleta County is planning to resurface Pines Drive this summer, according to Public Works Director Mike Torres, who briefed the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on the project during a work session held on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

Torres explained that the county had Masters Circle resurfaced last year, and that Pines Drive is also on the county's list of resurfacing projects.

He indicated that an initial engineer estimate of the project came in at \$681,953.71, which includes an actual construction cost of approximately \$559,000, a 10 percent contingency of approximately \$56,000 and a preliminary design cost of roughly \$66,000.

Torres clarified that the funds are not being spent yet as the request for proposals (RFP) is intended to locate and secure a contractor for this summer.

In response to a question from Commissioner John Ranson, Torres explained that the county has roughly \$1.2 million budgeted for this project, and potentially a resurfacing project of

West Golf Place.

"We just don't know that yet," he said, explaining the final cost for the Pines Drive resurfacing project could come in higher or lower than the original engineer estimate.

Torres also mentioned that Pines Drive received a lithified technology treatment in the early 2000s, "and it failed almost immediately."

He noted that the goal is to get that product out and put in something that is known to work, "which is asphalt."

Commissioner Warren Brown asked for clarification on if the \$1.2 million budgeted is just for "big projects," and if gravel maintenance on other roads would be done as well.

"This year our main focus is gravel maintenance," Torres responded.

Brown commended Torres' work on getting the RFP out early in the year, rather than waiting until May such as in past years.

"We would get very few bidders, if any," Brown said, noting that getting the RFP out early will hopefully make for a more competitive bid process on the project.

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Coloradans invited to give feedback on high school math standards

Colorado Department of Education

The Colorado Department of Education is asking educators, parents, families, students and community members to share their feedback on proposed revisions to the Colorado State Academic Standards for high school math. The public comment period is open until Monday, Feb. 16.

The Colorado State Academic Standards describe what students should know and be able to do to be prepared for success in college, careers or military service. The standards are revised in groups on a six-year cycle.

The department's 12-member high school mathematics standards review and revision committee has been working since April 2025 to revise the

high school math standards. These proposed revisions were presented to the State Board of Education in January and are open for public comment in one of three ways:

- Attending a virtual focus group hosted on Zoom.
- Completing a web-based survey.
- Sharing feedback by emailing costandardsrevision@cde.state.co.us.

The department is hosting four focus groups on Feb. 5 at 5 p.m., Feb. 9 at 5 p.m., Feb. 11 at 4:30 p.m. or Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. Community members can register on the department's website at www.cdeinfo.org/focusgroup.

More information about the Colorado State Academic Standards review and revision process is available on the department's website.

Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA A COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel: 970.264.8160
Plaintiff:
Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
V.
Defendants:
James R Vines, et al.
Case No.: 2025CV30009
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM
This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered **July 8, 2025**, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:
See **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and made apart hereof

Owner(s): James R Vines; Sharon L Stockton; Loretta Gilbreath, surviving joint tenant with right of survivorship of Norman L Gilbreath, deceased; Shawn Cornelius; Kimberly Eileen Vaughan Cornelius; Cedric Reese; Amy Reese; Gloria C Burton; Barbara Overbey; Peter E Delacot; Cecilia Delacot; Judith Hahn; Robert A Hahn; Pearl D Means; Norman Sampson; Patricia Sampson; Donna Maschmeyer; Robert W Maschmeyer; Kevin L Kirk; Heather C Kirk; Michael H Valencia; Rebecca T Valencia; Sally Manley, surviving joint tenant with right of survivorship of Rick Manley aka Richard Lee Manley, deceased; Thomas J; Sandra Lee Uhl; Richard W Garrison; Angela S Garrison; Connie M Sisneros; James G Mook; Tammie Ray; Velma C Hickman; Vikki Morris; Toni M Hurt; Alonzo Hurt; Mary A Wilk; Fannie E Jones, 111; Diana L Jones; Phillip Apple; Vickie M Apple; D Virgil Willett, Jr.; D V Willett, Jr.; Mark Lee Johnson; Stephanie Sue Johnson; Mary B Lloyd, surviving joint tenant with right of survivorship of P B Lloyd, deceased; Joyce A Bolyard; Golden V Shook; Lena F Shook; Ginger Bowman; Gordon J Benesh; La Rue Benesh; Judith A Nottrott; Sue E Montoya; Joyce L Taylor; Jeffrey Lynn Bobbitt.
Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations thereon in described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at **9:00 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday April 8th, 2026, Sale Number 2025-07** in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 2/5/2026
Last Publication: 3/5/2026
Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROP-

ERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-7372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 8114 7, 970-264-8434.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed this 29 day of January, 2026.
By /s/ Mike Le Roux
Mike Le Roux, Sheriff
Archuleta County, Colorado

EXHIBIT "A"
Peregrine Townhouses Matter Amount
JAMES R VINES (C#179910542) A 154,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7851-7852 in Building Number(s) 26, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,842.93
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,081.97
SHARON L STOCKTON (C#179910682) A 51,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7851-7852 in Building Number(s) 26, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,300.11
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,539.15
LORETTA E GILBREATH, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP OF NORMAN L GILBREATH, DECEASED (C#429902745) A 210,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7853-7854 in Building Number(s) 27, Unpaid Assessments: \$5,863.20
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$7,102.24
SHAWN CORNELIUS and KIMBERLY EILEEN VAUGHAN CORNELIUS (C#170000731) A 105,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7861-7862 in Building Number(s) 31, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,505.52
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,744.56
CEDRIC REESE and AMY REESE (C#170000954) A 69,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7863-7864 in Building Number(s) 32, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,459.01
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,698.05
GLORIA C BURTON (C#170404107) A 77,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7863-7864 in Building Number(s) 32, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,078.75
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,317.79
BARBARA OVERBEY (C#170906697) A 451,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7863-7864 in Building Number(s) 32, Unpaid Assessments: \$4,692.97
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$5,932.01
PETER E DELACOT and CECILIA DELACOT (C#170511513) A 105,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7867-7868 in

Building Number(s) 34, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,338.50
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,577.54
JUDITH HAHN and ROBERT A HAHN (C#171206121) A 126,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7869-7870 in Building Number(s) 35, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,978.15
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,217.19
PEARL D MEANS (C#420001620) A 105,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7869-7870 in Building Number(s) 35, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,883.06
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,122.10
NORMAN SAMPSON and PATRICIA SAMPSON (C#170046492) A 105,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7871-7872 in Building Number(s) 36, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,522.02
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,761.06
DONNA MASCHMEYER and ROBERT W MASCHMEYER (C#170005532) A 84,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7871-7872 in Building Number(s) 36, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,535.08
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,774.12
KEVIN L KIRK and HEATHER C KIRK (C#170506880) A 231,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7873-7874 in Building Number(s) 37, Unpaid Assessments: \$5,905.51
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$7,144.55
MICHAEL H VALENCIA and REBECCA T VALENCIA (C#170506091) A 154,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7875-7876 in Building Number(s) 38, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,818.76
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,057.80
SALLY MANLEY, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP OF RICK MANLEY A/K/A RICHARD LEE MANLEY, DECEASED (C#17007982) A 77,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7877-7878 in Building Number(s) 39, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,514.82
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,753.86
THOMAS UHL and SANDRA LEE UHL (C#171106552) A 234,500 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7877-7878 in Building Number(s) 39, Unpaid Assessments: \$4,094.60
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$5,333.64
RICHARD W GARRISON and ANGELA S GARRISON (C#170313209) A 300,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7879-7880 in Building Number(s) 40, Unpaid Assessments: \$11,927.50
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$13,166.54
CONNIE M SISNEROS (C#170010672) A 1,05,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7881-7882 in Building Number(s) 41, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,840.27
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,079.31
JAMES G MOOK and TAMMIE RAY (C#17001779) A 105,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7881-7882 in Building Number(s) 41, Unpaid Assessments: \$764.64
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,003.68
VELMA C HICKMAN and VIKKI MORRIS (C#170907380) A 64,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7883-7884 in Building Number(s) 42, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,065.87
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,304.91
TONI M HURT and ALONZO HURT (C#420005100) A 77,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7883-7884 in Building

