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Saturday commencement to honor 75 graduates



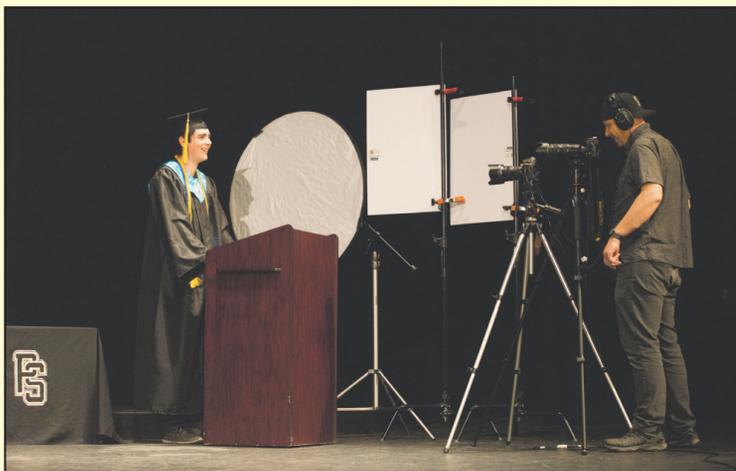
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The Pagosa Springs High School class of 2020's valedictorian, Piedra Goss, films her speech on May 18. The video ceremony will be presented at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, for graduates as a drive-in ceremony and will be simulcast online.

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

"This wasn't like 'High School Musical' at all." The class quote for the Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) class of 2020 sums it up. This weekend, the 75 graduates of the class of 2020, along with their families, will draw their high school careers to a close in a way befitting the end of their senior year — socially distanced in cars in the PSHS parking lot, watching their graduation ceremony like a drive-in movie. "We want to do the best we can to honor them," PSHS Principal Sean O'Donnell said of the class of 2020 and the drive-in ceremony. The components of the graduation ceremony were filmed at the high school over the last couple of weeks and will be shown at the high school and online Saturday, May 30, at 4 p.m. PSHS is guaranteeing one parking space per graduate with their family in the vehicle to watch the ceremony, O'Donnell explained. As space allows, the graduates will be allowed a

■ See Graduation A8



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Salutatorian Dillinger Day films his speech for Saturday's graduation ceremony for Pagosa Springs High School, which will be a drive-in ceremony for graduates and their families and will be simulcast online.

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Randi Pierce
American Legion Post 108 Honor Guard members Warren Grams and Logan Gholson raise the flag as part of the post's Memorial Day ceremonies Monday.



Unemployment spikes to 16 percent in county

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Archuleta County's unemployment rate spiked to 16 percent in April from 6.9 percent in March, according to a press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE). In April, Archuleta County had 6,394 people in the labor force and 1,020, or 16 percent, claiming unemployment. Archuleta County's unemployment rate in April 2019 was 3.3 percent. In March, there were 6,451 people in the labor force and 445, or 6.9 percent, who claimed unemployment.

The total workforce decreased by 57 people over the course of the month, while the number of unemployed people increased by 575. Looking at the April employment situation for the rest of the state, Gilpin County had the highest unemployment rate in April at 23.2

■ See Unemployment A8

Some March sales tax revenues 'went down hard'

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton has disseminated the March 2020 sales tax revenue report and, while most categories are up compared to March 2019, Walton noted, "The categories that went down, went down hard ..."

In his email, Walton noted the numbers may not reflect the revenue the county will ultimately receive for March, as the state extended the deadline to pay out sales tax collec-

tions. "We have no way of knowing or estimating right now, how much additional March sales tax will be received and reported in the April data, yet to come," wrote Walton.

The gross amount of the March sales tax revenue is \$929,058.52. The town's share is \$464,269.42 and the county's share is \$464,789.10.

"The month of March 2020 (as reported so far) is 6.8% (\$58,748) higher than March of 2019," Walton

■ See Sales A8

Restaurants resume in-person dining

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Per state guidelines, restaurants around Pagosa Springs were allowed to open yesterday for in-person dining.

The SUN spoke with a handful of local restaurant owners who outlined the precautions businesses will take, as mandated by the state, which include:

- Spacing tables at least 6 feet apart.
- Operating at 50 percent of the posted indoor occupancy limit, or 50 people, whichever is less. Outdoor seating does not have a limit

on the number of patrons, though social distancing must be followed.

All restaurant staff will wear masks and patrons at most of the Pagosa restaurants will "be encouraged" to wear them while they wait to be seated, when they walk to the restroom and while they exit the facility.

- Menu will be disposable and only used once.
- Hand sanitizer will be readily available to dining guests.
- Employees will have their temperatures taken at the beginning of each shift and be screened for

■ See Restaurants A8

Town to proceed with Fourth of July parade application

Fireworks get unanimous support

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs will move forward with preparing a permit for the Fourth of July parade, under a different route, following a decision made by the Pagosa Springs Town Council at its regular meeting on May 21.

The route chosen follows 6th Street and goes east along U.S. 160 but cuts off the eastern-most blocks that go down to 2nd Street, according to Town Manager Andrea Phillips.

"There are a lot of businesses along there and I know they really enjoy the parade and they have people that book the tables outside in advance so they can see that," she said. "However, by cutting off a couple of blocks there and having it come down Hot Springs, it would be safer. We would have less traffic on the highway that we would have to manage."

This route is about 1.29 miles, which is less than the 2019 parade

■ See Fourth A8

COVID-19 case count

The following information was current as of press time Wednesday.

San Juan Basin Public Health data:
Total confirmed cases in Archuleta and La Plata counties: 88
Archuleta County: 8
La Plata County: 80
Deaths among cases: 1

Deaths due to COVID-19: 0
Recovered: 50
Hospitalized: 11

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment data:
Total confirmed cases: 24,565
Deaths among cases: 1,352
Deaths due to COVID-19: 1,114
Hospitalized: 4,160

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EDITORIAL

A graduation story like no other

Members of Pagosa Springs High School's class of 2020 will not walk across the stage to accept their diplomas this Saturday.

Instead, they will gather with family in their own vehicles in order to be socially distanced in the school's parking lot while they watch a video compilation of their graduation that was recently staged in the school's auditorium.

That certainly wasn't the plan when the school year began.

When it became clear that graduation as we all know it was not possible for these seniors, school staff, students and administration went to work planning a one-of-a-kind, memorable event guaranteed to honor this class that has missed out on so many traditional senior-year celebrations and activities.

As this class closes out the final chapter of their high school years, they will start a new book with plenty of blank pages waiting to be filled. We share with you some bits of inspirational graduation speeches to guide you along the story of your life.

Olympic gymnast Simone Biles offered the following words of wisdom to graduates: "As an athlete, there is nothing quite like the bus ride home after a win. You're exhausted and could probably use a shower. But bottom line, you're happy. Well, graduates, today is your bus ride home. Your victory lap. It is our chance to tell you that we know how hard you worked to bring home that diploma. I know you're missing what is supposed to be your medal ceremony, but that ceremony doesn't change a thing. You've

already won."

Former President Barack Obama spoke at LeBron James' commencement event: "All of those adults who you used to think were in charge and knew what they were doing? Turns out, they don't have all the answers. A lot of them aren't even asking the right questions. So, if the world is going to get better, it's going to be up to you. That realization may be kind of intimidating, but I hope it's also inspiring. You're going to have to grow up faster than some generations. This is your generation's world to shape."

At another virtual commencement he said: "Even if half this semester was spent at Zoom University, you've earned this moment."

At Wright State University, Tom Hanks shared: "Congratulations to you, chosen ones. I am calling you 'chosen ones' because you have been chosen in many ways. First, by the temperament and discipline you've lived by, by the creative fires that are inside of you, and the instinctive lunges of your desires. The future is always uncertain, but we who celebrate what you have done, who celebrate all of your achievements, we are certain of one thing on this day: You will not let us down."

A previous year's commencement address by Steven Spielberg at Harvard University offered these valued takeaways:

- "Life is one strong, long string of character-defining moments."
- "Your intuition is different from your conscience. They work in tandem, but here's the distinction: Your conscience

shouts, 'here's what you should do,' while your intuition whispers, 'here's what you could do.' Listen to that voice that tells you what you could do. Nothing will define your character more than that."

• "Don't turn away from what's painful. Examine it. Challenge it."

• "In your defining moments, do not let your morals be swayed by convenience or expediency. Sticking to your character requires a lot of courage. And to be courageous, you're going to need a lot of support."

• "And please stay connected. Please never lose eye contact. ... We are spending more time looking down at our devices than we are looking in each other's eyes. ... Everyone here, please find someone's eyes to look into. ... turn to someone you don't know or don't know very well. ... Just let your eyes meet. That's it. That emotion you're feeling is our shared humanity mixed in with a little social discomfort. But, if you remember nothing else from today, I hope you remember this moment of human connection."

And Dr. Seuss once said, "Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to great places. You're off and away."

Graduation and commencement speeches are full of valuable advice for our youth, and for some of us who aren't so young anymore, we find these inspirational speeches just what we need for a new perspective.

So far, your graduation story is like no other's. What kind of story will you write for the rest of your life?

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 28, 1920

The old Rochester bath house is being moved intact from the Sparks Hdw. Co. lot to the rear of the Sullenberger block where it soon will be put into shape for public use.

S.H. Dickerson has leased that portion of the basement in the Sullenberger block which lies under the theater section and is already making extensive use of the same as a warehouse for his large stock of goods.

Glenn Vermillion, who visited relatives in this city for a few days, left for Chama via horseback Monday. This mode of conveyance was made necessary because of the railroad and automobile service being out of commission on account of flood waters.

The many friends of Mrs. Alice G. Noland, county superintendent of schools, will regret to learn that she contemplates resigning her position on or about August first. Inadequacy of the salary of her office is the principal reason for her intended act, which is extremely regrettable as she has given universal satisfaction as superintendent.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 2, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Goodrich and their daughters, Colene and Imogene, arrived here Sunday from Crosbyton, Texas, and moved into the Henderson building adjoining the school ground. They opened their dry-cleaning and tailoring shop on the first floor, and are living in the apartment upstairs. The Goodrichs have been working day and night getting their plant ready for operation and were open for cleaning and alterations Thursday of this week, which will be good news to the people of this community who have been sadly in need of a service of this kind for many years.

The Roy Etheridges have returned to Arboles from Portland, Ore., where Mr. Etheridge had been on defense work for several years.

Mrs. Susie Ford, who taught the Dyke School this term, and Mrs. Charlie Johnson, Bayles teacher, closed their schools last Friday, and took their students to Chimney Rock on a picnic.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 28, 1970

A man-caused fire destroyed 10 acres of timber in the First Fork area Sunday, according to Bob Newlin, Piedra District Ranger. Newlin said that evidence at the scene of the fire showed that a camper had stopped there, built a fire, and then left without extinguishing the fire. The fire swept up the side of a hill and was controlled only after a slurry drop from an airplane and several hours of fire fighting by a crew of 30 men. The fire was located on the First Fork Road, almost directly across from the Lower Piedra Campground.

Tourists are starting to arrive in ever increasing numbers these days. They all have something in common with the astronauts. They take snapshots and gather rocks to take home.

700 herd of cattle, in one of the largest trail drives in recent years, moved into Colorado Wednesday of this week. They are en route to summer range in this area from Bluewater, N.M. and entered Colorado near Edith. The cattle will have been driven 210 miles by this weekend when the drive ends. A gigantic two-day celebration in Pagosa Springs will mark the end of the drive.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 2, 1995

Thirty-one of the 58 members of the Class of 1995 were named as scholarship recipients during the 85th commencement of Pagosa Springs High School Saturday morning. Besides the almost \$230,000 in scholarships announced by counselor Doug Bowen, Archuleta Scholarships in Escrow credited the Class of '95 with \$25,000 the seniors earned through making A or B grades in their core classes taken at Pagosa Springs High School. Invited by the seniors to deliver the commencement address, Nancy Esterbrook encouraged the students to maintain their hope for the future. Having maintained a 3.9 grade point average during his four years at Pagosa Springs High School, Brian Gronewoller delivered the salutatorian address. Shawn Steen, with a 4.0 GPA, presented the valedictorian address. "You can be anything, do anything, go anywhere you want," Steen said, if the graduates would persistently fight for staying on the road they choose to travel.

