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## Fun in the sun

Photos courtesy Beth Tollefsen  
This fox and kits enjoyed some time relaxing in the sun this past week.



## County, national forests implement fire restrictions

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County and area forests are under fire restrictions.

Stage 1 fire restrictions went into effect on all private lands in unincorporated Archuleta County at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 20.

The restrictions do not apply to the Town of Pagosa Springs, tribal lands or national forest, according to Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman.

Stage I fire restrictions were initi-

ated on May 11 for all trust lands throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

The San Juan National Forest (SJNF) and Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) have also put fire restrictions in place.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously passed a resolution that states the following acts are prohibited, beginning Wednesday morning, until

■ See Fire A8

## COVID-19 cases remain at eight, officials continue to urge caution

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County has not seen a new lab-confirmed case of COVID-19 since April 17 per San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) data released Tuesday evening.

Those eight cases are part of SJBPH's count of 80 confirmed cases in its service territory, with La Plata County listed as having

72 cases.

Out of both counties, a cumulative 10 people with confirmed COVID-19 were hospitalized during their illness and 49 have recovered. SJBPH does not break that data down by county.

Archuleta County Commissioner Ron Maez reported to the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs on May

■ See Coronavirus A8

## Schools look ahead to 'uncertain' budgets

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

"The big takeaway from tonight is that there is a lot of uncertainty," Archuleta School District (ASD) Finance Director Mike Hodgson told the district's Board of Education in a May 12 work session on the budget.

Hodgson explained budget deficits at the state and local level at the meeting, as well as what ASD is looking at doing to deal with decreased revenues.

Hodgson explained that the state's revenue projections were presented that morning, with the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) projecting a \$3.2 billion deficit and the governor's Office of State Planning and Budget (OSP) projecting a \$3.4 billion deficit.

"So, even in this uncertainty we don't know how bad the deficit is," he said.

The Colorado Legislature is slated

■ See School A8

## Short-term rental owners hit hard by governor's orders

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

Short-term rentals (STRs) haven't been permitted to operate in Colorado since mid-March and it has taken a financial toll on owners.

The SUN spoke with STR owners and local employees of property management companies and the narrative was generally the same: Vacation rental owners have lost a lot of revenue, and state orders that gave guidelines about STRs were

confusing, vague or unclear.

"It's devastating," said Laura Daniels, managing broker and owner of Team Pagosa Real Estate, which manages STRs, adding, "All I've done is give money back since March."

Christine Miller, who manages vacation rental properties with Vacasa, explained that, last year, May had about an 80 percent occupancy rate for local properties and that this year it's been zero percent.

■ See Rental A8

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# Letters

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## Listen to doctors and scientists

Dear Editor:  
As I write this, more than 86,000 Americans have died of COVID-19, in the space of only about two and a half months. If on January 1 of this year someone had said that more than 86,000 Americans would die in a disaster before Memorial Day, who would have believed it? But that is the sad truth. And every one of those 86,000 Americans is somebody's father, mother, sister, life partner, son, daughter, or best friend. Americans in every state

and of every race, ethnicity, and religious belief have died, although as with all disasters the toll has been the greatest on those who are the least advantaged. We need only look a couple counties away to the Navajo Reservation's horrible death toll to see the latter truth.

In this difficult time, scientific and medical considerations, not political and economic ones, must guide our decisionmaking. Yes, the economic impact is bad. But the economy will come back, as it always does after hard times. However, none of the 86,000 Americans we have lost, nor the many thousands more we are in danger of losing, will ever come back. Current projections from the University of Washington are that, by August, another 60,000 Americans will die. The projected death toll by August was recently nearly doubled, because of concerns about the effects of trying to re-open too much too fast. The simple truth is this: the more we move around and interact with other people, the more we will die. Sadly, politicians including Trump and many others who want to go back to a fantasy "normal" of the past that can no longer exist are putting us all in danger. In this crucial time, we need to listen to the doctors and scientists, not the politicians.

We have been fortunate thus far here in Archuleta County, thanks in large part to the social distancing policies that have been put into place here and throughout Colorado. But as a tourist area, our situation is precarious. Open up too fast, especially as several neighboring states are doing the same, and we could be in big trouble in a big hurry. The more we and neighboring states open things up, the more people will flood into our area trying to cure their "cabin fever." Some of them will be carrying the virus, and some of them will give the virus to us who live here. And that is where our good fortune thus far may well run out. So let's listen to the scientists, and if we err, let's err on the side of caution. That kind of approach, not a rush to restore a "normal" that can no longer exist, will save the health, and very likely the lives, of Pagosans.

John Farley

## Proceed with caution

Dear Editor:  
I am fed up with amateur scholars that hold up the Constitution to defend their absolute ignorance of its contents or its meaning. To claim that the governor has no right under the Constitution to impose any kind of state law, order, mandate or other restriction deemed necessary for the safety of all the people of the state in an emergency or crisis is pure ignorance. The 10th Amendment gives broad powers to the states and to the people to act as necessary in these situations. To claim otherwise is an arrogant attempt by some people to justify actions that could put others at risk. That same Constitution does not give anyone the right to willfully subject any other person to potential harm by unreasonable, unethical, careless or illegal acts.

All of us, every man, woman and child, wants to get back to some sort of normal, whatever that will look like, as quickly as possible, both for the sake of our economy and financial well being and for the health of ourselves and all of our neighbors. But we must do it safely and courteously and think about how what we do affects others regardless of how we each may have been inconvenienced by this pandemic. We need to listen to the doctors and scientists and heed their warnings and follow their instructions until they tell us it is safe to do otherwise. What we do not need are those among us that care more about their rights and privileges than the rights and privileges of others and wave the Constitution about as proof that they are allowed to do whatever they feel is their right without consideration of the rights of others.

To rush in and open up all businesses and go "back to the way we were" sooner than warranted is foolhardy and dangerous and will result in others getting the virus, spreading it further and causing some people to die, maybe someone you care about. And we will fall right back to where we were only a few short weeks ago but this time it will be much worse.

We have all endured a great deal

of inconvenience. So what? Get your head out of your rear end and follow the rules. Wear the damn masks, avoid crowds, wash your hands, use sanitizer and practice social distancing for as long as it takes to see how a gradual reopening is affecting us all. It is only way we will get back to some sort of "normal". We all have a lot to gain by proceeding with caution but a lot more to lose if we don't. Trust the science.

Gary Hardin

## Violating principles of U.S. Constitution

Dear Editor:  
I just read two excellent letters in the May 14 edition by Mr. Bolland and Mr. Marionneaux. To them I say, keep up the good work. We, the people, need to read and be encouraged by voices of reason. Thank you for speaking up.

To Mr. Wert: I applaud what you said in the first paragraph of your letter. I also am an American patriot. I also fought in 'Nam. I also worked hard all my life to be a small part of what makes America great. What I am not ... I am not a gun toting, camouflage wearing extremist, threatening those of you who think that you are doing the right thing. However, I am one who believes that the government overreaches we are experiencing, which are based on the opinions of various "experts", are violating the principles of the U.S. Constitution, and on the path to destroying our society as we know it. Like you, I am taking extra precautions to slow the spread of covid 19. I am alarmed however, at the way orders have come down from on high which have greatly affected (and will for a long time continue to affect) our lives.

When you call me and others "traitors" because we don't think like you do, you have gone over the line. As a patriot, you would do well to think twice next time you want to publish inflammatory language like that.

Sonny Kelley  
Gardner, Kan.

■ See Letters A4

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What's old will soon become new as demolition took place at the old Town of Pagosa Springs maintenance facility on May 13. The \$5.2 million facility project is expected to conclude in the first quarter of 2021 and will include drainage improvements and the construction of an administrative building, storage and shop buildings totaling 29,019 square feet.

## Letters

Continued from A3

### Save the Colorado River

Dear Editor:

Last week's article by Bruce Babbitt was a wake up call for us on the San Juan River, one of Colorado's main tributaries to the Colorado River. He says, "The River and its tributaries are still overdrawn by more than a million acre-feet annually; an amount in consumption equaled by four cities the size of Los Angeles." He suggested that an equitable pathway for reducing the deficit involves retiring less than 10% of irrigated agriculture production: 3 million acres of mostly alfalfa and forage crops. I asked myself: "Should farmers be the ones making changes?"

Our state of Colorado revised their Water Plan in 2019 (interesting to read) and notes: "Our population has ballooned from 1 million in 1930 to over 5 million today, and could nearly double by 2060. Sustaining this growth requires water." Do we want this sustained growth? Another

graphic predicts: "That up to 33% of irrigated land could be dry by 2050 to meet new municipal demands." What exactly are municipal demands? The Plan tells us that every person has to, "Share the responsibility because we all have a part in our state's water future."

I like to eat. I need to eat. Preserving agriculture is vital to our health and to the health of our state. Without sufficient agriculture, will we follow the Ancient Puebloans who had to abandon their homes in the megadrought of the 1100's? Are we making the best use of this vital commodity? Should agriculture fallow fields while so many homes and business along the Colorado/San Juan Rivers are utilizing this water to irrigate landscapes? Lawns? Golf courses? Parks? A more equitable pathway would be for all to make water usage adjustments: It is our responsibility.

Pam McGivern

### Take care of each other

Dear Editor:

Freedom. What is it? Best summarized in the enduring saying "My right to swing my fist ends where your nose begins." Freedom does not include the right to endanger other people's lives. Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness is the basic statement in the Declaration of Independence, not simply Liberty. In fact, the pursuit of happiness is defined as a fundamental right mentioned in the Declaration of Independence to freely pursue joy and live life in a way that makes you happy, as long as you don't do anything illegal or violate the rights of others. So, let us live our life and take care of each other.

Terry Pickett

### An ounce of prevention

Dear Editor:

These are some ideas on suggesting that all people in public should wear a face covering of some type. I believe that any mask worn is better than no mask. It protects you from others, and others from you. I also understand that the best mask is a N95 quality which prevents viral transmission, but we are all not health care workers and do not need that level of protection.

Anything worn over your face is better than nothing. As the saying goes:

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

To encourage mask wearing for everybody that goes into a retail store, we could revive a door sticker from the old "hippie" days:

No Shirt  
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No Service

Most people I suggest this idea to just laugh with humor, as they remember the "good ol' days".

Glenn Sterkel

### The way we were

Dear Editor:

Ahh, the "way we were" when honesty and integrity were our most valued "assets". Times were good.

Recycling? that's not new. It was part of our daily culture for generations before and continuing throughout the WWII era. All laundry soap, dish soap and other cleansers ("Old Dutch, e.g.) were in powder form and sold in cardboard boxes that could be thrown away and burned in the trash barrel in the alley. Bath soap came in bars. e.g., Ivory Soap, which I continue to use today. All soft drinks were sold in glass bottles which were returned to the grocery store for credit, then returned to the factories to be sterilized and re-filled — no aluminum cans, no plastic bottles, only glass that was used over and over again.

Of course, nothing was wasted. Worn out clothes that were too worn to "hand down" went into the kids' "dress-up" box — oh, did we have fun playing "dress up and make believe". Then, when mother accidentally broke a dish, the big pieces became dishes for our mud pies in our "mud pie store". What fun we did have.

Then, there was the trash collection. All had a metal trash barrel in the alley and since most of the trash was paper and cardboard, we would simply burn it. Then about once a month, the "trash man" would come down the alley on his horse-drawn trailer, empty everyone's trash barrel for 50 cents cash. That was a "big day" for us kids, as mother would send us out with the 50 cents, and we got to pet his horses. No diesel trucks, just "horse power".

Life was simple and we got it done.

Loving memories,

Patty Tillerson

## Rotary donates \$1,000 to Rise Above Violence

By Livia Lynch

Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club donated \$1,000 to the local nonprofit Rise Above Violence to help support their increased caseload resulting from COVID-19.

Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman noted in a recent SUN article that there has been an "uptick" in domestic violence calls over the past month and Rise Above Violence, a local nonprofit dedicated to assisting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, has seen its call volume increase.

Rise Above Violence Executive Director Carmen Hubbs reported that the nonprofit is fully operational during the pandemic. When catastrophic events like a global pandemic occur, domestic abuse and sexual assault numbers go up and that is what is happening currently in Archuleta County. The Pagosa Springs Rotary wants to support Rise Above Violence with its increased caseload.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club meets weekly via Zoom and information about upcoming meetings can be found on at [pagosapring-rotary.org](http://pagosapring-rotary.org).

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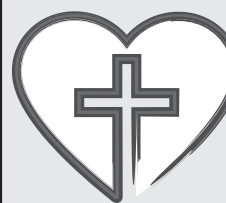


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John 14:27

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

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

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

- If you are struggling with faith or have questions go to <https://www.doesgodexist.org/>. John Clayton was a former atheist who came to belief in God through science. He was a science teacher specializing in physics and earth science.
- A site designed to study the Bible in a safe environment: <https://www.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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# Obituaries

## Sharon Meyer

Sharon Ann Meyer, age 73, went to be with her Lord on May 14. She died of complications from Parkinson's, Parkinson's dementia, and diabetes.



Sherry was born to Dorothy and Robert O'Harra on Feb. 17, 1947, in Logansport, Ind. She grew up in Logansport until her junior year in high school at which time her family moved to Lafayette, Ind. After graduation from Lafayette Jefferson High School, she began her career as a chairside dental assistant for a children's dental practice. During her early years in Lafayette, she met her future husband, Dan, and they were married on Aug. 20, 1966, at University Lutheran Chapel in West Lafayette on the campus of Purdue University. After his graduation, they moved to Lexington, Ky., where Sherry continued her career as a dental assistant in both private practice and at the University of Kentucky Dental School where she taught students how to use "four-handed dentistry."

In 1974, they moved to Boulder, Colo., where she again continued her work in dentistry until their daughter, Deborah, was born on June 12, 1984. From that point on, she became a full-time mother and homemaker. Sherry was a member of the Boulder Orchid Club and enjoyed growing flowers and houseplants, gardening, cooking, camping and skiing. She also became interested in stained glass

and designed and fabricated many stained glass works. Sherry was a Bronco fan and held season tickets for 13 years while living in Boulder. She also served on the school board at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and School in Boulder.

In 1990, the family moved to Tucson, Ariz., where she was a troop leader for the Girl Scouts. She also served as room mom for Deborah's class for several years at Fountain of Life Lutheran Church and School. Due to the intense heat of the Arizona desert, her gardening had to be put in hold.

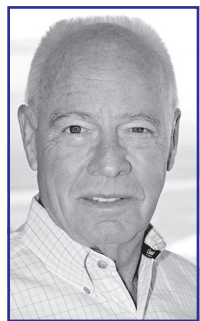
In 1995, her family moved to Pagosa Springs where they still live. Sherry earned her certificate as a Colorado Master Gardener in 2000 and was happy to resume skiing and camping. She also served on the board of Parish Fellowship for many years at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, where she taught HomeEc for a couple of years and once cooked 14 turkeys for the school's Thanksgiving dinner. Her favorite vacation memory was a 2009 trip to Hawaii for 15 days, a gardener's paradise. She loved her family and many friends and the times they had together.

Sherry is survived by her husband, Dan Meyer, of Pagosa Springs; her brother, Danny Shawn O'Harra (wife Peggy), of Greenville, S.C.; and daughter, Deborah Hainer (husband Tim), a 2002 Pagosa Springs High School graduate; and grandchildren Jacob, Lilah and Emma, all of Mayville, Wis.

A memorial service will be held sometime in the future when churches are allowed to re-open. She was loved and will be missed.

## Otis Ed 'Bunk' Pruit

Otis Ed "Bunk" Pruit was born March 9, 1944, to Dan and Etha Pruit in Lubbock, Texas. Bunk died peacefully at home on May 4, surrounded by his family. He was 76.