Number(s) 42, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,346.00
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,585.04
MARY A WILK (C#170014997) A 126,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7885-7886 in Building Number(s) 43, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,562.21
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,801.25
FANNIE E JONES III and DIANA L JONES (C#19802573) A 49,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7837-7838 in Building Number(s) 19, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,649.43
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,888.47
PHILIP APPLE and VICKIE M APPLE (C#170017123) A 49,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7811 and 7812 in Building Number(s) Q, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,204.24
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,443.28
D VIRGIL WILLETT, JR. (C#179710264) A 84,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7821-7822 in Building Number(s) 11, Unpaid Assessments: \$3,708.04
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,947.08
D V WILLETT, JR. (C#179806898) A 84,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7829-7830 in Building Number(s) 15, Unpaid Assessments: \$3,708.04
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,947.08
MARK LEE JOHNSON and STEPHANIE SUE JOHNSON (C#179909643) A 126,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7851-7852 in Building Number(s) 26, Unpaid Assessments: \$5,561.82
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$6,800.86
MARY B LLOYD, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP OF P B LLOYD, DECEASED (C#179806306) A 154,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 and 5, Unpaid Assessments: \$5,582.50
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$6,821.54
JOYCE A BOLDYARD (C#179706361) A 84,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7811-7812 in Building Number(s) 6, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,442.58
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,681.62
GOLDEN V SHOOK and LENA F SHOOK (C#170507739) A 64,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7817-7820 in Building Number(s) 9 & 10, Unpaid Assessments: \$3,178.21
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,417.25
GINGER BOWMAN (C#170403349) A 154,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7829-7830 in Building Number(s) 15, Unpaid Assessments: \$4,477.86
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$5,716.90
GORDON J BENESH and LA RUE BENESH (C#170705842) A 91,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7835-7836 in Building Number(s) 18, Unpaid Assessments: \$3,355.24
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,594.28
JUDITH A NOTTROTT and SUE E MONTTOYA (C#420000010) A 146,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7861-7862 in Building Number(s) 31, Unpaid Assessments: \$3,537.12
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,776.16
JOYCE L TAYLOR and JEFFREY LYNN BOBBITT and MARY E BOBBITT (C#170406821) A 90,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7869-7870 in Building Number(s) 35, Unpaid Assessments: \$3,693.38
Cost: \$239.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,932.42
In **Peregrine Townhouses**. All as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said buildings as depicted on the Plats recorded in Reception Numbers 173553-173555, 98002629, 99006555, 99011974, 20005495, 20010666, and subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded as Reception Number 173556, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Published February 5, 12, 19, 26 and March 5, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (288069)

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive
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V.
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Joy Nicholae Goodie, et al.
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Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered **July 8, 2025**, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:
See **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and made

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

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

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

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed this 29 day of January, 2026.

By: /s/ Mike Le Roux
Mike Le Roux, Sheriff
Archuleta County, Colorado

EXHIBIT "A"
Teal Landing Condominiums
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JOY NICHOLE GOODIE and ONDRIA LEARY and GEORGE LEARY JR., and GEORGE LEARY III (C#170107742) A 308,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1121, 1124, 1125 and 1126 in Building Number(s) 11, Unpaid Assessments: \$8,761.94
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$10,016.48

ROBERT G. MCGOWAN and MAGDALENE E. MCGOWAN, TRUSTEES OF THE MCGOWEN REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED JULY 16, 1999 (C#1710049480) A 84,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1121, 1124, 1125 and 1126 in Building Number(s) 11, Unpaid Assessments: \$639.52
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$1,894.06

TIMOTHY LANIER and JILL LANIER and BRITT AN ROJAS and MARTIN ROJAS (C#170100283) A 154,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1121, 1124, 1125, and 1126 in Building Number(s) 11, Unpaid Assessments: \$3,405.13
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,659.67

JOHN NAZAR JEMELIAN and ROSE JEMELIAN, TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN NAZAR JEMELIAN FAMILY TRUST OF 2001, VITIA DATED OCTOBER 28, 2001 (C#170103768) A 105,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1121, 1124, 1125, and 1126 in Building Number(s) 11, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,191.62
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,446.16

DEBORA A. CRANE (C#170103980) A 84,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1121, 1124, 1125, and 1126 in Building Number(s) 11, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,095.80
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,350.34

JAMES BRADLEY SHEPHERD (C#170107072) A 105,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1121, 1124, 1125, and 1126 in Building Number(s) 11, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,199.00
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,453.54

TERRY LEE HAURY (C#170107643) A 87,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1121, 1124, 1125, and 1126 in Building Number(s) 11, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,322.48
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,577.02

CRYSTAL PHILLIPS and SHAWN KIRKLAND (C#170108740) A 105,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1121, 1124, 1125, and 1126 in Building Number(s) 11, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,727.10
Cost: \$3,981.64
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$7,708.77

PATRICIA ANN HALL AKA PATRICIA A. HELLER (C#170112668) A 56,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1221, 1224, 1225 and 1226 in Building Number(s) 12, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,580.83
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,835.37

VICTOR D. SANDOVAL and TABITHA G. SANDOVAL (C#170111288) A 77,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1221, 1224, 1225, and 1226 in Building Number(s) 12, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,405.02
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,659.56

DOUG HOOTEN and JUDY V. HOOTEN (C#170114748) A 84,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1121, 1124, 1125, and 1126 in Building Number(s) 12, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,704.74
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,959.28

CORI LEHMAN (C#4252301490) A 180,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1221, 1224, 1225 and 1226 in Building Number(s) 12, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,439.88
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,694.42

JOE SHADID and MARTHA SHADID (C#170202857) A 154,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1325 and 1326 in Building Number(s) 13, Unpaid Assessments: \$7,097.65
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$8,352.19

CHRISTINE HOWE (C#170121800) A 126,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1325, and 1326 in Building Number(s) 13, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,705.63
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,960.17

PAUL GAITGE JR. and JOYCE L. FORTE (C#170121874) A 126,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1325, and 1326 in Building Number(s) 13, Unpaid Assessments: \$916.60
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,171.14

JEAN SIMMONS (C#170122154) A 84,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1325, and 1326 in Building Number(s) 13, Unpaid Assessments: \$783.79
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,038.33

SHERI L. BURNHAM (C#170123087) A 154,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1325, and 1326 in Building Number(s) 13, Unpaid Assessments: \$3,515.71
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,770.25

MICHAEL D. KELLEY and STELLA M. KELLEY (C#170203434) A 105,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1325, and 1326 in Building Number(s) 13, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,561.21
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,116.75

Total: \$2,815.75
BARBARA C. RIDDLE and ALVA E. RIDDLE (C#170607477) A 154,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1325, and 1326 in Building Number(s) 13, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,608.2
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,862.76

AVERY LEE CONLEY II and MARCIA LYNN CONLEY (C#171600752) A 105,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1325, and 1326 in Building Number(s) 13, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,761.03
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,015.57

MANUEL U. MONTOYA (C#171502685) A 105,000 / 62,896,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1611, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1621, 1622, 1623, 1624, 1625 and 1626 in Building Number(s) 16, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,275.39
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,529.93

In Teal Landing Condominium. All as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20102922, 20105650, 20106879, 20203146, 20204764, 20304272, 20209496, and subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded at Reception Number 20007580, and all subsequent supplemental Plats or Declaration thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Published February 5, 12, 19, 26 and March 5, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (288067)

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel.: 970.264.8160
Case No.: 2025CV30027
Plaintiff:
Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc. v. Defendants:
Kelly Brady, et al.
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 1 04, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered **October 14, 2025**, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:

See **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and made apart hereof
Owner(s): KELLY BRADY, ROBERT W. HERTEL JR., TRUSTEE OF THE ROBERT W. HERTEL JR. AND DEBORAH A. HERTEL REVOCABLE TRUST; DEBORAH A. HERTEL, TRUSTEES OF THE ROBERT W. HERTEL JR. AND DEBORAH A. HERTEL REVOCABLE TRUST; JEAN G. WICKER; JAMES E. WICKER; DON W. VICKROY; MARITA M. VICKROY; SAMUEL DAVID KILLINGER; MARY CATHERINE STUTTS; RON MOLINA; JANELL MOLINA; HARRY A. CRISSMAN; MAE LOUISE CRISSMAN; CARL A. THORNTON; L. JERILYN THORNTON; MINTA L. WILSON; THOMAS O. WILSON JR.; CHERYL A. HARRIS

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 1 04, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations there-in described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on **Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, Sale Number 2025-08** in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication: 2/5/2026
Last Publication: 3/5/2026
Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs SUN

NOTICE OF RIGHTS
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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

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

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed 29 January, 2026. Mike Le Roux, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado

EXHIBIT "A"
Peregrine Townhouses
Matter
Amount

KELLY BRADY (C#179607254) A 154,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 & 5, Unpaid Assessments: \$3,225.78
Costs: \$313.15
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,538.93

ROBERT W. HERTEL JR. AND DEBORAH A. HERTEL, TRUSTEES OF THE ROBERT W. HERTEL JR. AND DEBORAH A. HERTEL REVOCABLE TRUST (C#179616754) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 & 5, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,115.52
Costs: \$313.15

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,428.67
JEAN G. WICKER AND JAMES E. WICKER (DECEASED) (C#170204859) A 84,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7813-7816 in Building Number(s) 7 & 8, Unpaid Assessments: \$824.46
Costs: \$313.15
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,137.61

DON W. VICKROY AND MARITA M. VICKROY (C#179705140) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7813-7816 in Building Number(s) 7 & 8, Unpaid Assessments: \$772.00
Costs: \$313.15
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,085.15

SAMUEL DAVID KILLINGER AND MARY CATHERINE STUTTS (C#179805304) A 126,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7827-7828 in Building Number(s) 14, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,194.68
Costs: \$313.15
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,447.83

RON MOLINA and JANELL MOLINA (C#13000292) A 154,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7843-7844 in Building Number(s) 22, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,256.88
Costs: \$313.15
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,570.03

HARRY A. CRISSMAN and MAE LOUISE CRISSMAN (DECEASED) (C#179914049) A 154,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7857-7858 in Building Number(s) 29, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,256.88
Costs: \$313.15
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,006.63

