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Photo courtesy Jeff Zaffino

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) paramedic Jeff Zaffino quarantines in his garage following a potential exposure to COVID-19. Zaffino has a tent set up in his garage, where he has been sleeping on an air mattress. He is able to see his loved ones through a window.



Jeff Zaffino

## Quarantined paramedic focuses on positivity

By Terri House  
Staff Writer

Paramedic Jeff Zaffino envisioned himself hiking and enjoying the outdoors last weekend. Instead, a potential exposure to COVID-19 left him in quarantine in his garage.

It is suspected the Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) paramedic was exposed to COVID-19 while on a routine 911 call.

Zaffino was in his garage on April 14 hosting an online training for a leadership course when he was informed of the exposure.

His wife, Ashleigh, stuck a note in front of him during the class telling him that his boss had called and that "It was urgent, could he please call right away?"

Zaffino couldn't take the time away from

the class and students.

When the class was over, he called his boss, PSMC EMS Assistant Chief Connie Cook, who informed him that according to San Juan Basin Public Health, he may have experienced an exposure to COVID-19.

Zaffino's response was a four-letter word not fit for publication.

"They explained that for the next 14 days, I could not leave my home. They would make sure everything was taken care of, and anything I needed, they would make sure that happened," he said.

For Zaffino, he "knew it was a matter of when, not if" he would be exposed to coronavirus.

While unable to disclose information about the ambulance call he was on due to patient privacy concerns, Zaffino explained that it was

a "typical 911 call" and the EMS crew has been proactive throughout the pandemic, wearing more personal protective equipment (PPE) than normal.

Zaffino immediately told his family about his situation via text message. "I told them I was quarantined and no one was allowed in garage."

At his request, within 30 minutes, his family was outfitted with N95 masks thanks to Cook.

"They were gracious and did that within 30 minutes," he explained.

EMS Capt. Deb Calavan delivered toilet paper, beer, whiskey and a recliner to Zaffino, dropping them off in his driveway.

He was informed about the potential exposure within 48 hours. Zaffino explained that

■ See Paramedic A8

## Local medical facilities prepared for Safer at Home transition

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Beginning next week, Colorado will transition from Stay at Home to Safer at Home, the first step in reopening more sectors of the economy while continuing social distancing and other protective measures.

Gov. Jared Polis announced the move, which will take effect April 27, during a Monday press conference.

"Coloradans in every corner of our state have stepped up and taken responsible steps to help bend the curve of this pandemic and we are grateful for these shared efforts that helped save lives and slow the spread. The deadly virus will continue to be with us, and we must wear masks and socialize less to avoid its rapid growth," Polis said. "For seniors and those with pre-existing conditions, it's important to stay home whenever possible through May. Though we are mov-

ing into a sustainable way of living during this pandemic, there are tough days ahead.

"This is a marathon — not a sprint, which was the easy part — now we need to pace ourselves and these distancing measures need to be sustainable. We're going to have to learn to live with coronavirus for a while, but we must live not with anxiety or fear, but with extreme caution, especially if you are a member of a vulnerable population. I am thrilled that we are on the path to a sustainable way of living more safely, but that doesn't mean there isn't the potential that we have to return to a more cautious approach if the state sees a spike in new cases."

The governor discussed the three levels of social distancing Monday: Staying at Home, Safer at Home and Protect our Neighbors.

On Monday, Polis discussed new modeling showing that the stay-

■ See Transition A8

## School district to continue distance learning through end of school year

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Monday, Gov. Jared Polis announced that Colorado will begin moving from a stay-at-home order to a safer-at-home phase Monday, April 27, but that Colorado schools will not reopen to in-person instruction this school year due to the risk of coronavirus.

For Archuleta School District (ASD), that means students will not return to the classroom this year, instead finishing the school year via distance learning.

It also means district staff are planning how to conduct Pagosa Springs High School's (PSHS) gradu-

ation ceremony.

For Pagosa Peak Open School students, that means continuing distance learning at least until the school's planned break that begins May 23.

ASD Superintendent Linda Reed sent a letter to students and families Monday following the governor's announcement and a subsequent superintendents' meeting with Polis.

"While the governor indicated there will be a gradual relaxation of some of the restrictions for businesses, in order to bring children back into a school environment, where social distancing would still

■ See School A8

## Commissioners spar over road projects to free up money for new courthouse

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

The county commissioners continue to disagree over how to prioritize which roads to improve or reconstruct.

At the Tuesday work session of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners, County Administrator Scott Wall told the commissioners that in order to free up more county money to build a new courthouse, the commissioners had the option of cutting three already-approved road projects that could save the county up to \$750,000

if the commissioners scrap all three.

The three road projects are to essentially pave, using lithified technology, Port Avenue, Buttress Avenue and Cloman Boulevard.

"I'd say either we do all the projects or do none of 'em," said Commissioner Steve Wadley. "And I'd rather do none of 'em and put the money in the courthouse."

Wadley also explained that Archuleta County should use average daily traffic, or ADTs, to determine which county roads get priority for the lithified technology, which

■ See Commissioners A8

## Court orders BoCC to pay attorney fees in open records case

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

Sixth Judicial District Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson has awarded attorney Matthew H. Roane more than \$10,000 in attorney fees for his work in obtaining disclosure of an executive session recording from the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

According to Steve Zansberg, president of the Board of Directors for the Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition (CFOIC), he is not aware of another case where an attorney representing themselves on a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) case was awarded attorney fees.

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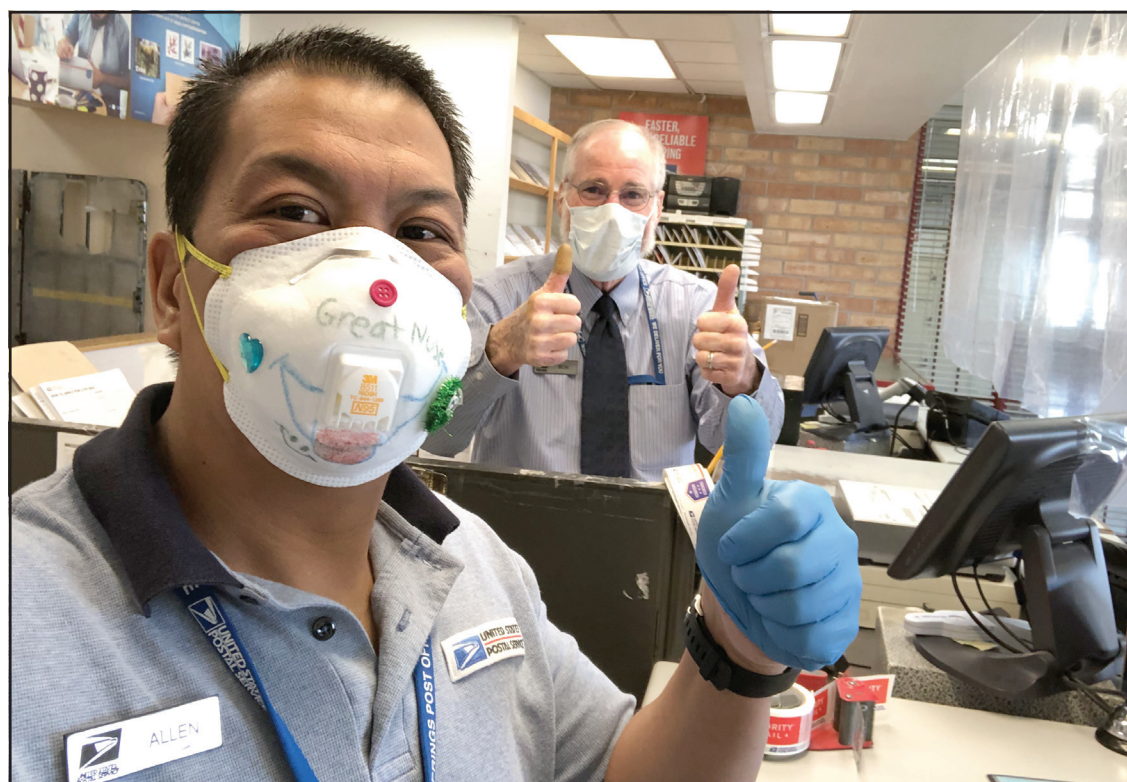


Photo courtesy Allen Domingo

Postal Office staff Allen Domingo and Bob Kirby give the newly installed employee protection at the Post Office front counter the thumbs-up last week. Shower curtains were mounted on the ceilings to provide a barrier between employees and the public.

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## EDITORIAL

### What really matters most of all

We have been fortunate to witness the extraordinary beauty of family, friendships, unselfishness and kindness these past several weeks.

Last week, we shared a photo of Moises "Uncle Moe" Martinez celebrating his 84th birthday on April 11. His son, Ron Martinez, and nephew, Leonard Martinez, organized a surprise birthday party for Uncle Moe, urging relatives and friends to drive by his South 8th Street home and honk their horns while following guidelines for social distancing.

On Friday, Karin Daniels' fun-loving friends celebrated her birthday in style with an impressive drive-by parade complete with decorated cars, costumes and plenty of shenanigans. Editor's note: We can't print Daniels' age or we will be in big trouble.

The next day, Rhonda Webb tried to get away without the public fan-fare, but friends and loved ones managed to honor her birthday with a parade and show of love. Repeat the editor's note from the previous paragraph here.

Also last week, Lila and Lester Rivas were celebrating their 82nd and 83rd birthdays, respectively, at home in isolation when three of their children, Rose Salas, Jeff Rivas and Isabel Rivas-Vita, along with numerous loved ones, including in-laws, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, showed up to celebrate. They were only missing one son, Anthony, who lives in Oregon.

Lester's birthday was April 16 and his family showed up and sang "Las Mañanitas" and "Happy Birthday" to him.

They returned the next day for Lila's birthday and the couple came out on their deck while Jeff Rivas began strumming on his guitar and Heath Rivas on harmonica playing along to a recording of Freddy Fender singing, "If he brings you happiness ..."

You could hear Lila saying "that's my favorite song" through her tears of joy.

The whole musically talented family joined in unison belting out the words in English and Spanish to Fender's "Before The Next Teardrop Falls."

At one point, Lester left to go inside the house, only to come out with his guitar to join in the end of the song, "I'll be there before the next teardrop falls."

There wasn't a dry eye in the yard surrounding the home (with everyone practicing proper social distancing).

Other touching displays of kindness went beyond birthday celebrations with family and friends. Those acts include volunteers assisting people they know and even people they don't know with grocery shopping, chores, donations and other incredible acts of human kindness.

We've seen our town council dig deep to pull out funding to provide gift cards for people in need, along with other financial support.

Entrepreneur Jason Cox unselfishly coordinated Takeout Tuesday sponsored by the town, county, census and Chamber of Commerce, connecting residents with restaurants and representing a community effort to bring some normalcy and delicious food during the pandemic. We've been told of the generosity of

people sending wonderful food to feed our hospital staff.

People have shared photos of volunteers picking up quite a bit of trash around the community.

School bus drivers and cafeteria workers have been packing healthy breakfasts and lunches and delivering them to students throughout the county.

Rotarians have also provided food through the club's backpack program and other donations to help those in need.

Loaves and Fishes and local food banks have worked together in an effort to make sure no one goes hungry.

We've seen exhausted grocery store staff and other essential workers still wearing smiles and offering a helping hand after a long, hard day at work.

Mask makers have been sewing for weeks to generously provide the hospital and community members with face coverings.

Local bankers and businessman Mark Weiler have met with small business owners and offered support, encouragement and knowledge in an effort to help keep them afloat and restart the economy of our community. The bankers have worked tirelessly to get Small Business Association loans processed and closed.

We applaud these celebrations of love and acts of kindness and generosity, which all demonstrate the remarkable resilience of Pagosa's people and their ability to embrace what really matters most of all.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 23, 1920

R.C. Hill, former hotel and cafe proprietor of Pagosa, will arrive about the first of May from San Diego with a view to leasing the new cafe in the Sullenberger block.

At the meeting of the town board Monday evening, a committee was appointed to raise the water rates. Also the town marshal was instructed to vigorously enforce the stock-running-at-large and the speed ordinances, commencing today, Friday.

W.S. Mote holds the record for the largest individual retail sale of thread ever conducted by a Pagosa Springs merchant, or perhaps any other in the state. Friday last he sold to one Pagosa Springs lady 1160 spools of thread, weighing a total of 33 pounds. The thread was a part of the Voorhees stock purchased at auction by Mr. Mote several months ago.

The recent storm made our roads muddy again. There was ten inches of new snow on top of Yellowjacket divide Sunday.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 27, 1945

The J.B. Belarde & Sons mill began sawing lumber Tuesday in Pagosa Springs after being shut down for the winter. "Belardeville" is a mighty busy place now from morn till dusk.

Sam Lybrook, 24, is in the county jail here awaiting arraignment on charges of grand larceny including 3 horses belonging to R.N. Snow, 1 horse belonging to Harry DeFoe and considerable other equipment including saddles, tents, etc, the property of R.N. Snow. Lybrook was apprehended in the Largo Canon country 80 miles southeast of Aztec, N.M., Monday, by Sheriff Earl Crouse and R.N. Snow. He was working at a sheep camp where a large shearing operation was in progress, and readily admitted the theft when caught and took the officer to the place where the stolen property had been left about three miles from the camp. Lybrook also told the officers that he had deserted the U.S. Army in Georgia in March, 1944.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 23, 1970

Friday, April 10, 1970, Pagosa Springs High School students participated at Pan American Day in Alamosa. Pan American Day is an annual Spanish oriented contest sponsored by the El Parnaso Club of Adams State College in Alamosa. A banquet follows, and is held that evening on campus. This year's speaker was Dr. Ulibarri from the University of New Mexico. He gave an excellent speech on "Hispano culture in the Southwest." Individual awards for the first five places in each event were given at the banquet. Prizes included Velasquez dictionaries, sombreros, and ponchos. Team trophies were given also, with Pagosa receiving the first-place plaque and the traveling trophy that goes to each year's winner, unless a school wins it three years in a row. Pagosa accumulated a record 35 points on their way to the trophy, easily outdistancing Pojoaque's 20 points.

Sally Trujillo won the annual scholarship given by Adams State to the outstanding student at Pan American Day, with an individual total of nine points. She also won this in 1968.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 27, 1995

There was nothing unfamiliar on the agenda for the Tuesday meeting of the Archuleta County Commissioners — the commissioners spent most of their time working on road-related issues. Representatives of the board of the Upper San Juan Humane Society appeared before the commission to ask that the county take over maintenance of Stevens Lake Road — a 1 1/2 mile stretch of gravel road leading from Piedra Road to the Humane Society shelter. The immediate reaction of commissioners was to reject the idea the county take the road into the county maintenance system — for reasons of policy and due to questions concerning ownership of the road.

Commission chairman Bill Tallon remarked that while he has done "a 180 degree turnaround" on the position he held 2 1/2 years ago opposing any further roads in the county system, he could not agree to accept a non public roadway for maintenance while the county "can't take care of what we've got."

### WHADDYA THINK?

When do you think the stay-at-home order issued by the governor should be lifted?

**Poll results (483 votes)**

Now. — 26 percent	26%
The end of the month. — 16 percent	16%
The end of May. — 13 percent	13%
It is too soon to tell. — 45 percent	45%

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## LOOKING BACK



From the April 28, 1983, Pagosa Springs SUN. **SPANISH CLUB** — Mrs. Ruth Marquez' Spanish Club placed fourth among the high schools competing at Adams State College in Pan Am Activities on April 15th. Seated left to right, top to bottom are David Eatmon, Tony Rivas, Fay Martinez, Annette Martinez, Joey Cardova, Ricky Perez. Middle row: Ascencio Perez, Pacho Rocha, Emily Villarreal, Isabel Perez, Suzanne Martinez, Barbara Maez. Bottom row: Sidelia Villarreal, April Vasquez, Mrs. Marquez, Windy McDaniel, Arcenia Perea.



# Letters

Letters to the Editor are printed as received and are not edited for grammar or punctuation, but may have been edited for content or style.

## Veterans Memorial Park

Dear Editor:  
These past few months have been a roller coaster of emotions and challenges with so many changes. I am just in awe of the comradery each member of our community has shown toward our town and to each other.

The Veterans Memorial Park is still moving ahead with our plans to create a beautiful park even though many of our plans have been altered, especially in these unprecedented times. We wanted to provide something to our community who has been so supportive of us. What better way is there to practice social distancing than to go out and enjoy the trails and natural beauty of the park? And now, there are 3 new picnic tables spread throughout the park for your enjoyment.

Earlier this month, the VM-PAC board put together ideas to place picnic tables throughout the park. Within days, Trista Nauman, VMPAC Board Member and Troy Niswender, procured building materials donated from Ryan Seely of Trex and Jana Schoech. The materials were delivered to Pagosa and the family work detail of Roy Vega, Michael Vega, Aidan Vega and Adam Talamante began. One day later, three beautiful picnic tables were delivered and placed within the Veterans Memorial Park. This is a true example of the phrase "It takes a village."

Please go out and enjoy your park. Also, keep an eye out for the brick display that will be constructed this summer. More updates and information can be found on our website: [www.vetsmemorialpark.org](http://www.vetsmemorialpark.org).

Thank you to this remarkable community,

Karin Daniels

## No trust

Dear Editor:  
Questions about Covid-19:  
How do we really know the

testing is accurate? Why are there so many false negatives and false positives? Why are so many people testing positive, but showing no signs of illness?

The CDC and FDA admit the PCR test kits have flaws, but they do not say what the rate of false outcomes are. The creator of the test said it is not to be used for diagnostic purposes. What? If that's true, then how can the media report "confirmed cases"? They can't. But they do anyway.

If there are valid questions about the testing procedures, doesn't that mean there are valid questions about the "pandemic" itself? And valid questions about the CDC's and Fauci's recommendations that say if Americans don't put their lives on hold and lock down for weeks or months, more people are going to die?

Why is someone in ICU (who is 95 years old and has advanced lung disease from smoking), said to have died from Coronavirus simply because they tested positive? Was it a false positive?

Is it true doctors and hospitals are getting \$13,000 in Medicare reimbursements if they list the admission as Covid-19? And they get \$39,000 if the patient goes on a respirator? But if it's "just flu" they only get \$4,600? And wouldn't this be incentive to label as many cases as possible Covid-19? How else can hospitals survive if all elective/non-emergency procedures got cancelled? Would you blame them?

Will we be locking down the country every flu season whenever a new virus is found or created?

Will people be forced to get vaccines in order to be deemed "OK to return to society"?

Don't the vast majority of people (who haven't destroyed their immune systems) recover just fine from flus, colds, viruses, and then go on to have more immunity to them?

Don't tens of thousands of Americans die every flu season from flu or other diseases? And aren't most of them elderly or have other health conditions and/or immune-compromised?

Shouldn't those at-risk people be the ones to self-quarantine,

while the rest of us get on with our lives?

