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Health order prohibits vacation rentals from operating

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The state health department has issued an order that prohibits vacation rentals from operating in Colorado, according to Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver.

At the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners' work session on Tuesday, Weaver explained previous orders issued by the state were vague or unclear about vacation rentals.

He noted the most recent health order offers some clarity.

"So, what they've articulated and finally come out and said is,

■ See Rentals A8

Local businesses begin to reopen

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Amid Gov. Jared Polis' Safer at Home guidelines, businesses are reopening around Pagosa Springs.

Safer at Home allowed retail and personal services to open May 1 and noncritical offices to open May 4 if practicing social distancing and safety guidelines.

Businesses deemed "essential" have been permitted to operate, with guidelines, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, one local business that is not reopening is Wolf Creek Ski Area.

Last week, the ski area submitted a variance request to the Silver Thread Public Health Department, which was granted and sent to the state health department for final approval.

The Mineral County commissioners also approved the ski area's reopening plan, and the local hospital and fire department that serve

■ See Businesses A8

COVID-19 case count

The following information was current as of press time Wednesday.

San Juan Basin Public Health data:
Total confirmed cases in Archuleta and La Plata counties: 71
Archuleta County: 8
La Plata County: 63
Deaths: 0
Recovered: 35
Hospitalized: 10

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment data:
Total confirmed cases: 17,364
Deaths: 903
Hospitalized: 2,919



SUN photo/John Finefrock

Social distancing on the San Juan River. With river levels rising, some locals looking to spend time outside took advantage of the quieter-than-normal rafting season earlier this week.

Three elected to Upper San Juan Health Service District board

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The unofficial results for Tuesday's Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) regular election have been released, with three directors elected to three-year terms on the district's board of directors.

The following information was provided by Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese.

Two candidates were re-elected to the board, Matthew A. Mees and James C. Pruitt, and Mark H. Zeigler will join the board for his first term.

Following are the unofficial vote totals for the five candidates:

Mees: 302 votes counted.

Pruitt: 247 votes counted.

Zeigler: 238 votes counted.

Kathryn Alfred: 159 votes counted.

Robert W. Brobst: 156 votes counted.

The USJHSD, which oversees PSMC and PSMC EMS, covers

■ See Election A8

Pagosa Springs Medical Center sees 'significant loss' in revenue due to COVID-19

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Following a strong start to the year, Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) suffered a "significant loss" in revenue in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a report given to the district's board of directors on April 28.

At the end of February, PSMC was 12.14 percent ahead of budget and 18.73 percent ahead of the prior year with gross revenues totaling \$10,778,881, and was 12.26

percent above budget and 17.74 percent ahead of the prior year in net patient revenues, according to a February financial report for the district given in March.

At the end of the first two months, PSMC's bottom line was \$45,715 — above the budgeted deficit of \$175,000 and the prior year's deficit of \$555,767.

"February was an excellent income month for PSMC (its best February ever). All of this is good

■ See Medical A8

Fire potential increased due to dry conditions, local officials advise caution

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

"We're looking at conditions definitely getting hotter and dryer and lining up for large fire potential, and so we've definitely been preparing for increased fire danger," Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Deputy Chief Karn Macht said in an interview on May 6.

This year's fire outlook is projected to be worse than last year's, Macht explained, adding that the PFPD is expecting a 2013 or 2018

scenario given the current conditions.

However, Macht noted that this upcoming season should not be as bad as 2018 because of this year's snowpack.

As of May 6, local basins have a total snowpack of 54 percent of median. The Upper San Juan site has a snowpack total of 36 percent and the Wolf Creek summit is at 49 percent of median, according to the Natural Resources Conserva-

■ See Fire A8



Photo courtesy Rise Above Violence

Paula Miller and her pals participate in Rise Above Violence's Denim Day on April 29. The event was held in support of victims and survivors of sexual assault.

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EDITORIAL

What's been hardest for you during the pandemic?

We asked SUN readers and Facebook friends, "What's been hardest for you during the pandemic?"

The following is an unedited sampling of what they had to share:

Anthony S. Rivas: "Living in the city and being stuck at home."

Lorie Griego: "Not having a steady paycheck. With bills still needing to be paid."

Connie McKeithen Prunty: "No traveling or camping!"

Keele Smith: "No gym!!"

Cheryl Ward-Bowdridge: "Not seeing my family, friends and students."

Nancy Ray: "Hugs from friends."

Bob Hemenger: "Not getting to play or listen to live music. Not getting to visit my parents in Detroit."

Suzy Potter Bruce: "Not being able to attend church in the building and not being able to go into a restaurant and enjoy being waited on! I'm tired of cooking 7 days a week!"

Brandye Byrd Kiker: "Watching all the kids struggling with job loss, school changes, no commencement, etc. And watching local businesses suffering."

Lisa Hartley: "Not being able to hug the littles in my life. Miss playing in the concert bands I'm involved in and the canceled musicals and concerts I had tickets for."

Kathleen Grams: "Not being able to see family & friends."

Joan Stofft Hageman: "Not being able to hug my children and grandchildren. I miss them so!"

Lisa Griffin Smith: "Not being able to see my children! But so proud of my son whose a police officer and my daughter who works at the boulder Hospital."

Janet Valdez: "In person ... Hugs & Laughter with kids & grandkids!"

Carol Ann Peterson: "Social interaction."

Stacy Boone: "Not being able to be the hands on educator I want to be."

Michele Sweitzer: "Making ends meet!"

Julie Dockery Taylor: "Home schooling my kids who are in 3rd and 1st grade .trying to figure out the technology of the apps and how to upload school work."

Justin Cowan: "Not being able to walk through the school and observe all the amazing things the kids and teachers are involved in. Singing with them. Laughing with them. Watching a child's eyes light up with understanding and a teacher smile as her students learn."

Sylvia McDaniel: "Not being able to

travel. I've had to cancel a business trip and most importantly a trip to see my mother."

Beth Anderson Einig: "Not being able to meet up and shoot Cowboy Fast Draw and then go out to eat with my San Juan Shootists! And I miss choir with my church!"

Angel Gonzalez: "What to make for Lunch/Dinner."

Sam Conti: "I miss not being able to see my clients face to face and giving hugs to my fellow therapists."

Joann Pacheco: "Planning on visiting family and my mom in Pagosa, when plans where made head of time, had to cancel Easter and now Mother's Day. Yes I have been working on the front line serving customers since the first of March when this broke out, and still working, my vacation starts on Sunday, now I stay home, most like I just work."

Sally Logee Neel: "That feeling of uncertainty when I leave the house. I miss hugging my friends and worshipping with my church community."

Susan Niemiec McAdams: "I miss going to church on Sunday and loving on my church family."

Diane Maun: "Wearing a mask without fogging my glasses and socializing with friends."

Jack Ellis: "Not hanging out with the grandkids."

Scott Wall: "Watching local business owners and their staff suffer through this over-reaction. They all work so hard to make this a wonderful place to live."

S.J. Cooper: "The uncertainty."

Mary Callan: "Thinking of all those poor people who have had to die alone... it must be so lonely and frightening. My heart breaks for them...to die alone after suffering so much, and often times being hit so suddenly with the illness, it must be terrifying. I pray constantly that our dear Lord scoops them up quickly and consoles them."

Rhonda Webb: "Trying to make decisions without facts."

Kathleen Wells Steventon: "Thinking about the immigrant children who our government has kidnapped. Trapped in crowded cages. No doubt dying of Cov19 without anyone to know. That is the hardest thing to feel."

Joe Darr: "Not being able to sing in the church choir."

Thomas Otho Fletcher: "Trying to deal with doctors."

Michelle Kappauf: "Juggling two essential jobs and homeschooling two kiddos as

a single mom."

DiAL: "My mom passed away on March 28th. So sad that she was in 'lock down' at her assisted living facility for the last month of her life and we had to cancel our trip to see her right before she passed. I just think she was so sad with all this going on in the world. Thank God she had her faith and always would tell us she was ready to go be with my dad."

Beverly D. Chester: "Not being able to see friends and line dance!"

Jim Harris: "Going to work every day knowing people are getting paid to sit at home."

Renee Cordova: "Not being able to see other people's expressions."

Mary Hoizan Helmski: "Seeing my sister suffer alone with the death of her husband."

Joe Netherton: "Watching the governments at all levels over react to models that haven't been anywhere near accurate causing untold Americans to panic and live in fear of each other and everything. This has caused so many to miss out on literally everything that is important in their lives."

Stephanie Bramble: "I was at school in New Zealand and the remainder of my school was canceled and I was sent home. After being surrounded by amazing friends everyday to coming home to self quarantine for two weeks then to remain in isolation was incredibly difficult, especially for an extrovert who thrives on social interaction."

Josephine Ribera: "Not being able to be with daughter in Florida to watch my grandson while she had my granddaughter and her hubby not being able to be with her in the delivery room because he stayed home to take care of my grandson. Also, not being able to hug and hold the grandbabies I have close by and come by to see their 93 year-old great grandma, (she misses them, too.) Missing family time."

Alison Marie Beach: "Working from home with my 3 kids and still meeting deadlines. I have a 10yo who is distance learning, a 3yo who has fairly constant temper tantrums and a baby who just learned how to crawl. I can say for certain that I am more busy and exhausted than pre-quarantine."

Space doesn't allow for us to print every comment that we received. We'll share more of the answers submitted next week.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of

May 7, 1920

Harry Williamson has moved into his new and inviting billiard and pool parlor in the new Sullenburger block. This is the most attractive and popular resort of the kind in the city, and the lovers of in-door sports can while away an idle hour here to their fullest satisfaction and pleasure.

Material, cement, etc., are arriving daily for the new Sparks Hdw. Co. building. Work on the same will commence shortly.

Joe Myers, ranching on the Walter Tynan place on Yellowjacket, between Bayfield and Pagosa Springs, suffered a severe loss Saturday afternoon when six large stacks of grain were burned.

Together with his brother Mr. Myers was out riding when they first noticed the fire. Every stack, they assert, was ringed by fire at the time and they believe the fire was of incendiary origin. It is estimated that between 1800 and 3000 bushels of wheat were contained in the six stacks.

Frank Schoonover hooked a 23 inch rainbow Friday evening from the San Juan near the bridge in town. It weighed 4 1/2 lbs. dressed, and was a beauty.

Ernest E. Smith was elected treasurer of School District No. 1, Monday in an uncontested race, as was also W.H. Diestelkamp elected secretary for an unexpired term of one year. Mr. Smith was elected for the regular 3-year term. Very little interest was shown in Monday's election only 25 votes being cast, 9 of which were cast by teachers. However, both men are well qualified for the offices.

Pagosa High School Seniors went to Santa Fe last Friday, returning home Saturday, after most interesting visits to the museums, and other local points of interest there. They also visited Tesuque Pueblo, and Echo Canyon. The Senior Class includes Lois Caulk, Hattie Dillinger, Jean Lattin, Sara Ann Nossaman, Bonnie Palmer, Warren Brown, Riley Hill Jr., and James Sharp. Miss Margaret Corrigan and Miss Virginia Brooks supervised the trip. Mrs. John Lynn took her car and Jim Sharp took Will Macht's car.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of

May 11, 1945

Every year along about this time there is considerable talk about spring clean-up, paint-up and fix-up. Various organizations discuss clean-up campaigns, a clean-up week is proclaimed, and a few groups and individuals actually get with it and do some clean-up and paint-up. The town, though, generally speaking, retains its down-at-the-heel, unattractive appearance. The big problem is not setting clean-up campaigns but in getting anyone to join. Almost everyone who lives here agrees that Pagosa Springs is surrounded by some of the most picturesque and beautiful scenery to be found. By the same token almost everyone, including local residents, will admit that the town itself is unattractive and could stand a good clean up and paint job. Almost every local resident would like to see the town boom, and for jobs and money to become plentiful. It should be realized that as long as the town retains its present uncared for look no outsider who can provide jobs, capital, and initiative is going to force himself upon the community. No one backs a loser.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of

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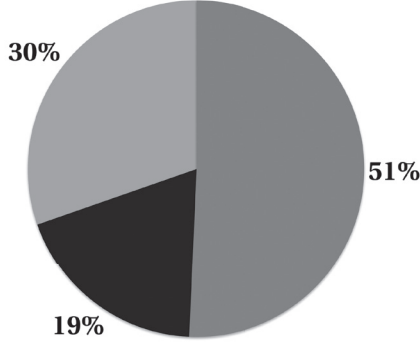
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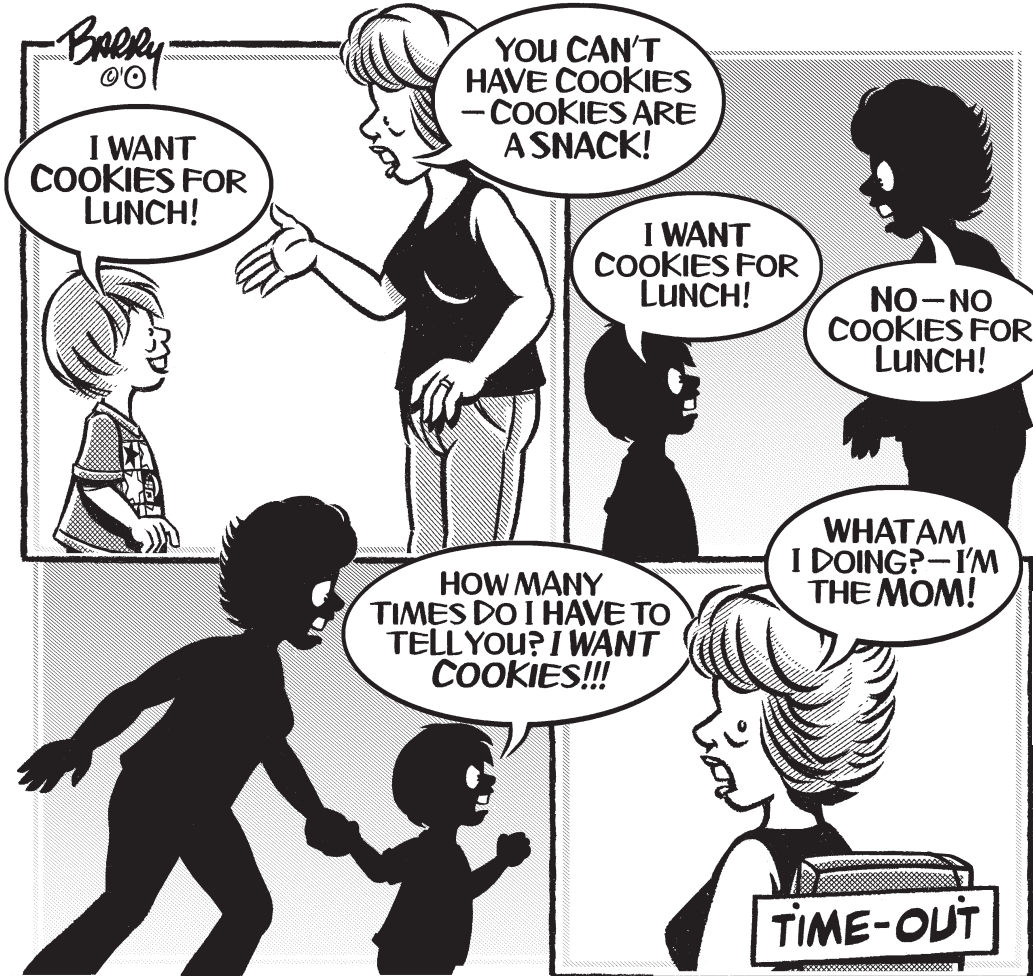
No. — 19 percent

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Letters

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Wear face masks

Dear Editor:
Many people don't realize that M-W-F from 6-8 am are allotted for seniors only shopping at City Market. Seniors are the most critically affected by the Covid19 virus, so thank you City Market for carving out the time for us. I was at City Market Friday morning and as I was entering, a young man was exiting with his bag of groceries. I understand that some people don't know that senior shopping is "a thing", but this young man didn't wear a face mask. Tuesday, I had

to go back to City Market to pick up a prescription that I couldn't pick up Friday because the pharmacy doesn't open until 9 am. I was shocked at the number of people in the store who had no face mask.

This pandemic is far from over and the new normal is to wear face masks in public for everyone's protection, not just yours. We bent the curve which has given hospitals the opportunity to get the supplies they need to be better prepared for Covid patients. However, we are not out of harms way until there is a vaccine to prevent the spread.

Face masks are key to continue bending the curve and coming back into the public. They can be anything from a bandana to a surgical mask so there's no excuse. If we don't follow the Governors protocol, the numbers will go up and we will be back in lockdown. It just takes a small amount of consideration. Thank you in advance.

Terrie Fisher

Wolf Creek: A class act

Dear Editor:
In this past week the owners and operators of Wolf Creek Ski Area submitted to the proper authorities a variance to the current restrictions for the distance of travel for recreation purposes. They also submitted a well thought out, safe and viable plan to reopen the Ski Area in these COVID-19 times. Although local authorities approved of this plan it was denied at the state level along with all other Colorado ski areas.

I feel that their efforts to reopen were a selfless act of class. It would have tremendously benefited our local ski enthusiasts as well as their employees. It was a sincere attempt which shows their enthusiasm and desire to cultivate the sport.

I am proud to have such an organization as one of the main driving forces greatly influencing our local mountain community. Wolf Creek Ski Area is the glue that holds our immediate area together.

As a season pass holder and proud Gray Wolf member I greatly appreciate their efforts and dedication.

Gerard A. Henken

'Not on this street'

Dear Editor:

Hot springs to not springs in a second. My wife and I had a dream to build a luxury hotel and wedding facility around the old Spanish mission that we moved to the property. All set to go this summer with \$2 million invested. Then the geniuses at the Big Brother Town Hall decided to put 34 low income affordable housing units next to me. First off they changed the zoning for county housing in a town center. Why would they be allowed to do that without notifying neighboring landowners. If you want to drug your people and make them lazy and stupid please do not destroy the value of my property in the process. Why not try to attract the real business and not the drug business that destroys our children? Will the people getting the housing be drug tested? As a result of the town planner's incompetence, this 2 million dollar project has to walk and destroy my family's future and legacy. A tyrant's plan is the following. First they legalize drugs to destroy our children and make our people stupid, second they will control all housing in the town center and dictate what we can or cannot do with our properties. Then we have a crisis where we tell people not to work which will destroy people's lives. Now they have full control, just pay us our taxes and dictate what we can do. How long has Hot Springs Boulevard remained empty and sad? Now it will look more depressing with the 34 prison-like houses that they are building for the county on a city lot? We should build private hot springs for people to and give them all the free drugs they want. I am not against affordable housing, but not on this street that was supposed to be dream street ever since David Brown (the old owner of the land) and Jack Morgan (the neighbor) would be rolling in their graves. Sad to be giving up on a dream, but you can't fight dictators.

McMullen Family

The cruelest month

Dear Editor:

T.S. Eliot said, "April is the cruelest month." This year, my bet is that May will redefine cruelty in the United States.

This month, Americans, carrying assault weapons and some waving Nazi flags, demand that the lockdowns end. They are applauded by their reckless president.

This month, thousands of workers in meat processing plants are being required by Executive Order to work without adequate protection, regardless of the risk.

This month, this president will blame the President of China, the WHO President, former President Obama, and anyone else who might deflect attention from his failure to act decisively to protect us from the virus.

