

Wolf Creek Ski Area receives nearly 5 feet of snow, snowpack jumps

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

A “real” winter storm rolled through Pagosa Country last week, leaving behind 1-2 feet, or more, of fresh snow in spots around the county. Meanwhile, Wolf Creek Ski Area reported nearly 5 feet of new snow, with a total of 59 inches falling from Feb. 17 through Feb. 21.

According to reports entered into the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow (CoCoRaHS) network,

snow totals in Pagosa Springs for the five-day period ranged from 15.8 inches downtown up to 18.6 inches uptown. The highest totals were seen in the northern part of the county, ranging from 24 inches near Lake Hatcher up to 31.5 inches along the Mineral County border.

As of Feb. 25, the ski area reported a year-to-date snowfall of 164 inches with a midway depth of 82 inches and a summit depth of 89 inches.

Avalanche danger remains consid-
■ See Snow A13

Commissioners vote to fund development director position

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Archuleta County is currently looking for a new director of development, a position that has been posted on the county’s website since Jan. 13.

When former development director Pamela Flowers resigned in July 2025, then-planning manager Owen O’Dell was named as the interim development director until he resigned from the county a few months later.

When approving its 2026 budget, the BoCC decided not to include

funds for the director of development position, but is now choosing to fund the position.

According to its Feb. 17 meeting agenda, under Item D of new business, “The County has decided to hire a Development Services Director in 2026.”

County Manager Longinos Gonzalez explained that during last year’s budget discussions, in terms of trying to save some money, “this is ... an area where perhaps we could save money.”

■ See Director A7



Photo courtesy Kevin Bruce, Wolf Creek Ski Area

Snow enthusiasts were treated to 59 inches of fresh snow at Wolf Creek Ski Area courtesy of the storms that moved through last week. The boost put the ski area at 164 inches received this season.

Town’s planning commission approves sketch design for regional workforce center

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Feb. 24, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, which also sits as the Design Review Board, approved a sketch plan for Build Pagosa’s regional workforce center, planned to be constructed on the high school campus.

The development is being proposed on a roughly 1 acre parcel at the high school and the project anticipates the possibility of two phases at roughly 10,000 square feet per phase.

Only the first phase of the proposed development was approved by the commission.

It is unknown at this time “when or if phase two will be progressed, as it is dependent



Image courtesy Build Pagosa, Town of Pagosa Springs

An image shows where the proposed regional workforce center will sit in relation to Pagosa Springs High School. On Feb. 24, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission approved a sketch plan for the center.

on grant funding and fundraising,” states Build Pagosa’s sketch plan application.

Planning Manager Owen O’Dell explained that phase 1 of the project would be “shovel ready by late summer 2026” if everything goes smoothly through the process, including sketch approval, final design approval and a conditional use permit required for the zoning.

Build Pagosa’s website states that the nonprofit organization “supports

our workforce needs by providing job ready skills to high school students and adults ensuring a labor force that meets the demands of the workplace for the foreseeable future.”

It adds, “We are here to help generations break away from the cycle of low-paying hourly jobs, and towards prosperity.”

Will Ridlehoover, executive director of Build Pagosa, explained that the workforce center would be the only career and technical education (CTE)

program in the area, with Mancos currently having the closest program.

Ridlehoover stated that, as a nonprofit, the organization has about a \$1.8 million gap in funding for the construction costs of the building, but added that the organization would be going to its “big donors to let them know that now is the time” to step up to the plate to get the project done.

He also noted that the organization would have a stream of funding
■ See Workforce A4

PAWSD talks Running Iron Ranch remediation progress, Park Ditch issues

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At a Jan. 29 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors heard an update from District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey on the progress of remediation at the Running Iron Ranch and conditions at the site.

The ranch is jointly owned by PAWSD and the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD), who

are currently engaged in litigation over if PAWSD has a right to sell the property despite the SJWCD’s opposition to a sale.

Although it was purchased as the site for a reservoir, which the SJWCD is in the process of planning and constructing, the site has primarily been leased to the Weber family, who owned it before the sale and who are engaged in gravel mining and cattle ranching on the property.
■ See Remediation A6

Town to seek proposals for workforce housing project

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Feb. 17, the Pagosa Springs Town Council directed town staff to begin advertising for developers’ proposals for a potential workforce housing project at a half-acre town-owned property located at the corner of Apache Street and 5th Street.

“This property was originally purchased by the Town for workforce housing as part of the Town and [developer] Servitas’ public-private partnership, prior to the focus on the

Enclave property in Aspen Village,” an agenda document on the matter states.

The council’s action starts the request for proposal (RFP) process, where the town can set parameters for potential respondents, such as area median income (AMI) requirements and deed restrictions for the development.

However, the document states that staff recommends “that the RFP is structured to allow for these items as negotiable based on the re-
■ See Proposals A7

Town council hears update on Reservoir Hill Park expansion

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Feb. 17, Pagosa Springs Town Council member Brooks Lindner and Recreation Supervisor Amanda Gadomski reported to the council on funding efforts for a potential expansion of Reservoir Hill Park.

At an August 2025 meeting, the town’s Parks and Recreation Department presented to the council an opportunity to expand the park along the remainder of the hill, to the south and toward County Road 119, also known as Light Plant Road.

At that meeting, Gadomski pitched it as an “opportunity to conserve Reservoir Hill” and to protect “a community treasure for future generations.”

Lindner described the chance as “a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity ... that will benefit generations to come,” and has since spearheaded the effort on the council to acquire the land.

After the August 2025 meeting, Lindner explained that a committee had been formed that included Gadomski, himself and council member Madeline Bergon.

He said that “our committee has met a couple of times, in October

and December,” and that he had a call with “the person that’s in charge of the conservation fund,” and “they expressed their willingness to help us in whatever capacity we might need.”

On the most “current status, as most of you know, we have applied for the [federal] Forest Legacy Program,” he explained, adding that the town has received “25 letters of support from different organizations around town” for that application.

“Ranking will happen in April or May, and that is when we’ll have a better picture on where we stand with the Forest Legacy Program,” he

explained.

He added, “To clarify, the area that we are going for on [Reservoir Hill] with the Legacy Forest Program is approximately 300 acres on top [of the hill]. It’s the forested part.”

At the August 2025 meeting, staff had identified around 490 additional acres of potential town parkland currently for sale and available on the hill, but also expressed that a smaller parcel of perhaps 300 acres could be desirable if that’s what the council wanted.

Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis explained then that at least
■ See Reservoir A7



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OUR VIEW

Meeting the moment

Like many over the last few weeks, we've tuned into and kept tabs on the Olympics, taking in the highs, the lows, the close finishes, the crashes, the drama and the records set.

Watching it has left us pondering the phrase "meet the moment."

Numerous athletes rose to the occasion and met the moment, earning medals and bringing joy to the countries they represented.

Others had to meet the moment in unexpected ways.

Lindsey Vonn, for example, has garnered a lot of attention after rupturing her ACL prior to the Olympics, but opting to go forward with chasing after her dream of returning to the Olympics.

Obviously, that return didn't pan out the way she wanted and instead of a medal and a spot on the podium, she dodged danger of amputation, has undergone numerous surgeries, faced significant blood loss and seemingly has half of a hardware store's supply holding her leg together while it heals.

She could have dropped out of the limelight, choosing anger in dealing with how things have turned out, but instead she's met the moment with gratitude, grace and kept her fans apprised of her challenges every step of the way.

It's nothing short of inspiring.

Meeting the moment isn't just about the big times or when things go well. It isn't just for the athletes who set records or win the gold. It's not only about performing well under pressure.

It's for all of us, no matter where we find

ourselves.

It could mean finally trying that new hobby you've always been interested in (there's clearly been a rash of folks delving into curling since the Olympics kicked off). It could mean trying that thing or taking that step you've been afraid of, or making that appointment you keep putting off.

It could be a donation to an organization you appreciate, or calling a lawmaker to let them know you agree or disagree with their stances and why. It could mean taking a bigger role in leading the community or working to make a difference on a bigger scale.

If we all work to meet the moment, we're pretty sure amazing things can happen.

As Jane Goodall said, "What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

Letters to the editor

We also feel this is a good time for our periodic reminder about what our letters to the editor are — and aren't — as politics continue to be at a fever pitch and local issues ramp up ahead of elections.

We sometimes hear from people who are unhappy with The SUN's letters to the editor, primarily because they feel the majority of the letters don't align with their personal beliefs or politics. Like times where those comments picked up previously, we'll point out that we continue to live in a time where politics are more divisive than they've been in years.

We also live in a time where people are more able and, in some cases, much more willing to share their opinions.

We thank those who offer their input, but

we encourage them to not stop at telling us they're unhappy and deciding to not pick up another copy of The SUN.

The SUN doesn't pick and choose what letters to print each week based on what we agree with or disagree with, or what we think will trigger the most responses. We print every letter we receive that fits our requirements (except in rare occasions where we receive numerous letters on the same political issue during election season and space doesn't allow us to print all of them). We print letters representing a variety of viewpoints because we firmly believe in conversation and hearing different ideas.

If you're unhappy with what you're seeing in our letters, send us a letter with your point of view; add your thoughts and experiences to the conversation. We've all lived through different experiences, and have different knowledge bases and skills. As we've state before, that's not a weakness; that's a strength.

The SUN values and welcomes diversity of opinion and aims to provide an open forum for discussion of issues that are important to those in our community and who care about our community.

We don't need to be mad that others have different opinions than us, and we don't need to stick our heads in the sand or our fingers in our ears to avoid hearing them. Instead, we should be willing to understand how others feel. We might learn something, we might just agree to disagree but have a little more understanding about how they feel, or we might find an opportunity for a meaningful conversation.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 26, 1926

The home of Feliciano Valdez at Trujillo was stricken Sunday when two children, aged five and ten years died of diphtheria. A physician was called Monday and found two other children in the same family afflicted with the disease. They were placed under quarantine, and the school children inspected for further evidence of diphtheria, but none were found. It is hoped that there will be no epidemic in the county.

J.B. Patterson expects to engage in mining in the Silverton district as soon as spring opens up in that section. He has obtained a bond and lease on a very promising property and his many friends are hoping that he makes another cleaning.

The Pagosa Springs Motor Co. is raffling off a Ford coupe, 1926 model, at 50 cents a chance — when all chances are sold. Those wishing to try their luck may see either H.D. Ford or Harry Sharp at the garage.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 2, 1951

A group of local and rural residents met with the County Superintendent, officials of the local school and the school board of District 50 last Thursday to discuss the need and possibility of a new school building in town, a new building at Pagosa Junction and remodeling of the present school building at Chromo.

In town the present space is entirely too small and overcrowding is a very pressing problem. The following figures by grades will give an idea of the condition as it presently exists: 1st grade, 64 students; 2nd grade 52 students; 3rd grade 52 students; 4th grade 51 students; 5th grade 44 students; 6th grade 44 students. This is a total of 307 students in the lower grades and it is highly probable that this number will be even larger next year. It is not possible to at present to have but two rooms for the first grade, 2 for the second and 3 rooms combined for the 3rd and 4th grades.

Local school officials state that with normal increases which can be expected this fall, one of two things will be necessary. Either the school will have to be run in two sections with half the students attending in the morning and half in the afternoon or else an additional four rooms must be rented around town. This will still be a get-by measure and not at all satisfactory.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 26, 1976

The Pagosa Springs High School Ski Team made a very credible showing at the Colorado state high school championship ski meet at Purgatory last weekend. For the first time Pagosa Pirate skiers participated in the jumping event, giving them entrants in all four events.

In jumping Mike Martinez and Kurt Laverty placed 26th and 27th in the event. This was the first time for competition for the skiers and shows the constant improvement the team is making in its second year of competition.

In boys events Pagosa placed ninth in jumping, sixth in giant slalom and fourth in slalom. Placing were Kurt Laverty who was 15th in the giant slalom, Steve Laverty 18th, Mike Martinez 25th and Del Gibbs 37th.

Skiing and finishing in the slalom race Kurt Laverty was 8th, Steve Laverty 13th, Mike Martinez 26th, Mark Peters 27th, and Eric Hauser 47th. Girls placing in the giant slalom were Barbara Seielstad 19th, Melinda Formwalt 35th and Carol Boydston 39th.

Barbara Seielstad placed 6th in the slalom, Melinda Formwalt was 30th, and Carol Boydston placed 37th.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 1, 2001

Snow continues to pile up in Pagosa Country, approaching depths acknowledged by old-timers as "the way it used to be."

Wolf Creek Ski Area reported 10 and one-half feet of powder and packed powder standing at the 11,000-foot summit of their resort. Of that amount, 42 inches fell this past week, 24 inches during the last 48 hours and 7 inches during the last 24 hours.

For the season, Wolf Creek is reporting 28.91 feet of snowfall with more to come.

February snowfall in town, aided by the six inches that fell this week, totals 15.25 inches through Feb. 27. February's average snowfall since 1938 is 18.8 inches, according to records maintained by the Colorado Climate Center at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. The heaviest February snowfall of record was 61 inches during 1969.

The coldest February reading captured in Pagosa Springs since 1938 was minus 46 degrees Feb. 1, 1951. Since 1938, the February thermometer has dropped below minus 40 degrees once, below minus 30 degrees twice, and below minus 20 degrees 18 times.



From the Feb. 26, 1987, Pagosa SUN — **NO BIG RED** — If the Interstate Commerce Commission accepts the company's plan of rerouting in Colorado, after March 31, there will be no Trailways service for Pagosa Springs. Because it is expected the ICC will in fact approve Trailway's abandonment of routes in rural Colorado, Crown Transportation Inc. plans to service southwestern Colorado.

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Personal information

Dear Editor:

The devil is fiendishly clever. Archuleta County is hosting some of these devils, these con artists. The county's tax and property records have served as a pot of gold for some of them. La Plata County was not spared. The thieves found the same pot of gold in La Plata County, but a much bigger pot.

A few years ago a slick and glossy promotional and innocent looking publication began to appear in our mailbox, but only in the mailboxes of high-end homes. People who had built or bought their dream home in Archuleta County were the only recipients and targets. The publication was simply addressed: Resident. That was the clue for who might have provided the addresses.

It had only one objective, and that is to steal a slice of the advertising dollars in the county. That in itself is not illegal, but it is not a very benevolent act. The publication's ace card in promoting itself was/is "flattery." And it worked famously. Flattery is birthed in the pit of hell. It's the devil's ace card. Many are seduced by flattery. It's a gimmick that has been around for a very long time.

County commissioners, don't allow just anyone access to our personal information. A few con-artists have even learned to steal the deeds

to our properties. My son, who lives in Los Angeles County, is paying three-hundred dollars a year to someone to stand guard over the deed to his home. I am no longer playing a black mailer who has been blocking our web site: Stretcher Bearers for Christ. My granddaughter Kristina found a back door address anyone can use to get into the site.