Bunk was a son, dad, grandpa, uncle, teacher, coach, friend and lover of most sports, especially basketball. He lived most of his childhood on his parents' family ranch on the border of New Mexico and Texas. They relocated to Pagosa Springs his junior year of high school. In high school, he loved to play football and basketball and he ran track. He went on to play basketball at Fort Lewis College, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology. He followed in his parents' footsteps and became a teacher.

Bunk began his teaching and coaching career at Farmington High School, where he was the assistant basketball coach for four years. He took the head boys' basketball coaching position in Lovington, N.M., in 1971. In 1977, Bunk moved back to Pagosa to teach at the junior high school. He took a few years off in the early '80s before returning to teach at Pagosa Springs High School and taking

the boys' basketball head coach position in 1987. In his teaching career, he taught science, American history, geography and P.E. Bunk retired from coaching basketball in 1995 to spend more time with his family. He retired from teaching in 2004.

In retirement, he and his wife, Marsha, were able to travel in their RV and spend the winter months in Mexico. In Mexico, he sought out all the best taco stands with the fun-loving group of friends they gained there and reunited with each winter. At home, he learned how to create beautiful wood bowls from exotic woods and even took piano lessons after he retired. His greatest joy was his grandchildren. He was able to spend a lot of time with his youngest four grandchildren and enjoy all their giggles. This past winter, he was able to enjoy his favorite place in Mexico with his favorite little people and create some great memories.

Bunk is survived by his wife, Marsha; his daughter, Angel (Travis) Stahr; son Michael (Kari) Pruit; his sister, Ethalynn (Les) Tollett; grandchildren Shane Dejacimo, Victoria and Katie Lamb, Trian and Sloan Stahr, and Mikey and Kodi Pruit; and step-grandchildren Bailey and Nathyn Stahr. He is preceded in death by his parents, Dan and Etha Pruit; his brother, Dale Pruit; and his eldest daughter, Julie Pruit Kloksiem.

Stay tuned as a memorial will be planned for later date.

# Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

## 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.

## 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.

**Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board.** 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information.

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

## 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.

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors special meeting.** 5 p.m., visit <https://pagosapeakopen.school.org> prior to meeting for more information and login information.

## Tuesday, June 2

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

## Wednesday, June 3

**Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board.** 5 p.m. See town website for participation information.

## Thursday, June 4

**Dispatch Executive Management board.** 9:30 a.m. Join Zoom virtual meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7186713647>, meeting ID: 718 671 3647.

## Monday, June 8

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors meeting.** 5 p.m., visit <https://pagosapeakopen.school.org> prior to meeting for more information and login information.

## Tuesday, June 9

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

## Wednesday, June 10

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation meeting.** 5:30 p.m., visit [www.pagosapagspringscdc.org](http://www.pagosapagspringscdc.org) for link to virtual meeting.

## Thursday, June 11

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

## Tuesday, June 23

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

## Tuesday, June 30

**Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting.** 5 p.m., virtual meeting.

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

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# Business

## Starting back up? Town council shows support for proposed variance request from state public health orders

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

At a special meeting on May 13, the Pagosa Springs Town Council voiced unanimous support for the draft request for a variance from the state's public health orders pertaining to COVID-19, with that draft coming from small business owners.

The variance proposes allowing businesses that are not yet open due to public health orders — for example, restaurants, gyms and pools — be able to do so while following criteria set out in a suppression plan, according to agenda documentation.

Archuleta County must be the applicant, and the variance request must include an alternative suppression plan for COVID-19 that is endorsed by San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and adopted by the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), agenda documentation notes.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) must also verify that it has the capacity to serve those needing its care, according to council agenda documentation.

Additionally, a county with tribal lands must also get approval from those tribes regarding the variance.

"Because of the closures that we're experiencing in our community, for multiple businesses, they are struggling," Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained. "While public health and safety is of the utmost importance, we also are looking at some economic issues in our community."

The idea of the variance request came from a group of local small business owners, with one of them being Jason Cox of Riff Raff Brewing Company.

According to Cox, 10 to 15 businesses have contacted him in support of what he is doing in regard to the variance.

Cox explained that the purpose behind the request is to determine how Archuleta County businesses can reopen after going through the "flattening of the curve period" of COVID-19.

"Public safety is of the utmost importance. We're not trying to suggest, bottom line, that we open at all cost and somehow create an issue in Archuleta County that we haven't had before with a COVID-19 surge," he said. "Our effort really is about planning and understanding how we can start returning our

economy to some functioning level across all sectors."

According to Cox, Public Health Order 20-28 allows for a variance process for individual counties to modify the state's Safer at Home order to something more in tune with that particular county's needs.

"We feel like Archuleta County has a strong case to receive a variance," he said.

Counties such as Eagle, Sedgwick, Rio Blanco and Mesa have applied for similar variances and have been approved, Cox explained.

As of May 13, Archuleta County had had eight positive COVID-19 cases, with the county not reporting a new case since April 22, Cox explained.

The variance would allow businesses that are restricted under Public Health Order 20-28 to begin the process of opening and "restore economic order in the community," Cox described.

Part of the variance process is having a set of "rules" that are tailored to Archuleta County, he added later.

The variance would allow for Archuleta County to have a customized plan that reopens the local economy in a step-by-step fashion and outlines various actions for various industry sectors, Cox explained.

### Application process, criteria and next steps

In order to apply for a variance from the state's public health orders, a written application that certifies a county has a low case count is required and/or the county can document 14 consecutive days of decline in COVID-19 cases.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) must also review and approve the county-specific COVID-19 suppression plan, Cox explained.

Some of the criteria involved in reviewing a variance request involve showing a low prevalence of COVID-19 within the county and hospital capacity, among other things, Cox explained.

The review criteria for hospital capacity involves a county knowing how many ICU beds and ventilators its local hospital has, Cox explained.

"Our discussion with the Pagosa Springs Medical Center has been positive," he said. "PSMC has not endorsed or denied this plan, this variance request."

According to Cox, PSMC has

indicated that it has some capacity to handle a surge.

PSMC has an agreement with Mercy Regional Medical Center in Durango and other hospitals in the region to transport patients for care in case of a surge as well.

Other review criteria involve the county demonstrating how it will detect new cases and contain the threat of an outbreak, as well as how positive cases will be confirmed and monitored.

The final two review criteria outline that the county would need to prove that what it is proposing works under the Safer at Home Order and that the variance provides protection equal to Public Health Order 20-28, he described further.

Cox suggested that if the county were to propose something riskier than Safer at Home, it wouldn't be approved.

On May 13, Cox noted that the suppression plan is still in draft form, but that it contains "prescriptive guidance" for each industry sector in regard to reopening.

The plan also requires for businesses to self-certify through SJBPH, he added.

This demonstrates that the businesses understand the public health order requirements and are complying.

Following the possible approval of the variance request by the various governmental entities that are required to do so, the variance request would go to the CDPHE, Cox explained.

"Ultimately, we're asking to open on May 22," Cox said. "I think that's pretty aggressive. I don't think we'll get there, but we have to have a target date."

### Council, commissioner thoughts

When asked by council member Shari Pierce how many businesses are participating in the effort, Cox responded by explaining that this effort is not being pursued by a subcommittee, but rather by him and his wife.

"This is me and my wife, Shelley, being entrepreneurial and pursuing this essentially on our own," he said. "I have had lots of contact, probably 10 to 15 businesses have contacted me and said, 'Hey we support what you're doing. We like the ideas and we're on board.'"

Pierce highlighted that the plan states that SJBPH, if necessary, could reissue a local stay-at-home order for the county.

Cox noted that he would check in with SJBPH on that item and added that he was unsure how SJBPH would want to approach it, stating that going back to a stay-at-home order could be "a little bit too far."

Later in the meeting, Cox explained that PSMC could help make the determination on whether or not to have more strict revisions to the variance based on surge levels.

"We have one chance to do this, and if we don't get it right and if we have to roll back, then that's going to hurt the rest of our summer," Pierce said.

If a business were to self-certify but not follow the rules of the suppression plan, Town Attorney Clay Buchner explained that no one really knows just yet if the town could be held liable.

"It definitely opens the town up to some liability. In this sort of incident, it would most likely be a civil action rather than a statutory violation," he said, adding that a lot of it would be done on a case-by-case basis.

The suppression plan will also include language to guide businesses on how to educate guests of their establishments, Cox added.

"I think getting our businesses that are still closed on board earlier will, in the long run, probably help us prevent an outbreak," council member Matt DeGuse said.

However, DeGuse suggested leaving short-term rentals out of the variance request.

The town will have visitors coming in, and the town will have to educate them as best as it can, Mayor Don Volger explained.

"I think if we can get our local people to observe this new culture, as people come into the community, they'll see us observing these practices and will follow the local norms hopefully," he said.

Council member Nicole DeMarco noted that she was concerned about adding another set of rules amidst the pandemic.

"My concern with having this layer of decision making and then we have the state decision making is that it's going to add more confusion," she said.

During the meeting, BoCC Chair Ronnie Maez explained that the regulations proposed are "common sense" and "easy to follow."

"We're in this together. We're one town and one county, we're in this together whether we like it or not, but we're in it together," Maez said. *chris@pagosason.com*

## County may submit variance request to state

By John Finebrock  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the Archuleta County commissioners discussed possibly submitting a variance request to the state to have some local businesses reopen earlier, and with less strict rules than state orders.

"We don't have a formal business coalition and committee for this. This is merely me having too much time on my hands and de-

cidng we're gonna push this thing forward," said Jason Cox, co-owner of Riff Raff Brewing Company.

Cox has been leading the charge in putting together a variance application that will ultimately go to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for approval.

"We're also thinking very thoughtfully about how we want our businesses to reopen responsibly so we can balance the public health and safety needs with eco-

nomics and I think this is a good way for us to phase in our first steps," he said.

Cox explained the steps that need to be taken before the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) can submit a variance request to the state.

He explained that, first, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) and the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) need to sign off on the variance request and then it can be brought to the BoCC for a vote.

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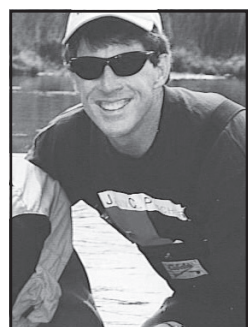
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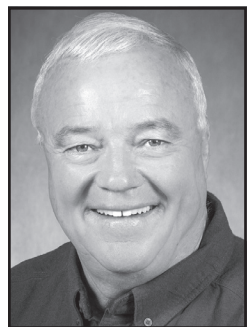
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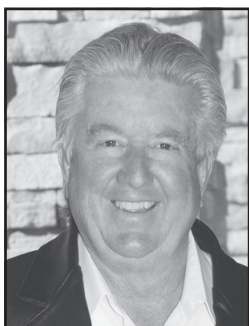
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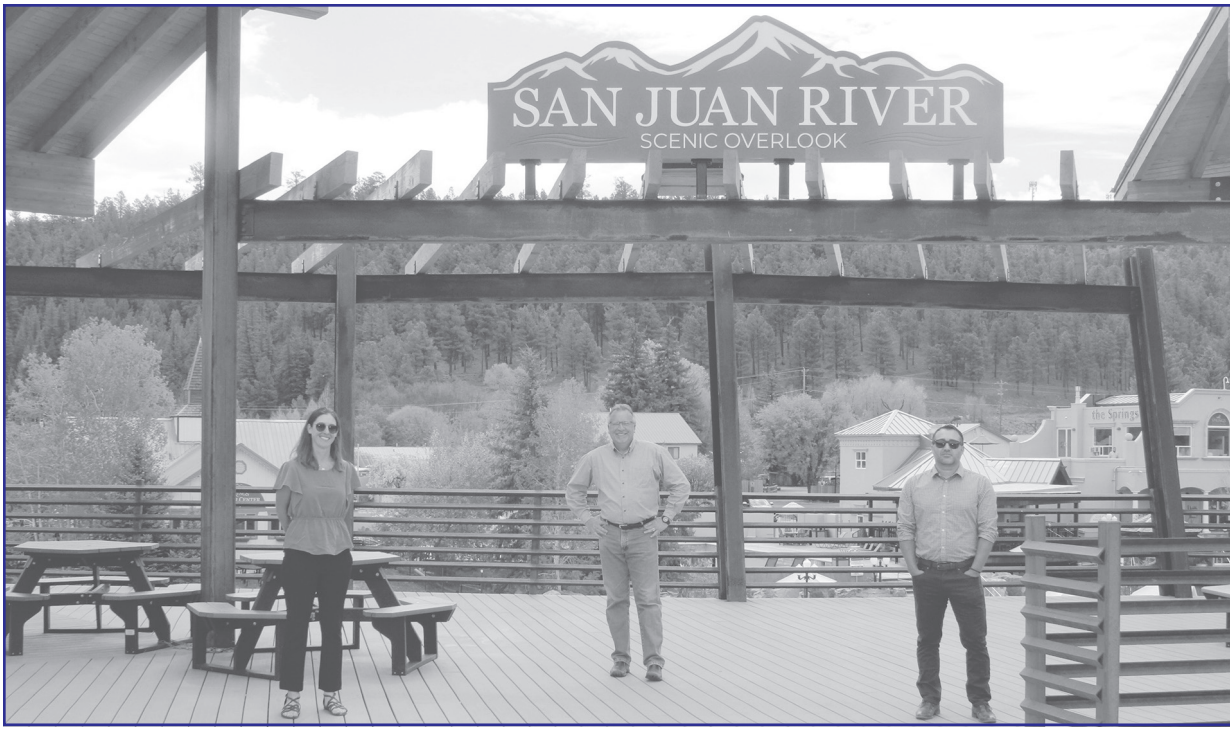
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## Health guidelines available to reference

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

Now that things are opening up again slowly, there are lots of businesses that are doing a great job following the set-forth state requirements, and then there are those that are wanting to push the envelope.

We expect the governor's office to release some new guidelines in late May. In the meantime, whether you are already open or are planning to open, there are guidelines in place that can help you with your planning.

First on the list is the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) self-assessment form. This document takes you through cleanliness, signage, social distancing, employee health and much more. This is only for businesses that are open at this time: retail, salons, offices, etc. The guidelines are not in place yet for food establishments. You can access the forms through the SJBPH site at <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/>.

And while the restaurant guidelines are not specific, businesses can know that employee safety, reduction of the spread of the virus and upscaled sanitation efforts will be in the plan. They can start working on those aspects of their business now.

Also on this site is the new Data Dashboard which gives inquiring minds statistics on La Plata and Archuleta County COVID-19 cases, deaths, hospitalizations, trends

and some demographics. You can also access the Public Health Order Complaint Tool from this website. SJBPH will not investigate anonymous complaints, you must fill out the report.

If you have a question on the Safer at Home guidelines, one of the better sites to access is the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment or CDPHE. You can start with the information at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home>. In addition to a number of useful links, there are detailed guidelines for the businesses that are eligible to be open including retail, personal services, education, noncritical manufacturing, education and more. We expect when more businesses are eligible to open, more guidelines will be added to this page.

Just as a point of clarification for restaurants, outside areas to the restaurant should not be open. These areas are considered as just an extension of your business, whether it be inside the building or outside. Tables set up outside is still considered "dine-in" service and this is not allowed. While it may seem safer outdoors, again, this type of outside dining is still considered dine-in service.