This month, Americans will continue to endure the ravages of a pandemic that was allowed to run rampant in the US while other nations, better informed and better led, are well on the road to recovery.

In just 34 days, 65,000+ Americans died; 30,000+ Americans were furloughed. While Trump desperately tries to change the subject, COVID19 continues its relentless spread into the heartland, unchecked by testing and contact tracing, which are still woefully inadequate.

This month, the "I take no responsibility" president brazenly takes victory laps as states reopen their economies, despite predicting tens of thousands of additional deaths. I guess we're supposed to "get over it."

This month, a president who cares about nothing beyond his re-election prospects directs the US to skip the world-wide virtual summit to work on strategies for a COVID 19 vaccine.

What's it all about, Donald? Lives or dollars?

We're watching, appalled, as this president reaches new depths of moral bankruptcy. Americans need to make critical choices in May, and

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Major design review sketch of new courthouse approved, reduced scope possible for final design

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The major design review sketch for the planned Archuleta County Courthouse was approved by the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission at a regular meeting on April 28, with the commission highlighting a few things it would like to see in the final plans.

The courthouse, planned for 125 Harman Park Drive, is adjacent and west to the detention facility that is currently under construction, Town Planning Director James Dickhoff explained during the meeting.

The proposed project will contain 17,115 square feet of heated space and is expected to be one story; the project is expected to have three courtrooms, Dickhoff noted.

Additionally, the project is expected to have 7,880 square feet for a probation department, 2,293 square feet for a county clerk area, 1,043 square feet for a holding area and secure corridor and 3,727 square feet for a commons room, circulation and restrooms, he described.

Construction is expected to start sometime in the summer of 2020, Dickhoff noted.

The courthouse is located within the mixed-use corridor district for zoning purposes, Dickhoff added later.

In regard to building height and yard setbacks, the courthouse building complies with both codes, Dickhoff explained.

However, within the site plan provided to the planning commission, there is not a detention pond area or identified snow storage areas, both of which will have to be provided at the final design review application stage, he

explained further.

"The building is placed on the southern end of the site. There may be a benefit in moving the building closer to the street edge and providing building access and parking lots on the south side of the lot," Dickhoff said.

However, Dickhoff noted that there is a need for a corridor connection between the detention facility and the courthouse, adding that he is comfortable with the current proposal.

For parking, the site has a proposed shared eastern driveway with the detention facility and a western driveway access to Harman Park Drive, Dickhoff explained.

With the proposed project size of 17,115 square feet, 57 parking spaces would be needed, Dickhoff explained further, adding that the site is actually proposing 74 spaces.

"Which would accommodate the future courtroom additions for parking needs," he said. "The parking that they are proposing would actually comply with a full build-out, including those two future courtroom additions."

Sidewalk connectivity has also been provided to the Harman Park Drive sidewalk; however, Dickhoff noted that internal sidewalk connectivity seems "lacking" from the central north and northeast parking areas.

"I would certainly recommend some consideration in providing some safer pedestrian access to the building versus directing those pedestrians through the parking lot," he said.

Additionally, Dickhoff recommended that the final site plan incorporate some outdoor sitting areas for people.

Within the proposed site plan, Dickhoff noted that the final plans should have ap-

propriate required screening and identifiable dumpster and trash storage areas.

The final site plan will also need to include specification sheets for exterior lighting, he added later.

Future plans

Following more discussion, Brad Ash of Reynolds Ash and Associates explained that the size and future expansion of the courthouse was done through a state program that informs developers how big courtrooms need to be.

"The plan is to accommodate more shared space and part of that was in, kind of, what the courts could give at the time. I'm not speaking for any of those negotiations, just explaining the process," he said. "That was kind of between the county, state and us just being the communicator between the two."

According to Ash, by the time this project comes back for the final major design review, they will know if the facility will definitively be a one-, two- or three-courtroom facility.

"We will be modifying the plan accordingly, but at this stage ultimately, the county's goal is three courtrooms, but it's going to be based on the funds they have available," Ash said. "By the time we come back to you here, pretty quickly we anticipate, then we're going to be presenting you with a reduced scope."

The motion to approve the sketch major design review application for the planned Archuleta County Courthouse was approved unanimously by the planning commission.

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Letters

Continued from A3
again in November. Let's pray that common sense sustains us, because this cruel and conscienceless president is focused only on what's in it for himself.
Stay safe.

K. Muth

Share your light

Dear Editor:

Well, over these past weeks when confined to our homes for "fellowship", I spent some of my time raking and bagging pine needles between sunny days and snowy days — 50 bags so far and I'm still raking. Mercy. — but it has helped make the days go by. Squirrels come looking for "treats" and my neighbor's dog, who I refer to as "the Supervisor", comes over to be sure I am doing it right. Other neighborhood dogs come to share their love. Thankfully, there are signs of Spring and we can enjoy the outdoors so long as we "keep our space".

"Let your little light shine" ... where did those words come from? We see that light shining brightly in the eyes of those on the front lines of this War. Yes, it is the "light" from their souls, providing strength to meet their purpose with love.

Sadly, our President leaves us wondering about his "light" with-

in which appears to have been dimmed as he boasts of his "superior" brain.

So, we'll see how things go. I pray that very soon, our people will be allowed to enjoy our little town again — people need people and we all miss those friendly encounters to share our "light from within".
Hugs to all.

Patty Tillerson

Generosity

Dear Editor:

I am completely humbled by the generosity of so many people helping families and businesses during these times. While there is such hardship and loss, to see how much people will do to assist others shows that we are community. I have two examples.

First, I understand that there are a number of anonymous donors who are helping to cover the \$50 fee for the coronavirus test for low-income and uninsured residents. Those seeking the test are asked about their income, number in the family and if they have insurance.

Second, the Catalyst Church in Canon City has donated \$20,000 to the RIP Medical Debt non-profit. This non-profit buys bundles of medical debt and then forgives those who owe it, with no tax consequences. Catalyst Church want-

ed to help those in rural Colorado counties, which includes Archuleta County. Donations of one dollar or more can cover \$100 or more of medical debt. Thank you to Pastor Ryan McBride and everyone at Catalyst Church. You are inspiring.

Whatever we can do, large or small, matters.

Joan Y. Ward

'Protect the air we breathe'

Dear Editor:

It is a well-known fact, that hospitals around the globe are confronted with a shortage of respirators, required for severe COVID-19 patients to sustain life. However, it is not widely known that Colorado's air pollution can increase our vulnerability to the COVID-19 respiratory pandemic.

Protecting the air we breathe, prioritizing public health and safety, and potentially saving lives, not only during the COVID-19 pandemic, but everyday, should be a top priority of all businesses. Pollution of soils, water and air put us all at increased risk and oil and gas activities are responsible for as much as 40% of the pollution in Colorado. In fact our state's air pollution levels are frequently in violation of air quality laws, additionally citizens living in close proximity to oil and gas production are breathing in toxins that have resulted in spiked

levels of cancer, respiratory disease, and increased risk for permanent lung damage or death.

Despite health and safety logic and the current surplus/diminished value of oil in our country, new fracking permits continue to be approved by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) and pollution from fossil fuel activities has continued unabated. Additionally, on March 25, 2020, the COGCC announced that it is temporarily pausing the rule-making process under Senate Bill 19-181 that required them to make new rules to prioritize public health and safety over drilling.

Now is the time to protect the air we breathe — it is a priceless gift that sustains all life. Let us prioritize our health and safety by halting fossil fuel activities until the pandemic is contained and the legally required rule-making process is complete. I urge Governor Polis and the COGCC to stop, take a breath and contemplate the consequences of their decisions. ... Do you knowingly continue to violate Colorado's air quality laws putting millions at increased risk in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, or step up and protect the air we breathe?
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Carbondale, Colo.

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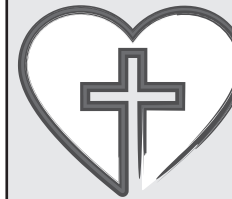
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In light of health concerns for our community, the Pagosa Springs Church of Christ has suspended all public assemblies until further notice. This includes our Bible classes and worship services.

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.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.
- 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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Memory Lane was one of Pagosa's first businesses to reopen on Friday with dinosaur Rexy helping invite the public to shop with them.

Businesses begin to slowly reopen, short-term rentals must remain closed

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Special to The SUN

By an executive order from the governor of Colorado, Archuleta County businesses and offices can slowly begin to reopen their doors. The order, executed on April 27, extends for the next 30 days.

While following is only a highlight of the order, there is a "short" version of the order and a 34-page document. For some of the regulations, you really need to read the full document.

In the effort to keep the COVID-19 cases in the continuing flat line or decrease mode, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the governor's office have issued some guidelines for those businesses that are allowed to open.

Obviously, social distancing, sanitation protocols and employee safety are paramount in the guidelines to reopen. San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) has issued a checklist and self-assessment form they would like for businesses that are reopening to file with their office. This form can be found on the SJBPH site at <https://forms.laplata.co.us/Forms/BusinessCert>.

The highlights are: signage upon entering the establishment warning individuals not to enter if you feel or display symptoms of the virus and basic health protocols; employee safety self-checking for symptoms, providing masks, and time to frequently wash hands and social distancing; crowd prevention and social distancing where the business either marks out spaces at checkout, reorganizes flow within the store or office or limiting the number of people in the establishment; sanitation protocols are in place; unnecessary contact efforts; other efforts. The business will then self-attest that they are meeting these guidelines and submit the form to SJBPH.

However, the governor also encourages that if you do not need to open and telecommuting is working well for your office, continue to telecommute. Offices can only bring back up to 50 percent of office staff and you must meet the self-assessment tool. Food establishments can only continue to offer drive-up, take-out or delivery services.

One sector of much discussion

that the Chamber of Commerce has received a number of calls about is the ability of short-term rentals (STRs) to open up. According to the state's guidelines, STRs cannot open up for rental at this time. These guidelines are in place 30 days after the execution of the order, or until May 26. Considered Critical Infrastructure: "Hotels, and places of accommodation, excluding private, short-term vacation-style rentals such as those arranged through an online hosting platform, including but not limited to VRBO or Airbnb, rented for a period of 30 days or fewer, homeowner rentals and privately owned residences for rent, except if offered for use for the public health response."

You may read the entire 34-page Public Health 20-28 Safer at Home Order at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-in-colorado/public-health-executive-orders-resource>.

The purpose, again, of opening up gradually is to make sure that the virus is in check in our community, to prepare for the next phase of public integration, and safety for us all. We encourage all businesses to look at their reopening protocols, self-assess and self-certify with the SJBPH department, and keep employee and client safety a priority. No one wants to reduce business and close again.

The Chamber offices are staffed Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call in advance to gain access to the building. The phones, 264-2360, are answered Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Consultations and visits are available by appointment.

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Town Clean-Up Week 2020 set for May 18-23

By Don Volger
Special to The SUN

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Once again, I would like to personally urge you to participate in Clean-Up Week 2020. The town will assist residents in cleaning up our community by accepting refuse, at no charge, at the Town Streets Division location at 976 S. 5th St.

We will be accepting refuse from town residential properties only. If you are unsure if you reside within the town limits, please call Town Hall at 264-4151.

Reminder

- The town will not be picking up refuse items from the curbside.
- Residents must take their refuse to the Town Streets Division shop located at 976 S. 5th St. to dump their items into the provided dumpsters.
- Refuse must be covered during transit through town.

Dumpsters will be located at 976 S. 5th St. within the streets division fence. The site will be open for dumping from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 18-22) and Saturday, May 23, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Since you must be a town resident to participate, identification

is required.

If a resident is unable to take items to the shop because of a hardship, please call Town Hall at 264-4151, ext. 251, to coordinate assistance. Town staff will validate the hardship and perform pickup while the resident is present.

The town will not accept the following:

- Household trash.
- Tires.
- Hazardous materials.
- Appliances with Freon.
- Engines.
- Building/construction materials.
- Batteries.
- Electronics.

Removal of junk vehicles may be coordinated by calling Martin Schmidt at Town Hall at 264-4151, ext. 251. Proof of vehicle ownership and release is required.

Cemetery clean-up is scheduled for the week of May 26-29. No dumpsters will be provided at the cemetery. Place your cemetery trash and debris at the nearest roadside for pickup.

The town will issue notice and a municipal court summons after Clean-Up Week to property owners who are in violation of Municipal Code 11.1.3 Public Nuisance, so please take advantage of Clean-Up Week 2020.

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Water future: Community input sought

By Al Pfister
Special to The SUN

We are living in an age where we are facing drier and warmer times ahead. While we have had a few wet years over the past two decades, looking over that entire time span, we have been in a drought. We are currently in a severe drought with gradually worsening conditions in southern Colorado over the past few months. This scenario is believed to be a foreshadowing of our future.

The Colorado Water Plan, completed in December 2015, recognized these conditions and outlined numerous strategies to guide all water users in collaboratively addressing our challenging water future.

One of those strategies was the development of stream management plans (SMPs). SMPs are intended to compile a community's understanding of a watershed's collective environmental, recreational, agricultural and municipal water needs, identifying information gaps, and promoting projects and processes that meet those needs and gaps.

In 2018, community representatives formed a group, now called the Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership (WEP), to better understand current and future local water use and needs through the Colorado Water Plan's SMP process. Funding for this local effort is provided by the state through Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), Southwest Basin Roundtable, San Juan Water Conservancy District, Archuleta County, Town of Pagosa Springs, Banded Peak Ranch and numerous other partners.

Envisioned as a three-phase process, the ultimate purpose of this effort to explore opportunities to conserve the Upper San Juan Basin streams and their uses with wide-ranging community support and decisions based on local input and current science and assessments. In order to ensure a broad representation of the community's interests are brought forward and maintained through the process, a steering committee was formed. Representatives of agricultural, environmental, recreational, and municipal water users, private

landowners, business owners, and local government comprise the steering committee.

While forming the steering committee and informing stakeholders about this endeavor, the local water users decided to call it the Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership to recognize the voluntary and collaborative nature of this effort. Phase I, just completed, of this effort entailed formation of the steering committee and outreach to stakeholders, identification of our community's collective values on issues, opportunities and the geographic scope of the WEP. Funding for Phase II has been obtained and is now awaiting formal approval from the CWCB in order to proceed with implementation.

Phase II will focus on assessing the environmental, recreational, and agricultural structural water needs and values of our community. We will be working with partners, San Juan Conservation District and Lotic Hydrological, to evaluate current and future water needs via community input and scientific analysis. Our goal is to complete an assessment that can prioritize projects and processes to meet those needs. This assessment will inform the development of an Integrated Water Management Plan that lists goals, potential projects and actions in Phase III, as determined by the local community.

In order to accurately assess and identify projects that align with local values and needs, the WEP is again asking for community input throughout Phase II. To help the WEP and our partners better understand environmental, recreational and agricultural structure needs this year, our partners will be working directly with ditch companies, land owners, governmental agencies, as well as providing updates to the general public throughout the process. We greatly appreciate your involvement and input, helping our communities in the San Juan River Basin better prepare and secure our water future.

More detailed information on the WEP can be obtained at our website: <http://www.mountainstudies.org/sanjuan/smp>, or by contacting Al Pfister at (970) 985-5764.



SUN photo/John Finefrock

In order to improve draining and drivability, the alley between Pagosa Street and Lewis Street was pulverized on Monday. Town streets crews then smoothed and shaped the alley with the recycled asphalt.

Town planning commission addresses ideas on downtown parking

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Downtown parking and potential ideas that could be in place for the Town of Pagosa Springs were discussed by the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission at a work session on April 28.

"In an essence, we believe the lots uptown or outside the downtown district are large enough to accommodate the minimum parking requirements that are in our code," Planning Director James Dickhoff said.

Downtown lots are much smaller, Dickhoff explained, adding that complying with the town's current code of on-site parking on the smaller lots causes problems with the lots' ability to be developed.

According to Dickhoff, for most retail and restaurant establishments, the town's minimum requirement for parking is one parking space per 300 square feet.

"The way we explain that provision to our applicants is our parking standards are minimums. They're not optimums for the particular business that you're proposing to do," he said. "We encourage our applicants to take into consideration what they're optimal parking needs are going to be and consider that in their design of their site."

Some of the challenges that Pagosa Springs has seen in regard to downtown parking comes from the community being described as a "pass-through" community, Dickhoff described.

"Most of the traffic on Highway 160 is literally passing through our community. They're not necessarily living in our community or visiting our community, but we want them to stop and visit our community," he said.

Therefore, the town wants to provide enough parking opportunities for those who are passing through, he explained.

There is also a lack of RV parking spaces despite a lot of RV traffic through town, he added later.

"We have very little RV parking spaces that are actually negotiable with a large RV," he said.

At peak times, parking is at around 70 to 90 percent capacity, Dickhoff explained.

"That's much of the summer season," he said. "I think it's closer to 25 to 50 percent off-season. I think there's plenty of parking off-season."

The town also wants to encourage walking traffic for those who do end up parking downtown, he added later.

Goals, future planning

In order to address the problem, research has been conducted of what similar communities have done to address their parking issues, he added later.

Those communities included Durango, Salida, Telluride, Frisco, Crested Butte, Steamboat Springs and Breckenridge.

These communities were selected because of population size and being small, rural, mountain communities, he added later.

"We are seeing most of them are considering a reduction on the on-site parking requirements that would be required in other portions of the community that are outside the downtown district," he said.

There are some fee-in-lieu programs in some of those communities, he explained.

"If you can't fit it on-site, you have the choice of paying a fee in lieu instead of providing that parking space on-site," he said.

Those fees can range from \$2,500 to \$25,000 and can even be more, Dickhoff described further.

"Locally, I think that's something we may want to consider. We'll just have to consider what a reasonable fee is. It can get pretty extreme when you look at the cost of purchasing the property to accommodate the parking space or parking lot," he said.

Enforcing of parking laws is also another issue to address, Dickhoff explained, noting that local business owners have requested the town continue to enforce the laws.

Some business owners have explained that people are not adhering to two-hour limits on parking and are parking for however long they want, he explained further.

Enforcement could be achieved through chalking tires, parking meters or tickets that people can purchase at a kiosk to verify their parking, he explained.

Shared parking agreements are also an important thing to consider, especially in the summer time, Dickhoff noted.

For example, the Pagosa Springs Middle School property at 309 Lewis St. is closed during the majority of the peak season in the middle of the summer, he described.

"Those parking lots sit empty generally. Those might be great spaces, for example, for those eight-hour parking needs for employees," he said. "We'd have to have that conversation with the school district."

Part of what Dickhoff described as a "reasonable process" in moving forward would be to engage business and property owners to get their thoughts and to involve the public works and police departments, as well as the tourism board, in discussions.

From there, the planning commission could develop recommendations, following public meetings, to town council for parking strategies downtown and enforcement considerations, he added later.

"I think there's a lot of communities across the country that are changing their attitude towards parking," planning commission member Chris Pitcher said.

According to Pitcher, the Dallas, Texas, area is "overwhelmed" by parking lots and the city is incentivizing developers to build in those parking lots to have more density and walkable space downtown.

"I think our current code is kind of, on a much smaller scale, obviously, on that same path as Dallas," Pitcher said.

Education on parking for business owners would also be valuable piece to the process, Pitcher added.

"There is a lot of businesses downtown that I think have that mentality that they need parking right in front of their store or really close by and part of this process is going to be convincing them that there's other ways to do it that are even more effective in getting customers in their store," he said.