Friends, it's time to do something. Talking about doing something doesn't get the job done. I now use that glossy, glitzy publication as fire starter. It's time to put on boxing gloves. I am 92, but not too old to go into the ring with someone. It takes insight to expose and nail our enemy. Praise Jesus, God is giving me that insight.

Be on guard, recite Psalm 91 daily over your home and heart. It won't hurt to say it or read it more than once.

Thank you Pagosa Sun for publishing my letter.

Peter Laue

Backward

Dear Editor:

As usual, Donald has it backward. Last weekend, he decided to send a hospital ship to Greenland "to take care of the many people who are sick and not being taken care of there." (His words - you can't make this stuff up.)

Hold on.

Is this the same altruist whose cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act are projected to deprive 16 million Americans of medical care here at home?

Whatever happened to "America First"?

The irony is that all citizens of Greenland, like all citizens of Denmark, have access to free medical care. According to Denmark's defense minister, Troels Paulsen, Greenland has no need of a hospital ship from the US. There are five - count them, five - I repeat there are five hospitals on Greenland serving a population of 57,000 people.

So, what's going on?

Could this be another stunt to deflect attention away from the enormously unpopular idea of the US acquiring Greenland, one way or another? Or maybe Donald is jockeying for a Nobel Prize in Phony Philanthropy?

In my opinion, HHS should send a hospital ship to every port in the United States to "take care of" the tens of thousands of people in this country who are routinely denied access to medical care.

As an alternative, maybe the poor and disabled from the USA should be scooped up by masked thugs and disappeared to Greenland, where our president will be thrilled to pay for their medical care.

Is anyone else gagging on the hypocrisy?

Sincerely,
Kathy Muth

Government gridlock

Dear Editor:

It is past time to take a hard look at the state of our government. Too often, it feels as though leaders are more interested in winning arguments on social media than solving the problems that affect everyday Americans. We are paying for a high-performance engine, yet getting nothing but noise and very little movement.

In Washington, the "viral moment" seems to have replaced real work. Instead of debating legislation that could improve schools, repair infrastructure, or reduce costs for families, elected officials remain stuck in a cycle of partisan blame. When the two sides refuse to talk, progress doesn't slow — it stops. And the American people are the ones who pay the price.

Our system was designed with checks and balances to prevent power from concentrating in the hands of a few. When Congress fails to do its job, that balance erodes. Government should serve citizens — not parties, headlines, or election cycles.

We deserve leaders who care more about the next generation than the next election.

An old saying puts it plainly: "Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way."

It's time for our representatives to do exactly that — and for citizens to remind them that we are paying attention.

Russ Widener

U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of March 2-6

Work activity

- The project team is preparing to resume a full season of construction in March.
- Town of Pagosa Springs utility placement and drainage work on the south side of the 2nd Street intersection will begin next week. This work may affect access to businesses with storefronts facing 2nd Street. All businesses are open, but patrons should plan for alternate access to these businesses from Hermosa Alley East during scheduled work.
- Stormwater utility placement work is planned for the southside of the 3rd street intersection of Pagosa Street.
- Pedestrian crossings: With the traffic shift there are several locations that no longer have pedestrian barriers where the sidewalks, curb and gutter have been completed. Please pay attention when traversing the roadway and use identified crossings.
- Please be mindful that the crews on the job site are there to work on the project and not to answer questions about the job or project timing. If you have questions, please contact the project hotline or email, listed below.

Help protect new concrete sidewalks this winter

- Do not use salt or standard ice melt on new concrete during the first winter.
- New concrete is still curing and salt causes permanent surface damage.
- Salt leads to scaling, flaking and spalling from freeze-thaw cycles.
- Chlorides in salt can chemically weaken concrete and cause steel reinforcement to rust.
- Once damaged, concrete deterioration worsens each winter and is costly to repair.
- Use these safer alternatives instead: sand (best for traction), nonclumping kitty litter or concrete-safe de-icers such as calcium magnesium acetate.

Snow removal plan

A coordinated snow removal team has been assembled to support the U.S. 160 reconstruction project and help keep downtown Pagosa Springs safe and accessible throughout the winter. This team includes Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) maintenance personnel, the WW Clyde construction team and Town of Pagosa Springs Public Works staff.

How the snow removal team will work

The team has developed a unified plan to quickly respond to major snowstorms. The shared goals are to:

- Keep U.S. 160 through downtown clear and passable.
- Support emergency access routes.
- Maintain access to schools, businesses and essential services.

CDOT snow removal duties

- CDOT will maintain the U.S. 160 main business corridor.
- CDOT will provide an additional snowplow dedicated to supporting operations in the downtown corridor.
- To allow for safe and efficient snow clearing in this new configuration:
 - On-street parking will be unavailable between 1st Street and 10th Street due to space constraints and snow removal operations.
 - Snow will be pushed to the center median, next to the concrete barrier, until crews can haul it away.

Town of Pagosa Springs snow removal duties

- The town will plow town streets.
- The town will prioritize school bus routes during snow events.
- After prioritizing school bus routes, the Town of Pagosa Springs has agreed to prioritize the alleyways behind main street (100-400 blocks) to help businesses maintain rear access for needs such as ski rentals, prescription pickups, bakery access, deliveries and similar services.
- The town will be responsible for hauling away snow piles.

Business owner responsibilities

We kindly remind downtown business owners that they are responsible for clearing the sidewalks in front of their buildings.

Do not shovel or push snow into the roadway. This creates safety hazards and disrupts the coordinated snow removal efforts. Colorado law (Colorado Statute 43-5-310) and local ordinances prohibit the plowing, blowing or shoveling of snow onto public roadways.

Stay informed and connect with the project

- Call the project information line: (970) 335-9230.
- Email the project team: Pagosa160reconstruction@gmail.com.
- Visit the project website: www.codot.gov/projects/us160pagosasprings.
- Subscribe to project updates: subscription.cotrip.org.

Information provided by Colorado Department of Transportation

Community organizations invited to host summer meal program sites

Colorado Department of Education

Colorado's Summer Meals Program is seeking sponsors, sites and state partners to help ensure children and teens have access to healthy meals during the summer break.

In 2025, sponsors served more than 2 million meals at 616 sites through this program funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered by the Colorado Department of Education's (CDE's) School Nutrition Unit.

For the summer of 2026, eligible families can also receive support through the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Program.

"No child should face a summer without reliable access to healthy food," said Colorado Education Commissioner Dr. Susana Córdova. "These programs help close the nutrition gap when school is out, and they depend on strong partnerships with local organizations to reach kids in every corner of Colorado. We're inviting community partners across the state to be part of that support for children and teens."

The CDE and Hunger Free Colorado are working to expand summer meal access. They invite community organizations, including camps, government agencies, colleges and nonprofits to join as Summer Meals Program sites.

Organizations can learn more on CDE's Become a Sponsor webpage, ed.cde.state.co.us/nutrition/become-a-sponsor.

According to data from the Colorado KidsCount Survey, nearly 30 percent of Colorado households with children experienced financial hardship.

"Consistent access to nutritious food is foundational to kids' health and ability to learn and grow," said Graciela Guillen, Hunger Free Colorado applied policy and economic justice coordinator. "Summer is often the hungriest time for kids — when families lose access to school meals and grocery budgets skyrocket. With federal cuts to SNAP putting additional strain on family budgets, Healthy School Meals for All, Summer EBT and the Summer Meals Program play a vital role in ensuring Colorado's kids have reliable access to nutritious food year-round."

About the Summer Meals Program:

- Meals are free to all kids and teens 18 years and younger. In rural locations, some meals may be taken home to eat.
- Parents do not need to apply to the program for their children to get free summer meals.
- Organizations that can administer

the Summer Meals Program include schools, nonprofit organizations, government entities, camps, universities and community- and faith-based organizations.

- Parents and youth can find summer meal sites by visiting www.kids-foodfinder.org.
- Meals served follow USDA nutrition guidelines.

About the Summer EBT Program:

- Eligible families with school-aged children could receive \$40 per month per child during the summer months.
- Funds to purchase groceries are placed on EBT cards.
- The program is led by the Colorado Department of Human Services with support from the CDE.

To learn more about Hunger Free Colorado, visit HungerFreeColorado.org. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Letters

The SUN welcomes letters from readers.

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Expressions Dance Company wins Studio Spirit Award at competition

By Suzy Halterman
Pagosa Springs Dance Academy

Dancers from Expressions Dance Company, part of Pagosa Springs Dance Academy, competed at the Axis Dance Competition held Valentine's Day weekend in Farmington, N.M.

The event brought together studios from across New Mexico and Colorado, including teams from Albuquerque, Farmington, Durango and surrounding communities.

At the conclusion of the competition, Expressions Dance Company was awarded the Studio Spirit Award, an honor selected by the event's backstage staff and presented to the studio that best exemplified encouragement, sportsmanship and team support throughout the weekend.

For the Pagosa Springs team, the recognition carried special meaning. Expressions was not the largest or most experienced studio in attendance, making the acknowledgment of its positive culture especially significant.

Company directors have worked intentionally to cultivate an environment where dancers support one another, cheer on teammates, and show respect and encouragement to dancers from other studios. The Studio Spirit Award reflects values the directors have emphasized since the beginning of the Expressions Dance Company.

This year marked the fifth time the Pagosa Springs competitive team has attended Axis, which is the one competition each season in which every company member performs.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Dance Academy

Members of the Expressions Dance Company celebrate their Studio Spirit Award after a busy dance competition weekend in Farmington, N.M., recently.

Company Director Lesley Peck noted that having the full team together creates a strong sense of camaraderie and contributes to the positive atmosphere the dancers bring both backstage and onstage.

Studio Director Katrina Thomas echoed that sentiment, emphasizing that competitions are about more

than awards.

She noted that dancers grow not only through constructive judges' feedback, but also by watching other performers, gaining inspiration from dancers at other studios, and learning how to support fellow artists.

Alongside the Studio Spirit Award, Expressions dancers achieved strong competitive results.

Of the 15 solo performances presented, four earned first-place awards within their categories, three earned third-place finishes and two earned fourth-place finishes.

Group and duet routines were equally successful. Of the 13 group and duet performances, 10 earned first-place awards within their respective categories, with one additional routine earning second place.

Several solo routines also received overall awards, placing in the top 10 highest-scoring performances across all styles within their divisions, a significant achievement.

In solo overall awards, Paige Rogacki and Camellia Bellina each earned first place. Rogacki also received special recognition for earning the highest score of any solo in her competitive division. Lily Peck placed fifth overall, while Avery White earned fifth overall for her self-choreographed solo, and Lily Rogacki placed seventh.

Overall recognition extended to

group and duet performances, as well.

The duet performed by Cassidy Luke and Georgia White earned first-place overall in its division. The full-company routine "Footloose" also earned first place overall in its division, a standout achievement for the entire team. The group routine "Art of Noticing" placed first overall, while additional honors included a third-place overall duet by Lily and Penny Peck, a third-place overall finish for the musical theater group "Zero to Hero," and a fourth-place overall finish for the tap group "Sky Full of Stars." "Zero to Hero" also received the Highest Point Award for Most Entertaining Routine in its division, a high honor recognizing the dancers' and choreographer's ability to light up the stage and captivate the audience.

In addition, judges selected Luke and Avery White for special recognition awards, honoring elements of their performances beyond the standard scoring system.

The Expressions Dance Company will continue its competitive season in March with two additional competitions.

Community members will have the opportunity to see many of these routines performed locally at the Pagosa Springs Dance Academy spring recital on May 2.

Workforce

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from "renting out" some of the spaces within the building to other educational services.

The main thrust of CTE training offered at the building would "provide construction technology, healthcare, and so on," the application states.

It adds, "The project is a partnership between Build Pagosa, the Archuleta School District, and a coalition of workforce development stakeholders, and is to fill a gap in the community for hands-on career education."

A rendering of the floor layout for the first phase of the development shows a woodshop, a trade space, two classrooms, an outdoor workspace and automotive court, and two offices.

O'Dell explained that town staff identified 12 conditions that would need to be met before staff would recommend approval of the final design.

Some of those conditions include: an erosion control plan, a grading and drainage plan prepared by a licensed Colorado professional engineer, a "Will Serve Letter" from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District ensuring this proposal has adequate quantities of potable water, the location and screening of a dumpster, and other conditions.

Development Director James Dickhoff explained that, while the architect of the building design was not on hand for the meeting, he had had in-depth conversations with him and that he

was well aware of the several conditions that still need to be met.

"The intent of a sketch plan review is to allow the applicant to understand the scope of requirements and feasibility of the proposed development before substantial expenses have been incurred. It also allows the Design Review Board to make suggestions and recommendations for the developer to consider in their Final Design Review Application," an agenda document states.

It adds, "The proposal aims to share access and parking with the high school and does not anticipate the need for infrastructure improvements."

It further notes, "All utility connections will come from existing connections available from the high school."

Planning commissioner Chris Pitcher urged the applicants to consider adding "a designated crossing" for those walking back and forth from the high school to the building, with Ridelehoover explaining that they'd work closely with the school district on that.

Ridelehoover also noted that the school district, in partnership with Build Pagosa, had paid for the design and engineering of the project.

When a motion was made to approve the sketch design plan for the building, it was approved unanimously by the commission.

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Outdoors

Increase in human-bear conflicts reported in Colorado in 2025

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) received 5,299 reports of sightings and conflicts with bears in 2025, which is 15 percent higher than the previous six years.

Trash continues to be the No. 1 source of conflicts between humans and bears.

Of the 5,299 reports CPW received in 2025, 2,448 resulted in property damage to a shed, garage, home, vehicle, fence, etc. More than 57 percent were linked to trash; 18 percent to livestock, chickens and beehives; and 16 percent to bird seed, pet food, barbecue grills, coolers and refrigerators.

CPW bear reporting system

In 2019, CPW launched a bear reporting system to help wildlife managers track and quantify bear activity and conflicts across the state. The data collected is used to see overall trends and identify sources of conflict on a localized, regional and statewide level.

Since its implementation in April 2019, CPW has recorded 32,212 reports of sightings and conflicts with bears.

The data from the annual bear cycle informs CPW's wildlife managers where bears are at and what they are up to, helping CPW identify sources of conflict and make educated management decisions. If you see a bear causing trouble in an urban area, call CPW to report it.

Recapping bear reports from 2025

There are an estimated 17,000 to 20,000 bears in Colorado, and every year the majority of incident reports involve bears trying to access human food sources.