And while the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is not the enforcement agency, we are receiving a significant amount of calls about businesses that are trying to push the envelope. We would hate to see a business get fined or worse

because they are not following the state regulations. We understand how frustrating these orders can be and we would like all our businesses to open up tomorrow. However, we must help interpret the guidelines and instruct our business community accordingly. We want to be a safe community and remain healthy. We can only continue to be a safe community with the help of everyone. Hopefully, these websites will help you interpret the correct guidelines.

We are sorry that the cloth masks went so quickly. We have started a waiting list and when more masks are donated, we will try and complete those requests. We do still have posters from SJBPH denoting that masks are required by your business to enter the facility. Please contact us if you still need posters.

### Car Show postponed

The Chamber is no exception to the fact that we, too, want to open and hopefully will be able to host some of our events this summer. With guidance for events not yet in place, the Chamber felt it prudent to postpone the Car Show originally scheduled for June 14 and 15. We are looking to see if we can reschedule the event for August. Should large crowds still not be allowed by then, we will have to cancel. However, with all sense of optimism, we hope that we will be able to reschedule the event and host these beautiful cars from around the state and region — just later on in the year. Stay tuned for the rescheduled date.

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# Education

## Rotary awards \$27,000 in scholarships

By Livia Lynch  
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is proud to announce those individuals receiving 2020 Rotary Scholarships totaling \$27,000.

**Megan Foster:** Foster plans to attend the University of Utah to study kinesiology with an emphasis in exercise science.

**Mark Holladay:** Holladay will attend Colorado School of Mines majoring in computer programming with an emphasis in game design.

**Grace Thompson:** Thompson will attend Colorado State University to study art education.

**Tay Barker:** Barker will attend Mesa State University and will pursue a welding certification.

**Daniel Laos:** Laos plans to attend Tarrant County College and will pursue an emergency medical technician certification.

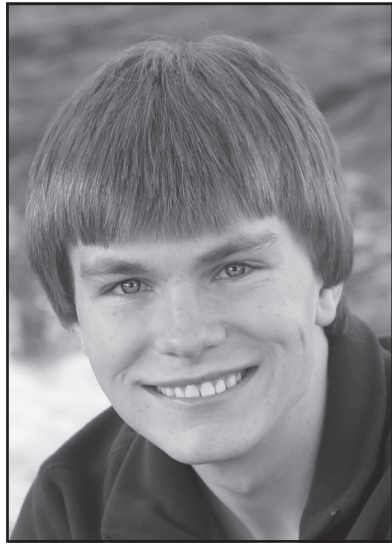
**Josselyn Pina:** Pina will be attending San Juan College and plans to study nursing.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club congratulates the outstanding class of 2020 and wishes each of them success in their future endeavors.

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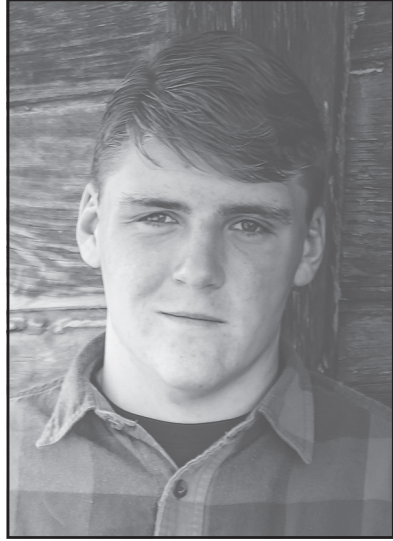
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## Curtains Up Pagosa announces quartet of scholarship recipients

By Dale Johnson  
Curtains Up Pagosa

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is thrilled to announce the 2020 recipients of the John Graves Memorial Scholarship, given to students pursuing advanced degrees in the performing arts.

There are four students receiving scholarships this year: Emma Happ, Anika Thomas, Sydney (Simon) Mitchell and Grace Wiersma. All of these exceptional students have been active performers with CUP for many years, and have chosen unique and specialized career paths within the performing arts.

Happ will be attending Northern Arizona University, where she will work toward the goal of special education teacher with an emphasis on music and art therapies.

Thomas' choice of college is Colorado Christian University, where she will double major in music education and kinesiology/exercise science. Thomas plans to further pursue a master's degree in music therapy and eventually return to Pagosa to give back to the community she loves.

Mitchell has been accepted into the prestigious and rigorous theater program at Rutgers University, to pursue a degree in theater, a passion since a child.

Wiersma will be headed to Vanguard University to study music and business on her way to creating a nonprofit that supports the musical arts.

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## Tri-County Head Start graduation

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## Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County announces scholarships

By Joe King  
 Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County is proud to announce the selection of three Pagosa Springs High School students to receive the 2020 Eleanor "Benny" Lohman Memorial Scholarship. One hundred-year-old Benny was a longtime resident of Pagosa Springs along with her husband, Sandy. She passed on in January of 2020.

The students will receive a \$250 check to help with their education expenses. The selectees are Alexandria Ashbaugh, Grace Thompson and Ryan Lewis.

Ashbaugh plans to study biochemistry. Ashbaugh credits her mother's 23 years in the Air Force as an inspiration to her. Her father served in the Army as well.

Grace Thompson is planning to study art education. Her grandfather was a World War II veteran who served in North Africa and Europe.

Ryan Lewis will study in the automotive field. Lewis expressed admiration for his aunt who served in the U.S. Marine Corp.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County congratulates each of these students and wishes them the best as they move on with their studies.

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## PAWSD updates rules and regulations, approves River Rock Estates petition for inclusion

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors approved various changes to its rules and regulations, and also approved a petition for inclusion at a regular meeting on May 14.

PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey described the changes as "minor."

The first change pertained to inclusions, according to Ramsey. "Right now, any time someone is going to build [that] needs more than four EUs [equivalent units] on a piece of property we require a model to be run," Ramsey explained.

The change involves even just one EU requiring a model to be run, Ramsey clarified.

"That's simply to make sure that our model is up to date," Ramsey said. "If you're going to be an inclusion, you're always going to run a model, regardless of how many EUs you're asking for."

The next change involved omitting the phrase "continue to" from a section of the PAWSD rules regarding availability to tap fees.

The section from the PAWSD rules and regulations reads, "Availability to Tap Fees may continue to be utilized by the District in those subdivisions in which water and sewer mains have not been constructed, and which were a part of the original District service area."

"We don't really do that anymore," Ramsey said. "We really haven't done it for a while because all of the existing lines and sewer lines seem to be in

right now."

Other changes pertain to cost recovery, according to Ramsey.

Multiple districts have cost-recovery programs, Ramsey explained.

This program requires opt in at the beginning from the original person paying for the line, Ramsey explained, adding that this program has always been in place.

In a follow-up interview on May 19, Ramsey explained that, previously, an individual would pay \$1,000 to extend a water line.

"Six months later, two years later, your neighbor goes in there and ties into it. He would get all of that benefit, but you lost \$1,000," he said.

If a neighbor wanted to tie into that water line and there are 10 total homes that can tie into the line, the neighbor would have to come up with \$100, Ramsey described.

"The way it's been done previously is the neighbor would give us \$100 and then we would write a check to the guy that put \$1,000 out," he said. "What we're saying now is don't even give us \$100. Just go straight to them."

With the rule change, if a neighbor wants to tie into someone's water line, they have to pay that person a fair share for that tie in, Ramsey described.

From there, the neighbor would receive a letter that confirms they paid their share for the tie in, he added later.

"It's a really, in my opinion, a better way to do it. So we decided, since that's working fairly well, let's change our rules to have everybody do it that way," he said during the meeting.

The cost recovery would go on for 10 years, Ramsey described.

"We will calculate what that is and it's basically the cost of the infrastructure divided by the amount of lots that could tie into it so they can't keep everybody else from building around there by making an obscene number," he said. "This way we're not handling the money."

### River Rock Estates

Also at the May 14 meeting, the PAWSD board approved a revised petition for inclusion from River Rock Estates LLC.

The PAWSD board had previously heard a different petition for inclusion request from River Rock Estates LLC in March of 2019 and June of 2019.

"They've come to us a couple of times. This was originally going to be somewhere between 80- and 100-unit subdivision," Ramsey said, adding that the proposed development is off of Light Plant Road.

The current site plan asks for an inclusion of 10 units, Ramsey explained.

"This is just kind of infill for us at this point," Ramsey said, explaining that all four sides of the site plan are already within the PAWSD boundaries.

The home sites on the development range from one to three acres, Ryan Searle of construction company Beyond Your Wildest Dreams explained.

"It's a good project. Like I said, it's surrounded by properties that are already within the district, so it's just kind of an infill of our inclusion area," he said.

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## PAWSD approves its half of intergovernmental agreement with town sanitation district

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

At a regular meeting on May 14, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors approved its half of an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID).

The IGA pertains to the two entities sharing equipment. The PSSGID approved its half of the agreement at a meeting on May 5.

Conversations on drafting an IGA between the two entities began due to a few items, PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey explained.

"Our vac truck, the transmission is gone and we can't even find another one. If we do find one, it's probably going to be in the range of \$50,000 to \$60,000 and it keeps breaking down," he said.

A new vacuum truck would cost about \$600,000, Ramsey explained. According to Ramsey, the PSSGID just bought a new vacuum truck and uses it about two times a month.

"We would use it half a dozen times a month. Neither of us use it all that much, but both need to have it because you've got a lift station that's failing and backing up you've got to suck that stuff out," he said. "It just kind of makes sense that we share a vac truck as opposed to both buying two \$600,000 pieces of equipment."

In the event that the PSSGID allows PAWSD to use the vacuum truck and also supplies a driver, PAWSD would pay the PSSGID's

driver.

The IGA also applies to sharing staff, Ramsey explained, adding that PAWSD had recently hired a supervisory control and data acquisition engineer that PSSGID would like to utilize sometimes.

"I think it's a way that we can kind of share equipment and we don't have to be redundant in some of the equipment that we don't use all the time," he said.

Costs associated with the IGA are all based on Federal Emergency Management Agency rates, Ramsey explained.

The IGA between the PSSGID

and PAWSD was approved unanimously by the PAWSD board.

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## County discusses adopting updated property maintenance code

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County commissioners and the county attorney discussed nuisance properties in Aspen Springs at their work session on Tuesday.

"[The Development Services Office is] just getting absolutely flooded with complaints out of Aspen Springs about nuisance properties, more so they can even handle right now," Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver told the commissioners. "Everyone's just being quarantined at home or isolated in their home. All they're doing is picking on neighbors they want to pick on, I don't know."

The SUN confirmed after the meeting that there have been eight nuisance complaints in Aspen Springs since mid-March, all related to trash or dumping.

Weaver was leading a discussion on the county possibly adopting the 2015 version of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).

Archuleta County adopted the 2006 version of the IPMC in 2008, according to Weaver.

"Does this add more regulation to the people already or just fine-tuning the one that we have?" Commissioner Ron Maez asked.

Weaver said it's mostly fine-tuning and the 2015 version "isn't significantly different."

Weaver explained the IPMC includes regulations for junk vehicles being stored outside, visible trash and safety regulations for residential structures.

"If there is a building that's really not habitable and could be a mobile home or just a really rundown house that really shouldn't be lived in — it does give the ability to possibly condemn the house or say you need to get it fixed," Weaver said.

"Even if a person chooses to live that way, we can still control the way they're livin'?" asked Maez.

"No, it allows for example ... Someone's renting a house and it is just falling down around them and they really have no place else to go and the landowner's like, 'Well, I don't care. Even though it's

full of cockroaches and rats and whatever and it's mold all over the place, I'm not gonna fix it," Weaver said. "This would allow, if there's a complaint filed by the renter, we could basically force the landlord saying, 'Well, no that's not a habitable place. We might have to relocate your renters but you're not going to get to rent it anymore because it needs to be brought up to basic minimum standards ... This sets minimum health and safety standards. Primarily residences, residential structures."

Weaver added, "Most of the nuisance complaints that we've dealt with is rubbish on the outside. We've never really gone in and looked at it in the inside of the structure, that just hasn't come up. But if it ever does, then we would have something we could use to address that issue."

"If somebody wants to live in filth or whatever else and they're not bothering anybody else, that's

their business I don't care," said Commissioner Steve Wadley. "But if it's getting to the point where it's impacting their neighbors or also if there's children in the area and it has a bad impact on that, we do need to have something that we can cite to take action and I don't think this county has a history of being overly heavy-handed in trying to decide what color people need to paint their houses or if they have granite or tile countertops. I don't think we're in that business, but when things are health and safety related, we do need to have the ability to enforce it."

"I just want to make sure that people still have rights," said Commissioner Alvin Schaaf. "It's their property, they still have rights and we don't want to take those away from them."

The commissioners are expected to consider the 2015 IPMC by the end of June, according to Weaver. john@pagosasun.com

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# Variance

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it and there's no way for me to be an innocent bystander, so I'm just gonna stay mum."

Commissioner Ron Maez explained he wanted "to move forward" on the variance application and explained why he wanted the Pagosa Springs Town Council to weigh in on the issue at its meeting last week.

"Most of the businesses and restaurants are within the town limits, so I thought it was important to have town council weigh in on this conversation," he said.

Pagosa Springs Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained the town council was in favor of submitting the variance, though they weren't required to, and didn't vote on the variance issue at their meeting last week.

"As you know you don't need really a formal vote from the town

council, but they all are in favor of moving it forward because we understand that the cases are low here in Archuleta County and overall the community has really done a great job of helping to flatten the curve and ensuring that people are being safe," she said.

In an email to The SUN Wednesday morning, Cox wrote that SUIT probably won't offer a decision on whether or not to support the variance this week.

"...it is highly unlikely that their process will finish this week. They currently are reviewing our variance request, so that's a good sign, and it's a matter of going through all the proper entities to get it approved," he wrote.

Cox reported Tuesday that SJBPH is currently reviewing the variance request.

According to CDPHE Executive Director Jill Hunsaker Ryan,

44 of Colorado's 64 counties have submitted variance requests to the state's health orders and "14 or so" have been approved.

## Mandating masks?

During the work session, Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that at least one member of Durango City Council was considering passing a measure that would mandate masks be worn in public.

"City council itself had discussed the possibility of an order mandating face coverings," he said. "I think they are getting ... almost like requests from the business community that they feel they can't require people coming into businesses to wear face masks and I would argue opposite of that. That 'No shirts, no shoes, no mask, no service,' you can refuse service to anyone so long as it's not based on, like, race or sexual orientation, something like that. Other than that, absolutely they can."

"I had a staff member of mine the other day ask about it and said he and his friends were discussing it and that there was a constitutional infringement to require a mask, and I said, 'No, there's absolutely not.' I said, 'As long as I'm not violating somebody's liberty via race, sex etcetera, I can make whatever rules I want in my restaurant.' If I own a supper club, for example, and you show up without a coat and tie, I can say, 'We won't serve you because that's not what we do here,'" Cox said.

"My own thing is I have a problem with government getting involved in your business," Com-

missioner Ron Maez said about mandating masks. "I think it's the business owner's decision to set that rule and standard for what they see is important for their business or safe for their business. They need to make that decision."

Phillips called a government mandate for citizens to wear masks in public "an enforcement nightmare."

## Where the variance stands

In a phone call just before press-time Wednesday, Cox explained the status of the variance.

He explained SJBPH is still reviewing it and will provide feedback, expected in the next week or so.

SUIT will most likely give a decision next week.

He noted the state recently released draft guidelines for restaurants to reopen, though no date has been set.

Cox reported the state's guidelines call for 8 feet of space between tables at restaurants and the current draft of Archuleta County's variance request asks for 6 feet.

"It's better than I thought it would be," he said, though noted the regulations are still "fairly rigorous."

He said that he's taking the state guidelines "under advisement" for what to include, or not, in the variance request.

Maez explained that once SUIT and SJBPH sign off on the variance request, he'll call a special meeting for the BoCC to vote on it.