MINTA L. WILSON and THOMAS O. WILSON JR. (DECEASED) (C#170005078) A 126,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7871-7872 in Building Number(s) 36, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,928.02
Costs: \$313.15
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,241.17

CHERYL A. HARRIS (C#170805329) A 336,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7877-7878 in Building number(s) 39, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,470.44
Costs: \$313.15
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,783.59

In Peregrine Townhouses. All as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said buildings as depicted on the Plats recorded in Reception Numbers 173553-173555, 89002629, 99009555, 99011974, 20005495, 20010666, and subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded as Reception Number 173556, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Published February 5, 12, 19, 26 and March 5, 2026 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (288073)

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel.: 970.264.8160
Case No.: 2025CV30028
Plaintiff:
Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc. v. Defendants:
Jeffrey Martin, et al.
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium, recorded on August 10, 2000, Reception Number 20007580, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered **October 14, 2025**, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof
Owner(s): COLLEEN BOLDOSSER, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP OF TODD BOLDOSSER, DECEASED; DELOIS F. EASTERLING, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP OF JOHN A. EASTERLING, DECEASED; CONNIE YOUNG, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP OF RON A. RICHARDSON, DECEASED; KATHERINE L. ROBINSON, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP OF DOUGLAS G. ROBINSON, DECEASED; SHANE DOCKTER; SANDRA DOCKTER; RICHARD D. LYON, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP OF KAREN L. LYON, DECEASED

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium, recorded on August 10, 2000, Reception Number 20007580, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations there-in described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Association Assessments Due to: Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.

The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
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Last Publication: 03/05/2026
Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs SUN

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

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This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed 29 January, 2026 Mike Le Roux, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Co. By: /s/ Mike Le Roux

EXHIBIT "A"
Teal Landing Condominium
Matter
Amount

COLLEEN BOLDOSSER, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP OF TODD BOLDOSSER, DECEASED (C#170111108) A 105,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1221, 1224, 1225 and 1226 in Building Number(s) 12, Unpaid Assessments: \$849.03
Costs: \$216.45
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,065.48

DELOIS F. EASTERLING, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP OF JOHN A. EASTERLING, DECEASED (C#170114128) A 77,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1221, 1224, 1225 and 1226 in Building Number(s) 12, Unpaid Assessments: \$734.57
Costs: \$216.45
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$1,951.02

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Upper San Juan Search and Rescue members train. The group is now accepting applications for new volunteer members through the end of February.

Upper San Juan Search and Rescue opens recruitment for 2026

By Dustin English
Upper San Juan Search and Rescue

Upper San Juan Search and Rescue (USJSAR) is now accepting applications for new volunteer members. The open enrollment period is open now through the end of February.

USJSAR is a local, all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works in partnership with and under the authority of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office to provide search, rescue and emergency response services across Archuleta County and the surrounding backcountry.

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Team members train regularly throughout the year and must be physically capable of operating in mountainous terrain, sometimes for extended periods and in adverse weather. Strong teamwork, good judgment and a willingness to continuously learn are essential qualities for successful members.

The application period will close at the end of February. Interested individuals are encouraged to carefully review expectations, time commitments and application requirements, and submit their materials before the deadline. Applications received after the enrollment period closes will be considered during the next recruitment cycle.

USJSAR relies entirely on volunteers and community support to carry out its mission. Serving on the team is a meaningful way to contribute directly to public safety and to help protect residents and visitors who

recreate in the mountains around Pagosa Springs.

More information about the organization, training expectations, and the application process or donate to our cause, visit usjsar.org.

San Juan Outdoor Club to hear from thru-hiker

By Addie Greer
San Juan Outdoor Club

The San Juan Outdoor Club member meeting will be this Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse.

This month's speaker will be Chama, N.M., resident Jonathan Thomas, otherwise known by his thru-hiker name "Janis Joplin" (we may find out how he got that moniker).

Thomas will talk about the general psychology of being a thru-hiker on long distance trails such as the Appalachian Trail, Continental Divide Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, etc.

Also, Thomas will speak about adventures he has had and perhaps

a particular life endangering experience.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m., and the meeting begins at 6:45 p.m.

Correction

The Jan. 15 Cabin Fever Race results provided by the Pagosa Nordic Club contained a mistake. The results published in the Jan. 15 issue of The SUN should have noted that Ben Southworth (Los Alamos, N.M.) was the third-place finisher in the men's 12km Cabin Fever Nordic ski race.

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rising demand, we are looking for valiant volunteers to lead the way. You can personally make a difference in a survivor's life.

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Violence affects us all, and most of us are connected to someone impacted by domestic violence or sexual assault. This training provides the tools to understand trauma and foster a culture of nonviolence in Pagosa Springs.

When: Late February (date to be finalized).

Time: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Pagosa Springs (location details will be provided upon RSVP).

A complimentary lunch will be provided.

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To register or learn more about volunteer initiatives, visit www.riseaboveviolence.org or email miles@riseaboveviolence.org.

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Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society to meet Saturday

By Keena Carstensen
Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society

The Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society (PPGS) will hold its regular monthly meeting this Saturday, Feb. 7.

We will meet from 10 a.m. to noon at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St., in the fellow-

ship hall.

There will be a short business meeting followed by a work session to plan topics for our 2026 programs.

The genealogical society meets on the first Saturday of each month. It hosts guest speakers on a wide range of topics relating to genealogy and history, including the rich history of

our area.

If you are a member, or would be interested in joining our group, please plan to attend to express your desires for upcoming meeting program topics and modes of presentation.

For more information, contact Keena Carstensen at keena.runt@therace@gmail.com.

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Pagosa Community Initiative welcomes four new members to board

By Carrie Blue-White
Pagosa Community Initiative

The Pagosa Community Initiative (PCI), a cornerstone of local charitable efforts in family support, is proud to announce the appointment of four new members to its board of directors.

The new board members — Audrey Bliss, Jackie Perales, Taylor Worsham and Veronica Medina — bring a wealth of diverse experience and a shared passion for community service to the organization.

The appointments come as PCI seeks to expand its outreach and deepen its impact across Archuleta County. The new members will join existing leadership in guiding the nonprofit's strategic direction, which focuses on supporting mental health, education, resource management, community and social services for local families in need.

"We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Audrey, Jackie, Taylor and Veronica to our board," said Carrie Blue-White, board chair of PCI. "Each of them brings a unique perspective and a proven commitment to making Pagosa Springs a better place for everyone. Their collective energy and expertise will be invaluable as we work to address the evolving needs of our communities' families."

Worsham is the assistant director and librarian at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library. A professional librarian with a Master of Library Science, she brings extensive experience in community engagement, strategic project management and advocacy from her work in both Colorado and California libraries. She is currently co-leading the library's building expansion and renovation project.

Medina serves as an Archuleta County commissioner. She holds a master's degree in business and brings more than a decade of experience in human resources, mediation and grant writing. Fluent in Spanish, she is deeply committed to inclusive representation and strengthening community connections. Her extensive background in public service and her roles on numerous regional boards provide her with a unique perspective on the opportunities and challenges facing the county.

Perales is an account manager and a local business owner, operating a car wash and laundromat in Pagosa Springs. She holds a master's degree in organizational management and a BA in global studies. She brings a strong background in nonprofit and government management/administration from the health care, environmental and construction fields, along with prior board experience.

Bliss is a longtime local business owner known for her advocacy for small businesses and sustainable economic development. She has volunteered with several local initiatives and brings strong organizational and strategic planning skills to the board.

The new board members expressed their enthusiasm for their new roles, highlighting their commitment to PCI's mission.

"I believe in the power of community, and PCI embodies that spirit perfectly," said Medina. "I look forward to collaborating with this dedicated team to create meaningful, lasting change."

Worsham echoed the sentiment,

emphasizing the natural partnership between her work and PCI's goals.

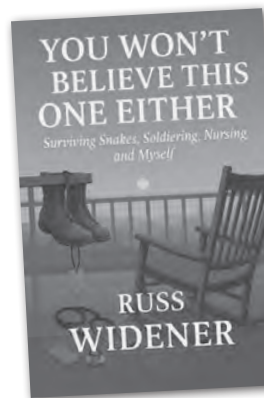
"I can already see the measurable impact that PCI makes in individuals' lives, and I want to be a part of that positive change by donating my time to the organization," she said.

Perales shared her personal connection to PCI's work, stating, "It takes

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A memoir by Pagosa Springs resident Russ Widener



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19th Hole Concerts nonprofit grant application open

By Rachel Rosenthal
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado announces a grant opportunity for Archuleta County nonprofits to participate in this summer's 11th Annual 19th Hole Concerts at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

The nonprofit application opens on Feb. 5 and closes on March 5. Organizations that received the grant in 2025 are not eligible to apply this year.

The concert series features local musicians and provides a vital

opportunity for nonprofits to earn funds while sharing their work with community-minded attendees.

The cover charge for each concert is a \$10 donation to support the four selected nonprofits. Earnings will be pooled and distributed equally to the organizations. In 2025, each participating organization received \$2,500.