LOOKING BACK



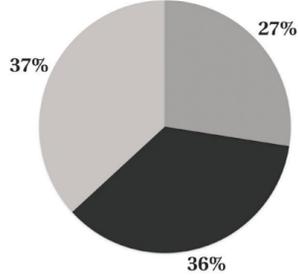
From the May 19, 1983, Pagosa Springs SUN. NEW SCHOLARSHIP — Robyn Allen was awarded the Charles Hill Mooney Memorial Scholarship for dedicated FBLA graduates. The award is given in memory of Tom Mitchell's grandfather and was founded by his mother Sharon Mooney Bunning. Tom's grandmother Maybell Mooney Olsen proudly looks on.

WHADDYA THINK?

What advice do you have for the high school class of 2020?

Poll results (182 votes)

Get a job. — 27 percent
Work hard and good things will happen. — 37 percent
Follow your dreams. — 36 percent



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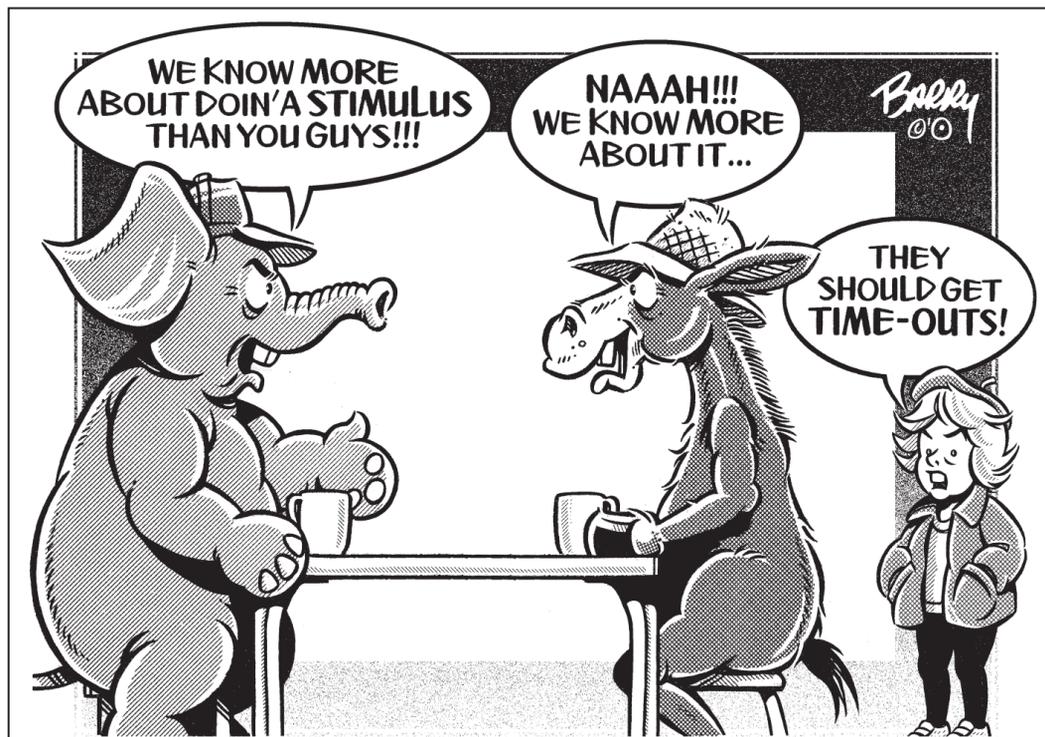
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Letters



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Give up freedom

Dear Editor:
It was Benjamin Franklin who famously said, "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." As I read some of the letters to the editor in the Sun it would seem that a few of our fellow Archuleta County residents are most willing to give up their freedom to enjoy a bit of temporary safety. Additionally, it would seem that there is a degree of misunderstanding respecting the role of the Constitution of the United States of America.

One writer insists that the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution somehow makes it permissible for the fundamental law of the land (Constitution) to be violated by the states. This is an interesting perspective that is fundamentally flawed and frankly dangerous. If the Tenth Amendment permits the setting aside of the Constitution, then the Constitution is no longer the fundamental law of the land. Rather, it becomes whatever a governor or state legislature says it is. If this is the case, then why stop with the First Amendment rights to freedom of religion, or the freedom to assemble, or the freedom of association, or the freedom of speech? Any governor or state legislature can, by reasoning of some of Sun letter writers, simply make

void every guarantee afforded American citizens as unalienable rights granted to us not by government, but by Almighty God.

The second misunderstanding is that the citizens of this country are incapable of acting in ways that demonstrate care and concern for our neighbors unless the government tells us so. I wear a face mask when I go out in public not because the government tells me that I must, but because I want to care for myself and my neighbor. If I thought for a moment that I would be forced to dress in a certain way because of a government edict, then I can assure you that I would refuse to do so.

My church is currently having public worship services with 10 people or less even though it would be easily possible to safely social distance about 40 people in our sanctuary. We are doing this because we care about our neighbor, not because Governor Polis tells us we must. Perhaps it would be well to remember the words of our First Amendment, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establish of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." The government is welcome to ask churches to do something, but they have absolutely no right to tell us when we meet, how many people can meet, or what we should do or say during our worship services, and no governor or sheriff can do so without violating the Constitution.

The government doesn't need to tell us what is good for us. The American people can use good judgment and make their own decisions and we really don't need Big Brother to dictate how we must live.

Richard Bolland

Disgrace

Dear Editor:
I am a 76 year old citizen who loves America. It is a disgrace to see what is going on in my country. What we have in Congress is incomprehensible. They are not what I say are Americans. We are going through a crisis that we have never had. Where were our representatives for over a month, but at home with pay by us, we the people, for doing nothing. What employer would keep someone who did that. What about all the citizens without jobs without pay during this crisis. I believe that we the people should have more say in where our taxes go. Thomas Jefferson said in the beginning of our country; "To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors, is sinful and tyrannical." We are there. Remember what happened the last time we had taxation without representation?? People in Congress take an oath to uphold our Constitution which is working for we the peopl. They haven't for three years. They all are traitors and should be impeached Okay media, give me all the 'cisms' that I have. You all are the ones who divided our country with all your 'cisms'.

Sandy Brehm

A matter of policy

Dear Editor:
In Pagosa Springs, like many small towns, most Town Council Trustees all have day jobs or lives that otherwise require their primary focus. They are truly, very part-time volunteer public servants, doing their level best.

Rarely do they have the bandwidth to develop and deploy leadership level policy and direction. As a result Trustees rely heavily on the Town Manager to identify, curate, and present the information that Trustees need for their meetings and votes.

In this way, the Town Manager becomes an ad hoc, non-elected leader by filtering what gets advanced and what does not, based on his/her individual managerial strengths and interests.

This is a strength when things are fine and just motoring along. But is it a deep weakness during times of change or crisis. The manager you would pick when things are fine is different than the leader you would pick in a time of strife. You cannot manage your way out of a crisis. By the same token, bold, big picture leadership essential in a crisis is not an effective ongoing management style either.

The counterbalance to this potential misalignment is periodic review. Not of individual performance, but of fit with the situation, the context. It is common practice both in Pagosa and elsewhere to put high level positions such as Town or County Attorney and Manager/Administrator out for bid during contract renewal periods.

This is what needs to happen at all executive level positions at the Town and County as a matter of policy every time.

Sincerely,
Ann Bubb

Endorsement

Dear Editor:
It is my privilege to endorse Warren Brown in his pursuit of Archuleta County Commissioner, District 1 in the upcoming 2020 election.

Warren is a man of many unique talents, who believes in action, not mere words, as is demonstrated by his proven track record. He has served over 25 years in law enforcement in the Montrose as well as Pagosa Springs areas of Colorado. From SWAT Team Leader to Supervisor of the School Resource Officer program to countless other supervisory and leadership positions, he has demonstrated the ability to see problem areas and find solutions. Locally, Warren has given back to his community. He has held leadership positions in both state and local Special Olympics, and has served in Salvation Army, Loaves and Fishes and Children's Backpack Program activities. He and his wife Jody are also small business owners in Pagosa. Warren was a key member of the Safe Schools Now Team which

advocated for and was a driver in many Archuleta County School District safety improvements/innovations. (School Resource Officer implementation, safety glass for windows, improved security camera coverage and school entry security measures to mention just a few).

Warren Brown has the experience, knowledge and more importantly, the passion, to help lead Archuleta County into an unknown future. He will be a valuable asset in the County Commissioner lineup.

Vote Warren Brown, Archuleta County Commissioner, District 1.

Ken Fox

Get moving

Dear Editor:
Some recent letter writers advocate maintaining current Covid-19 restrictions, but offer no thoughts on how and when those restrictions might be lifted. The "one more death is too many" crowd have not thought through what their idea means to everyone else. President Trump has been criticized for suggesting a vaccine could come late this year while many experts say it could be another 12-18 months. Even if the President turns out to be correct, late this year likely means getting everyone vaccinated wouldn't happen for another 10-12 months. Could we wait to lift restrictions until next March? How about if the vaccine is 50% effective? Would you wait longer? Are you hoping for a miraculous therapeutic treatment to become available? What if as with many other viruses, we never get an effective therapeutic treatment or vaccine? How long would you keep these restrictions in place?

In the meantime, there are nearly 40 million people who have applied for unemployment benefits. How many of them are facing financial ruin while we stave off more death? How many will be homeless. How many renters will soon face an insurmountable burden to pay off their overdue rent? How many retirees on fixed incomes will face ruinous hyper-inflation as a result of Congress handing out trillions and trillions of dollars and the Federal Reserve printing additional

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Obituary

Charles Donald Lundergan (Don)

Charles Donald Lundergan (Don) passed away May 18 at his home on a lake in Pagosa Springs. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, and his four sons, Mike, Tim, Don and Dan, and their families. Don was born Sept. 24, 1923, in Washington, Ind. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame, where he was a member of the track team. Don was a proud veteran, having served in the Navy as LT (JG), U.S. Naval Reserve 1941-1946. He served in WWII in the South Pacific.



Don enjoyed the great outdoors, skiing, mountain climbing and physics. He set up a mountain rescue in the Sandia Mountains while working for Sandia National Laboratories. He worked for Sandia as a physicist from 1956-1986, including work in foreign intelligence the last 10 years of his career. Don was

instrumental in the development of shock wave physics, developing groundbreaking theories still used today. Don was also a teacher, teaching physics and math at St. Louis University and Texas A&M. Don provided tutoring to students in his community well into his 90s. Don lectured, published and received numerous awards for his many contributions.

Don married the love of his life, Elaine, on April 1, 1972. They were married in Greece, after their request to be married by a witch doctor in the Congo was declined due to diplomatic issues. Don and Elaine traveled and explored the world together. Their loving, attentive relationship through nearly 50 years of marriage serves as a role model for those around them.

Don loved living in the Pagosa community and appreciated all of the friendship and support.

No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the Veterans Memorial Park: <https://vetsmemorialpark.org> or send mail to P.O. Box 2642, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Archuleta County Vets4Vets to award 2020 Benny Lohman scholarships June 2

By Joe King
Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County

A general meeting of the Archuleta County Vets4Vets will be held Tuesday, June 2, at 9 a.m. at the Pagosa Springs Veterans Memorial Park at 220 Vista Blvd.

This will be an outdoor meeting, so bring a lawn chair. We will be serving coffee and breakfast burritos at 9 a.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

The agenda will include a welcome back, update on organization business and the awarding of the 2020 Benny Lohman scholarships to three Pagosa Springs High School graduates.

We encourage you to practice social distancing, wear a face mask, don't shake hands and bring hand sanitizer.

We look forward to getting our organization back in business.

Colorado alerts doctors to be on the lookout for COVID-related syndrome in children

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) encourages parents and guardians to keep up with well-child checkups and contact a health care provider when their child is ill, especially if they may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Children's Hospital Colorado recently notified the CDPHE about three potential cases of multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS-C). The cases have been sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for review and final determination.

MIS-C is a syndrome in children that appears to be related to COVID-19. The CDC and CDPHE recently alerted health care providers to be on the lookout for this illness and to report any suspected cases to state public health. The state and Children's Hospital Colorado also are working to determine whether any previously identified cases of COVID-19 meet the CDC's case definition for MIS-C.

"It's important to emphasize that this emerging inflammatory syndrome is very rare and that it is safe to take your child to their doctor or to the hospital, if needed," said Dr. Sam Dominguez, pediatric infectious diseases specialist at Children's Hospital. "If your child is ill, especially with prolonged fever, call a doctor to get advice. Parents and providers working together can determine if their child needs to be seen."