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### Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over week: 138.

May 12 — First-degree arson, County Road 551.

May 12 — All other thefts, County Road 600.

May 12 — Missing person reports, Heritage Drive.

May 12 — Information only, North Pagosa Boulevard.

May 13 — Menacing-intimidation (Inc stalking threats), Lake Fork.

May 13 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, speeding mph over limit not listed, open container in a motor vehicle, failed to drive in a single lane (weaving), expired license plates, U.S. 160/ Vista Boulevard.

May 13 — Information only, County Road 119/U.S. 84.

May 14 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, careless driving, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), North Pagosa Boulevard/ Country Center Drive.

May 14 — Trespass warning, Meadow Lark Drive.

May 14 — Drove vehicle when license canceled, Navajo Trail Drive.

May 14 — Information only, Great West Avenue.

May 15 — Third-degree criminal trespass, Navajo Trail Drive.

May 15 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Park Avenue/Hopi Drive.

May 15 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, warrant arrest, warrant arrest, Majestic Drive/Eagle Drive.

May 15 — Harassment-repeated communications invade, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, disorderly conduct-petty, disorderly conduct-petty, Highland Avenue.

May 15 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, County Road 917.

May 16 — Possession of weapons by previous offenders, resisting arrest, criminal attempt to commit misdemeanor, obstructing a peace officer/police animal/fireman, unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon, County Road 988/Colo. 151.

May 17 — Warrant arrest, Lake Fork.

May 17 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Wilderness Drive.

May 18 — Death by natural causes, Beaver Circle.

May 18 — All other thefts, Bastille Drive.

May 18 — Identity theft-uses identity, Gila Drive.

### Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 110.  
May 10 — Animal at large, South 10th Street.

May 11 — Failed to yield when proceeding from stop sign, Trinity Lane.

May 13 — Trespass warning, U.S. 84.

May 14 — Open container of alcohol in public place, San Juan Street.

May 14 — Possession of drug paraphernalia, Country Center Drive.

### 6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

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May 14 — Tia R. Neeley, driving under the influence, 50 hours community service, 30 days jail, 365 days jail suspended imposition, two years probation, total fines and costs — \$1,320.50.

### Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

May 11 — Trevor Land, careless driving, four points off, owner or operator failed to provide insurance, four

points off, contempt-failed to appear, total fines and costs — \$552.

May 11 — Juvenile, failed to yield when proceeding from stop sign, three points off, total fines and costs — \$116.

May 11 — Robert Gibbons, following too closely, four points off, total fines and costs — \$146.

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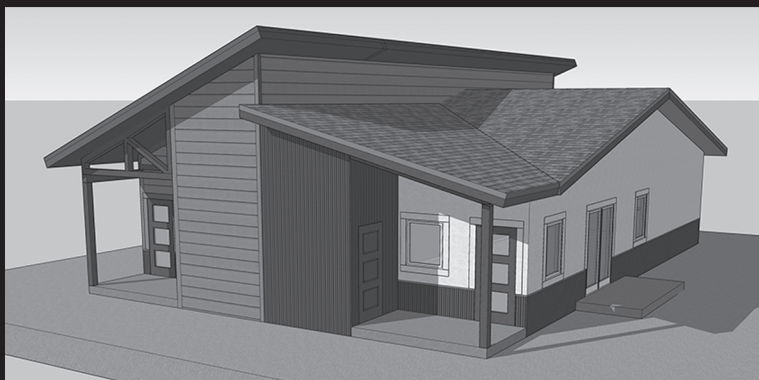


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With spring sports throughout Colorado canceled due to COVID-19, Pagosa Springs High School's senior spring athletes missed out on being recognized for their hard work and contributions. Following is each senior's Senior Night information, provided by Pagosa Springs High School, for the Lady Pirate soccer team.



**Gabrielle Gallegos** played four years. Plans for next year: attending Fort Lewis College in the fall. Favorite memory: It was our first overnight trip of the year and we were staying at this place that had one main lodge and little cabins around. Another teammate and I were exploring and went into this small lodge with a stage. Our coaches followed and when Coach Kurt-Mason saw the stage he started to dance like a ballerina. I could not stop laughing. Thank yous: To my coaches: Thank you for helping me grow as a player and a person. You have pushed me to build strength in myself that I never knew was possible and for the rest of my life. To my parents: Thanks for always being there for me, especially when I felt depleted and just done, you knew I could keep going.



**Halie Severs** played four years and lettered one year. Plans for next year: enroll in an online real estate program and get my Realtor license. Favorite memory: The time I threw up on the bus on the trip home — less than 5 minutes from the school. Sorry, Coach! Thank yous: To my coaches: Thanks for teaching me all about soccer. To my teammates: Thanks for your kindness and effort in this amazing sport. To my parents: Thanks for having me play soccer when I was a wee lad!

## BASEBALL



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs High School

Pirate senior Paden Bailey poses with family and coach Mike Remlinger Wednesday morning after signing a national letter of intent to play baseball at Colorado Christian University.



**Annabelle Bowles** played four years and lettered four years. Plans after graduation: attend Colorado State University, majoring in health and exercise science. Favorite memory: My favorite memory from soccer was a home game my junior year against Del Norte. We actually lost the game but it was my best game, and despite the hard loss, I felt like we still won in our own way. Thank yous: To my coaches: Thank you for seeing the potential in me, pushing me to be the best I can be, and showing me the leadership qualities I had all along. To my parents: Thank you for being so supportive and encouraging through my years of hard work. To my teammates: My girls. My family. The love I have for each and every one of you is unexplainable. Our goodbye wasn't supposed to be this way. I hope you learn from this and not take a single moment for granted next season. This team absolutely stole my heart. Make me proud next year girls!



**Grace Thompson** played four years and lettered one year. Plans for next year: attend Colorado State University majoring in art education. Favorite memory: My favorite memory is going to the playoffs my freshman year. Everybody pushed so hard and were truly a family, all invested in each other. We all wanted to win so badly for the seniors that year that we all cried together after we lost the game in the second round. Thank yous: My team: For always supporting me even when injuries held me back and for becoming my family. My parents: For being at my games to cheer me on and buying me chocolate milk when I'm sad about a loss. My coaches: For being great examples to me on and off the field. Thank you for teaching me to work hard toward my goals and accept defeat with a smile on my face. I miss you all, thank you for the memories.

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## Virtual public meeting will discuss enhancing the San Juan River

By Al Pfister  
Upper San Juan River Watershed Enhancement Partnership

Whether you use the water of the San Juan River and its tributaries to recreate, irrigate, drink or for domestic needs, the Upper San Juan River Watershed Enhancement Partnership (WEP) invites community members to attend a virtual public meeting to share your water values and needs. We encourage you to join the conversation and be entered for a chance to win a gift certificate from Pagosa Brewing Company.

Since 2018, the WEP has been conducting activities, under the Colorado Water Plan, to investigate

how the community can best utilize the Upper San Juan watershed's resources for its many uses.

Phase I established a steering committee of representatives from agricultural, environmental, recreational and municipal water groups to take the first steps at gathering community input and assessing how we can meet the multiple water uses and needs of the watershed. Our last article in The SUN a few weeks ago provided an overview of our past activities in Phase I, as well as what we hope to accomplish in Phase II.

Starting this year, Phase II will provide an assessment to understand current and future conditions for the San Juan River, allowing the

WEP and community to identify priority areas and explore cooperative, multi-beneficial projects. This meeting will discuss details on Phase II's steps and the information being collected by the WEP, in partnership with Lotic Hydrological and the San Juan Conservation District, to assess environmental, recreation and agricultural water needs.

We firmly believe that successful implementation of the WEP's efforts are dependent on local community input and involvement throughout the process. In order to get an accurate picture of our community's water values and needs, we need to hear from all of you and will be hosting a virtual meeting on Thursday, May 28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Learn

how to join the Zoom meeting via your phone (audio only) or computer (video presentations and audio) at <http://www.mountainstudies.org/sanjuan/smp>.

If you are new to using Zoom, we offer helpful tips on our website to make it easy to join the meeting, share your perspective and help us understand how to enhance the many benefits offered by the San Juan River and its tributaries. Additional information of the WEP's past and current activities can be found at <http://www.mountainstudies.org/sanjuan/smp> or by contacting Mandy Eskelson at [mandy@mountainstudies.org](mailto:mandy@mountainstudies.org) or Al Pfister at [westernwildscapes@gmail.com](mailto:westernwildscapes@gmail.com).

## How soon is too soon? Town council addresses tourism recovery plan, possible reopening date

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Town Tourism Director Jennifer Green outlined for the Pagosa Springs Town Council on May 13 what the tourism recovery plan will look like when the time comes to invite visitors back to Pagosa Springs.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all active marketing of inviting visitors to Pagosa Springs has been halted since March 13, Green described.

The marketing that has been done has been passive, according to Green, with calming imagery and inspiring messages being advertised.

"We feel that we will be able to bounce back," Green said. "We need to do it at a time where the

community is ready for it."

Air and international travel will be impacted longer due to COVID-19, but because Pagosa Springs is classified as a "drive market," those factors are to the town's benefit.

"Summer visitation in general is not dependent on events, and given that the likelihood of large events will not be happening at least for the next few months, that is to our advantage," she said.

Cities and theme parks will be slower to recover as opposed to a small rural community like Pagosa Springs, Green described.

Promoting access to the surrounding 2.5 million acres of national forest and wilderness advocates for social distancing, as well, she added later.

Current efforts not only in-

clude passive advertising, but also working with businesses on a new business engagement support program, Green explained.

This program is a combination of training webinars for businesses, free advertising options and consultations, she described later.

However, Green explained that a tentative date of June 1 has been suggested to start actively promoting Pagosa Springs again.

This would coincide with a potential "soft opening" with the Pagosa Springs Visitors Center, she added.

"Maybe it's too soon at this point for you to make that decision, but the tourism board would like town council and the county commissioners to agree upon a date that we actively invite visitors," Green said. "We don't want to prematurely do that if the community is not ready for it."

Council member Shari Pierce noted that she would rather wait until after Gov. Jared Polis issues the next public health guidelines and until the town sees where a possible variance request to the current public health orders goes.

"I think it is a little bit too soon, especially if the governor is going to hold fast in his limit of nonessential

travel and stuff like that," council member Madeline Bergon said.

The target date of June 1 was described by council member Matt DeGuise as being "premature."

"Once we are open, I think we are going to get enough people here without having to actively recruit them for several weeks," DeGuise said.

However, council member Rory Burnett explained he believes the target date of June 1 is "great."

"Our job is to serve the people," Burnett said. "A vast majority of the people I've talked to in the community are ready to be open."

Burnett added that he believes the town should be behind opening "sooner than later" because that's what people who council represent are communicating.

"We're not a health board. We serve the people of the community of Pagosa Springs and we're a tourist town and I think that we should be OK with June 1," he said. "Obviously things can change, but our numbers are such that we shouldn't be in fear in this season."

Mayor Don Volger explained that he would like to see how things play out over the next week, keeping June 1 as a possibility.

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A helicopter continues bucket work on inaccessible slopes as wind conditions allowed on the wildfire near Lumberton, N.M., on Monday. The fire reverted to zero percent containment that day due to spotting in red flag conditions. The wildfire started on May 10 has burned more than 434 acres.

## Snow water equivalency hit 0.0 on May 15

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

An email from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey indicates that snow water equivalency (SWE) hit 0.0 on May 15, with the median date for SWE to hit 0.0 being June 2.

The SWE is the amount of water contained within the snowpack.

In his weekly water report, Ramsey noted that from May 8 through May 14 of this year, water production totaled 15.33 million gallons.

Contributing to that total, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 5 million gallons and the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 10.33 million gallons.

Last year, in that same timeframe, water production totaled 11.02 million gallons.

From May 1 through May 7 of this year, water production totaled 15.32 million gallons.

This week, three local lakes are full, according to Ramsey's press release.

Hatcher Lake and Village Lake remain full from last week.

Lake Pagosa is full this week. Last week it was 2 inches from full.

Stevens Lake is 1 inch from full this week, or 99.70 percent full. Last week, it was 3 inches from full.

This week, Lake Forest is 4 inches from full, or 96.97 percent full. Last week, it was 3 inches from full.

Total diversion flows remain at 4.5 cubic feet per second (cfs), with the West Fork diversion adding 3 cfs and the Four Mile diversion adding another 1.5 cfs.

### River report

As of Wednesday, the San Juan River had a reported flow of 1,200 cfs.

That total is below the average for May 20, which is 1,430 cfs, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The highest reported river flow for May 20 was 3,680 cfs, which occurred in 1948. The lowest reported river flow came in 1977 when the San Juan River had a flow of 158 cfs.

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The Pagosa Farmers Market will open for its 12th year on June 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its same location at the east end of downtown.

# Pagosa Farmers Market will open June 20

By **Pauline Benetti**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Archuleta County growers are accustomed to overcoming obstacles; we have overcome the short growing season, poor soil, wind, a late killing frost, marauding deer and voracious voles to produce and support our thriving Pagosa Farmers Market for 11 years.

This latest challenge in our 12th year will not stop us. We open on June 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at our same location at the east end of downtown. We invite you to participate with your purchasing power to support our local growers and provide yourself with fresh local produce which we know is far superior nutritionally to produce shipped in from somewhere.

We will open, but the Pagosa Farmers Market must be different. Perhaps the biggest difference and the most lamentable one is that we will not be a place for community gathering, for meeting up with friends, for sitting down to talk and listen to some music. No, like everywhere else, we are asking our friends to visit,

make their purchase and leave with, perhaps, a wave to a friend here and there.

Available for purchase will be essential products only and we will provide you with more detail about our vendors in a later communication. Crafts and art, unfortunately, do not qualify, so the East Side Market will be closed. The layout, including parking, will be different and we will provide specifics later also. There is no change to our SNAP policy, however; we continue to accept SNAP cards and continue to hand out free \$20 worth of Double up Bucks for the first \$20 of purchase, increasing purchasing power by 100 percent.

A note to vendors and potential vendors — please log in to the Pagosa Farmers Market page on the Southwest Organization for Sustainability website — [sospagosa.org](http://sospagosa.org) — for applications with reduced fees, new rules and contact numbers. Remember our Small Growers Coop which was created for the backyard grower who has, on occasion, too much of something and would like to sell it.

Our motto for this year for both experienced growers and new ones: “Plant Now and Plant More.”

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## ‘The Application of Imagination,’ a virtual art auction and concert, to benefit Pagosa Peak Open School

By Alison Beach  
Special to The PREVIEW

On May 22, at 6 p.m., Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) will host “The Application of Imagination,” a virtual art auction and concert featuring artists and musicians Rain March, Karla Parker Choat, Bill Hudson, Keith Bruno, Alison Beach, Perry and Amy Harper, Lexi Bernstein, Jeanelle Wychesit, June Marquez and Angela Reali Crossland.

This is a Facebook live concert

that will be filmed at the school following social distancing guidelines. The concert and art will be posted on the school’s Facebook page the night of the virtual event at: <https://www.facebook.com/pagosacharterschool>.

Artwork will be “silently auctioned” via our Facebook page during the Facebook live concert. Each piece of artwork will be posted underneath the concert and bids will be taken in the comment sections.

All funds raised will help to further PPOS’s mission to create a

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## The National AAA Network advocates

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 via San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA). 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.

A national network of 622 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) belong to the National Association of AAA, known as n4a. Its primary focus is to “advance policies that enable its members to effectively and efficiently address the needs of an aging America.” Every day, 10,000 people turn age 65 in the United States and, by 2030, one in five people will be age 65 and older.