2025 was no different, with trash continuing to be the No. 1 source of conflicts. Other constant sources of conflict included bird feeders, livestock, and bears accessing open garages and other human-originated items that are left unsecured.

These conflicts could all easily be reduced if the public takes some simple steps around their homes and properties to prevent bears from accessing them.

Nature and human behavior play a role in the amount of bear activity

that we see annually. Drought conditions and other factors that may influence the availability of natural food crops for bears, such as a late freeze, vary across the state, as does the behavior of people when it relates to human-bear interactions.

In 2025, Colorado experienced varying levels of human-bear conflicts, with some areas seeing increases while others saw declines.

Natural food conditions were inconsistent across the state, influenced by localized droughts, late frosts and variable precipitation. Some regions, particularly those with poor acorn and berry production, reported increased bear activity in residential areas, leading to property damage and vehicle collisions.

Trash management remains a leading factor in human-bear interactions, with unsecured garbage, bird feeders and improperly stored food continuing to attract bears.

While educational initiatives and community efforts have helped mitigate some issues, the need for improved coexistence practices, including securing attractants and reinforcing bear-proofing measures, remains critical.

Report bear sightings and conflicts to CPW

One concern CPW is aware of from the public is a reluctance to report bear activity over a belief it will lead to the bear being put down.

Data shows that of the 5,229 reports wildlife managers received on bears in 2025, only 1.47 percent led to euthanization. The vast majority led to wildlife officers getting involved early enough to prevent the need to euthanize a bear.

When CPW is made aware, especially when conflicts first begin, wildlife officers can educate the community, make site visits to homes to help them secure attractants and can haze bears in an attempt to reinforce their natural fear of humans.

In some circumstances, wildlife officers can attempt to relocate bears out of conflict areas to alleviate safety concerns or before that animal's behavior escalates to a dangerous level, which may require euthanization.

However, wildlife officers stress relocation is not a fix-all solution as there is no way to unteach a bear once it learns that homes, garages or

vehicles might contain food.

Below is the number of reports and bears euthanized and relocated by CPW annually since 2022:

- 2025: 5,299 reports, 52 relocated, 78 euthanized.
- 2024: 5,022 reports, 68 relocated, 98 euthanized.
- 2023: 3,528 reports, 33 relocated, 63 euthanized.
- 2022: 4,293 reports, 59 relocated, 94 euthanized.

Keep bears wild

As a member of BearWise, CPW encourages everyone to share BearWise information with their neighbors and communities to help prevent conflicts with bears.

CPW asks all residents and visitors to help save Colorado's bears by being actively bear prepared throughout the year. Human-bear conflicts are most often traced back to human behavior.

Living BearWise is the most effective way to prevent human-caused conflicts with bears.

Six at-home BearWise basics

1. Never feed or approach bears. Intentionally feeding bears or allowing them to find anything that smells or tastes like food teaches bears to approach homes and people looking for more. Bears will defend themselves if a person gets too close, so don't risk your safety and theirs.
2. Secure food, garbage and recycling. Food and food odors attract bears, so don't reward them with easily available food, liquids or garbage.
3. Remove bird feeders when bears are active. Birdseed and grains have lots of calories, so they're very attractive to bears. Removing feeders is the best way to avoid creating conflicts with bears.
4. Never leave pet food outdoors. Feed pets indoors when possible. If you must feed pets outside, feed in single portions and remove food and bowls after feeding. Store pet food where bears can't see or smell it.
5. Clean and store grills. Clean grills after each use and make sure that all grease, fat and food particles are removed. Store clean grills and smokers in a secure area that keeps bears out.
6. Alert neighbors to bear activity. See bears in the area or evidence of bear activity? Tell your neighbors and

share information on how to prevent conflicts with bears. Bears have adapted to living near people; now it's up to us to adapt to living near bears.

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife accepting applications for shooting range development grants through April 10

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is now accepting applications for shooting range construction and improvement grants through the Shooting Range Grant Development Program.

Established in 2009, the program is the largest of its kind in the nation and has supported more than 125 shooting range improvement projects across Colorado.

An estimated \$750,000 will be available in the 2026 grant cycle, although that amount could increase based on available funding. Archery ranges are also eligible for grant funding. Applications are due to CPW by April 10.

Travis Long, coordinator of the Shooting Range Grant Program, explained the grants have been instrumental in developing new shooting ranges while improving safety and facilities at existing ones.

"The program has allowed many ranges to expand their capacity and modernize their infrastructure, using grant funding to support the growth of shooting sports by attracting new users and keeping current participants engaged," he said.

Some examples of range improvements over just the last few years include fortifying berms and backstops, improved lighting, ADA access, new firing lines and shade structures,

development of entirely new ranges, and additional recreational shooting opportunities.

Grants will be for a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum to be determined by the review and approval process. Program funds can cover up to 75 percent of eligible project costs.

"Public access that reflects the level of funding support is a key fac-

tor in the review process," Long said. "CPW is committed to expanding safe, accessible recreational shooting opportunities statewide, and this grant program demonstrates our collaborative approach to making that happen."

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County commissioners approve planning commission appointments

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting held on Tuesday, Feb. 17, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously approved appointing two regular members and an associate member to the county's planning commission, while also unanimously voting not to approve the appointment of a second associate member.

During a work session held earlier that day, Commissioner Veronica Medina expressed concern over appointing applicant Kevin Braun as an associate member for the county's planning commission, noting that Braun is currently an employee with the Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Department, according to his application.

Medina mentioned that she spoke to County Attorney Cathleen Giovannini about the matter and was advised that "it is not a conflict," but noted that Braun is an employee with the Pagosa Springs Planning Department, "and I just don't know if that is the right fit"

During the regular meeting, the BoCC approved Resolution 2026-18,

appointing Mont McAllister to the planning commission for a three-year term ending Feb. 4, 2028.

The resolution explains that McAllister was appointed as an associate member on Feb. 4, 2025, but that planning commissioner Andre Redstone resigned on Sept. 11, 2025, and at the Oct. 23, 2025, planning commission meeting, the commission "elevated Mont McAllister to a Regular Member."

McAllister will serve as a regular member for the remainder of the three-year term.

The BoCC also unanimously approved Resolution 2026-19, appointing Jeff Jones to the planning commission as a regular member to serve a three-year term ending Feb. 4, 2028.

The resolution explains that on Feb. 10, 2026, regular member of the planning commission David Pribble resigned, "leaving a vacancy in the position."

The resolution also notes that Jones will serve as a regular member for the remainder of Pribble's original three-year term.

Both of those resolutions were included in the BoCC's consent agenda, where multiple items are approved with a single vote of the BoCC.

Before approving the consent agenda, Medina suggested moving the item regarding appointing two associate members from the consent agenda to the new business portion of the meeting.

Medina then made a motion to approve the meeting's consent agenda with the exception of Item G, which was moved under the new business portion as Item F, which was unanimously approved.

While discussing the matter as Resolution 2026-22, Medina explained that she had no issue with appointing Jay Christianson as an associate planning commission member, but "would say no to the other associate, Kevin Braun."

She explained that her "objection" with Braun being an associate member had to do with the fact that he is employed with the Pagosa Springs Planning Department.

Commissioner John Ranson commented that he agrees with Medina, adding that it is nothing against the town, but that "it's a lot cleaner" not having town employees on county boards.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he wondered what kind of appearances Braun might

have on the planning commission, noting that the board has had turnover with its members "from time to time."

Giovannini explained that she spoke with Medina about the matter, mentioning that the county's bylaws from 2012 stated that one of the town's planning commissioners would serve on the county's planning commission and vice versa, but noted that the county updated its bylaws in 2024 and had that removed.

Giovannini commented that there is a history of that happening, but noted she could see why the BoCC felt there could be a conflict.

"I could see how it could be perceived that way," she added.

Medina commented that she was unaware of those bylaws, but noted those are not the town's bylaws and that there is no memorandum of understanding between the two agencies "saying this was agreed upon."

Medina then motioned to approve Christianson as an associate member, which was unanimously approved.

She then motioned to not approve Braun as an associate member. That motion was unanimously approved by the BoCC.

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Remediation

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The Weber's leases for mining and grazing have not been renewed in recent years by PAWSD or the SJWCD, and the Webers are in the process of vacating the property, including completing remediation on their gravel mining site.

Ramsey explained that he wanted to present a summary of the situation at the ranch to the board, which he had already presented to the members of the PAWSD board's Running Iron Ranch subcommittee, which includes Bill Hudson and Alex Boehmer.

Ramsey stated that Andy Weber, the main operator of the gravel mining operation, is currently working on grading portions of the two pit areas to prevent erosion and seeding vegetation.

He explained that the remediation work on the north pit at the ranch is nearly done and that work on the south pit is also progressing and likely would have been done without heavy rain in October 2025, which inhibited the use of heavy equipment in the area.

Ramsey commented that, despite the project not being completed in 2025, Weber is making "significant progress."

He stated that PAWSD is still getting calls complaining that the Webers are continuing to mine gravel due to equipment being parked in the area, but that this equipment is not mining equipment and no mining is taking place.

There is still gravel that needs to be moved by the south pit, Ramsey stated, with some of it slated for use at the Snowball water treatment plant construction project and the rest to be sold to PAWSD for about \$30,000 and stored at the entrance of the ranch for future use.

Ramsey then shifted to discussing issues with the Park Ditch, which runs through Running Iron Ranch and would supply water to a future reservoir along with supplying irrigation water to several other ranches in the area.

He stated that Bob Formwalt, who is associated with the Park Ditch Company which runs and maintains the ditch, approached PAWSD board chairman Gene Tautges about two months before about issues connected to the reclamation and its impact on the ditch.

Ramsey explained that one issue is with a degraded culvert, which he noted is 30 years old, that carries the Park Ditch water under a road on the ranch which accesses the pit area.

He stated that the culvert was laid insufficiently deep and in a way where water has to go uphill to pass through it, leading to ditch water slowing down and depositing sediment above the culvert.

Ramsey stated that the ditch company is cleaning the culvert twice a year to mitigate slowdown, but still believes that it cannot get its full volume of water through the culvert even when clean and wants the Webers to replace the culvert.

He explained that there are multiple ways to fix the issue, including re-laying the culvert at the proper depth and angle and rebuilding the road above it, but that Weber wants to simply remove the culvert and create a channel, which would block the road.

Ramsey commented that this would be a "terrible idea" as the road adds value to the ranch.

He added that replacing the culvert would cost between \$24,000

and \$30,000 while creating a channel would likely cost "a couple thousand" dollars.

Ramsey noted that PAWSD has discussed keeping the road after reclamation with the state due to its value, but that, if the road is going to be blocked by channel creation, PAWSD should ask Weber to also reclaim the road.

Following a brief discussion of other issues with the Park Ditch outside the ranch, Ramsey explained the other issue on the ranch: a piece of pipeline which the ditch water flows through that is slowly being exposed due to erosion from a steep drainage it crosses.

"This is going to be a hell of an undertaking. This could be a bit of a battle."

Justin Ramsey
District Engineer/Manager

He stated that the exposed pipeline will eventually be undercut by the erosion and failing, causing a flood of water down the drainage, which he said would be "catastrophic."

Tautges speculated that the owner of the ranch would likely be paying their portion of the repairs, which could go into the "tens of hundreds of thousand dollars."

Ramsey replied that he was unsure how this would be decided or what would occur if the Webers and the ditch company cannot reach an agreement.

He added that the process is being impeded by the fact that many of the participants in the issue are "good ol' boy ranchers" who decide issues at

the local bar and do not make formal contracts.

Ramsey commented that he is encouraging the ditch company to write a formal letter to the Webers about the issue and that they can then provide a formal reply.

"They need to write this [expletive] down," Ramsey said.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh commented that this is possible that this is a "ditch issue" and that a variety of grievances could be being brought up due to the new owners being "less ornery."

Ramsey stated that the ditch company had not asked PAWSD to fix the issue, but had asked PAWSD to "lean on the Webers" to fix the issue, although he was attempting to avoid getting deeply engaged in the issue.

Tautges asked if the SJWCD is aware of the issues.

"Beats the hell out of me," Ramsey replied.

Walsh commented that issues like this are part of why PAWSD wants to sell the ranch.

Ramsey added that Weber appears to have done a good job of maintaining the historical flow patterns and preventing impacts from the mining on the flows, judging from historical maps.

He added that the elements of the north mining pit could discharge runoff into the drainage with the compromised pipe, but that it appears the current system of ditches and retention basins is successfully preventing this from happening.

Ramsey explained that fixing the pipe issue would require adding additional material on a steep slope to mitigate the erosion and building additional drainage structures to protect the pipeline.

"This is going to be a hell of an undertaking," Ramsey said. "This could be a bit of a battle."

He added that this work could also be very expensive and difficult given

the surrounding terrain.

"In conclusion, I think they're doing a good job of reclaiming as they're supposed to," Ramsey said. "The two issues with Park Ditch, right now they're staying out of it. It could be a fight in the future, I don't know. We'll kind of see how that shakes out. Maybe the Webers will just take care of it. ... We'll see."

Hudson asked if there is "any point" in the SJWCD knowing about these issues.

Ramsey explained that he also distributed a letter on the issues that he sent to Hudson and Boehmer to PAWSD's legal counsel, who sent it to the SJWCD's legal counsel, although he was not sure if it reached the board.

Boehmer commented that distributing information through the district's lawyer is "fine."

Tautges commented that it "wouldn't hurt" to inform the SJWCD about the issues.

Ramsey replied that it is informed because PAWSD gives the information to its attorney.

"Yeah, but I look at that as a filter," Tautges said.

Walsh commented that the SJWCD is a part owner and that its board could also investigate the issues.

"We don't have to do all their homework," he said.

Ramsey explained that the SJWCD board was invited to a recent walk of the Park Ditch and that two board members came but only stayed for two hours, while Ramsey was there for six to eight.

PAWSD board member Bruce Jones commented that the board's current approach is likely appropriate given the legal situation between the districts.

"Just keep real good records of what we're giving to their legal counsel," Tautges said.