Pagosa Springs has been on the same path as other communities where "cars rule the world," planning commission alternate member Bill Hudson said.

He added, "I think we have a real problem that we want two different things that are pretty much opposed to each other. We want a walkable, friendly community where people are in contact with each other and meet each other and yet we have this code that, so far, is so focused on parking."

Parking and walkability are intertwined, planning commission member Jeff Posey added.

Hudson later suggested that communities with similar downtown sizes such as Del Norte should be researched.

"As we look at these other communities, we have to look at how their downtowns function," Hudson said. "We have a main highway running through the middle of it and a lot of very small lots along that highway. That's not really typical of the way cities are put together."

Posey suggested finding out how these communities pay for their public parking.

"What are some free things that we can do?" Posey asked. "But changing striping might squeeze in some more parking, and that's probably one of the cheapest things you can do."

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Community Emergency Relief Fund and the Community Foundation disburse emergency funds

By Briggen Wrinkle
Special to The SUN

The second round of Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) granting has been completed, with \$50,000 being disbursed across southwest Colorado to human services nonprofits serving vulnerable populations and school districts providing food and child care services. Another \$50,000 in matching grants was coordinated by the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado, bringing the total emergency funds distributed this week to \$100,000 to 26 organizations across five counties. Last month, \$101,000 in emer-

gency funds was granted to 12 organizations across the region in Round 1 of CERF granting, including matching donations secured by the Community Foundation.

Rounds 1 and 2 of CERF grants have been designated as response funding, addressing immediate needs created by the closures and restrictions put in place during the public health crisis to slow the spread of COVID-19. Examples of these needs include food security, rent and utilities assistance and service to populations disproportionately impacted by this emergency.

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Sales tax revenues up in February, expected to 'crash'

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

February sales tax revenue for the town and county is 22 percent higher than February of last year, but local officials expect those revenues to "crash" beginning in the second half of March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's obvious that many, if not most, categories of local Sales Tax revenue will crash in the second half of March, all of April, and probably May as well," wrote Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton in an email to The SUN, adding, "I'm 'speculating' that Sales Tax will be down 27.5%... the middle of what looks like the range of possibilities."

Walton wrote that 23 percent of the county's total government revenue is from sales tax.

"The bigger problem for our County government will be the recession that has just begun. It will affect almost all 300+ revenue streams of the County, and will likely last for a long time. It will be months

before its impact comes into focus. We will make assumptions in the mean-time, but a lot of those assumptions will turn out to be wrong. Fortunately, we have a substantial Strategic Reserve. In the event that our assumptions about revenue were too high, the reserve will cushion the blow to our bottom line. It is our defense against uncertainty," Walton's email reads.

In an email, Pagosa Springs Town Manager Andrea Phillips wrote that the town has a few models of how much sales tax revenue could fall.

Town staff have reported to the town council they estimate about a 27 percent dip in sales tax, though Phillips noted in her email there is one model that projects a 75 percent loss in sales tax revenues in April, May and June.

Phillips wrote that sales tax revenue makes up 77 percent of the town's General Fund and 60 percent of the capital fund.

At the county commissioners' work session on Tuesday, the commissioners briefly talked about po-

tential lost sales tax revenue and that budget cuts might be on the horizon.

"If April's completely gone south, we're gonna have to make deep cuts," said Commissioner Steve Wadley. "We can't wait. If we get an inkling from the April sales tax how bad it's gonna be, we're gonna have to start right then doin' what we gotta do to pocket that money."

The February sales tax report for Archuleta County, disseminated by Walton, shows a 22 percent, or \$155,759, revenue increase compared to February of 2019.

Walton's report notes "Since March 2020 data has not yet been received, the effects of social distancing are not reflected."

The gross amount of the February sales tax revenue is \$861,386.77. The town's share is \$430,355.89 and the county's share is \$431,030.88

The town and county split sales tax revenue evenly; the difference between the two amounts is a transfer made for aviation taxes.

"Comparing Year-to-Date 2019 to 2020 data, 2020 was 20.7% (\$300,883)

higher than 2019," wrote Walton.

The sales tax report indicates that the following categories have increased revenue compared to year-to-date data from the same time period in 2019.

- Retail is up 22.5 percent, or \$178,594.
- Accommodation/food service is up 15.5 percent, or \$37,204.
- Miscellaneous is up 22.4 percent, or \$50,486.
- Manufacturing is up 12 percent, or \$6,379.
- Professional services is up 214.7 percent, or \$8,078.
- Other services is up 38.5 percent, or \$7,280.
- Real estate/rental is up 2.3 percent, or \$953.
- Construction is up 37.8 percent, or \$9,624.
- Information services is up 4.5 percent, or \$2,168.
- Finance/insurance is up 6.2 percent, or \$119.

No sales tax categories were down or lower than compared to year-to-date revenue from last year.

Local emergency declarations extended by both town and county

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Both the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County have extended their respective local emergency declarations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners extended its Declaration of Local Disaster on May 5.

"This is just to help us get reimbursed for our expenses," Commis-

sioner Steve Wadley said. "It makes no statement on how long we want the emergency to last."

The Declaration of Local Disaster is now extended to June 9.

Also on May 5, the Pagosa Springs Town Council ratified and extended its Declaration of a Local Disaster Emergency until June 2.

Mayor Don Volger signed the original local disaster declaration on March 16, which was then ratified and extended by town council at its meeting on March 19. That

declaration expired on May 1, according to Town Manager Andrea Phillips.

"The purpose of a local disaster declaration is that it allows to have a basis for applying to FEMA and other funding agencies to recapture some of the expenditures that we have had related to responding to the virus," Phillips said.

The town's response has not been similar to Archuleta County's or San Juan Basin Public Health's, but the town has purchased ad-

ditional personal protective equipment for staff, and printed signage and fliers, Phillips explained.

"It's basically ratifying the mayor's signature and extending our local disaster declaration through June 2," Phillips said, adding that council can decide to extend it at another meeting.

The motion to ratify and extend the town's Declaration of a Local Disaster Emergency was approved unanimously by council.

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Funds

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Organizations receiving funding in Round 2 for Archuleta County are as follows:

- Aspire.
- Food Equity Coalition.
- Loaves and Fishes.
- Pagosa Peak Open School.

The Round 2 matching donations secured through the Community Foundation came from the Town of Pagosa Springs, the Ballantine Family Fund, Bank of Colorado, Bank of the San Juans, First Southwest Bank and TBK, among others.

"Doubling the impact of these vital, rapid-response dollars was

an important goal for the Community Foundation, so we were incredibly thrilled when so many local partners stepped up to match our CERF funds," said Brigen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "As we move into Round 3 funding, addressing nonprofit recovery and stabilization, we are working to find a creative plan to spread these recovery dollars across multiple sec-

tors throughout the region."

As of May 1, CERF has raised more than \$275,000 from local philanthropists and individuals plus \$100,000 in matching gifts. CERF is raising funds and serving nonprofits in all five counties in southwest Colorado. CERF is working with other state and local funders to ensure its investment is strategic and supporting the nonprofit sector effectively.

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Businesses

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the ski area wrote letters saying they have the capacity to handle any increased calls as a result of the reopening.

Wolf Creek Ski Area President and CEO Davey Pitcher learned Thursday night that Polis extended his executive order, closing all ski areas in the state until May 23.

"It's a blow to freedom," Pitcher told The SUN Tuesday. "It's disappointing given the fact that a lot of other businesses are being allowed to open throughout the state."

Pitcher said the reopening "would have been good for the community and healthy to see that things can come back to some sense of normalcy without spreading COVID," noting the ski area's reopening plan has detailed policies to ensure social distancing and safe practices amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pagosa businesses reopening

Locally, many businesses that have been shuttered the past six weeks or so are opening or planning to reopen soon.

The Springs Resort and Spa will reopen to hotel guests only

on May 8.

David Dronet, managing principal of The Springs Resort, explained that management wanted to open the springs to the general public on May 8, but got pushback from the local health department.

"We got a call yesterday from the San Juan Basin health group and even though the state has made it clear that we can open, the San Juan health group is saying they don't want us to. They said their interpretation is we can't open the bath house," said Dronet, who noted that San Juan Basin Public Health "is doing a lot" amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We've talked to a few locals who have expressed frustration. Initially it was, 'Hey that's messed up, why aren't you guys opening to us?' and we had to kind of clarify, 'Hey it's not our fault.'"

The Springs is implementing the following safety practices:

- Springs staff and soaking guests will be required to wear masks at all times.

- Maximum numbers of soakers allowed in each of the 24 pools will be posted.

- Strict social distancing measures will be enforced.

It is unclear when The Springs will be open to the public.

The Overlook Hot Springs is planning to reopen on May 15.

In an interview Monday, owner Jeff Greer explained The Overlook will follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state health department guidelines and is still fine-tuning the details for the reopening.

Greer touted a new disinfectant product he's implementing at The Overlook: MicroShield 360.

"It's non-toxic, non-caustic, no chemicals. It's EPA [Environmental Protection Agency] and FDA [U.S. Food and Drug Administration] approved, even for food surfaces and what they do — It's like electrostatically applied, and they spray it on any kind of contact surface — shower tiles, door handles, computer screens, that kinda stuff. But what it does is it forms a microscopic barrier with these tiny little microscopic needle points so when any kind of bacteria or virus or mold or any kind of bioactive stuff lands on it, it actually pierces the cell wall and because it's positively charged, it pretty much kills all bacteria and any kind of bio agent," Greer said.

Greer explained the product lasts about a year and predicted it will be very popular in the upcoming months.

Healing Waters Resort and Spa has not determined its reopening date.

Cindy Plate, owner of Galles Properties, explained to The SUN how the real estate climate has changed due to COVID-19.

Plate explained Realtors can do in-person showings, but no open houses and are limiting three people inside a home at a time during a showing.

Plate noted realtors are wearing masks and gloves, encouraging homeowners to have hand washing stations during showings, and realtors are not traveling in the same vehicles as prospective buyers.

Plate said Memorial Day through October is generally the busiest time for real estate around Pagosa Springs, noting that's when the area "greens up."

Debbie Loewen, realtor for Team Pagosa Realty Group, sent The SUN a few guidelines realtors are using in the area, which include:

- Homes must be cleaned and disinfected between showings.

- When scheduling a showing, agents must inquire whether any household inhabitants have symptoms of COVID-19 or may have been in contact with "known positive cases."

- Agents are required to provide gloves and masks to clients and maintain social distancing.

Daylene Rutherford, office manager for Pagosa Smiles Dentistry, explained the steps her office is taking.

"We have state-of-the-art sterilization and universal precautions

that we've already had in effect before this all even started that's effective against COVID and all other known viruses," Rutherford said. "Thankfully, we have a good base to start with."

Rutherford explained:

- The office has implemented a "virtual waiting room" where patients call in and then are brought to a private room prior to their appointment.

- Patients wear masks while they're waiting, then have their temperature checked and gargle chlorhexidine.

- "It helps kill viruses and other stuff in the mouth, too," she said.

- Patients wear a mask the entire time they're at the office "except when we're working on the mouth," she said.

Christine Jones, owner of The Funky Trunk Shoppe, explained the changes made at her consignment store amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jones noted customers must follow social distancing guidelines, but wearing a mask in the store is their choice.

All Funky Trunk employees wear face masks and the store is disinfected regularly, she reported.

"We're happy to be back open because our mission is to provide a viable side income for women in our community," said Jones, noting the store helped provide income for about 1,500 local women last year.

Scott Hoenes, co-owner of the downtown Bookends book store, detailed changes to his business in an email to The SUN.

"Since our space is so small, we can't even guarantee 6 ft of space between guests, so we're doing

an appointment-only for the time being," Hoenes wrote, adding, "We have been delivering a few things to a some of the locals, puzzles and books on order, we're always available to deliver or ship items ... It's a tough time, I hope we all make it through."

Lantern Dancer, a local jewelry store, won't reopen until May 23.

Leanne Goebel, store manager, explained that extra time is needed to put all the jewelry in cases and is still working out a tricky problem: how to disinfect turquoise jewelry without damaging it.

"Turquoise is one of the softer stones. You can't just put it in disinfectant, it will damage or destroy it," Goebel said.

Lantern Dancer's online store is running full-steam, she explained, and patrons can order jewelry online.

Local restaurants, many of which are providing takeout and delivery service, are not permitted to reopen for sit-down dining.

Riff Raff Brewing co-owner Jason Cox gave an update regarding restaurants in the area to The SUN in an email Tuesday.

"... we received a little bit of guidance for restaurants and bars during Governor Polis's speech yesterday afternoon. A reporter asked Governor Polis about restaurants reopening and the governor indicated that he wanted to give 'Safer at Home' a couple of more weeks to help gather some more data before moving forward at the end of the month or beginning of June. He also mentioned giving a week's notice to restaurants to allow them to rehire staff and order supplies and raw materials," Cox wrote.

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Fire

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On that same date in 2018, local basins had a total snowpack of 15 percent of median. The Upper San Juan site did not have a snowpack total at that time and the Wolf Creek summit was at 33 percent of median.

"There's going to be water in streams longer than there was in 2018, which is going to be a little bit more helpful," Macht said. "But unless we get some later spring rain and the wind dies down, fire potential is always out there, but at least we have water to be able to manage that."

The biggest concern for the PFPD is burning being done in the afternoon when higher winds could be common, he explained.

"One of our biggest calls is fires along the side of the road from people dragging chains and causing sparks," he said.

Macht recommends that people get their brakes checked so they don't have hot brake parts fall off by the road and create a fire.

Additionally, people should have the proper equipment, such as a fire extinguisher or a shovel, to take care of a smaller fire before

it turns into a larger one, he added later.

"Accidents are prone to happen," Macht said. "Practice safe practices before the restrictions have to be put into effect because people are not being diligent."

Drought

As of April 30, Archuleta County was in "severe drought," according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Effects of being labeled as "severe drought" are things such as farmers reducing planting, fire season being extended and river flows being reduced, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor website.

Fire restrictions

In an interview on May 6, Archuleta County Emergency Operations Deputy Director Christina Kraetsch explained that Archuleta County is not in fire restrictions despite the Pagosa Ranger District implementing some "minor restrictions."

A forest order from the U.S. Department of Agriculture that was executed on April 7 prohibits two things for multiple national forests and grasslands across the country, including the San Juan National Forest.

The first prohibition prevents igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, the order indicates. This includes charcoal grills, barbecues, coal, and wood-burning stoves and shepherd's stoves.

The second prohibition prohibits smoking except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building.

Exemptions for prohibitions include persons with a forest permit that specifically exempts them from the effects of the order, and any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Specific exemptions for the first prohibition include those using pressurized liquid or gas devices with shutoff valves in an area at least 3 feet from flammable materials or residents in the areas who are using a fire in a permanent dwelling with the proper approved spark arrestors.

"We are not in a Stage 1 or 2 fire ban," Kraetsch said. "This is just the forest service doing these restrictions. The county is in nothing right now. But when they do put in place a fire ban, we will follow suit."

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Rentals

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VRBOs, Airbnbs, private rentals offered for rental for 30 days or fewer are excluded from the definition of critical businesses. From the definition of critical businesses, if they are excluded from the definition of critical businesses, they should not be renting, period," Weaver said.

Archuleta County Development Services Director Brad Callender told The SUN Wednesday that, to the best of his knowledge, the state's public health order does not prohibit listing vacation rentals on sites like Airbnb and VRBO, but does currently prohibit them from being rented out.

Asked if vacation rentals were still being rented in Archuleta County, Callender replied in an email, "Perhaps, because we didn't know the Safer at Home order prevents short term rentals. We are now sending them notification through LodgingRevs notifying them of the restriction."

LodgingRevs is the software the county has purchased to help man-

age vacation rentals in the county.

Asked who has the burden of enforcing vacation rental violations, Callender wrote it's the county's "Planning & Code Enforcement."

Callender later explained in a follow-up phone call that when it comes to the state's public health order, "technically" San Juan Basin Public Health would be the entity that would issue citations.

Penalties for continuing to rent out vacation rentals amid the governor's Stay at Home Order can reach up to \$1,000 per day, Weaver told the commissioners Tuesday.

Weaver noted the county could seek a variance from the state to allow vacation rentals to operate in the county.

Local resident Dan Park called in to the work session, which was being broadcast on Zoom.

Park explained that, even though he owns a vacation rental in the county, he is still in favor of following the state's health order for the time being.

"According to not one, but more

than one of the [property] management companies, people are coming in hard and fast as soon as they know this is relaxed," Park said, adding, "We feel that it's necessary to comply at this time ... I urge you to consider complying as well and perhaps not look for a variance at this time."

Commissioner Ron Maez said Park made "a strong, valid point," but took into account local residents who are employed by property management companies.

"There's a lot of people that work for a lot of these other property management people, even smaller ones ... They're gonna hit the unemployment list and that's another weight that we're gonna have to measure," Maez said.

Asked how enforcement could manifest in the county, Weaver said, "Typically it's cease-and-desist-type letters first and then after that if they continue to violate the governor's order, you can pursue civil and criminal actions."

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Election

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Uniformed and Overseas Citizens territory in Archuleta, Hinsdale and Mineral counties. There are 10,565 registered voters in the district in Archuleta County, 29 in Hinsdale County and 14 in Mineral County.

There were 384 ballots returned in Tuesday's election.

May 13 is the last day the district will receive ballots per the

The newly elected board members will be sworn in and the oaths/affirmations will be filed with the district court and Colorado Department of Local Affairs between May 19 and May 26.

Following the election, the board comprises Mees, Pruitt, Zeigler, board chair Greg Schulte, King Campbell, Karin Daniels and Jason Cox. Alfred leaves the board.

The next regular meeting of the USJHSD Board of Directors is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on May 26, with virtual attendance details to be released.

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Medical

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because like most businesses, the pandemic presents new financial challenges for PSMC," a March written report states.

"We started out with a bang," Chief Finance Officer Chelle Keplinger told the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees PSMC, on April 28.

PSMC did not fare as well in March.

According to the March financial report present on April 28, PSMC's gross revenue for March fell 14.57 percent, or \$775,581, below budget and 6.78 below the prior year, while its net patient revenue fell 20.67 percent, or \$575,718, below budget and 15.04 percent below the prior year.

Year to date through March, PSMC's net patient revenue sits \$21,598 ahead of budget.

"PSMC has, like many businesses throughout the country, suffered a significant loss of revenues in March PSMC was never required to stop doing non-emergency surgeries, but decided on

March 18th to stop such surgeries to assure preparedness to treat the community during the pandemic," a financial report prepared for the board states. "Due to substantial reduction in surgeries and in-person visits to patients in the clinic and emergency department resulted in PSMC's revenues being below budget by \$775,581. While PSMC was able to reduce and cut many expenses, due to the need for additional drugs and supplies to be prepared for COVID-19, the supply budget was 34% (\$125,099) higher than budget. The bottom line result in March is PSMC ... came in \$743,719.00 below its budget (March was a total net loss of <-\$199,217>)."

"I'm heartbroken," Keplinger said, noting she was convinced this was going to be PSMC's best year.

Despite the loss for the month, Keplinger noted the district had a good tax revenue month, with the district receiving \$384,580.

Board chair Greg Schulte acknowledged April won't look good and stated, "There's really a lot of uncertainty because there's a lot

of things going on from the federal stimulus that, for lack of a better term, that we don't know what and how much and whether it's gonna be useful to us longer-term, so I guess certainly we know that we're having some difficulties, but there might be something that might help improve our position that comes down from the feds, but that certainly remains to be seen. And I think there's a lot of uncertainty about that, not only with us, but with a lot of people, and so I'd like to, you know, give credit to the staff for following this really carefully."