One of the basic human needs is to age well and safely at home and in the community, so n4a prioritizes strengthening community options, such as long-term services and supports. The successful outcome of such a goal would be improved health and reduced health care costs for older citizens, such as through well-funded and enhanced Medicaid programs.

Every year, the network of agencies develops top policy priorities to guide its legislative and administrative advocacy, among them giv-

### Area Agency on Aging

ing voice to more than 250 Title VI Native American aging programs. For example, the Older Americans Act, recently reauthorized, enables the continuation of numerous services promoting independence. However, its funding has not kept pace with the growing population of older adults.

Other community concerns include adequate transportation, socially engaging activities, caregiver support, addressing the social determinants of health, and preventing elder abuse and exploitation. Three social determinants that affect the health of aging adults are adequate housing and employment and accessible nutritious food.

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# Color the day with laughter

It seems as if everything around me has become too serious. My usual colorful spring days seem pale in comparison to what I expect of the season. I tend to live my life in full color. But even as the trees bud, I find I am missing something. Perhaps it's the absence of laughter.

In my world, laughter is like a palette overflowing with colorful paint. It doesn't matter if it is held up against a winter gray sky or spring crisp blue, laughter has a way of adding a rainbow of dimension to any moment.

Maybe I am contributing to where I see myself. I have noticed that my articles have also become too serious. So, at the tail end of our two-month isolation, I am ready for my faded legs to see the light of day, and to give a hearty howl.

Our electrician came by to work on a cut power line. Just as I knew to do, I stood 6 feet away and watched him work. I couldn't help but laugh about the predicament we were in. There he was, down in a hole the size of a swimming pool, dug out by our son while trying to fix a 2-inch water valve.

I told our son to fix something else, just so I could have another laugh. Besides, paying a repair man for a needless fix has to be more entertaining than being abused by public broadcasting.

Now, my newest friend, a 77-year-old exercise instructor, shows up with a press of a button on the remote. She trots around the television screen and yells at those on my side of the camera about frozen shoulders and swollen joints. Now that's funny. How did she know?

She is constantly asking me if I feel great and feel the burn. I tell her, "No." Thankfully, she promises that there will be no floor work today. I wonder if it's because she knows that I will not be able to get back up once I'm down.

My Sweet Al and I have graduated from Hallmark movies. Either that or we are waiting for all the Christmas shows to begin in July.

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



*Turns out that we are finally getting sweet revenge after all of those midnight telephone calls from when he was a teenager. Now that's funny.*

Binge-watching a series has become our new date-night out. I'm on season five of "Poldark" on PBS. Sweet Al is learning all of the tricks of the trade from Eustice on INSP's "Mountain Men." We are getting

to know these characters so well, I almost feel like we need to have them over for dinner.

I finally figured out the meaning of stir-crazy. While counting out all the pills and vitamins that my Sweet Al and I are taking every morning, I wonder what would happen if we mixed them all up.

Like all of our children, our son looks after us. I asked him what he was thinking the other day. He said, "Just living the dream." He paused, then said, "Did you want me to tell you how painful it is taking care of you?"

Turns out that we are finally getting sweet revenge after all of those midnight telephone calls from when he was a teenager. Now that's funny.

I heard something that truly applies to today. "If you want to get to the place that you aren't, you have to leave the place that you are."

I never thought we shouldn't take life seriously. I guess the lesson for me is to keep myself from getting stuck there. And if that means laughing will give me freedom from the day, then listen for my voice all the way out on the Blanco.

Final brushstroke: There is too much going on not to add a bit of color to a dull day by laughing. Whether we audibly grunt as we walk up a flight of stairs, or have a humorous appreciation for the reality of TV personalities who haven't seen a bottle of dye or a coiffure in months. Just laugh.

### Readers' comments

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By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

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## Drive-through pick up meals continue at the Senior Center

We are continuing our temporary closing of the congregating 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 lunch for those age 60 and above. If you need to have your meal delivered, please call 264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area.

The cost per meal for the public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink, and dessert or bread. Our daily menu is posted on our website at psseniors.org and is below.

Please call 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program. We are now including breakfast for the next morning with lunch at the drive-through and Meals on Wheels.

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## The Community Café menu

Thursday, May 21 — Pork posole, milk, Spanish rice, roasted Brussels sprouts with sweet chili sauce, salad and flan.

Friday, May 22 — Seafood salad sandwich, gazpacho, milk, salad and blueberry cream cheese pie.

# Senior News

Monday, May 25 — Closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 26 — Chicken piccata with angel hair pasta, Parmesan roasted zucchini, milk, salad and cherry pie.

Wednesday, May 27 — Pulled pork, baked potato bar, broccoli with garlic and butter, milk, salad and lemon dessert.

Thursday, May 28 — Tuna salad sandwich, roasted asparagus with lemony breadcrumbs, cream of tomato soup, milk, salad and peach cobbler.

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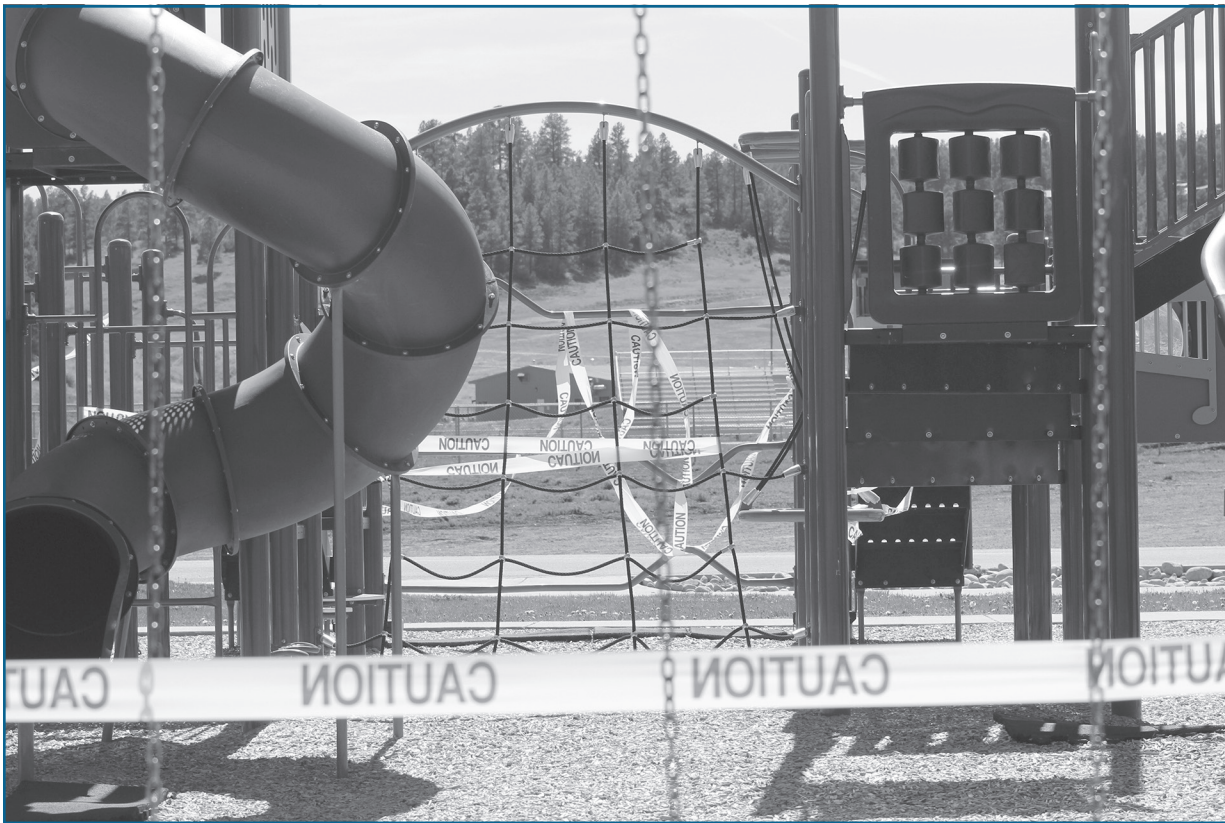
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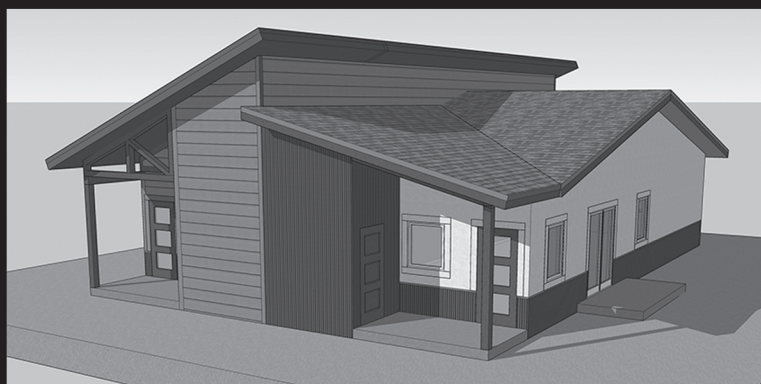


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# San Juan Mountain trails

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Photo courtesy John M. Motter

**The Old Joe Mann cabin is located on one of the more popular hiking trails in Pagosa Country. Following the San Juan East Fork River, this trail has a colorful history as a Native American trail before the coming of the white man, a wagon trail for pioneers, a military road for the Army, and access to the mines in the nearby mountains and a state highway before construction of Wolf Creek Pass.**

sheepmen. Cattle grazed in the lower mountains and tens of thousands of sheep in the higher mountains, say above 10,000 feet.

The San Juan Mountains were covered with marketable timber, mostly ponderosa pines. Enterprising timbermen made fortunes cutting and marketing lumber from those pines.

Next, wouldn't you guess, in the early 1900s, the U.S. Forest Service was created to manage the forests. They established and enforced rules for use of the land and trees and identified and marked trails. And here's where our story has gone full circle. The mountains are beautiful, but to enjoy that beauty beyond just sitting at the bottom and looking out of the window, trails are needed. And trails aplenty are available. Next time you are hiking up a trail to a favored lake

or camping spot, remember the history we've just outlined. You owe thanks to all of the people groups we have described. Very likely, a Native American hunter, a Hispanic treasure seeker, a prospector, a cattleman or a shepherd with thousands of sheep and, finally, a government forester cleared the path you are following.

It's fun to imagine, just as Lewis and Clark were first on the Oregon Trail, you are first on the trail you are following. But, you need to remember: That wilderness you are in echoed many oohs and aahhs long before you arrived.

## Pagosa's Past



John M. Motter

visitation are varied and colorful.

Before white men came, Utes, Jicarillas and other Native American men hunted for game in the San Juans while the distaff side of their families grubbed for roots and berries and such.

When snow blanketed the mountains, the native people hunkered over small fires where the womenfolk seared strips of meat while abuelos surrounded by los juvenes fingered grains of corn and told tales of the ancestros.

The first mountain visitors from across the Atlantic Ocean were Hispaños, who landed on the eastern coast of Mexico in search of gold and forayed as far as the San Juan Mountains in that search.

For a few years, beaver trappers took "gold" in the form of beaver hides from the many streams in the San Juans. Soon after came the San Juan Mountain '49ers, also hunting for gold. These pioneer prospectors developed prosperous silver mines, ergo Silverton, but found little gold. They were succeeded by "gold on the hoof," herds of longhorns driven from Texas to take advantage of the lush San Juan Mountain grasses. Arch enemies of the cattlemen were

## Worn flags being collected ahead of Flag Day

Roy Vega  
Special to The PREVIEW

June 14 annually and with little fanfare marks Flag Day in the United States. It commemorates the adoption of the stars and stripes by the Second Continental Congress on that date in 1777.

Flag Day is also a reminder to fly our flags proudly and to replace any that are so faded, worn or frayed as to no longer be respectful of the great country or state they represent.

Once again, American Legion Mullins-Nickerson Post 108 is collecting unserviceable American and Colorado flags for proper retirement and disposal. Flags in unserviceable condition should be disposed of

with dignity.

The American Legion provides this service, and worn flags may be turned in to any Legionnaire or left at any of the following locations: Pagosa Springs Town Hall, Pagosa Fire Protection District Station No. 1 on North Pagosa Boulevard, the Archuleta County Veterans Services Office in the Ross Aragon Community Center, or Vega Insurance and Financial Services office at 818 Rosita St. (across the highway from the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library).

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# Open everything now! Really?

By Jerry Brady  
Special to The PREVIEW

Open a business now and or stay the course? Sacrifice lives or sacrifice jobs? The issue is almost as fraught as the simple choice facing all of us: Do we wear a mask to protect others or go bare-faced in public?

Those willing to take risks that seem reckless to others include Lauren Boebert, the always-armed owner of Shooter's Grill in Rifle, Colo., who served patrons despite Gov. Jared Polis's order, and Doug and Christine Lohman, owners of Hardware Brewery in Kendrick, Idaho, who made a big deal of opening May 1, also against a governor's order.

Kendrick, population 307, is where Doug and Christine Lohman poured their life's savings into a pub fashioned out of a former hardware store. The bar depends almost entirely on customers from somewhere else, like the University of Idaho, 30 miles away, or Lewiston, about 60 miles away. Their Hardware Brewery would be recognized in most towns as a pleasant local Cheers, except it's not in anybody's neighborhood.

Under a plan published by Idaho Republican Gov. Brad Little, the pub could have reopened as a restaurant May 16 and as a bar June 13. It likely would also have received \$10,000 from a small business relief fund created by Little with federal dollars. Instead, the Lohmans said they had to open early or go bankrupt. Feeling that they're "as safe as McDonald's," the couple invited some very important people to their opening.

Janice McGeachin, the Republican lieutenant governor, traveled 500 miles from Idaho Falls to attend. She said she'd been incensed from the start that only establishments providing food, medical care, public protection or construction were deemed "essential." All businesses are essential, the lieutenant governor said, including pubs — such as the one she also operates — and should be open as a constitutional right of assembly.

With her was Raul Labrador, the chairman of the Idaho Republican Party and a recent member of Congress who lost a close primary election to Little in 2018, plus two state legislators from Lewiston. Labrador wanted the state open in April.

All opposed the governor from the first, as did the speaker of the Idaho House, many other legislators and numerous sheriffs and county commissioners — opponents similar in other western states.

You have to hand it to Little, who has negotiated the pandemic with

## Writers on the Range

*You have to hand it to Little, who has negotiated the pandemic with patience and skill. New cases are trending downward, crushing the curve, at least for now, and testing is expanding rapidly.*

patience and skill. New cases are trending downward, crushing the curve, at least for now, and testing is expanding rapidly. A recent poll by the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry found nearly 80 percent of Idahoans support the governor's four-stage reopening plan, with even higher support among Republicans.

Like other small states, Idaho received \$1.2 billion in federal funds, among the highest amounts per capita nationally, on top of payroll protection and enhanced unemployment insurance. Little is using \$300 million for grants of up to \$10,000 each to small businesses like Hardware Brewing and, most recently, to day care centers.

With the minimum wage an abysmal \$7.25 an hour, Idaho wages are so low unemployment payments can be more attractive than working. For a few months at least, about half of the 100,000 unemployed Idahoans have caught a rare break in life.

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Notably, protestors chose not to stage their rebellion in nearby Nez Perce County where 20 of its 95 infected county residents have died, or at a meat packing plant south of Boise where 23 workers have been sent home after testing positive.


The "open now" leaders have championed near-absolute freedom versus what they label as government oppression. Little has cast his decisions in soft language, advising residents to shelter in place "as best you can" or saying of the Kendrick protesters, "They certainly aren't making this any easier."