Experts at Children's Hospital Colorado describe MIS-C as having features of Kawasaki disease, a systemic inflammatory disease of children primarily seen in kids under the age of 5. Symptoms of Kawasaki disease include:

- Several days of high fever.

- Rash.
- Red eyes.
- Red lips or tongue.
- Red or swollen hands and feet.
- Enlarged lymph nodes in the neck.

If left untreated, damage to the arteries that supply the heart occurs in 20-25 percent of cases.

In contrast to Kawasaki disease, children with MIS-C are often older, have more severe gastrointestinal complaints including abdominal pain, vomiting and diarrhea, and have involvement of multiple organ systems. Children who meet the case definition are sometimes ill enough to require intensive care, but few have died.

The CDPHE encourages parents and guardians to resume well-child care they may have delayed during the Stay at Home order.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has changed many things, but kids still need their checkups and vaccinations," said Dr. Rachel Herlihy, state epidemiologist, CDPHE. For more information, visit covid19.colorado.gov/well-child.

If your child is severely ill, go to the nearest emergency room or call 911 immediately.

Continue to stay up to date by visiting covid19.colorado.gov.

Thanks

American Legion

I would like to thank the American Legion Post 108 and veterans throughout Archuleta County for their support for the Memorial Day services held at the Post and Hill Top Cemetery. The honor and respect of this day was upheld by those who were involved. Special thanks for the Scouts and Legion personnel who placed flags, Dorothy Matthews, and the San Juan Flyers for the flyover and missing man formation.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard and American Legion Honor Guard for their participation in the ceremonies.

"All who stand with us today, will you not consecrate yourselves with us to emulate their sacred service that those who rest in heroes' graves may not have died in vain?"

Raymond Taylor
American Legion Post 108
Commander

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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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Letters

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trillions of dollars (electronically). How many business owners will lose their life-savings that were invested in a small business? How many people who invested life savings in a rental property will lose a lifetime of savings because their tenants can't pay? All of these people can look forward to extreme hardship now and poverty in their retirement. While letter writers focus only on possible deaths, they gloss over the horrendous consequences of maintaining restrictions for an unstated and indefinite period of time.

And as facts seem to be in short supply in most of these hand-wringing letters, here are some taken from the CDC website; date 5-20-2020. Total Covid 19 deaths = 68,998 (yes I know some are reporting higher numbers - these are from the CDC website, date May 20). Of those deaths, 81% are people aged 65 and older. Age 55 and older account for a full 93%. Again, CDC numbers you can easily verify yourself. Facts.

Given the breakdown of deaths by age group, the obvious path forward is to take steps to protect the health of our elder population (of whom I am one). Face coverings were prescribed by our experts because if worn by others, they help protect me from an asymptomatic infected person. But to more fully protect me, it takes an N-95 face mask such as worn by medical personnel. Protect people over 55 with N-95 masks and

93% of the population will be able to move about at lower risk. And the other 7% are already at lower risk. I know N-95 masks are still in short supply. Let's get moving to fix that.

Dan Mayer

'Focused on the needs of others'

Dear Editor:

I worked for 40 years in Germany as a teacher in schools near Landstuhl Army Military Hospital. A woman who worked with families of wounded warriors from Afghanistan and Iraq told me some ambulatory patients might like to do some sight-seeing while they were there. So, I would go to the hospital after school and on weekends and take patients to see the forest, castles, palaces, rivers, fishing ponds, and even swim resorts. I took about 3,000 patients on those trips in my car to help them get their minds off the war. I never asked stupid questions like, "Did you kill anybody?" or "Why are you in the hospital?" Many did talk about their illnesses. Each patient was unique. Almost all seemed interested in German life and culture, and food, even weird items like Saumagen. (Stuffed pig Stomach). It was the first time in my life when I was focused on the needs of others. It felt good.

In one small village, we noticed a big bronze statue in the town square. It had a mountain with women carrying men on their backs down

a path out of town. I soon found out the story: the town had been besieged and surrounded by the enemy before it was to be burned to the ground. The women were told that they could leave with as much as they could carry. The women decided that their most valuable possession was their husbands. Women carried their men out before they would have burned to death. I myself get all choked up with emotion as I write about this. Men are valuable.

One of my patients was a soldier who had messed up the ligaments in his own legs as he carried his own 70 pound backpack and a wounded soldier on his back up a hill to safety.

These trips for patients lasted from one hour after school to ten hours on weekends which included a swim resort with optional Turkish or Swedish massages. One female soldier had both. Another soldier said the Turkish soap suds massage had washed away all the filth of the Iraqi battleground.

Then I heard of an incident in the life of Mother Teresa in which she was washing the body of a dying man covered in maggots. Someone asked, "How could you do that?" She said she was thinking that she was washing the body of Jesus. Wow. What a story.

Wounded warriors are not Jesus, but each of them had a kind of nobility about them, worthy of loving care.

Sincerely,
John Penter

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Business

Mural project discussed by Historic Preservation Board

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A mural project on the eastern facade of Goodman's Department Store was discussed by the Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board (HPB) at a work session on May 20.

Senior Planner Cindy Schultz explained during the work session that this project, located on the eastern facade of Goodman's adjacent to 4th Street, came to be from Town Manager Andrea Phillips contacting Goodman's and with the Pagosa Springs Arts Initiative (PSAI).

Both Hayley Goodman and Bob Goodman of Goodman's have seen the proposal and have expressed support, according to agenda documentation.

From there, the town made an award of about \$7,000 to the PSAI for the project, Schultz explained, adding that the PSAI put out a call to artists for the mural project, Schultz explained.

The PSI selected a proposal recently from artist Markus Hughes, according to Schultz.

"His concept is for a four-season, all-inclusive type of a mural that will depict four seasons of

Pagosa Springs," she said.

In the draft proposal, Hughes included four paintings of his own that included images of Treasure Falls, a landscape featuring flowers and mountains, another landscape featuring trees and mountains and the final one portraying a ski lift chair with a winter landscape in the background, she described.

"It will be all four of those as sort of separate panels," she said. "It will be spring, summer, fall and then winter."

PSAI Board Chair Sherry Phillips explained that this proposal will not look like definitive separate panels, but will be more blended to look like a continued piece.

According to Schultz, the concept for the Treasure Falls portion of the mural would involve that concept "pooling onto the sidewalk."

"His proposal includes putting some sort of grit material onto the paint that would pool on the sidewalk," she said.

The mural would go from the ground level to the roofline, Schultz added.

In regard to the width of the project, Sherry Phillips explained that due to the cost of the project, Hughes would be making adjust-

ments.

However, Sherry Phillips described that the mural would be in front of a door on the eastern facade of the Goodman's building towards U.S. 160.

From the door to the back of the building, Sherry Phillips explained that, instead of the mural abruptly ending, Hughes would take the color of the sky in the mural and make that the color of the rest of the building.

According to Sherry Phillips, Hughes has been asked to put the mural concept onto a large canvas that could potentially be part of the PSAI's fundraising effort for the project.

The goal of the mural is to make it a photo opportunity that people can share online, Schultz added later.

"We do anticipate that there will be some budgetary changes to that, but I think the concept will remain largely intact," Schultz said.

Sherry Phillips explained that Hughes had suggested that the winter scene have horses.

However, Hughes wanted the mural to be more "interactive," according to Phillips.

"He wanted to put that chairlift in there so people could stand there

or pretend that they're sitting," she said, adding that Hughes was open to changes.

HPB board member Chrissy Karas explained that she would rather leave the chairlift out of the mural.

"Because that's not part of the town. That would be advertising for the ski area," Karas said.

Karas explained that she would rather see the mural just feature nature rather than images that could be perceived as advertisements.

"I think, fundamentally, what is being proposed looks like it's a great concept," HPB Chair Andre Redstone said, adding that he would like to see the final iteration of the concept.

Redstone later suggested getting feedback from other property owners within the historical district on the project.

"I don't know that you necessarily get consensus from everybody in the district," Sherry Phillips said. "I think the beauty of this particular piece versus the other concepts that we had is that it really is nature for the most part."

The mural project would be up for consideration by the Pagosa Springs Town Council, which could generate more public feedback, Schultz added.

"I think that there's many further opportunities that are already part of the process that are going to provide understanding, education, enlightenment and so on and so forth as to this installation," Redstone said.

Pagosa Springs has very little public art right now and public art across the country can be seen as "economic drivers," Sherry Phillips explained.

"I think that the first project is always going to be the hardest," she said.

Town Planning Director James Dickhoff explained that this mural project is "neutral in content" and he did not expect controversy over it.

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Financial assistance programs still available

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

Now that the next round of federal funding has been released, some businesses may still want to look into financial assistance programs. The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is still very appealing to a majority of businesses as the program includes an attractive eight-week "forgiveness" period for payroll reimbursement as well as rent, mortgage and utility expenses. If you have not looked into the program, you may want to, as all businesses have still not been eligible to open their doors and that financial need may be becoming more necessary.

There are several publications that have recently come out which might help the employer figure out what they can borrow, what can be forgiven, and what part of the loan might need to be paid back. The pay-back option is favorable with only a 1 percent interest rate. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has put out a document explaining the various regulations and expenses that can be included and forgiven. It also clearly describes the eight-week or 56-day period when the loan must be used.

It is important for borrowers to know that the loan goes into effect the day or the pay period after you receive the funds. So timing is important for many employers. Calculating payroll is also important and bringing employees back to work is also important. Many employers are worried about employees that do not return to work although work has been offered. There are several

exceptions to this loan forgiveness reduction. The first exception is if the employer has made a good faith effort to bring the employee back, it is in writing and it was rejected by the employee. The second exception is if the employee was fired for cause, voluntarily resigned or voluntarily requested a reduction of hours. Again, this must be documented. Review this document put out by the U.S. Chamber at: https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/uscc_ppp_forgiveness-guide.pdf.

Another helpful document for the PPP program is a worksheet put out by the Small Business Association. Employers can go through this worksheet and calculate the benefits and challenges in applying for this money. Remember that you do need to work with your bank or accountant to apply for these funds. Access this PPP form at: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/3245-0407-SBA-Form-3508-PPP-Forgiveness-Applcation.pdf>.

If you have been on the fence about applying for some assistance funds, review these two documents and see if this program might not be able to ease some of the financial crush you might be experiencing. Pagosa has a number of good accounting agencies and lending agencies that are experienced in helping our businesses through this stressful time. Reach out and at least see if this is a fit for your business.

No word yet on the Fourth of July

The Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce has been receiv-

ing a steady stream of inquiries about the Fourth of July festivities.

As of the last town council meeting on May 21, the parade, carnival, Park to Park Arts and Crafts Festival, the rodeo and the fireworks are all still on hold.

Pagosa is forever hopeful that we will be able to enjoy all or even some of our traditional Fourth of July festivities. As soon as we know the orders that come down from the governor's office, we will inform our residents. The community will approach each of these events thoughtfully while still working within the guidelines proffered. Stay tuned.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, May 28

Archuleta School District Board of Education work session — presentation of budget. 5 p.m., virtual meeting. See district website for participation information.

Pagosa Springs Town Council work session. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information.

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors special meeting. 5 p.m. Join Zoom meeting by visiting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81509746930?pwd=WEpH SUxtU014NG1pZEpScG4rMTFmZz09>, meeting ID: 815 0974 6930, password: 073129.

Tuesday, June 2

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.

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

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

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information.

Wednesday, June 3

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

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.

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'I don't know how we got here'

URA commission addresses July 14 election

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At its regular meeting on May 21, the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority (URA) commission discussed prior case law regarding tax-increment financing (TIF) and a special election pertaining to TIF and the URA commission.

According to agenda documentation, URA Vice Chair Greg Schulte requested information from Town Attorney Clay Buchner on prior case law pertaining to TIF.

Schulte's questions, also included in the agenda documentation, asked if Buchner was aware of any legal cases in Colorado that have "resulted as a consequence of attempts through the ballot box of limiting the powers of URAs."

Schulte requested that, if there were any cases, Buchner provide the case citations or summaries.

Additionally, Schulte asked Buchner if the fact patterns are similar to the one in Pagosa Springs, and if any of the cases were settled and what the results were.

Schulte's final question asked if the Town of Pagosa Springs were to be sued for similar reasons, how long and how much in legal costs would it take to reach an initial decision at the District Court level.

In response to Schulte's questions, Buchner explained that there was a case in September 2017 that resulted as a consequence of attempts through the ballot box of limiting the powers of a URA.

According to Buchner's response, the First Judicial District Court of Jefferson County adjudicated Longs Peak Metropolitan District v. the City of Wheat Ridge.