The concerts will take place on Thursday evenings in June from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The official dates and musicians are June 4 (Bob Hemenger), June 11 (Jackson Mountain Ramblers), June 18 (Outlaw Firm) and June 25 (Bo DePeña).

The selected organizations will be shared at a later date.

"The 19th Hole Concerts have become a beloved summer event for the community of Pagosa Springs," said Marcy Mitchell, chair of the Community Foundation's Archuleta Committee and current board member. "They are an opportunity for people to support local nonprofits while enjoying local musical talent, and nonprofits are able to share about their mission with the community."

The nonprofit application for the 19th Hole Concerts can be found online under the "Nonprofit Resources" tab on the Community Foundation's website, swcommunityfoundation.org. The selected nonprofits will be announced in late March.

Board

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a village to raise a child, let alone the youth of our town. It is our responsibility to contribute and help each other. My children participate in multiple programs offered through PCI, and I am honored to offer my time to take PCI further into the future and continue supporting our amazing community."

Bliss highlighted her eagerness to contribute her strategic skills to the organization's growth, stating, "Strong communities are built on strong partnerships. I'm excited to

lend my experience to help PCI forge even deeper connections and ensure its long-term sustainability for the people of Pagosa Springs."

PCI invites the community to meet the new board members at its upcoming annual fundraiser, Second Chance Prom, scheduled for May 16 at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

For more information about PCI and its programs, visit www.pagosa-communityinitiative.org.

About PCI

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Community voices shape Archuleta Community Food Hub concept

Healthy Archuleta

Over the past year, the Archuleta Community Food Hub and Food Hall has moved steadily from an idea into a well-defined, community-informed plan. This progress reflects a deliberate choice to build the project openly and collaboratively, grounded in local knowledge and lived experience rather than assumptions or outside models.

Convened by Healthy Archuleta, the food hub is not a concept developed behind closed doors. Instead, it has been shaped through an inclusive, community-led planning process designed to ensure that local residents, food producers, businesses and institutions have a meaningful role in guiding the project. Central to this work has been the Food Hub Community Learning and Leadership Circle (CLLC).

A CLLC is a standing, community-based advisory group that brings residents, practitioners and institutional partners together to guide programs or initiatives. Rather than relying on onetime input, the CLLC meets regularly to share lived experience, provide feedback, and help shape strategy, implementation and evaluation. This model emphasizes mutual learning, builds local leadership capacity and keeps community voice at the center of decision-making.

For the food hub project, the CLLC was intentionally formed as a cross-sector group to guide the project's vision, design and phased development.

Participants and supporters of the CLLC brought a wide range of perspectives, including local governance and land-use planning, community and economic development, food business ownership and entrepreneurship, farming and ranching, public health and prevention, youth leadership, bilingual community engagement, and food access and distribution. Together, these voices contributed lived experience, technical knowledge and practical insight that helped ensure the food hub plan reflects the realities of operating food systems, businesses and services in Archuleta County.

Through this collaborative forum, participants contributed practical insight, market knowledge and on-the-ground experience that directly informed the food hub's priorities, infrastructure needs and implementation strategy. Their input helped clarify what types of shared kitchen space, storage, market access, education and operational support are most needed to strengthen Archuleta County's local food system.

Beyond the CLLC, Healthy Archuleta engaged more than 300 community voices throughout 2025 through

surveys, tabling at community events, interviews and informal conversations. Participants included full-time and part-time residents, visitors, growers, ranchers, food producers, cottage food entrepreneurs, restaurant owners, and families.

This broad engagement confirmed both strong demand for a food hub and shared priorities around local food access, entrepreneurship, workforce opportunity and community resilience.

As a result of this extensive community input, the project team has completed a needs assessment, market analysis and early financial modeling, and has worked with USDA design partners to develop a site concept grounded in real-world use.

The Archuleta Community Food Hub and Food Hall is envisioned as a shared-use space where food can be grown, stored, processed, prepared, shared and sold, supporting local businesses, improving access to healthy food and keeping more food dollars circulating locally.

Importantly, the food hub is being planned in phases so it can grow responsibly over time and remain responsive to demonstrated community and market demand. This approach has been reinforced through the ongoing work of the CLLC, whose members continue to provide thoughtful guidance and accountability.

Looking ahead to 2026, the project will continue refining its business plan, advancing site planning, and building the partnerships and funding strategies needed to move toward implementation. Community engagement will remain central as the project moves forward.

The Archuleta Community Food Hub and Food Hall is more than a building; it is the result of neighbors planning together and investing in a shared vision for the county's food, health and economic future.

For more information, please contact Healthy Archuleta at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com. Be sure to check out our website at www.foodcoalition-4archuleta.org/community-food-hub.html and follow us on social media for up-to-date information.

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Whooper swans in Tjörninn Pond, Reykjavik. Dave Anderson will present and discuss photos taken while visiting Iceland at the upcoming Pagosa Springs Photography Club meeting, set for Feb. 11.

Feb. 11 Pagosa Springs Photography Club meeting to feature ‘Iceland in Winter’

By Andy Butler

Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church, located at 434 Lewis St.

Feel free to arrive anytime after 6 p.m. to socialize; the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Our topic this month is “Iceland in Winter,” presented by club member Dave Anderson.

Anderson’s presentation will include photography and description of a trip he took to Iceland last year. Winter presents a variety of unique photo opportunities in Iceland, facilitated by a relative lack of tourists compared to the rest of the year.

In 2025 a normally snow-covered winter landscape in a number of places was bare or had spotty coverage, revealing interesting textures. Normally frozen lakes now accommodated a variety of birds.

For this sparsely-populated volcanic North Atlantic island, some of the most scenic places were coastal, included waterfalls, melting glaciers and ice caves, rural farms, small fishing villages, features along the mid-Atlantic rift, and moss-covered lava fields.

The capital, Reykjavik, has a mixture of modern architecture (e.g. the glass concert hall Harpa), more historic buildings (e.g. the Hallgrímskirkja), Swiss chalet-style houses, rows of pastel houses and art-covered buildings.

The talk will include images from a tour around the ring road mainly at the periphery of the island.

Photography club members are invited to bring up to five recent im-

ages to show and discuss with the group following the presentation.

This meeting will also be available on Zoom. Club members will receive the Zoom link via email. If you’re not on the list, you can request it by emailing abutler@mac.com.

February Virtual Shutter Therapy

For February, the club’s online

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Coloradans encouraged to apply for state's Low-income Energy Assistance Program

Colorado Department of Human Services

The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) reminds all Colorado residents that they may be eligible for energy assistance through the state's Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP).

Energy costs are expected to rise more than three times the rate of inflation this winter. Recent data shows that 35 percent of Colorado households reduced spending on basic necessities at least one month in the last year to pay an energy bill.

LEAP, a statewide program, helps eligible individuals and families pay winter home heating costs by making a onetime payment directly to the

utility company on behalf of each LEAP-eligible household, leaving them more money to spend on other essentials like groceries, medicine and rent.

To date, more than 57,000 Coloradans have received between \$200 to \$1,000 in energy assistance this season.

Recipients may also be eligible to receive furnace repair and replacement in heat-related emergencies and weatherization services, pending the results of a home energy audit.

LEAP will accept applications through April 30.

"No one should go without heat this winter, and we encourage anyone who thinks they may be eligible for LEAP to apply and take advantage of LEAP's many benefits," said Maria Hopps, LEAP interim supervisor and program lead. "LEAP can lessen some of the burdens that come dur-

ing the colder months."

To qualify for LEAP, Coloradans may have an income up to 60 percent of the state median income, equating to a household income of less than \$83,256 a year for a family of four.

Additionally, LEAP recipients must pay home heating costs directly to a utility company or landlord as part of their rent and have at least one U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the U.S. living in the household.

To access the LEAP application, visit cdhs.colorado.com/leap. Online applications are processed through the CO PEAK system. You can also call the HEAT HELP line at (866) HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435) to receive an application via mail or email or visit your local county Department of Human Services office to pick up or drop off an application.

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this topic on the club's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Pagosa-PhotoClub. All photographers are welcome to share up to three photos. Don't forget to like and comment on the work of others.

For more details about the photography club and information on joining us, see our website (pagosaprsphotoclub.org/about/).



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WomenConnect celebrates first anniversary

WomenConnect

It's hard to believe WomenConnect only began last February. In one year, this community has grown into something truly remarkable.

What started as a simple vision — to create opportunities where women could share their passions and skills — has blossomed into a vibrant network of 350 women who have discovered that one of our greatest resources is each other.

Whether you taught a workshop, organized a gathering or showed up to participate, you are the spirit of this group. WomenConnect has proven that when we take the time to share what we know and learn from one another, we create something far more valuable than any single event or class — we build lasting friendships and circles of support.

This past year, we've had 75 creative workshops in art, pottery

and journal making to wellness sessions, professional skills training and pure social fun. Our members have stepped up to teach, lead and inspire.

The beauty of WomenConnect lies in its cooperative spirit — a community built by women, for women. Through the Facebook page, Women's Wednesday emails and gatherings throughout the year, members have shared their "wish lists" of skills they want to learn and stepped forward to offer their own expertise and passions.