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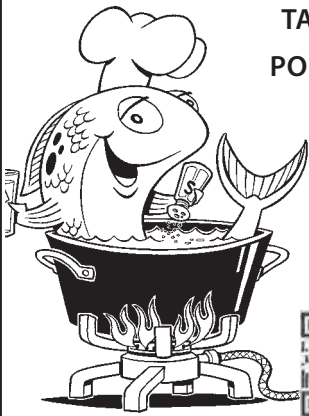
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Proposals

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spondent’s development and project proposals.”
Development Director James Dickhoff explained that the town is looking at a 15-unit development and that “premanufactured units” might be the best course of action.
There’s a “potential opportunity” for the RFP respondents to consider pursuing a premanufactured apartment building of 15 units — originally meant for another project in Colorado — for the town’s Apache Street property, Dickhoff explained.
“This could result in savings that can assist in providing affordability,” the document states, with Dickhoff adding that going this route “could help lower the price.”
He said that the town “would not necessarily tie the RFP” to the pre-manufactured building, “but we’d like to mention it in the RFP so that the contractor, or whoever comes back with a proposal, is aware that

it might help lower the price for a development on that property.”
He added that the goal of this potential project “would be to encourage middle-income housing” in the area, often referred to as “the missing middle” piece of the housing puzzle.
“We are really short on middle-income housing units right now,” he explained.
He explained that staff had not yet completed a draft of the RFP, “but we would like to suggest to town council and get your permission to draft the RFP” to send out to potential developers.
He added, “We’d like to throw out an RFP to see what kind of proposals we get back for workforce housing on that 0.5 acre parcel we own on the corner of 5th and Apache Street.”
Council member Madeline Ber-gon asked if the existing foundation on that property could be used if the

project went forward with the pre-manufactured building.
Dickhoff responded, “Typically, in my experience, no one is going to want to use somebody else’s foundation, because it doesn’t meet their design, so the answer is no on the premanufactured, because that one is very specific ... to a building with under garage parking.”
Council member Matt DeGuisse asked if it is the intent of the town to continue to “own it and rent it and manage it” after the development is completed.
Dickhoff responded, “I think we want to leave that open to creativity. We don’t want to put a developer in the corner and say, ‘This is what we want you to bid on.’ We want to kind of hear some of their ideas.”
He added that options could include the town offering “a long-term lease, where we’d continue to own the property, which may have some benefits for the town, or pro-

viding the property — looking at the totality of local incentives between the land, sewer exemptions ... and what that deed restriction might be, its length of term and the AMIs that it covers.”
Council member Mat deGraaf questioned if there is “any reason that we can’t sell the property as is for market value.”
“There is no reason that we cannot,” Dickhoff replied.
Mayor Shari Pierce stated that she is in favor of going forward with the RFP process, then asked the rest of the council for a “thumbs up or down” vote on the matter, with the council unanimously giving its thumbs up.
This action gave Dickhoff and the Development Department a green light to draft the RFP.
He explained he’d bring back any project proposals to a future town council meeting.
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Reservoir

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one of the grant opportunities has some flexibility to “downsize” from the 490 acres available to “possibly 300 ... so, yes, there are options to do that.”
At the most recent meeting, Lindner explained that “there aren’t substantive discussions, yet, about going for the whole thing. We are just focusing on what we can get with the Forest Legacy [Project].”
He added, “It’s important to know that that federal funding timeline extends into 2027-28, so the financial picture” is that “we’ll be looking for a local match of around \$2 million — could be a little less, could be a little more, depending on the sale price that’s negotiated.”
Other grant funding opportunities identified by the committee and town staff include a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant, but Lindner and Gadomski both indicated that the timing of applying for this grant would depend on the Pagosa Multi-Purpose Pavilion and when it would be applying for the GOCO funding.
“It may be better to go for that in January 2027, depending on the

status of the multipurpose pavilion’s efforts in what they’re doing with GOCO,” Lindner said.
Gadomski added that “we can’t” go for the GOCO funding at “the same
“If you think about how much we all enjoy Rez Hill, and what a huge quality of life it brings to us all, and they figured that out 75 years ago.”
Council member Brooks Lindner

exact time” as the multi-use pavilion, because that would not “look like we have a good community plan.”
Lindner added that the GOCO board meeting is in Pagosa Springs this September and that “might dovetail well with our efforts here in terms of visibility, them seeing what we are trying to do here and them seeing the site.”
Gadomski then explained to the

council that the town had already received a grant for “the forest mitigation work that we do every year at Rez Hill, and we leveraged that to get a grant from the Forest Preservation Wildfire and Risk Mitigation grant.”
She said that this is a “two-part grant,” explaining that “this is really just getting us ready for the Forest Legacy because they are gonna ask for a management plan.”
She added, “This was a really big win for us to get a forest management plan for the current property that we own and then some extra funding for the fire mitigation up there, so it’s a pretty big win for the little capacity that we have up there ... to create a healthy forest downtown.”
She added that the town should get its reward packet in late March, and then “we can kinda start that planning process, but that gives us a good fuel ... to get some planning in place for the management of Rez Hill already.”
Lindner explained that, potentially, a public campaign to “secure some pledges for that \$2 million match” would launch in late spring

or early summer.
Leading up to this, the effort would be to build “awareness and visibility around Rez Hill through some kind of messaging campaign,” adding that perhaps some sort of “master planning around the land acquisitions that we’ve done already and how this all relates to our park systems and outdoor recreation, so thinking about Bob’s LP, the Goodman property, Rez Hill, South Yamaguchi and other potential projects.”
He suggested that the council schedule a work session around a master planning strategy for land acquisition and the parks system, describing the chance to expand Reservoir Hill Park as “a once-in-a-generation opportunity.”
At the August 2025 meeting, he said, “If you think about how much we all enjoy Rez Hill, and what a huge quality of life it brings to us all, and they figured that out 75 years ago,” describing the current opportunity as “a legacy project” for the current council and staff.
Lindner ended by saying that the committee “would keep on moving forward.”
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Director

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He then mentioned that with going into this year with “a lot of new considerations,” specifically with moving forward with the community plan update, along with new land use and building code updates that could be adopted this year, “the consideration was, ‘No, we really need this person in place to help with those very large issues and items.’”
Gonzalez continued to explain that the desire is “to re-add this position going forward.”
The agenda adds, “This resolution transfers already budgeted and appropriated monies from contingency line items within a fund, to a specific line item within the same fund. Only funds that have not already been spent are being transferred, and only to a specific line item where there was

no funds assigned.”
Commissioner Veronica Medina asked if the county had an applicant for this position, with Gonzalez indicating the position is open and that multiple interviews have taken place.
“So, this is something that if we are moving forward with ... I would anticipate this being something we would decide very quickly afterwards,” he said, clarifying that the county would decide on hiring an applicant relatively quickly.
Commissioner John Ranson asked if the county had “salary savings” in the Building and Planning Department, with Gonzalez responding, “That’s correct.”
Gonzalez explained that the position was not budgeted, but that additional planning personnel was added and there has not been any funding

for this first couple of months, “and even though it’s a lesser salary, that will largely offset this hire.”
Ranson also asked if this position would be a director over both the planning and building departments.
Gonzalez explained this position will be “in charge of the building and code,” along with the water quality and planning departments.
According to Resolution 2026-21, \$113,000 is “hereby transferred from the Development Services - Planning (4341) budget to cover wages and benefits.”
The position is currently posted with a salary range of \$82,953.73 to \$103,005.31.
Medina motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-21 for a budgetary transfer, which was then unanimously approved by the BoCC.

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Sports

WRESTLING

Baxstrom earns second, Matyniak takes sixth at state

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs girls wrestling team finished 21st at the 4A State Championships last weekend in Denver behind Laykyn Baxstrom's finish as the state runner-up.

Baxstrom and Kiley Matyniak were the two Lady Pirates who placed at the tournament.

Bella Jackson and Madisen Stretton both qualified, but did not place at the tournament.

Baxstrom wrestled at 190 pounds and finished as the state runner-up in the tournament.

She dominated through her first three matches, pinning her first opponent after two minutes and 25 seconds, her second after 58 seconds, and her third after 2:10 to make the finals.

In her final match she controlled the scoreboard, highlighted coach Dan Janowsky.

Baxstrom held a 1-0 lead with the end in sight, but got into a scramble late in the match, got in trouble and gave up a fall after 4:24.

"Of all her matches, I would say she controlled 99 percent of the action," Janowsky said. "But, that's the way wrestling is. If you have that much time of possession in a football game, you're going to win, but that's not necessarily true in wrestling because there's that pin, that knockout that is always lurking."

Baxstrom finished the season with a 28-2 record.

Matyniak wrestled at 130 and placed sixth at the tournament.

Matyniak pinned her first opponent after 2:43, but was pinned in her next match after 1:16 and moved to the consolation bracket. She won her first two matches in the consolation bracket, the first by a pin after 4:52 and the second by a 10-0 major decision. Matyniak lost in the consolation semifinals, getting pinned after 1:42. She ended the tournament with a loss in the fifth-place match by fall after 2:56, earning sixth.

"She had a great tournament," Janowsky said. "She wrestled, stuck to the plan, kept her mind on the techniques and the positions and the score and the matches. She wrestled with some tenacity and fought hard for that medal that she got."

Matyniak finished the season with a 33-14 record.

Janowsky noted Jackson and Stretton candidly struggled with the magnitude of the event.

Jackson wrestled at 105 pounds. She was pinned after 37 seconds in her first match and after 5:39 in her second match.

She finished with a 25-12 record on the season.

Stretton wrestled at 110 pounds.

She lost her first match by a 7-4 decision and her second match by an 8-6 decision.

Stretton finished with a 32-9 record on the season.

Regardless of the result, Janowsky noted he feels that both girls made great progress and will continue to grow from the experience.

Every Lady Pirate who qualified for state this year will have a chance to qualify again next year and improve.

In fact, no Lady Pirate wrestlers are graduating this year which has Janowsky very excited for next season, he indicated.

"There's no reason they can't contend for a top-five finish at state if they continue to stay as dedicated as they are right now," he said.

Janowsky suggested he is impressed with the growth and improvement that the team showed this year.

He emphasized that the girls all showed amazing attitudes and had amazing work ethics all season.

"Our girls, if you've dropped into a wrestling practice and looked at them, you might not recognize them because their faces are red and there's sweat pouring off them and their hair's all over the place," Janowsky said. "They're embracing the very hardest part of the sport like real champions, and they deserve all the respect in the world from the wrestlers anywhere in the world."

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Lady Pirate Laykyn Baxstrom looks up while controlling an opponent at last week's state championship. Baxstrom earned second in her weight class and ended the season with a 28-2 record.



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Lady Pirate Kiley Matyniak works on her positioning at last week's state championship. Matyniak made the podium after finishing sixth, ending her season with a 33-14 record.

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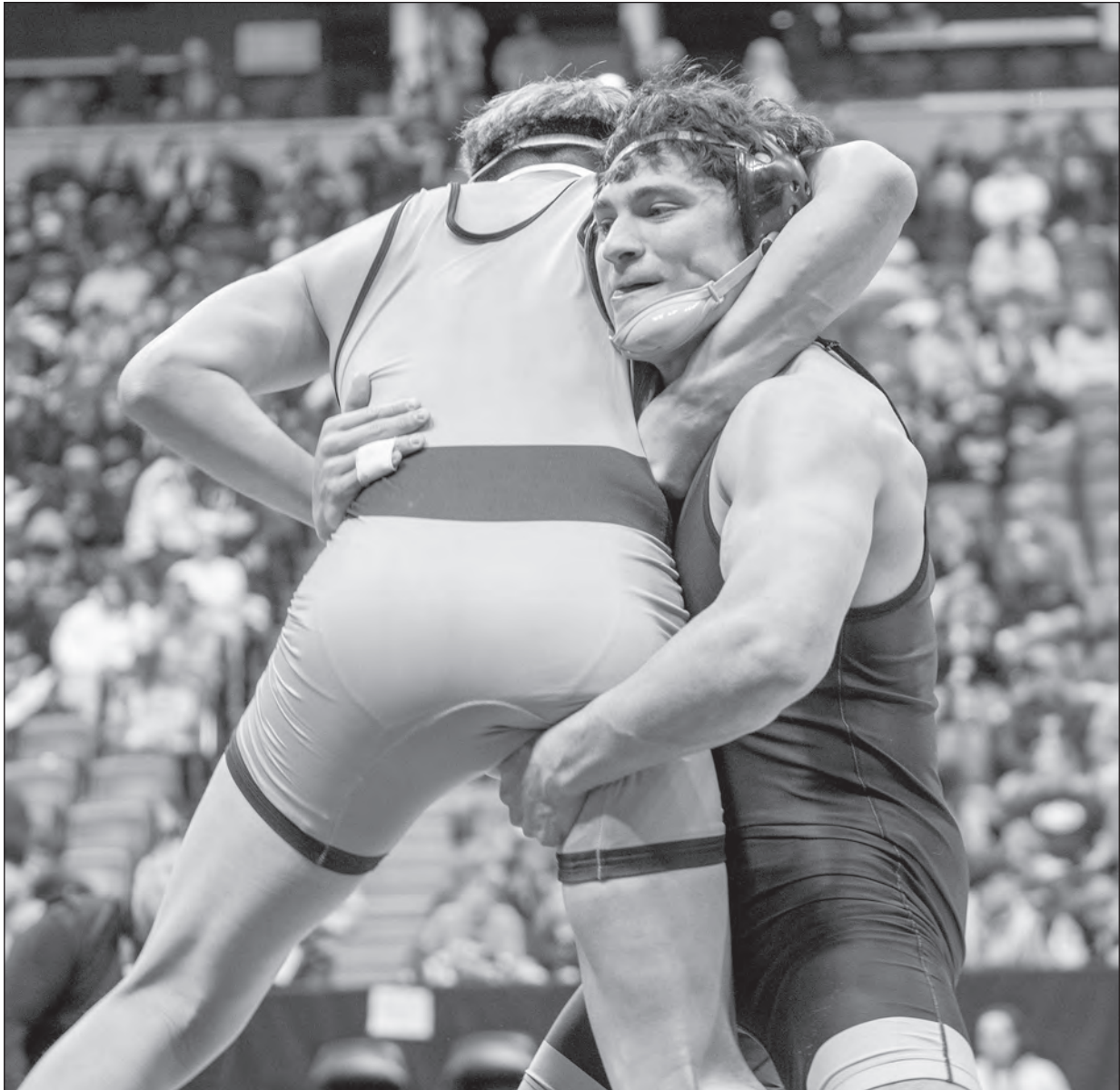
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WRESTLING



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Pirate Colton Lucero wrestles at the 3A state championship last week en route to earning second place. Lucero finished with 136 wins in his career as a Pirate, the most in school history. He was a four-time state qualifier, three-time medalist and two-time finalist in his four years.

Lucero takes second at state, Pirates finish 24th

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team placed 24th at the 3A State Championships last weekend in Denver behind senior Colton Lucero's finish as the state runner-up.

"I felt like we wrestled well," said coach Dan Janowsky. "There were very many instances where you see kids, they get kind of shell-shocked when they step into that environment, and

we didn't have any."

The Pirates had five wrestlers qualify for states this year, four of whom qualified for the tournament for the first time. Lucero was the only returning qualifier.

Lucero was the only placer for the Pirates, finishing as a state runner-up at 157 pounds, losing in the finals to a two-time state champion.