He added things are in flux and there isn't clarity on how funds would be administered, what funds PSMC could take advantage of, or if it would want to.

Keplinger briefly commented on some of the possible funding programs, also acknowledging the uncertainty.

Director King Campbell commended PSMC on being ahead of budget before COVID-19 set in, noting PSMC was on a good path.

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Special election to be held on July 14 regarding possible revision to town's home rule charter

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a meeting on May 5, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved Ordinance 932 on second reading for a special election pertaining to a potential revision to the town's home rule charter that applies to the newly formed Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority (URA).

"This is just calling for a special election. It's not that we're necessarily in favor or against it at this point in time. There will be probably some further discussions along these lines at some point in time prior to the election," Mayor Don Volger said during the meeting. "For now, it's just whether we can have an election and whether everything was done properly."

Town Clerk April Hessman explained that the special election would be held on July 14 as a mail-ballot election.

The petition proposing the change was cir-

culated by local citizens and, according to Hessman, the proposed amendment to the home rule charter would require voter approval prior to the town council or URA using tax-increment financing (TIF) whenever the total TIF revenues are expected to exceed \$1 million over the life of the project.

Hessman is also identified as the designated election official within the ordinance.

The town clerk's office received a statement of intent to circulate the petition; that form was approved for circulation on Feb. 13. The petition also required 118 signatures, or 10 percent of the number of town electors registered to vote on Feb. 5, according to agenda documentation.

By March 31, the petition was returned with 173 total signatures, with Hessman certifying that 140 of those signatures were registered as town electors.

That petition was determined to be satisfactory on April 9, according to agenda documen-

tion.

The cost for the special election is estimated to be about \$5,000, Hessman explained.

"Pretty much any citizen and any resident of the town can come and apply to circulate a petition," Hessman said.

Town Attorney Clay Buchner explained that the right of a citizen to bring forth a petition is constitutional.

"The town is going to back it 100 percent," Buchner said of the process. "As far as what the council thinks of it substantively, that's, of course, up to your personal opinion. But as far as voting for the ordinance to go to election, there's really not a choice. It's constitutionally protected."

The motion to approve Ordinance 932 on second reading calling for a special election relating to the URA and TIF financing was approved via a unanimous vote of council.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, May 7

Dispatch Executive Management board meeting. 9:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Town of Pagosa Springs Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information.

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 De-

velopment Corporation regular board meeting. 4 p.m., contact admin@pagosaparksdc.org for Zoom meeting link.

Thursday, May 14

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

Saturday, May 16

La Plata Electric Association partial annual meeting. 10:30 a.m. Partial, virtual annual meeting to announce director results and conduct questions and answers. Meeting access details: www.lpea.coop/annual-meeting. Submit questions for the Q-and-A session by 4 p.m. Friday, May 15, to comments@lpea.coop.

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.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting.

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

Thursday, May 21

Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority Commission meeting. See town website for participation information.

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. See town website for participation information.

Wednesday, May 20

Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting. Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. (Subject to cancel-

lation due to COVID-19.)

Upper San Juan Library District board meeting.

4 p.m. Zoom meeting; join us at https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/79928556999.

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. and via Zoom online.

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.

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Region 9 and partners assist 36 businesses across the region

By Stephani Burditt
Special to The SUN

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado has provided \$226,000 in no- and low-interest loans to 36 businesses throughout southwest Colorado, protecting at least 128 jobs in the region.

Region 9 launched its Disaster Assistance Loan Program on March 23 to provide relief for small businesses in Archuleta, La Plata, Dolores, Montezuma and San Juan counties.

Region 9 has provided two rounds of funding for loans between \$1 and \$10,000. Loans were made to seven Archuleta, nine Montezuma, one Dolores, and 19 La Plata county applicants. The San Juan Development Association was able to fund eight Silverton businesses through its internal microloan fund, which Region 9 staffs.

"We are happy to be able to

add to the number of businesses in our region receiving support," said Brian Rose, Region 9 deputy director. "The federal stimulus package went a long way in providing much-needed capital to numerous small businesses, but our program was aimed at providing working capital to businesses that fell into the 'gaps.'"

The following businesses have benefited: Alpine Aerial Acrobatics, Durango Space, Will Built, IV Fluid, Blackwood Tattoo, Aldrich Art, Cliffside, Dancing Raven, Elk Point Lodge, Enliven, Euphoria Salon, Incognito Salon, Ohana PT, Old Gold, Peaks and Tides, Performance Auto Repair, Remedy, Ski Barn, Enterprise Bar 7 Grill, Pagosa Mountain Sports, Motel SOCO, In Balance PT, Pagosa Management, Cross Fit Pagosa, Crawford, Cabe's Automotive, KB Insurance, Mancos Brewing, Moose and More, Top Line Floors, Rudosky Golf, Lambert Livestock, RJN and Luna Mesa.

Region 9 was able to make its available funds go further with help from Montezuma County, the Town of Pagosa Springs, the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, Dolores County Development Corporation and contributions to the Enterprise Zone Business Support Fund.

"Having economic development groups, businesses and area governments trusting Region 9 to distribute their funds for business assistance, is humbling," said Laura Lewis Marchino, Region 9 executive director. "We appreciate their financial commitment and have been able to impact business sectors from retail and construction, to food services and healthcare."

Region 9 has also waived April and May interest payments and deferred principal for all loan clients. For more information about Region 9's Business Support Fund or loan programs, please email laura@scan.org.

Most crimes decrease, increase in assaults and weapons crimes

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Local law enforcement agencies are reporting a decrease in crime rates, but the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) is reporting an increase in assaults and weapons crimes.

ACSO Sheriff Rich Valdez explained in an interview on May 6 there has been a 4 percent decrease

in terms of calls for service for the ACSO and a 28 percent decrease in reports since January, Valdez explained.

However, the ACSO has seen a 50 percent increase in domestic violence and around a 1 to 2 percent increase in assaults and weapons crimes, he described further.

In an email to The SUN on May 4, Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) Chief Bill Rockensock

explained that his department is also seeing a decrease in crime rates.

Due to stay-at-home orders, the PSPD has seen a 19 percent reduction in incident reports, a 15 percent reduction in calls for service and a 33 percent reduction in traffic collisions over the same time period last year, he described.

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SUN photo/John Finefrock

Ray Martinez cuts Bill Schoonover's hair on Tuesday afternoon. Barbers were allowed to open shop under Colorado's Safer at Home order. Both men wear face coverings as a precaution against COVID-19.

County's improperly divided parcel program scheduled to expire

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Archuleta County's program to legalize certain improperly divided lots is scheduled to end on May 31.

"Do you have property in Archuleta County less than 35 acres in size, located outside of a recorded Subdivision? If so, you should check to make sure it is a Legal Lot," the county's website states.

A resolution approved last year by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners extended the deadline for submitting applications for designation of legal lot status until May 31.

"Out of the roughly 500 identified properties that would need to be considered, we received 175 applications. That's a pretty good response from the public," Archuleta County Development

Services Director Brad Callender told the commissioners.

All three Archuleta County Commissioners expressed they wanted to let the resolution expire, instead of extending it, at their work session on Tuesday morning.

Callender noted at the work session that after May 31, residents will need to petition a court to get the same process completed.

According to the county's website, the improperly divided parcel (IDP) program provides a onetime process to legalize by exemption certain IDPs which have not been previously reviewed and approved.

The website notes that "This under 35-acre exemption is available for parcels recorded with the Archuleta County Clerk & Recorder's Office between 9/1/1972 and 5/23/2006."

"We've done everything we can do," said Commissioner Steve

Wadley at the work session. "We extended it, we sent out notices, it's been in the paper. We've done everything we can do. So what's gonna happen in a year or two down the road is gonna be, 'Well I didn't know anything about this.' Well, I can't help ya at some point."

"We just need to let it go. We've done everything that we can and people need to be paying attention to that stuff," Commissioner Alvin Schaaaf said. "Just let it expire would be my suggestion."

Archuleta County Administrator Scott Wall explained in a Wednesday phone call that, pending a public outcry, he believes the commissioners will let the program expire at the end of the month.

More information about IDPs can be found at <http://www.archuletacounty.org/594/Improperly-Divided-Parcels>.

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Town, county launch local Adopt-A-Road Program

By Andrea Phillips
Special to The SUN

Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs are working together to launch an Adopt-A-Road Program to maintain the natural beauty of our region by keeping roadside litter at a minimum, while supporting local businesses, non-profits and other organizations.

The program provides an opportunity for service organizations and volunteer groups to do a cleanup project and to interact as a team for a positive impact in the community.

Many communities throughout the state have created their own Adopt-a-Road programs, modeled after the national program. Groups can pick a road or section of road and, through their group, coordinate cleanup days for that stretch of road. A sign can be installed indicating the group's adoption of the road.

The county and town have received complaints from residents about trash and debris in the rights of way. The rights of way tend to become littered and this is especially apparent in the spring. Staff does not have the time to go down every roadside area to clean up the debris.

Through the program, the county and town would provide trash bags and safety visibility vests, and would order adoption signs specific to the organization. The county and town would provide supplies and a point of contact for the volunteer groups and after a group performed a cleanup, staff would pick up the bags for disposal. Groups would not pick up hazardous materials (if present) or dead animals, but report those items to their contact.

The county and town have prepared lists of roads that are available for adoption. These roads include some of the most heavily traveled in the county and also some of the dirtiest. Some roads provide opportunities for groups to pick trash on both town and county jurisdictions, providing a shared benefit.

The Colorado Department of Transportation has a similar program for state highways and the county and town program does not propose to have groups picking up litter on the highway.

Interested parties can contact

Jamie Jones at jjones@archuleta-county.org or Martin Schmidt at mschmidt@pagosasprings.co.gov for more information on how they can adopt a road.

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Deputy injured in incident, one arrested

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

An Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) deputy was injured during an incident on April 25.

According to an ACSO incident report, the ACSO deputy responded to an incident at a residence near U.S. 160 that was between a father and son.

Upon arriving on scene, the ACSO deputy was informed by the father that his son, Jerome Douglas Nobles, 39, was causing damage to vehicles on the property, according to the incident report.

Damage to a 1997 Lincoln Town Car included multiple windows being smashed, paint thrown inside

the vehicle as well as an expanding foam bottle, the incident report describes.

The ACSO deputy made an attempt to speak with Nobles, but Nobles began resisting; ultimately walking toward the ACSO deputy, according to the incident report.

The report alleges that Nobles hit the ACSO deputy in the chest, leading to the deputy's Taser being knocked out of his hands.

Later, the deputy placed a transport joint wrist lock on Nobles, but the incident report describes Nobles breaking free of the wrist lock and knocking the deputy's bodycam off and grabbing and pulling a radio microphone off of the deputy.

The incident continued to the middle of the street on Navajo Trail Drive, leading to Nobles hitting the deputy in the face, knocking off his hat and breaking his sunglasses, the incident report describes.

The report alleges that as the altercation continued, another ACSO deputy arrived on scene and Tased Nobles, leading to Nobles being placed in handcuffs.

According to the incident report, three windows were smashed out and estimated to cost about \$50 each. A glass case was smashed that was worth about \$50 as well.

The report also alleges Nobles smashed the front and driver's side window of a 2009 Ford Lariat that, according to the father, belonged

to a friend of his.

Cost estimates for the front window is about \$500 and for the driver's side window is about \$150, according to the incident report.

In total, the ACSO deputy determined that there was about \$3,000 worth of damage done to items, vehicles and equipment, the report notes.

Nobles was arrested on the suspicion of second-degree assault on a police officer or fireman causing serious injury, criminal mischief, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct-misdemeanor.

According to ACSO Undersheriff Derek Woodman, Nobles posted \$10,000 bond on April 30.
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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: 148.
- April 27 — Domestic violence, second-degree assault-caused intended serious injury, County Road 500.
- April 27 — Abandonment of motor vehicle, Indian Land Road/Ute Drive.
- April 27 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.
- April 27 — Crimes against at-risk adult juvenile-neglect, Highland Avenue.
- April 29 — Agency assist, No

location.

April 29 — Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, Canyon Circle.

April 29 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, illegal possession or consumption of alcohol by minor, pedestrian on highway under the influence of intoxicating liquor, Bonanza Avenue.

April 29 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, U.S. 160.

April 30 — First-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, Ray Court.

April 30 — Agency assist, Hermosa Street.

May 2 — All other thefts, Peregrine Place.

May 2 — Agency assist, Colo. 151.

May 2 — Under investigation, no location listed.

May 3 — Under investigation, no location listed.

May 3 — Violation of restraining order, Gerhard Circle.

May 3 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, U.S. 160/Aspen Village Drive.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 126.

April 26 — Harassment, Aspen Village Drive.

April 26 — Criminal trespass, U.S. 160.

April 27 — Abandonment of vehicle, Hot Springs Boulevard.

April 28 — Identity theft, Country Center Drive.

April 28 — Trespass warning, East Pagosa Street.

April 29 — Possession/consume open container of alcohol in public place, San Juan Street.

April 30 — Possession/consume open container of alcohol in public place, Hermosa Street.

April 30 — Violation of restraining order, Rosita Street.

May 1 — Underage consumption, South 8th Street.

May 1 — Schedule III substance/violation of restraining order/trespass warning, San Juan Street.

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

No report.

Rumble strip work starts in southwest Colorado

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Department of Transportation and Surface Preparation Technologies will be adding centerline rumble strips along sections of 14 highways in southwest and south-central Colorado, including U.S. 160 and Colo. 151.

The work will begin in early May and be completed by the beginning of June. Work will not take place on Sundays and during the Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25.

A total of 268 miles of roadway will be improved with the installation of centerline rumble strips along segments of the following highways: Colorado highways 90, 97, 141, 184, 172, 151, 114, 15, 136, 368, 370, and 150; and U.S. highways 160 and 550. The highways are located in several counties including Alamosa, Archuleta, Conejos, Costillo, Dolores, Huerfano, Montrose, Montezuma, Rio Grande, San Miguel, La Plata and Saguache.

Work began on Monday at the Utah border in Montrose County.

Construction will proceed in a southern and eastern direction along remaining highways.

Rumble strips are an effective

measure for reducing roadway departure crashes. Grooves are cut into the pavement which cause a vibration and rumbling sound when the tires of a moving vehicle come in contact with the cut pavement. The noise and vibration produced by rumble strips alert drivers when they leave the travel lane.

Centerline rumble strips reduce head-on collisions and cross-over crashes, while shoulder rumble strips reduce run-off-the-road crashes and warn drivers when they have drifted from their lane.

Travel impacts

- Short-duration single lane closures with delays from five to 15 minutes.

- No single-lane closure will exceed 1 mile, however, motorists may encounter multiple closures along stretches of highway to allow the work convoy to continue while the previous closure is removed for this mobile operation.

- Flaggers may direct and hold traffic, causing minor temporary delays.

- The rumble strip operation is mobile. Motorists are advised to slow down and use caution at all

times while approaching the moving equipment convoy.

- Motorists should stay in their lanes and avoid passing unnecessarily to prevent fresh oil and fresh paint from getting on their vehicles. Pay close attention to message boards, signs indicating "fresh oil" and "fresh paint," and cones placed on center lines within all works zones.

- No construction is planned for Sundays.

- No construction will take place over the Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25.

Project information

For additional information about this project, contact the project team.

- Project hotline: (888) 212-0176.
- Email: pdevlin@landlogics-group.com.

- Project Web page: www.codot.gov/projects/swcolorado-rumblestrips.

The following tips are to help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones.

- Do not speed in work zones. Obey the posted speed limits.
- Stay alert. Expect the unex-

pected.

- Watch for workers. Drive with caution.

- Don't change lanes unnecessarily.

- Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones.

- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.

- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.

- Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so.

- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.

- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.

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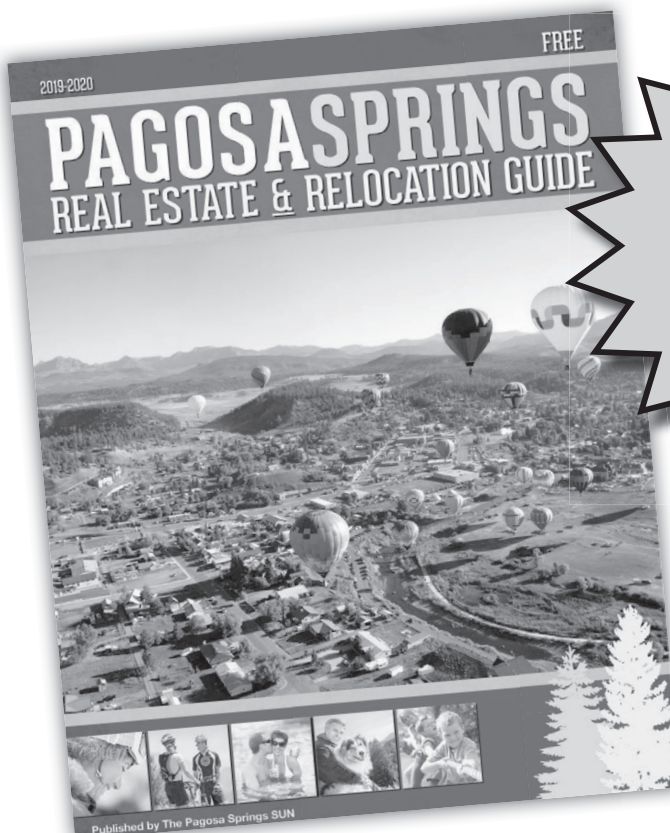


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Sports

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The 2020 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team poses for a team picture. With spring sports throughout Colorado canceled due to COVID-19, Pagosa Springs High School's senior spring athletes missed out on being recognized for their hard work and contributions. Presented is each senior's Senior Night information, provided by Pagosa Springs High School, beginning with the Pirate baseball seniors.