We've learned that sharing our talents isn't just about passing time — it's about cultivating connection.

As we pause to celebrate this milestone, we're also looking ahead with intention. WomenConnect invites new and seasoned members to help kick off our second year by sharing your skills and passions, hosting workshops or simple gatherings. Let's

continue the success of WomenConnect. Our foundation is strong, and the possibilities are endless.

As we move into 2026, we carry forward the lessons learned and the excitement of new ones.

Whether you bring professional expertise, a creative hobby or simply a desire for friendship and connection, there's a place for you in WomenConnect.

Join the Facebook page (WomenConnect Pagosa), sign up for the Women's Wednesday emails at pswomenconnect@gmail.com and become part of a community that believes our greatest resource is each other.

Thank you to every member who has made this first year a success. You are the creators, the skill makers, the learners that make WomenConnect a truly transformative space.

Here's to another year of sharing and thriving together.

Healthy Archuleta hosts health literacy panel

Healthy Archuleta

On Jan. 27, Healthy Archuleta hosted a health literacy panel dedicated to increasing access to primary preventative health care services.

The event brought together trusted local providers, Pagosa Springs

Integrated Healthcare — Axis Health System, Pagosa Springs Medical Center, Archuleta County Public Health Department and the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies — Division of Insurance, who generously gave their time to answer questions and connect directly with

community members.

The participants gathered in a way that honored culture, sharing food, conversation and community. Coming together over a meal creates space for trust, openness and meaningful dialogue, and this gathering

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Alzheimer's Association launches online tool to promote brain health

By Jim Herlihy
Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association has launched a new free online tool aimed at helping Colorado residents evaluate their daily habits and take steps to support long-term brain health.

The Brain Health Habit Builder is a web-based, interactive experience that takes about three to five minutes to complete. Users answer questions about their lifestyle, then receive a personalized plan focused on small, manageable changes tied to brain health. The plan can be downloaded, printed or shared, and the tool is accessible on both desktop and mobile devices.

"Healthy habits can help you live better now and protect your memory and thinking as you age," said Valerie Lombardi, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado. "This new tool makes it easy to check your habits and build a personalized plan to support lifelong brain health."

The recommendations generated by the tool are informed by findings

from the U.S. POINTER study, a large, multi-year clinical trial funded by the Alzheimer's Association that examined if lifestyle interventions could improve cognitive function in older adults at risk for cognitive decline.

The study found that a combination of physical activity, healthy eating, cognitive and social engagement, and regular health monitoring led to improved cognition.

Brain health refers to how well people think, learn and remember. While research continues to evolve, studies increasingly suggest that addressing certain risk factors — such as inactivity, poor diet and social isolation — may reduce the risk of cognitive decline and possibly dementia.

The Alzheimer's Association has expanded its public education efforts in recent years, offering community programs and sharing research-

based guidance through initiatives like its "10 Healthy Habits for Your Brain" campaign.

The Brain Health Habit Builder is the first in a series of new resources planned by the organization following the release of the U.S. POINTER study results. Future initiatives include virtual brain health training for health care providers, a community recognition program highlighting businesses that promote brain-healthy practices and a brain health roundtable designed to bring together leaders from health care, public health and the private sector.

Colorado residents can access the Brain Health Habit Builder at alz.org/habitbuilder. Information on local Alzheimer's Association education programs is available at alz.org/crf or by calling the Association's toll-free 24/7 Helpline at (800) 272-3900.



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Healthy

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Community members were eager to meet with providers and ask important questions about financial assistance, how to become a patient, available services and support for language access during appointments.

The engagement was strong, and participants appreciated having the opportunity to receive clear, direct answers in a welcoming environment. During the discussion on preventive care, providers shared valuable information about the services available in our community.

One community member shared that preventive care is especially important and expressed that many community members want more education about what a wellness check includes, why it matters, where to access these services, associated costs and what steps to take next. This feedback reinforced the ongoing need for accessible health education and trusted guidance.

Both providers and community members expressed gratitude for the opportunity to connect, learn from one another and build stronger relationships. This gathering was a powerful example of how culturally respectful spaces can reduce barriers, build trust and strengthen community health.

To learn more about Healthy Archuleta's efforts, please visit our website at www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org or email us at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.



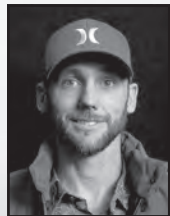
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Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to hold Going Deeper Sharing Circle Sunday

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

On Sunday, Feb. 8, the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship will hold the Going Deeper Sharing Circle from 10:30 a.m. until noon. This small group ministry is a time for deep connection and a place for reflection as we practice the art of listening to our inner selves and others in a safe, nonjudgmental circle.

The “On Being” podcast offers resources exploring hope as a verb, and which is a balm for the weary soul.

We will hear from the extraordinary Joy Harjo, a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation. She is a musician, visual artist and former poet laureate of the United States.

Krista Tippet, host of the “On Being” program, introduces Harjo this way: “From the beginning of her life, from childhood and even before, she has carried and retained a sense of space and time and life that is so much vaster than present circumstances. She uses this evocative phrase for the sense of time she knows and lives. She calls it ‘the whole of time.’ It is stunning to be present to Joy Harjo and see

someone who holds this sense of time. She’s always known it — never lost it — and she beckons us to enter and relearn.”

We invite all who may be curious to join us as we build resilience with a focus on a muscular hope.

The Pagosa UU Fellowship has been active in Pagosa Springs since 1987, a spiritual home for many who work toward justice and equity for all. As a lay-led fellowship, we draw inspiration from one another and our community to grow in spirit, make friends and do good.

Our Community Hub is home to several other gatherings and are open to all. Weekly Tara meditation practice is on Sundays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Qi Gong practice is on Mondays at 1 p.m. Wise and Wakeful Circle is on the second and fourth Saturdays at 10 a.m.

You can find us at the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd. Unit B-15, on the north side facing the Pagosa Peak. We also offer Zoom services the first and third Sundays of the month. Find our current newsletter at PagosaUU.org for the link to join on Zoom and further information.

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs to meet Feb. 8

By Laurah Brock Young
Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

The Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs is inviting you to part two of a special dream discussion series.

Part two will be filled with more information and interaction about our dreams and their interpretation.

On Sunday, Feb. 8, we will continue the Raise Your Spiritual IQ series called “Understanding Your Dreams – Dive Deeper into the Purpose and Meaning of Your Dreams.”

Have you tried interpreting your dreams, but they leave you puzzled? Can you identify the nine types of dreams? Need help troubleshooting some dreams? If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, you will enjoy this free discussion.

No prior experience is needed—just curiosity and an open heart.

This is for anyone seeking deeper meaning in life, spiritual tools for personal growth or a fresh perspective on understanding the value of our dreams.

We will meet on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 1 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

Eckankar, a spiritual resource for people of all faiths and backgrounds, sponsors this free event. It is an individual, creative practice to experience our unique relationship with the Divine.

You can always find us on our Meetup site: www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/.

To learn more about Eckankar, visit www.eckankar.org or eckankar-colorado.org.

The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke

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 - 21 Heating conduit
 - 23 Long-term prisoner
 - 26 La ____ opera house
 - 27 Words before well or forgiven
 - 29 Take hold
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- 45 How bowstrings are strung
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- 51 Winglike
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- 54 Like some jokes
- 55 Head-shaker's sounds
- 58 "Tarzan" extra

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Tax help available again this year

By Barbara Brattin
PREVIEW Columnist

Vita volunteers are returning to the library this tax season to offer professional help with your taxes at no charge to you.

Call Kathy at (970) 553-9150 or email her at Kathy.taxhelp@gmail.com to schedule an appointment.

Tax forms are slowly arriving. You can pick up Colorado forms and booklets and IRS 1040 booklets at the library.

New tax guides are available to help you navigate the new rules imposed this tax season. All are available for checkout:

- “Home Business Tax Deductions: Keep What You Earn” (Nolo’s small business essentials).
- “Deduct it!: Lower Your Small

Library News

Business Taxes.”

- “J.K. Lasser’s Your Income Tax 2025.”
- “Tax Savvy for Small Business.”
- “Working for Yourself.”
- “Every Airbnb Host’s Tax Guide.”

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MLS #824532

This meticulously cared for log cabin, near Lake Forest, spans 2,732 square feet, featuring 4 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms. Covered deck, backyard patio, stunning mountain views. Open floor plan, modern kitchen. Primary bedroom/bathroom located on the main floor. 2-car garage connects through the laundry area. Upstairs has two bedrooms/full bathroom, while the lower level offers versatile space plus a fourth bedroom with a full bath nearby.

To tour this home go to: <https://pspixeltree.com/33-Fawn-Ct>



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The mobile home portion of this residence is 500 square feet. 1304 square feet is stick built. There is also a small cabin built in 1993, 576 square feet with bath and studio kitchen. The 1.2 acres is partially fenced for dogs and the acreage is all usable. The house has large picture windows with very nice views. There are 3 outbuildings, the septic has been inspected.

To tour this home go to: <https://pspixeltree.com/109-Carols-Curves>



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Construction update

Electrical, plumbing and mechanical elements of the building are roughed in and exterior window installation is underway. You'll see exterior doors soon, and drywall will begin right after the insulation is completed. Follow us on Facebook for periodic pictures of progress.