Recently, however, he suggested that those who open bars or hair salons prematurely "could lose their operating licenses." But the governor took no action as six businesses opened early in Idaho Falls. In Colorado, Shooter's Grill was handed a cease and desist order — no ambiguity there.

When this all began, we might have assumed it would only last a few months. Instead, it could turn out to be like World War I, an epic slog which ended with vastly more people dying from flu than combat. This pandemic likewise requires wartime-like unity, good will and clear thinking.

Meanwhile, caution makes more sense than showboating and anger.


*Jerry Brady is a contributor to WritersontheRange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the west. He is a former newspaper owner who also served as director of public affairs for the Peace Corps.*





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# New Thought discussion: power or force?

By Lisa Burnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

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All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, May 24, at 10 a.m. for our presentation, “Power vs. Force: Your Spiritual Divinity is Calling.” Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure.

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## Upcoming events

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Inspirational conference call is on Tuesday, May 26, at 6 p.m., featuring speakers from across the country. All are welcome to join in by calling (605) 475-4002, PIN: 285254#.

This Thursday, May 21, at 6 p.m., local herbalist Sam Johnson will be speaking on “The Causes And Effects of Honey Bee Decline.”

## Cancellations

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

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## About us

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By Paulette Heber  
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Call-in number: (669) 900-6833, meeting ID: 884 668 836.

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, May 24, our theme

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To learn more about the Baha’I Faith, please visit the official international website of the Baha’I Faith at [www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org). Our local contact is [archuletabahais@gmail.com](mailto:archuletabahais@gmail.com).

# Sonlight Christian Camp will be different this summer

By Emrys Tyler  
Special to The PREVIEW

Though we are grieved because we can’t offer our usual summer resident youth camps, Sonlight specializes in flexibility and finding the silver lining on every cloud.












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Family backpacking trips will also be available, continuing Sonlight’s legacy of getting people outside into God’s beautiful wilderness. If you have questions or are interested in reserving cabin space during a Family Camp session, please call the office at 264-4379 or email us at [office@sonlightcamp.org](mailto:office@sonlightcamp.org). For a look at all of Sonlight’s goings-on, see [sonlightcamp.org](http://sonlightcamp.org).


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# About purple loosestrife, a perennial weed

By **Ethan Proud**  
PREVIEW Columnist

Purple loosestrife is a perennial weed species that can be found in rivers, streams, ponds and lakes.

This plant may be identified by its square stem and whorled, lance-shaped leaves. The flowers have five petals and grow in a ra-

## Extension Viewpoints

...ceme or spike at the top. Flowers bloom from the bottom up. Purple loosestrife may be mistaken as dame's rocket, another noxious weed species, or one of our native flora such as fireweed or a number of geraniums.

Currently, there are no reports of purple loosestrife in Archuleta County, though it is present in Colorado. The closest populations to Archuleta are in Montrose and El Paso counties. Using the eddmaps future range prediction tool, purple loosestrife is expected to be present in all Colorado counties by 2040-2060.

Purple loosestrife is an A List species, meaning that its eradication is legally mandated. The Colorado Department of Agriculture recommends hand-pulling the entire plant (be sure to get the entire root), clipping the flowering heads prior to seed production and using an aquatic herbicide. The best management practice is prevention, though. If you travel to an area with purple loosestrife, clean your boots, boat, fishing gear, etc., before returning to our county.

If you see this species, please report it to the Weed and Pest Department at 264-6773 or [eproud@archuletacounty.org](mailto:eproud@archuletacounty.org).

*Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.*

## Show strength, hold the line

By **Jan Davis**  
Special to The PREVIEW

As a young child, we played "Red Rover, Red Rover." Kids formed two teams and lined up across from each other. Both groups held on tight to the hands of their teammates. A player ran toward the opposite side and attempted to crash through. If the line held, the player became a member of the other team. The stronger lineup won.

The church is made up of a team of players with the same cause — to win people to Christ. During this current time of chaos, we need to wrap our arms in love, not strife.



Photo courtesy Julie Kraft

**Purple loosestrife**

### Upcoming events

May 28: With hopes that CSU approves, the Extension office will hold a Colorado Master Gardener Day from 1 to 3 p.m. Bring your plants/samples in for help with ID and problem solving. Please look on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CSUARCHCITY/> for updates.

May 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m.: Save the date for the Watershed Enhancement Partnership. Zoom information coming.

June 3, 4 to 6 p.m.: Shred Day. Downtown TBK Bank parking lot. Donations support Archuleta County 4-H programs. NAID Certified. The cost is \$5 per box.

## A Matter of Faith

Encourage, not complain, build up and not tear down. Stand firm for truth, justice and righteousness and brace ourselves against this unseen enemy. When united, people work together for the good of others and everyone wins.

A popular quote a few years ago could be found on bumper stickers,

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# Bad times and depression

By John Lough  
Special to The PREVIEW

Even in the best of times, depression is a major mental health issue. Recent statistics find more than 17 million Americans are affected by major depressive disorders in any given year. And in today's period of pandemics, social distancing and widespread uncertainty about financial and health issues, it's not surprising that depression is a growing problem.

Major depressive disorder is, however, more than simply feelings of sadness or grief. We all have times when things aren't going quite right and the results leave us unhappy. Our sadness might be triggered by anything from problems at work to the grief brought on by the loss of someone dear to you.

The difference between that type of unhappiness and major depression is both the severity of what is being experienced and the fact that it is long-lasting. Simple sadness over life circumstances normally fades within a couple of weeks, but major depression is deeper and much longer lasting. Major depression doesn't just have you feeling blue, but it's a mental health illness that can directly affect your life in a number of negative ways.

Major depressive disorder can

be recognized through the wide range of symptoms that often come with it. In addition to feeling sad and being in a depressed mood, major depression will often affect sleep patterns, making sleeping difficult or having someone sleep too much. Some people have little energy and feel fatigued most of the time. They may have no appetite or are eating too much. Depression can make it difficult to think clearly, to concentrate and to make decisions. In the most severe cases, there may be frequent thoughts of death or suicide, or even suicide attempts.

Clinical depression can also cause or aggravate serious health issues. It has been linked to heart issues, the worsening of chronic health conditions, experiencing headaches, and other unexplained aches and pains. But the good news is that depression is a treatable illness.

Depression will not just heal itself, but today there are a variety of therapies and medications which can provide real help. If you, or someone close to you, is facing severe depression, call your family physician or a professional counselor. If there has been talk of suicide, or a suicide attempt, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at (800) 273-8255.

Major depressive disorder is a

serious but treatable health problem. Not dealing with the issue should never be an option.

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## Faith

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bracelets and even tattoos. "What Would Jesus Do?" How would Jesus respond to this catastrophic event?

Jesus rested while the disciples operated in panic mode. His followers feared the storm without understanding they shared the boat with the One who calmed the seas.

We draw strength through his Word and in faith speak to our storms, "Peace, be still." And God hears.

Job lost everything: family, home, wealth and status. His closest friends mocked him, yet He did not turn his face against God. Because of his faithfulness, God restored his losses.

Cast into a fiery furnace, Daniel did not fear death, but put his trust in the God of Israel. God not only spared his life, but also elevated him to a position of power and authority. The same was true in the story of Joseph.

Regardless of life's situations

and circumstances, they held the line. Because of their loyalty, God placed them in positions of leadership. They led their nation out of captivity and provided food and shelter for all in need. They instructed world leaders with godly wisdom and prevented total annihilation.

In the book of Esther, we read where she was told by her uncle, "You have come to the kingdom for such a time as this." It is time for Christians to rise up and fill the gap. The Army of God is called to hold the line during perilous times.

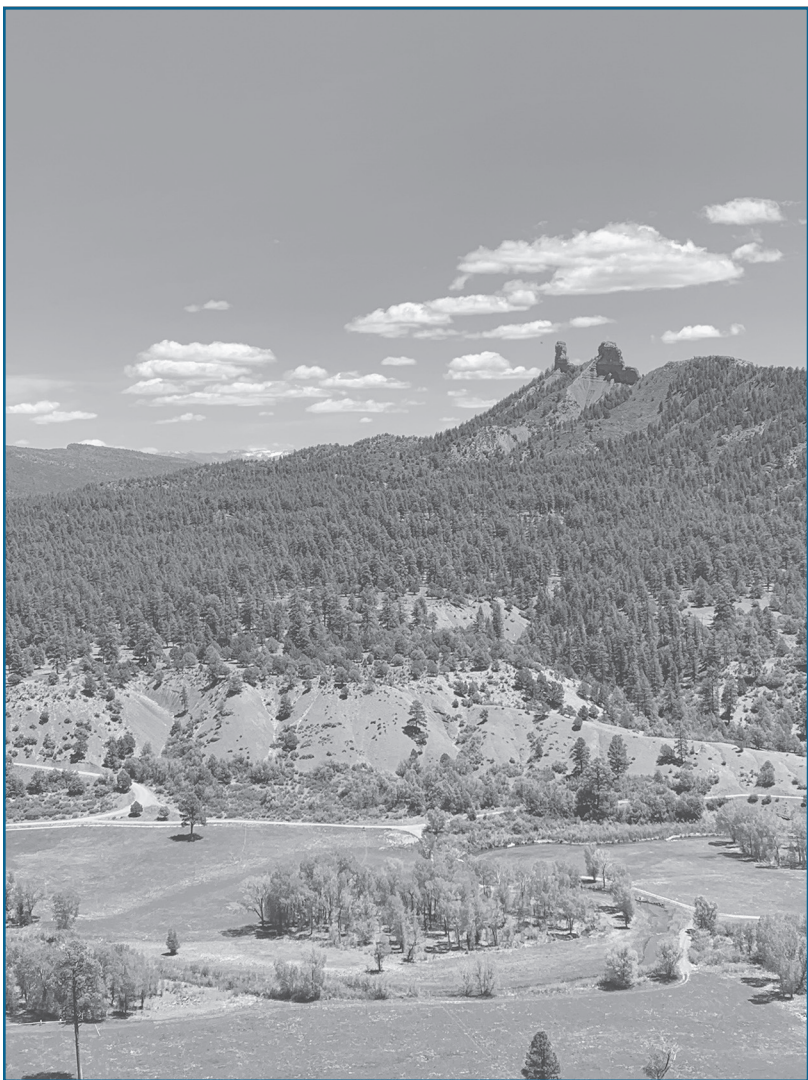
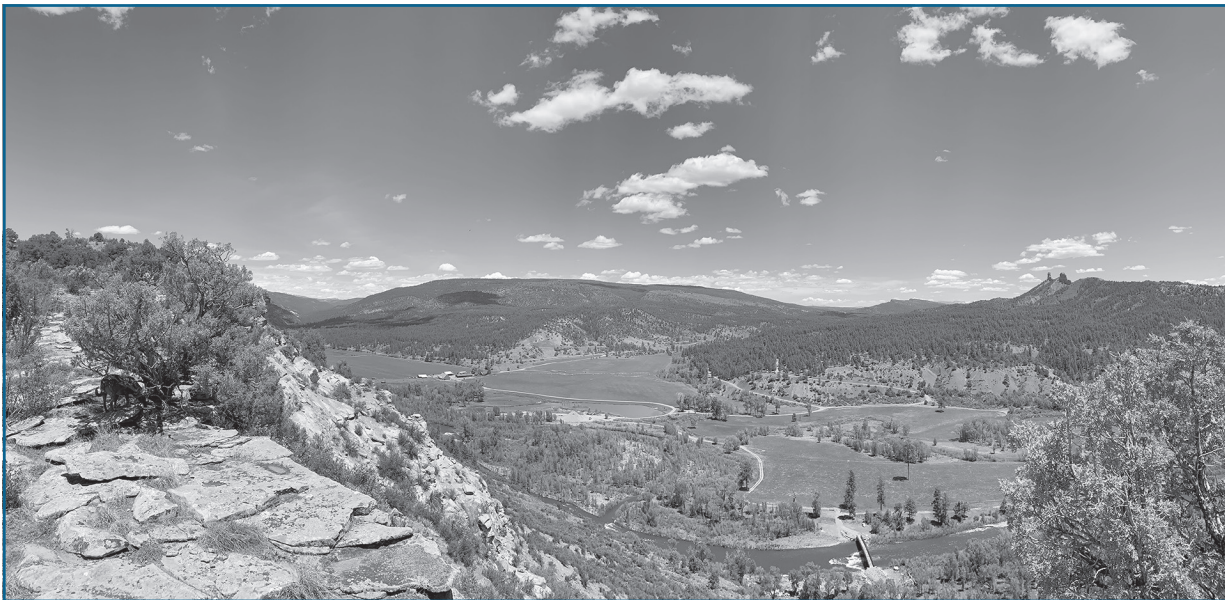
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# Tips for family camping trips

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For nature lovers, perhaps nothing is more enjoyable than packing up the camping gear, traveling to a favorite campsite and getting away from it all while sleeping under the stars. Such an experience can be transformative, turning first-time campers into lifelong enthusiasts.

The opportunity to turn youngsters into nature enthusiasts who can't wait to spend time outside may be one reason why so many families go camping. A 2018 report Kampgrounds of America found that 52 percent of campers have children, making camping among the most popular and family-friendly ways to enjoy the great outdoors.

Camping with youngsters can help families make lasting memories. Parents who have never before taken their children camping may benefit from employing a few strategies to make the trip as fun as possible.

• Make a trial run in the backyard. A night camping in the backyard won't be exactly the same as a night in the woods, where wildlife, and particularly insects, may be

less welcoming hosts. But a backyard camping night can acclimate children to their sleeping bags and their tents. A fun night sleeping under the stars in the backyard also may make kids more enthusiastic about an upcoming camping trip in the woods.

• Go over safety early and often. Use every opportunity to explain camping safety measures to youngsters in advance of your trip. Emphasize the importance of staying together in the woods, and teach youngsters how to identify potentially harmful plants like poison ivy, making sure they know to avoid coming into contact with these and other poisonous plants. Contact your local parks department, or the campground where you will be staying, for some additional advice on camping safety.

• Let kids help when choosing camping equipment. Youngsters may be more excited about camping if they're allowed to choose certain equipment, including their sleeping bags and tents. Before visiting your nearby camping retailer, explain to kids that tents come in various styles because they're designed to protect campers from certain elements that may be more

common in certain areas than others. Such an explanation can make it easy to explain to youngsters why you're purchasing certain items, even if those items weren't kids' top choices.

• Plan the family menu in advance. Plan the menu in advance so you can ensure everyone will continue to eat healthy. But make sure to include a few kid-friendly camping classics, like s'mores, in the meal plan as well.

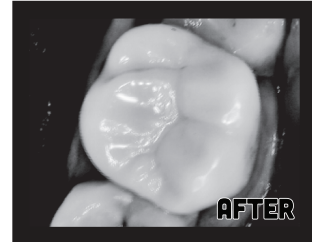
• Prepare a camping-friendly first-aid kit. Bandages and topical antibiotic creams are part and parcel of any first-aid kit, regardless of where you're going. But the elements pose a different set of challenges that require a more extensive first-aid kit. When designing a first-aid kit for your camping trip, be sure to include all the usual items, but also over-the-counter medications that can treat pain, allergies, constipation, and diarrhea. An extra gallon or two of water also makes for a wise addition to campers' first-aid kits.

Family camping trips can instill a lifelong love of the great outdoors in youngsters. A few simple strategies can help parents make such trips safe and memorable.

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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 black-chinned hummingbird.

This hummingbird (*archilochus alexandri*) is named for the male's black face and chin, underlined with a wide, lustrous, purple band contrasting with a white collar. Both male and female are metallic green above with a grayish-white chest.