"The Wheat Ridge case struck down Ballot Question 300. The ballot question was an amendment to the Wheat Ridge City Charter, which required that any agreement to share tax increment revenues must be ratified by the Wheat Ridge City Council at a regularly scheduled public hearing, and, if the amount exceeds \$2.5 million, must be ratified by Wheat Ridge voters," Buchner wrote.

The fact patterns in this case are nearly identical, Buchner explained, adding that the results of the case was the First Judicial Court striking down the City of Wheat Ridge's amendment in a Summary Judgment opinion on Sept. 8, 2017.

"It is not possible to forecast how long it would take to reach a decision. Litigation is very unpredictable with multiple procedural issues that could potentially slow the course of a case," Buchner wrote. "The Wheat Ridge case was

concluded by summary judgment with no appeal and very little procedural delays. The voters in Wheat Ridge passed the amendment in November 2015 and the summary judgement was ordered on September 2017."

Buchner explained that it would not be possible to accurately predict the amount of legal costs to make an initial decision, adding that the amounts would be "significant."

Buchner also added that the Wheat Ridge case is not binding case law due to it happening in another jurisdiction and was not heard on appeal.

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

The special election will be held on July 14 as a mail-ballot election. Ballots will be mailed out June 22.

The petition proposing the change was circulated by local citizens.

The proposed amendment to the charter would require voter approval prior to the town council or URA using TIF whenever the total TIF revenues are expected to exceed \$1 million over the life of the project.

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

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

That petition was determined to be satisfactory on April 9.

Commissioner thoughts

"I guess I just have to say I'm kind of disappointed. I don't know how we got here," Schulte said. "If the ballot question that is put forth in July is approved, then we're essentially inviting a lawsuit that, based upon what I read, the town is going to lose."

Schulte described it as "disappointing" and an "incredible waste of time and money" going through the process and holding an election that is "more than likely not legally valid."

Schulte added that he hopes the electorate will take that into consideration and save the town time and money.

"I would wonder if the proponents of the ballot measure knew this case was out there when they were gathering signatures," he said. "Because if I was a town person and I had signed that and they didn't tell me that there is a court case, a decision that was made, that would basically invite a lawsuit to the town, it's probably not legally valid, I'd feel misled."

Buchner explained that he had spoken with "direct supporters or peers of the initiator of the petition."

"I think they have an agenda," Buchner said. "They have some argument against Mr. Schulte's line of thinking based on assumptions and suppositions. The fact remains, you see what the actual information is there in front of you. It would be the town's time and resources and money defending it. Not theirs."

URA Commission Chair Don Volger explained that this information needs to be made public in some fashion.

"It seems to me that this is public information that people need to know before they vote," Volger said. "It would have to be worded carefully, obviously, but maybe we can see if we can come up with something to at least provide truth and accurate information to the public and the voters who will be making a decision on this ballot measure."

The URA commission will have a decision, either by resolution or other means, to insert an opinion that might stem from that information or other information, Buchner added.

"As long as the board does not campaign against the petition," Buchner said. "If it's just, say, a resolution stating that there is this information that the board wants to make this information public and this is why the board as a whole is not promoting this particular law through and then it just gets published as a normal resolution would on the town website, etcetera."

As long as there is no other campaigning against the petition, that would be an option for the commission, Buchner noted.

"There might be people amongst the board that disagree, that think this is a good petition regardless of that information and that's perfectly fine," he said. "Whatever kind of campaigning you do after that needs to be on your personal time and resources."

Volger added that he personally would "love to see" a draft of a resolution that the URA commission could discuss and possibly adopt.

Commissioner Nicole DeMarco added that if voters understood the ramifications of the petition, "they would be less supportive."

"I feel like within the realm of us trying to create a public dialogue, I think that might alleviate some people's concerns that otherwise may be initially supported this," she said.

The "first claim for relief" section of the Wheat Ridge case, under item 40 (b), states, "Redistributes the decision-making authority delegated to the URA by the State through the Act to the City and/or its electors."

Commissioner Natalie Woodruff noted this section is not exactly what the local ballot initiative is talking about.

"Really, the main point is this is not something that the town can change. This type of a regulation would have to be something that's changed at the state level, through the state legislature, to amend these rules," Woodruff said. "I don't know if putting it forth that way is something."

It is important to understand and empathize with where the intent of the petition is coming from, commissioner Mat deGraaf explained, adding that the URA has a "lot of power to do a lot of good."

There are citizens who feel that the URA could do a lot of harm on the community if not governed properly, deGraaf added.

"They want the decisions and the progress of those projects to be in the hands of the electorate, which is kind of the intent of our democratic system," deGraaf said, adding that he is not for or against the petition.

If the URA commission is going to do some sort of resolution or communications to share information with the public, it will need to do so within the next month, URA Executive Director Andrea Phillips noted.

Volger suggested that Buchner craft a resolution for the URA commission's next meeting that "states the facts" but also includes deGraaf's "empathetic concern of the view of others."

During the public comment portion of the meeting, citizen Bill Hudson identified himself as one of the seven citizens who circulated the petition.

"What the people of Colorado value is the right of the people to speak when they're not happy with the way the legislators are acting," Hudson said, referencing a section of the Colorado Constitution.

■ See URA A7

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Community Development Corporation announces Waner as new president

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Development Corporation (CDC) will be under new leadership following the board's annual meeting on May 13 as Sherry Waner returned to the board and was elected president.

In a press release, Waner explained that her strongest asset to the CDC is her ability to bring people together around a common goal.

Specifically, Waner highlighted that she is excited about the value that the CDC brings to Archuleta County.

"I find it very rewarding to help a business owner with their livelihood, as I know they put blood, sweat, and tears into their business," Waner said in the press release.

Waner was previously on the CDC board for six years, according to the press release.

Also at the annual meeting, Jim Garrett was re-elected to the board.

Garrett wrote in an email to The SUN that he is gratified at the opportunity to continue to serve the local community.

Along with the other CDC board members, Garrett gave praise to former CDC President Jodi Scarpa for her work as board president, adding that the board is excited to work with Waner as president.

In an email to The SUN on Wednesday, Scarpa explained that it has been a pleasure to serve the CDC board over the past two years.

In those two years, the CDC has strengthened relationships with community partners, Scarpa explained.

"Together, the Board and our partners have formed the Broadband Services Management office establishing big wins with a DORA Grant, 811 locating service, the Aspen Springs monopoly, leasing of SCAN Fiber and public education," she wrote. "Additionally, through our partners, we marketed our community's Opportunity Zone nationally and was highlighted in Forbes Magazine."

Scarpa added that she is excited to work with Waner, describing her as an "economic development expert" and someone who is passionate about business success within Archuleta County.



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County expected to sell downtown building

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the nuances of getting an appraisal for the county building at 449 San Juan St.

In a phone call with The SUN, Jess Ketchum explained he had been hired by the county to conduct an appraisal on the building and the property it sits on in downtown Pagosa Springs.

"As I went through discovery and started going through it, there's things that I need answered before I can adequately appraise it," Ketchum said, adding, "Due to the physical issues with the building an appraised number is very ambiguous."

Ketchum said in the phone call that he's not acting as an appraiser for the property and more like an "appraisal consultant."

In an email sent from Ketchum to County Administrator Scott Wall, which Wall forwarded to The SUN, Ketchum wrote:

"In order to appraise it as-is, the first step is to determine the Highest and Best Use (HBU). The analysis basically determines whether a structure should be demolished or if it still adds value to the overall property. If the value of the vacant site less demolition costs is higher than the building and improvements as they exist, then it should be demolished. On that note, [the county assessor] is working on exactly how large the site is, but, if what I calculate is correct, the site as-though-vacant is worth around \$375,000 and the cost to demolish will probably be around \$500,000. This means the value is negative \$125,000 if the improvements contribute no value."

Ketchum clarified this point in the phone call.

"Because of the complexity of this building, an 'as-is' value would require an engineer or an architect or someone to tell me what it would cost to get the building back up into shape into some kind of usable space," he said.

Ketchum explained that any

numbers he put forth to the county "are cursory at best" and require more investigation to be considered exact.

The Sixth Judicial District and Archuleta County courts vacated the Archuleta County Courthouse at 449 San Juan St. in mid-September of 2017 citing health and safety concerns with the building, and have held court in La Plata County since.

The Archuleta County clerk's, treasurer's, human resources and assessor's offices continue to operate out of a different part of the facility.

In a phone call Wednesday, Commissioner Steve Wadley said that "it's still up in the air" where the clerk, assessor, treasurer and human resources would go if the courthouse were sold.

Wall wrote in an email that where those offices would go is to be determined, but "we will make it a priority to find an improved location and conditions."

At Tuesday's work session, Archuleta County Assessor Natalie Woodruff cautioned the commissioners about spending any more money on an appraisal and suggested whoever ends up buying the property can pay for it.

"I truly believe that anything further as far as an appraisal — we're gonna end up spending more money on that than we will ever get out of it," she said, adding, "I have said from the very beginning when the jail first flooded that this land is worth more with nothing on it ... It's supposed to be highest and best use, but at this point with the things that would need to be

done, almost highest and best use is vacant land for part of the property. So, I don't think you should spend one dime more and get a full-blown commercial appraisal for the property because it's gonna cost a lot of money, a lot of time and it's gonna put your date way out there as to where you can actually then list it for sale if you're waiting for that appraisal. If people want to get an appraisal because they're purchasing it and they need it for their financing then that becomes up to them," Woodruff said.

Wall confirmed Wednesday that Ketchum "is done" with his work and provided the county commissioners with "all the information they need to go forward."

"You shouldn't have a piece of property in prime real estate that's in the public sector," Wall said at Tuesday's meeting.

Commissioner Ron Maez said it "would be a big bonus" to have that property privately owned and be on the county's property tax and sales tax rolls.

"Under our procurement policy, the option for disposing of government real estate is either an auction or putting it on the market," said County Attorney Todd Weaver.

In an email, Wall outlined next steps for the building.

"The BoCC will determine a minimum price for the sealed bid for the building. I don't see the BOCC keeping the facility if it can be sold. Getting the prime property on the tax rolls and available for private development would be a big win for the County, Town and downtown merchants," wrote Wall. john@pagosasun.com

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According to Hudson, the discussion about the Wheat Ridge case was "very distressing."

"Because I went door to door to probably 180 houses in downtown talking to my neighbors and I got 140 people that thought that maybe they would like to have a say in a big tax benefit to a developer," he said.

Hudson acknowledged that some people said "no" to the petition, but according to Hudson, "85 to 90 percent" of the people he talked to voiced support of the petition.

"If our elected legislators want to dismiss the opinions of the majority of the people that I talked to as being somehow distasteful, I'd recommend that you go back to the Colorado Constitution and read what the people of Colorado really value in a legislative process," he said.

Hudson, citing that the Wheat Ridge case was not binding case law, stated that, in that case, "the law was thrown out and no one defended it."

"The people who represented the people of Wheat Ridge didn't step up to vigorously defend the right of the people to make a decision about how their community unfolds," he said. "That, to me, is very distasteful that the elected leaders would go against the opinions of the people that they represent when it's spoken at the polls. I'm very disappointed to hear this whole discussion about a resolution with the facts."

Hudson added that if the URA

commission wanted to "act contrary" to the people who supported the petition that he would be "very disappointed."

He said, "I hope that when you see the resolution as drafted that you'll decide, let's let the people speak. And let them, if they wish, to have this right. Let's let them have it."

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Lumberton fire 90 percent contained as of May 23

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As of May 23, a wildfire that started east of Lumberton, N.M., on May 10 was 90 percent contained.

According to an email from Chama District Forester Mary Stuever, the Lumberton Fire's cause is still under investigation.

The fire has burned about 434 acres, plus about five to six acres of slop-over and spots on May 18.

One minor structure was burned and six would be threatened if the fire were to start up again, according to Stuever's email.

Two households were evacuated, but the evacuation order was lifted at noon on May 13, according to the email.

On May 20 at 8 a.m., fire activity became "minimal" due to overcast skies and moisture on May 19, the email describes.

By 9 p.m. on May 20, fire crews worked toward 100 percent "mop up."

As of May 23 at 6 p.m., fire crews were working on interior heat and continuing on 100 percent mop up, with the email noting that fire activity was minimal.

"This will be the final notification hopefully no more significant changes occur," the email states. chris@pagosasun.com

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route of about 1.88 miles, according to agenda documentation.