Doesn't it bother you that millions of people have been thrown out of work? That world economies are in shambles? That there is a rise in domestic violence, depression and suicides?

If you haven't been asking yourself these questions, why not?

I know some things for sure. I don't trust the WHO, the CDC, Dr. Fauci, and I don't trust the media who says we can only trust bloated government health agencies that are paid billions. The majority can stay healthy just fine by not doing things to destroy their immune systems, like cowering in their homes.

Are we so willing to give up our freedom and the very livelihood of our beautiful community because of fear? Or do we just helplessly watch while our society goes down the toilet? Does anyone care anymore?

Kathleen Galloway

## Globally connected

Dear Editor:  
Now that life is headed back towards normal (towards being the key word), I hope we will use this health crisis to effect some personal change.

Handwashing, of course, I think everyone's got that — the old adage, about cleanliness has been learned by a new generation.

Healthy living habits can help with some amount of protection and recovery from all illness, so let's start fresh with hydrating with water instead of sugary drinks, more fresh green and less processed foods, etc...

May we become fully aware of the profound truth that Mountaineer John Muir wrote in 1869, "when we try to pick anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe;" and it's implications for us today. Like it or not, we are globally connected, all life on earth, not just we the people — and if we don't treat our planet home with care we will continue to pay a price — deadly wildfires and deadly viruses are just two examples.

An election is approaching, and it is more important than ever that

everyone votes, and votes their conscience — all this 'down time' is an opportunity to think for yourself (not tv or internet) and to search your soul — Who is the best candidate to work with our Democracy and to be a Global Example of best practices?

As it is "EarthWeek," it is an appropriate time to ponder the increase of allergies, cancers, deadly viruses, and take some responsibility by living healthier lives, treating the earth and it's creatures humanly; and preventing more pollution — the planet got a breather during this time, Chinese children saw blue sky for the first time in their lives.

Let us elect a President who will make the environment a priority — there are no jobs on a dead planet.

Thanks for your consideration.

Addie Greer

## Spread positivity

Dear Editor:  
While on our walk around the neighborhood today, my wife and I was on the northern end of the North Pagosa walkway and was pleasantly surprised to come across a few colored rocks that had encouraging words written upon them. My thanks goes out to whoever the rock star is. Keep up the good work.

Putting that small exhibit along with several other positive examples of peoples kindness that I have come across in my daily exploring of the web I came to the conclusion that the majority of people, not only locally but worldwide, are kind, considerate and have the best intentions for everyone. That leads me to wonder why our so-called leaders in all government places have such a hard time demonstrating what the majority of the people really want from life on this rock. It seems that if that leadership could work together as a team, they could make this world a better place for everyone to live. Resolving the real issues instead of making up issues to fight about would absolutely make more sense. I believe that we need to do more than just give peace a chance; we need to make peace a reality. Peace in all our communities, peace in each state,

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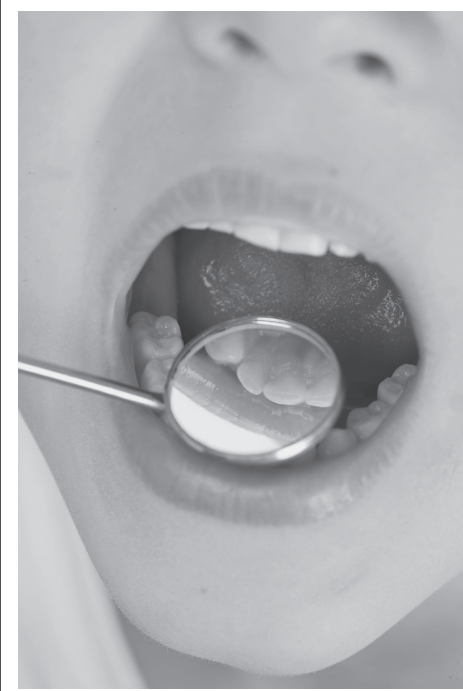
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# Urban Renewal Authority holds first meeting, outlines goals

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

At the introductory meeting of the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority (URA) Commission, the group outlined the history of how it came to be formed, selected a vice chair and officers, and discussed potential bylaws, goals and potentially hiring a consultant.

AURA is a redevelopment tool for communities to address “blighted conditions,” through redevelopment or development actions, according to agenda documentation.

According to Town Manager Andrea Phillips, about 61 municipalities within the state have formed urban renewal authorities.

Phillips added that the Colorado Urban Renewal law has been in effect since 1958 and it was originally intended for federally funded projects.

“It’s now evolved into a financing mechanism or tool that is utilized throughout the state,” she said.

The URA was formed on Nov. 5, 2019, following a decision of the Pagosa Springs Town Council, Phillips explained.

That vote designated the town council as the first seven members of the URA commission out of a total of 11 members, she added.

The 11-member commission is also slated to also consist of an elected member from the school board, one person appointed by the county commissioners, one mayor appointee and one person collectively appointed by the special districts that levy taxes within the URA boundaries.

Archuleta County Assessor Natalie Woodruff was appointed by Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners to serve as the county representative, J.R. Ford was selected to be the special district representative and Greg Schulte was selected as the mayoral appointee.

“We did offer to the school district that they could appoint someone, but they determined at their meeting in December that they did not want to appoint anyone to fill that position at this time,” she said, adding that the seat is required to be open.

According to Phillips, the town’s staff is the URA commission’s support staff, but the URA commission could hire other support staff if it chose to do so.

The URA commission is also covered under the town’s insurance carrier, Phillips added.

## Finance of projects

The primary way URAs work to finance projects is through tax-increment financing (TIF), Phillips explained.

For more information on how URA projects are financed through TIF, see the Oct. 31, 2019, issue of The SUN.

According to Town Attorney Clay Buchner, the URA commission cannot levy taxes or have any other governmental agencies levy taxes.

Phillips noted that there is no project currently for the URA commission, but there has been one that has been proposed.

That project, presented by representatives of The Springs Resort and Spa and Jack Searle’s development firm, BWD, proposed a multiuse

development that would develop 27 acres of vacant land adjacent to the existing Springs footprint, with the proposed urban renewal project boundary including The Springs and a portion of Hot Springs Boulevard.

The plan for those 27 acres includes a community plaza; a 50-unit hotel; 20 bungalow-style lodging units; additional food and beverage space; an 8,000-square-foot greenhouse; office and events space; and 236 dwelling units comprising detached homes, townhomes and duplexes, and multifamily units.

## Goals

Later in the meeting, the URA commission outlined potential goals for itself.

“I really think that in these early kind of foundational discussions, it would be really helpful for the commission to think what particular problems are we trying to solve for our community,” Phillips said.

Some communities with URAs have outlined projects that only fit in with their comprehensive plan, Phillips added.

“I think there’s two things I see as far as goals that we should be addressing. The first one is definitely affordable housing and then the second one would be that any project addresses jobs, specifically creating well-paying primary jobs creating versus low-paying service industry jobs,” URA commissioner Matt DeGuisse said.

URA Chair Don Volger noted that the URA commission has the power to pursue eminent domain, but he explained he would like to not exercise that power.

Eminent domain is the power of a government to expropriate private property for public use.

“Ideally, seeing some more in-fill development with mixed-use space, kind of matching that commercial, retail and residential so that we have a blend of uses,” URA commissioner Madeline Bergon said.

Ford added that having goals for the commission will be difficult until a project comes up.

“I think the goals are going to change a little bit depending on what location these projects come in at,” Ford said.

## Additional business

Also during the meeting, the URA commission appointed Volger to chair of the URA commission, Schulte to vice chair, Town Clerk April Hessman to secretary and Phillips as director.

The URA commission also chose to delegate the creation of draft by-laws to Hessman, Phillips and URA commissioner Nicole DeMarco.

Briefly during the meeting, the URA commission touched on whether or not the group should utilize the services of a consultant.

“You all have the ability to, as a commission, hire consultants to help with various aspects of exploring potential projects,” Phillips said, adding that some consultants have already approached the URA commission about hiring them.

Schulte noted that he wants to avoid hard expenses to the town and did not feel the need to hire a consultant, with the URA commission not at that point yet.

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A website you may go to on Sunday for worship at home is <https://polishingthepulpit.com/>. The service will have congregational singing, prayers, communion thoughts, a Bible study with Dan Winkler, and thoughts on giving.

With more time available you might like to spend some of it in studying at home.

- If you are struggling with faith or have questions go to <https://www.doesgodexist.org/>. John Clayton was a former atheist who came to belief in God through science. He was a science teacher specializing in physics and earth science.
- A site designed to study the Bible in a safe environment: <https://www.mathesis.org/>. You may study alone or form a small group.
- In Search of the Lord’s Way may be listened to on KWUF radio at 1400 AM radio every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.
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  - 7:00 a.m. The Truth in Love
  - 7:30 a.m. In Search of the Lord’s Way

If you need to talk, please call the church building and we will get in touch with you. As the virus continues to spread please pray for leaders, the workers on the front lines, the sick, those who have lost loved ones, and those working on vaccines and cures. We pray life is back to normal soon.

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# Letters

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peace in all countries which then gives us peace in the world.

Let’s all be excellent to each other, let’s all be like the rock star and spread positivity to each other. Let’s work together, right now and especially let’s make this country, this world a better place once we have worked together to overcome this current situation.

Stay safe out there and remember that this too shall pass. And when it does, let’s all do better and be better than what was before.

Jim Oliver

## Adopt a senior

Dear Editor:

I am a former student of Pagosa Springs class of 94. I have started a group called Pagosa Springs Adopt

a Senior 2020.

What a great way to honor a senior in such a trying time. Please post your senior with \*Not Adopted\* and once your senior gets adopted, change it to \*Adopted\*.

To adopt a senior just write that you would like to adopt them in the comments. Please invite all the senior families that you know and let’s celebrate together.

What a fun way to honor your Senior in a safe forum. This page is inspired by the public group Adopt a Senior.

Here’s the rules:

- No negativity
- Share with your family and friends

- Post about your Senior showcasing who they are, with the caption \*Not Adopted\* at the top of your post. Once adopted please remove the caption.

- Those adopting need to reach out to the person who posted to obtain an address to send the Senior items.

- Suggested items are letters, gift cards, momentums, cards, gift basket, etc.

This group is totally voluntary, it’s private to avoid just anyone joining and must be a family member or friend that directly sends the invites.

It’s a way to show the seniors that they are being thought of during this time. I got the idea from another group where I live. I am adopting a senior and will be taking my items to drop off this Saturday.

The group is called Pagosa Springs Adopt a Senior 2020 on Facebook it’s a private group, but will be neat if we can get the word out.

Dawn Olson

## ‘Great Awakening’

Dear Editor:

Like so many folks today, I’m housebound. And with so much time on my hands, I chose to roam the internet for a while and came across a message that was written by David Wilkerson in 1986. Thought I’d share it.

Quote: “I see a plague coming on the world and the bars and church and government will shut down. The plague will hit New York City and shake it like it has never been shaken. The plague is going to force prayerless believers into radical prayer and into their Bibles and repentance will be the cry from the man of God in the pulpit. And out of it will come a third Great Awakening that will sweep America and the world.”

Presently, Wilkerson’s quote is happening worldwide as Bible sales have skyrocketed. People are asking questions. Millions are coming to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ right now.

Could it be that the Lord has allowed the current worldwide virus shutdown for a reason? I think that reason is evident. And He is using this time to draw many people to Him in these final moments.

In the days, weeks, and months ahead (Lord Willing) expect earth-

quakes, volcanic activity, record flooding, record breaking weather patterns, etc... to be on the rise like never before. As I believe God is making it clear that time is running out.

Has the last ‘Great Awakening’ arrived? I’m convinced it has. Pray for a sound mind and use it.

Jim Sawicki

## Commissioner directive

Dear Editor:

I read the directive from Ron Maez to second homeowners requesting that if we come to Pagosa to bring 2 weeks worth of groceries and then quarantine for 2 weeks before venturing into the county. I honestly have no problem with this. We have no plans to come to Pagosa until things settle down.

But then I questioned, “Are the hotels closing?” “Have they banned short term rentals?” I sent Mr. Maez an email asking these questions to which he has not replied.

Asking friends who live there full time, they said, “No. None of these have happened.”

So strangers from anywhere, spending a few days have no restrictions, but homeowners do?

Vickie Smith

## Card of Thanks

### Veterans Memorial Park

The Veterans Memorial Park would like to thank all of those involved for the addition of three new picnic tables to our beautiful park.

Earlier this month, the VMPAC board put together ideas to place picnic tables throughout the park. Within days, Trista Nauman, VMPAC board member, and Troy Niswender, Builders First Source, procured building materials donated from

Ryan Seeley of Trex and Jana Schoech from Boise Building Materials. The materials were delivered to Pagosa and the family work detail of Roy Vega, Michael Vega, Aidan Vega and Adam Talamante began. One day later, three beautiful picnic tables were delivered and placed within the Veterans Memorial Park. This is a true example of the phrase, “It takes a village.” Please go out and enjoy your Veterans Memorial Park.

Gratefully,

Karin Daniels, VMPAC

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# Obituaries

## Carol DeJean Fisher

Carol DeJean Fisher was born May 1936 in New Orleans and lived at 4626 Venus St. until marriage. She attended Gently Terrace grammar school, John McDonogh High School and was valedictorian at both. Carol was baptized and confirmed at St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS). She began attending Gloria Dei Lutheran Church while in college.



Carol entered Tulane University School of Business Administration in 1953 with a city scholarship. She was elected to Beta Gamma Sigma (Honorary Business Fraternity) in her junior year, charter president of Phi Chi Theta business sorority in 1956, member Gamma Delta Lutheran Student Association and president in sophomore year. She was also a member of various student business clubs (Propeller Club, Society for the Advancement of Management, etc.) Carol graduated 1957 and was elected secretary of Business Alumni Association upon graduation. Following graduation, Carol worked for IBM instructing and programming until April 1959.

Carol was introduced to Arvold Fisher by Pastor Recks at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in September 1957. They married in September 1958. Fred was born in 1959, Susan in 1961 and Diana in 1964. They transferred to Mt. Olive, which was closer to their home, in 1961.

Carol joined the League of Women Voters in 1961, and worked with the property tax study group. She began working in Republican politics in the Draft Goldwater 1963-1964. She was a charter member of the Jefferson Parish Republican Women's Club, and president 1967 and was elected to Parish Executive Committee and elected secretary in 1967. She was also appointed vice chairman of Jefferson Political Action Council in 1967 and later appointed bylaws revisions chairman of the Louisiana Federation of Republican Women in 1968. In 1968, she became chairman of the 2nd District Nixon-Agnew election campaign and election day chairman for Dave Treen for Congress.

Following Arv's transfer to Royal Dutch Shell in The Hague, Netherlands, on Feb. 1, 1969, she joined the American Women's Club, played bridge and read copiously, especially history and historic biographies. This began a lifelong interest in European and military history. She enjoyed planning travels for one day, weekend, and longer trips during their time overseas.

In June 1970, Carol returned to Metairie and resumed Republican activities. In 1971, she was re-elected to the Parish Executive Committee and became vice chairman. She was again elected president of the JPRWC in 1972, and re-appointed vice chairman of PAC, and elected to Republican State Central Committee. She was the scheduler for Dave Treen's successful 1972 and 1974 congressional campaign, this time in 3rd District and chairman of Nixon — Agnew 1972 reelection campaign. She held various offices in LFRW and helped in local elections and special elections for Henson Moore (January 1975) and Bob Livingston (August 1977).

Carol worked for H&R Block 1977-1979 to pay for her political expenses. She became State Central Committee and State PAC vice chairman 1977. She was elected president LFRW in 1979 and served until 1983. She was Reagan 3rd District chairman, and delegate to the 1976 Presidential Convention. She also served as Parish chairman Treen for Governor, 1979, and again Reagan chairman and delegate 1980. She was member of Rules Committee at both national conventions.

In 1983, Carol was appointed member of the Louisiana Tax Commission in which she served through 1988. She took classes and wrote a demonstration appraisal to receive designation of Residential Evaluation Specialist from the International Association of Assessing Officers. She also received Louisiana Associate Assessor designation. The Commission's work consisted of protest hearings, assessment of state and federal-regulated utility companies, review of parish assessment roles and es-

establishment of annual guidelines. After leaving the Tax Commission, Carol became registration chairman for the LA GOP and legislative chairman of the LFRW. She and Arv then began traveling more extensively.

In 1989, they bought property in Pagosa Springs, Colo., and built their dream retirement home, which was completed in August 1990. She then moved to Colorado and Arv came up one week each month until he retired and moved here permanently in 1992.

Carol opened her own business, Pagosa Property Appraisals, in 1992, which lasted three years, until she had to close the business due to both of their parents' illnesses and need to travel frequently and on short notice to Louisiana and Florida.

Carol was active in Our Savior Lutheran Church, serving as chairman or vice chairman of the fellowship committee, as financial secretary, and as a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. She was also a member of the Archuleta Country Republican Women's Club.

Carol enjoyed cooking, fine wine, and the continued planning and taking of cruises, tours and independent travel.

Carol died of congestive heart failure on April 2. She is survived by her loving husband, their three children, three grandchildren and their families.

## Sammy Martinez

Sammy was born on Sept. 26, 1948, to Manuel and Lydia Martinez in Durango, Colo., and just as Manuel was the first-born son to his parents, Lucas and Maria Martinez, Sammy was the first-born son of Manuel and Lydia.



Sammy grew up on the various ranches in Bayfield and Pagosa Springs where Manuel worked. This life on the ranch became the essence of who he was and, as his family settled in Trujillo, he became synonymous with that community. Sammy graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 1967 and although he attended schools in various places like Bayfield, his school life was dominated by riding the school bus daily on the Trujillo Road. Disneyland is a playground for the world, but Disneyland had nothing on Trujillo for Sammy. He felt there was no greater place on this planet and Trujillo will be where he goes for his final stop where he will rest in peace next to his father, who felt the same.

Sammy had intensity much like that of fire and that intensity was felt by all that came into contact with him. His family was dear to him and, as much as he dearly loved each and every one, he was quick to lose his patience and no one knew this better than his dad, his Uncle Andy and those neighbors, friends and family who lived closest to him. Fire is essential for life and his love felt essential, but fire also burns and Sammy's fire was all of that.

Sammy's first love was to have a good time with his friends and family. As a young person, he developed his love of hunting, fishing and horses, almost a perfect trio for someone from Trujillo. Chief was one of the first horses he cherished, as was Smokey and others that followed. It was so easy to understand his passion because when he was away from them, oh, how affectionately he would talk about them. He was a cowboy, nothing urban about him. What he expected of himself he also expected of the horses which included weeklong hunting trips to the high country or going for a ride on a weekend for a couple hours when one of his city slicker cousins showed up. He thought nothing of saddling up a couple horses and going for a horse ride. The warmth of this fire, he shared with those that came to Trujillo to see him or those that lived with him.