This small, adaptable bird occupies a broad range of habitats (arid and riparian) extending from central Mexico during winter and through the western United States into Alberta and British Columbia during spring/summer. In our southwest area, they inhabit foothills, canyons and urban areas. They thrive on the nectar of flowers, feeders and insects captured in mid-air for protein.

An outstanding characteristic of the male is performed during mating season or territorial defense. The male may dive 60-100 feet past a perching bird. A second characteristic, useful in identifying, is a distinctive tail pumping and spreading of tail feathers while hovering.

Being a polygamous bird, the male mates with numerous females, not caring to build a nest or tending to its mates or offspring. Nests built by the female are 6-12 feet above ground on a small, exposed, dead branch. Two eggs are produced in elliptical shape the size of a coffee bean, in a cup-shaped nest of plant down, spider silk, petals and leaves. Incubation is 14-16 days.

Black-chinneds are not endangered or threatened, but rely on continued conservation of stream and river vegetation, especially along migration routes, for their survival.

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## Container gardening tips

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Gardening is beneficial in various ways. The AARP states that some of the health perks associated with gardening include improved mood, increased vitamin D levels (which benefits bones and immune system) and reduced risk of dementia. In addition, if gardening efforts include growing herbs, fruits and vegetables, it can be a cost-effective way to eat healthy.

For gardeners without sufficient space or for those with mobility issues, container gardening can be an ideal way to grow everything from flowers to vegetables. Better Homes and Gardens says most plants are not fussy about the containers in which they grow so long as some of their basic needs are met. This means watering correctly for the type of plant and ensuring sufficient drainage.

The following are some other ways container gardening efforts can prove successful.

- Watch water. Planet Natural Research Center says plants with thin leaves typically need ample water, and plants with thick leaves need less. Use this as a guideline to gauge water needs.
- Size correctly. Plants should

be sized to the container. Consider dwarf varieties of certain plants if your containers are small.

- Choose the right soil. Fill containers with a commercial potting soil rather than soil from the garden. Garden soil can dry into a solid mass, while commercial mixtures have amendments like peat moss, vermiculite, compost and other ingredients to help with soil texture and moisture retention.

- Mix it up. When planting containers of flowers and other greenery, Good Housekeeping says to include “a thriller, a spiller and a filler” as a good rule of thumb. The thriller is the focal point, the spiller a trailing plant, and a filler has smaller leaves or flowers to add bulk and color.

- Poke holes. Drainage holes are essential so that soil will not become waterlogged. Holes don’t need to be large, but there should be enough of them so that excess water can drain out readily.

- Select the right container material. Container materials may be affected by gardeners’ budgets, personal taste and other factors. For those who live in hot climates, selecting a light-colored container can help prevent further soil heat absorption.



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# How to foster a love of music in children

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Music enriches people's lives in myriad ways. Age is of no consideration when it comes to benefiting from and appreciating music, but it seems that young people in particular have a lot to gain from music education.

According to the New England Board of Higher Education, various studies have found that consistent music education can improve vocabulary and reading comprehension skills. In addition, the National Association for Music Education says that research has found a significant relationship between arts participation at school and academic success.

Parents who want their children to reap the benefits of being involved with music can try the following strategies aimed at fostering a love of music in young people.

- Turn the television off and turn music on. Exposing youngsters to music is one of the simplest and most effective ways to get them to embrace it. For example, in lieu of turning on the television while preparing meals, parents can play music instead. Let youngsters pick their own songs or mix it up by including some of mom's and dad's favorites as well. Such exposure can be incredibly valuable for youngsters. In fact, a 2016 study from researchers at the University of Southern California found that musical experiences in childhood accelerate brain development. Music is especially effective at helping children in language acquisition and reading.

- Replay kids' favorite songs. Another

way to build kids' enthusiasm for music is to replay some of their favorite songs. While mom and dad may cringe at the prospect of hearing "Baby Shark" several times in a row, they should take note of how enthusiastic their kids become when hearing a favorite song. And that enthusiasm can benefit their language skills as they listen closely to the lyrics in an effort to memorize the words. Youngsters may not be so receptive if they don't like what they're hearing.

- Dance to music. Kids are bundles of energy, and dancing is a fun way for them to expend some of that energy. Dancing also provides a great reason to play music. Physical activity set to music can help kids burn off some extra energy as they develop their brains, making dance sessions a win-win for both parents and children.

- Embrace opportunities to see live music. Kids are often captivated by seeing musicians perform in person. When possible, take youngsters to concerts, local music festivals and/or restaurants that showcase local musicians. Such excursions may prompt youngsters to want to learn how to play, which can provide a host of additional benefits, even for especially young children. In fact, a 1996 study published in Nature found that first-grade students who took part in music classes during art study programs experienced marked improvement in reading and math proficiency.

Music enriches people's lives in various ways, and exposure to music at a young age can be especially valuable to children.

## The Weekly Crossword

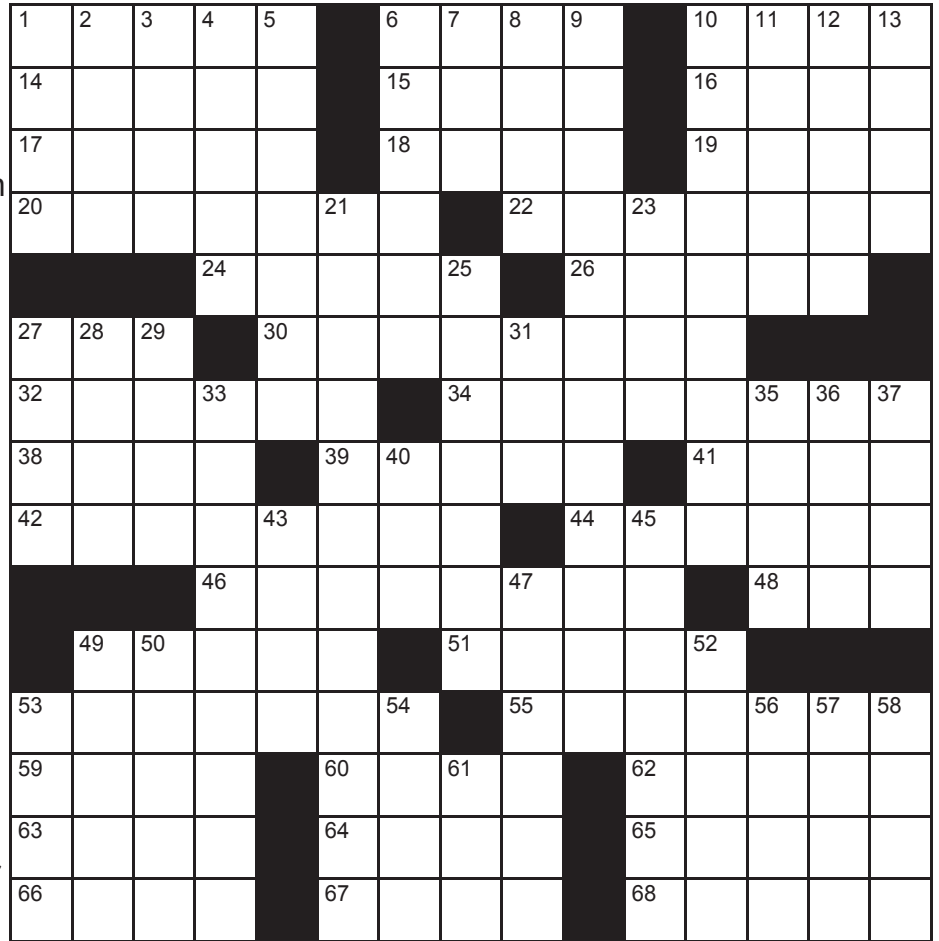
by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Trapper's device
- 6 "You \_\_\_?"
- 10 Shot in the dark
- 14 Time punctuation
- 15 "A Death in the Family" author James
- 16 Hefty horn
- 17 Highly capable
- 18 Prom attendee
- 19 Turing portrayed in "The Imitation Game"
- 20 Checkout slip
- 22 Really dislike
- 24 Purse part
- 26 Patsie's pal
- 27 Bothersome bug
- 30 Take to court
- 32 Give some slack
- 34 Convention voter
- 38 Go up against
- 39 Zoo structures
- 41 Roswell sightings
- 42 Lantern filler
- 44 Garage job
- 46 Ice Age mammal
- 48 Like some humor
- 49 Architect's output
- 51 Ratched or Pilbow
- 53 Campfire sound
- 55 Back off, in battle
- 59 Big name in IRAs
- 60 Soldier's stance, with "at"
- 62 Circle spokes
- 63 Part of A.M.
- 64 Gets one's goat
- 65 "All kidding \_\_\_ ..."
- 66 Garden invader
- 67 Farm workers?
- 68 One of the Monkees

### DOWN

- 1 Leave a mark on
- 2 Junction point



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- 3 "The Black Stallion" boy
- 4 Boxing ring borders
- 5 Give the right (to)
- 6 Snare drum sounds
- 7 Sensitive subject, to some
- 8 Requirement
- 9 What Ike Godsey ran
- 10 Upholsterer's tool
- 11 Garden bulb
- 12 Embarrass
- 13 Cause of ruin
- 21 Darth's daughter
- 23 Fill, and then some
- 25 Walter who starred in "Mrs. Miniver"
- 27 \_\_\_ jacket
- 28 Brain section
- 29 Part of BYOB
- 31 "\_\_\_ whiz!"
- 33 Endured
- 35 Not too many
- 36 Sightseeing trip
- 37 TV sports award
- 40 Aardvark's tidbit
- 43 Went under
- 45 Release a fastening band
- 47 Coercion
- 49 Lying face-down
- 50 Starbucks offering
- 52 Expunge
- 53 Stick in one's \_\_\_
- 54 Have coming
- 56 Do magazine work
- 57 Campaign worker
- 58 Bleacher feature
- 61 Workout segment

### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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# Walk in someone else's shoes

By Daris Howard

Special to The PREVIEW

The recent coronavirus outbreak, and the fear surrounding it, reminds me of a story I heard. It was based on an event during the 1918 Spanish Flu epidemic.

Earl was a hardworking, family-oriented man. He, his wife, and their children ran a little country store in a small western town. In the area where they lived, there was a lot of excitement about a new branch of the railroad that would be coming through.

When the rail line work started, many new people came. Most of these were families of men who were working on the railroad. Earl's business increased significantly. But bringing the goods in was costly. Until the rail line was finished, everything had to come over the mountain on mules and wagons.

Earl tried to keep his prices fair. He only added enough markup on goods to pay his costs and take care of his family. But many people complained about the prices at Earl's store. Most of these were people who had come from other towns much farther south. These towns already had train service and didn't have the added transportation costs.

Earl and his family had endured the anger and name-calling for some time when the flu epidemic hit. Of all the families in the town, his family was hit the hardest. Many people came in and out of this store, and many carried the flu. Soon, Earl's whole family was sick.

Though Earl worked from morning until night taking care of his family, he tried to keep his store open as much as possible. He knew the people of the town depended on it. But Earl lost four of his six children, and his wife was bedridden. There were days he had to shut the store to bury his children or just take care of his family. This added more to the anger he received from those who came to town only to find the store closed.

One day, when Earl was driving

to the cemetery with the body of his 2-year-old daughter in a small pine box, a crowd surrounded his wagon. They started yelling things at him about being rich while others struggled, and him not caring about anyone else. Suddenly, the crowd went crazy. Someone pulled Earl from the wagon, and men began beating him.

Almost instantly, the railroad foreman was there. He knew of the losses Earl had in his family and had even helped Earl bury some of his children. The foreman angrily hit and kicked his way into the circle, single-handedly forcing the men to stop. The foreman helped Earl to his feet, then climbed onto the wagon and held up the small coffin as he spoke.

"You bunch of fools! You blame Earl for your problems when you don't even know what real problems are. In this box lies the body of his youngest daughter, the fourth of his children he has had to bury. Which one of you would be willing to trade him places? Which of you would be willing to take his store in exchange for those you love?"

The foreman then turned to one of the men who was foremost in the beating. "How about you, John? You haven't lost a single family member to the flu. Which one of your children's lives would you like to trade for Earl's store? How about Timothy or maybe little Susan?"

John couldn't even look at the foreman as he shook his head. The foreman asked a similar question of others and received a similar response.

"Well, then," the foreman said, "when you imagine how much better you think it is for someone else, I'd suggest you consider what it would be like to walk in their shoes all the way, not just on the parts of their journey that you like."

The foreman reached out a hand and pulled Earl back onto the wagon. He then turned to the crowd. "I suggest you get back to your work. As for me, I plan to go to the cemetery and help dig a small grave."

As Earl and the foreman drove

to the cemetery, no one returned to their work. Instead, they followed the wagon. As many men helped dig the small grave next to the three new markers that were already there, no one said a word. But as Earl fell to his knees sobbing when the little wooden box was placed into its place, people in that small country town were changed forever.

As years passed, people who came to that town said there was never a town with more compassion. The old-timers would nod and say it was because those who lived there had to learn the hard way what it was like to walk in someone else's shoes.

*One day, when Earl was driving to the cemetery with the body of his 2-year-old daughter in a small pine box, a crowd surrounded his wagon.*

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# Sign up now for fun, free Summer Reading Program that starts June 1

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

## Library News

We are excited to announce the kickoff of this year's free Summer Reading Program, which begins on June 1 and runs through July 31. Online registration is open now on our website at [pagosalibrary.org/summer-reading](http://pagosalibrary.org/summer-reading).

This year's theme, "Imagine Your Story," is a celebration of fairy tales, mythology, fantasy and more. We will be fostering imagination through reading, storytelling and other engaging activities. We'll provide summer reading adventure booklets that are full of exciting activities. And we'll offer additional challenges you can read about in this "Library News" column in the weeks ahead.

Completing activities and challenges will make you eligible to win prizes from many local businesses — more prizes than in any other year. We'll be detailing the prizes in future columns. They will be divided into four age groups: babies to pre-K, children kindergarten to fifth grade, sixth to 12th grades, and adults ages 18-plus.

Your library is purchasing these

prizes from our local businesses as a token of support for Pagosa's business community in these difficult coronavirus times. We encourage everyone to support your favorite local businesses throughout the summer.

The Summer Reading Program is one of our most popular events of the year. Please go to our website and sign up now. It's fun and it's educational.

Also, it will help your children avoid the dreaded "summer slide" in reading skills that has been documented so often when youngsters take a vacation from books — an especially important benefit this year when the school year was so disrupted by the coronavirus.

### Expanded Wi-Fi service

A reminder that the installation of a booster allows Wi-Fi to be used throughout the library's

entire parking lot. You no longer have to be parked right next to the building. The timing of this Wi-Fi expansion is especially welcome now, as so many people have even more need than normal to access the Internet during the coronavirus pandemic. We ask only that when you access Wi-Fi from your car in our parking lot, you keep your windows and doors closed for everyone's safety.

### Other services available now

Under the state's Safer at Home guidelines, we have resumed several services to you, mostly outside the building:

1. 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 are 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

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something from home, please wait for your usual alert (email or text) before coming to pick it up.

2. During those same hours, we also are accepting returns. Look for a cart outside the library door to put your materials on — 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 safely ready for the next patron. Please note that returned items will be in quarantine for three full days, and it may be up to five days before they are wiped down and checked off your account.

3. As well, we have resumed accepting your donations of materials, also Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will be handled with the same quarantine process as returns.

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

5. 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](mailto: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 bandanna 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.

6. 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.

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

8. Please note 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 outlined in these “Library News” columns.

## Dungeons and Dragons via Zoom

Go on an adventure from the comfort of your couch. Join us via Zoom on Tuesdays from 2 to 4 pm for our new Dungeons and Dragons group. This program is open to teens and young adults. Please contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) for details on how to join.