"Last year, we did cut off the route between 8th and 6th as it goes on the highway," she said, adding that it was based on enhancing public safety.

Council also considered a second route, the 2019 parade route, which Phillips explained would be extended "just a little bit further down to Springs Street."

Another route considered by council at the meeting was a new route that is about 0.75 miles and would have featured the parade being taken off U.S. 160, Phillips described.

"It gives us a lot more control over the safety of the participants and the pedestrians," Phillips said.

Under the third route, the parade would start at Pagosa Springs High School, come down Pirate Way, go up to Apache Street on 5th, head east onto Apache Street and come up Hot Springs Boulevard, she described.

Additionally, that route could be done without a permit from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) due to those roads being town roads and not a state highway, Phillips explained.

"The reason to do this is we have quite a bit of parking available along Hot Springs, again we can control the access," she said. "We could provide for a lot of pedestrian seating along there."

One final option considered was a block party on Lewis Street, Phillips explained.

"Some communities do this where they close one of their secondary streets," she said. "We would close it down from the highway to 4th."

Phillips explained it would take at least three weeks to put together a

block party.

The town budgets about \$10,000 for the parade and all other associated costs, according to Phillips.

The town has to specify a route and apply with CDOT to acquire a permit to do road closures on U.S. 160 as well as detours, Phillips explained.

According to Pagosa Springs Police Chief Bill Rockensock, the town has to submit its request for a permit to CDOT a minimum of 30 days prior to the event.

"So, our drop-dead date is by June 2," he said.

Public Works Director Martin Schmidt explained that he had spoken with CDOT on May 21 and noted that CDOT is not issuing special events permits because of the public health orders in place.

"Until that order is lifted, CDOT wouldn't issue a permit. At this point it would really be waiting to see if we would be able to get a permit," Schmidt said.

The purpose of the discussion was to get feedback from council on a route so that the permit could be prepared in case the town is able to have the event, Phillips explained.

Making a choice

Before making a formal decision, Phillips explained to council that there is a possibility that the parade will have to be canceled if the town is not able to have public gatherings due to public health orders.

"We're hoping to get more guidance from the governor's office in the next couple of weeks, but at some point, we're going to have to make a call on this as to whether we move forward with it or not," she said.

The town has contacted different traffic control companies as it is difficult to get volunteers and staff to

work the parade, she added.

"Even with the traffic control, we're still going to have to be involved and have a lot of volunteers to help to marshal the pedestrian traffic," she said.

Crowd control also needs to take place during the parade, she added later.

"The simple fact is that we understand that this is an important event for the community, but it is concerning from a safety and traffic management perspective," she said.

Council member Mat deGraaf noted he is in favor of canceling the parade.

"I don't know that we're going to be able to have a parade given social distancing. I'm concerned about so many people that line up to see the parade," council member Shari Pierce said, adding that she was interested in combining routes two and three.

By increasing the parade route, weather could be a factor for those who are participating in the parade by walking, Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis explained.

The purpose of the parade, to council member Rory Burnett, is to attract tourists and allow local businesses to advertise.

"If we just say that we're eliminating it all together, we're taking that decision out of people's hands," Burnett said. "I think we should absolutely take the businesses into consideration when we make our decision."

Council member Madeline Bergon suggested tentatively planning for a block party due to it being more "flexible" and the town not needing a state permit to hold one.

"I think a block party would still fall under that gathering of 10 or more people. I don't think you're

going to be allowed to do that," deGraaf said.

Pierce added that she did not see Gov. Jared Polis allowing that many people to get together over the next 30 days.

"Governor's orders aside, I just think it's a public health issue," deGraaf said.

Following more discussion, a motion to direct town staff to prepare a permit for route two pending the governor's approval passed via a 4-2 vote with deGraaf and Bergon voting against.

Fireworks

Later in the meeting, council approved a motion for the town to go through with having a fireworks display for the Fourth of July.

That motion also states that the town do any mitigation in advance that it can to try and help the fire-

works happen.

The fireworks are usually set off on the hill behind the bus barn and Pagosa Springs High School, according to agenda documentation.

The town has budgeted \$20,000 for the fireworks and selected a contractor with \$10,000 coming out of the tourism budget and the other \$10,000 coming out of the town's general fund, Phillips described.

Durango has canceled all of its events except for fireworks, Phillips explained, adding that Durango is waiting to see if its community can have a fireworks display.

"The more notice we give them the better," Schmidt said of the town notifying its contractor on whether or not a fireworks display will happen.

There is a fire ban possibility, as well as a chance the fireworks might not be able to happen due to public

health orders, Phillips added.

"I would love to see us do everything we can possibly do to make the fireworks happen. I don't know if there's anything we can do to start now to mitigate some of the fire stuff. We have a water truck, can we start watering down the hill to see if we can get some green up there or something?" Pierce said.

Additionally, Pierce suggested the town work with the various agencies responsible for fire bans to see what it can do in regard to mitigation to have the fireworks take place at its usual location.

The town could also contact Archuleta School District to see if the fireworks could be set off lower than the usual location, Pierce added.

The motion to move forward with doing the fireworks display along with mitigation efforts passed via a unanimous vote.

Unemployment

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The state of Colorado's unemployment rate in April was 11.3 percent, the highest since comparable records have been kept since 1976.

"... this release provides an estimate of Colorado's employment situation during the first full month of efforts to contain COVID-19 within the state and associated impacts," the press release states.

The press release outlines how all private-sector job categories in the state saw declines in the number of jobs over the month, which include:

- Leisure and hospitality lost 148,100 jobs.
- Education and health services lost 43,800.
- Trade, transportation and utilities lost 41,800.
- Professional and business services lost 28,500.
- Other services lost 19,800.
- Construction lost 12,700.
- Manufacturing lost 10,300.
- Financial activities lost 5,500.
- Mining and logging lost 1,000.

There were no significant over-the-month private sector job gains in April.

Statewide, the number of people actively participating in the labor force in Colorado decreased 67,400 over the month to 3,069,200 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed decreased

251,200 to 2,721,300.

The national unemployment rate increased 10.3 percent in April to 14.7 percent.

The unemployment rate, labor force participation, total employment and the number of unemployed are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from this survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

However, nonfarm payroll jobs estimates are based on a survey of business establishments and government agencies, and are intended to measure the number of jobs, not the number of people employed.

The business establishment survey covers about seven times the number of households surveyed and is, therefore, considered a more reliable indicator of economic conditions.

Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by work site and the other measuring persons employed and unemployed by household, estimates based on these surveys may provide seemingly conflicting results.

From March to April, nonfarm payroll jobs in Colorado decreased by 323,500 for a total of 2,473,300, with private-sector jobs decreasing by 311,400 and government jobs decreasing by 12,100.

Over the year, total employment

in Colorado decreased by 315,100 and the number of unemployed increased by 257,000.

Other data that is gathered by the survey of business establishments includes private-sector average weekly hours, average hourly earnings and average weekly earnings.

Over the year, the average workweek for all employees in private nonfarm payroll jobs increased from 32.7 to 32.8 hours.

Average hourly earnings increased from \$30.35 to \$31.98 during the same time period.

Refusal to work

The CDLE received about 1,000 requests from workers who were invited back to work, but asked to continue to receive unemployment benefits due to concerns about COVID-19 and/or finding child care.

The CDLE reported that 15 percent of workers who requested continued benefits while refusing to work were denied further unemployment benefits.

"The general reasons given are vulnerable population, caring for a vulnerable population and child care. The ones denied have mostly been because in further fact finding we determine they do not meet those criteria for eligibility," wrote Cher Haavind, deputy executive director and chief communications officer for the CDLE, in an email to The SUN.

Restaurants

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COVID-19 symptoms.

"We're going to be using a lot more technology," said Tony Simmons, owner of Pagosa Brewing and Grill. "We're going to be able to page people, like text 'em when their table is ready so they don't have to wait in a line per se. We can seat 150 people outside —there's no limit outside what we can do."

Simmons explained that Pagosa Brewing now boasts a dog-friendly area, citing his business was one, if not the only restaurant in the area, that received that permit because "we have a separate entrance for dogs."

Simmons also noted the size of his facility makes it easier to comply with social distancing requirements.

"We're really fortunate with a beer garden like this, that's what makes it really special for us. And inside we're the largest facility in town, so we can alternate booths and then you get the distancing," he said, adding, "I went to brewing school in Germany man, I know what a beer garden's supposed to be."

He's taken additional precautions like doing temperature screenings for employees to ensure they're not exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms and routinely disinfecting and cleaning the facility.

"I have a responsibility not only to my family, but to my team here," Simmons said. "If people get sick here, it's gonna shut us down and that's not responsible to our community—and we're really community-minded on this whole thing."

Simmons has also made all his restrooms single occupancy only.

"So people aren't crowding restrooms," he said.

Jason Cox, co-owner of Riff Raff Brewing Company, told The SUN Tuesday "we're ready to go" for in-person dining.

"The requirements were a little less strict than we were anticipating," Cox said of the state's recently released restaurant guidelines, "which implies that the data has been positive with retail being opened."

Cox is taking similar, if not identical measures to ensure safety at his restaurant and to follow state guidelines.

Riff Raff's two locations will have disposable menus, temperature and symptom checks for employees, hand sanitizer for all, and outdoor seating will be expanded.

"We're using the Riverwalk trail that goes through our property," Cox said. "The town is allowing us to put some seats out there that don't impede people walking by... We're maximizing our outdoor space so we can maximize seating."

Cox said 100 percent of core staff have come back to work. He noted

that Riff Raff is not pursuing its normal early-summer hiring boom.

"Normally, we'd be hiring like crazy now," he said. "We have not done that this year. We haven't hired any of our normally seasonal employees, which is a bummer."

Bob Hart, owner of Mountain Pizza and Taproom, explained that during the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, his business was operating at about 15 percent of normal compared to years prior.

On Tuesday, Hart noted that business is coming back and currently is operating at about 40 percent of normal.

He estimated that once in-person dining resumes, his business will slightly increase to about 50 percent of normal, noting his monetary losses in the COVID-19 pandemic have equated to tens of thousands of dollars.

"We're gonna follow state guidelines, which is basically when you enter, you should be wearing a face mask and then once you're seated at your table, you can remove your face mask to eat, of course," Hart said.

Jim McDermaid, manager of Alley House Grille, outlined his goals for reopening in-person dining.

"We still want our guests to come in, have a great time and enjoy," he said, adding, "That's our No. 1 goal is that everyone gets a good hour and half, nice dinner and relaxes with their family and friends."

McDermaid is encouraging customers to make reservations by calling or via email at contact@alleyhousegrille.com.

He explained that Alley House's restrooms and door handles will be sanitized every 30 minutes and he's taking employee's temperatures and tracking symptoms when they get to work.

Amanda Jones, owner of The Lost Cajun, said her team has been working hard "to create an atmosphere that people want to come back to."

"We just want our guests to come back and have a good time," she said.

Jones said the directive from the governor's office "encourages patrons to wear masks, but it doesn't say that they have to absolutely."

Jones stated that keeping a positive attitude has been paramount over the past few months and that she had to lay off employees for about the last eight weeks.

"Which was hard on them," she said, adding, "Some of them aren't coming back to work because they went out and found other jobs."

Jones expressed that The Lost Cajun is adhering to the rules set forth by the state and is looking forward to reopening for in-person dining.

Archuleta County variance

Cox, who has led the charge in putting together a variance application to allow Archuleta County to have less strict rules for some businesses than state guidelines, told The SUN the variance application is still going forward, despite state rules for restaurants being less strict than many anticipated.

In an email, he wrote that San Juan Basin Public Health gave feedback on the request on Tuesday evening and he's awaiting their final approval.

He noted the variance must also get approved by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

If those two entities approve the variance, it will go to the Archuleta County commissioners for a vote and, if passed, will be sent to the state health department for final approval.

Asked what was different between the county's variance request and the most recent state guidelines, Cox wrote, "The Archuleta County variance specifies policies for places of worship, gyms and fitness facilities, spas and hot springs and restaurants/bars."

He said the "main difference" between the variance and state guidelines pertaining to restaurants is that the variance requests "to allow bars to reopen even if they have only minimal food service."

Summer camps

On Monday, the governor gave updated guidelines on camps for children.

"Children's day camps and youth sports camps will open on Monday, June 1, 2020," a press release from the governor's office reads. "Residential overnight camps will be closed in June. Decisions for July and August overnight camps will be made in mid-June. Children's residential camps that choose to operate as day camps must work with the Colorado Department of Human Services and their local public health agency (LPHA) for approval. Day camps, including mobile, youth sports camps, and outdoor camps, must operate with restrictions and strong precautionary measures..."