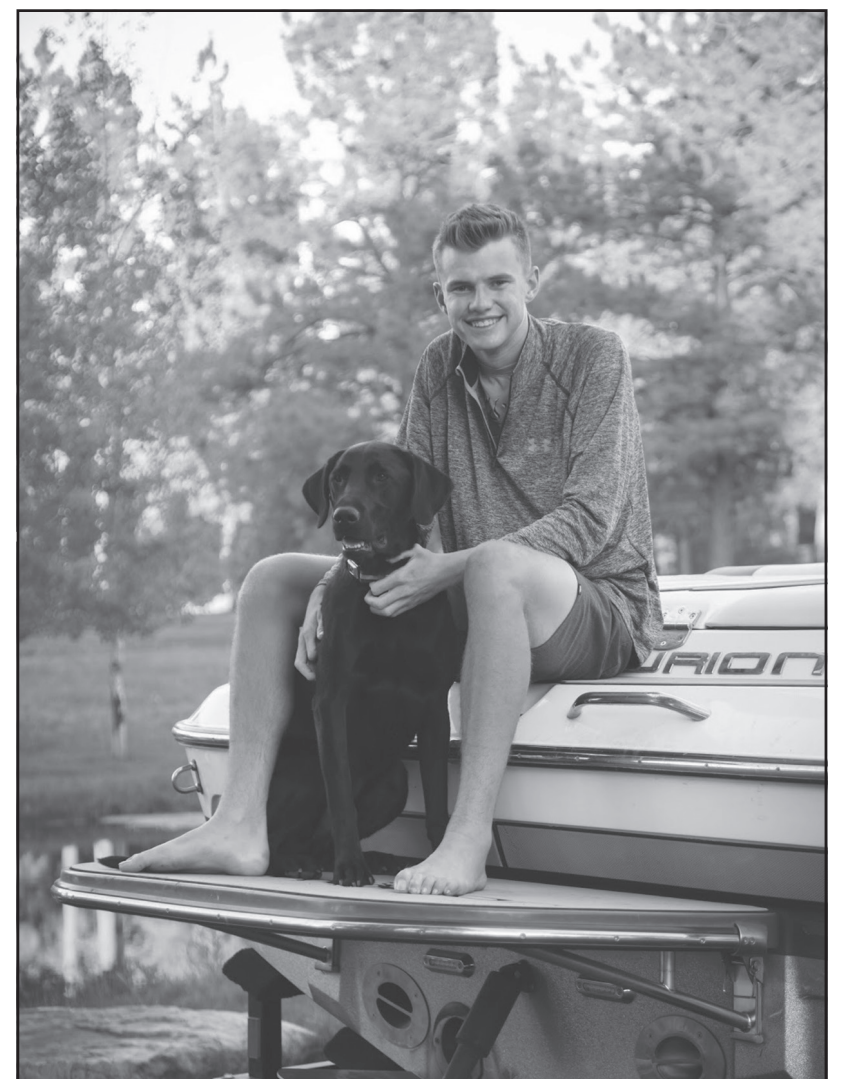
Ryan Lewis played and lettered four years. Plans for next year: attend Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix, Ariz., to study automotive mechanics. Favorite memory: My favorite memory was always talking crap to the other team with my teammates. Some of the stuff that we said always made me laugh until I was in tears. Thank yous: Coaches: Thank you for always pushing us to do our best and always believing in us even when we didn't believe in ourselves. To my parents: Thank you for making the countless trips to watch me play and always being there for me. To my teammates: Thank you for being there no matter what. Words can't describe how much I'm going to miss playing on that field with you. I wish we could have had one last season together. I love you guys!



Paden Bailey played and lettered four years. Plans for next year: attend Colorado Christian University, study business administration, minor in outdoor leadership. Favorite memory: Freshman year we traveled to Colorado Springs and stayed in a not-so-nice hotel with some very sketchy guys and Coach Fait told us not to look at them because they might shoot us! Thank yous: Coaches: Thank you to my coaches for everything you have done for me and the rest of the team. Parents: I love you guys more than you could ever imagine! Thank you for being my biggest fans! Teachers: Thank you all for everything! I appreciate every one of you so much! Teammates: You guys are my brothers. I love you all and I will never forget this team! Good luck next year, boys!



Eric Huddleston played and lettered four years. Plans for next year: enlist with the Marines and be stationed in San Diego. Favorite memory: My favorite memory was getting to hang out and make memories with the players during the game and in hotels. And also making corny jokes during practice. Thank yous: To my parents: Thanks for always pushing me to do the best I can. I can be a little much sometimes, thank you for always making me try harder. Dad: Thanks for getting hooked on the game since I was little. It's brought me a long ways and maybe one day it will return to my life for a second shot. To my coaches: Thank you for showing me how to be a team leader and calming me down when I needed it. You helped me in so many ways I can't get them all out. Thank you for showing me the true game of baseball!



Zach Haines played and lettered four years. Plans for next year: major in mechanical engineering at Colorado State University. Favorite memory: We were playing Wiffle ball in the back of our hotel, one of the other teams and their coach was talking trash saying that we need to go to bed. One of my teammates yells back, "We actually won today so we can stay up as late as we want." Thank yous: Coaches: Thank you for all the hard work that you guys have put in to me and the team. Thank you for building me up as a baseball player and a man. To my parents: I don't even know if I would be writing this right now if it wasn't for you guys. You guys have pushed me in baseball and in life. You have been there for me when I needed you and you would make sure that the whole field knows which team you're cheering for. To my teammates: Thanks for standing by my side through thick and thin. To my fellow seniors: It has been a wild ride this past 3 1/4 years. I have made some memories that I will never forget, good or bad. I know you will go far in life and I wouldn't trade my fellow senior teammates for any others.

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Outdoors

Count the birds and enjoy the spring migration

By Becky Herman
Special to The SUN

Double enjoyment, double fun, double chances to have an impact on wildlife conservation and citizen science — what could be better? Yeah, of course, you can think of better things like winning the lottery. But why not just look at the bright side and what this upcoming Saturday, May 9, has to offer. The Weminuche Audubon Society has some ideas for you to plan a fun and interesting day.

The first one is the annual Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Global Big Day Bird Count. Tens of thousands of people, including groups of expert birders from the Cornell Lab, will take part in a massive effort to set a world record.

The goal: Tally the greatest number of bird species seen in a single day. Anyone is welcome to take part; all you need to do is to count as many birds as possible in 24 hours.

The Cornell contingent, split into several groups, will count from midnight to midnight. You can do the same by counting observed bird species and report the sightings on eBird using your phone or tablet or computer. By the way, eBird is a collaboration between the Cornell Lab and the National Audubon Society. You can observe and count for as little as 10 minutes or as long as you can hang in there. Last year, 35,209 eBirders from 174 countries collected an astounding 92,284 checklists in a single day.

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Here are some hints for getting ready to participate:

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The goal of Saturday's Global Big Day Bird Count is to tally the greatest number of bird species seen in a single day.

phone, download the eBird Mobile app. This program gives you the easiest way to keep a list of birds sighted, how long you were looking and where you were looking.

- Install the Merlin Bird ID app on your phone to help with identifying birds which are unfamiliar to you. Be sure to download the appropriate bird pack; your phone will know which one to download if your location info is turned on. Merlin Bird ID helps you solve a bird mystery in five questions or with a photo of a bird. First, Merlin asks you a few simple questions. Then, almost like magic, it reveals the list of birds that best match your description. Pick your bird, then delve into more photos, sounds and ID tips about your bird.

- Use your camera — taking pictures of birds is helpful with troublesome IDs and for reporting sightings in eBird.

This a fun and productive way to make a contribution to science in spite of the current stay-at-home directives. Recently, there were reports in the New York Times that people were counting birds by looking out of their apartment windows. So be creative (and careful) about where and how you do your counting. We are lucky to live in a place where there are usable outdoor spaces where we can be safe.

The second opportunity on May 9 for fun and participation is the celebration of World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD). As a result of the long and persistent efforts of multiple conservation and education organizations, WMBD was created, a single, global bird conservation education program. Since 2007, WMBD has been coordinated by Environment for the Americas (EFTA), a nonprofit organization that strives to connect people to

bird conservation.

In 2018, EFTA joined the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) to create a single, global bird conservation education campaign. WMBD celebrates and brings attention to one of the most important and spectacular events in the Americas — bird migration.

While this new alliance furthers migratory bird conservation around the globe by creating a worldwide campaign organized around the planet's major migratory bird corridors, the EFTA will continue to focus its efforts on the flyways here in North, Central and South America and, through education, to highlight the need to conserve migratory birds and protect their habitat. The EFTA coordinates events, programs and activities in the Americas at protected areas, refuges, parks, museums, schools, zoos and more. As many as 700 events and programs are hosted annually to introduce the public to migratory birds and ways to conserve them.

Learning about these events and programs on WMBD's website, www.migratorybirdday.org, can offer you a wide range of things to do on May 9. There are items under the resources tab, including fact sheets and promotional materials, and educational items including bird flash cards, coloring pages, posters, buttons and stickers. Of particular interest now is the very useful information about the plastic pollution problem and how it affects birds. Also, sprinkled into the website pages are tips on how to make sure our efforts to ensure that the safety of migrating bird populations across North and South America are successful.

San Juan National Forest offers free permits for personal-use firewood cutting

By Lorena Williams
Special to The SUN

The San Juan National Forest is offering free permits for personal-use firewood cutting to the general public through May 31. The free-use permits are for personal use only and exclude the cutting of firewood for commercial purposes.

Forest users are asked to comply with normal permit requirements and forest regulations, even when collecting forest products under the free-use allowance. Beginning June 1, free-use packets will no longer be valid

and regular fuelwood permits will be available for purchase at district and forest offices across the San Juan National Forest.

These free-use permits are valid for cutting up to and a maximum of four cords of personal-use firewood. A cord is the amount of tightly piled wood in a stack 4 feet high by 4 feet wide by 8 feet long. The authorization packets are limited to one per household and only individuals that are 18 years or older may participate in the free personal-use firewood program.

The forest is providing these authorization packets to the pub-

lic in the following way:

- An individual can pick up an authorization packet at a National Forest office during regular business hours. A self-service table will be located near the front entrance at each office. Forest staff require that woodcutters leave contact information in the on-site drop box when picking up their packet.

- Woodcutters must carry the authorization packet with them while cutting. The authorizations do not need to be attached to the load. Firewood cutters are also required to carry an ax or shovel and have their chain saw equipped

with an approved spark arrester when cutting wood.

San Juan National Forest officials urge the public to plan ahead and contact their local ranger district prior to starting their trip. Many forest roads are still not accessible due to mud, snow or snow drifts. In addition, traveling on thawing, saturated or muddy roads can result in resource damage and serious safety concerns, especially if visitors are unprepared.

For specific forest information and firewood cutting guidelines, please contact Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268.

Camping at state parks and state wildlife areas remains closed

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

Camping at Colorado state parks and state wildlife areas will remain closed until further notice as Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) works to implement system-wide safety protocols related to social distancing in campgrounds.

Customer, volunteer and em-

ployee safety remain a top priority. CPW is committed to providing park services at the highest level possible while also ensuring public safety. System camping cancellations will be sent via email. Currently, no definitive date is known for when sites will reopen.

"We understand the strain these continued closures put on all of us and we appreciate the public's

flexibility as we work through the process of reopening," said Dan Prenzl, director of CPW. "Our staff is working hard to make sure we can provide safe and enjoyable experiences for everyone."

CPW is working with federal and local municipal partners as well as the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to determine a timeline for camping. This

coordination can make predicting definitive opening dates difficult as each county faces its own unique circumstances.

State park rangers remain on duty protecting the parks, and normal rules and regulations still apply. Park trail closures due to visitation or crowding will be reported on the Colorado Trail Explorer (CO-
■ See Camping A14



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Coloradans urged to reduce wildfire risk while staying at home

By **Teddy Parker-Renga**
Special to The SUN

With fire seasons becoming longer, more intense and more damaging over the last few decades in Colorado, state and federal agencies that manage wildfires and forests are urging residents to join in efforts to reduce wildfire risk, while following stay-at-home and safer-at-home directives.

Gov. Jared Polis signed a proclamation declaring May as Wildfire Awareness Month, an annual observance to encourage all citizens to better prepare their homes and communities for wildfires. With about half of all Coloradans — about 3 million people — living in the wildland-urban interface (WUI), it's important for people to take action to reduce the risk wildfire poses to their homes and create more fire-adapted communities.

During an average year, Colorado will see about 4,500 wildfires that burn around 168,000 acres, including several large fires. With the coronavirus creating challenges for firefighters this year, including less flexibility and fewer resources, residents should do what they can now to ease the burden on first responders if a wildfire poses a threat to their community.

Wildfire knows no boundaries; it does not recognize jurisdictional responsibilities. A single wildfire often crosses private, county, state, tribal and federal lands, and threatens communities across all landscapes.

“The number of people at risk of wildfires in Colorado continues to increase,” said Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control Direc-

tor Mike Morgan. “Approximately 3 million people live in Colorado’s wildland-urban interface — compared to 2 million people just five years ago. We encourage landowners and communities to become aware of their level of risk and be a part of the solution.”

Practical steps while staying at home

Homeowners living in the WUI can do a number of practical activities to protect their residence from fire while staying home and practicing social distancing. The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) recommends the following wildfire preparation activities:

- Rake and remove pine needles and dry leaves 5 feet from the home, as well as under decks, porches, sheds and play structures.
- Remove leaves and needles from roofs and gutters.
- Sweep porches and decks clear of any burnable plant material.
- Move firewood piles at least 30 feet from the house, preferably uphill.
- Transfer items under decks or porches to a storage area.
- Cover any exposed eave or attic vents with 1/8-inch metal mesh screening.
- Ensure home address signs are clearly visible from the street.
- Contact your local office of emergency management to register for emergency notifications and encourage your friends, family and neighbors to do the same.
- Confirm at least one alternate path out of your neighborhood other than the one most commonly used and be prepared for potential

■ See **Wildfire A15**

Camping

■ Continued from **A13**
TREX) App and the CPW website.

Colorado counties, municipalities and land management agencies continue to update their COVID-19 guidance including travel restrictions, road closures and access limitations on the Colorado Counties Inc. Safer-At-Home map. Outdoor recreationists are responsible for researching and understanding park and county closures before participating in any planned local recreational activities. CPW encourages park visitors to follow trail safety etiquette and

visit parks responsibly.

CPW asks all Coloradans to respect safer-at-home orders and stay close to your home and use local trails and parks for outdoor recreation. Limiting travel for recreation helps minimize the strain of visitors on small mountain communities and creates less burden for our search and rescue and emergency responders.

For more information, visit the CPW COVID-19 Response website for updates on park closures, permits and licenses, and outdoor recreation policies.

Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE
SALE NO. 2020-003

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On February 6, 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) SAMUEL WHITNEY HOTCHKISS and REBECCA ANNE HOTCHKISS Original Beneficiary(ies) MARGERY LYNN PRUESSNER and WILLIAM D. ROE Current Holder of Evidence of Debt KJ NORTHERN TRUST, SHANE LAVERY TRUSTEE (66% INTEREST) and KEN JILLSON (33% INTEREST) Date of Deed of Trust September 28, 2015 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust September 28, 2015 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 21507115 Original Principal Amount \$71,200.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$61,921.33 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the convenants 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.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT # 17, CROWN LAKE RESERVE PHASE 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED JULY 30, 1993 AS RECEPTION NOS. 93003888 AND 93003889 COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO Also known by street and number as: 325 Mary's Court, Chromo, CO 81128.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 06/04/2020, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 02/06/2020

Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: /s/ P. White, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Neal K Dunning #10181
Browning Dunning Walker P.O. 2000 SOUTH COLORADO BLVD., TOWER TWO, SUITE 700, DENVER, CO 80222 (303) 329-3363
Attorney File # 3938-016
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
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Eagle's Loft Property
Owner's Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

THOMAS J CHIFFELLE, et al.
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):

THOMAS J CHIFFELLE

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MARINA BAY & MIDLER SERVICES, LLC

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G M FROELICH

AZTEC INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISES, INC.

JOHN H GASPER, Co-trustee of the Gasper

Revocable Living Trust under date May 25, 2006

MARGARET H GASPER, Co-trustee of the Gasper

Revocable Living Trust under date May 25, 2006

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PATRICIA A HAMMOND

SCOTT E MCVICKEY

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Eagle's Loft Townhouses for failure to pay assessments to Eagle's Loft Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.

Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions:

Phase I of Eagle's Loft
Matter Amount

Property Owner: Thomas J Chiffelle and Marianne T Chiffelle
Building Number: 5
Lot (Unit) Number: 5
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 38
Unpaid Asmts: Interest: \$134.31

Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,830.98
Property Owner: Marina Bay & Midler Services, LLC
Building Number: 4
Lot (Unit) Number: 4
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 20
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,635.69
Interest: \$461.12
Late Fees: \$25.00

Total: \$3,121.81
Property Owner: Percy W Scarborough and Althea Scarborough
Building Number: 6
Lot (Unit) Number: 6
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 52
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69
Interest: \$159.72
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,995.41

In Phase I of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 117699 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and as further described in said Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership of Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Phase II of Eagle's Loft
Matter Amount

Property Owner: Darlene F Kelley
Building Number: 14
Lot (Unit) Number: 14
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 9
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.67
Interest: \$159.72
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,995.39

Property Owner: Piero Ossani
Building Number: 8
Lot (Unit) Number: 8
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 12
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69
Interest: \$159.72
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,995.41

In Phase II of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 119118 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that First Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on October 7, 1983, in Book 203, Page 564, Reception No. 119119, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Phase III of Eagle's Loft
Matter Amount

Property Owner: Thomas J Chiffelle and Marianne T Chiffelle
Building Number: 18
Lot (Unit) Number: 18
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 21
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,671.67
Interest: \$134.31
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,830.98

Property Owner: D L Froehlich, G M Froehlich and Walter Darrell Froehlich
Building Number: 21
Lot (Unit) Number: 21
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 41
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69
Interest: \$159.72
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,995.41

Property Owner: Aztec International Enterprises, Inc.
Building Number: 38
Lot (Unit) Number: 38
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 24
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69
Interest: \$159.72
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,995.41

Property Owner: John E Gasper and Margaret H Gasper, Co-Trustees of the Gasper Revocable Trust under date of May 25, 2006
Building Number: 34
Lot (Unit) Number: 34
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 27
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69
Interest: \$159.72
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,995.41

Property Owner: F Mulero Enterprises LLC
Building Number: 37
Lot (Unit) Number: 37
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 2
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69
Interest: \$159.72
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,995.41

Property Owner: Aztec International Enterprises, Inc.
Building Number: 15
Lot (Unit) Number: 15
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 34
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69
Interest: \$159.72
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,995.41

Property Owner: Jimmy A Pressly and Chris Pressly
Building Number: 32
Lot (Unit) Number: 32
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 33
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,505.93
Interest: \$111.65
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,642.58

In Phase III of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 132023 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 13, 1984, Reception No. 124494, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Phase IV of Eagle's Loft
Matter Amount

Property Owner: Marina Bay and Midler Services, LLC
Building Number: 43
Lot (Unit) Number: 43
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 37
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69
Interest: \$159.72
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,995.41

Property Owner: Yolande K Bestgen
Building Number: 49
Lot (Unit) Number: 49
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 22
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.69
Interest: \$159.72
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,995.41

Property Owner: Patricia A Hammond
Building Number: 42
Lot (Unit) Number: 42
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 12
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,762.07
Interest: \$150.81
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,937.88

Property Owner: Scott E McVickey
Building Number: 43
Lot (Unit) Number: 43
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 43 and 44
Unpaid Asmts: \$3,624.38
Interest: \$319.44
Late Fees: \$50.00
Total: \$3,993.82

In Phase IV of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Phase I of Eagle's Loft
Matter Amount

Property Owner: Patricia A Hammond
Building Number: 42
Lot (Unit) Number: 42
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 12
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68
Interest: \$182.60
Late Fees: \$50.00
Total: \$2,362.28

Property Owner: PAGOSA TIMESHARE LLC
Unit Number: 7507
Building Number: 2
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68
Interest: \$182.60
Late Fees: \$50.00
Total: \$2,362.28

Property Owner: PHILLIP A THOMPSON
Unit Number: 7502
Building Number: 1
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68
Interest: \$182.60
Late Fees: \$50.00
Total: \$2,362.28

In that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, that property on which is located two (2) two-story buildings containing four units per building, which are designated, respectively, as Building 1, Units 7501, 7502, 7503 and 7504; and Building 2, Units 7505, 7506, 7507, and 7508 as per Plat File No. 331 A-E, Reception No. 0168713, and which are subject to that certain Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership dated December 30, 1988, recorded January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 0160495, Book 239, Page 2 and Second Amendment to Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums recorded

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):

WTA SERVICES LLC

BOAHE J GRAHAM

H A GRAHAM

SHARON L CONDON

LARRY E CONDON

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

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Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions:

Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV
Matter Amount

Owners: WTA Services LLC
Building Number: 18
Lot (Unit) Number: 7835-7836
UDI Points: 28,000
Unpaid Asmts: \$562.94

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Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV
Matter Amount

Owners: Bonnie J Graham and H A Graham
Building Number: 26
Lot (Unit) Number: 7851-7852
UDI Points: 126,000
Unpaid Asmts: 893.34

Owners: Sharon L Condon and Larry E Condon
Building Number: 26
Lot (Unit) Number: 7851-7852
UDI Points: 210,000
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,240.70

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Matter Amount

Owners: Christopher B. Conley
Building Number: 26
Lot (Unit) Number: 7851-7852
UDI Points: 126,000
Unpaid Asmts: 893.34

Owners: Sharon L Condon and Larry E Condon
Building Number: 26
Lot (Unit) Number: 7851-7852
UDI Points: 210,000
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TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL

Aspen Springs fire and explosion under investigation

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

An explosion and fire in the area of Susan's Place and Crooked Road in Aspen Springs that occurred on the evening of April 23 remains under investigation.