## Family storytimes on Facebook

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m., join us for great stories and fun songs via prerecorded videos posted on the library's Facebook page.

This week's Wednesday session is an Hora de Cuentos, a Spanish storytime, and speakers of all languages are welcome.

If you have a Facebook account, you can log in to Facebook and search for the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can access the page by visiting our website and clicking the Facebook icon (a lowercase f) in the upper left-hand corner of the screen. Or you can contact us and we can send you

a direct link. These sessions are available to watch for about two weeks after the initial posting.

## 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.

To complete the census online, go to [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov), or call (844) 330-2020 for the English version or (844) 468-2020 for the Spanish version. You can visit our website at [pagosalibrary.org/census-2020](http://pagosalibrary.org/census-2020) to view a video that demonstrates how to fill out the census online. Please phone the library at 264-2209 or email us at [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org) if you have any questions regarding the census.

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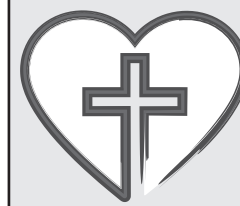
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A website you may go to on Sunday for worship at home is <https://polishingthepulpit.com/>. The service will have congregational singing, prayers, communion thoughts, a Bible study with Dan Winkler, and thoughts on giving.

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

- If you are struggling with faith or have questions go to <https://www.doesgodexist.org/>. John Clayton was a former atheist who came to belief in God through science. He was a science teacher specializing in physics and earth science.
- A site designed to study the Bible in a safe environment: <https://www.mathetic.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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# Enhance staycations with themed fun days

Special to The PREVIEW

Staycations are an option for budget-conscious vacationers or people who simply do not want to travel too far from home due to mobility issues or other restrictions.

Enhancing staycations with entertaining themes can improve the fun factor. While any themed day can be inspired by an active imagination, these ideas can get the creativity flowing:

- **Superhero day:** Embrace your favorite superhero by dressing up in his or her colors, donning a superhero T-shirt or watching an action-packed superhero movie.

- **Pajama day:** This is a fun theme for rainy days when Mother Nature keeps you indoors. Stay in your pajamas all day and enjoy a cozy, lazy day.

- **Alma mater day:** Parents and children can pull out their trusted college T-shirts, sweatshirts or other school attire. Bake up some tasty treats in school colors and then find some old photos or look for highlights of your alma mater's sports teams online.

- **Throwback day:** Take a step back in time by playing games or engaging in activities from your youth. Teach youngsters about the toys you enjoyed or watch movies from the era in which you grew up.

- **Crazy hair day:** Embrace bed head, plug in the curling iron, double down on hair gel or pomade, or put those wacky coiffures into full effect.

- **Cultural day:** Tap into your personal heritage by researching your family tree and then preparing a meal that coordinates with your heritage.

- **Arts and crafts day:** Get crafty

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Push staycations to the next level with entertaining days based on certain themes.

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### Nonfiction

“Hidden Valley Road” by Robert Kolker is the story of an American family with 12 children, six of whom were diagnosed with schizophrenia, that became science’s greatest hope to conquer the disease. “The Women With Silver Wings” by Katherine Sharp Landeck is the true story of the daring female aviators who helped the U.S. win World War II — and then were forgotten by the country they served. “Don’t Burn This Book” by political talk show host Dave Rubin gives you the tools to help you make up your own mind on major issues.

### Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

“The Last Trial” by Scott Turow is a legal thriller.

### Other novels

“Old Lovegood Girls” by Gail Goodwin is the story of a powerful friendship between two talented writers who began their relation-

ship as college friends. “Shakespeare for Squirrels” by Christopher Moore is a humorous take on Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

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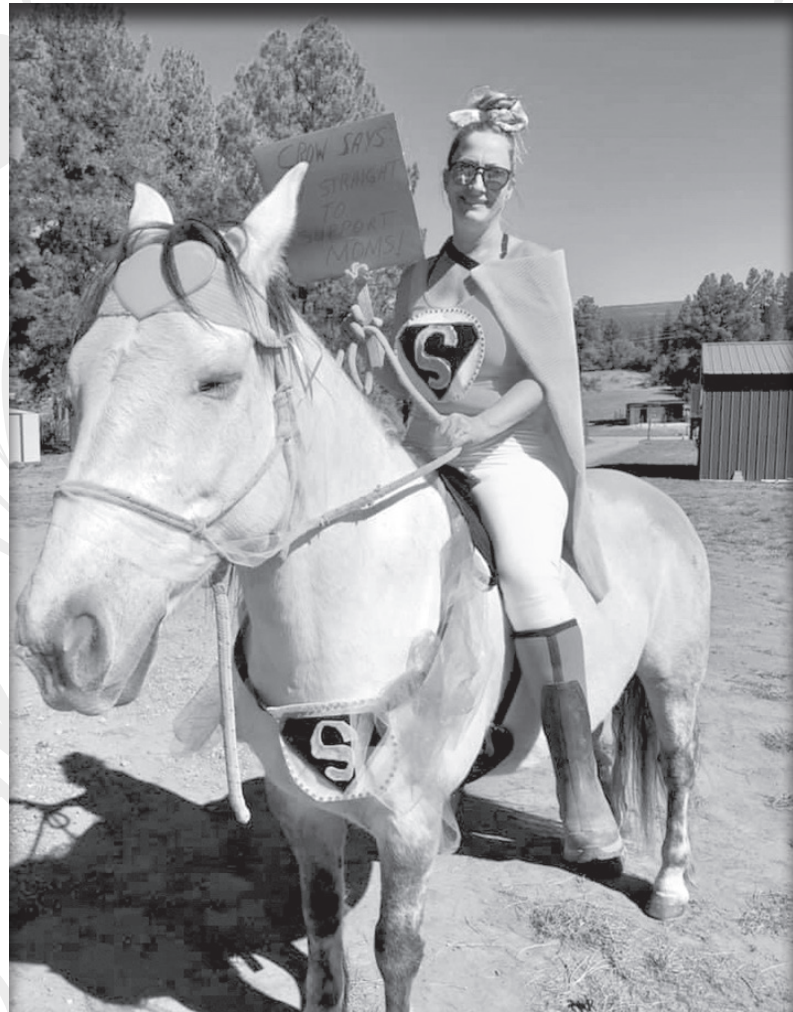
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# How home design trends are evolving for social distancing

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COVID-19 has brought changes to everything, and home design is no exception. Experts are expecting to see lasting impacts on everything from the materials we use to the rooms we prioritize.

Check out these and other noteworthy trends:

**Houses over apartments:** Many people who live in condos or apartments do so to be closer to the action — work, entertainment and shops — and never planned on spending much time at home. But the pandemic has changed that, and more people are going to want a home that offers plenty of room and outdoor space in case they need to self-isolate again.

**Self-sufficiency:** A hard lesson we've learned is that things and services we thought we could count on aren't necessarily a sure thing, so items that increase self-reliance will become very popular. Expect to see more homes with

sources of energy like solar panels, sources of heat like fireplaces and stoves, and even urban and indoor gardens that allow you to grow your own produce.

**Outdoor living:** Between playgrounds closing and parks becoming overcrowded, many of us are turning to our balconies, patios and backyards for fresh air and nature. This means we're going to be investing more in our outdoor spaces, with functional kitchens, soothing water features, cozy firepits and high-quality outdoor furniture to create a much-needed escape.

**Healthier spaces:** Thanks to spending more time indoors and reprioritizing our health, we'll turn to design to help ensure our homes are safe and healthy for our families. We'll see a rise in products like water filtration systems as well as materials that improve indoor air quality. For new homes and additions, alternatives to wood-framing like insulated concrete forms,

which offer improved ventilation for healthier indoor air quality and an environment that's less susceptible to mold, will be key.

**Home office space:** Business experts are suggesting many companies will see that working from home is not only possible but offers tangible benefits, like saving money on office space rent. With working from home on the rise, creating a home office space that inspires productivity will be a major project many of us tackle. Luxury home office furniture that feels chic and blends into your décor as well as ergonomic chairs and desks will see a major boost.

**Custom and quality:** With the hit to the economy, people are going to be buying less, but what they do buy will be better quality, while at the same time making an effort to support American businesses. When it comes to design, trends will shift to locally made furniture, custom-built homes and pieces and materials that stand the test of time.

# Clever ways to use leftovers

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A combination of leftovers and new ingredients can be used to create different meals. This extends food dollars and cuts down on trips to the store.

The spread of COVID-19 has upended many people's lives. As with other virulent health crises, the practice of social distancing has been recommended to flatten the curve of the COVID-19 outbreak. One way to socially distance oneself is to avoid unnecessary trips to places where the public may congregate, such as grocery stores.

Some people visit supermarkets and other food stores every day, especially if they don't meal plan or shop for the week. According to the Time Use Institute, the average shopping trip takes 41 minutes and people go food shopping an average of 1.5 times per week. Any additional time spent at the grocery store increase the likelihood of contact with others, potentially increasing shoppers' risk of contracting coronavirus as well. Therefore, people taking steps to stay at home may have to rethink the way they purchase and use food.

Being more mindful of food waste and putting leftovers and ingredients to use in new ways can help stretch food further and reduce the need to make frequent trips to the grocery store. Consider these ideas to make use of leftovers.

• Save those vegetables. It's easy to scrape a half-portion of uneaten vegetables into the trash thinking it

can't be used. Instead, combine it with other vegetables accumulated throughout the week. Many play well together and can be mixed into casseroles, omelets, soups and stir-fry recipes.

• Create new meals. Using leftovers does not mean eating the same exact meal a second time. Ingredients can be utilized in new ways. For example, a roast chicken can be broken down and the meat can be used for fajitas on another night. Leftover tomato sauce and meatballs from a Sunday dinner can be turned into an impromptu chili with the addition of beans and peppers.

• Think beyond dinner. Leftovers can be collected at any time of day and used later on. Cold cuts can be chopped and used to make a stromboli with some refrigerated pizza dough. Save Belgian waffles from breakfast and top with breaded chicken fingers for a delicious chicken-and-waffles meal for lunch or dinner. Leftover roasted potatoes and scraps of ham can be used in a breakfast hash.

• Stuck on starches. Turn extra rice from dinner into arancini (rice balls) for a snack on another day. A leftover sweet potato or two can be mixed with butternut squash to make a sweet and healthy mashed side dish. Mashed potatoes can be transformed into potato croquettes or potato pancakes.

Finding new ways to use leftovers means minimal waste and fewer trips to the supermarket.

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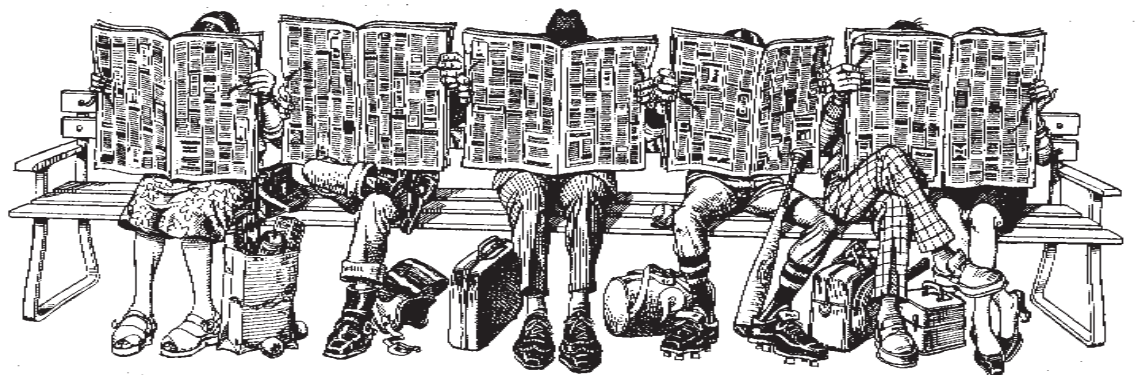
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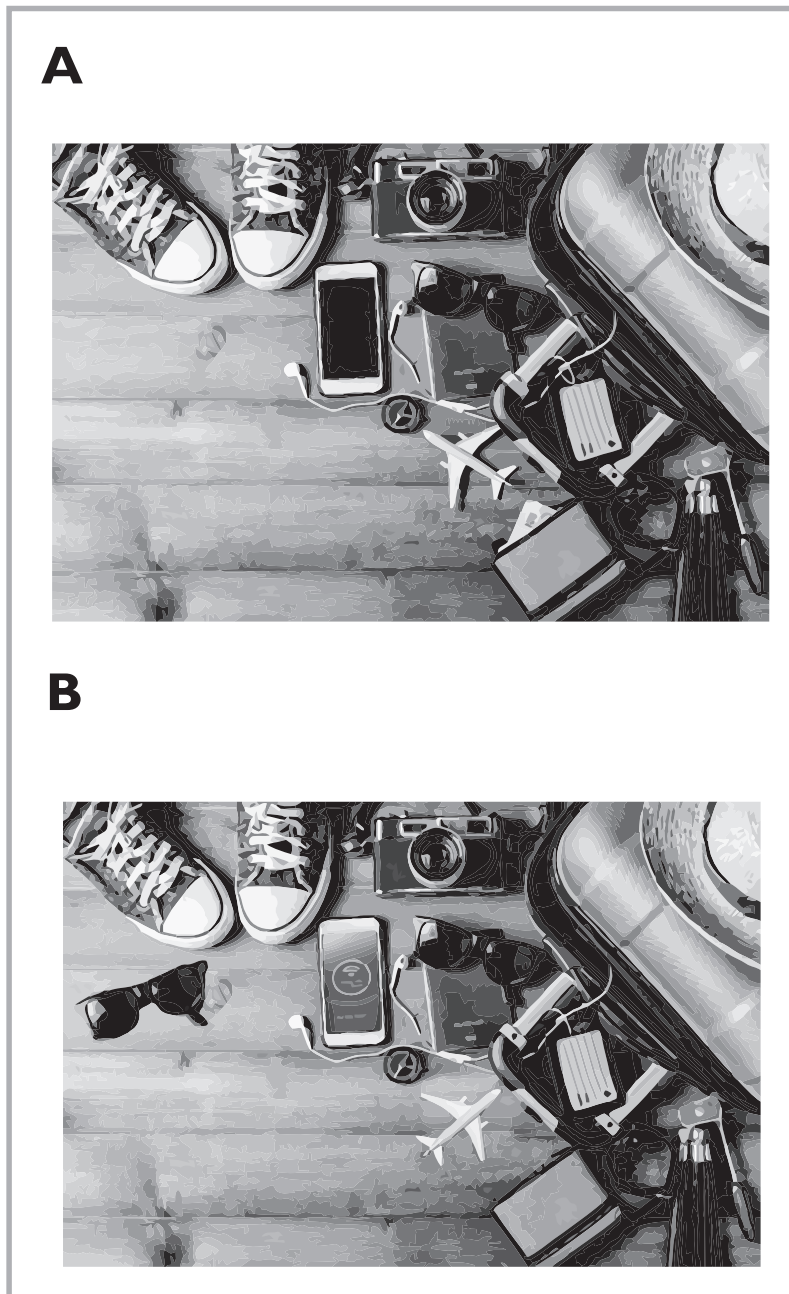
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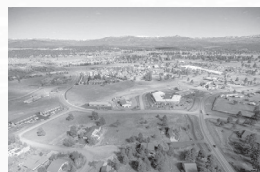
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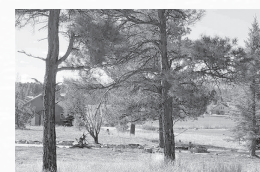
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