Food pantries

Simmons stressed that local food banks have critically low supplies amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Need has doubled since COVID started and donations have dropped off since the weather got warm," he said.

Pagosa Brewing is accepting donations to relay to local food banks and more information about all the food pantries in Archuleta County can be found at: <https://www.archuletacounty.org/235/Food-Assistance>.

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Sales

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wrote.

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

The report notes the following categories had increased sales tax revenue in March compared to March 2019.

- Retail is up 20.9 percent, or \$95,673.
- Miscellaneous is up 73.4 percent, or \$79,344.
- Construction is up 34.4 percent, or \$4,579.
- Finance/insurance is up 5.2 percent, or \$31.
- Other services is up 6.4 percent, or \$825.
- Manufacturing is up 1.5 percent, or \$493.

Categories that have decreased revenue compared to March 2019 are:

- Accommodation/food service is down 51.1 percent, or \$83,958.
- Real estate/rental is down 49.5 percent, or \$21,517.
- Information services is down 35.3 percent, or \$9,222.
- Professional services is down 69.6 percent, or \$7,500.

"The categories that went down, went down hard, as expected," Walton wrote. "The categories that went up significantly may be surprising to some. But we note that Construction activity (up 34.4%) occurs outdoors and is not so sensitive to social distancing measures... at least, not

in the short run. Retail activity (up 20.9%) was growing at about that rate in January and February... so you might say it remained constant in March. However, we speculate that non-essential retail outlets were hard hit, while essential retail outlets (like grocery stores) experienced strong sales due to stockpiling of goods."

Walton also highlighted some unique factors in the March sales tax collections.

"First, the amounts received and reported in March 2020 include an unusual payment of taxes due from prior years (2015 to 2019) totaling \$52,673. (About \$47,631 of this falls into the Miscellaneous category above). Obviously, this tax paid in March of 2020 is not reflective of March 2020 economic activity. If we back this out, the new 2020 total tax revenue (\$876,385.52) is only 7/10ths of 1% (\$6,075) higher than March of 2019.

"Furthermore, the March 2020 data includes \$90,121 in collections of 'remote' sales tax. Remote sales tax comes from vendors located outside of Colorado, who are shipping product or providing services to residents or businesses located within Archuleta County. In March of 2019, payment of 'remote' tax was voluntary, and only \$23,742 was received. In March of 2020, payment of 'remote' tax was almost four times more (\$90,121) than in March of 2019. And more than double the average monthly amount received since payment of this tax became

mandatory in July of 2019."

If we back out the part of sales tax revenue received from 'remote' sources (in both the 2019 and 2020 data), and back out the payment for 'prior year activity', (in just the 2020 data), the adjusted total March 2020 sales tax revenue is 7.8% (\$66,379) lower than 2019. This is probably a better measure of what changed overall in the local economy between March of 2019 and March of 2020."

Walton also included year-to-date (YTD) data, which compares January through March revenue from this year to 2019.

YTD categories that have increased include:

- Retail is up 21.9 percent, or \$247,267.
- Miscellaneous is up 39 percent, or \$129,830. Walton noted this "includes most of the prior year tax collected."
- Construction is up 36.6 percent, or \$14,023.
- Other services is up 25.4 percent, or \$8,105.
- Manufacturing is up 8 percent, or \$6,872.
- Professional services is up 4 percent, or \$578.
- Finance/insurance is up 5.9 percent, or \$150.

Categories down include;

- Accommodation/food service is down 11.6 percent, or \$46,754.
- Real estate/rental is down 24 percent, or \$20,565.
- Information services is down 9.4 percent, or \$7,054.

tion of being the class valedictorian, and Dillinger Day earned the title of salutatorian.

Mason Blakemore is the head boy and Teagan Stretton is the head girl. The senior class was led by the following class officers: president Bryona Armijo, vice president Elsa Lindner, secretary KC Yeneza, treasurer Halie Severs, student body secretary Emma Happ and student body treasurer Nick Voelker.

For more on the class of 2020, see next week's issue of The SUN.

Graduation

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second vehicle with family members to watch the ceremony from the parking lot.

The public is encouraged to watch the ceremony online at the same time, with O'Donnell stating the link to the ceremony will be available on both the PSHS and Archuleta School District websites.

He indicated there are also plans to record the ceremony to make available online in the future.

"Thanks to the people who

Madeline Bergon: 'Looking for new challenges'

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

If you ask those around her (or even her), Madeline Bergon is unafraid to get involved. She's described as amazing, a doer, energetic.

She began her career in public service locally in her 20s and now, at age 30, serves as mayor pro tem on the Pagosa Springs Town Council — a position she was voted into in April by her fellow members of the council.

That position means she takes over when the mayor is absent, and her first official duty as mayor pro tem came during the recent groundbreaking ceremony for the town's new maintenance facility near Yamaguchi Park.

"I think that it's certainly an honor and ... I think ... it shows that they have faith in me and think I am hopefully a good voice for members of the community," she said of being voted mayor pro tem. "And also that I, I mean am willing to step up and fill the shoes that need to be filled."

Bergon grew up in Pagosa Springs and graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 2008. She then earned a degree in anthropology from Colorado State University (CSU) before landing back in Pagosa Springs a few years later.

"I think it actually took moving away to make me realize all the good that I grew up with here," she said.

Returning to the place she grew up wasn't originally in Bergon's plans.

"It wasn't on my list of places to come back to, that wasn't my intention. But as soon as I went to college and I went to CSU up in Fort Collins and then did a bunch of traveling, I realized that Pagosa really does have it going on as far as just having all of the things that I want to do in, literally, my backyard," she said.

Bergon noted that going to CSU, with an undergrad population roughly double Archuleta County's population at the time, was a struggle and was overwhelming.

"And it really made me realize that, yeah, having a little bit of anonymity is cool, but I like going to the grocery store and seeing people that I know, and waving, and walking down my neighborhood and I ... know who my neighbors are," she said.

Also bringing her back to the area was the natural setting and outdoor offerings — some of which, such as Chimney Rock National Monument, influenced her area of study.

"It's complementary to the lifestyle that I was going for," she said. "But, I wouldn't have made that realization had I not gone on to do other things."

She added, "Pagosa's home." A few years after moving back, a friend of Bergon's pointed out an open position on the Pagosa Area Tourism Board and noted she thought Bergon would be a



Photos courtesy Madeline Bergon

Pagosa native Madeline Bergon serves as mayor pro tem as part of the Pagosa Springs Town Council, with her first duty as mayor pro tem coming at the groundbreaking ceremony for the town's new consolidated maintenance facility.



really good fit for it.

Bergon agreed, and jumped into it, partly to keep the momentum going of a string of positive first experiences she'd experienced since moving back.

"Once I decided that I was going to stay here and Pagosa was going to be my home base, I just, I like being involved in things and I like looking for new challenges and new things I can kind of throw myself into," she said, adding later she likes the adrenaline of trying something new and getting "deeply involved in something."

Then, in September of 2018,

"It's complementary to the lifestyle that I was going for," Bergon said. "But, I wouldn't have made that realization had I not gone on to do other things."

Bergon, at age 28, took on another first when she applied for and was appointed to fill a vacancy on the town council.

"It felt like it was the next logical step of, if I'm going to continue being involved in my community, I should see what being on town council's, what that is like," she said, adding, "I'm not sure what my future will hold in my role in the community, but I want to try out many different roles until I find ... the one that I'm really going to groove with and be able to be my best self in."

Bergon explained people ask her all the time why she chose to

be involved with council.

As she puts it, the best response she's come up with is, "Somebody has to do it, and so it might as well be me."

She added it's an important civic duty and role that people should try if they're able.

Mayor Don Volger called Bergon "one special young lady" who cares for her community and is an asset to the town government.

"She's amazing," he said. "Maddy is a doer, she makes things happen," her brother, Caleb, wrote in a statement to The SUN. "Being an educated,

well traveled local gives her a perspective that will benefit the community. That combined with her ambition to serve Pagosa suits her for the positions."

"I've always been involved in customer service jobs, and so I don't think that this is a huge step away from that. I'm still essentially in the service industry, I'm just serving the members of my community," Bergon said.

Bergon didn't get on council with a laundry list of things that she wanted changed, but wanted to be a part of what was going on — something she hopes will allow her to be open to new pos-

sibilities. She noted she wants to see more effective and efficient communication, and see the community be more proactive and sustainable.

"I think that I am kind of innately diplomatic and so I do like to hear both sides of the argument," she said, adding she understands that there is not always a one-size-fits-all solution and pointing out the importance of being flexible and adaptive with solutions as situations change and new information arises.

She also wants to see the community be part of the solutions to any issues it sees.

"Obviously your voice is powerful," she said, stating that people should work to be a part of the solutions for problems they see and use their voice to reach out and see what others think of things.

"Try to be part of the solution and try to channel some creative problem solving," she said.

"Madeline has really shown up for her community in many ways," Town Manager Andrea Phillips wrote in an email to The SUN. "She has energy and ideas and has jumped right in to public service. She has dedicated a lot of her personal time to both the Town Council and the Tourism Board, attending conferences out of the area, studying up on issues, meeting with constituents, and talking with them about the things that matter in their lives. She can be counted on to participate in community events and she is now serving as our Mayor Pro Tem. She is a force for good and we hope she will serve many more years with the Town!"

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PAWSD approves surcharge relating to affordable housing

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A monthly surcharge to customer's water and wastewater bills was approved by the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors at a regular meeting on May 14.

The monthly surcharge for water is 68 cents per equivalent unit (EU) while the wastewater surcharge is 22 cents per EU, according to PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey.

This surcharge relates to the PAWSD board previously discussing fee waivers for affordable housing and utilizing those surcharges

to make up for the money lost.

At a regular meeting of PAWSD on Jan. 16, a worksheet was presented that outlined what these fee waivers would be.

For potential affordable housing developments that are under 60 percent area median income (AMI), PAWSD would be willing to waive 100 percent of its capital investment fees (CIF).

For developments that are 60 to 80 percent AMI, PAWSD would be willing to waive 50 percent of its CIF; for developments that are 81 to 100 percent AMI, PAWSD would be willing to waive 25 percent of its CIF, according to the worksheet.
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Outdoors



Chimney Rock National Monument to start self-guided tours in June

By Danyelle Leentjes
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Walk in the footsteps of the fascinating and enigmatic ancestral Puebloans of the Chaco Canyon culture, following primitive pathways that haven't changed for 1,000 years. Archaeological ruins and artifacts, abundant wildlife and its setting in the breathtaking San Juan National Forest make Chimney Rock a must-see this summer.

Self-guided tours of Chimney Rock National Monument will be available to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. starting June 1.

Due to the COVID-19 social distancing requirements, the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) has delayed all special programs/events and guided tours until further notice.

CRIA hopes to resume special programming if COVID-19 conditions allow. The health and safety of our employees, volunteers and visitors is our highest priority at Chimney Rock National Monument and we will be adhering to local,

state and federal safety regulations and guidance regarding the COVID-19 virus.

Chimney Rock has two trails that can be experienced through self-guided tours: the Great House Pueblo Trail and the Mesa Village Trail.

The Great House Pueblo Trail has awe-inspiring 360-degree views of the San Juan Mountain Range and the twin spires from the Great House Pueblo. It is a moderately challenging, unimproved trail with a 200-foot elevation gain and exposure to heights. This trail includes a multifamily dwelling, several unexcavated structures and a Chacoan Great House Pueblo (7,600-foot elevation).

The Mesa Village Trail is a one-third mile paved trail with a beautiful overlook of the Piedra River Valley and Peterson Ridge. This trail includes a 44-foot excavated Great Kiva as well as an excavated pit house and other structures.

Plan on one hour for each trail to take in the views and photo opportunities, plus an additional 30 minutes round-trip to the Visitor Center. Download the San Juan National Forest

Explorer mobile app before arriving to access a recorded interpretation of the site for a fee of \$12/adult and \$6/child (ages 5-12).

Chimney Rock National Monument is located 17 miles west of Pagosa Springs and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. For more information about the monument, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

CRIA is a nonprofit organization which operates the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under a Participating Agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest. CRIA does not receive any government funding and relies on grants and donations to support the interpretive programming at Chimney Rock. The organization is run almost entirely by volunteers.