Lucero made quick work of his first two opponents, defeating the first by a 15-0 technical fall after one minute

and 24 seconds, and the second by a 17-2 technical fall after 3:07. He won his semifinal match by a 7-6 decision, giving himself a chance to wrestle for a state championship.

In the championship match Lucero faced Salida's Sam Johnson, the reigning state champion.

The match was close throughout and Lucero got the first takedown, but Johnson was the better wrestler on the ground and he was able to control the

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BASKETBALL



Lady Pirates Addie Hittle and Lexi Campbell fight for possession during the team’s one-point win over the Centauri Falcons on Saturday. The Lady Pirates will close out the regular season in Bayfield this weekend.

Lady Pirates log big win over Falcons

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School girls basketball team picked a big win over 3A's No. 5 Centauri last week to move to 12-9 overall with one regular-season game left.

“I’m really proud of the way the girls competed for four full quarters,” wrote coach Sarah Osborn in an email to The SUN. “It was fun to go to battle with them and come out with the win on our last home game and senior night.”

The Lady Pirates hosted the Centauri Falcons on Saturday, Feb. 21.

The girls spent most of the game trailing — they were down 23-19 at halftime and 30-28 at the start of the fourth quarter — but they stuck it out and got the win.

With seconds left in the game Addie Hittle hit the game-winning 3-pointer, putting the Lady Pirates up 37-36.

The Lady Pirates would not have been in the position to win if it weren’t for the contributions of everyone on the team, emphasized Osborn.

“It truly was a complete team effort and that is exactly what you want to see this late in the season,” she wrote. “Everyone coming together trusting each other, executing their roles, executing a game plan, and battling every possession.”

Charity Domingo led the team with 13 points, Kaila Limebrook had 11, Hittle had five, Ximena Garcia had four points, and Lexi Campbell and Amber Snarr each had two points to round out the scoring.

Hittle and Campbell led the team in rebounding with six apiece. Domingo, Garcia, Limebrook and Liana Vega all had three rebounds. Snarr finished with one.

As a team, the Lady Pirates grabbed 25 total rebounds.

They also assisted on seven of their 10 made field goals, finished with 17 steals — including 10 from Hittle — and turned the ball over 23 times.

“Earlier in the season we might not have closed out a game like that, but this group has matured,” wrote Osborn. “They believe in each other, they communicate well, and they’re willing to do the little things that win tight games. That kind of toughness is exactly what you need heading into postseason play.”

The Lady Pirates are currently ranked 12th in 4A and are on track to make the postseason with one regular-season game remaining.

The girls will go on the road to face the 43rd-ranked 3A Bayfield Wolverines, who are 3-18 on the season, in their final game on Saturday, Feb. 28.

Action will begin at 2:30 p.m. “We need to bring the same energy and focus from the opening tip against Bayfield that we had this weekend against Centauri,” Osborn wrote.

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The Lady Pirates’ bench reacts to Addie Hittle’s 3-pointer that put the team ahead 37-36 with seconds remaining Saturday. The Lady Pirates closed out the win and moved to 12-9 on the season.

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Wrestling

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last period of the match and keep it on the ground, Janowsky explained.

Lucero lost the match by a 7-4 decision, finishing as the state runner up.

"It ends so suddenly," Janowsky said. "And you put so much of your life into it. It's just — it's almost too big for words."

Janowsky noted that Lucero was heartbroken after losing the final match of his high school career, but emphasized that Lucero is a special athlete and is undoubtedly one of the best wrestlers in Pagosa Springs High School history.

Lucero finished with 136 wins in his career as a Pirate, the most in school history. He was a four-time state qualifier, three-time medalist and two-time finalist in his four years.

Lucero will be playing football and running track at Fort Lewis College in Durango next year.

Despite not placing, the experience at the state tournament was irreplaceable for the other four qualifiers, Janowsky stated. All four — Hudson Mazur, Devin Gonzalez, Jimmy Elledge and Hunter Martinez — will have a chance to make it back to the state tournament.

Mazur wrestled at 150 pounds.

He lost his first match by a 7-0 decision and moved to the consolation bracket. Mazur won his first match in the consolation bracket by a 17-2 technical fall after 1:34, but his tournament came to an end after losing by a 1-0 decision in the second round of the consolation bracket.

Mazur finished with a 32-15 record on the year.

Gonzalez wrestled at 165 pounds.

He lost his first match after being pinned in 37 seconds and moved to the consolation bracket. Gonzalez pinned his first opponent after 4:14 in the consolation bracket, but was pinned in his next match after 2:15, ending his tournament.

He finished with a 25-18 record on the season.

Elledge wrestled at 215 pounds.

He was pinned after 3:52 in his first match of the tournament and was sent to the consolation bracket. He won his next match by a 17-11 decision, but lost the following match, getting pinned after 2:25.

Elledge finished with a 37-15 record on the season.

Martinez wrestled at 285 pounds. He was pinned after 15 seconds in his first match and his tournament ended after being pinned after 4:53 in his second match.

Martinez finished with a 30-15 record on the season.

With the season coming to end, Janowsky emphasized how proud he is of everyone on the team for grinding out the long season.

"The mornings are early and the

■ **See Wrestling A13**



Photo courtesy Joel Hernandez

This weekend, Pagosa Springs' Colorado Crush wrestling team will send 12 grapplers to Denver to compete in the Peak to Peak wrestling state tournament. In the back row, left to right, are Ronan S., Mateo H., Humberto V., Daniel L., coach Joel Hernandez, Xavier L., Nuberto P. and Homero V. In the front row, left to right, are Max V., Elijah R., Adam L., Sammy H., Kanon C., Garret F. and Dakota S.

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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 a/k/a Richard Lee Manley, deceased; Thomas Uhl; 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; Fangle 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 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 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

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The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the 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 15,000 / 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: \$2,698.05

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#170004642) 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: \$3,861.06

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#170500680) 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#170508091) 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 AKA RICHARD LEE MANLEY, DECEASED (C#171007982) 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 224,500 / 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#170313299) 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 105,000 / 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#170011779) 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

FANGIE E JONES III and DIANA L JONES (C#139802573) 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

PHILLIP 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) 9,
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 NOTTROT and SUE E MONTJOYA (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

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17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7811- 7812 in Number(s) 6,
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,442.58
Building Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,681.62

GOLDEN V SHOOK and LENA F SHOOK (C#171006778) A 84,000 / 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
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Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
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Unpaid Assessments: \$3,693.38
Cost: \$239.04
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,932.42

PUBLIC NOTICES: YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The notices you see on this page include important information from local governmental bodies and attorneys that may be of interest to you. These notices can include information about public hearings, property assessments and changes in assessment, assumed names, name changes, claims notices, public meeting dates and financial statements.

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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, 2010666, 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
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel.: 970.264.8160
Plaintiff:

Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc. v. Defendants:

Joy Nichole Goodie, et al.
Case No.: 2025CV30010

COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

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 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): Joy Nichole Goodie; Ondria Leary; George Leary Jr.; George Leary III; Robert G McGowan, Trustee of the McGowan Revocable Trust, dated July 16, 1999; Magdalene E McGowan, Trustee of the McGowan Revocable Trust, dated July 16, 1999; Timothy Lanier, Jill Lanier, Brittan Rojas; Martin Rojas; John Nazar Jemeljan, Trustee of the John Nazar Jemeljan Family Trust of 2001, U/I/T a dated October 28, 2001; Rose Jemeljan, Trustee of the John Nazar Family Trust of 2001, U/I/T a dated October 28, 2001; Debora A Crane; James Bradley Shepherd; Terry Lee Haury; Crystal Phillips; Shawn Kirkland; Gladys Cook; Bobby Dunn Jr.; Rebecca Dunn; Patricia Ann Hall AKA Patricia A Heller; Victor D Sandoval; Tabitha G Sandoval; Doug Hooten; Judy V Hooten; Cori Lehman; Joe Shadid; Martha Kelley; Christine Howe; Paul Gratzler Jr.; in Ft. L. Forte; Jean Simmons; Sheri L Burnham; Michael D Kelley; Stella M Kelley; Barbara C Riddle; Alva E Riddle; Avery Lee Conley II; Marcia Lynne Conley; Manuel U Montoya

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

THEFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., on Wednesday, April 8th, 2026 Sale Number 2025-11 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: 02/05/2026 Last Publication: 03/05/2026 Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun

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A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE PURSUANT TO §38-38-104 C.R.S., SHALL BE FILED WITH THE OFFICER AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED.

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.

A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO §38-38-302 C.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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

Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the 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

Matter

Amount

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, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 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 MCGOWAN REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED JULY 16, 1999 (C#171004980) A 84,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 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#170102803) A 154,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 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#170103766) 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) 12,

Unpaid Assessments: \$5,742.23
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$6,996.77

GLADYS COOK and BOBBY DUNN JR and REBECCA DUNN (C#550201073) A 126,000 / 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: \$5,742.23
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$6,996.77

PATRICIA ANN HALL AKA PATRICIA A HELLER (C#170112688) A 58,000 / 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#170111298) 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 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1221, 1224, 1225, and 1226 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 190,000 / 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#17020857) 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

CHRISTOPHER B 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 GRATZLER JR and JOYCE L FORTÉ (C#170121974) A 128,000 / 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#170204349) 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: \$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 LYNNE 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: \$2,398
Cost: \$254.54
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$3,652.74

MANUEL U MONTOYA (C#171302045) A 145,000 / 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 Numbers 20102922, 20105650, 20106879, 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:

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 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, TRUSTEES 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 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 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 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

THEFORE, 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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A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE PURSUANT TO §38-38-104 C.R.S., SHALL BE FILED WITH THE OFFICER AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED.

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.

A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO §38-38-302 C.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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

Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
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

BASKETBALL

‘Really resilient’: Pirates look to close out regular season with win

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team picked up a league win last weekend against the 3A Centauri Falcons, putting the team at 11-10 ahead of their final regular-season game this week.

The Pirates beat the Falcons 40-32 on Saturday, Feb. 21, at home.

The game was tight throughout. The Pirates held a 20-16 lead at half-time, and the Falcons were able to cut the lead to three points ahead of the fourth quarter.

Defense and timely shot making in the fourth quarter were the difference, noted coach Brandon Forster, as the Pirates outscored the Falcons 13-8 in the fourth for the eight-point win.

The Pirates were largely without leading scorer Creede Dozier, who was battling illness, and Jayton Ross, who left the game early with a shoulder injury.

Jeremiah Jones led the team with nine points in the matchup. Ty Richey and Duke Ketchum each had seven points, Kasen Limebrook ended the game with six points, Hudson Davis and Jerry Dean each had four, and Bode Hubbard added three to round out the scoring.

Hubbard and Jones each led the team with five rebounds apiece. Limebrook, Dean, Davis and Richey each had three rebounds. Koen Pitcher and Ross had one rebound each.

As a team, the Pirates shot 45 percent from the field, 38 percent from the 3-point line and 58 percent from the foul line.

They grabbed 24 total rebounds, assisted on seven of their 15 made field goals, finished with two steals and turned the ball over 12 times.

Forster emphasized that Davis and Limebrook, two younger guys on the team, stepped up in the fourth quarter, especially with the absences of Ross and Dozier.

“Their baskets were in key moments,” Forster said of Davis and Limebrook. “That was big for us. It kept us in the game, gave us a lead at one point. Big shout out to those young guys stepping up when we needed them.”

The Pirates have one final regular-season coming up to end the season.

They will travel to Bayfield for a matchup with the 20th-ranked 3A Bayfield Wolverines, who are 13-8 on the season, on Saturday, Feb. 28.

Tip-off is set for 4 p.m.



Pirate Bode Hubbard puts up a shot during the team’s 40-32 victory over the Centauri Falcons on Saturday, Feb. 21. Hubbard put up three points and tallied five rebounds in the game.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

The Pirates beat the Wolverines earlier this season.

“If we can just stay calm, stay relaxed and take care of what we need to, we’ll be able to come out with a win,”

Forster said.

The Pirates currently sit ranked 24th in 4A and are on track to advance to the playoffs.

Since Jan. 16, the Pirates are 9-3.

“These kids have been really resilient, able to fight through a lot of things,” Forster said. “And it’s been fun to see them kind of come together as a team and be successful in that.”

Wrestling

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evenings are late,” he said. “You’re leaving in the dark and getting home in the dark, and yet they hung in there, you know, from the earliest, ... freshmen all the way to the seniors.”

Lucero, Truman Vasek, Johnny Baker and Gabe Ramirez are the four seniors who will be graduating this year.

Janowsky called his seniors invaluable and noted that, without them, this

season would look a whole lot different.

Despite the departures of the four seniors, the program is in a great spot, noted Janowsky.

He added he feels the team will be competitive at dual meets and more kids will qualify and medal at the state tournament.

There are also great freshmen waiting in the wings, Janowsky stated.

With the depth that the team currently has they may not be starting right

away, but they will be able to make a name for themselves eventually, Janowsky explained.

Janowsky emphasized that this season was marked by tons of growth and progress, and he is very appreciative of everyone who helped with that progress.

“Everybody from the coaches down to the youngest kids all put their heart into it,” said Janowsky when talking about his biggest takeaway from this

season. “We made a lot of progress because of that. There’s a lot of ... There’s a lot of satisfaction in my heart at how we all pulled together and got a lot out of ourselves.”

Snow

■ **Continued from front**
erable as of press time Wednesday, according to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC).

“Obvious signs of instability have decreased, but don’t let your guard down. Conservative terrain selection is essential for safe travel in the back-country. For safer travel, simply avoid avalanche terrain altogether, including runout zones, and stick to slopes less than about 30 degrees steep,” the CAIC website notes.

As of Tuesday, Feb. 24, since Feb. 11 the CAIC had received 137 avalanche reports in the southern mountain region, which includes Wolf Creek Pass.

“The past week saw more avalanches—including the season’s largest—than any other period this winter,” the CAIC website notes.

Snowpack

According to the Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS), as of Feb. 24, the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins were measured to be at 64 percent of its 30-year median snowpack. The statewide snowpack as of Feb. 25 was at 63 percent.

A post by Shawn Prochazka from Pagosa Weather notes that the snowpack in the basins jumped from 42 percent to 60 percent during last week’s storm.

“That’s an impressive jump this late in the season,” Prochazka writes.

As of 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25, Wolf Creek Pass, at 10,930 feet, had a snow water equivalent of 14.7 inches.

The current amount is 64 percent of that date’s median snow water equivalent.

Snowpack levels are monitored by measuring snow water equivalents that gauge how much water is held within a snowfield, and are significant predictors of springtime runoff.

The Wolf Creek summit had the highest current snow water equivalent in the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins, and the Upper Rio Grande basin, as of press time Wednesday.