Around 6 p.m. on April 23, there was a report of a "huge explosion" heard from the area, with the reporting party seeing black smoke and flames.

The Pagosa Fire Protection Dis-

trict (PFPD) arrived on scene at 6:24 p.m., according to PFPD Deputy Chief Karn Macht, adding that the fire was controlled around 6:26 p.m.

In an interview on April 27, Macht explained the fire consumed some of the property and a camper on-site.

The entire camper was consumed, along with about one-10th of an acre, Macht explained.

The fire did not take long to be put out, but the PFPD staff stayed on scene to get pictures of the site

and to make sure there were no hot spots, Macht explained.

No one was in the camper at the time of the fire and no one was on scene when the PFPD arrived, Macht added.

In a follow-up interview on May 4, PFPD Capt. Kelly Robertson explained that some neighbors tried to help put the fire out.

"That's still undetermined right now," Robertson said of the cause of the fire. "When I arrived on scene, there was nobody there, so the

homeowner was never there and all the witnesses were already gone."

According to Robertson, someone had been staying on the property, but not in the camper itself.

"The trailer burned. It was storage," Robertson said, adding that photos and family belongings were in the camper. "It was a total loss."

The fire caught some grass, scrub oak and trees on fire, according to Robertson, who added that the area is very dry.

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Wildfire

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evacuation requiring the alternative route.

"Accomplishing these simple tasks will increase the chances your home will survive a wildfire," said Mike Lester, state forester and director of the CSFS. "These are activities you can do on your own, while you're stuck at home. Not only will you be preparing yourself, your home and your family for a potential fire, you'll be giving a leg up to firefighters who may be called to protect your home."

Prevention when outdoors

In early April, Jennifer Eberlein, acting regional forester for the USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region, announced fire restrictions on national forests and grasslands in Colorado and surrounding states to help prevent human-caused fires, which in turn can help prevent the overtaxing of county and state fire and medical resources. Some Colorado counties have followed suit. While many

campgrounds and recreation areas remain closed across the state, people who head into the forest should check fire restrictions and do their part to prevent wildfires.

Fire management agencies are operating under novel constraints due to the coronavirus. That said, wildland fire agencies are incredibly proficient in emergency response and are actively assessing potential risks and developing plans to mitigate those risks as progress in the response to COVID-19 continues. While COVID-19

circumstances are rapidly evolving — and federal guidance continues to adapt with the situation — the wildland fire agencies are prepared for wildland fire activity and will be ready to respond during a COVID-19 outbreak. Still, variable quarantine guidelines will impact resource sharing, interstate travel and other traditional incident management practices in a novel way, making individual land and homeowner wildfire preparedness and prevention all the more important during this fire season.

Forest Service roads continue to open for season

By Brandon Caley
Special to The SUN

To protect road surfaces and for public safety, many Forest Service roads are seasonally closed to wheeled motorized vehicles, except snowmobiles operating on snow. The roads are open to nonmotorized uses, including bicycling, hiking and horseback riding.

Roads will remain closed until most of the road surface can withstand traffic without damage.

An open gate does not give permission to damage roads. Damage is defined as: ruts 1 inch deep or deeper on gravel roads, or 4 inches deep or deeper on native surface roads. Do not go off roads, except to park adjacent to the road on dry ground.

Following is the road status as of May 1:

- Black Mountain, No. 661, closed.
- Blanco River, No. 656, closed.
- Blue Creek, No. 012/Big Branch No. 664, closed.
- Buckles Lake, No. 663, closed.
- Burns Canyon, No. 649 (to

second gate), open.

- Burns Canyon, No. 649 (above second gate), open.
- Castle Creek, No. 660 to Opal Lake trailhead, closed.
- Castle Creek, No. 660 to Fish Creek trailhead, closed.
- Chris Mountain Road, No. 681, open.
- Devil Creek, No. 627, to state wildlife area, open.
- Devil Mountain, No. 626, open.
- East Fork, No. 667, open (to Quartz Creek Road No. 684 junction).
- East Toner No. 637, open.
- Echo Canyon, No. 029 (Nipple Mountain), open.
- Eight Mile Mesa, No. 651, open.
- Falls Creek Road, No. 039, closed.
- Fawn Gulch Road, No. 666, open.
- First Fork, No. 622 (main gate), open.
- First Fork, No. 622 (gate at Sheep Creek), open.
- Fourmile Road, No. 645, closed.
- Jackson Mountain, No. 037, open.

- Jack's Pasture Road, No. 746, open.
- Kenney Flats, No. 006, open.
- Lefthand Canyon, No. 024, closed.
- Lower Piedra to Campground, No. 621, closed.
- McManus, No. 633 (at Plumtaw intersection), open.
- Middle Fork, No. 636, open.
- Monument Park East, No. 630, closed.
- Monument Park West, No. 630, closed.
- Mosca, No. 631, closed.
- Nipple Mountain, No. 665, open.
- Nipple Mountain, No. 665 (above Echo Canyon), closed.
- Plumtaw, No. 634, closed.
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- West Fork, No. 648, open.
- Williams Creek, No. 640 (from gate to lake), open.
- Williams Creek, No. 640 (to Palisades HC), closed.
- Wolf Creek Road, No. 725, closed.

You can find information on travel management, road openings and closings, and Motor Vehicle Use Maps on the San Juan National Forest website, <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan/>. Conditions change quickly, so check with the ranger district office in the area you plan to visit to get the most current information on road conditions and openings. Call the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268.

To find current information on other seasonal Pagosa Ranger District road closures on the website, click on the "Forest Road Conditions" link located on the right side of the page under the "Quick Links" box. Under Alerts and Notices, click "Pagosa Ranger District Road Status."

DMV to safely reopen Durango driver's license office for appointments only

Division encourages use of online services, only essential visits to offices

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has taken appropriate precautions and is ready to safely serve more Coloradans.

In an effort to provide critical services that Coloradans need, the DMV has begun Phase 2 of its reopening plan by offering critical services to Coloradans at 10 more state driver's license offices, including Durango.

Coloradans can begin scheduling appointments by calling (303) 205-5613, opt. 4; or (303) 205-2335 for CO-RCSA services. This is so the DMV may serve customers more efficiently by prioritizing appointments for services that can only be performed in-office.

The DMV will evaluate the reopening process and will make any adjustments as necessary to protect and serve our customers and staff members.

During this phased reopening, the DMV will be unable to serve walk-in customers. Additionally, customers must wear a face mask or covering to be served.

Customers will be screened

before entering all offices. A DMV employee will screen all customers and staff with a laser thermometer for fevers as well as administer a COVID-19 questionnaire. Customers and staff members who have fevers or exhibit COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed into state offices.

Customers should not bring guests because guests will not be allowed into any driver's license office while social distancing is being utilized. If a guest is essential, such as a caregiver or translator, customers must specify that a guest is needed when making an appointment.

The DMV worked with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to develop the phased plan and follows CDPHE's and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance.

Although these driver's license offices are open on an appointment-only basis, the DMV encourages Coloradans to visit a driver's license office only when online services are not an option. Instances when a visit to a driver's license office is essential include:

- Initial issuance of driver's licenses, identification cards and instruction permits.
- Some driver's license or identification card renewal customers who are ineligible to renew online.
- Instruction permit holders who need to take the written test.
- Driver's license offices will not be offering drive tests at this time. Please contact one of our third-party school partners for drive testing.
- Instruction permit holders who are ready to upgrade to a driver's license.
- Coloradans needing CO-RCSA services. Please call (303) 205-2335 for CO-RCSA services.
- Coloradans seeking a state-issued driver's license or ID card for the first time, including those transferring a credential from another state or country (first-time applicants are encouraged to start the process on myDMV.Colorado.gov to shorten the duration of the visit).
- Coloradans needing DMV ser-

vices can cut the risk and skip the trip with myDMV.Colorado.gov, which offers 35 online services including:

- Request a driver record.
- Pay citation (traffic ticket).
- Begin application for a new driver's license or ID.
- Renew a driver's license or ID (if eligible).
- Pay a reinstatement fee.
- Change driver's license or ID address.
- Exchange driver's license or permit for an ID.
- Extend an expiration date, if eligible.
- Reschedule a hearing.
- Check where your driver's license or ID card is.
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Coloradans who have questions about DMV services should call (303) 205-5600. Please note that due to the number of questions we are receiving, our phone waits may be longer than normal.



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Birth



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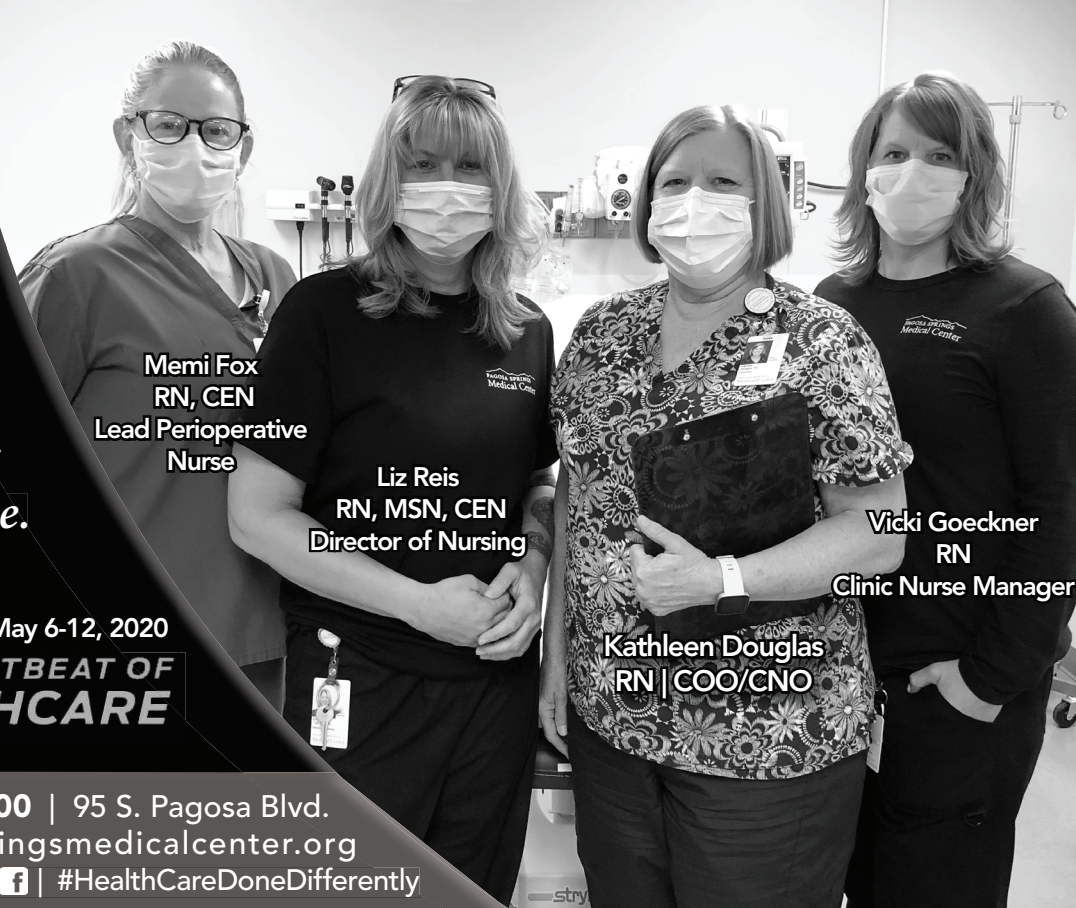
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Town council waives fees for county courthouse

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Building permit and plan review fees have been waived for the planned Archuleta County courthouse, and sheriff's office and dispatch center via resolution by the Pagosa Springs Town Council at a meeting on May 5.

Council approved Ordinance 886 in 2018 and Ordinance 911 in 2019, which gives council the authorization to waive certain development review fees for projects that involve intergovernmental partnerships via resolution, Town Manager Andrea Phillips, explained.

The building permit fees for the courthouse are expected to be \$27,100, and about \$4,600 for the sheriff's office and dispatch center, Phillips explained, adding that the development is taking place at 125 Harman Park Drive.

"We're all in tough times. We're going to do everything we can to get these buildings built," Commissioner Steve Wadley of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) said during the meeting. "The community needs these. The dispatch center and the courthouse, we've been living with a very bad situation for a long time. We're asking for the town's help in this. It will serve all of us in the community and we would very much appreciate your support."

Resolution 2020-12, waiving the building permit and plan review fees for Archuleta County, was approved via a 6-1 vote with council member Mat DeGraaf voting against.

BoCC chair Ron Maez explained in an interview on May 6 that he is grateful and thankful for council's decision.

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Charter school's building corporation purchases building

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Building Corporation closed on the purchase of the building housing PPOS on May 1, ensuring a permanent home for the charter school.

PPOS has been renting space in the building, previously owned by Parelli Pagosa Properties LLP, since it opened in the fall of 2017.

"PPOS is excited about this milestone for the school," School Director Angela Reali Crossland wrote in an email to The SUN.

To purchase the building, the PPOS Building Corporation received a direct loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), according to an email from PPOS Business Manager Chenni Hammon.

The USDA loan is at 2.375 percent for 40 years and is for \$2.9 million, she noted, with a purchase price of \$4.4 million.

Along with that, the building corporation received a \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs and a \$1 million donation from Mark Weiler. The school used \$100,000 from reserves toward the purchase, Hammon indicated.

The building corporation is the legal owner of the building, with PPOS being the primary tenant until the building is paid off, at which time ownership will be transferred to PPOS, Hammon indicated.

That, she explained, is because of the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR).

"TABOR laws restrict schools from entering into multi year debt therefore the Building Corporation was formed as a pass through entity for the school. The bylaws of the building corporations are written to ensure Pagosa Peak Open School is the sole beneficiary of all building proceeds," she wrote.

Hammon further noted that, per the agreement, Parelli Natural Horsemanship will continue to occupy the warehouse for six months as that company finalizes "needed infrastructure on the ranch."

"This is in reciprocity for additional space used by the school during the last school year," Hammon wrote.

"We look forward to renovating the building to best fit our project-based learning needs. It will not only bring better educational space but more security for our students and a kitchen for food service. As we build out the building we hope to partner with other nonprofit organizations to create a community hub that supports education in many forms," Crossland wrote.

PPOS has had "many conversations" with local nonprofits about sharing the building, Hammon explained, though no partnerships have been finalized.

Hammon noted that PPOS "immediately begin cleaning and renovating the upper floor offices to become classrooms. We need to enclose the atrium and front stairwell. We will be adding fire

security doors to the stairwell as well as making needed repairs to the roof and lighting in the parking lot. We hope to have these items completed in the next 12 months."

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Order limits evictions and late charges, Polis assigns committee to focus on behavioral health

Special to The SUN

Gov. Jared Polis provided an update on Colorado's response to COVID-19 on Monday.

"Safer at Home is not a return to normalcy, which means that Coloradans should continue to be responsible, stay at home when possible and wear masks when in public. This virus is having an impact on every part of our lives. We talk a lot about how this is affecting public health and our economy, but it's equally important to recognize the impact this is having on Coloradans' mental and behavioral health," said Polis. "We want to ensure everyone has the resources they need during this difficult time, whether it's related to your finances or mental health. We are all in this together and we're going to get through this together."

Many Coloradans have experienced substantial loss of income as a result of business closures and layoffs, hindering their ability to keep up with their rent or mortgage payments and threatening their housing security. On March 20, Polis signed an executive order addressing this issue and is now extending and strengthening that order. Executive Order D 2020 051 includes:

- No evictions or foreclosures should occur in the month of May for residential or commercial tenants, unless there is a public safety risk.
- Landlords and lenders are pro-

hibited from charging any late fees or penalties because of an inability to pay rent or mortgage payments.

- Landlords must notify tenants of the new federal protections against evictions and foreclosures for each property.

• The Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, and Department of Regulatory Agencies should work with property owners and landlords to create model repayment agreements to allow tenants the time they need to repay rent.

The full order can be read here: <https://www.colorado.gov/governor/sites/default/files/inline-files/D%202020%20051%20Evictions.pdf>.

As Colorado transitions to Safer at Home, many Coloradans will still be spending a lot of time at home. This pandemic is not only taking on the economy and Colorado way of life, but on Coloradans' mental and behavioral health. State crisis hotlines are seeing a much higher call volume since the beginning of this crisis.

Colorado Crisis Services provides free, confidential, professional, and immediate support for any mental health, substance use or emotional concern 24/7/365. Folks can call (844) 493-TALK (8255) or text "TALK" to 38255 to speak to a trained professional. Any Coloradan that needs support should reach out.

Polis announced a new special

assignment committee within the Behavioral Health Task Force that will focus on the effects of COVID-19 on behavioral health in Colorado. The special assignment committee will:

- Create an interim report that highlights the short- and long-term impacts of COVID-19 on the behavioral health system, including access and affordability of behavioral health services, especially for vulnerable and underserved populations.
- Evaluate the behavioral health crisis response in Colorado to COVID-19 and provide recommendations for the Behavioral Health Task Force's blueprint on improvements of behavioral health services for a response during any potential future crisis.

The Task Force is charged with providing recommendations on how to overhaul the state's behavioral health system to ensure every Coloradan has access to mental health resources in every corner of Colorado. The recommendations were supposed to be released in June, but given the crisis, the timeline of the Task Force's work is being extended until later in the summer.

The governor also announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has activated the Crisis Care Program (CCP) for the state of Colorado. The CCP provides reimbursements to local organizations that support individuals and communities as they recover from the psychological

effects of disasters.

Services will be provided at no cost and are available to any survivor. Services include:

- Stress mitigation.
- Crisis counseling.
- Coping strategies.
- Emotional support.
- Education.
- Links with individuals or agencies that can help those impacted.
- And services can be provided in either a group setting or one-on-one.

The COVID Relief Fund is now distributing the second round of funding grants. The fund received 780 applications requesting more than \$17 million. A total of \$3.6 million will be disbursed in the second round to 165 organizations that are serving all 64 Colorado counties.