As a young man, he was drafted into the Army and this, too, became a burning passion for him. No one seems to recall him talking negatively about his experiences in Vietnam. So very unusual until you put it in context ... He refused not to make good friends and even in the midst of the fighting and death all around, his passion for life found good times and created lifelong friends like Tony Herring,

Such was this fire within him that he became a loud advocate for veterans, especially Vietnam veterans. When his baseball cap was not making a political statement, he wore his veteran credentials and never, never missed an opportunity for their service to this country.

There was only one thing that he loved more than good times and it was his family. He married a beautiful young woman: his neighbor, Beverly, and they built a home in Trujillo, of course. They had two beautiful children who had two more children. As if the fire could not burn any brighter, these children: daughter Natosha and son Jesse and the two granddaughters Jordyn and (Payton) Paytie Ann, and the great grandchildren Nathan and Madelynn, Sammy actually loved this crew more than life itself.

As a jack of many trades, he also happened to master many different skills. He worked as a pizza chef while he went to mechanic school in Denver. Turns out, he became an extraordinary outdoor cook, a much better cook than mechanic. He worked construction like so many in our family. He was a new-age migrant worker, living in many places in Colorado and Arizona, where he and his family followed construction work. Along the way, he developed the ability to build houses that became homes for so many, a skill he has passed on to Jesse. And always, his infectious laugh and smile, creating warmth around him that is only equaled by the hugs his daughter gives. Those hugs are world-class, such is that fire, that passion, that warmth and intensity, all are part of the complexity that was Sammy.

In March of 2005, the fire almost went out when he suffered a stroke on the way to a vacation with his wife. It was on that day that the internal regulator for his passion turned to either extremely hot, red hot with impatience and rage because of being imprisoned in a shell of a body and a mind that no longer worked for him as it once did or the fire would barely stay lit as he suffered the lows of loneliness and despair. He would still find a way to attend events, thoroughly enjoy the food and company and he would

work twice as hard to carry light-hearted humor, often making fun of his dead arm or worthless leg. He still found friends and companions like Diana Baird and Wesley McCalister. But his condition frustrated him. How he wished Paytie would've known the other Sammy so they could have the bond he so cherished with his Jordyn. He was demanding, but in quiet moments and in private he wished he would not have been such a burden on Tasha and Jesse, on his brothers and sisters, but mostly not be a burden on his mother. He knew she worried about him, but he felt helpless not to make that worry go away for her.

In the end, the fire, the flame went out with such tenderness, in such good hands and with exactly who he would want with him. Tasha was talking to him and told her dad it was OK, and he could go. Jesse came over and they put their dad in their hands. Sammy gently let the fire burn out with his last breath as he left this shell and stepped into being whole again, holding the ultimate flame, the hand of Jesus.

Sammy was preceded in death by his father, Manuel Martinez; his baby sister, Chello; and his grandparents, Lucas and Maria Martinez, and Rafael and Antonina Martinez. He is survived by his beloved mother, Lydia Martinez; his daughter, Natosha Smith (Ray); his two granddaughters, Jordyn Martinez (Elijah) Nathan and Madelyn and (Payton) Paytie Ann Smith; as well as his son, Jesse Martinez. In addition, he is survived by his sister, Angie Riemer (Dale); sister Connie Gomez (Michael), brother Donnie Martinez (Candyce); sister Cindy Lucero (Guzman); brother Lawrence Martinez (Kimberly); brother Bobby Martinez (Teri); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sammy you are free, you are whole again. Rest in peace, father, grandpa, brother, compadre, neighbor, primo, uncle, amigo. Your light will be with us always.

Sammy passed away on April 14 at Pine Ridge Extended Care Center in Pagosa Springs, Colo. The family is planning a memorial service and a celebration of Sammy's life when we are all free to be together again.

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# Business

## Tourism director outlines budgetary concerns

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

During a special meeting of the Pagosa Area Tourism Board (PATB) on April 16, the board discussed potential budgetary ramifications as a result of the coronavirus.

"Our budget will obviously be significantly affected," Tourism Director Jennie Green said during the meeting. "One thing to keep in mind with the lodging tax budget is, without tourism, there is no money coming in."

Currently, the PATB has received January lodgers' tax collections from the Town of Pagosa Springs and is anticipating receiving first quarter collections from Archuleta County around the end of May, Green explained.

Within agenda documentation, Green outlined a three-year average in collections from both the town and county, what the anticipated percentage drop would be for both town and county and projected collections for both.

For example, for March from 2017-2019, the three-year average of collections for the town was about \$60,216. The anticipated percentage drop is expected to be 60 percent with only \$24,086 in projected collections from the town.

"Because we did miss the busiest of the

spring break weeks and really only had, I'm going to say, 10-12 days of March traffic," she said.

In April, three years of collections averaged out to about \$33,635. The anticipated percentage drop is expected to be 100 percent, with little to no lodging tax being collected during that month, according to Green.

"I really don't think we have a lot of visitors in town right now," she said.

For May, there is projected to be a 90 percent drop in collections, going from an average of \$45,532 to \$4,553, Green explained.

"Everything that I'm hearing, it seems like that the industry seems to think that perhaps by July we'll start to be bouncing back somewhat," Green said.

In total, from January to December, the town's three-year average for lodging tax collections from 2017-2019 was \$653,473. The projected collections in that same time frame this year is expected to be about \$338,454.

For the county, the first quarter is projected to have a 25 percent drop in collections, going from the three-year average of \$37,028 to a projected \$25,919, according to agenda documentation.

The second quarter is anticipated to have an 80 percent drop in collections, going from the three-year average of \$43,820 to a

projected \$8,764, according to agenda documentation.

For the third and fourth quarters of the county, collections are projected to drop 50 and 40 percent; total collections for the county are projected to go from \$206,428 to \$103,084.

The unaudited reserve balance for 2020 is currently \$654,000, Green explained, adding that the town's auditors have requested the PATB keep three months of expenditures in reserves, which is about \$270,000.

With those changes, there would be \$384,000 in the 2020 budget, Green noted.

However, due to three infrastructure items on the budget, a Watershed grant of \$2,500, a \$40,000 contribution to the Hermosa Trail extension and a portable event stage of \$83,000, Green highlighted the potential of a "shortfall" of \$136,000.

"I'm not proposing any cuts at this point, but I have gone through the budget and, just given the fact that the visitors' center has been closed, and will be closed likely through May, there's a reduced expenses as a result of that," she said.

Green noted that, if the PATB needs to, she will bring forward "some options for cutting the budget more significantly" if the board needs to make up the \$136,000.

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## Final 2020 Census mailings arrive in Colorado this month

Respond today online, by phone or by mail

By Laurie Cipriano  
Special to The SUN

Colorado households that received a 2020 Census invitation in the mail and have yet to respond should expect a paper questionnaire in the mail by April 30. Those households can still respond online, by phone or they can return the questionnaire by mail in the enclosed envelope.

It has never been easier to respond to the 2020 Census on your own — all without having to meet a census taker. We encourage Coloradans to respond as soon as possible and make Colorado the state with the highest 2020 Census

self-response rate in the nation. Colorado is currently in the 11th spot. Help push Colorado into the top 10 by going to 2020census.gov, calling (844) 330-2020, or returning the paper questionnaire by mail.

To date, 53.3 percent of Colorado households have self-responded to the 2020 Census. The national self-response rate is 49.4 percent.

### About the 2020 Census

- The 2020 Census is a short questionnaire that asks about who lives in your household as of April 1.

- The 2020 Census requires counting a diverse and growing population in the United States and the five U.S. territories.

- The 2020 Census is important because it will determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, inform hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade.

- Responding to the 2020 Census is safe and secure. Individual responses are confidential and protected by law.

- Households that have not yet responded should expect to receive a final reminder invitation (postcard) in the mail in early May.

- The Census Bureau is currently taking steps to reactivate field data collection operations after June 1.

- Later this year, the U.S. Census Bureau plans to send census takers

to visit households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census to help them complete questionnaires.

- The current deadline to respond to the 2020 Census is Aug. 14.

### Top 2020 Census self-response rates by state

1. Minnesota, 59.2 percent.
2. Iowa, 55.7 percent.
3. Michigan, 55.7 percent.
4. Nebraska, 55.7 percent.
5. Wisconsin, 55.7 percent.
6. Utah, 55.1 percent.
7. Washington, 55.1 percent.
8. Virginia, 54.6 percent.
9. Kansas, 54.2 percent.
10. Illinois, 53.9 percent.
11. Colorado, 53.3 percent.

## County implements new software to streamline vacation rental permits

By John Finerock  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County has implemented new software to streamline its vacation rental permitting process and make enforcement easier for county staff.

Archuleta County has required homeowners who rent out their homes for 30 days or less at a time to obtain a county permit since late 2018. The permit costs \$400 annually.

Archuleta County Development Services Director Brad Callender, whose department oversees vacation rentals, inherited a six-month backlog of applications when he started his position in 2019.

That backlog has now vanished. County Code Enforcement Officer Pam Flowers told The SUN Wednesday that permits now can be processed "within a day" in some cases.

To begin the permitting process

or see more information about Archuleta County's vacation rental permits, visit <https://archuleta-county.org/588/Vacation-Rentals>.

Callender has taken other steps to streamline the entire permitting system.

Instead of his office performing detailed, time-consuming inspections of each vacation rental house without much prior information, permit applicants are now required to submit a "Vacation Rental Disclosure" form during the application process.

Now, an officer from the county can confirm the information on the disclosure form via an on-site inspection, making the inspections much faster than before the form was implemented.

Flowers said that approved permits for this year are "somewhere in the neighborhood" of 300 and that 400 others are somewhere in the permitting process, which includes unpermitted listings the county has

identified and is working to get into compliance.

Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver has expressed multiple times over the past few months that the new software will make his job in enforcing unpermitted listings much easier, as he'll have tangible data he can take to court if needed.

A downloadable complaint form is also available on the county's vacation rental website, where residents can submit information about violations for unpermitted listings, land use and/or nuisance infractions.

The website also states: "A Vacation Rental Permit does not transfer from seller to buyer upon a change of property ownership. New owners must apply for their own permit BEFORE they begin renting their property for short-term rentals."

At the regular meeting of the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, Weaver explained that the county is field-

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# Businesses need to fill out COVID-19 economic survey

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Special to The SUN

We know that the current economic situation has wreaked havoc on our community. Based on the responses provided so far by the Chamber's COVID-19 Economic Survey, 24 percent of businesses responding have closed their doors until further notice and 36 percent of businesses indicate that business is down 50-90 percent. These businesses have obviously laid off all or a majority of their staff.

We are still gathering statistics to try and garner an accurate economic picture of our community. Data is important and it is important that we have an accurate economic picture of our community.

The survey has been out for a week and we have had an excellent response rate. However, there are still a number of businesses that could respond and give us an even more accurate economic picture of our community. Within the survey, there is also an opportunity for businesses to comment on how the community can help or what tools are needed to assist our businesses.

The survey can be accessed from the homepage on the Chamber website, [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com).

com. It takes about five minutes to complete and the survey will be live until April 30. Similar surveys are being conducted throughout our region and even the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade is conducting one. We ask that our business community give us some accurate data with which to take to our town and county officials and our economic development and financial entities.

## Updated financial options

Beginning on Monday, April 20, self-employed and gig workers can apply for unemployment insurance. If you filed before, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) may not have been able to accept your application. However, they are prepared now to accept these types of applications.

Remember that you must file based on the initial of your last name: A-M can file on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and after noon on Saturdays, and M-Z can file Monday, Wednesday, Friday and before noon on Saturdays.

Submitting an email address is also the best and quickest way to receive your PIN number from the

CDLE, which is required to collect your benefits. The \$600 stimulus addition to unemployment should also kick in this week. People may not see the whole amount in one week but spread out over several weeks.

At this time, businesses are not able to file for the Paycheck Protection Program. A second stimulus package is anticipated. Businesses should continue to get their paperwork in order, visit with your banker and get ready to file should another package become available. However, there are other financial options for our businesses now. The Town of Pagosa Springs and the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) have allocated funds to a loan program managed by the Region 9 Economic Development District of SW Colorado. Loans can range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The loans are offered at zero percent interest for one year, 1 percent thereafter for six months and then prime. There are also other loans options offered by Region 9.

In addition, there are grant programs available for nonprofit agencies through the Community Emergency Relief Fund program managed by the Community Foun-

ation serving Southwest Colorado. Financial institutions also are offering loan programs. Visit your banker and speak about some of the options that may be available to you. You can also check out the Chamber website for additional loan opportunities there.

We continue to encourage our businesses to contact the Chamber of Commerce or the Small Business Development Center for more information. Tune into our Facebook Live stream on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. for updates on community, business and self-employment information. Also check out the [www.swcoda.org](http://www.swcoda.org) website for information on public health, community and business resources. Questions can also be directed to the Central Call Center at 422-7084. Types of information includes transportation and grocery shopping, meals and food banks, unemployment, COVID-19 testing and much more. Thanks to all the volunteers on the call center and the food coalition.

Remember to take care and take out, and be careful and buy local online. Birthdays, anniversaries and special events still are taking place. Order online locally to continue to give that gift of Pagosa.

# LPEA adjusts annual meeting plans in response to COVID-19

By Hillary Knox  
Special to The SUN

The La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors voted at its meeting last week to adjust LPEA's annual meeting plans to support social distancing efforts amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

LPEA will now host a virtual meeting on May 16 at 10:30 a.m. solely for the purpose of electing and seating new directors. The

remainder of the annual meeting will be postponed until later this year when it can be held in person.

In addition to director election announcements, LPEA employees and the LPEA board president will also answer previously submitted questions from members. Members are encouraged to join the meeting virtually and submit questions to [comments@lpea.coop](mailto:comments@lpea.coop) by 4 p.m. on May 15. Due to time limitations, not all questions will be answered during the meet-

ing. Submitted questions with answers will also be posted to the LPEA website at the conclusion of the meeting and a summary will be included in an upcoming edition of the Colorado Country Life magazine. For more details and for access instructions, visit [lpea.coop/annual-meeting](http://lpea.coop/annual-meeting).

As the meeting is virtual, it is not an option for members to submit their ballots for the LPEA director election on the day of the meeting. Ballots must be received, either

by mail (using the postage-paid envelope provided in the election packet) or at a listed drop box location, by 4 p.m. on May 15. For more details on the LPEA election, 2020 candidates and ballot submissions, visit: [lpea.coop/2020-lpea-board-directors-election](http://lpea.coop/2020-lpea-board-directors-election).

LPEA's annual meeting, including board member presentations, CEO updates and director election results, was originally scheduled for May 16 at Pagosa Springs High School.

# Public comment sought on pipeline and horizontal drilling project

By Esther Godson  
Special to The SUN

The San Juan National Forest, Columbine Ranger District, is seeking public comment on a pre-decisional draft environmental assessment (EA) for the Petrox Northern Extension Pipeline and Associated Fruitland Coal Gas Horizontal Drilling Project.

The project area is located in Archuleta County, in the Fosset Gulch and Lange Canyon areas of the HD Mountains east of Bayfield. The proposed action is construc-

tion of a 8.6-mile Northern Extension Pipeline on National Forest System, state and private lands; the construction of one new gas well, well pad and access road on National Forest System land; and the recompletion of two existing wells on National Forest System land. The draft environmental assessment, with maps, is available for online viewing and download under the Comment Period Tab, at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53825>. Comments should also be submitted through this Web page.

Written comments will be ac-

cepted for 30 calendar days following publication of notice scheduled for April 22. The Forest Service encourages comments be submitted electronically in the online comment form located on the project website. Hard copy comments may be mailed via U.S. Postal Service to: Petrox Pipeline EA Comments, Columbine Ranger District, P.O. Box 439, Bayfield, CO 81122. Hand-delivered or courier-delivered (e.g. UPS, FedEx) comments are not being accepted at this time.

This project falls under new Objection Regulations at 36 CFR 218,

subparts A and B. In order to object to a proposed decision, a person must have previously submitted timely, specific written comments during identified public comment periods. The comment period being announced at this time is the last chance to establish eligibility to object for this project. Comments received, including names and addresses of commenters, will be part of the public record.

For more information, or for a hard copy of the EA, please contact Walt Brown at [walter.brown@usda.gov](mailto:walter.brown@usda.gov) or 385-1372.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

**Thursday, April 23**  
**Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting.** 5 p.m. See town website for participation information.

**Tuesday, April 28**  
**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the log-in information.

**Upper San Juan Health Service District regular board meeting.** 5:30 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96904926293>, meeting ID: 969 0492 6293. Phone in using (346) 248-7799.

**Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board.** See town website for participation information.

**Wednesday, April 29**  
**Southwestern Water Conservation District board teleconference.** 9 a.m. Call (605) 475-5618, 797282#.

**Thursday, April 30**  
**Pagosa Springs Town Council work session.** 5 p.m. See town website for participation information.

**Tuesday, May 5**  
**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

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

**Wednesday, May 6**  
**Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board.** 5 p.m. See

town website for participation information.

**Thursday, May 7**  
**Dispatch Executive Management board.** 9:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

**Monday, May 11**  
**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting.** 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

**Tuesday, May 12**  
**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

**Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting.** Noon, Boss Hogg's, 157 Navajo Trail Drive. (Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.)

**Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and regular meeting.** 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, virtual meeting.

**Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors regular meeting.** 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**Wednesday, May 13**  
**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation regular board meeting.** 4 p.m., contact [admin@pagosaspringscdc.org](mailto:admin@pagosaspringscdc.org) for Zoom meeting link.

**Thursday, May 14**  
**Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting.** 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

**Tuesday, May 19**  
**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

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

**Wednesday, May 20**  
**Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting.** Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. (Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.)

**Tuesday, May 26**  
**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

**Upper San Juan Health Service District regular board meeting.** 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 27**  
**Archuleta County Planning Commission regular meeting.** 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

**Thursday, May 28**  
**Archuleta School District Board of Education work session — presentation of budget.** 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.

Public meeting information should be sent to [editor@pagosasun.com](mailto:editor@pagosasun.com) with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.



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# Records

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On May 6, 2019, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held a special meeting in which the executive session was the only item on the agenda.

County Attorney Todd Weaver, County Finance Director Larry Walton and County Administrator Scott Wall were also in attendance during the executive session.

The purpose of the executive session, according to the agenda was, "... the Board receiving legal advice on the 1033 investigation."

About a week prior to the executive session, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation had concluded its inquiry into 1033 Program assets given

to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office that were allegedly missing.

Sixth Judicial District Attorney Christian Champagne ultimately determined there was no criminal wrongdoing on the part of the sheriff's office.

The 1033 Program is a federal program to transfer, without charge, excess military supplies and equipment to local law enforcement agencies and first responders.

On May 8, 2019, the BoCC issued a press release which outlined five directives that each began with "The BoCC will ..."

Commissioner Ron Maez explained in multiple interviews that, despite the language of the press release, no decisions were made during the executive session.

Government bodies making decisions in executive session is prohibited by Colorado state law.

## Open records request

On May 9, 2019, Roane filed a CORA request for a copy of the May 6, 2019, executive session recording.