Colorado Parks Passes for checkout

It may seem like the wrong time of year to visit Colorado state parks, but with our mild winter, why not get outside and enjoy the parks' off-season? The Ruby Sisson Library has free Colorado Parks passes for checkout that include a backpack with nature guides, binoculars and fun activities. Reserve yours today.

New Tumblemath for kids

Ask AI if good readers are good at math, and here's the answer you get: "Yes, good readers are often good at math because reading skills like comprehension, vocabulary, and logical reasoning are crucial for understanding word problems, mathematical language, and complex concepts, with strong early reading ability being a key predictor of later math success. Both subjects rely on creating mental images, using context, and persevering through challenges, and brain areas used for reading are also involved in math tasks like multiplication, showing a deep connection."

That's the idea behind the library's brand new online offering for kids, Tumblemath. Kids can learn math concepts through fun picture books that tell the story of why math works.

Concepts range from basic addition all the way through geometry for older readers. You can find Tumblemath in our digital library on the alphabetical list or in the homework section.

Meet us out in the community

Now that we have much less space for our operations and no meeting rooms during construction, several of our regular activities and special events are happening in other locations.

Please check the listings in this column and on your library's website, pagosalibrary.org, for location changes throughout the construction. If no other location is mentioned, the activity will stay at your library.

Activities calendars

Pick up monthly calendars at the library or check the website, <https://www.pagosalibrary.org/events->

calendar, so you don't miss any of the free programs, events and activities available to you and your family.

Online author talks

Our free online author talks with New York Times bestselling authors continue in February with new authors.

Join us on Feb. 5 for "Swash-buckling Heroines and High Seas Adventures" with novelist Vanessa Riley. On Feb. 12, tune in for "Mojos, Mermaids, Medicine, and 400 Years of Black Women's Magic" with Dr. Lindsey Stewart and, on Feb. 24, join us for "Smithson's Gamble: The Incredible History Behind the World's Largest Museum" with Smithsonian curator emeritus Tom Crouch. Watch live on Zoom or via a recording later this month.

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

Conversational Spanish

The Conversational Spanish group continues on Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. This is a great opportunity to practice your Spanish in a free, friendly group setting. No minimum skill level is needed.

Ruby's Book Club

Join us for Ruby's Book Club from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, as we discuss "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck. Copies are available at your library.

This free book club for adults is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles. Anyone is welcome to attend.

During construction, it takes place at the new Harman Park Transit Center, 83 Harman Park Drive, next to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office.

Family storytime

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

Elementary school tutoring

Free after-school for first through third grades takes place on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Registration is required because of limited space, so call your library now at (970) 264-2209 to enroll your child.

This invaluable tutoring involves one-on-one and small-group help for math, literacy, writing and spelling.

Note that because of construction at the library these sessions will take place at the elementary school.

Writers Guild

Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m., Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers looking for support, guidance, resources and camaraderie with other writers at this free gathering.

During construction the group will meet at the Pagosa Senior Center,

451 Hot Springs Blvd. Enter through the left side of the building.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays. Taylor helps with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provides assistance in accessing the library's online resources. No appointment is needed, but please bring your device's charger

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Free in-person classes happen on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. and Thursdays, from 4 to 6 p.m. for students of all levels at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Street. Please help us pass the word about these classes.

New and notable nonfiction

- "Beginner's Step-by-Step Coding Course," a visual introduction from DK.
- "Naturally Sustainable Style: Inspirational Ideas for Beautiful, Eco-Friendly Homes" by Selena Lake.
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- "Parenting Anxiety: Breaking the Cycle of Worry and Raising Resilient Kids" by clinical psychologist Meredith Elkins.
- "After the Flood: Inside Bob Dylan's Memory Palace," a new biog-

raphy of the singer/ songwriter from Robert Polito.

- "Arctic Traverse: A Thousand Mile Summer of Trekking the Brooks Range," by Michael Engelhard, winner of the National Outdoor Book Award.

New and notable fiction

- "The Water Keeper" by Charles Martin, a thriller about a man who rescues victims of human trafficking along the Florida coast.
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- "Milkman" by Anita Burns, a 2018 Booker Prize-winning novel set during the Troubles in Northern Ireland.
- "The Jilted Countess" by Loretta Ellsworth, a historical fiction novel inspired by a true story of a Hungarian countess who, after WWII, finds her American GI fiancé married to someone else in Minnesota and must find a new husband within two weeks to avoid deportation.
- "Between the Clouds and the River" by Dave Mason, a historical fiction novel that interweaves the stories of a German soldier in WWII and a young boy in 1960s North

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Bird of the Week



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This week’s Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the spotted towhee.

If your yard has brushy, shrubby areas with plenty of leaf litter, this large, colorful sparrow may be hiding there. Leaf litter provides food, water, shelter and winter warmth to insects, which are important sources of food for this and other birds in spring and summer. If you locate seed feeders in protected spaces, you may find these towhees eating spilled seed on the ground underneath. Seeds, berries and acorns are important foods most of the year.

The occurrence of spotted towhees is widespread in the West, where they usually keep a low profile out of sight. The noise from their characteristic double-scratch feeding style, which employs a two-footed, backward, scratching hop in the leaves, may give away their presence in a thicket. Or, you may hear their scolding with a cat-like mew call emanating from deep within the shrubs.

Early in the breeding season, which may begin in February, males spend their mornings perched and singing to attract a mate. They may spend between 70 percent and 90 percent of the morning singing away a trilled song until a pair bond is formed. Pairs are monogamous and territorial, defending a nest site hidden on the ground or low in a shrub.

The male spotted towhee has black upperparts and throat, a thick bill and red eyes. His back and wings are spotted in white and his long, black tail has white outer edges. Rufous-colored flanks set off his white belly. Females have a similar color pattern, with the black parts being browner. Juveniles are brownish and heavily streaked.

The scientific name of the spotted towhee, *Pipilo maculatus*, translates from Latin as spotted chirper. The common “towhee” name originated from the call of the similar looking Eastern towhee, which some hear as “drink your tea.” Similarities between Eastern and spotted towhees at one time placed them together as the rufous-sided towhee. Other towhee species in the U.S. include the California towhee in coastal areas, the southwest desert Abert’s and canyon towhees, and the green-tailed towhee, a summer breeder in our area.

Providing habitat for spotted towhees is one reason we are encouraged to “leave the leaves” that fall from deciduous trees by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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When searching for truth, don't play with fire

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

I'm overwhelmed and thrilled to see Gen Z flocking to churches and leading in attendance. This current church-attending generation is seeking belonging and stability. Young men, driven by spiritual curiosity and hunger, are leading this resurgence to find God.

There is an enemy that is deadly to their faith. I don't like playing in the devil's backyard. I don't want to think about these things. When this research came to my attention and showed 30 percent of U.S. adults are engaged in astrology, tarot and psychic readings, I felt a need to warn these new converts about those dark practices they could be engaged in and how it will easily creep into churches undetected.

The Colossian church, soon after their conversion to Jesus, had submitted to mystical practices — angel worship and praying to angels. They held to ascetic and harsh treatment, submitting to rules like, "Do not handle. Do not taste. Do not touch." Then there was the "self-made religion," false humility and severe treatment of the body to win victory over sin.

The Colossians had combined Christianity and Jewish legalism (dietary laws, festivals, new moons, sabbaths and circumcision). Then they added pagan and mystical ideas (occult-style "philosophy" and spiritual powers). There was a distorted view of Christ, treating Him as lesser rather than fully divine and sufficient. They were baby Christians.

This is a warning to the Gen Zs. God calls these dark practices witchcraft. Psychic experts report their readings give people reasons as to why they seek mysticism and serious guidance. They blame it on uncertainties and ways to make sense of what they are experiencing. The structured framework gives reflection and findings for a broader curiosity in mystical and reflective practices.

They attempt to sell these ideas as helping people think about their choices, emotions and direction. They also blame economic swings and the long-term effects of the pandemic. This world's philosophy is directly in opposition to the simple message of the gospel.

I want to warn these young Christians who are searching for truth not to play with fire. You might get burned. If the "love of wisdom" is what you seek, don't look to the psychics for answers. This is not innocent seeking. You might be playing with the devil and not even know it.

I knew a lady in Albuquerque who straddled the fence between her belief in Christ and how she carried out her life. Each morning, she opened the Albuquerque Journal Newspaper and turned to Billy Graham's column, then to her horoscope. She believed in both. I told her on numerous occasions that she was using the devil's

Artist's Lane

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medium and a mediator of light. They don't mix.

She had a very unhappy life. She lived by the horoscope, which brought fear and the ups and downs from its predictions. She mixed it with Christ and wanted to believe what the Bible says is true. She lived in a state of continual turmoil.

The research on mystical practices immediately brought to mind Solomon's statement that there is nothing new under the sun. Paul warned the Colossians that they had veered off from the preeminence of Christ. He is not merely a priority, but superior in authority and is the truth.

Jesus is the head of all creation and the church, signifying Christ's unrivaled power, divine glory, and supreme position as the creator and sustainer of everything.