Forecast

Warm temperatures and sunny skies are expected throughout the weekend, with the National Weather Service (NWS) forecasting highs in the low 40s and sunny skies along Wolf Creek Pass.

For today, Thursday, Feb. 26, the high on Wolf Creek Pass is forecast at 37 degrees with sunny skies and wind gusts as high as 30 mph. The low is forecast around 23 degrees with mostly clear skies.

Tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 27, the high is forecast at 41 degrees with sunny skies and a west-northwest wind of 10 mph. The low is forecast at 27 degrees with partly cloudy skies in the evening.

For Saturday, Feb. 28, the high is forecast at 42 degrees with mostly sunny skies. The low is forecast around 30 degrees with partly cloudy skies in the evening.

Warm temperatures will continue on Sunday, March 1, with a high of 42 degrees forecasted, along with wind gusts as high as 35 mph. The low is forecast at 29 degrees with partly cloudy skies in the evening.

Even warmer temperatures are expected in Pagosa Springs throughout the weekend, with highs forecasted in

the low 60s.

The high for today, Thursday, Feb. 26, in Pagosa Springs is forecast at 61 degrees with sunny skies. The low is forecast at 23 degrees with partly cloudy skies in the evening.

Tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 27, the high is forecast at 61 degrees with sunny skies and the low is forecast at 25 degrees with partly cloudy skies in the evening.

For Saturday, Feb. 28, the high is forecast at 63 degrees with mostly sunny skies and the low is forecast at 28 degrees with partly cloudy skies in the evening.

For Sunday, March 1, the high is forecast at 64 degrees with mostly sunny skies and the low is forecast at 29 degrees with partly cloudy skies in the evening.

The next chance for precipitation in Pagosa Country may begin around March 2, as a Pagosa Weather forecast posted on Feb. 23 explains that a disturbance passage will “beat down our ridge and allow a shutoff low to move in from the southwest by March 2nd.”

Other sources, such as AccuWeather, indicate an 80 percent chance of rain and snow in Pagosa Springs on March 2 and 3.

Drought

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor’s most recent map released on Feb. 19, which was valid as of Feb. 17, 100 percent of Archuleta County is in an “abnormally dry” drought stage, with 47.89 percent of the county (the northern half) in a “moderate drought” stage.

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- Monday**
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Mondays in March: Habitat for Humanity to hold informational meetings

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County is building more than homes — it's building stability, opportunity and a stronger community.

This March, Habitat Archuleta invites community members to learn how they can be part of that impact through Mondays in March, a series of informational meetings for those interested in affordable homeownership and partnering with Habitat to build in 2027.

To date, Habitat Archuleta has built 39 homes, benefiting 151 children and 120 adults in our community.

In recent years, the organization has expanded its reach even further, launching an ambitious five-year plan to build 15 homes in five years — tripling our historic build pace thanks to overwhelming community support, dedicated volunteers and strong local partnerships.

To help future homeowners take the first step, Habitat is offering three identical informational meetings in March. Each meeting will cover the same information, so attendees only need to attend one session and may choose the date that works best for them: March 16, March 23 or March 30.

All meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. and will take place at Pagosa Community Initiative's art studios, located at 550 B Hot Springs Blvd.

During the meetings, Habitat staff will walk through the homeownership application process, required documentation, income guidelines

and key deadlines. Attendees will also learn about the Habitat program model, including mortgage affordability, sweat equity requirements and what it truly means to partner with Habitat to build a home.

Families are welcome. Habitat's Family Services Team will be available to assist with child care during the meetings. Families are asked to RSVP in advance if they plan to

bring children. Light snacks will be provided.

Whether you're just starting to explore homeownership or ready to take the next step, Mondays in March is a great place to begin.

For more information or to RSVP for child care, community members can contact Habitat Archuleta at (970) 264-6960 or email volunteer@habitatarchuleta.org.

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'Bakersfield Mist' continuing run at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

By Tim Moore
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Following a well-received opening weekend, "Bakersfield Mist" continues performances at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, bringing audiences an intimate and thought-provoking theatrical experience centered on art, perception and personal truth.

Directed by Christina Norris and featuring performances by Karisa Bruin and Dennis Elkins, the play by Stephen Sachs is inspired by real events.

The story follows Maude, an unemployed bartender who believes a painting she purchased at a thrift store may be an undiscovered work by Jackson Pollock. When a professional

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Supporting Youth During Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

By Marissa Marquez
Rise Above Violence

As we wrap up Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, we want to take a moment to revisit what teen dating violence is — and why these conversations matter. Teen dating violence affects more young people than many of us realize. Some studies show that up to 50 percent of teens experience some form of violence in a dating relationship before they graduate high school.

So, what exactly does teen dating violence look like?

Dating violence isn't limited to physical harm. It can also include emotional, verbal and digital abuse. In fact, emotional and psychological abuse are the most commonly reported forms. While an isolated incident may not necessarily qualify as abuse, a repeated pattern of behavior that creates fear, control or intimidation does.

Emotional abuse involves behaviors meant to undermine a person's confidence and autonomy. This can include insults, humiliation or ac-

tions that instill fear in order to gain control.

Common signs of emotional abuse may include:

- Isolating someone from family or friends.
- Regular ridicule disguised as "teasing."
- Refusing to allow a person time alone.
- Instilling self-doubt or feelings of worthlessness.
- Gaslighting.

Digital abuse is the next most common form of teen dating violence — and, in today's connected world, this is not surprising. Digital abuse occurs when someone uses technology to monitor, stalk, harass, threaten, control or impersonate another person. This can include forcing someone to share their location, cyberstalking, sharing private information or images, or creating fake accounts to gain access to someone.

Signs of digital abuse may include:

- Using multiple apps to constantly track someone.
- Stealing or forcing access to phones or apps.

• Excessive texting or calling, with anger when responses aren't immediate.

• Telling someone who they can and cannot be friends with.

One of the most alarming statistics related to teen dating violence is that nearly 80 percent of parents do not believe teen dating violence exists.

While we don't want to alarm families, we do encourage anyone with a teen in their life to start these conversations. Talk with teens even if they are not currently in a relationship. Discuss what healthy relationships look like, and remind them that they deserve respect, safety and trust.

Rise would like to thank our community for coming together to support teens and help create a safer, healthier future for young people in our area.

Support is just a phone call away. If you need help with a violent relationship, or advice on talking to a teen or friend, Rise Above Violence is here for you. We are available 24/7. Call our hotline at (970) 264-9075.

San Juan Stargazers to meet March 5

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

On Thursday, March 5, the San Juan Stargazers will hold its regular monthly educational meeting.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m. with our social hour for visiting with friends and sharing delicious snacks, which you are encouraged to contribute to. We have a few members who don't make it home for dinner before the meeting, so we try to reward their diligence.

We gather at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. Please use the convenient parking lot and the side door that leads into the kitchen and then fellowship hall. We keep the front doors to the church sanctuary locked.

At 7 p.m. we will begin our educational program, which this month will be a presentation from a new

Great Courses series called "Great Heroes and Discoveries of Astronomy" with Dr. Emily Levesque.

Levesque is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an award-winning associate professor at the University of Washington.

We will be continuing our study of "Harvard Heroines Show Us the Stars."

Join the Stargazers

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers you will also receive Reflector Magazine (again with hard copies), which is the publication of the National Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member. To join both groups and get an excellent astronomy magazine, annual membership is only \$25 per

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art expert arrives to evaluate the piece, their encounter evolves into a layered conversation about artistic value, class differences, and the ways people seek validation and meaning.

Opening weekend audiences responded to the production's balance of humor and emotional weight, as well as its ability to spark discussion beyond the stage. With only two actors and a single setting, the play relies heavily on performance and language, creating an up-close theatrical experience that highlights shift-

ing power dynamics and unexpected moments of empathy between the characters.

As the run continues, "Bakersfield Mist" offers local theatergoers a chance to engage with a story that raises enduring questions about who defines art — and why those definitions matter.

Performances continue this weekend and run through March 14 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Tickets are available at pagosacenter.org or by calling the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469).



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NO MORE Week set for March 1-8

Rise Above Violence

Each year, NO MORE Week unites people from all corners of the world to stand together and say “no more” to domestic and sexual violence.

This powerful week shines a global spotlight on the epidemic that affects 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men worldwide. This means millions of people worldwide are affected.

Here in Pagosa, 366 of your neighbors, co-workers, relatives and friends were affected last year.

While Rise Above Violence, along with other social change organizations, work to bring awareness around this issue, we also give you opportunities to get involved — simple calls to action you can take to involved. When individuals, organizations and communities come together to prevent and end abuse, our voices grow louder and our im-

pact grows stronger.

NO MORE Week 2026 is March 1-8. Visit our Instagram and Facebook pages to see informative and actionable steps you can take to say “no more.” “Listening from Home” is one highlighted campaign. Home isn’t always a safe place. To address this, NO MORE launched this campaign to bring about paying attention — listening from home. If you hear violence next door, you can help by calling 911. It highlights that if you live on the safe side, help those who aren’t.

Another campaign — “Get Off the Sidelines” — was produced by the NFL and USA Network, featuring NFL stars — including William Gay, Andrew Hawkins, Mark Herzlich, Ben Watson and Jason Witten — encouraging everyone to “get off the sidelines” to help stop domestic violence and sexual assault. Visit nomore.org/

no-more-psas/ to see these incredibly impactful ads.

Here in Pagosa, we are offering a free education event this Saturday, Feb. 28, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for those interested in becoming a volunteer victim advocate or to just learn more about these crimes and potentially become an Rise Above Violence ambassador, speaking out and speaking up in our community. Lunch will be included. Contact Miles Frilot, volunteer coordinator, to RSVP at miles@riseaboveviolence.org or call (970) 264-1129, ext. 6.

“No more” is a powerful message, one you can actively encourage within yourself and those you love. “No more” is the ending of these crimes. It’s assertive, direct and actionable, ending our tolerance and acceptance, ending our silence, victim blaming and shaming. Join us in saying “no more” next week, this year and beyond.

Stargazers

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You can join the club at any of our meetings or on our website. Check out our continuously changing website, sanjuanstargazers.org, with new information and spectacular photos.

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Future meetings

We will be again meeting the first Thursday of each month with an educational program.

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Starting on a path to homeownership: Pagosa Community Initiative to hold personal financial workshop

By Carrie Blue-White
Pagosa Community Initiative

The Pagosa Community Initiative (PCI) is thrilled to announce the second offering of its popular Personal Financial Budgeting Workshop — an evening designed to guide you toward basic budgeting and debt-management skills, along with understanding the homeownership journey you’ve been dreaming about.

With 16 attendees at our first workshop, we’re excited to welcome another group of community members ready to take control of their financial future.

On March 12 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the PCI office (550 B Hot Springs Blvd.), you’ll have the opportunity to learn directly from Carrie Blue-White, senior loan officer and board chair of PCI.

Blue-White brings trusted expertise and a genuine commitment to helping Pagosa Springs residents understand the financial steps needed to take control of their finances and understanding the path to achieving homeownership.

What to expect

This beginner-friendly workshop covers the essential financial planning topics that simplify the path to buying a home.

We will begin with the basics of understanding credit, budgeting, and examine some savings and debt-management tools.

Whether you’re just starting to think about homeownership or you’re ready to take the next steps, this workshop will equip you with practical knowledge and confidence.

We’re making it easy for you to

attend:

- Dinner will be provided.
- Limited child care spaces are available for your children; please RSVP.
- One-on-one consultation with Blue-White following the workshop to discuss your personal situation.

Ready to get started?

Space is limited, so sign up today. For more information or to register, contact Randye at (970) 585-6253.

Your path to homeownership starts with getting a handle on your finances — and we’re right here cheering you on, every fun step of the way.

It’s easier than you think, with simple moves that make a big difference.

Come join our PCI community; we can’t wait to welcome you.

Registration open for Archuleta Food Summit

Healthy Archuleta

Community members across Archuleta County are invited to gather, connect and help shape the future of our local food system at the 2026 Archuleta Food Summit on April 18 from 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pagosa Springs High School.

This year’s summit, “Rooted in Tradition • Growing Through Innovation,” is more than a conversation, it is an opportunity for residents, growers, entrepreneurs, youth leaders, health partners and community champions to come together around a shared vision for nutrition security, economic opportunity and rural resilience.

A highlight of the event will be a hands-on simulation of the proposed Archuleta Community Food Hub and Food Hall.

Participants will experience how local food can move from growers and producers to families, schools, small businesses and community spaces. The simulation will offer a tangible look at how shared infrastructure can strengthen our local economy; support small food enterprises; expand workforce pathways; and increase access to fresh, healthy food for all.

Throughout the morning, attendees can expect:

- Engaging speakers and panel discussions on food, health and economic vitality.
- Interactive activities that bring the food hub vision to life.
- Opportunities to connect with growers, organizations, youth leaders and local partners.

- A delicious farm-to-table lunch.
- The food summit reflects Healthy Archuleta’s belief that lasting solutions emerge when community members learn together, share ideas and take collective action.

Whether you are passionate about local agriculture, small business development, youth leadership, health and wellness, or simply want to see a thriving future for Archuleta County, this event offers a welcoming space to participate.

Registration is now open, and community members are encouraged to sign up early to help us plan for meals, materials and interactive activities. Learn more and register at www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-food-summit.html.

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Durango Wine Experience selects nonprofit partners

Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado announces the 10 nonprofits selected to receive grants as part of this year's Durango Wine Experience.

The popular shoulder season event will be held April 24-25 in Durango.

The 2026 nonprofit grantees are A Safe Place in Pagosa (Archuleta County); Mancos Valley Resources (Montezuma County); Boys and Girls Club of La Plata County, Durango Bluegrass Meltdown, Durango Farmers Market, Durango PlayFest, Durango Winter Sports Club, Riverhouse Children's Center, Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative, and Volunteers of America (La Plata County).

Both weekend passes and single event tickets are available now at www.durangowine.com/tickets/. Proceeds from ticket sales and corporate sponsorships will provide the Community Foundation with funding to bolster its mission-driven work, which supports the nonprofit sector in Southwest Colorado.

Nonprofits across multiple sectors and geographic areas have been selected to receive a \$2,500 grant, along with the opportunity to share their missions with Durango Wine Experience attendees. Patrons of the Durango Wine Experience can connect with the nonprofits at various businesses throughout downtown Durango during the Walkabout on April 24. The nonprofit volunteers will also help at the Grand Tasting in Buckley Park on April 25.

"This will be our fourth year of offering a granting component with the Durango Wine Experience," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "It is a great way to educate the public on the incredible work being done in our nonprofit sector, while also raising funds to support multiple organizations from across the region."