On May 13, 2019, Roane received a letter from Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta stating she was denying Roane's request, which ultimately went to a judge for consideration of whether the executive session should be made public or not.

On Oct. 14, 2019, Wilson issued a court order about the request for the executive session.

Wilson wrote, "the Court finds that sufficient grounds exist to sup-

port a reasonable belief that the BoCC engaged in discussions at the executive session that are not protected by CRS 24-72-204 ..." and ordered Archuleta to issue a copy of the recording, under seal, within 14 days for the court to review.

On Nov. 3, 2019, after the court reviewed the recording, Wilson issued an order that determined that portions of the tape were not protected from public release.

The order, authored by Wilson, notes, "the Court makes a preliminary finding the press release lists policy decisions made by the Archuleta County BoCC in private that should have been made at a public meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, CRS 24-6-401, et sec."

On Nov. 19, 2019, Weaver released the portions of the executive session recording deemed public to The SUN.

"While the County adamantly disagrees with the Court's ruling, as evidence by the fact that none of the direction given to staff by the Board has ever been brought before the Board for a decision, the portions of the recording released to Mr. Roane and the items discussed are 'old news' and the County has more pressing matters to focus on ...," Weaver wrote in the email that accompanied the recording.

Roane provided a statement to The SUN on Nov. 20, 2019, about the content in the released recording.

"The Commissioners announced the executive session for the sole purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions. The recording, however, memorializes a rambling policy discussion among six county officials across several topics. To me, the announcement was a smokescreen. I hoped the recording would reduce my concerns that

the BoCC exploits open-meeting laws. Unfortunately, the recording has only fueled those concerns," he wrote.

## Attorney fees

After the recording was released, Roane filed a motion to receive attorney fees for his legal work in the case.

The BoCC, represented by Weaver, argued that because the court only allowed about 35 percent of the recording to be released, Roane should only be entitled to about 35 percent of the attorney fees he requested.

On April 16, Wilson released a court order that read that the BoCC must pay Roane \$9,685.50 for his work on the case.

The order also states that the BoCC must pay Roane an additional \$1,480 "by virtue of his work in replying to the BoCC's response for the motion for attorney's fees."

The order states that Roane would have had to do the same amount of work to have 35 percent of the recording released as all of it, and did not reduce the award amount as the BoCC had requested.

"The County believes the amount of attorney's fees awarded by the Court was unwarranted and excessive," Weaver wrote in an email to The SUN Wednesday. "Further, the County is disappointed that the a private attorney whose practice is not located in Archuleta County, who does not live in Archuleta County and does not pay taxes in Archuleta County was able to profit and line his pockets with hard-working Archuleta County citizens' tax dollars."

"The reason that I think [this case is] important — and that's the point that I hoped to establish in addition to getting access to the executive session recording in this

case — the state depends on citizens to essentially act as the police with these open meetings laws and to hold the government's feet to the fire and ensure they comply with the [legal] requirements," Roane said in a phone call Tuesday, adding, "What I hope is it will encourage other attorneys to do the same thing — to play watchdog."

In a phone call Wednesday, Jeff Roberts, executive director of CFOIC, explained that it is unusual for an attorney representing himself in a CORA case to receive attorney fees.

Zansberg noted that he does not know of any other CORA case where an attorney representing themselves had attorney fees awarded.

He wrote in an email to The SUN that it is not unusual, however, outside of CORA cases, for attorneys to be awarded fees for their time when they represent themselves.

"When the government makes decisions that affects the public business and affects their roles as the public servant, they have to do it in the sunshine, in the light of day and they can't go behind closed doors and make important decisions and have important discussions outside of the eye of the public," Roane said. "We're entitled to, not only as citizens, not only to see the final result of the process, but we're entitled to be able to participate in it at almost every step along the way. So, in simple terms, we don't just get the sausage, we get to watch how it's made as well, and if the government doesn't do that you have the right to challenge them and ask a judge to step in and say, 'Did they or did they not comply with these laws? And if they didn't, they've gotta go back and fix it the best they can,' which is what happened in this case."

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# School

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be required, would create huge challenges and he and his advisors believe it would not make sense to try to do this. Thus, his decision to not return to in-person learning the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year," Reed wrote.

Reed further explained students are expected to finish out the school year.

"That being said, I want to emphasize that we WILL continue to provide distance learning and expect all students to engage in this process, through the normal end of the school year, on Friday, May 29th. High school seniors who have completed their graduation requirements are finished on May 22nd. While I know this is not ideal, and may be creating extra burdens for families, I hope that the instruction, support, and guidance you are receiving from our teachers, para-professionals, and administrators are helping you as you work with your children," she wrote.

"I've heard from staff and, actually, quite a few of them have said thank you," Reed told The SUN Wednesday of the announcement, noting it's hard because everybody wants to be back with the kids, but some staff members have family members with compromised immune systems who were worried about returning and putting their families at risk. "It's a double-edged sword, but I really do believe it's the right thing."

Reed explained she believes the governor has been thoughtful in his decision-making and she has appreciated the level of communication from the governor.

She explained that, during a call a couple weeks ago, Polis had warned educators there was a good chance in-person education would not be returning this school year, but that it was dependent upon the data.

"And so we knew it was coming, but everybody, I think, was holding on to this little thread of hope that maybe, just maybe, things would be good enough that we wouldn't have

to do that," she said.

Reed indicated there are many kids who are vulnerable or who have family members who are vulnerable, also pointing out that kids can be carriers of the virus without knowing it.

"That's the thing — you don't know," she said.

Reed explained more decisions will be coming, such as about how to have students retrieve belongings from school buildings and how to hold graduation.

"We don't want to rush into decisions," Reed said.

She noted that the district is working with San Juan Basin Public Health to determine how to hold a safe graduation ceremony of some sort.

"We don't want to put anybody in jeopardy and we don't want to cause problems for people, and we want to be respectful of the rules that are in place because they're there for the safety of our community," Reed said, adding later, "We're trying to think of multiple different scenarios."

Reed noted the district wants to do what's safest and best for the kids while also honoring them.

"Lord knows they have had so many things taken away from them this spring," she said, calling the state basketball tournament the "first domino to fall."

At the ASD Board of Education meeting on April 14, Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares outlined changes made at each school, as well as informing board members of the district's efforts to provide meals.

At PSHS, Mijares explained, the grading policy was changed for the fourth quarter.

"The high school has worked to adopt a fair grading policy to finish out the 4th quarter of the 2019-2020 school year, which includes a pass/fail grade. The new grading policy for 4th quarter provides an equitable opportunity for all students to continue learning," the report states.

Reed further explained Wednesday that the change also takes some of the stress off teachers and stu-

dents, with the goal being having the students engage.

At Pagosa Springs Middle School, Mijares' report states, "Assignments continue to support standards based education, and the middle school has adopted a plan of allowing for an incomplete grade for 4th quarter only. The intention is to provide extra support in the fall to any student unable to meet all the requirements of the current grade."

Mijares also told the board about the district's ongoing efforts to provide meals to students and other children in the area, calling the effort "fantastic."

"We have blown it out of the water," she said, adding that kids are benefiting.

ASD is following the U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for the summer feeding program, she explained, and, despite having a weakened supply chain, has provided an increasing number of meals to kids up to age 18.

"Monday through Friday meals are delivered by our school drivers in ASD buses or mini-buses on six different routes to about 40 stops. In addition, meals may be picked up at Pagosa Springs High School between 10 am and 1 pm," her report states. "Sacked meals, comprised of items that make up breakfast and lunch, are bagged together and created by our dedicated Food Service Team. A typical sack meal contains a breakfast bread item, a juice, a sandwich, chips or a vegetable, milk (frozen or shelf stable), and a fruit."

Mijares also detailed the numbers of meals ASD was distributing each week prior to the meeting.

The week of March 15 — the first week district students were participating in distance learning, the district delivered 707 meals over four days.

The week of March 22, which was the district's spring break, ASD delivered 1,595 meals.

That number grew to 2,247 the week of March 29 and 2,304 by April 6.

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# Commissioners

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uses existing road material to essentially pave and seal a road.

Commissioner Ron Maez did not agree and pushed for the road project on Port Avenue to go forward, even though it has fewer ADTs than many roads in the county.

"We should have used the standards of ADTs like we've always used," Wadley said. "Port came up because PLPOA [Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association] was gonna cost share with us and they backed out of it ... I don't know why the county needs to fund this."

Maez acknowledged the ADTs are lower than other roads in the county and said, "We have a huge majority of the renters and people that live in the Vista area that have to deal with [dust on the road], so I don't know. In essence, why do the poor people always have to pay the biggest price?"

"This isn't about poor people, this is about ADTs," Wadley said.

"That's semantics," Maez replied. "No it's not, it's — that's math," Wadley said.

In an interview last month, County Public Works Director Bob Perry explained that the Road and Bridge Department's policies for roads is generally as follows:

- If a road has more than 700 ADTs, it is put on a list to be paved.
- If traffic is over 200 ADTs, the county will pay and apply magnesium chloride to a road, which limits some of the dust.

Perry also explained:

# Paramedic

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he doesn't fear having exposed his family: "No, for a couple of reasons: I am comfortable with the level of PPE I was wearing on that ambulance and I don't feel I would have been contagious at that point."

Zaffino explained that he had planned going camping somewhere for the weekend.

"It is a little bit weird, I was contemplating a camping trip, but this isn't what I had in mind. I was planning on anywhere that wasn't a 12-by-12 space in my garage; 144 square feet takes the meaning of tiny house to a whole new level," he said.

A tent set up in his garage, where he has been sleeping on an air mattress, isn't what he had in mind. He much prefers a spot on Devil Mountain or somewhere in Moab where he could be "doing mountain photography."

However, it was more important to him to quarantine near his wife and three children, ages 3 weeks, 1 year and 18 years. His mom, Sharon, lives with them, too. At 70 years of age with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, she is considered high risk where COVID-19 is concerned.

"I can at least see them through the window and interact with them,"

- Cloman Boulevard has an ADT of about 889.
- Port Avenue has an ADT of about 335.
- Buttress Avenue has an ADT in the 300s.

Perry also noted that parts of County Road 500 (Trujillo Road) have an ADT of over 700 but are not currently a priority to pave.

At a commissioner work session in March, Perry explained why ADTs should be the standard for reconstructing roads in the county.

"The reason why we try to use ADTs is that there's probably 200 roads that I know of that get just as much dust for the people that live on 'em that are in the same range of traffic [as Port Avenue]," he said. "It's very difficult if they're asking me why they can't get theirs paved with lithified. If I'm telling 'em that we do it based on ADT ... then we have a valid way to deal with those, but we get one where we just say, 'Well, we want it because these people get a lot of dust, they call the commissioners a lot,' then at that particular point, what do I tell all the other people?"

Neither Maez nor Wadley backed down from their positions on Tuesday.

Wadley concluded the discussion by saying, "Sometimes reasonable people disagree."

While Commissioner Alvin Schaaf didn't weigh in on the ADT issue, he did say building a courthouse is his priority.

"It would be my opinion, the most

important thing right now is the courthouse. I would love to pave everybody's roads in the county, 'cause God knows everyone needs it, but I think the most important thing right now is we don't lose \$1.9 million dollars," Schaaf said, referencing a grant the county has received to construct a new courthouse that requires hundreds of thousands of dollars in matching funds by the county.

The courthouse is expected to cost between \$4 million to \$6 million.

In a phone call Wednesday morning, Maez explained that his priorities had changed slightly since the work session a day prior.

Maez suggested that while reconstructing Port Avenue is a still a priority for him, the courthouse has to be built and he is more open to postponing the road projects to free up more funds for the courthouse.

He also explained that ADTs should be one criteria, but not the only one, in determining which county roads get priority for improvement.

He noted he'll discuss the issue with the county commissioners at their work session on April 28.

The county commissioners are expected to vote on whether to complete the road projects, or not, at their regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. on May 5. Contact the county administration office at 264-8300 for information on how to virtually attend the meeting.

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# Transition

## Continued from front

at-home order has reduced social interactions by 75-80 percent since it went into effect.

Polis and the subsequent press release state that, currently, Colorado has 10,000 reported cases, however, the state believes the real number is closer to 65,000-75,000 Coloradans — about 1.1 to 1.3 percent of the population.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Archuleta County's count was still at eight confirmed cases.

Dr. Rhonda Webb, CEO of Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) and Dr. Dave Shaeffer of Pagosa Medical Group (PMG) both indicated they feel there is enough testing capacity locally to move forward with the transition.

"I think his model of slowly increasing opening up ... is the right model," Webb said.

"We've been testing for a month now and we've tested a lot of people," Shaeffer said Wednesday, adding later that, by his calculations, about 3 percent of those tests are coming back positive, which is well within the World Health Organization's guidelines for stepping back restrictions.

"We do have enough tests to test the sick people and our health care workers who are sick," Webb said, adding that PSMC will continue to test when appropriate.

Shaeffer urged continued vigilance in living with the virus and reiterated that home is the safest place to be.

During Safer at Home, a state press release explains, Coloradans will no longer be ordered to stay

home, but are still strongly encouraged to do so. Vulnerable populations and seniors must continue staying home except when absolutely necessary, and K-12 school districts and postsecondary institutions will continue to suspend normal in-person instruction until the end of the school year.

The press release also notes that Colorado could return to the Stay-at-Home phase if there is a significant increase in cases or spread of the virus, and local governments will have the opportunity to implement stricter restrictions, particularly those experiencing an outbreak.

For more on what is allowed under Safer at Home, visit [www.colorado.gov](http://www.colorado.gov).

Safer at Home also explicitly allows medical facilities to again perform elective surgeries, and both PSMC and PMG indicated they will move forward with doing more procedures cautiously.

Webb and PSMC's chief operating officer, Katherie Douglas, explained PSMC will do elective surgeries on a case-by-case basis and will avoid procedures on those with more risk factors.

They explained PSMC will do fewer cases per day than is normal and the operating room will be cleaned as if there is infectious disease present between each patient. Too, more or higher-level personal protective equipment (PPE) will be used for each procedure, and PSMC will continue to monitor its PPE levels.

Shaeffer expressed that PMG will also begin seeing more patients

in its facility while still following strict guidelines.

## Staying safe

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) urges citizens to "keep yourself, your family, and your friends and neighbors safe" by:

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## Where can I learn more?

Several local, state and national health organizations are offering information on COVID-19:

- See related stories in this issue of The SUN.
- Visit [www.PagosaSUN.com](http://www.PagosaSUN.com) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pagosa.newspaper](http://www.facebook.com/pagosa.newspaper) for updates on community closures, business information and more.
- PSMC: <http://pagosasprings-medicalcenter.org>.
- SJBPH: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/>.
- CDPHE: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus>.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov).
- World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/western-pacific/emergencies/covid-19>.

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quarantine.

"I have five different leadership books and I signed up for online classes," he explained. "I love to be able to give value to other people."

When asked the most important lesson gained out of this experience, he shared, "It's twofold: I learned that I have a lot more support and people who care than I realized, including folks I never have contact with normally. I could turn this into the biggest tragedy and focus on the negatives and the what-ifs or I can focus on that I have two weeks to just invest in myself. Not everyone can do that, using that as time to invest in other people."

Over the weekend, he pulled out his meat smoker and prepared some brisket, which he deemed delicious, but the best meal in quarantine has been his mom's eggplant Parmesan.

Another positive aspect of staying in his garage is the beer refrigerator, which happens to be well-stocked thanks to numerous deliveries of beer and whiskey from friends who have dropped off enough in his driveway to last two years.

After 14 days of quarantine, Zaffino looks forward to returning to the work he loves helping others.

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# LIHTC final major design review application approved

By Chris Mannara  
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At a regular meeting on April 14, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission approved the final major design review application for a proposed low-income housing development at 450 Hot Springs Blvd.

The development, the Archuleta County Housing Authority Low Income Tax Credit (LIHTC) project, includes 34 dwelling units, a clubhouse for the residents of the development and a 12,000-square-foot Department of Human Services (DHS) office building.

On Nov. 26, 2019, the planning commission approved the major design review sketch appli-

cation for the LIHTC development contingent on the applicants' revisiting the location of a playground, providing verification on project funding, a completed review of exterior materials, addressing the unbroken roof span of the DHS building, and to work with the town on shared drainage facilities with Town Hall, Planning Director James Dickhoff described.

Dickhoff noted during the April 14 meeting that he had received verification on project funding from the applicant.

The unbroken roof span of the DHS building was addressed by the applicant via an addition of gable treatments to the west side of the building, Dickhoff described.

Originally, the playground was located close

to the road, but is now just northeast of the DHS building, he added.

Following more discussion, the planning commission moved to approve the final major design review for the proposed LIHTC development contingent on the landscape architect verifying that plantings on the property are appropriate for the area, that there will be a crosswalk and sidewalk on the northern boundary of the northern road, and that there will be a walkway grade on the northeast corner to provide pedestrian access to the Reservoir Hill trail system.

That motion passed unanimously by the planning commission.

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# State health department launches pilot version of symptom tracker survey as part of statewide COVID-19 tracking

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has launched a short survey designed to track symptoms of COVID-19, even if the person experiencing symptoms is unable or does not need to get a test.

Although the data collected using this survey cannot replace official case data confirmed by testing, it may help public health officials track early warning signs that an outbreak could be imminent in a given area or region.

The symptom tracker will ap-

pear on the "do you have symptoms?" Web page on the COVID-19 website. Data from the tracker will provide local public health agencies with data for their coverage area.

This could help public health officials understand when outbreaks are occurring in given locations and, in some cases, follow up with certain individuals who may need additional support. Knowing about potential outbreaks more immediately can help inform decisions to take action at the local level.

Several local public health agencies had previously created their own symptom trackers over the

last month. The results from their surveys will also be included in the aggregate data reports that CDPHE will eventually release publicly.

"If Coloradans are feeling symptoms related to COVID-19, such as a dry cough, fever and shortness of breath, they can serve the public health response by isolating themselves and voluntarily reporting those symptoms using the symptom tracker," said Jill Hunsaker Ryan, executive director of the CDPHE.

Future versions of the symptom tracker will route people with COVID-19 symptoms to the appropri-

ate resources for them. People who report their symptoms will be able to opt in to receive automated help managing their symptoms via text message. The system will route them to various resources, from telemedicine to behavioral health support.

This survey will collect personal health information, which the department will safeguard, protect and report only in aggregate. More information about how data will be collected, shared and protected is available on the FAQ page.

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# Real property valuation appeals announcement

By Natalie Woodruff  
Special to The SUN

On May 1, real property valuation appeals begin with the assessor's office. Real property value in Colorado is determined on a two-year cycle and 2020 real property value reflects market data as of June 30, 2018.

Property owners will only receive a Notice of Value this May if their

property value changed due to the creation of a new lot or subdivision, new construction, an addition or remodel or other physical changes to an existing property.