Funding is going to community-based organizations serving displaced workers, children in low-income households, frontline workers in health care and other critical industries, workers without access to paid sick leave or health insurance, older Coloradans on fixed or lower incomes, people experiencing homelessness, people with disabilities, tribal governments, survivors of domestic violence or child abuse, immigrant and refugee communities, and black, Latino and Asian Coloradans who are disproportionately affected by this crisis.

Through the first two rounds, \$8.4 million in funding has been distributed to 371 organizations across the state.

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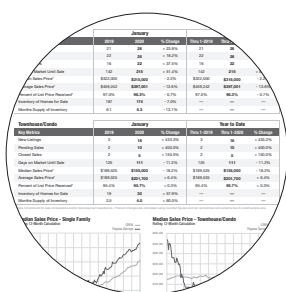
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Glad to come home

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

My daughter was in her mid-teens — those years when young people think that their parents don't know too much. She chafed at the requirements of home, having to do chores, having a set time for bed, and eating what everyone else in the family ate instead of getting to choose for herself. She also felt that with all of her siblings, there were just too many people with too many personalities to deal with. She often told us she couldn't wait to get away from home.

"Maybe I could find another place to live for the summer," she said.

"Like where?" I asked.

"I don't know," she replied. "Maybe I could go stay with Grandma. Maybe I could help her with her garden. It would give me a chance to get away from home."

The grandma she was talking about was my mother, and I was wondering if my daughter really knew what she would be getting herself into. My mother is a no-nonsense woman. As I thought about it, I wondered if that might be just what my daughter needed. I decided to talk to my brother. When I told him about what my daughter wanted, he laughed.

"One of my daughters got sick of everything at home and pushed us to let her go stay with her grandma, too," he said. "We finally let her."

"How did it go?" I asked.

"You know Mom," he said. "Life is about work and getting things done. Just because someone is staying with her doesn't mean she has time to sit around and visit. It just means she has more help to get the things done that she needs to get done."

My brother said that for a day or two, his daughter didn't say too much about it. But it wasn't long before she let him know that she wanted to come home.

He told me his daughter said, "Grandma just keeps me working all of the time. Coming home will be like

going on a vacation."

"How long did she end up staying there?" I asked.

"She made it almost four days," my brother said. "But on the day she called to come home, she said she had been assigned to pick the thorny gooseberries and that was the last straw."

I laughed. I love gooseberry pie, but picking the thorny things is one of the greatest trials of life. After visiting with my brother, my wife and I decided to let our daughter go stay with her grandmother. It was early spring, so there were not any berries to pick. But I knew my mother would find something to keep my daughter busy.

After almost a week had gone by, my daughter called and said she was ready to come home. When I picked her up, I asked her how it went.

"Oh, it was OK," she said.

"Just OK?" I asked. "What did you do?"

"The easier question is what didn't I do?" she replied. "I cleaned out raspberries until my arms were all scratched up. I weeded, dug grass out of the garden, mowed the lawn and trimmed the trees. And to top it off, today I had to clean dead branches out of the gooseberries. I think their thorns are about an inch long!"

I smiled. Those were some of the things I did when I was young. I appreciated my mother teaching my daughter to work. The next time I visited with my mother, I mentioned it.

She just shrugged. "I don't expect anything from your children that I don't expect from anyone else. I don't run a hotel, you know. If someone comes to visit, they are only guests for three days, and then they're family and have to pitch in. But in the case of your children, they are already family and should pitch in from the beginning."

My mother has now sold her farm, so my children won't be going there anymore, but on this Mothers' Day, I am grateful for a mother who helped teach my children how to work just as she and my father taught me.

Kids Kare Story Time is coming to your home

By Frank and Connie Porter
Special to The PREVIEW

Have you missed bringing your little ones to Kids Kare on Wednesday mornings? Or have you wished there were special programs for your little ones that they could watch at home? We are bringing our Kids Kare Story Time program to your home.

This program is designed for little kids ages 3-5 years old and will be shown for the first time on Wednesday, May 13, from 9:30

to 10 a.m. It will continue each Wednesday for six weeks through June 17. The program includes Bible time with stories, songs, action rhymes, memory verses and lots of activities.

This special program is sponsored by Pagosa Bible Church and Child Evangelism Fellowship. To see the programs, go to <https://pagosabilechurch.org> for links to the Pagosa Bible Church YouTube channel and Facebook page for the livestream each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. It will continue to be available

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For more information concerning the Kids Kare Story Time, call Frank and Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email them at ceflittle-kids@gmail.com. We look forward to teaching your little ones each Wednesday morning.

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Photography Club to hear about 'Expedition to Antarctica'

By Gregg Heid
Special to The PREVIEW

The May program of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be held on Wednesday, May 13, at 6:15 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting, live online using Zoom video conferencing, which you may participate in from the comfort and safety of your own home.

Our speaker will be Frank Comisar, whose topic is "Expedition to Antarctica." Comisar will show photos and videos of the wildlife and amazing scenery of Antarctica, taken on a recent cruise to the ice continent. He will also explain the logistics and daily routines of his trip, and considerations involved in planning for a cruise to Antarctica.

Comisar is the founder of Scenic Aperture Gallery in Durango, and is a well-known wildlife and nature photographer. Comisar travels throughout North America making beautiful photographs for his Durango gallery and leading photography workshops.

Influenced by a previous career in architecture, Comisar's images are well-known for artistically depicting our three-dimensional world in a two-dimensional medium. Comisar learned early in his architecture career that "... the creative process is not a destination but a journey. It is a journey that includes research, planning, timing, technical skills, creative judgment and a bit of good luck." His success as a photographer is founded on these principles.

Photography Club members will receive a club email containing a Zoom weblink to participate in Comisar's presentation. Others who are interested in taking part may contact club president Andy Butler for information at abutler@mac.com.

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club promotes educational, social and fun interactions between any and all who enjoy making and viewing great photography. The club sponsors educational programs and outings to help photographers hone their skills. Nonmembers are invited to attend a meeting to learn more about the club. For membership information, visit our website at <https://pagosaspingsphotoclub.org/about/>.



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Frank Comisar, ready to photograph wildlife.

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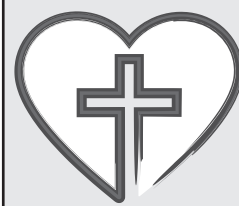
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Pagosa Springs High School senior Sydney (Simon) Mitchell seen here in the last rehearsal for “Matilda the Musical,” playing the villainous and tyrannical headmistress Miss Trunchbull before the play was shut down due to coronavirus. Mitchell has been accepted into the prestigious theater department of Rutgers University. Other senior actors and techies in “Matilda” are: Grace Thompson, KC Yeneza, Hunter Swinehart, Emma Happ, Kaden Hessman, Cheyenne Todd, Nick Voelker, Megan Foster and Alanis Sanchez.



“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”

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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‘Don’t force the river’

After a virtual leadership meeting, one of the board members said, “Don’t force the river.”

I hadn’t heard that term before. Apparently, it’s an old country saying.

Our weekly writers’ group has been very successful in building an online network. We now include writers from six different states.

How far do we want to extend our boundaries? Do we want to continue meeting outside of our customary four walls post-virus?

A guest speaker from New Mexico gave a presentation recently. We have others scheduled, including agents and publishers. Virtual technology has given us the ability to reach outside of Pagosa in a way we didn’t know we could.

As we come out on the other side after being shut in, I asked, “What will things look like? Have we changed? Did any of us grow from the time spent in isolation?”

For me, I almost feel like I have been placed in a box that has reduced in size. Not because I have been sequestered away from the world, but because I am experiencing my passion in life on a much larger stage.

When all is said and done, do we go back to the same familiar classroom setting? What about those who opened us up to things we didn’t know we were missing,

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



We have welcomed people in from home offices around the country.

I have enjoyed experiencing dialogue from a wider body of writers. The virtual world has allowed me to meet and learn from industry professionals and fellow laptop authors alike.

We all know the phrase, “If it’s not broken, don’t fix it.” So, does that mean that when we come out of our houses, that we go back to how it used to be?

My writers’ group is asking this same question. Do we continue to use technology to expand our opportunities? There are some who want to continue building on where we are today. For others, the thought scares them. We have had our fun, but it is time to go back to where we were, where we are most comfortable.

I asked the writer who made the comment, “What is our next step?”

“Why do we need to take the next step? Why can’t we grow organically? Let the needs of the group move us forward.”

In my younger days, we used a lot of Miracle Gro to get the job done. Whether it was to force grow the biggest tomatoes or encourage

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Contact Jane Parker for more info:

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Older Americans Month and 2020 scams

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.

May is Older Americans Month, and it is a time to reflect on the many contributions elders have made to improve our lives for decades. This year's theme is "Make your Mark," highlighting the difference anyone can make to help older adults, in support of caregivers and to strengthen communities.

Local community leaders might consider offering programs for the ever-increasing aging population, such as creating memory cafés and a dementia-friendly community, adding brain health classes, and building affordable housing for elders. Other ideas include expand-

Area Agency on Aging

ing local funding for caregiving, transportation, activities and meal programs, as well as building a separate, larger senior center.

Election and census scams

The most important things to remember for all scams are that if someone by phone, email or mail or at the door asks you for your Social Security number or other private information, makes a threat or asks for money by gift card, money order or wire transfer, the person is trying to scam you.

During the 2020 census, no worker legitimately representing the Census Bureau would do any of those things. In person, they will carry government identification. If

opening the door to any stranger makes you uncomfortable, answer census questions by mail, phone — call (844) 330-2020 — or on the website, 2020census.gov.

Unfortunately, scammers will use the same methods legitimate political candidates use to solicit donations, including social media posts that look real. The scammers are sophisticated; they can email or mail fake ads as a political action committee or candidate or pose as pollsters or campaign volunteers. Again, they might try to trick you into giving them your credit card number or to donate by gift card or other untraceable means. Rather than try to tell the real from the fake, the best solution is to reach out directly to candidates you support or getting donation information from a trustworthy source.

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.

Lane

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a late bloomer. As far as that goes, whether we were trying to increase church membership or find a way to bring community together, we followed the same process. Make some noise, then watch things grow. Isn't that what it means to be organic?

I was compelled to look up the definition. It said as elements of an organized whole — gradual or natural development.

Life is unfolding before my eyes. What I didn't know yesterday, I am clinging to, with an anticipation for what I may learn today. But had I become someone who would row a boat against any tide, just to feel like I was moving? Yes.

Had I become restless with allowing a current to move me to where it wants me? To let that happen sounds like drifting aimlessly. But it's not. There is no reason that we can't adjust our focus as we move in a natural direction. There is also nothing wrong with pulling out the paddle to push ourselves

beyond where we are.

So, what happens next? Will we see people running from their houses to get back to where they were just a few short months ago? I imagine that there will be those who never look back, while others find a comfortable balance that they didn't know they needed.

Final brushstroke: My writers' group has evolved, although we still don't know where tomorrow will take us. But that is OK. There

are conversations we are having, that we never knew we would. I think about families who are sitting down for dinner again or going for walks off the beaten path together. Tomorrow doesn't have to create confusion, it just needs to remind us that potential develops, if we take time to let it grow.

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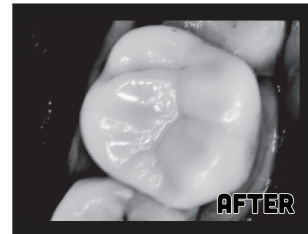
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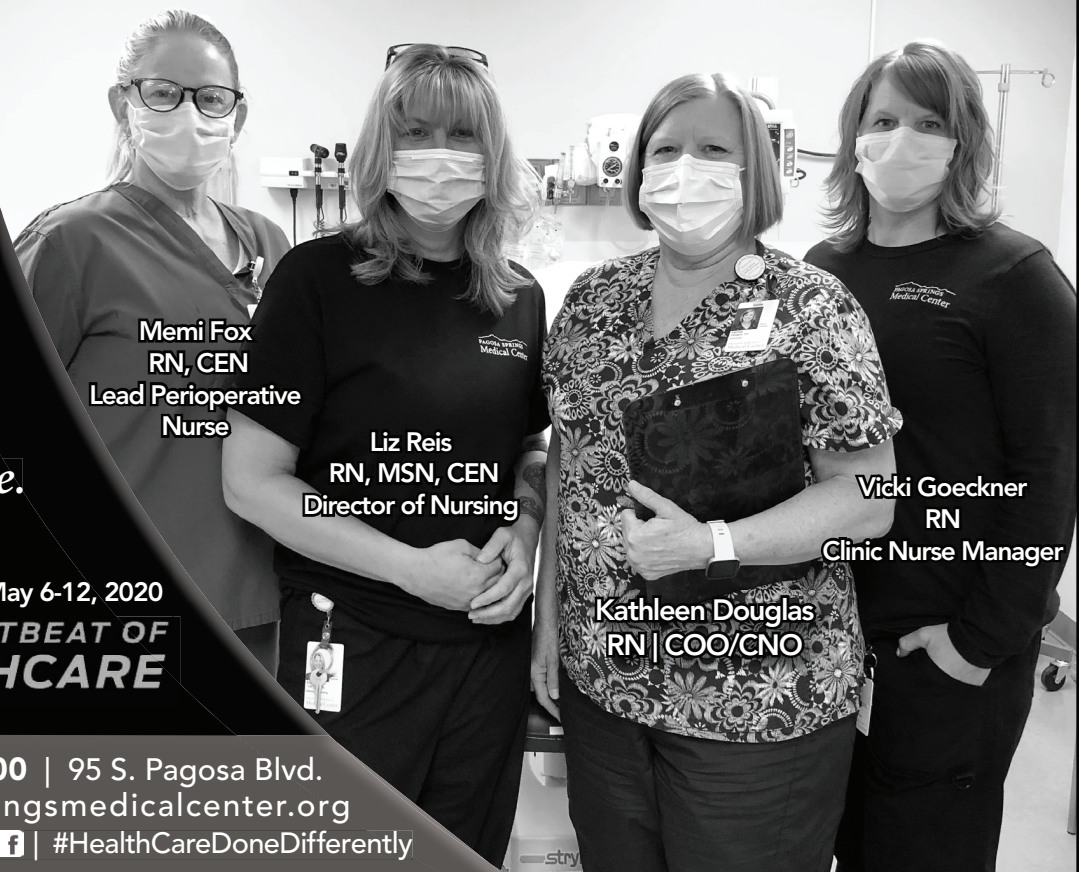
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A prayer: The power to live dangerously

By Sami Fortin
Special to The PREVIEW

Lord,
If we ask anything according to your will, your word says you will give it to us. My greatest plea is for those who don't trust in you, yet. Open your words of truth to them so that they can overcome the lies of the enemy. "For you so loved the world (as a whole and as individuals) that you gave your only son, that whosoever believes in you, shall not perish, but have eternal life."

You made the first move and showed your love for us by doing something no one else was able to do, for you alone are Holy. I love that you took my place, I should have died on that old cross, but you came, even before I was a twinkle in my mother's eye, and died to show how much you love those you created, and how you long for us to follow you.

Not because of what we can do, but so you can show your glory and power through us from heaven to earth. Lord, you are majestic in all the earth and nothing is impossible with you. Teach us that we can

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do nothing (lasting) without you. Show us the power in your word and give us the desire to soak in it, making it a part of every breathing moment.

Keep bringing things into our lives that are too hard for us to handle on our own. Help us to take all our guilt and shame and nail it to the cross, where you died and bled for us. Hold us close to your heart that we might hear it beating for us. May we slow down enough and be quiet enough to hear your still and quiet voice. When your Holy Spirit comes, wrap us up with garments of salvation and array us in robes of your righteousness as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with jewels. In the midst of our trouble we cry out to you, for you are where our help comes from.

Lord, help people to know that you did not give us a spirit of fear,

but one of a sound mind and self-control. When we ask you into our lives, you bring such peace. Let people hunger and thirst for this righteousness, for you have promised they will be filled.

We have everything we need when we're in your house. You give us power over the enemy and show us that we don't have to think negative thoughts. We can take them captive and change what we're thinking when we know we have a choice.

This love you've given us covers every area of our life so that when we start living for you instead of ourselves we find that our greatest joy comes from knowing you, and that you give us your strength. We can say count me in, whatever comes, because we know we will be able to handle it with you. We're all of a sudden not afraid of death or trials or hardships, pain, anxiety, depression. Once we've died to sin the only way left is forward, through the valley onto the mountaintops and sometimes back into the valley, but you are ever with us, never to leave us or forget about us, even for a moment. I love that you'd rather die than live without us and your desire is that none should perish.

Help those that do know you to so shine and be so filled others would want to know what we have. Let us share our testimonies of all you've done for us. May we spend our days praising your name for coming to earth to show us the way. In so doing we defeat the enemy of our soul. Give each one of us the power to live dangerously for you.

In Jesus' mighty, powerful name, amen.

New Thought topic: 'Being a Parent Made in the Image'

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Being a parent is one of the hardest jobs granted to human beings. Perhaps if we followed a plan of good orderly direction, we would find the job a real pleasure. It is all a matter of following a life directed by higher principles.

All are welcome to join the New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) on Mother's Day, this Sunday, May 10, for our message: "Being a Parent Made in the Image." Our speaker will be Janie Garms, RN, prayer chaplain.

Our sanctuary is sanitized and set up for physical distancing.

Staying home? Check out our

YouTube channel: Pagosa New Thought Center.

Upcoming events

Meditation Circle is held each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Join us for our weekly call for inspiration, featuring speakers across the country, this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Call (605) 475-4002, PIN 285254#.

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Is today's stress affecting your sleep and dreams?

By John Lough
Special to The PREVIEW

The coronavirus health crisis that has so terribly affected this nation and the entire world is clearly a cause for heightened levels of stress and anxiety for all of us. One clear result of increased stress for many people is the negative impact it can have on our sleep patterns.

Stress is an emotional, physical or mental tension caused by something that's outside ourselves, something over which we usually have no control. Such stress can make it more difficult to fall asleep and to stay asleep, and can bring about more frequent, and often upsetting, dreams.

While researchers don't know exactly why we dream, there is ample evidence that when we're stressed, along with poorer quality sleep, there will often be not only more dreaming, but more dreams of a distressing nature.

If you find that your quality of sleep is decreasing or frequency of stress-related dreams is increasing, there are things you can do to combat the problem. The most obvious is to put a barrier between things that are stressing you and your actual bedtime.

For at least an hour before trying

to sleep, commit to activities that you find relaxing and will help refocus your mind off whatever has you feeling anxious. You want to avoid doing things such as watching the news for the latest health crisis updates or reading the paper about ongoing financial problems which can seem overwhelming. Instead, find something enjoyable to read or pleasant music to listen to. You want to give your brain a chance to forget the things that have been worrying it and to give your body's sleep system a chance to kick in.

Whatever you can do to help relax yourself will make it easier to get good, restorative sleep. Experts recommend turning off those electronic devices well before going to bed. The light that cellphones, laptops and similar devices emit helps to keep us awake, not make us sleepy.

You might try other relaxation techniques, such as breathing exercises. Some experts recommend progressive muscle relaxation programs that have you focus on consciously relaxing various muscle groups one by one. There are numerous apps and online instruction programs that can guide you through helpful, calming exercises.

Adequate, sound sleep is vital to good health. Poor sleep and

disturbing dreams can make stress much worse. Now is a good time to take action for more restful evenings.

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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

The Senior Center is continuing our temporary closing of the

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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 below. Please call 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program.

There will be no games, classes or presentations during this time. The staff will be available by phone. If you need to speak to a staff member, please call 264-2167.