"And He (Jesus) is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence" — Colossians 1:18 (NKJV).

If these false teachings confront you, turn away from their empty philosophies and humanism. Paul wrote to the church to fend off false teaching and help them to resist false teachers and judge them as dangerous. He wrote to remind them of the wonderful hope they had in Christ.

Final brushstroke: Look at the church and how they view Jesus. It means life or death to you. All I know is one thing — Christ crucified. And in Him is the power and everything you need for an abundant life.

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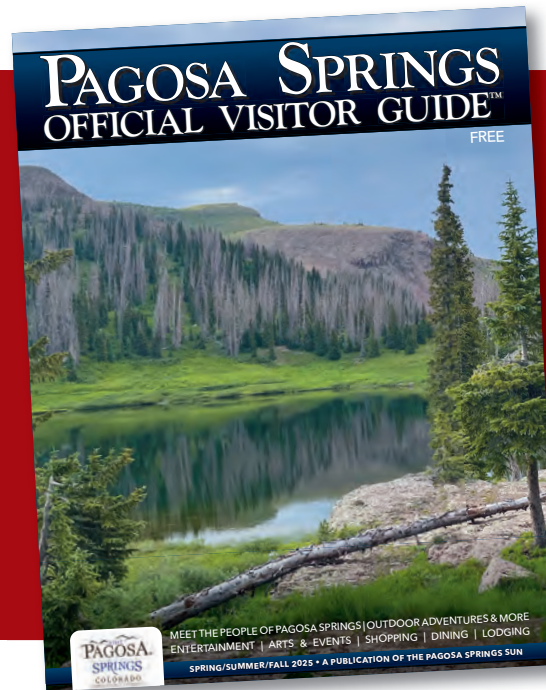
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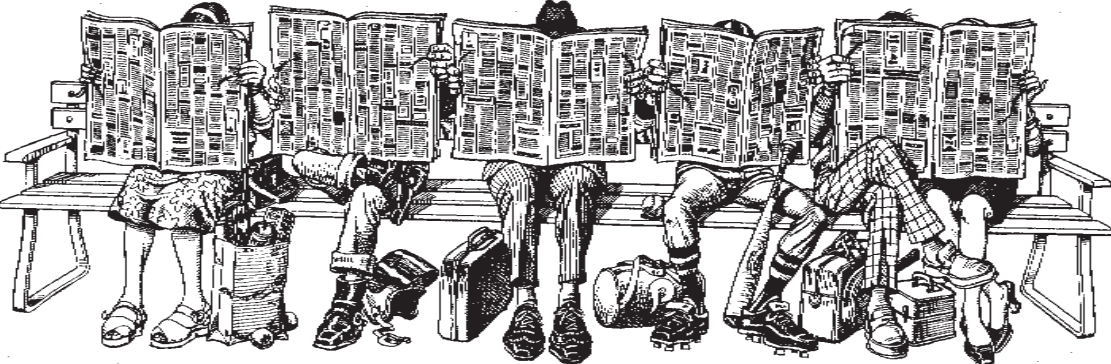
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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Feb. 5

Ruby's Writers Guild. 8:45-10:45 a.m., Senior Center. Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

Tai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center.

English as a Second Language. 4-6 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information.

Friday, Feb. 6

Good News Club. 1:15-3:15 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. A weekly club for kids in kindergarten through the fourth grade where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. To register, visit <https://cef-colorado-431831.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1006150>.

Paws to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Read to Maple, the therapy dog who loves stories.

Saturday, Feb. 7

Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society. 10 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. There will be a short business meeting followed by a presentation. For more information, contact keena-runtherace@gmail.com.

LEGO Play. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-11 years old. Bring your own or use the library's LEGOs to free build. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Basketball. 2:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa versus Ignacio.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Basketball. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa versus Ignacio.

Monday, Feb. 9

Women's Fellowship. 9-11 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners meet at 9:30 a.m. and the advance group meets at 10:15 a.m. If you haven't attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

English as a Second Language. 10 a.m.-noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or

email for more information.

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

American Sign Language Class. 4-5 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Learn and practice ASL skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level is required. Drop-ins are welcome.

Conversational Spanish. 4-5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level required. A Sisson Library program.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Coffee and Kiddos Playgroup. 10-11 a.m., Aspire Medical Services and Education, 602 S. 8th St. For those with kids ages birth to 3 years old.

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.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

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

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Archuleta County Transit Center, 83 Harman Park Drive. Join to discuss "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck.

English as a Second Language. 3-5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information.

Men's Fellowship. 6 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A weekly club for 3- to 5-year-olds where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more.

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.

Archuleta County Republican Women. Noon-1 p.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant. Lunch orders will begin at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

Mexican Train Dominoes. 1:15 p.m.,

Senior Center.

Legal Clinic. 2-3:40 p.m., Sisson Library. Meet with a volunteer civil attorney via 20-minute phone appointments. Registration opens Feb. 2 and space is limited. Registration is required. Call (970) 264-

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Valentine's Day not only a day of love

By Ricardo Martinez
PREVIEW Columnist

Valentine's Day is rapidly approaching and one may think that it's a day to celebrate love, but for many older adults who are experiencing loneliness and isolation, celebrating Valentine's Day may be a little difficult.

Many seniors have experienced the loss of a spouse, close friends or daily social interaction, which can make holidays especially difficult.

Celebrating Valentine's Day reminds seniors that love is not limited to romantic relationships — it also includes friendships, family bonds and self-worth. Simple acts such as cards, phone calls, shared meals or group activities can provide a powerful sense of belonging and reassurance that they are valued and remembered.

For seniors, recognizing Valentine's Day can also support mental and emotional health by encouraging social engagement and positive emotions.

Participating in celebrations, whether through community events, senior center activities or volunteer

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visits, can help reduce feelings of depression and improve overall quality of life. It offers an opportunity to reflect on meaningful relationships, create new memories and strengthen community ties.

By honoring Valentine's Day, families and organizations can foster joy, connection and compassion, reinforcing the message that love and companionship remain vital at every age.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) will be hosting a Valentine's Day party for our lovely seniors on Feb. 13 during the noon hour. Seniors will be voting for ASI's Valentine queen and king. The coronation and the winners will be announced on the day of the party.

Holiday closures

ASI will be closed Feb. 16 for Presidents Day. No meals or programs will be offered that day.

Senior Conversations

The very popular Senior Conversations with local Bill Salmansohn takes place on Mondays from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The exception in February is the rescheduling of the gathering from Feb. 16 to Feb. 20, still at 1:15 p.m., due to the holiday.

Salmonsohn brings to the conversations a variety of topics designed to stimulate discussions within a safe and comfortable environment as we explore our well-being and shared experiences.

This is a unique opportunity to connect with others in the Archuleta community, fostering sharing and friendships.

Snacks will be provided.

Afterward, hosted by Robin Williams, stay for a get-together created for those who wish to continue the conversation. This opportunity is typically from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., following Senior Conversations. The group occasionally reconvenes as an informal gathering at various local restaurants.

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2209. Space is limited.

Elementary Tutoring. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, 141 S. 10th St. For grades 1-3. Elementary school children are tutored in reading and math. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information. A Sisson Library program.

Junior Youth Challenge. 3:30-4:45 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School music room. A weekly club for kids in fifth and sixth grade where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. To register, visit <https://cef-colorado-431831.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1006150>.

Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be "Iceland in Winter," presented by Dave Anderson. A Zoom link can be requested by emailing abutler@mac.com.

Order of the Eastern Star Peace and Harmony Chapter #158. 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 277 Lewis St. Call Donna at (970) 946-8201 for more information.

Thursday, Feb. 12

Ruby's Writers Guild. 8:45-10:45 a.m., Senior Center. Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other

writers. Members provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

Online Author Talk. Noon, virtual. "Mojos, Mermaid, Medicine and 400 Years of Black Women's Magic" with Dr. Lindsey Stewart. Go to the library's website, www.pagosalibrary.org, to watch nationally renowned authors giving hour-long presentations live via Zoom or view the recording later.

Tai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Taylor will answer basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc., and provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Bring your device charger and passwords.

English as a Second Language. 4-6 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information.

Friday, Feb. 13

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Learn to Can Raspberry Jam. 5:30

p.m., CSU Extension, 344 U.S. 84. The cost is \$25 per person/couple for one jar of jam. For more information, call (970) 264-5931 or visit archuleta.extension.colostate.edu.

Pagosa Springs High School Booster Club Basket Auction. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. The auction will begin at 4 p.m. and end during halftime of the varsity boys' game. Each PSHS sport will offer a unique basket to bid on.

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

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

Saturday, Feb. 14

Pagosa Springs Scrapbook and Crafters Club. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Senior Center dining room. Bring your creative and scrapbooking projects and share time with other crafters. Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch.

Knitters Circle. 1-3 p.m., Natural Grocers back room, 775 San Juan St. Any type and experience level of needleworker is welcome. A Sisson Library program.

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Senior

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Community members are invited to attend free weekly classes every Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Senior Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd., in the back of the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The stretching and mobility classes for adults age 55 or better are designed to help build balance in the body through functional exercises that aim to improve mobility and flexibility.