Although you may not receive a Notice of Value, due to changes that may have occurred, you may still appeal your value during the month of May. Because we do not know what exactly will be happening in regard

to COVID-19 rules, regulations or procedures, I have decided that the assessor's office will not be accepting appeals in person, at least through May 15.

Appeals may be emailed to assessor@archuletacounty.org, mailed to P.O. Box 1089, or dropped off in the drop box near the flag poles in the front of the courthouse. A blank appeal form is available using this ad-

dress: <https://www.archuletacounty.org/407/Forms> and then click on "Property Protest Form," or we can mail or email you a blank form. As things progress during the month, I will keep you informed as to any changes in the process. Please call 264-8310 if you have questions or need assistance.

County assessors in the state recognize the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the Colorado economy this year, especially on our local businesses; however, assessors do not have the authority to adjust the current (2020) market value. The Colorado Assessor's Association is currently working with Colorado public officials to help find a way to address these and other issues regarding 2020 and 2021/2022 values.

# Water conservancy district to seek public comment regarding Running Iron Ranch property

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Despite some initial pushback, on April 20, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) approved a motion to submit a request for information (RFI) with three proposed reservoir sizes for the public to comment on regarding potential ideas for uses of the Running Iron Ranch property.

The property is owned by Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and the SJWCD, which includes an agreement from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) that both entities have to abide by.

Terms of the agreement were reported on in the Jan. 30 issue of The SUN.

The idea of submitting an RFI to the public regarding the property was discussed by both the PAWSD and SJWCD boards along with members of the Weber family, who have a 15-year lease on the property, at a joint meeting on March 12.

"The Running Iron Ranch is the land that PAWSD and the district bought as the future site of Dry Gulch or San Juan Headwaters Project," SJWCD President Al Pfister said. "The owners of the ranch were given a lease to continue their gravel operation and run cattle on there at the cost of \$1 a year. That lease expires in January of 2023."

SJWCD board member Doug Secrist noted that it would be important to include in any RFI that the district has an obligation to pursue a

development of a reservoir under its agreement with the CWCB.

"The question that we need to decide before we go out to a request for ideas, the decision the board needs to make is, if we're going to define an area for a reservoir as part of our request, is it a 4,000-acre-foot reservoir, is it a 2,000-acre-foot reservoir?" SJWCD board member Bill Hudson asked.

The size of a proposed reservoir needs to make sense and be financially viable as well, Hudson added.

A proposed size would help the public formulate responses, Hudson added later.

Determining the size of a reservoir is a "major decision," SJWCD board member John Porco commented, adding that there is a lot that goes into making that determination.

"I think you're asking us to make an enormous future decision that ties our hands to a specific size reservoir just kind of off the top of our heads before we go out with a simple request for what should we do with that property," Porco said.

What SJWCD could do within its RFI is provide a map for the general public and outline what each reservoir size could look like, Porco added later.

SJWCD Independent Contractor Renee Lewis suggested that the board craft its RFI carefully enough to get helpful responses from the public.

"We have to build a reservoir within the next 20 years on the Running Iron Ranch," Hudson said. "We

have to determine what is a feasible size, what's a useful size, what's a size that the community can afford?"

If the SJWCD is going to give people a realistic RFI that they can work with, the board has to determine a reservoir size, Hudson added.

"I don't think it should be upon us to decide exactly the acre foot of a reservoir. I think that is something we would have to get consultants to chime in on and conduct a study," Secrist said. "I think the idea is that we put the request out to the public, getting input on what uses might be deemed reasonable for the property."

Pfister later made a motion that the SJWCD proceeds to the public with an RFI that includes three alternative ideas for lake levels or amounts for people to provide comments or ideas on.

The motion passed via a 4-2 vote with Hudson and Secrist being opposed.

Later, Hudson noted that he was not interested in being on a subcommittee regarding the effort.

Following more discussion, a motion was made that Pfister, Porco and Secrist will draft an RFI that will be presented to the SJWCD board for approval.

That motion passed with five votes, with Hudson abstaining from voting.

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# Education

## This year's SAT, key to graduation, was canceled

By Erica Meltzer  
Special to The SUN

Colorado plans to offer high school juniors a chance to take the SAT for free on a school day next fall, the state education department said last week.

These students lost out on the chance to take the SAT for free this spring when schools closed and the Colorado Department of Education canceled all state assessments amid the coronavirus pandemic. The College Board, the organization that administers the SAT, has also canceled spring testing through at least June.

While many higher education institutions are waiving test requirements in light of the unprecedented disruption caused by widespread school closures, many Colorado juniors are counting on taking the SAT to graduate from high school next year.

This year's juniors, the class of 2021, are the first to be subject to new state graduation requirements that include demonstrat-

ing competency in key subjects. One way they can do that is by taking the SAT. Other ways include passing a college-level course, completing a capstone project or earning an industry certificate.

Taking the SAT also helps students keep their college options open and many scholarship organizations ask for these test scores.

"It's important for many of our students and their families to know the state is still planning to provide them with an opportunity to take the test for free on a school day," Colorado Education Commissioner Katy Anthes said in a press release. "Preserving continuity in the assessment expectations and experiences is especially important now as Colorado high school students navigate the many changes brought about by the national emergency."

State education officials said they're pursuing an agreement with the College Board to offer the test on a school day in the fall at no cost to students. They also plan to offer vouchers to students who can't take it on a school day

and want to participate in a national testing day on a Saturday in the fall.

No date has been set for the test — and there remains some question about whether it will be safe for in-person classes to resume in the fall.

The College Board floated the idea of students taking the test online at home if social distancing requirements are still in place. Critics quickly pointed out this could exacerbate inequities for students whose homes don't provide a quiet place to take the test without interruptions — and that it could invite widespread cheating.

Officials said the fall administration of the test also depends on adequate state funds being available. Colorado is expected to take a massive budget hit due to the economic fallout from the coronavirus.

The fall test will not be used to assess school performance. The Colorado Department of Education paused all school accountability measures when it canceled state testing.

## Sydney Mitchell awarded art scholarship

By Sherry Phillips  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Arts Council, doing business as the Pagosa Arts Initiative, is pleased to announce that Sydney Mitchell was awarded our \$5,000 arts scholarship.

Mitchell will be attending Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts in the fall. Rutgers only accepts 6 percent of the applicants for this school into its program each year. That is quite prestigious and one of the reasons Mitchell was chosen by the Pagosa Arts Initiative to receive this scholarship.

One of the essential criteria for applying for the scholarship is for the applicant to be attending a college with arts being their major. We had some remarkable candidates apply this year. It was a difficult decision and we wish all the candidates much success in their career choices.

Mitchell will be studying acting, and if you've seen her in one of the many local productions in town, you already know how talented she is. She debuted on stage with



Sydney Mitchell

Thingamajig Theatre Company this past year in "Men in Boats" and she's been seen on stage at the high school in "Juvie," among many other stage productions.

She has also attended the prestigious Interlochen Arts Camp in Interlochen, Mich., for quite a few years and the letter of recommendation from her camp counselor, a professor of theater at Illinois College of Fine and Applied Arts, was extraordinary.

## Charter school moves toward offering food program

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) is moving toward partnering with the Charter School Institute (CSI) to provide lunch at the school.

Following discussing the prospect with the school's board of directors on April 13, School Director Angela Crossland discussed the food authority with the Archuleta School District Board of Education (BOE) on April 14.

"I know that the charter school and the district have had many conversations revolving around the food and school food programs over the years," Crossland told the BOE. "When I came on just less than a year ago, it was really obvious to me that our lack of a hot lunch program that had a Free and Reduced Lunch program with it was really a barrier to enrollment for families."

Crossland explained that she identified three barriers to enrollment when she started at PPOS: the lack of an after-school program

(which she noted was solved last November), transportation (which she indicated is a larger, harder issue to solve) and food service.

"We had a great conversation with the district and I really love the things that you guys have done with your food service program. But as I researched it more, for us to have a full cook-from-scratch kitchen just really isn't realistic in this timeframe. We'd love to have that someday, but I think it was more reasonable for us to look at something in the middle where we had something closer to a heat and serve."

That, she explained, is partially due to the number of students the school has, as well as to build slowly over time to something more like the district's cook-from-scratch program.

She noted it would be hard to add on to the district's food program and PPOS researched its options, Crossland continued, explaining there are two programs that smaller charter schools can join that have similar smaller kitchen philosophies.

That research, she indicated, led them to want to join CSI's food authority program, which is currently allowing non-CSI schools to add into the program.

CSI would act as PPOS's food authority, help with professional development, through the administration and paperwork, and allow the school to begin to add a free and reduced lunch program.

She noted PPOS is seeking permission to add into CSI's food program instead of the district's.

"Realistically, I think now more than ever, it's important for our families to have a free and reduced lunch program. I feel like coming back in the fall our free and reduced lunch rate across our community is going to raise into a higher level and it's going to be important that we're able to support our families in that regard," Crossland said.

In conversation with the school board, Crossland explained that the school is set to close on the purchase of its building on May 1 and that it has already begun designing the kitchen and had purchased

used equipment for the kitchen.

"This kitchen will be less built-out than most of the kitchens you guys have," she said, noting PPOS has been researching menus that would work with the smaller kitchen.

Superintendent Linda Reed added that the district has been working closely with PPOS.

"I think at this point in time, because of our limitations, I think this is by far the best path for them to take," Reed said.

Reed explained the idea needed to be presented to the board before agreements are entered into, though the BOE does not need to formally approve it.

Crossland later explained to the board that PPOS would have similar suppliers as the district, but purchasing would be done separately.

"Thanks for presenting that and good luck. It sounds great. I think that'll be a nice addition to your programming over there," board president Brooks Lindner told Crossland.

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## School board votes to continue paying district staff amid pandemic

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education voted at its April 14 regular meeting to continue to pay its staff while the district's normal operations are disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic.

According to the resolution, "The Board finds that a public purpose and a benefit to the Archuleta School District 50 Jt. exists to pay employees at their regular hourly or daily rate of pay, according to the duty schedule they otherwise would have worked, during the time that normal operations of the Archuleta School District 50 Jt. are disrupted by a public health emergency and that such payments are necessary in the conduct of the Archuleta School District 50 Jt. ..."

While substitute employees are not included in the resolution, it states that "long-term substitute teachers who were already appointed to an assignment and who are providing instruction to students" are covered.

The resolution also notes that the district expects its employees to perform a modified version of their normal duties, stating, "Those modifications may be changes in locations from which the work is performed, how the work is performed, and/or the number of days or hours of work that the employees are expected to perform ..."

The only board discussion on the resolution followed a motion

made by Dana Hayward to approve the resolution and surrounded a recital that included the World Health Organization (WHO), with board member Bruce Dryburgh insisting that the WHO has no authority over ASD and should not be included.

"I just want the first part gone," he said after noting he was "dead set" against the first paragraph of the draft resolution and the board wasn't taking the action because of international health.

The recital in Dryburgh was opposed to reads, "Whereas, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak and spread of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern, and on March 11, 2020, publicly characterized the spread of COVID-19 as a pandemic;"

Board chair Brooks Lindner noted that he saw the recital as part of a timeline of the pandemic, not as an authority, but noted that he respects Dryburgh's opinion.

The subsequent paragraphs outline dates relating to the pandemic on national, state and local levels.

Board members Michael Moore, Bob Lynch and Hayward all voiced that they were fine with removing the paragraph, and Superintendent Linda Reed stated the paragraph was included for the purpose of creating a timeline.

Following the discussion, Hayward withdrew her motion, with Lynch making a new motion to approve the resolution as amended.

That motion was approved unanimously.

In other business at the meeting, the board approved reimbursing a pair of staff members for a portion of the value of personal items stolen during and following a school trip, as well as directing staff to prioritize the development of a policy on the subject.

According to Reed, the employees were on a school-sponsored trip out of town when a school vehicle was broken into.

Finance Director Mike Hodgson added that it was not school property that was stolen, but was some expensive and personal items, including "unsettling" things like car keys.

Reed noted the employees have had to rekey their homes and vehicles, and Pagosa Springs Middle School Principal Chris Hinger added that the people who broke into the vehicle then drove to Pagosa Springs to break into the employees' vehicles.

Following board discussion on the matter, the board voted to allow district staff to work with and reimburse each employee \$1,000 plus 50 percent of the value of the stolen items and damage not covered by their personal insurance policies.

The board also voted to prioritize creating a policy with guidance on what personal items to take and leave home on school-sponsored trips to help in the event of such situations in the future.

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## BoCC, Timber Ridge Metro District settle Bristlecone Drive dispute

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

Bristlecone Drive will remain open to the public, after a yearslong dispute on whether a 1,400-foot section of the road is public or private.

Over the past two years, according to Timber Ridge Metro District President David Campbell, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), the Timber Ridge Homeowners Association (HOA) and the Timber Ridge Metro District have disagreed about whether the section of Bristlecone is public or private.

Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver has argued the section of Bristlecone should remain legally open to the public, and the HOA and the metro district have disputed that claim.

In December 2019, the metro district filed a declaratory judgment that asked a judge to determine whether the disputed section of

Bristlecone was a public road or not.

On Tuesday, the BoCC approved a settlement agreement with the metro district that renders any legal issues surrounding the dispute, including the pending judge's determination, "moot."

In an interview in December 2019, Campbell explained the dispute had "dragged on" over the past two years and how the metro district was ultimately brought into the legal fray.

"How they brought the metro district in is [the county] sent us a letter saying they were canceling our agreement. We had an agreement for HUTF [Highway User Tax Fund] funds and they were canceling that agreement," Campbell said.

The letter was sent to Campbell and signed by Weaver.

Campbell granted The SUN an interview in December 2019, but did not respond to a request for comment for this story by press time Wednesday.

The SUN asked Weaver last year if terminating a contract between the BoCC and a metro district requires a formal vote from the BoCC.

"The County provided a notice of termination and has not actually terminated the agreement with the Timber Ridge Metro District," Weaver wrote in an email. "If the issues in dispute over the section of Bristlecone Drive can be resolved, the County may not terminate the agreement after all."

The settlement agreement approved on Tuesday reaffirms the contract.

"The Parties reaffirm the Contract existing between them governing the maintenance of roads located in the Metro District. The County expressly disavows, withdraws, and/or rescinds any prior attempted termination of the Contract which might have taken effect as of July 1, 2020. The Metro District expressly accepts the County's disavowal, withdrawal, and/or rescission.

It is the mutual intention of the Parties to continue the Contract until a future notice of termination is served or the Contract expires upon its terms. The County shall account for, and pay all funds, if any, previously withheld from the Metro District under the premise of a prior termination of the Contract within 30 days of the date of this Agreement," the settlement reads.

Prior to the commissioners' vote on Tuesday, Weaver explained there was some disagreement over tactics taken regarding Bristlecone Drive between the Timber Ridge HOA and the Timber Ridge Metro District.

Weaver explained that the HOA disagreed with the metro district's lawsuit and is currently in the process of dedicating to the public the section of Bristlecone Drive that was the subject of the litigation.

Timber Ridge HOA President Bob Turner declined to comment for this story.

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## Snowpack totals increase slightly, temperatures expected to rise

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Local snowpack totals have increased since last week, but still remain under 100 percent of median, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

This week, the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins have a snowpack total of 92 percent of median, a 4 percent increase from last week.

Last year at this time, local basins had a collective snowpack total of 159 percent of median.

This week, the Upper San Juan

site is 73 percent of median. Last week, it was 74 percent of median. Last year, the Upper San Juan site was 119 percent of median.

The Wolf Creek summit is 75 percent of median this week, compared to last week when it was 77 percent of median. Last year, it was 119 percent of median.

Snowpack totals can be expected to drop as there is no snow in the forecast for Pagosa Springs, with highs hovering around the mid-60s to low 70s through Sunday, according to the National Weather Service (NWS).

The NWS notes a 30 percent

chance of snow on Wolf Creek Pass today, but the forecast remains sunny and clear after that through Sunday.

### Other snowpack reports

The Upper Rio Grande Basin is 78 percent of median this week. Last week, it was 82 percent of median.

This week, the Arkansas River Basin is 95 percent of median. Last week, it was 91 percent of median.

An 11 percent increase was reported for the Yampa and White River basins as snowpack totals went from 105 percent of median to 116 percent of median this week.

The Laramie and North Platte River basins have seen a 6 percent increase since last week, going from 106 percent of median to 112 percent of median this week.

Another 6 percent increase was reported, this one for the South Platte River Basin, with snowpack totals going from 113 percent of median to 119 percent of median this week.

The Upper Colorado River Basin is 116 percent of median this week. Last week, it was 105 percent of median.

This week, the Gunnison River Basin is 97 percent of median. Last week, it was 89 percent of median.

## High school spring sports season canceled

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Colorado High School Activities Association announced Tuesday that the spring sports season will not continue, bringing to an end a season that had barely begun.

CHSAA's commissioner, Rhonda Blanford-Green, issued a statement Tuesday morning with the news.

"We have proceeded with cautious optimism, holding on to a thread of hope that the spring season would be able to realistically resume, knowing that the health and safety of our sports communities would dictate our course of action. It was our hope to be able to create the memories because we understand what it meant to our high school communities — especially seniors — statewide," Blanford-Green wrote.

She noted that more than 30 other state associations have also decided to cancel their spring seasons.

"We hoped that Colorado medical and health data would provide reassurances that we could go in a different direction. Unfortunately that will not be the case. The spring 2020 season is cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which is affecting communities across the world," she wrote.

The letter later continues: "Our hats are off to the many seniors that have shown maturity and resolve as their culminating year of high school has been impacted beyond activities and athletics due to this worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. The Class of 2020 will not be forgotten."

"Just like everything else, it's sad that so many of our athletes aren't going to get to prove and show what they've learned and the growth

that they've made over the years," Archuleta School District Superintendent Linda Reed said, adding, "especially for the seniors, that's where my heart hurts the most."

The Pirate baseball team, which has four seniors — played one scrimmage before the season came to an end.

Coach Mike Remlinger indicated the team, including the seniors — PJ Bailey, Eric Huddleston, Ryan Lewis and Zach Haines — put in a lot of hard work and had high expectations for the season.

"Just in general," he said, "the work we've put in the last couple years with all those kids, the expectations of what we were looking forward to this year were enormous, and so that's a super hard pill to swallow, to just kind of look past that. But, on the other side, still super proud of those kids and who they've become and who they're still growing to become, and a big part of that has been the competitive aspect of playing baseball."

While acknowledging the "woulda, shoulda, coulda" aspect of the season, the coach noted this is a life lesson for everyone to not take tomorrow for granted.

He also suggested it will be interesting to see how the current situation affects the future in terms of the kids who can't wait to get back to the sport and those who may have found other things to do with their time.

Track and field coach Connie O'Donnell said that it's "obviously disappointing" that spring sports are canceled.

O'Donnell noted there were three seniors set to compete this year on the track and field team: Mason Blakemore, Tay Barker and

Tad Hittle.

O'Donnell noted Barker had played three sports a year for each of his four years at PSHS and Barker, along with a few others, are working with O'Donnell to get participation credit for this spring's track and field team.