End of Life Education group announces upcoming meetings

By Joan Mieritz

End of Life Education

End of Life Education is ready to begin a new series of programs that should be very exciting and educational.

The first program will be presented on March 19 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. with the large convenient parking lot and side door into the meeting room.

Hopefully the 2026 flu season will have passed. We now have a trifecta of respiratory illnesses including the flu, COVID and respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, to deal with. We can talk about this situation as one of our topics to consider.

In 2024, End of Life Education had a guest speaker, Connie Cook, an emergency medical technician who gave a most memorable talk about emergency medical response. We wanted to have her back. Pagosa Springs Medical Center EMS recently added a new staff member focusing almost solely on education. He will be speaking to us at two of our meetings, on March 19 and April 16.

His comments will be mostly for senior citizens, and he will also be in-

cluding material for the general public and how the organization wants to expand its education program.

Everyone is invited to attend. Knowledge about an emergency medical program can only be beneficial to everyone. I enjoy being part of something new that is just being developed.

Another new speaker at End of Life Education, on April 3, will be Brad Hunt, our Archuleta County coroner. Laws are changing and the coroner must be more involved in every death case.

These may be three emotionally difficult programs. I hope it will not be too much for anyone to handle. I feel that with caring and sensitive people working together, we can handle almost anything. If you come, please step up and be prepared for a challenge.

We have several medical doctors and several counselors who have been part of the group in the past, plus other amazingly caring people. People need to monitor themselves, communicate openly and be 100 percent honest. I don't think anyone told you that life is easy and the end may be most challenging.

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Following are the Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week and Easter services that were submitted to The PREVIEW. Events may be submitted to editor@pagosasun.com.

Friday, Feb. 27

Stations of the Cross. 5 p.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Park Drive.

Stations of the Cross. 7 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, March 4

Stations of the Cross. 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 455 Lewis St. With rosary.

Friday, March 6

Stations of the Cross. 5 p.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Park Drive.

Stations of the Cross. 7 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, March 11

Stations of the Cross. 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 455 Lewis St. With rosary.

Friday, March 13

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Stations of the Cross. 7 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, March 18

Stations of the Cross. 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 455 Lewis St. With rosary.

Friday, March 20

Stations of the Cross. 5 p.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Park Drive.

Stations of the Cross. 7 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353

S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, March 25

Stations of the Cross. 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 455 Lewis St. With rosary.

Friday, March 27

Stations of the Cross. 5 p.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Park Drive.

Stations of the Cross. 7 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday Church Service. 9 a.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1879 Majestic Drive.

Thursday, April 2

Holy Thursday Mass. 7 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Friday, April 3

Good Friday Pilgrimage. 2 p.m., starting location to be announced.

Stations of the Cross. 4:30 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Good Friday Service. 5:30 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Saturday, April 4

Blessing of the Easter Baskets. Noon, Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Easter Vigil. 8 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday Mass. 9 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Easter Sunday Mass. 11:15 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 455 Lewis St.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Singer Tori
5 Horse-racing prize
10 Sales prospect
14 Easy gait
15 Shills for, e.g.
16 Surrounding glow
17 Antlered beast
18 Seized again
20 Actress in the "Scary Movie" series
22 Faulkner's "____" for Emily"
23 Rotisserie rod
24 Pointer's word
26 Small, as towns go
29 Milk option
33 That ____ then...
34 Laughed with gusto
36 Sprouse who played Jughead on "Riverdale"
37 Tax crime
39 Calgary's province
41 It may be first, middle or last
42 Pale shade
44 La Brea goo
45 Heavy hammer
47 They make you feel confident
49 TV station, e.g.
51 Point on a bus map
52 Lets the lure fly
55 Greenspan, e.g.
59 Say "slippery slope", e.g.
61 Stanford town: ____ Alto
62 Texter's "ha ha ha!"
63 Leans to one side
64 1961 space chimp
65 Wimbledon surface

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- 1 He played Hawkeye
2 Big name in faucets
3 Magical phrase
4 Celestial being
5 Airborne unit member
6 Lyft rival
7 Poet at a reading, e.g.
8 Secret supply
9 Sixth sense, briefly
10 Fishburne of "The Matrix"
11 Latvian capital
12 Son of Zeus
13 Miami's county
19 Edible tuber
21 Flowers in Italy
25 Infinite quality
26 Track legend Jesse

27 Part of USNA

28 Syrian news agcy.

30 Early keyboard

31 Sacrificial spot

32 Eye drops

35 Food, slangily

38 Propofol purpose

40 Popeye's nemesis

43 Caustic wit

46 Main point

48 Toddler's jumpsuit

50 Spooky

52 Word in a "Breaking Bad" spinoff's title

53 ____ mater

54 Cabbage salad

56 Comics canine

57 Traffic sign word

58 Throw out

60 Krueger's street

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Turning a gift into an entitlement

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

I plopped down the devotional book on the table with a thud, “Hmm. Well, that hit a bruise.”

My Sweet Al waited for an explanation. “Why do you have your panties in a wad?”

“This story opened a wound. The author wrote he and his wife stopped for free coffee at a rest area. An attendant handed two cups to them and asked for \$2. The husband became annoyed and grumbled, ‘Why? I thought the coffee was free.’”

The attendant directed him to the small sign, “Free coffee for drivers only.”

His wife pointed out his error. “You’ve turned a gift into an entitlement and became ungrateful.”

“You’re right. I need to go back and apologize to the lady.”

“Al, do you remember in the ‘70s, we would stop and enjoy free coffee at the rest area between Las Cruces and Albuquerque? Retired veterans offered us a free refreshment. We’d thank them and went on our way. We didn’t think about the time, effort or money they provided for our comfort. We expected them to be there on the west side of the highway any time we passed by.”

“Not anymore. Times have

Artist’s Lane

changed.”

“Times have changed,” I echoed his words. “This devotion brought up a point of contention. It seems our home and our hospitality was like that rest stop. We offered beds and meals and were always excited to give what we had. Mostly everyone was so appreciative and we made wonderful friends, even though there were a few entitled people that came our way.”

Al’s mind was clicking. “I should’ve taken the remote from him. Remember the couple from Albuquerque? The guy sat in my chair, changed channels and watched what he wanted to. He wouldn’t give me the remote. I watched his programs for three days.”

“Apparently, your panties are in a wad, too.”

It started in 1976. Al and I had an open-door policy. We provided a place for people to come and stay with us in these beautiful mountains. We had the space; if not, we made room. Even our grownup children, after they left home, would invite their friends and say, “Our

folks don’t mind.” We didn’t mind. We were glad our children felt free to invite their friends to our home.

A few years ago, a friend, who had visited us over the years, invited herself to stay with us. “I’m coming for a month. I sold my house in California and I’m between homes.”

“Whoa. A month is a long time.”

“Oh, I won’t be a bother. I’ll bring my own food and cook for myself. By the way, I will be bringing two people.”

I didn’t have a “hard no” in me. They came like a house on fire.

“Al and I expected you at six. It’s nine o’clock.”

“Oh, we were running late. We didn’t go to the store. We’re hungry. We didn’t have time to eat. Would you cook bacon and eggs for us?”

By that time my hair was on fire. Mama wasn’t happy. I felt our generosity had turned into entitlement and even ungratefulness. That was the beginning of their stay. It went downhill from there.

Needless to say, it was time to make a change. Not closing our hearts, but understanding where we were in life, we closed our open-door policy and established new boundaries. It was difficult. “Sorry, we’re not in a position to have you stay. We must say no.”

Final brushstroke: It is everyone’s nature to be self-serving and even en-

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March 1 Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship topic to be ‘So Children May Thrive’

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

There seems to be a running theme this month at the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship — social change and action.

We offer Sunday worship services the first and third Sundays beginning at 10:30 a.m. As UUs, we hold love at the center, along with justice, equity, transformation, pluralism, interdependence and generosity as our shared values, in a covenantal faith tradition. Our monthly schedule is included here, and we welcome all to this community of open minds, loving hearts and helping hands.

Join us this week, March 1, as our presenter, Dr. David Smith, shares his experience and reflections titled “So Children May Thrive.”

Research shows that children are more likely to succeed in life when they have well-developed social, emotional and academic skills. Research also shows that these essential skills are learned most effectively by children in the first five years of life. Although some parents have the skills and time required to prepare their children for success in K-12 and beyond, most parents must rely on high-quality early childhood care and education programs available at licensed child

care centers.

Smith will review some of this research and discuss challenges faced by our local child care centers.

Smith retired from the University of Nebraska in 2002 and moved to Pagosa with his wife, Jean. Both are emeritus professors of chemistry.

In 2015, he helped to prepare a report for Seeds of Learning on the value and cost of preschool. This led to his appointment to the Early Care and Education Workgroup established by the town and county to determine the need for early childhood care and education in Archuleta County. He is a member of the group that founded Wings Early Childhood Center and currently serves on its board of directors.

On March 8, the Going Deeper Sharing Circle will meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

This is a small-group setting where we practice deep listening and sharing from our hearts.

The final session for the series on hope from the “On Being” podcast will feature poet Ross Gay.

“As a community gardener, and teacher he brings us another way of wisdom, to the conviction that we have to know what we love and what delights us,” the “On Being” website and host Krista Tippet state. From this place, we

gather in reflection and sharing from our own experience as we practice the art of listening with and to others. We explore a muscular hope, “which is something we can practice moment to moment, Gay teaches, through every ordinary day.”

On March 15, the Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. will be “Rooted in Solidarity.”

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titled at times. Today, we don’t throw invites into the air, but if anyone is passing through, there is a free cup of coffee waiting for you, and not only

for your driver.
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SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure
SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

On Sunday, March 1, from 11:11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the SpiritFire Inspiration Living Center will hold its FireHorse Full Moon, Lunar Eclipse Celebration at the SpiritFire Center at Xanadu Retreat.

There will be drumming and Himalayan sound bowl meditation with Scott Maki and Shayla White Eagle Azriel. A potluck will follow. Bring drums, a yoga mat and a dish to share. A \$33 donation will be collected.

Reserve your space by contacting (970) 510- 0309.

Upcoming activities

Save the date for the following activity at the SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center:

- March 29: Vietnam Veterans Giveback Day. For more information and to reserve your space, contact (970) 510- 0309.

About us

The SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center is a 501(c)(3). We are an all-inclusive community honoring all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the Divine. We are the "Good Vibe Tribe" who practices Science of Mind

principles of positive thinking.

The vision of SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center is to empower each participating member to become their "best self." Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through self empowerment and awareness of the creator's divinity.

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge.

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center events are held at Xanadu private retreat. Obtain information by joining us, emailing pagosacomunitynewthought@gmail.com or texting/calling (970) 510-0309.

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During this service, offered from the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA.org) and the Side With Love Minnesota Resource Kit, we will hear stories from our Unitarian, Universalist and UU histories: stories about how ordinary people showed up, in very different ways and in particular contexts, to side with love and show up for justice. Through readings, shared reflection and music, we will be moved

to act in solidarity with others.

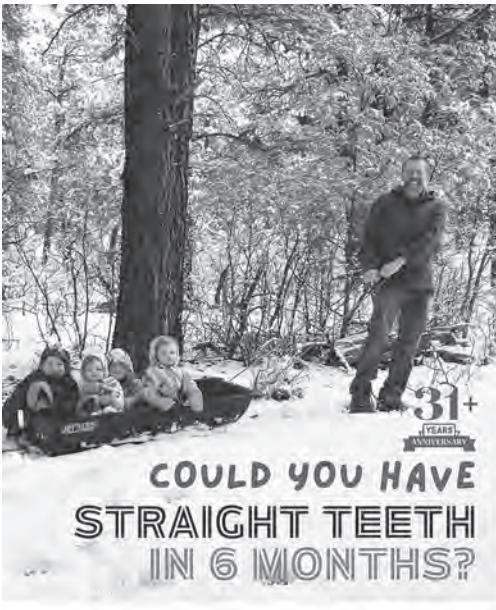
March 22 will be Action Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Join us the fourth Sunday to continue the UUA Common Read Book, "Social Change Now: A Guide for Reflection and Connection" by Deepa Iyer.

We will finish this book the fourth Sunday in March, focusing on the section "For Now, and For the Long Haul." Join us any time, as this reflection and discussion group will

provide enough content to be meaningful even if you were unable to read the book.

March 29 will be a rest Sunday. We take fifth Sundays to practice rest as an act of joy and resistance to a cultural norm that continually tells us not to.

The fellowship is located at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd. Unit B-15 in Greenbriar Plaza, on the north side facing Pagosa Peak. Find us online at PagosaUU.org for current newsletter and programs.



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Retire often and live your dreams

By Barbara Brattin
PREVIEW Columnist

In Icelandic culture, it is common for people to choose 10 or more occupations in a lifetime. This is not due to layoffs or firings, but a matter of personal choice.

Icelanders believe in refreshing the mind and spirit by expressing their multiple talents and interests, and changing careers is a great way to do that. Interspersed among these career changes are periods of several months or even years where they hold no job at all, focusing completely on what they want to do.

American author and podcaster Jillian Johnsrud expands on this theme in her new book, “Retire Often: How Anyone Can Take Multiple Career Breaks to Unlock Adventure, Advance Their Career, and Find Financial Freedom.”

By the time she was 40, Johnsrud and her husband had taken a dozen such mini-retirements, sometimes as sabbaticals from their jobs, sometimes by walking away from the jobs they had. They did it with careful planning and determination, and Johnsrud is determined to coach anyone who will listen to do the same.

“Why do we have to work for 40 years and only retire once?” she asks. “Why can’t we take occasional career breaks to focus on the other areas of life that matter: family, friends, adventure, rest, hobbies, our health, and achieving long-held dreams?”

So, if that epic adventure is calling, or if deferring your hobbies for one more year feels like too long, pick up a copy of “Retire Often.” It may just inspire you to finally live your dreams.

Collecting for local food banks

If you have an extra can or two of food you can share, or some dried food in sturdy packaging, please bring it to the library. Our local agencies will pick up and distribute the food to where it’s needed.

Tax forms and booklets available

Pick up Colorado tax forms and booklets, as well as federal 1040 and 1040A forms and instructions.

GED by appointment only

As we gear up for the grand opening of our new library space, we’re taking a break from regular GED hours. If you are working toward your general education degree or a high school equivalency exam, or if you could use a tutoring session to help you with your educational goals, give the library a call at (970) 264-2209 and we’ll connect you with our instructor.

Construction update

Our clerestory windows were almost finished before the big snow-

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storm. Just a few remain to be installed. Insulation and drywall are underway, and you will see the eaves clad in metal as soon as the weather cooperates.

The building should be ready sometime in August, and our grand opening is tentatively set for Labor Day weekend.