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of techniques that can help enhance overall movement efficiency.

Though not necessary, a mat is recommended for this class.

The program is instructed by local ballet dance instructor Dee Pitchon, who will provide modifications to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the exercises.

Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

Come to the Senior Center to

learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge

The game of bridge is held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds, with the final round reached sometime between two and three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Emotional freedom

On the second Thursday of the month from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., join the "Tappers," who practice a self-regulation technique to relieve symptoms of anxiety, depression, insomnia and more.

Everything you need to get started

is included in this fun, engaging, supportive class taught by Judith Newman, LPC.

Mindful drawing

Mindful drawing is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Join our friendly instructor, Roberta Strickland.

Classes are every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center. There is no class on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

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.

Mexican train dominoes

Mexican train dominoes meets on Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Ruby's Writers Guild

The Ruby's Writers Guild now meets on Thursdays from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. The Guild is an informal group that meets to support writers of all genres and experiences. It supports writers through friendly critique, resources, discussion, and literary and cultural activities. Bring

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Thank You!

MICHAEL HODGSON

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Senior

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your secret idea drafts or completed manuscripts. Come join the group.

Tai chi chih

Tai chi classes are on Thursdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Senior Center.

Tai chi chih is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this meditative practice. The 19 movements and one pose are designed to stimulate, circulate and balance the vital energy that is inherent in all of us.

Bingo

Join us for bingo on Feb. 13 and Feb. 27.

Participation is free, and all we ask is you bring yourself and a friend for an hour of joyful fellowship. We will provide prizes for all winners, and snacks will also be provided.

No RSVP is required; just show up. All ages are welcome, but we ask those 18 and younger to come with an adult chaperone. Seats are first come, first served.

Scrapbooking and crafters club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking and Crafters Club continues to hold monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., within the dining hall in the Senior Center.

This creative tradition has been happening since 2005, and we invite all creative individuals to come and share ideas, connect with new and old friends, learn/share creative techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together. Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group.

Help us create an intergenerational community. Those ages 18 and older are welcome. For those youth age 17 and younger, we kindly request an adult chaperone accompany them.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please send your request to copenhavercreative@gmail.com and you will receive notification each month of the upcoming meeting, along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking and more.

Share lunch Monday through Friday

Join local elders, their friends, family and community at the Community Cafe, also known as the Silver Fox's Den, in person for delicious meals Mondays through Fridays at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Grab 'N' Go pickup via our convenient portico is also available all week.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 8:45 a.m. weekdays. Please say

whether it is dine-in or Grab 'N' Go.

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 \$6, 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.

Community Cafe menu

Call or text (970) 264-2167 before 8:45 a.m. Please note that occasionally the menu must be changed on short notice.

Thursday, Feb. 5 — Chicken potato-leek soup, focaccia bread, roasted beet salad with walnuts and goat cheese, cookies, and milk.

Friday, Feb. 6 — Beef curry with rice, roasted cauliflower, garden salad, fruit, chai pudding and milk.

Monday, Feb. 9 — Teriyaki pork spareribs, roasted herb potatoes, garden salad, pineapple yogurt parfait and milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 10 — Codfish with lemon butter sauce, quinoa rice pilaf, broccoli, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 11 — Chicken and dumplings, asparagus, garden salad, strawberry-rhubarb crisp and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 12 — Stuffed Portabella mushroom cap, naan bread, red pepper hummus, garden salad, fruit, carrot cake and milk.

Friday, Feb. 13 — Hawaiian beef with peppers, coconut rice, broccoli and cauliflower, garden salad, fruit, cottage cheese, and milk.

Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. The meals are delivered by our wonderful volunteers. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167 for how to sign up for the program.

Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Mountain Express Transit senior paratransit services

Seniors over the age of 60 can be verified to receive services through discounted paratransit services, free bus rides and pick up at your home to bring you to the Senior Center for lunch. To become eligible, there is a form to complete.

Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry can contact the Mountain Express Transit (MET) to schedule a ride with its paratransit

service.

Call the Archuleta County MET at (970) 264-2250 for information.

Medicare assistance by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and

D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 403-6759 for an appointment and where to meet.

Board vacancies

The ASI Board of Directors has positions open. Terms are three

years with an option to renew for an additional term.

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CAN MORE SUN EXPOSURE LEAD TO LOWER CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE RISK?

When it comes to protecting, managing, and regaining overall health, Vitamin D has proven to be most effective. The naturally occurring, sun-derived Vitamin D provides proactive defense against most common lifestyle diseases, including cardiovascular disease. The effect of vitamin D on your heart is the basis of today's research excerpt. The farther north you live, the more likely you will suffer a heart attack. That curious observation led to the suspicion that vitamin D may somehow be related to the development of heart disease. It suggests that sunlight exposure may somehow provide a protective effect, perhaps through vitamin D.



The notable exception to this pattern is the Eskimos, who eat large quantities of oily fish, a rich source of vitamin D and omega-3 fatty acids.

An early hint that deficiency of vitamin D might be behind heart disease came from a New Zealand study of 179 people presenting with heart attacks. Heart attack sufferers proved to have lower vitamin D blood levels (25-hydroxyvitamin D) compared to people without heart attacks.

A corroborating observation emerged from analysis of the enormous database of 259,891 heart attacks maintained by the National Registry of Myocardial Infarction. In this nationwide tabulation, heart attacks surged by 53% during sun-deprived winter months compared to summer.

Further corroboration came from observations in sub-tropical climates, where intense sun shines year-round and seasonal variation in heart attack rates doesn't occur. Unlike the large ranges in cold or hot weather found in temperate regions, the warm climate of a subtropical region does not affect the frequency of heart attacks.

If vitamin D is indeed related to heart disease risk, then we would also expect to see fewer heart attacks in sunny climates and more heart attacks in cooler climates. Indeed, an exhaustive study performed by Dr. David Grimes and colleagues at the Blackburn Royal Infirmary in England demonstrated a consistent worldwide relationship between sunlight exposure and heart disease: the farther north in latitude, the more heart attacks occurred.

Dr. Grimes and others have suggested that the vitamin D activated by sunlight is behind the reduced risk of heart disease.

Source: "Vitamin D's Crucial Role in Cardiovascular Protection." By William Davis.

Bonus Tip: Visit <http://www.AmazingFacts.org> for spiritual refreshment every week!

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Women in Ag Conference set for March 5 and 6

By Cindi Galabota and Heather Houk
PREVIEW Columnists

Did you know that according to the USDA Census of Agriculture, nearly 50 percent of all farmers in Colorado are women? Women are a growing driver of our local economies, helping to feed and fuel all of us in Southwest Colorado.

On March 5 and 6, Colorado State University (CSU) Extension of Archuleta and La Plata counties are proud to bring a unique conference to the fairgrounds in Durango. While open to everyone, we created an event that will bring together women from around the region to talk about what it takes to move beyond surviving and focus on thriving in this occupation.

Dr. Heather Shotton, president of Fort Lewis College, will welcome everyone together. Keynote speaker Dr. Theresa Larson will help us find our own resilience through understanding what challenges us and how to rise to the occasion. Dr. Becky Bolinger, a former CSU climatologist, will give us tools to better understand the changes in our climate and how to improve our sustainability practices. We will close with Beth LaShell, director of the Old Fort, who has a lifelong relationship with agriculture from the Midwest to Colorado and an

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incredible legacy to share.

Not only will there be amazing keynote speakers, but a ton of presentations, workshops and vendors (and of course free goodies), all coming from a place of experience, expertise and wisdom to help us learn how we can take better care of our land and animals, as well as ourselves.

Workshops will range from ranchers to ag business professionals; drone and robot specialists; and orchard, veggie and viticulture experts. We are elated to share that we will also have women from the Southern Ute farming community to share their knowledge, history and farming experiences as a true example of resilience.

Other exciting highlights to this incredible conference include free child care, meals prepared by local chefs and a “wellness” room to take care of yourself. We are even providing a “dinner and a movie” night on Thursday to celebrate the amazing work taking place in Colorado’s ag-

ricultural community.

This unique conference is open to everyone, of course, but with special attention to the women who make this industry what it is and what it can be in the future.

For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/WomeninAg-DGO> or email cindi.galabota@colostate.edu.

Heather Houk is a CSU Extension horticulturalist in La Plata County and Cindi Galabota is the CSU Extension director in Archuleta County.

Learn to Can Raspberry Jam class

Join us at the Archuleta County CSU Extension building on Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. for our Learn to Can Raspberry Jam class.

Terry Schaaf will lead participants through up-to-date canning recommendations, food safety and high-altitude canning basics. Participants will make and take home a jar of raspberry jam during this hands-on workshop.

Preregistration is required, and the cost to attend is \$25. Make it a date night, come with your bestie or come on your own and learn to can raspberry jam.

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CPR and first aid certification

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THERE IS A SOLUTION GROUP of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 5:30-6:30p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Questions? Diamond: (970)264-1073. Charlotte: (970)903-9690. More resources: www.aa.org, www.aa-westerncolorado.com, (970)245-9649, (888)333-9649 (24 hrs.).

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