"I've had some students that worked really hard over the last few months to prepare for track season, were really looking to accomplishing some goals," O'Donnell said. "I think it's really hard for the people that worked hard to get themselves in shape to have a great season. That's obviously really frustrating."

O'Donnell explained there are a few things she misses about the track and field season.

"We have such good, fun kids and I miss them. I miss hanging out with them and making them work hard and also just laughing and the camaraderie and the cheering for each other. I miss all of that," she said.

Lady Pirate soccer coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason explained that, while he's disappointed the season is canceled, that it's for the best.

"We kind of knew it was coming," he said. "That's the safest thing to do. The safest thing to do is social distancing."

Kurt-Mason explained that he broke the news in an email to his players, but had not received a response back yet.

At this point, if spring sports were to return, the Lady Pirates would have only had five games left in their season, he explained.

Despite the fact that the season is canceled, Kurt-Mason noted that he told his players to look on the bright side — they finished the year undefeated.

Kurt-Mason highlighted his five seniors — Alyssa Hubbs, Annabelle Bowles, Halie Severs, Gabriela Gallegos and Grace Thompson — describing them as "great people."

"It's tough. But, you've got to be strong and keep on keepin' on," he said.

"I wish I could change the way things are," Reed said, "but I also believe there are young people who will take this experience and make the best of it and learn from it and hopefully make the world a better place."



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## Celebration



Photos courtesy Lisa Scott

Bob and Lisa Scott, of Pagosa Springs, are thrilled to announce the marriage of their son, Dean Scott, to Carson Deadman, daughter of Glenn and Kathryn Deadman, of San Antonio, Texas. The parents-only ceremony and dinner, due to COVID-19 restrictions, was held at the Deadman's home on April 11. Immediate family attended the ceremony via Zoom conference. The wedding festivities have been postponed to late summer. The newlyweds are happily working from their home in Midland, Texas, in their careers at Concho Resources and Diamondbank Energy.

## A Safe Place in Pagosa adds new dba — Aspen Services

By **Patty Brown and Cathy Reece**  
Special to The SUN

Along with every other fellow organization here in Pagosa, Aspen House is adjusting to the new way of doing business. We find ourselves taking cram courses in technology, bumbling around a bit, but managing the change. Never before have we been so reliant on or grateful for technology.

Before the pandemic set in, A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc. added a new "doing business as" to the or-

ganization: Aspen Services. This will be an arm of the organization that will offer a variety of educational, support and life skill services to any adults with developmental disabilities in the community, as well as the potential residents of Aspen House.

The board of Aspen House/Aspen Services is at its capacity of nine members: Patty Brown, Carol Riley, Cathy Reece, Becky Thompson, Cindi Figaro, Warren Brown, Nicole Smith, Nate Mueller and Danyelle Leentjes.

We are a strong, professionally diverse board that is united

in the passion to build a home and provide services for adults with disabilities in the area. In late March, the board began a month-long comprehensive training to assemble a strong strategic plan for the organization. Little did we know how, it would transform to include the economic challenges of COVID-19. We are confident that upon the completion of the training, the organization will have a strong, firm plan in place to wisely move forward with its mission and survive the challenging fiscal aftermath coronavirus will undoubtedly

present. Until we can literally meet each other again, the Board of Directors of Aspen House and Aspen Services would like to extend well-wishes and good health to its fellow non-profit organizations and the entire community of Pagosa and Archuleta County. May we all endure this pandemic safely and spread kindness among each other, emerging on the other side with our organizations and businesses intact and ready to flourish once again. We thank everyone for their continued support and look forward to seeing you soon.

## May 5: A global day of giving and unity

By **Jodi Jahrling**  
Special to The SUN

In response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19, a global fundraising effort is set to take place on May 5. #GivingTuesdayNow will be an international day of giving and unity aimed at raising much-needed funds for communities and individuals affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

United Way of Southwest Colorado (UWSWC) is proud to be an official launch partner of #GivingTuesdayNow.

Serving Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties, UWSWC is working to raise funds for local COVID-19 relief, response and recovery. The organization's goal is to reach \$50,000 in new gifts by May 5.

"In our 46-year history of ser-

vice to our communities, United Way of Southwest Colorado has always brought individuals and organizations together to advance the common good," said Lynn Urban, UWSWC president and CEO. "In keeping with our mission, we have partnered with the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado to manage the Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF). This grass-roots fund will help ensure organizations providing basic needs in our five-county region will continue to do so. These services are needed now more than ever."

Through #GivingTuesdayNow, communities have the power to come together and support each other while still safely practicing social distancing. Ways to participate include:

- Donating a portion of your

stimulus check or tax refund if you have the means — no amount is too small.

- Taking advantage of new 2020 charitable deduction options and tax credits.

- Supporting health care workers by donating supplies and staying home.

- Helping small businesses by buying gift cards or writing a positive online review.

- Combating loneliness by calling a neighbor, relative, senior or others who may be alone.

- Joining a local mutual aid network and help your neighbors in need.

Proceeds from UWSWC's \$50,000 #GivingTuesdayNow effort will be invested in more than 35 local programs and organizations, including CERF, six new AmeriCorps member locations and

the Team UP collective impact program. Visit [unitedway-swco.org](http://unitedway-swco.org) for more information and to give now.

If you or someone you know is in need of local aid or assistance, please visit [211colorado.org](http://211colorado.org) to be connected, confidentially, with available local resources.

## Birth



Chris and Nicole are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Aurelia Mears Pitcher. Born at home on March 25, Aurelia was 6 pounds, 3 ounces and 18 inches long. Aurelia joins a loving trio of older sisters: Miah, River and Aspen Pitcher. Aurelia is welcomed by her grandparents, John and Bonni DeMarco, and Todd and Jann Pitcher, all of whom call Pagosa Springs home.

## The Blotter

Items listed in The Blotter report where an alleged incident occurred and the nature of the incident. Readers should not assume employees or owners of a place of business or a parking lot reported as the scene of an event are involved as perpetrators of the incident.

**Archuleta County Sheriff's Office**  
Calls for service over week: 104.

April 13 — Second-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, drove vehicle when license suspended, Tonto Court.

April 13 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Redwood Drive.

April 13 — Criminal mischief, third-degree criminal trespass, Meadow Lark Drive.

April 14 — First-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, all other thefts, Lake View Drive.

April 14 — Information only, Pines Club Place.

April 16 — Harassment by phone or computer threaten bodily injury or damage property, domestic violence, criminal mischief, violation of restraining order, possession of weapons by previ-

ous offenders, Eight Mile Mesa Road.

April 16 — Improper registration, Barton Circle.

April 16 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, second-degree assault-aggravated assault-weapon, criminal mischief, domestic violence, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, U.S. 160.

April 17 — Information only, Ute Drive.

April 17 — Missing person reports, County Road 600.

April 17 — Death investigation -death investigation, Jacobson Circle.

**Pagosa Springs Police Department**  
Calls for service over week: 155.

April 13 — Criminal trespass, North 5th Street.

April 15 — Identity theft, South 7th Street.

April 15 — Menacing, Eagle Drive.  
April 15 — Hit and run, Aspen Village Drive

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**  
No report.

**Archuleta County Court: Judge**

**Justin P. Fay**  
No report.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**  
April. 13 — Robert Cheatham, following too closely, four points off, total fines and costs — \$146.

April. 13 — Sanya Peterson, disobeyed official traffic device, four points off, \$990 restitution, total fines and costs — \$146.

April. 13 — Leikos Grames, animal running at large, total fines and costs — \$60.

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SALE NO. 2020-002

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On January 27, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.

Original Grantor(s) Alexander Archuleta Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for Home Bridge Financial Services, Inc., its successors and assigns  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Freedom Mortgage Corporation  
Date of Deed of Trust March 22, 2019  
County of Recording Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust April 05, 2019  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 21901810  
Original Principal Amount \$250,000.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$249,670.79  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

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# Outdoors



## USDA Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Region releases new online tool for recreation and fire restriction updates and information

By Barbara Khan  
Special to The SUN

The Rocky Mountain Region of the USDA Forest Service is releasing a new online tool as a place to find recreation updates and closures for any of the 24 national forests and grasslands across Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

This online tool provides a one-stop resource for learning about current USDA Forest Service recreation site status updates, alerts, warnings and fire restriction information within the states of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

The online tool can be found here: <https://usfs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=45858bd98aa641ed97734d01b437c2d6>.

The Rocky Mountain Region continues to ask all forest and grassland visitors engaging in dispersed recreation, such as hiking, mountain biking or river rafting, to take extra precautions and adhere to the following safety and responsibility guidelines:

- Stay close to home to keep other communities safe.
  - Stay 6 feet apart from others.
  - Avoid crowding in parking lots, trails, scenic overlooks and other areas.
  - Take Centers for Disease Control and Prevention precautions to prevent illnesses like COVID-19.
  - Prepare for limited or no services, such as restroom facilities and garbage collection.
  - Prepare to pack out trash and human waste.
- All offices are conducting business and providing virtual services.



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Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

Elk in the area are enjoying warmer days while shedding their winter coats.

## Comments sought on Upper Rito Buckles project

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

For interested parties, the Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest (SJNF) is looking for public comments regarding a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the Upper Rito Buckles Vegetation, Fisheries, Watershed and Travel Management Project.

The project, described as a vegetation management project, would use multiple harvest approaches to move mixed-conifer and aspen forests toward desired conditions, according to a brief from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

This project landscape is located about 9 miles east and 14 miles southeast of Pagosa Springs, according to the brief.

The brief details how some spruce trees within the project landscape have experienced "nearly complete mortality" due to high populations of spruce beetles within the project area.

Conifers within the project area have also been affected by the western spruce budworm's repeated

defoliation, according to the brief.

"The proposed actions are focused on areas that have been identified as suitable for regular harvests of commercial forest products under the 2013 San Juan National Forest Land Resource Management Plan," the brief reads, adding that the harvest areas have intact road systems and have been harvested at least once.

According to the brief, the harvests have produced forest products, helped establish patches of young aspen trees on the landscape and reduced the prevalence of Douglas fir trees and promoted the establishment of white fir trees.

The project area also contains habitat that could be suitable for conserving populations of San Juan lineage cutthroat trout, the brief explains.

"This proposal is considering construction of a fish barrier to limit upstream fish movement to help facilitate the establishment of a conservation population of the San Juan lineage cutthroat trout in

the future," the brief states.

Additionally, a portion of the Blue Creek ATV trail has begun to degrade, causing resource damage, the brief notes, adding that to prevent more resource damage, the trail is proposed to be closed and decommissioned.

However, ATV users can continue to access the area using the Blue Creek Road, the brief notes.

### Comment submission

Those who are interested in commenting on the project can submit written comments to Kevin Khung, Pagosa District ranger, PO Box 310, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; hand deliveries can be made to the Pagosa District Office at 180 Pagosa St., by calling 264-2268 in advance and scheduling a no-contact delivery Monday through Friday excluding holidays. Comments may also be faxed to: Attn: Matt Tuten, at (833) 926-2067.

Additional information on the project can be found by calling Tuten at 264-2268 or via email at [matthew.tuten@usda.gov](mailto:matthew.tuten@usda.gov).  
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## EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

### Honey bees: everyone's favorite introduced species

By Ethan Proud  
SUN Columnist

The honey bee is a gregarious insect that has become a staple to American agriculture. It may come as a surprise to learn that this species was introduced. Many of our agricultural commodities are introduced, which is differentiated from invasive. Invasive denotes a species that is not native and is harmful or not beneficial to the environment, human health or wildlife.

Honey bees (*apis mellifera*) are native to Eurasia, but have been spread to four other continents by humans and subsequently domesticated for pollination of crops, and the production of honey and wax products. Despite being the most popular bee, or maybe that title belongs to the bumble bee, there are 20,000 species of lesser-known and celebrated bees.

Honey bees are eusocial and have a strict class system that changes as the bees age. They have varying jobs including feeding the brood, cleaning, guarding or foraging. Honey bees even have a "language" known fondly as the waggle-dance by which they can communicate the distance and direction to fields of flowers.

Beekeepers typically keep different subspecies of bees: Russians, Carniolans and Italians. These species differ in temperament, size and coloration. Ironically, the Russians typically boast the foulest mood. Bees will sting to protect their hive and the sting will release an "attack" pheromone that will trigger other bees to pursue you as well.

If you have a beehive and are concerned about pesticide application, you can register on DriftWatch and mark your hive as private so only registered applicators may see the hive. Contact the Archuleta County Weed and Pest Department if you have more questions.

While the honey bee may be everyone's favorite, it is important to recognize the role that native bees play in our environment and be sensitive to their plights as well. If your eyes are quick enough, you can spot sweat bees on many of the trails in our national forests. They are usually blue or green and metallic and much smaller than honey or bumble bees. They are solitary and are attracted to human sweat, so don't swat these guys away thinking they are biting flies.

Ethan Proud, Archuleta County Weed and Pest supervisor, participated in the CSU Extension Beekeeper Mentoring Program.

### Seed potatoes

There is still time to order seed potatoes: Please go to [www.archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/seed-potatoes](http://www.archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/seed-potatoes) to order online.

### Upcoming event

"How We Grow," a Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership-sponsored film, will be shown on April 24 at 6 p.m. To log on, go to <https://zoom.us/j/133064826>, meeting ID: 133 064 826.

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# Welcome back, hummingbirds!



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April 16, 2020

# The hummers are nearly here

By John Porco  
Special to The PREVIEW

The hummingbirds are arriving in Pagosa Country right now, providing a flash of color in our gloomy days. Scout birds arrive early to identify feeders, so it is important to get the feeders out by mid- to late April. So, courtesy of the Weminuche Audubon Society, here are a few guidelines:

## Feeders

There are many good feeders on the market. The most important criteria when selecting a feeder are that it be easy to clean and easy to fill. In order to be a responsible host, you must keep your feeder very clean and full of fresh nectar. Feeders should come apart so that all parts are open and available for cleaning. Red attracts the hummingbirds. If your feeder isn't red, tie a red ribbon on it or use red tape. Hummingbirds are very territorial. If you put out more than one feeder, try to put the two feeders in locations out of sight of each other. Feeders attract bears, so keep your feeders out of bear range.

## Food

In nature, hummingbirds eat flower nectar for energy and bugs for protein. Here is the recipe for making hummingbird nectar:

Mix 4 parts water to 1 part white table sugar in a pan. For example, use 1 cup sugar to 4 cups water. Do not use honey, Jell-O or brown sugar. Especially do not use artificial sweeteners, as putting hummingbirds on a diet will kill them. They burn prodigious amounts of energy for their size and need real sugar. Do not use red food coloring or buy premade red nectar. It is

unnecessary and can harm the little hummers even in low concentrations because they eat so much nectar. Do not add anything else — just sugar and water.

Bring to a boil then remove from the heat. Stir it while it is heating until all of the sugar is dissolved. Don't boil it for long because that will change the ratio as water is boiled off. The reason for boiling is not to make syrup, but to drive out the chlorine in the water and to kill mold and yeast spores that might be in the sugar. This will help make the nectar last longer both in the feeder and in your refrigerator. Cover and allow to cool before using or pouring into a storage bottle. We recommend making a large batch of nectar and storing it in the refrigerator.

## Cleanliness

Sugar water is a very rich growth medium. Yeasts like to eat it, causing fermentation, which can harm hummingbirds. Mold and bacteria grow in it and can also harm the birds. If you see black spots inside your feeder, this is mold and you will need to scrub it out with a good bottle brush. You must change the nectar frequently to avoid contaminants.

In cooler temperatures, we recommend changing it every seven days. If the temperatures are getting above 70 degrees, clean every three days. Clean the feeder thoroughly using a mild detergent. You can use a mild bleach solution (1 part bleach to 9 parts water). In any case, rinse the bottle thoroughly. Some pet stores sell specialized brushes made to fit into feeder bottles and the holes in the base.

So, get you feeders out and enjoy the antics of these wonderful and colorful little birds through the fall.

# Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership to present a one-film Environmental Film Festival

By Sally High  
Special to The SUN

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) will host a one-film festival Friday evening, April 24, at 6 p.m. "How We Grow" was a crowd favorite at GGP's sixth Environmental Film Festival in 2018. It's a Colorado production that features 10 or so small farms and promotes the local food movement. The growers are all farming in the Roaring Fork Valley with a similar growing season and altitude to Archuleta County.

"How We Grow" is inspiring as the GGP encourages growth in our local food resiliency movement. There's no charge and no registration. Here's your invitation: <https://zoom.us/j/133064826>, meeting ID: 133 064 826.

The GGP continues to serve the community in the midst of pandemic precautions. The GGP's three greenhouses are closed to the general public, on the recommendation of local epidemiologists. As soon as school classes and 4-H Gardening were put on an

indefinite hold, the GGP board made the decision to grow food for the community. Volunteers adhere to strict safety protocols as they grow food for local food pantries and donations are made weekly.

The GGP has a collaborative Native Plants workshop planned for July. In cooperation with Southwest Conservation Corps, an outdoor garden fence and raised beds will be constructed west of the Community Garden Dome. The workshop is in partnership with Weminuche Audubon Society and planned to be outdoors on the GGP site at the new outdoor garden. Audubon received a grant to host Jamie Weiss, Habitat Hero coordinator, and receive approximately 800 native plants.

As walkers, bicyclists, birders and fishermen continue to enjoy the Pagosa Springs Riverwalk, the GGP asks everyone to be understanding as the greenhouses remain closed.

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# Wear jeans for a cause Wednesday

By Ashley Wilson  
Special to The PREVIEW

Wednesday, April 29, is Denim Day. Every year, Rise Above Violence hosts a walk around main street where community members come out to support victims and survivors of sexual assault. Businesses around town typically participate by allowing employees to wear jeans to work if they pay \$5, all of which supports the survivors in our community.

Last year, we had record numbers: 58 people came out and joined us for our awareness walk, we had nine businesses participate and raised over \$700. We are so thankful for the support of our community on important days like Denim Day.

This year, we are asking for your support in a different way. On April 29, please join with us in a virtual event for Denim Day. Head over to the Rise Above Violence Facebook page and share pictures of yourself in denim. Once you do, you can enter our drawing. We will have a prize that will be drawn at the end of the day. If you post a video of yourself taking a walk in your jeans, you will get two entries. We have an event page set up and want to see everyone in their jeans. Caption your photo "I wear jeans ..." to support survivors, for a friend, for myself, for all the women who are silent, for all the child victims, etc.

So, what is Denim Day exactly? According to <http://denimday-info.org/about/>, "For the past 19 years, the Denim Day campaign has been held on a Wednesday in April in honor of Sexual Violence Awareness Month. The campaign was originally triggered by a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans, she must have helped her rapist remove her jeans, thereby implying consent. The following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim. The Denim Day campaign was developed by Peace Over Violence in response to this case and the activism surrounding it.