The Community Café menu

Thursday, May 7 — Beef chick-
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Past

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the knife and threatened, "Don't be long about it or I'll tell your dad. You know what he'll do." It was her top threat.

I grabbed the knife and ran out the door. I did know what Dad would do. He didn't believe in willow whips. He'd grab the nearest arm right above the elbow and start kicking the rear side of my sitting apparatus, barely allowing

me to stay on my feet as I circled the room, the boot-clad foot right behind, kicking, kicking, kicking. My caterwauling should have scared the cows grazing way out in the pasture.

If they had child-abuse laws in those days, I didn't know about 'em. Neither did my friends. Even so, we all grew up working hard and living respectable, law-abiding lives.

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Thursday, May 7

Introduction to Mindfulness. 5-6:30 p.m. The course will be taught by Sarah Riehm. Mindfulness training offers techniques that can help anyone reduce stress, lower anxiety and manage chronic pain. There will be time for questions and answers after the lesson. This will be an interactive session with gentle movement, so wear comfortable clothing. The workshop will be conducted as a Zoom online meeting. Class size is limited, so register with Brad Glover at the library. Email ruby@pagosalibrary.org, or call 264-2209. For more information, contact Sarah Riehm at (469) 236-0017.

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, May 8

Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m. Your local library staff will schedule all appointments, and the volunteer attorney will call each clinic patron by telephone. For this reason, it is especially important that a reliable phone number be included for scheduling clinic patrons. 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. This is a free legal clinic for

parties who have no attorney. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran's benefits and civil protection orders. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Saturday, May 9

Cottage Foods Training. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This training meets requirement and, upon passing, provides a certificate of training, valid for three years. To register, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/on-line-colorado-cottage-foods-training-tickets-103414463444>.

Wednesday, May 13

Kids Kare Story Time. 9:30-10 a.m.
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Senior

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 en-fried steak with mashed potatoes and gravy, yellow squash casserole, salad and pineapple pie.

Friday, May 8 — Chicken king ranch casserole, charro beans, zucchini medley, milk, salad and snickerdoodle cookies.

Monday, May 11 — Crunchy baked catfish with tartar sauce, bacon green beans, macaroni and cheese, milk, baked hush puppies with butter and salad.

Tuesday, May 12 — Turkey with wild and brown rice soup, green

peas, green chili corn pudding, milk, salad and strawberry shortcake.

Wednesday, May 13 — Beef tacos, borracho beans, milk, salad and fruit compote.

Thursday, May 14 — Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, roasted zucchini, tomatoes and onions, milk, salad and brownie.

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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Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6:15 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting using Zoom. Our speaker will be Frank Comisar, whose topic is "Expedition to Antarctica." Comisar will show photos and videos of the wildlife and amazing scenery of Antarctica. He will also explain the logistics and daily routines of his trip. Photography club members will receive a club email containing a Zoom weblink to participate in the presentation. Others who are interested in taking part may contact Andy Butler at abutler@mac.com.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Lecture Series: 'Millennium on the Meridian.' 7 p.m. Presentation given by Steven H. Lekson. Space is limited to first-come, first-serve. To join this Zoom presentation online, you will need the Zoom link and meeting ID located at www.chimneyrockco.org/lecture.

Thursday, May 14

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.

Saturday, May 16

La Plata Electric Association Virtual Annual Meeting. 10:30 a.m. Partial, virtual annual meeting to announce director results and conduct a Q&A. Meeting access details: www.lpea.coop/annual-meeting. Submit questions for the Q&A session by 4 p.m. Friday, May 15, to comments@lpea.coop.

Monday, May 18

Pagosa Springs Town Clean-Up Week 2020. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 976 S. 5th St. Clean-up is through May 23. The town will assist residents in cleaning up our community by accepting refuse, at no charge, at the town streets division. If a resident is unable to take items to the shop because of a hardship, please call Town Hall at 264-4151, ext. 251 to coordinate assistance. Cemetery clean-up will be from May 26 through May 29. No dumpsters will be provided at the cemetery. Place your cemetery trash and debris at the nearest roadside for pickup.

Wednesday, May 20

Kids Kare Story Time. 9:30-10 a.m. A YouTube or Facebook Live program for children ages 3-5 years old. Find links to the program at

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Thursday, May 21

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Wednesday, May 27

Kids Kare Story Time. 9:30-10 a.m. A YouTube or Facebook Live program for children ages 3-5 years old. Find links to the program at <https://pagosabilechurch.org> each Wednesday. Includes Bible time, songs, and lots of activities. For

more information call Frank and Connie Porter at 303-901-5290 or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

Thursday, May 28

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.

Wednesday, June 3

Kids Kare Story Time. 9:30-10 a.m. A YouTube or Facebook Live program for children ages 3-5 years old. Find links to the program at <https://pagosabilechurch.org> each Wednesday. Includes Bible time,

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Wednesday, June 10

Kids Kare Story Time. 9:30-10 a.m. A YouTube or Facebook Live program for children ages 3-5 years old. Find links to the program at <https://pagosabilechurch.org> each Wednesday. Includes Bible time, songs, and lots of activities. For more information call Frank and Connie Porter at 303-901-5290 or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

Wednesday, June 17

Kids Kare Story Time. 9:30-10 a.m. A YouTube or Facebook Live program for children ages 3-5 years old. Find links to the program at <https://pagosabilechurch.org> each Wednesday. Includes Bible time, songs and lots of activities. For more information, call Frank and Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 27

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

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Bird of the Week



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

Weighing in at 1 ounce or less, the sparrow-sized least sandpiper is the world's smallest sandpiper. Despite its size, in spring it is a migratory giant, moving in small flocks across much of North America to breeding grounds in extreme northern reaches. Eastern populations fly from 1,800 to 2,500 miles nonstop across the ocean from winter grounds in South America before reaching shore. These small birds breed in northern tundra and boreal forest habitats in wetlands, bogs and sedge meadows. Think lots of insects.

Males fiercely defend their display areas to drive off competing suitors. Both sexes share incubation duties, but the female may leave even before the eggs hatch. The male completes the job and stays with the young until they fledge.

Species identification of small, similar looking peeps can be a problem. Yellow legs (which may look dark if mud stained) and a thin, slightly curved bill set least sandpipers apart from other small sandpipers which stop here. In breeding plumage, these sandpipers exhibit rusty speckling on the back and a streaked throat and breast.

Stopover points along the migratory route to rest and eat are crucial to the survival of migratory birds. Shorebirds rely on wetlands, and coastal and inland water shorelines along the way to breeding grounds. Loss of these habitats have contributed to a decline, particularly in the eastern populations, of least sandpipers.

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Grand Canyon takes a break from the crowds

By Marjorie “Slim” Woodruff
Special to The PREVIEW

Usually, I work as an educator at the bottom of Grand Canyon National Park. These days, because of the coronavirus, the park remains closed. It's a good thing, because for some unknown reason, visitors here seemed to feel immune to a disease that thrives in crowds.

In mid-March, at Phantom Ranch at in the bottom of the canyon, 40 hikers shared a table, merrily passing dishes around with their bare hands. A week later, one of the hikers reported on social media that she had come down with COVID-19.

Concessionaires were concerned enough to close the hotels and restaurants. There. Done. Except the train and buses dropped off a few hundred visitors at a pop. Parking lots were full. People jostled shoulder-to-shoulder at the lookouts and flocked onto the trails.

Our tiny general store was crowded with tourists until the end of March. Normally, visitors purchase a six-pack and chips. But the virus worried them enough that they loaded carts full of our meager supplies. Finally, the store limited visitation to 10 shoppers at a time, locked all but the front door and marked 6-foot intervals for the line, which went halfway out the parking lot.

Ah, but surely the trails were free and clear. No longer on the job, I hiked into the canyon to see the flowers in bloom, taking an early start to avoid the crowds. Except for that group of 30 kids on spring break. And that extended family of 10 and, eventually, 300 other hikers.

The Bright Angel Trail is about 6 feet wide with a cliff on either side: one going up and one going down. You want to be cautious stepping aside. Alas, no one was stepping. I would see someone coming, cram in next to the cliff and hold my breath.

Except many of them wanted to chat. “How far to the river?” “Mmmm, don't know, keep your distance.”

Six feet is surely not even sufficient when one is exercising hard. Panting, gasping, coughing and spitting send the nasty droplets of virus as far away as 12 feet.

I made it to the camping area where the redbud trees grow and idly watched an illegal camper argue with a park ranger. “Overnight permits had been canceled,” said the astonished camper, “yet rangers were still on patrol?”

He contended that a bus driver told him he wouldn't need a permit. The ranger assured him he was grossly misinformed and told him to move along. A half hour later, the camper was still proclaiming that he meant no harm and should stay, while the ranger was insisting, from 10 feet away, that he get out of

Writers on the Range

On April 1, the park closed: Nobody here now but us mostly unemployed chickens. The occasional entitled individual still manages to sneak in, only to be ratted out quickly.

Dodge. I left before she pulled out the citation book.

By late March, the park tried keeping only the main road open and blocking off roads to residential areas. But people just parked along the road and walked in or simply moved the cones. This enraged laid-off workers, who posted photos on social media of out-of-state license plates — many from virus epicenters.

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I would like to be working. I have sewn 50 face masks and sorted through 20 years of photos. I even vacuumed the rug. But I do not want to share cooties with hundreds of visitors from infected areas who laugh at me when I clamber up rocks to get out of their way. Or who sneer at my face mask as they crowd behind me in line until I fix them with my patented basilisk glare.

Our opening date has been moved back twice. Permits and reservations have been negated. My classes were canceled for April, then for May, then for June.

To reach any national park in the West, people have to travel. Travel is risky and helps spread the virus. As for the imagined wide-open spaces at Grand Canyon, you might want to picture a different reality. Just before the closedown, the park was more of a mosh pit with elk and squirrels.

People are understandably antsy and anxious to get outside, and the Grand Canyon is a wondrous place to visit. But the canyon will be here when this epidemic is but

an unpleasant memory. If we do not treat this pandemic seriously, many of us may not be.

Marjorie “Slim” Woodruff is a contributor to WritersontheRange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. She works as an educator at the bottom of Grand Canyon National Park, when it's open.

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Hoary cress.

Noxious weed of the month: hoary cress

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

As the snow melts and we begin to see the first sprouts of spring, it's important to keep your eyes peeled for early season invaders such as hoary cress.

Hoary cress, or white top, is a perennial species that spreads both by seeds and creeping rhizomes (lateral roots). That means that an infestation of hoary cress is a single clonal colony rather than

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individual plants. Hand-pulling or mowing this species will increase propagation.

While hoary cress is in the
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1	7	9	5	2	8	6	3	4
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By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

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Here are some examples:
Academic Search Premier is a collection of full-text articles and journals offering information in nearly every area of academic study. AutoMate provides repair information on 34,000 U.S. and imported vehicles. Britannica for Kids has research materials for elementary, middle and high school students. Business Source Premier provides access to more than 1,000 business publications. Consumer Health Complete contains consumer-oriented health content.

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To see them all, go to our website at pagosalibrary.org and select the gray tab towards the top of the page that says "Online Resources."

Current services available at your library

As Colorado shifts from Stay at Home to Safer at Home and relaxes

some coronavirus restrictions, effective this Monday, May 4, we have resumed several services to you, mostly outside the building:

- We offer curbside service outside the front door so that you can pick up materials including holds, tax forms and things you email to us to print for you. These services will be available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call the library at 264-2209 when you are in the parking lot so that staff can place the items outside for you and walk away, thus maintaining physical distancing. If you put a hold on something from home, please wait for your usual alert (email or text) before coming to pick it up.

- During those same hours, we also are accepting returns. Look for a cart outside marked "Returns" for your materials — for safety's sake, do not use the drop box at the library or the one uptown at City Market. Using this cart system, we can quarantine returned items and get them ready for the next patron. Please note that returned items will be in quarantine for 72 hours before they are checked off your account and wiped down.

- As well, we have resumed accepting your donations of materials. Watch for a cart at the entrance marked "Donations."

- If you do not have a library card but want to use our online resources, you now can self-

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Did you serve in the Army's Second Infantry Division?

By Mike Davino
Special to The PREVIEW

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's Second Infantry Division at any time.

For information about the association and our 99th annual reunion in Kansas City, Mo., from Sept. 23-27, visit our website at www.2ida.org/99th-annual-reunion/ or contact Bob Haynes at 2idahq@comcast.net or (224) 225-1202.

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mustard family, along with broccoli, kale, cabbage and others. It contains toxic glycosides despite being palatable. It is toxic to both livestock and humans and should not become a staple of your wild plant salad bowl.

Currently, chemical controls are most effective on this species, though it can be controlled mechanically with a lot of persistence. Hoary cress can be recognized by its clasping, hastate leaves. In lay terms, the leaves join the stem and are shaped like an arrowhead.

There are several different bio-

types in Archuleta County and it may be mistaken for penny cress, a native species in the same family that can be quite aggressive. If you pull the plant and the entire root comes out, it is penny cress.

Hoary cress is tricky to control as it emerges early and goes dormant by mid-June or early July. It can be treated up until flowering, or in late fall when its rosettes sprout to sequester nutrients in order to overwinter.

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register. From our website, click “My Account” in the top right. It is the usual login page for current patrons, and it now has (in blue) an option to “Register for a new Library Card.” There’s a short form and then staff will get back in touch with you to give you your login credentials.

• We also are admitting a very limited number of people into specific areas of the building for computer appointments Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you want to make a computer appointment, call the library at 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary.org to schedule a time. With some possible exceptions, computer appointments will be 45 minutes. This shortened period allows time for staff to clean and disinfect the computers between uses.

Also note that in compliance with the San Juan Basin Public Health recommendations, you must wear a covering over your nose and mouth, such as a bandana or homemade cloth mask, reserving hospital-grade masks for medical workers and those who are sick. The old adage of “No shirt, no shoes, no service” is now “No shirt, no shoes, no mask, no service.” We are not able to provide such coverings; you must bring and wear your own.

• Our services may have to work around our HVAC replacement. We’ll keep you informed of any interruptions to our operations relating to the installation as best we can, if we get enough notice.

“While we’ve been closed, we have missed our patrons and are very happy we will be able to see you now, even in this limited way,” said Meg Wempe, library director. “Our reopening plans are evolving, informed by best practices learned from our professional Colorado and national library peers, and by local state and federal laws and regulations. We hope you will take advantage of these resumed services and please reach out if you have questions.”

More on our operations now

1. 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.

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3. We are not accepting meeting room reservations or hosting any in-person programming at this

time. We hope you will join us for some of our virtual programs.

4. We’re also happy to help you with tech help over the phone for our online resources.

Mindfulness techniques via Zoom

Today, Thursday, May 7, at 5 p.m., learn the basics of mindfulness techniques with practical methods anyone can incorporate into their life. Extensive scientific research shows that mindfulness can reduce stress and anxiety, increase focus and productivity, and be effective in reducing pain and addictive behaviors.

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Our engaging and fun book club meets the second Tuesday of every month. Instead of talking about a specific book, we will take advantage of technology next Tuesday, May 12, at 2 p.m. to gather via Zoom to discuss a variety of current and upcoming fiction titles and we will discuss what you are reading now.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other people, listen to great ideas about what to read next and share our love of reading — all without leaving your home. To join, enter the following link in your address bar on the day of the event: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87167747708>. Contact the library if you need help on how to join a Zoom meeting by phone or computer.

The census has never been easier

If you haven’t already, please respond to the census right now, even if you have not received an official invitation to respond. You do not need to wait for anything from the Census Bureau — you can do it online. Instead of using a unique census ID number, you will be asked to enter your physical address.

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Large print

“A Forgotten Murder” by Jude Deveraux is a Sara Medlar mystery set in a hotel in England. “One Fatal Flaw” by Anne Perry is a mystery featuring lawyer Daniel Pitt. “Miss Julia Knows a Thing or Two” by Ann B. Ross features a grandchild she’s never met who shows up on the doorstep of Miss Julia’s friend. “A Bad Day for Sunshine” by Darynda Jones is a mystery set in New Mexico. “The Stolen Gold Affair” by Bill Pronzini features former Secret Service agent John Quincannon and his fiancé Sabina Carpenter.

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“Carrying Albert Home” by Homer Hickam is a funny, sweet and sometimes tragic true story of a young couple and an alligator, written in Spanish. The man in the story is the father of the author. The woman in the story was married for a time to Buddy Ebsen (yes, that Buddy Ebsen). And the alligator, Albert, was her wedding gift from Buddy.

Novels

“The Talented Mr. Varg” by Alexander McCall Smith is the latest in the Det. Varg mystery series. “Sea Wife” by Amity Gaige tells of a young family who escapes subur-

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Done in a rush
- 6 Spanish appetizer
- 10 Bobby Flay creation
- 14 Leader of the pack
- 15 Encircled by
- 16 Wild about
- 17 Thunderous event
- 18 Many a black-clad teen
- 19 Astin of "Lord of the Rings"
- 20 Give an edge to
- 21 Monaco casino locale
- 23 Vegas industry
- 25 List of people
- 26 ___ acid
- 28 Pacino's "___ of a Woman"
- 30 Be a chatterbox
- 31 Marital pledge, old-style
- 33 Underground drain
- 37 Feeling
- 39 Give the OK
- 41 Repair, as software
- 42 Gulf of Naples isle
- 44 2003 Nicolas Cage film, "Matchstick ___"
- 45 Police weapon
- 47 Unmitigated
- 49 Polite detail
- 52 Glossy fabric
- 54 Young person
- 56 Drive-___
- 59 Twelve Oaks neighbor
- 60 Zingy taste
- 61 Reverent
- 62 Burn a bit
- 63 Dark doings
- 64 Positive pole
- 65 "___ cow!"
- 66 Crime-stopper spray

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67 Long-legged bird

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- 1 Talk (over)
- 2 Quartet member
- 3 TV toon character with a starfish best friend
- 4 Impending danger
- 5 Thanksgiving side
- 6 Add at the end
- 7 In the middle of
- 8 Aniston ex
- 9 Stick firmly
- 10 Earthquake, for one
- 11 Chemically inactive
- 12 Ready to be tossed
- 13 Kind of society
- 21 Prefix with wave or phone
- 22 Plot together
- 24 Make less severe
- 26 Like fine wine

27 Showed up

- 29 Crack, in a way
- 32 ___ in a blue moon
- 34 Girl's future
- 35 In a dead heat
- 36 Cost of living?
- 38 Custodial
- 40 "Guardians of the Galaxy" star Chris
- 43 Poisonous element

46 Word with solar or nervous

- 48 Peeper part
- 49 "Of course", slangily
- 50 State with a panhandle
- 51 Snorkeler's sight
- 53 Vantage point
- 55 Spanish wine
- 57 Ill-mannered
- 58 Manipulator
- 61 Fido's foot

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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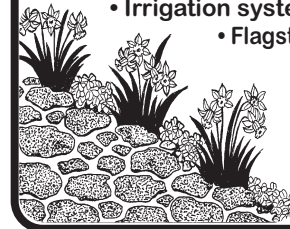
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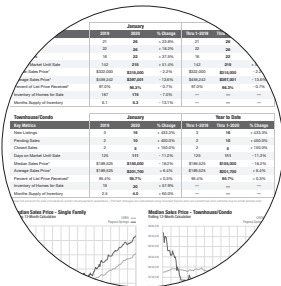
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