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 March with new authors.

On March 4 at noon will be “Humor, Heart, and Reflective Rural Stories” with Michael Perry, New York Times bestselling author of “Population: 485” and “The Jesus Cow.”

On March 12 at 5 p.m., join for “Book Portals and Journeys of Literary Magic” with Kate Quinn, New York Times bestselling author of “The Alice Network” and “The Rose Code.”

On March at noon will be “America’s Failed Response to the Opioid Crisis” with author Shoshana Walter and special guest host Barbara Kingsolver.

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

Ruby’s Book Club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles.

Our March title is “Educated,” a bestselling 2018 memoir by Tara Westover about her journey from a survivalist family in rural Idaho, where she received no formal education, to earning a Ph.D. from Cambridge University.

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 tutoring 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.

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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 and passwords with you.

English as a second language classes expand

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 books collections brimming with interesting titles

For a full list of new titles and to reserve your copy, go to www.pagosalibrary.org and choose New Items under the Quicklinks menu.

New fiction

• Stewart O'Nan is back with a charming new novel, "Evensong," about a group of elderly women who

band together to help one another.
• "Where the Wildflowers Grow," by Tarah Shelton Harris, described as "a poignant story of survival and redemption that questions what it means to stop existing and start living."

• "So Old, So Young," by Grant Grinder, stars six college friends and their relationships over a 20-year history.

Notable nonfiction

• "The Journey of Desire: Searching for the Life You've Always Dreamed Of" by John Eldredge.

• "How to Live a Meaningful Life: Using Design Thinking to Unlock Purpose, Joy, and Flow Every Day" by Bill Burnett and Dave Evans.

• "American Struggle: Democracy, Dissent, and the Pursuit of a More Perfect Union" by Jon Meacham.

New in large print

• "When the Cranes Fly South," an international bestseller by Lisa



Ridzen, is "about aging, and the quiet brutality of love."

• "The Martians: A True Story of the Alien Craze that Captured Turn-of-the-Century America" by David Baron.

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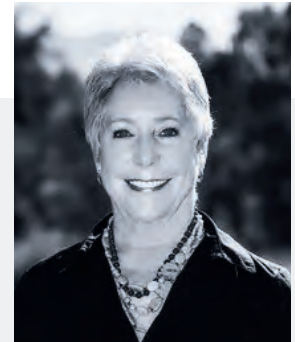
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Scene ... learning and singing with Colorado Christian University's 50-member University Choir on Feb. 20. Despite a snow day, Archuleta School District students in fifth through 12th grade enjoyed high-quality choral and musical theater workshops and performed alongside the choir in a joint concert Friday evening. A total of 39 students participated despite the weather and school cancellation.



Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the Eurasian collared-dove.

As its name would suggest, this bird is not native to North America, but today it is a resident bird across most of the United States. The ancestors of today's Eurasian collared-doves in North America were introduced to the Bahamas in the 1970s as part of the pet trade. After a few escaped from a pet shop during a burglary, the owner released the rest of the flock of 50 and, by the 1980s, some had made their way to Florida. By 1996, Eurasian collared-doves were being seen in Colorado, where today they are common.

People have contributed to the phenomenal range spread of these birds by providing bird feeders and by planting trees nearby for roosting and nesting in urban areas. They primarily are ground feeders, but will come to platform feeders. In urban areas, bread crumbs tossed by people are a significant part of their diet. They also thrive in agricultural areas that provide the seeds and cereal grains that they eat, but are not as likely to be found in the forest.

Eurasian collared-doves make excellent parents. After a male attracts a partner with his incessant calling and impressive flight displays, he shows her potential nest sites and provides the sticks to build a simple platform in a tree or on a building. Both parents incubate the eggs and provide food to the nestlings. Rather than providing chicks with insects, parents produce a fat and protein-rich crop milk to feed the nestlings for the first five to 10 days. Typically, the female lays only one or two eggs, but, in warm climates, a pair may raise up to six broods per year.

The fairly large Eurasian collared-dove is mostly sandy brown, has a small head, long square-tipped tail and a black crescent on the back of its neck. The related mourning dove is smaller, has black spots on its back, a pointed tail and lacks a black collar. The collared-dove is readily spotted in town with groups perched in a tree or on a wire, singing their repeated, three-parted coo.

So far, the spread of these non-native doves has not demonstrated a negative impact on our native birds.

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The importance of proper dental hygiene for seniors

By **Ricardo Martinez**
PREVIEW Columnist

Maintaining proper dental hygiene is crucial at any age, but it becomes especially important for seniors.

As people age, they are more susceptible to oral health issues such as gum disease, tooth decay, dry mouth and tooth loss.

These problems can significantly affect a person's ability to eat, speak and maintain good nutrition, potentially leading to other health complications. Regular brushing, flossing and dental checkups can help prevent these concerns and ensure that older adults maintain a healthy and confident smile.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) has joined forces with Painted Sky Dental to bring preventive dental care directly to local seniors, with a focus on comfort, oral health maintenance and personalized support. Registered dental hygienist Courtney Justice takes her practice on the road in a fully equipped mobile van. This partnership helps remove common barriers such as transportation and mobility challenges, making it easier for seniors to maintain healthy smiles.

There will be a clinic once a month at the Senior Center, located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd., with the first clinic scheduled for Feb. 27.

Services will include comprehensive dental cleanings, exams, X-rays, oral cancer screenings, denture and partial cleanings, and more.

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able services are encouraged to call (970) 426-0062 for additional information and to schedule an appointment.

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.

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.

Stretching and mobility weekly class

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.

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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.

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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.

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 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 Friday, Feb. 27, and on March 13 and 27 at 1:30 p.m.

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

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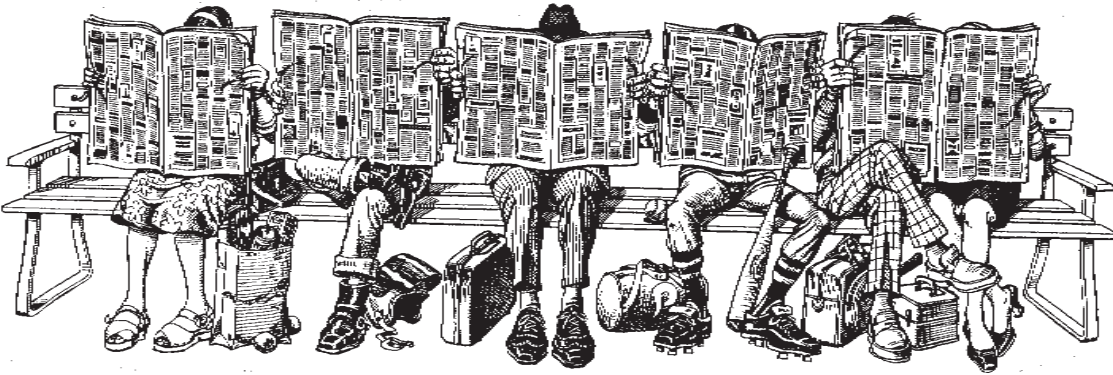
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your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group.

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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. 26 — Singapore pork coffee ribs with rice, squash casserole, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Feb. 27 — Cod with mango salsa, quinoa rice pilaf, garden salad, fruit, Key lime pie and milk.

Monday, March 2 — Southern shrimp and grits, zucchini and mushrooms, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday, March 3 — Pork po-sole with cabbage, radish, onions, lime; tortilla; garden salad; fruit; and milk.

Wednesday, March 4 — Black bean veggie burger, sweet potato fries, salad, fruit, vanilla yogurt and milk.

Thursday, March 5 — Chicken piccata over linguine, broccoli, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, March 6 — French dip on hoagie roll with au jus, cheesy cauliflower, garden salad, fruit, milk.

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For the study, researchers randomly assigned 37 men who elected to have their prostate removed to receive either 4,000 international units (IU) of vitamin D or an inactive placebo daily for 60 days before their operation.

When the prostate gland was examined after their surgery, researchers found that many who received vitamin D had improvements in their prostate tumors, while the tumors in the placebo group remained the same or got worse.

"In greater than 60 percent of those taking it, vitamin D actually made the cancer better," said Hollis.

Hollis reported that in some cases the tumor shrank and in others the cancer went away.

However, the study was small, and results from a larger trial aren't expected for several years, he added.

Doctors often recommend a "watch and wait" period for men with low-grade, or less aggressive, prostate tumors. But many patients and their families aren't comfortable waiting and opt to have surgery before it's deemed medically necessary.

These findings suggest that taking vitamin D might help reduce the need for such radical treatment.

Source: Vitamin D Supplements Might Slow Prostate Cancer." By Steven Reinberg. <http://www.webmd.com>

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How reading benefits young brains

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Reading is a beloved pastime that's having a moment. A number of variables have helped to renew people's interest in reading. BookTok, a popular subcommunity on the social media platform TikTok in which users create videos to recommend and discuss books, is one such variable.

The BookTok trend has helped to spark and revive many people's interest in reading, and that's paid dividends for booksellers.

Reading more also pays considerable dividends for readers, particularly school-aged book lovers.

Research has found that reading has a notable impact on brain development in children:

- Reading can foster critical thinking skills. Reading fosters critical thinking skills by engaging readers in a story and encouraging

them to ask questions about its characters and plot. The tutoring experts at Readability, who specialize in helping a diverse group of readers in making the shift from learning to read to reading to learn, note that reading helps students assess situations logically and form reasoned opinions.

- Reading can help build language skills. Reading helps children build their vocabularies by enabling them to read new words. Reading aloud to children can be especially beneficial for young children, but reading to themselves also encourages kids to learn new words. As children read and learn new words, their language skills expand.

- Reading fosters a sense of wonder about the world. The wide range of literary genres, from sci-fi to fantasy to history, can instill in children a sense of curiosity and wonder about

the world they live in. That can spark interest in other subjects at school, including science, mathematics and art.

- Reading can benefit youngsters' attention spans. Modern children are inundated with stimuli that does not necessarily foster longer attention spans. Social media videos and even some children's television programming may have an adverse effect on kids' ability to build a strong attention span. Reading helps kids to strengthen their focus by requiring them to concentrate on a narrative and process information as the story unfolds. That requires kids to maintain their attention for far longer than the average social media video.

Reading has a profound impact on the development of young children's brains. That makes it both an enjoyable and effective pastime.

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Colorado Department of Human Services highlights screening, support tool to kick off Brain Injury Awareness Month

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March is Brain Injury Awareness Month.

Marking the start of Brain Injury Awareness Month, the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) is showcasing a brain injury screening tool that can be used at home or with the help of a professional.

The Online Brain Injury Screening and Support System (OBISSS) is a free, confidential self-assessment platform that helps individuals identify urgent needs following a brain injury.

The state has recognized Brain Injury Awareness Month since 2016. This year's theme is "Brain Injury: Recognize the Signs, Access the Tools, Own Your Story," and is dedicated to reducing associated stigma and immediately connecting Coloradans to vital screening and support services through the easy-to-use OBISSS digital tool.

The need for accessible resources like OBISSS is clear. Half a million Coloradans are currently living with a disability caused by a brain injury, and more than 5,000 are hospitalized each year. Colorado currently ranks ninth in the nation for deaths due to traumatic brain injury, or TBI.

"Brain injuries can impact any-

one, but the effects are often invisible, long-term and misunderstood," said Russa Knauer, director of MIND-SOURCE Brain Injury Network, a program within the Office of Children, Aging and Community Services at CDHS. "OBISSS is a vital resource that takes the guesswork out of what comes next. It brings understanding and provides tangible support for the hundreds of thousands of Coloradans living with life-altering impacts from brain injuries."

Developed by MINDSOURCE, the OBISSS screens for lifetime history of and ongoing difficulties caused by both nontraumatic and traumatic brain injuries. It is available to individuals curious about their history and to organizations that provide any type of client service.

The issue is especially acute for vulnerable populations, who often face compounding challenges:

- A total of 1,251 OBISSS screens were completed statewide between January and December 2025. Of these, 1,043 (83 percent) were positive and 208 were negative.
- Approximately 60 percent of individuals within the criminal legal system have a history of brain injury.
- Over half of the people experiencing homelessness report a history of brain injury.

• Fifty percent of people living with a brain injury will receive a mental health diagnosis.

When a person screens positive, OBISSS immediately provides:

- Personalized tips and strategies for managing ongoing difficulties.
- Contact information for the Brain Injury Association of Colorado for support.
- Details on how to use the MIND-SOURCE website to connect with a comprehensive range of services.

"MINDSOURCE elevates the voices and lived expertise of the brain injury community," said Dr. Meghan Stidd, director of the Division of Community Programs in the Office of Children, Adults and Community Services. "By leading with innovative systems like OBISSS, we empower individuals to take control of their stories and access the support necessary to thrive by addressing their specific and unique needs."

March serves as a crucial reminder for all Coloradans to recognize the signs of brain injury and utilize available tools like OBISSS.

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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.

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. 27

Bingo. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Pagosa Springs Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry. 4:30-6:30 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Both dine-in and drive-through dining will be available. The cost of the meal is \$15 and is a fundraiser for the Pagosa Springs Knights of Columbus.

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

Saturday, Feb. 28

Knitters Circle. 1-3 p.m., Natural Grocers back room, 775 San Juan St. Any type and experience level of needleworker is welcome.

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Sunday, March 1

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Monday, March 2

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. Begin-

ners 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.

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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, March 3

Coffee with Chris. 7:30-8:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Join LPEA CEO Chris Hansen for an informal conversation about your power bill, peak power and what drives the cost of electricity in the region.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 9 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.

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.

LPEA Rebate and Energy Help Session. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., LPEA office, 603 S. 8th St.

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

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Tween Baddie Buddies Book Club. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join to adventure into the world of books. For ages 11-14. Snacks will be provided.

Men's Fellowship. 6 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, March 4

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.

Online Author Talk. Noon, virtual. "Humor, Heart, and Reflective Rural Stories" with Michael Perr, author of "Population: 485" and "The Jesus Cow." 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.

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

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

Mexican Train Dominoes. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Elementary Tutoring. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, 141 S. 10th St. For grades 1-3. Elementary school children

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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>.

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San Juan Stargazers. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Social time will begin at 6 p.m., followed by an educational presentation at 7 p.m.

Friday, March 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.

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Saturday, March 7

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A 13-week program to assist with the healing process, regardless of how long it is since your loved one passed. Register and learn more at www.griefshare.org.

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.

Troop 807 Fundraiser Dinner. 5:30-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. RSVP to Jennifer Walterscheid at (970) 986-0387.

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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 March 2 and space is limited. Registration is required. Call (970) 264-2209. 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.

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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.

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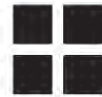
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