"Since then, wearing jeans on Denim Day has become a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault. In this rape prevention education campaign, we ask community members, elected officials, businesses and students to make a social statement with their fashion by wearing jeans on this day as a visible means of protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual assault."

In Pagosa Springs, Rise served 40 victims of sexual assault in 2019. National statistics are that one in five women and one in 71 men will

be raped at some point in their lives (<https://www.nsvrc.org/statistics>). That is one victim of sexual assault every 73 seconds in the United States. But, the good news is that prevention is possible, and it's happening — individuals, communities and the private sector are already successfully combating the risk of sexual violence through conversations, programs, policies and research-based tools that promote safety, respect and equality. By pro-

moting safe behaviors, thoughtful policies and healthy relationships, we can create safe and equitable communities where every person is treated with respect. Rise would like to join you and the community as being part of this change for Pagosa.

Rise Above Violence Youth prevention programs focus on respect, healthy relationships and understanding consent. These are

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# The ingeniousness of isolation

By Betty Slade  
PREVIEW Columnist

Have you noticed how determined people are becoming as they spend time in isolation? We are a social people who need to be around others; it's how we flourish. Absent of that, people are reaching within to find new ways of expressing themselves, new outlets for community.

During a video exercise class, the instructor said, "Don't look at your body as separate individual pieces. Stretch, relax and feel your whole body."

It's amazing how one little phrase about exercising the body can make one realize how connected we are, even if alone at home.

My Sweet Al and I honor the law of the land. One of our daughters picks up our prescriptions, food and necessities as we stay attached to the Blanco. Even though we stay isolated from the public, we still feel very much a part of it.

Because of social distancing, my Sweet Al and I are experiencing many firsts. Our granddaughter and husband planned to go to Japan to celebrate his birthday. With travel canceled, they decided to have a Japanese-themed party from home instead. It was complete with handmade cherry blossom trees.

Friends and family were invited to an online soiree. I wore a kimono and my Sweet Al sported a velvet noragi and a felt bowler.

We are advised to wear a mask

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



if we need to go out in public. A member of my video conference writing group gave a demonstration of how she uses everyday items to create a protective respirator.

An artist friend started an online exchange. Those accepting the challenge posted a different picture or painting each day. It has stirred the artistic bent in me to begin painting in watercolors again.

A writer friend emailed me about a book of miracles that she is compiling. I submitted my entry, a miracle story that came straight from the heart and home. The experience challenged me to be steadfast in God's faithfulness, even during times of uncertainty.

There are hidden talents that would have never been known had it not been for this time of isolation. I'm amazed at the ingeniousness of people. It seems that staying at home has forced many to come up with inventive ways to get their message out.

Keith, our "low-tech" son-in-law, is a history teacher. We thoroughly enjoyed watching him become more and more comfortable in a digital classroom. We learned all about the Civil War with him

dressed in soldier attire, using a cavalry sword as a pointer.

Like something on PBS, we sat mesmerized as we watched our own mad professor roll out his lesson plans. He was animated with background music for effect. He became a German soldier, a nutty inventor and even Wild Bill Hickok.

Pagosa even has its own online characters. I recently watched a video of the elementary school principal as he played his guitar and sang a Garth Brooks song. He changed the words of "Friends in Low Places" to make students laugh.

It is evident how much school officials and teachers love their students and their jobs by the amount of effort and creativity they put in to their work.

By the way, my Sweet Al has been using his down time to brush up on his sleight-of-hand magic. He keeps coming up with new ways to use an old T-shirt. I throw it away, then it reappears in his closet.

Final brushstroke: Whatever occupies you, do it with all the color, texture and purpose within you. Be it in video, online or in a text or email. How many times in life do we get the chance to stop time to find the creative warrior that lies inside. And if it all becomes too much, just get a ball of yarn and learn to knit.

### Readers' comments

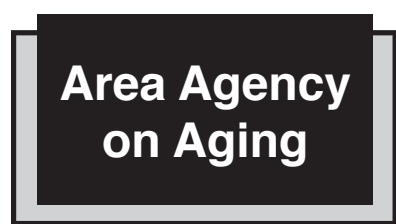
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## Social Security: Part B and economic impact payments

By Kay Kaylor  
PREVIEW Columnist

I advocate for residents in extended care and assisted living residences as the region's lead long-term care ombudsman. I also am a Senior Medicare Patrol and State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor. Information on the many aging and care concerns will be included here.

Thank you to all those working on the frontline, especially caregivers in facilities who continue to care for residents under difficult circumstances. As of this writing,



the region does not have a COVID-19 outbreak of two or more in its long-term care facilities.

The regional Social Security offices are closed to walk-in traffic, but employees still answer the phone, and, in Durango, the number is (888) 472-6115. People

qualified for Medicare who have lost or stopped their employer insurance must apply for Part B using two forms, CMS-40B and CMS L564-Request for Employment Information. They are available on [ssa.gov](http://ssa.gov), or the Durango office will mail them. The forms can be faxed, along with proof of employment, Group Health Plan, or Large Group Health Plan, to (833) 914-2016, if beneficiaries are unable to mail the forms directly to the Durango office at Suite 120, 103 Sheppard Drive, Durango, CO 81303.

As noted on [ssa.gov](http://ssa.gov), people who already receive automatic Social Security payments and who filed taxes for 2018 or 2019 will receive their \$1,200 economic impact payments from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) the same way as they receive their Social Security no later than the end of April and, for those with automatic Supplemental Security Income (SSI), by the end of May. The payments are not considered income for SSI recipients and are excluded as resources for 12 months.

The IRS also created a Web page [See Agency on next page](#)

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important conversations to have with the young people in our community — really, with all people in our community — so that we can change the conversation. Rise would love to focus less on crisis response and more on prevention and promotion of healthy relationship values. Raise your voice in our community around these issues.

Silence is what perpetuates the problem.

Rise is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. It serves victims and survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and other violent crimes in Archuleta County. For 24/7 crisis support, please call 264-9075 to talk with an advocate. If you or someone you know needs help dealing with violence, please call.



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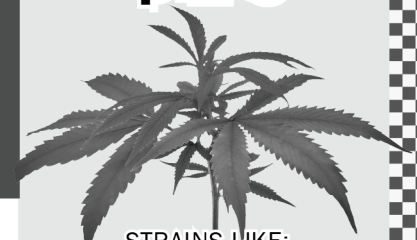
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# We will get through this

By Paul Krza  
Special to The PREVIEW

My 16-year-old granddaughter is crawling the walls and yelling at her now work-at-home mother. No, she's told, "You can't go over to a friend's house, just hang out and read a book."

It's a new reality we're experiencing as we try to evade this stealthy, marauding virus, and if it's

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socially difficult for the young, we all realize that it's life-threatening for older adults. But we know a lockdown is the best hope to survive and help others to do the same. And, after all, many of the families we've come from have survived worse.

At the risk of having "OK, Boomer" epithets tossed at me, I like to recall my family's immigrant past when life was grim in ways perhaps unfathomable today. I think of my four Slovenian grandparents, young and desperate, taking that lonely ocean journey a century-plus years ago, ending up in dry and dusty Rock Springs, Wyo. None of them spoke English or knew what they'd face in America.

What one grandfather found was down-and-dirty work in the coal mines, while another took to hammering hot metal in a blacksmith shop. But with them also came Slovenian gardening genes, so they planted vegetables, and joining with other Slovenians in 1915, they built the Slovenski Dom, a "home" for Slovenians to meet and socialize. My grandfather and several friends also ordered grapes from California and together they started making their own wine.

Wyoming's Sweetwater County was a tough place to raise a family and having multiple children increased the odds. For one grand-

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for those who did not file a tax return for 2018 or 2019 and who have qualifying children under age 17 and want to claim \$500 for each: [irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments](https://irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments).

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare. For further information, please call or text 403-2165 or send an email to [leadombudsman@sjbaaa.org](mailto:leadombudsman@sjbaaa.org).

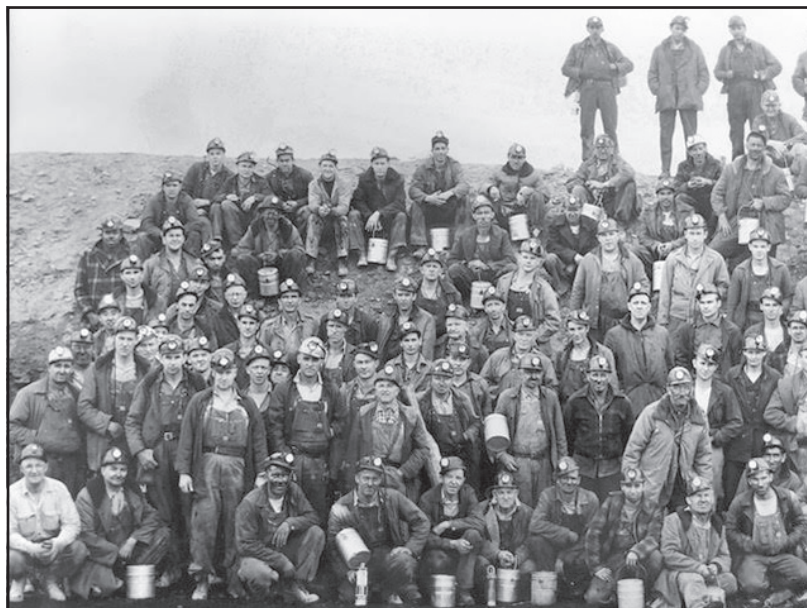


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Coal miners of the #4 mine in Rock Springs, Wyo., circa late 1930s or early '40s.

mother, there was heartache when two of her nine children died early, victims of a far more lethal pandemic called the Spanish flu. Back then no one knew how effective social distancing could be in stopping the spread of the virus.

My parents, who grew up as new Americans speaking English, faced an uncertain future after graduating from high school. First, they were in the midst of a grinding depression that was followed by World War II.

Early on in this unfolding COVID-19 epidemic, Reuters reported that, "... nerves had begun fraying after days of people working from home, looking after children whose schools are shut and severely scal-

ing back on everyday activities."

My father grew up in a tiny house by today's standards and followed his father into the mines. In the early 1950s, when the Union Pacific Coal Company shuttered its mines, hundreds of men, including my father, lost their jobs just before Christmas.

I remember when "surplus commodities," the government's plain-packaged cheese and milk, became the bulk of our diet. My mother found a job as a telephone operator, but she also canned and preserved. She was a "Yugoslavian saver," my Rock Springs Aunt Helen told me recently.

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# Students will go back to school eventually: Here are five concrete ideas for helping them catch up, readjust

By Matt Barnum and Kalyn Belsha  
Special to The PREVIEW

When students return to school buildings, teachers and school leaders will face a daunting task: pulling their communities back together while helping students get back on track.

Some students may have lost family members to the disease caused by the coronavirus and some schools may have lost staff members. And, even though lots of schools are attempting remote instruction, students will likely have lost academic ground while buildings were closed.

So what are schools and policy-makers to do?

There are no easy answers. But research offers a number of concrete ideas for helping students respond, from changing how the next school year is structured to making sure students don't lose access to mental health professionals.

Schools can pull off some of these on their own. Others depend on policymakers allocating extra money or at least protecting schools from deep cuts, a big ask during an economic downturn.

When it comes to making up for lost instruction, "The implications for all levels of policymakers — at the school, district, state, federal level — is this does not come cheap," said Katharine Strunk, a researcher at Michigan State University.

Here are some ideas that schools and policymakers might consider.

## Extend the school day or year

## Writers

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cated technological expectations, abetted by parents who choose to focus their lives on just one or two children. In isolated Rock Springs during my childhood, kids from families often played outdoors, but before any of us escaped the house, mothers would demand, "Make your bed, clean the house and pull some weeds."

The university was my goal because I knew it was the ticket out into the wider world — to do what I wanted — whatever that turned out to be. I rustled up a meager scholarship and worked summers at FMC Corp's soda ash operation. My father had gotten a job there, doing office work for the mine where workers dug out white minerals instead of black coal. As for me, my economic trajectory was up into the middle class, a

Perhaps the most obvious way to help students make up for months of missed school is simple: give them more time later, with an extended school year or longer school days.

Research offers reasons for optimism. When Florida required low-performing schools to extend the school day, research found that students' reading scores increased as a result. Another study found that sending struggling students to summer school after eighth grade decreased their chances of dropping out of high school. And students generally learn continuously while school is in session and backslide when it's not.

"Seat time matters," Strunk said. "The more that kids receive instruction, the better off they do."

Schools could also think about adding time more creatively. One option, adopted in some Massachusetts cities, is to turn spring break into a "vacation academy" where struggling students get extra instruction from teachers who opt in and get paid extra. Two studies have found that this worked to boost learning.

An extended school year could also give students with disabilities more time to make up lost services, and give schools more time to figure out whether their needs have changed.

"If a student didn't get speech therapy for two months, it's not like you can start the school year and just cram in two months of speech therapy in a month's time," said Lauren Morando Rhim, the executive director of the National Center for Special Education in Charter

launch that today, I realize, might be even harder.

Thankfully, my teenage granddaughter has come round to adjusting to our new reality. At some point, the knowledge that she lived through a worldwide epidemic will help her realize that while most of us survived it, many died. Isolation was the tool that worked best to keep her safe. How strange that is — to fight an attacker with solitude.

In their time, her great-grandparents had different struggles, but with creativity and tradition, they made it through, and the generations that followed flourished. We'll get through this, too.

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Schools. "You might be able to offer extra hours or weekend services, but I'm guessing it's going to be a long, slower progress."

Of course, however it's constructed, more time means higher costs. And big shifts can be tough to pull off: Last year, for instance, when New Mexico added 25 school days during the summer in response to a court case, some districts struggled to hire teachers on a short timeline and faced push-back from parents.

## Provide extra tutoring, particularly for students who are most behind

Another way to catch students up is to make sure students who are behind get tutoring in small groups. Research shows this can make a difference: When students in 12 Chicago public high schools got an hour of math-focused tutoring during the school day, with one instructor (usually a recent college graduate) for every two students, it led to substantially higher test scores, math grades and lower rates of course failure, one study found. Separate research in Boston and Houston have found this type of tutoring has positive results, too.

Again, cost is a key hurdle. Even when tutors are paid modest stipends, having such a small student-to-staff ratio is extremely pricey.

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Matt Kraft, a researcher at Brown University, said that the federal government should consider funding an army of tutors to enter schools on an unprecedented scale. This could have a secondary benefit of providing jobs for recent college graduates struggling to find work in a damaged economy.

“Tutoring presents a great opportunity to have a win-win for the economy and for students,” said Kraft.

One caveat: Tutoring efforts in Atlanta and New York City, where staffing ratios were larger — four or five students per tutor — were not nearly as successful. This suggests that hiring a lot of tutors would be critical to making this work.

## ‘Loop’ elementary school teachers with the same group of students

What if when elementary school kids return to school they are greeted by a familiar face — their prior year’s teacher?

This practice — known as looping, in which a teacher follows a group of students to the next grade — might make particular sense when students come back. It could provide a degree of emotional security for students who haven’t been in schools for months and make it easier for teachers to help students catch up.

“The benefit would be that those teachers would know immediately where the kids in the classrooms were, at least when they left the classroom,” said Strunk.

Research shows that looping does in fact help students learn more in the following grades and, in general, students benefit from having more “familiar faces,” including classmates, around them in class. Another upside: it costs little or nothing.

Still, the practice comes with its own challenges. If kindergarten teachers loop with their students, schools must figure out who will teach the entering kindergarteners — something teachers in an elementary school’s highest grade, without a class to loop with, may not be enthusiastic about taking

on. There is also research showing that teachers benefit from the consistency that comes with teaching in the same grade.

## Expand, or at least avoid cutting, the number of adults prepared to help students with trauma and mental health needs

Kids are out of school for a reason: a pandemic that could have caused their parents to lose their jobs or meant they lost a relative to the disease. Virtually all students likely experienced some stress from the disruption to daily routines.

In general, access to school counselors and school-based health clinics helps students, research shows, and they could play a particularly important role in the adjustment period when buildings reopen.

“Before any significant learning can take place, schools need to think very carefully about how they lay the foundation for that supportive and caring climate,” said Jill Cook, the assistant director of the American School Counselor Association. “It can’t be, the second they walk in the door it’s boom, boom, open your math book.”

That period could include a school “needs assessment” to identify what students and staff are coping with, with administrators mapping out their own mental health staff’s capacity and whether they could add support from community-based providers or educator preparation programs.

Counselors, social workers, school psychologists and nurses could instruct classes or small groups of students or parents on how to cope with stress and anxiety, in addition to working with individual students most in need of support.

Schools forced to go without those staffers due to budget cuts will be in a tougher position.

“We hope that any potential looming budgetary issues or crises will not put these positions in jeopardy,” Cook said. “They’re going to be needed now, more than ever.”

Those staffers may also be key to helping decide how to handle changes in student behavior or academic abilities — and making sure schools aren’t over-identifying students with behavioral or learning disabilities when they may just be responding to stress, for example.

“When kids return, the behaviors that you’re seeing in the immediate short term may or may not be typical for them as they move forward a couple months into the school year,” said Kathleen Minke, the executive director of the National Association of School Psychologists. “It does require some teasing out.”

## Integrate coronavirus into the curriculum

Another way schools should try to help students when they return is to integrate virus-related content into the school curriculum.

“Social studies classes can examine current social inequality by examining why some communities were affected by COVID-19 more than others; English classes can

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## Thursday, April 23

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Due to the COVID-19 threat, Loaves and Fishes will continue to offer meals to the community as takeout only. There will be no sit-down service. Guests should come to the front doors of the Parish Hall, where they can pick up meals to go. This practice will continue until further notice.

## Friday, April 24

**Seventh Annual Push-Up Challenge Fundraiser.** This year's event will be hosted on Google Hangout Meet. All competitors will sign up at GoFundMe Charity, your platform to raise funds for Rise during this annual campaign. Categories will be limited this year to Individual Female and Individual Male.

**Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership: 'How We Grow' Film.** 6 p.m. A shortened, condensed version of the Environmental Film Festival. We will be showing the movie so we can watch it together and have a conversation with the filmmakers. To participate, visit <https://zoom.us/j/133064826>, meeting ID: 133 064 826. For more information, email [robin.young@colostate.edu](mailto:robin.young@colostate.edu) or call 264-5931.

## Wednesday, April 29

**Denim Day.** Noon, Denim Day is a symbolic gesture of solidarity against sexual violence. Participate in our social media event and be entered for a prize. Post a picture in your denim with a caption of why you wear jeans or who you are wearing jeans for. Post a video of you taking a walk in your jeans and get two entries. Wear your jeans with a purpose: Support survivors and educate yourself and others, [riseaboveviolence.org](http://riseaboveviolence.org).

## Thursday, April 30

# Students

■ continued from previous page include writing prompts about the hidden costs of the pandemic on students' lives," said Francis Pearman, a Stanford education professor. "Science classes can examine the ecological determinants of infectious disease."