This year, CRIA needs your support now more than ever to continue to its mission that spans more than two decades of education, protection and preservation. Show your support by visiting, volunteering and/or donating. For more information, please visit our website at www.chimneyrockco.org.

Steps to prevent animal-borne disease

By Claire Ninde
San Juan Basin Public Health

As warming weather brings humans and animals in closer contact, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) reminds residents that there are simple steps that you can take to help prevent rabies, West Nile, hantavirus and other animal-borne (zoonotic) diseases:

- Control the presence of rodents and mosquitoes around your home.
- Wear insect repellent and appropriate clothing when heading outdoors.
- Keep your pets up to date on vaccinations and protect your pets from fleas and ticks.
- Do not to handle or feed wild animals, especially those that appear sick, and do not pick up dead animals or animal waste.
- Remember to speak to children about these precautions.

Rabies

Rabies is an infectious viral disease that affects the nervous system of humans and other mammals. People contract rabies from the bite of a rabies-infected (rabid) animal.

If you have had a bat in your room while you were sleeping, it is important that the bat is trapped and tested for rabies. Please call SJBPH for further guidance or to

report an encounter with a suspect animal.

Be sure to have your pets vaccinated even if they are indoor animals (bats can get into homes) to keep them and your family safe.

Plague

Plague is caused by bacteria transmitted to humans by the bites of infected fleas or by direct contact with infected animals. Plague is frequently detected in rock squirrels, prairie dogs, wood rats, and other species of ground squirrels and chipmunks.

SJBPH investigates prairie dog population die-offs for the presence of plague. SJBPH asks that community members report if an active colony of prairie dogs suddenly disappears. Be sure to keep pets on preventative flea and tick medicine from a veterinarian.

West Nile virus

West Nile virus is carried by mosquitoes and is passed on to humans through mosquito bites. This disease can cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) and meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord).

Remember to use insect repellent when going outdoors. Also, help reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home by emptying standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pet water dishes,

discarded tires and birdbaths on a regular basis.

Hantavirus

Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS) is a severe, sometimes fatal, respiratory disease. Hantavirus, once dubbed Four Corners disease for its prevalence in this area, is carried by wild rodents, particularly deer mice, and is present in their droppings, urine and saliva.

Dried droppings or urine can be stirred up in dust and humans may contract hantavirus by breathing in the contaminated air. Before cleaning up droppings, be sure to ventilate the room by opening windows and doors, and spray down all droppings with a bleach solution (1 cup bleach per gallon of water) before vacuuming or sweeping.

Tularemia

Tularemia exists in the rabbit population and is transmitted by insect bites, direct transmission, or inhalation or ingestion of the bacteria. The infective dose is very small and can persist for long periods of time in the environment in water, soil and carcasses.

- When mowing or landscaping:
 - Don't mow over sick or dead animals. When possible, check the area for carcasses prior to mowing.
 - Use of masks during mowing and other landscaping activities may reduce your risk of inhaling the bacteria, but this has not been studied.

If you hunt, trap or skin animals:

- Use gloves when handling animals, especially rabbits, muskrats, prairie dogs and other rodents.
- Cook game meat thoroughly before eating.

Tick-borne diseases

Colorado tick fever is the most common tick-borne disease in Colorado, though most cases go unreported. It's a viral illness characterized by fever, headache, body aches, nausea, abdominal pain and lethargy. Complete recovery may take two to three weeks. The disease is not life-threatening and infection results in lifelong immunity. There's currently no

ments and thank those of you who are driving properly.

Often, the good drivers get passed over and we only focus on bad driving behaviors. I know there are a lot of drivers out there I will never talk to, for the simple reason they have good driving behaviors.

For all of you who come to complete stops at stop signs and stop lights. For those who obey speed limits and adjust their speed when conditions warrant it. For those who know the rules for driving — thank you for driving safely within the law. As always, safe travels.

Trooper tips: Thank you for good driving behaviors

By Master Trooper Gary Cutler
Colorado State Patrol

With everything that has been going on around the world, it is easy to get down. So, this month I'm not bringing up anything about COVID-19. Instead, I thought it was a good time to throw something positive into the mix.

Each month, I write about the proper way to drive here in Colorado. There is a lot of don't do this and don't do that in my articles. This month, on behalf of every state trooper, I wanted to take a few mo-

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Education

Students recognized with theater and music awards

By Dan Burch and Dale Johnson
Pagosa Springs High School

The following Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) students are recognized for contributions to theater and music over the school year.

2020 PSHS drama awards

Jazz Square Award

The Jazz Square is a term used to describe a classic dance step. This award is presented to honor excellence in dance. The art form of dance offers opportunities to express emotion, evoke feelings or tell a story through movement and expression.

This year's recipient has performed in our high school musicals throughout her time here, most recently in "Matilda the Musical," where she portrayed the character of Lavender. She is a gifted dancer, actor and vocalist. Additionally, she is a kind and patient mentor to those students she works with and a joy to be around.

The Jazz Square Award goes to KC Yeneza.

Linchpin Award

A linchpin. It's kind of a funny word if you don't know what it is. A "linchpin" is the most important part of a train. It holds the cars together. In a wheel, a linchpin holds the wheel onto the axle. According to Seth Godin, a linchpin is "an individual who can walk into chaos and create order, someone who can invent, connect, create and make things happen."

As an actress, Hannah Rockensock does all of these things and more. Whether it's the morning after a late night of rehearsal or wound up with nerves and a good night's sleep, whether it's rehearsal, opening night or closing night, it simply doesn't matter: When she walks on stage, theater happens. She brings all of her being to the stage and is a catalyst, drawing excellence from the rest of the cast. She is conscious of the art of acting even when she is lost in the character or the story, and is able to stand on the line between art and reality confidently and skillfully.

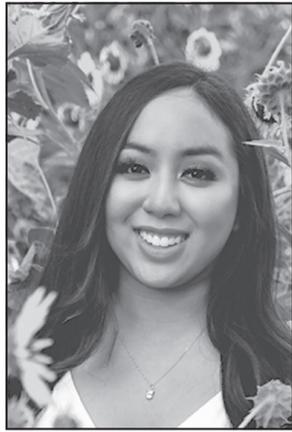
Rockensock, thank you for the dedication you have shown in the strangest year of theater, ever. We are looking forward to seeing what amazing things you'll do next.

The Linchpin Award goes to Hannah Rockensock.

Lightmaster Award

The technicians of any production (lovingly referred to as "techies") are the behind-the-scenes heroes. Coming in late into the rehearsal schedule, they jump into action, embracing the show, working with others, creating lighting design, studying scripts and music, developing special effects and more. They help paint the picture, tell the story and bring the show to life. The lightmaster also works as an ongoing mentor for the new student studying the craft.

Megan Foster has been in the light booth for four years now, creating magic and beauty. She is



KC Yeneza



Hannah Rockensock



Megan Foster



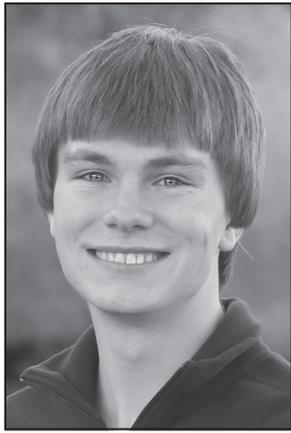
Grace Thompson



Jacob Miller



Sydney Mitchell



Mark Holladay



Hayden Kiker



Ethan Mazur



Skylar Sherman

dearly loved and appreciated.

Wicked Good Award

The Wicked Good Award is in a class by itself. If you come from Boston, you were raised on the expression "wicked good." This year's recipient is not a stranger to the stage and has in fact been performing in one way or another most of her young life. She has performed in musicals, shows, concerts and plays. She is a natural and gifted performer, with outstanding skills as a dancer, singer and actor. She recently brought her choreography talents to productions. She lights up the stage with her unique, strong stage presence; she has worked very hard on her performance skills and it shows. She is "wicked good" because she shows up, never gives up, is passionate about her work and others, respects her peers and is always trying to be better. She most recently "graced" our stage in "Matilda the Musical," portraying Mrs. Wormwood.

The Wicked Good Award goes to Grace Thompson.

Sprout Award

The Sprout Award is given to a student who is a newcomer to the stage, who bravely and boldly auditions for a show, is cast, enters a completely new and foreign world, and begins to understand the mind of an actor and the environment of the stage.

This year's recipient embraced the new theater world boldly, eagerly and with a sense of humor. He spent endless hours learning

new skills in song, dance and acting. He most recently portrayed the character of Rudolpho in "Matilda the Musical."

The sprout award goes to Jacob Miller.

Best Performing Artist Award

Over the years as she has matured, Sydney Mitchell has become an actress who recognizes the art in herself and uses it to bring the audience into the story. Many actors and actresses have talent — and Mitchell has more than most — and many talented actors and actresses are content to rely on that talent. But not Mitchell. She has pushed herself to hone her skills by auditioning for every show available, playing as many parts as she can, and even directing a play with a cast of her peers. She has attended several prestigious acting schools and camps already and is now preparing to push herself even more at Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts. Most notable about her, however, is her willingness to support and aid other actors in their own explorations. It is as common to find her helping others hone their skills as it is to find her working on her own.

Mitchell, for all you have done to make our shows better, for all you have done to challenge us to become better people, thank you. We will miss you, but I know we will be seeing you on the stage.

Drama letters and pins

Drama letters: Hannah Rocken-

The San Juan Mountain School is now open for enrollment.

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Drama pins: Sydney (Simon) Mitchell, Cheyenne Todd, Ethan Mazur, Sophia Raymond, Ella Hemenger, Grace Thompson, Maya Nasralla, Olivia Craig, Emma Happ and Megan Foster.

2020 PSHS music awards

Louis Armstrong Award

Mark Holladay greatly deserves the Louis Armstrong Award. Holladay is an incredible musician who has added so much to the jazz band throughout his four years in high school. His keyboard skills are exceptional. He can play the complex jazz rhythms and holds down the center of the rhythm section.

Director's Award

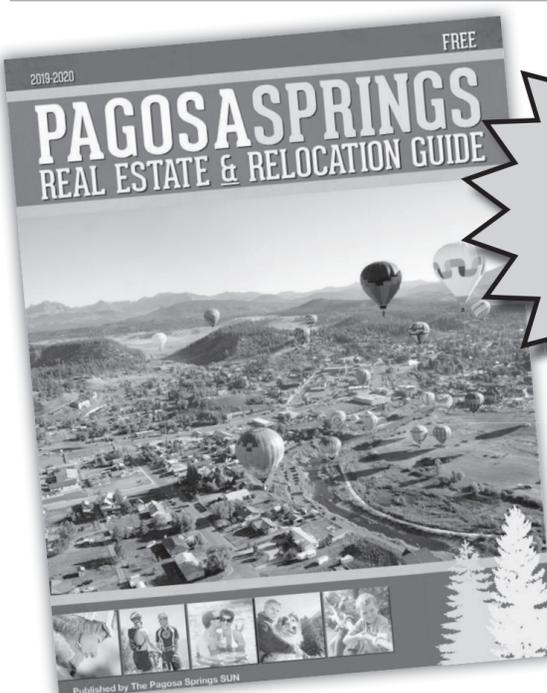
Hayden Kiker is an exceptional musician who excels as a vocalist, a percussionist and as a violinist. He is always the one to arrive early and haul equipment and then stay around to clean up. He adds to every performing group here at PSHS.

Musicianship Award

Ethan Mazur has proven his

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'Reawakened': Heidi Tanner picks up violin after 27-year break

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

Heidi Tanner has enjoyed a musical renaissance in her life since moving to Pagosa Springs in 2007.

Tanner grew up in Bartlesville, Okla., and her mother was a music teacher until she passed away when Tanner was 4.

"But my dad always kept me and all of our siblings going with music after she passed," Tanner said, noting her dad didn't play any musical instruments like her mom did.

Tanner played in her school's string program starting when she was 9, played in the local community orchestra and traveled 50 miles each way to Tulsa to play in the youth symphony.

During her first semester in college, Tanner was a music major, but it didn't last and she switched to business.

"Honestly, I put the violin down when I was 19, 20 years old. I didn't pick it up until I moved here in 2007," Tanner said, noting she took a 27-year break from playing music.

"During that absence from music I think a part of my personality and my soul was probably dormant, because I was so involved as a young kiddo with it. So when I took it back up, it reawakened part of me that is very enriching and is very satisfying," she said.

Tanner explained that once she moved to Pagosa Springs, she started singing with the community choir, but hadn't quite restarted her violin career.