Of course, teachers would have to think about how to design content that is grade-appropriate, and creating new material might be particularly challenging when teachers are dealing with so many other changes.

But addressing the pandemic head-on could help children make

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## Saturday, May 2

**Virtual Walk for Moms.** 8-11 a.m. Honor the superhero in your life by walking for a young mom. Instead of coming together at the park, we are going to encourage teams to dress up, and then walk in their neighborhoods while taking a video or photo and sharing it. We will livestream the event and post videos and photos on Facebook. We will all enjoy the outdoors in small numbers, but celebrate together from our various neighborhoods. Visit [aspirepagosa.org](http://aspirepagosa.org).

## Saturday, June 27

**Auction for the Animals.** 6 p.m., Community Center.

## Saturday, July 11

**Pagosa Duathlon.** 6:45 a.m., Brockover Road. For more information and to register, go to [www.riseaboveviolence.org](http://www.riseaboveviolence.org).

**Seeds of Learning Presents Dancing with the Pagosa Stars.** 5:45 p.m., Community Center.

## Thursday, July 30

**Archuleta County Fair.** 8 a.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds. This is an old-time county fair, so look for the 4-H animals, petting farm, food vendors, pie-eating contests, karaoke, tug-of-war, 4-H chuck wagon dinner, junior livestock auction, rodeos and a lot of great live music. General admission is \$5 adults, \$3 children. Check the website for the admission to the rodeo.

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## New Thought to consider the road for expression of spirit

By Lisa Burnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

“Life is the expression of spirit through matter. To make life manifest requires the union of spirit and body.” — Daniel Palmer.

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### Cancellations

Due to public health concerns, we are canceling the following events until further notice:

Stories To Tell Us, scheduled each Sunday at 2 p.m., is canceled.

Fountain of Youth and Yoga Stretches are canceled until further notice.

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## A rainbow's promise

By Jan Davis  
Special to The PREVIEW

The social media post asked homeowners to hang a picture of a rainbow in the front window of their residence, a virtual scavenger hunt as children searched every window and hoped to discover the rainbow first.

I hurried to make my own. Children held the hands of parents and pointed to the different windows as they strolled by. The rainbows even caught the attention of adults as they walked their dogs. A part of me wanted to display a sketch from every windowpane. A reminder of God's eternal promise.

When God told Noah to build the ark as protection from a great rain, no one comprehended the significance of this event or how it would shift the course of history. Neighbors mocked him, yet he continued to work day after day. When the barrage of water came, Noah and his family remained safe. Life inside the ark became the new norm as death raged outside.

Today, we face an invisible enemy. Our world is confronted with a pandemic. Most Americans have never suffered at the hands of a nemesis of this magnitude in their lifetime.

The United States shifted into panic mode as shoppers dashed to stores and emptied shelves of nonperishable items. A shortage of toilet paper caused major anxiety for the general public. Why, no one understood. But the actions of society driven by fear became ir-

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rational. Chaos and confusion bred greed and created hoarding. Mankind switched to survival tactics.

Nothing in the past prepared us for this plague. The scare of the coronavirus rocked our world. We adapted to change and realigned our priorities. Individuals displayed concern for families. Jobs hung in the balance and markets bordered on recession. Citizens sacrificed for the greater good and learned to live with less and appreciate more.

As death tolls began to rise, the church left the building and became a feasible force in their communities. A rainbow in the midst of the rain. Christians focused on the needs of others and volunteers from every walk of life stepped forward to help.

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# Volunteers needed for senior shopping assistance program

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Pagosa Senior Center has initiated a senior shopping assistance program during this period of pandemic emergency. Many members of our community are practicing social distancing and voluntary isolation, and access to groceries and prescription medicine has been identified as a critical need.

A hotline has been established to connect with a Senior Center volunteer to get the process started. The access number is 422-7084.

Volunteers are needed to help staff telephone lines and to perform the actual shopping tasks. In Pagosa Springs, contact Rod Hubbard at (303) 594-5117 to volunteer.

## Drive-through pick-up meals continue

## Senior News

We are continuing our temporary closing of the congregate dining room due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

In order to continue providing meals, we are offering take-out hot meals and a salad with a drive-up option under the portico at the Ross Aragon Community Center. These meals will be available Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is a \$4 suggested donation for those age 60 and above. If you need to have your meal delivered, please call

264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area. The cost per meal for the public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread. Our daily menu is posted on our website at psseniors.org and is below. Please call 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program.

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## The Community Café menu

Thursday, April 23 — Salmon tacos, sweet potato fries with paprika,

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time spent with Christ to a frightened world. We offer encouragement to the hopeless.

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family without worry of contamination, don't forget to pause and reflect on lessons realized. We are stronger together. Then look for the rainbow, God's timeless token of his goodness and faithfulness.

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"The rainbow shall be in the cloud and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."  
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Solve the code to discover words related to landscaping.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 16 = n)

**A. 22 3 17 16**

*Clue: Contains grass*

**B. 23 3 12 7 24 16**

*Clue: Organized plants*

**C. 26 22 3 16 9 19**

*Clue: Living organisms with roots*

**D. 7 24 19 8 23 16**

*Clue: Plan or drawing*

Answers: A. lawn B. garden C. plants D. design



# Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Byron Greco

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

Like sparrows, gulls are challenging to identify. Most have a color scheme of black, white and gray. Adding in the mix of juvenile and hybrid plumages further complicates the choice. Paying attention to size, eyes, legs, bill, wingtips, behavior and location will narrow the field of possibilities.

In breeding plumage, the small Franklin's gull adult has a black head, white eye crescents, dark gray upper parts, short red bill, red legs and black wingtips. It is one of the most migratory of gulls, flying up to 7,000 miles from the coasts of Chile and Peru to breeding grounds in the interior of Canada.

These gulls are dependent on extensive prairie marshes for breeding and raising young. They nest in large, noisy colonies of hundreds or thousands of birds on floating nests less than 2 feet apart. After nesting, they wander widely in western North America, where they are an interior species found in a wide range of habitats.

Franklin's gulls mainly eat invertebrates and, in migration, are found feeding in fields (often following tractors), pastures, landfills and wetlands. They capture insects in flight or on the ground, and in shallow waters will spin in circles, creating a vortex which brings prey to the surface.

In the United States, their population has declined by up to 95 percent in the last 50 years.

While certainly not a common bird here, they have been seen on Navajo Lake and Hatcher lake at this time of year.

When our Audubon chapter can resume group activities, they will be posted on our website, [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org) or at [www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/](https://www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/).

# Senior

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Brazilian black bean soup, milk, salad and orange/pineapple cake.

Friday, April 24 — Sliced turkey with gravy, caramelized butternut squash, roasted asparagus with walnuts, milk, salad and pumpkin muffin.

Monday, April 27 — Chicken and dumplings, buttered corn, sautéed French-cut green beans, milk, salad and blueberry lattice pie.

Tuesday, April 28 — Pork bratwurst, peppers and onions on a hoagie, twice-baked cauliflower, steamed asparagus with lemon, milk, salad and baked apples and pears.

Wednesday, April 29 — Crab cakes with remoulade sauce, roasted red potatoes, avocado and tomato salad, milk, salad and apple crisp.

Thursday, April 30 — Turkey salad on croissant, potato/leek soup, broccoli with butter, milk, salad and chocolate chip cookie.

Reservations and cancellations are required. You can make a reservation at 264-2167 by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you would like to drive through and pick up a meal at The Community Café at the Senior Center in the Community Center.

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# Celebrating National Library and Volunteer Weeks in absentia

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Author Sherry Anderson once said, "Volunteers are not paid — not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless." Everyone on your library staff agrees. Our volunteers are everyday heroes who make a lasting impact on your library.

That's why every year during National Volunteer Week, Meg Wempe and her team host a thank-you gathering for library volunteers. This is an event that is especially meaningful when it falls at the same time as National Library Week, as is true this year, when both were scheduled to be celebrated April 19-25.

But that was before COVID-19. "We were considering different ways to honor our volunteers during this time of stay-at-home mandates," Wempe said. "After much consideration, we decided to postpone our annual celebration this week until we can all come together and staff can say 'thank you' in person. It's uncertain when that time will be right now, but I wanted to reach out on behalf of library staff to all of our volunteers to say thank you, we hope you're staying safe, and we look forward to seeing you again soon."

## Library operations now

While we remain closed because of COVID-19, there are many free resources that still are available from the comfort of your home via our website at [www.pagosalibrary.org](http://www.pagosalibrary.org):

1. You can view your account and place holds — but because of the suspension of courier service between Colorado libraries, you are able to place holds only on our library's items at this time. All the new books and CDs in this column



qualify, as they are in our collection. When the library reopens, our staff will pull the holds you placed while we were closed.

2. Do you have cabin fever? What better time than now to take advantage of many free our online learning resources that can be accessed from your home with your library card. To highlight a few: You have access to ways to repair your car (AutoMate) or lawnmower (Small Engine Repair Reference Center); learn a foreign language (Transparent Language); or take a class on pet care, crafts and hobbies, alternative medicine and computer training, and more (Universal Class). To see them all, go to our website at [pagosalibrary.org](http://pagosalibrary.org) and select the gray tab towards the top of the page that says "Online Resources."

3. You can download e-books and audiobooks through our CloudLibrary app on your smartphone or tablet. IndieFlix allows unlimited streaming access to award-winning shorts, feature films and documentaries. By using the online resource TumbleBook Library, you can find children's books and audiobooks.

4. As always, you can access Wi-Fi from your car in our parking lot — with your windows and doors closed, please.

And a reminder of three don'ts:  
1. No drop-offs, please. We're asking you to keep all materials that you have checked out until this crisis is over instead of returning

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Music for a movie
- 6 Dance maneuver
- 10 Kind of carpet
- 14 Casanova, for one
- 15 Distinctive air
- 16 Sullen look
- 17 1836 battle site
- 18 Fingerboard ridge
- 19 It follows that
- 20 Magic charm
- 22 Kind of monkey
- 24 Stadium section
- 25 New parents' need
- 26 Quirky
- 29 Italian dressing ingredient
- 31 Set straight
- 33 Fearless
- 37 Seamstress stickers
- 38 Not forthright
- 39 Word with arm or dish
- 40 Ghostly
- 43 TV's Rogers or Ed
- 45 Like sachets
- 47 Sun shade?
- 48 Lucy who played Xena
- 51 Frosted a cake
- 53 Shocked
- 54 Beach area
- 58 Novel idea
- 59 SWAT operation
- 61 Bug
- 62 Recital piece
- 63 Like Andersen's duckling
- 64 \_\_\_ with (tolerate)
- 65 Large pitcher
- 66 Apportion, with "out"
- 67 Token taker

### DOWN

- 1 Blind segment

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- 2 Vending machine item
- 3 Face shape
- 4 Make a payment
- 5 Shoreline problem
- 6 African tour
- 7 \_\_\_ the tables
- 8 Before of yore
- 9 Tom Brady, notably
- 10 Word in a Tom Hanks film title
- 11 Derby entrant
- 12 Foretell from omens
- 13 "Eww!"
- 21 Go soft, in a way
- 23 It grows on you
- 25 Refuse
- 26 "My bad!"
- 27 Tap trouble
- 28 Sup in style
- 30 String instrument
- 32 Moving stairway
- 34 "Ad Astra" star
- 35 Inking
- 36 Hollywood's Bruce or Laura
- 38 Machine parts
- 41 Half of seis
- 42 Speaker's platform
- 43 Flaky rock
- 44 Arctic sightings
- 46 Woodstock wear
- 48 Expire
- 49 Visibly happy
- 50 Like some milk
- 52 Coffee break snack
- 54 River sediment
- 55 Lock opener?
- 56 TV's Hutch
- 57 Use a keyboard
- 60 Census datum

### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to landscaping.

S A G S R

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Answer: Grass

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## Staff are hard at work

Staff are working from home and performing a wide variety of tasks to better serve you. Many are taking professional development classes to increase their skill sets, and some are working on what this year's Summer Reading Program will look like. Some are ordering and cataloging new materials to be ready when we reopen.

And Wempe is keeping herself up to date on how the library can help keep our community — patrons and staff alike — as safe as possible. For example, she attended a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) webinar about how to mitigate COVID-19 with circulating and paper-based materials. In addition, she meets twice weekly with other Colorado public library directors as they help each other navigate this situation with the most authoritative resources.

If you have a question, you can email [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org) or call us at 264-2209 and leave a message. Staff are returning messages Monday through Friday to assist patrons.

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## Thrillers, suspense and mysteries

"The Red Lotus" by Chris Bohjalian focuses on the disappearance of a man in Vietnam while he was there with his girlfriend. "The Body from the Woods" by Harlan Coben features a man who himself was found living feral as a child in the forest. "The Last Odyssey" by James Rollins combines cutting-edge science, historical mystery and mythology.

## Other novels

"The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich is based on the life of her grandfather, who carried the fight for Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington. "It's Not Downhill from Here" by Terry McMillan features a 68-year-old woman facing an unexpected loss. "The Glass Hotel" by Emily St. John Mandel combines a massive Ponzi scheme and a disappearance at sea. "The Faceless Old

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6	8	7	4	3	2	5	9	1
3	2	5	1	9	7	8	6	4
8	1	3	9	2	6	4	5	7
5	6	2	7	4	3	1	8	9
4	7	9	5	8	1	2	3	6
7	9	8	2	5	4	6	1	3
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**ANSWER:**

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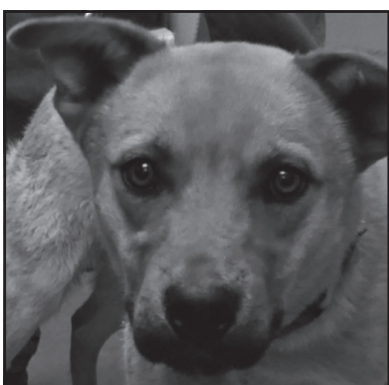
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# For our children, risk is OK — danger is not

By John Lough  
Special to The PREVIEW

As parents, a common goal is to protect our children as much as possible. We don't want to see our kids hurt physically, emotionally or psychologically. And, yet, most of us realize that such a goal is virtually impossible to achieve.

While it's relatively easy to try and keep our children from some physical harm through actions like making them buckle up every time they're in the car, making sure they have the necessary vaccinations and keeping a regular schedule of doctor and dentist visits, kids are sometimes still going to get hurt just because they're kids. Climbing that tree probably seemed a good idea, just like sledding down that steep hill looked perfectly safe and riding that mountain bike off that jump looked like it would be nothing but a fun experience.

The reality is that kids often aren't able to see the danger in certain activities with the same clarity that parents can. Yet, despite our parental fears, it actually is a good thing for our kids to learn to take some risks, even if they fail at them sometimes. The intention for parents should be to help educate their child on the differences between danger and risk.

While climbing a tree will often look dangerous to a parent, a child will only see the challenge. But if the child has not been taught on safe ways to climb that tree, what height limits are OK and similar information, it can indeed be a perilous activity.

When a parent can instruct on how to minimize danger and instead enjoy the benefits and thrills that overcoming risk can offer, the parent is helping their child develop in a healthy way. Children are very sensitive to things that

are bothering or worrying their parents, and if a parent is communicating constantly the need to be careful or to avoid most situations or activities, it only heightens a child's fears and feelings of insecurity.

But when a parent encourages sensible risk and helps teach a child how to approach and conquer such risk, they are helping that child to grow and feel more secure, confident and successful.

We all want our children's world to contain as little danger as possible, but encouraging a child to take on some risk and teaching them to do it in safe ways is essential to having that child develop into a strong, secure adult.

"Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association (ACA). Send your comments and questions to [ACAcorner@counseling.org](mailto:ACAcorner@counseling.org) or visit the ACA website at [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org).

# Archuleta County free legal clinic set for May 8

By Ric Morgan  
Special to The PREVIEW

The upcoming Archuleta County Virtual Pro Se Clinic (VPC) Free Legal Clinic will be May 8 from 2 to 3 p.m. To be added to the sign-up sheet, send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic," plus your name and phone number, to [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org).

Despite the COVID-19 closures of libraries across Colorado, the VPC clinics will still be held as scheduled. We're able to do this and keep clinic patrons safe because our volunteer attorneys already

work remotely.

As a work-around, instead of clinic patrons coming in person to your local public library (which is closed), the volunteer attorney will call each clinic patron's telephone directly, during clinic hours, using the phone number provided to your library staff. Although VPC clinic patrons will see a slight shift in how our free legal support is delivered, they should experience no significant disruption in service.

Your local library staff will schedule all appointments and the volunteer attorney will call each clinic patron directly by

telephone. For this reason, it is especially important that a reliable phone number be included for scheduling clinic patrons. Space is limited.

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# HEY STUDENTS!

## Have you nominated your Adult Role Model for 2020?

- Confident
- Determined
- Trustworthy
- Good Listener
- Energetic
- Passionate
- Makes positive choices
- Respects others
- Positive attitude
- Inclusive
- Patient
- Selfless
- Inspiring
- Helpful
- Fun

*We are extending the Adult Role Model Campaign until May 1st.*

**Who is your Role Model?**  
**Who is your hero in this time of COVID-19?**

*Forms went home with students at the beginning of March or you can request a form. Forms can also be downloaded at <https://sjbpublichealth.org/thrivingcommunities>*

Call Cheryl Bowdridge  
at 970-946-5276 with questions  
or email: [cbowdridge@sjbpublichealth.org](mailto:cbowdridge@sjbpublichealth.org)



Adult Role Model Campaign brought to you by Rise Above Violence, Archuleta School District, San Juan Basin Health Department

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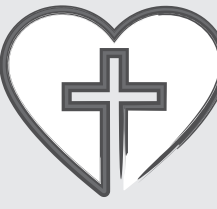
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*John 14:27*

In light of health concerns for our community, the Pagosa Springs Church of Christ has suspended all public assemblies until further notice. This includes our Bible classes and worship services.

A website you may go to on Sunday for worship at home is <https://polishingthepulpit.com/>. The service will have congregational singing, prayers, communion thoughts, a Bible study with Dan Winkler, and thoughts on giving.

With more time available you might like to spend some of it in studying at home.

- If you are struggling with faith or have questions go to <https://www.doesgodexist.org/>. John Clayton was a former atheist who came to belief in God through science. He was a science teacher specializing in physics and earth science.
- A site designed to study the Bible in a safe environment: <https://www.mathetis.org/>. You may study alone or form a small group.
- In Search of the Lord's Way may be listened to on KWUF radio at 1400 AM radio every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.
- The following programs may be viewed on DISH TV Sunday mornings on channel 3, KCDO:
  - 6:30 a.m. Let the Bible Speak
  - 7:00 a.m. The Truth in Love
  - 7:30 a.m. In Search of the Lord's Way

If you need to talk, please call the church building and we will get in touch with you. As the virus continues to spread please pray for leaders, the workers on the front lines, the sick, those who have lost loved ones, and those working on vaccines and cures. We pray life is back to normal soon.

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