One choral piece had a violin part that Tanner looked at that she thought she could play. She asked conductor Larry Elginer if she could give it a shot.

"He let me do it," she said. "That reawakened my desire."

Continuing her return to music, Tanner then got involved with the

local community band "sort of on accident," she said.

"I just kinda stuck with it for several years because it became important to me quickly — but the community band was actually started by [Curtains Up Pagosa] and the band decided to be on their own, wanted a little more autonomy, and they asked if I would serve as the board president and I agreed to do that because at the time that they decided to go out on their own, they were pretty new. I just felt a drive to keep it going," Tanner said.

Tanner continued to play locally around Pagosa Springs, and at a Christmas concert one year, played with both Sally Neel and Jessica Peterson, the three of which ultimately became the Nightsong Trio.

"We just really love playing with each other. That one performance we did we jived and ever since then we've never stopped," Tanner said.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Tanner has been playing less with the groups she is a part of, the Pagosa Springs Community Band; the Nightsong Trio; and Fourteen String, a guitar, cello and violin ensemble.

Tanner told The SUN that the community band's normal spring concert was canceled and she is hoping the band's July 4 concert will go forward as planned.

"Just as soon as we can, as soon as it's safe, I hope the Nightsong Trio will start playing again," she said, adding, "Those two ladies are very special in my life and special for me to play with."

Tanner explained that returning to music later in life made her a more well-rounded musician.

"I think having lived life and grown and maturity in being older made me a better player. I just think that you have a better sense of phrasing and the emotion of the music in how to make it beautiful and how to



Heidi Tanner

make it musical in the way that it was intended to be," she said.

Tanner insisted that members of the community who have helped with her musical journey be featured in this article.

To Neel, Peterson, Elginer, Larry Baisdon, Curtains Up Pagosa, Dan and Venita Burch and Malinda Burnett, Tanner said, "Just thank you for your encouragement to me through the years and the opportunities you have given me to express myself and be a part of music in Pagosa Springs."

In a 2013 article in The SUN, Father Doug Neel characterized Tanner's worth to the community.

"Heidi is truly a Pagosa treasure," Neel said. "I don't know if people realize how rare it is to have someone of her musical talent and skill resid-

ing in such a small community. If she were a professional concert violinist, something she is certainly qualified to be, she would be in a large city performing for sums of money we certainly could not afford. Fortunately for us, she is happy to be in Pagosa Springs with her family and offering her music as her gift."

CHSAA lifts moratorium June 1, strict guidelines established for in-person conditioning

By Bert Borgmann
Colorado High School
Activities Association

In an email sent to Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) member schools last week, Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green informed the membership that on June 1 the moratorium against in-person conditioning sessions between coaches and high school participants will be lifted.

Starting on that day, any decisions regarding athletics and activities through the summer months will be made at the local school district level. The CHSAA's administrative oversight for athletics and activities will resume when camps, clinics and fall sports practice dates are projected to begin, she noted.

"This isn't recreational park play or a free-for-all," said Blanford-Green. "Our schools will face some challenges, no different than pro-

fessional and collegiate sports to resume any level of student participation."

"Each district's individual date of return has been fully supported by our office," Blanford-Green continued. "Our school administrators have assessed their local situations and have made the best decisions based on the safety and well-being of their students and school personnel."

In an email to schools, the commissioner provided suggested recommendations, referencing national, state and health guidelines to assist them with resuming activities and athletics while keeping safety standards and protocols a priority.

"There is light at the end of the tunnel," Blanford-Green said. "As with [the] reopening our country and our state, taking incremental steps within the mandated and suggested guidelines will be critical in ensuring the success of transition-

ing from virtual to in-person.

"I have strongly recommended that each school or district have a comprehensive plan in place during this transition, and that their school communities including participants, parents and especially coaches are informed of the expectations prior to physical contact or conducting in-person sessions," she added.

"Our students, coaches, schools and the association are ready to re-socialize back to participation," Blanford-Green said. "The importance of returning to education-based athletics and activities reaches beyond a contest or a perceived scholarship. It is about reconnecting our students — socially, emotionally and physically."

The CHSAA Resocialization Task Force will meet after June 1 to begin discussions on athletics and activities for high school participation for the 2020-2021 school year.

Awards

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musicianship in so many ways. He is an accomplished pianist, he plays the horn at an All State level, he sings in PSHS choral groups and has delivered astounding lead roles on the theater stage. He is also arranging instrumental and choral music on the side. He is a complete musician in every way.

All State Band Award

Ethan Mazur has played the horn for only a couple years and yet he auditioned for the All State Band in December and made it into the prestigious All State Concert Band. Unfortunately, the All State Band event was canceled due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Choral Award

Grace Thompson has been in all the choral groups at PSHS and has been a key part of all the success of our music department. She has consistently qualified for several choral festivals each year since her sophomore year. Thompson has been a solid leader in all the choral groups she has performed in. She

has also given incredible lead role performances on the theater stage all four years.

Most Improved Award

As a freshman, Skylar Sherman came into the jazz band playing the alto sax and quickly rose to a first-chair level. She made great progress this year. We are looking forward to many great things from Sherman.

Music letters and pins

Honor Choir pins: Grace Thompson, Ella Hemenger, KC Yeneza, Hannah Girardin (with letter), Trenten Albach (with letter), Hayden Kiker (with letter), Chandler Mazur (with letter), Kaeden Thomas (with letter), Olivia Craig (with letter), Karissa Foster (with letter) and Carissa Foster (with letter).

Honor Band pins: Cerenity Keating, Case Harris, Ally Ashbaugh, Emma Happ, Grace Wiersma, Ethan Mazur, Gaby Gallegos, Hannah Girardin, Kelsi Rollins, Caleb Calabaza, Hayden Kiker, Mark Holladay, Lexie Valdez, Jessi Gurule, Makayla Collins (with letter), Skylar Sherman (with letter) and Zach

Olson (with letter).

Pep Band pins: Ally Ashbaugh, Hayden Kiker, Case Harris, Mark Holladay, Nina Smith, Hannah Girardin, Zach Olson, Caleb Calabaza, Andre Jones, Ethan Mazur, Skylar Sherman, Chandler Mazur, Alyx Velarde (with letter), Emma Ziminsky (with letter) and Chris James (with letter).

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By Lauren Savage
Fort Lewis College

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Town outlines changes in revenues due to pandemic

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Another update on the town's budget was given to the Pagosa Springs Town Council at its regular meeting on May 21.

Council had previously discussed the town's budget at its meeting on April 23, with anticipated reductions expected due to the coronavirus pandemic, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained.

"We committed to bring to you, basically, a new projection every month on our revenues compared to our actuals through the end of that month," Phillips explained. "This is giving us an estimate for the end of the year."

The town is still looking at a decrease in its revenues and has already made cutbacks to make savings, she explained.

A hiring freeze, cuts to the travel and training budget as well as cuts to supplies have been made, she described.

"We have also postponed some programs and canceled some different things like the K.I.D.S. Camp and some of our rec programs," she said.

Some projects that council will have to decide whether or not it wants to move forward with or not is the Cotton Hole project and

Hermosa Street Riverwalk trail, Phillips noted.

"If we want to try and construct it this year and take advantage of the good weather, we'll need to probably put it out for bid no later than maybe mid-June and award it in July," she said.

"I'm just going to continue to argue the fiscally conservative approach to everything this summer," council member Mat deGraaf said during the meeting. "I feel like by the time we get an understanding of where we sit financially, we will have already missed any sort of window for construction of especially these larger projects."

Within agenda documentation, the town's 2020 budget projects \$3,749,983 in annual revenues for the general fund, but by May the town had only received \$932,998 in revenues, leading to the updated year-end estimate of \$2,907,479.

The town's 2020 budget for the general fund estimates \$3,714,564 for expenditures for the year, but by May only \$1,326,408 in expenditures had been made.

Now, the year-end estimate for the town's general fund expenditures is anticipated to be \$3,633,156, according to agenda documentation.

The general fund's ending cash reserve is projected to be

\$1,889,626 in the budget, but by May the ending cash reserve was only \$1,725,198.

Now, the year-end estimate for the town's general fund's ending cash reserve is projected to be \$1,392,931.

The town's tourism fund had \$985,000 in projected revenues in the 2020 budget, but by May only \$225,938 had been received.

For the town tourism fund, revenues are now projected to be \$488,038 by the end of the year.

Town tourism expenditures were projected to be \$989,289.

By May, town tourism expenditures were only \$235,726, leading to the year-end estimate for that fund being \$992,995.

In a follow-up interview, Phillips explained that the year-end estimate was larger than the 2020 budget number because the town is anticipating going into reserves.

"We will probably have to do that in the general fund and capital fund as well, if revenues don't come up a little bit," she said.

The ending cash reserve for the town tourism fund was anticipated to be \$584,445 within the 2020 budget, but as of May the ending cash reserve was \$644,415.

The projected year-end estimate for the town tourism fund's ending cash reserve is \$149,246, according

to agenda documentation.

Phillips also noted that lodging establishments have been given until the end of June to pay lodging taxes, which will affect the tourism fund.

"Not only did they not have a lot of business, but some of them are choosing not to pay until later," she said.

Capital fund revenues for the town were projected to be \$7,344,272 for 2020, but by May, capital fund revenues were listed at just \$1,468,999.

The updated year-end estimate for capital fund revenues is projected to be \$7,096,303, according to agenda documentation.

Capital fund expenditures were projected to be \$7,755,774 in the budget, while by May expenditures were \$1,388,543.

Year-end estimates for capital fund expenditures are projected to be \$8,193,499.

"If it's larger on the expenditures side, that means that we're spending more than what we had anticipated. For the capital budget, that does happen when we're not able to get projects done in the prior fiscal year so they carry over into the next fiscal year," she said.

Projected ending cash reserves for the capital fund were \$788,430 within the 2020 budget, according to agenda documentation.

By May, the ending cash reserve for the capital fund was \$1,704,786, and the new year-end estimate for the ending cash reserve for the capital fund is projected to be \$527,133, according to agenda documentation.

These budget numbers are anticipated to change, Phillips explained, adding that town council will be getting an update each month.
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Village Pointe Property
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Plaintiff

v. JAMES T UMBARGER, et al.
Defendants
Case No.: 2020CV30018
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):

JAMES T UMBARGER
PAGOSA TIMESHARE LLC
PHILLIP A THOMPSON
LYNN ROGER YOUNG III
DANIEL GOLDBERG
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last

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

Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions:
Village Pointe Condominiums PHASE I Matter Amount
Property Owner: JAMES T UMBARGER and GAIL L UMBARGER
Unit Number: 7501
Building Number: 1
Unit Week Number: 32
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68
Interest: \$182.60
Late Fees: \$50.00
Total: \$2,362.28
Property Owner: PAGOSA TIMESHARE LLC
Unit Number: 7507
Building Number: 2

■ See Public Notices A15



Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

These geese enjoy an afternoon swim on a warm spring day.

Seeds of Learning to reopen June 1

By Pete Macomber
Seeds of Learning

Seeds of Learning will reopen June 1 after a government-mandated closure in March.

The early child care facility will be adhering to statewide regulations. Safety precautions will include monitoring children's temperature, reduced class sizes, strict regulation of drop-offs and pickups and extensive sanitization of the facility. There will also be a focus on

hygiene education and implementation with students and parents.

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, the annual Seeds fundraising event, has been rescheduled and restructured with plans to produce a live Web broadcast on Sept. 26. Viewer

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 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Total: \$2,362.28
 Property Owner: PHILLIP A THOMPSON
 Unit Number: 7502
 Building Number: 1
 Unit Week Number: 50
 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68
 Interest: \$182.60
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Total: \$2,362.28

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Village Pointe Condominiums PHASE II Matter Amount
 Property Owner: LYNN ROGER YOUNG III
 Unit Number: 7514
 Building Number: 4
 Unit Week Number: 42
 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68
 Interest: \$198.18
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Total: \$2,377.86

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 Property Owner: DANIEL GOLDBERG and ABBY GOLDBERG
 Unit Number: 7521
 Building Number: 5
 Unit Week Number: 10
 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68
 Interest: \$182.60
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Total: \$2,362.28

in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase III as recorded in Plat Filed No. 238A-F under Reception No. 179324 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration and Third Amendment to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase III recorded November 21, 1990, Reception No. 176233, Book 315, Page 350.

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Plaintiffs:
 STEPHEN J. AND MARY LOU A. MIRKA v.
Defendants:
 HARRY SWORDS, ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION)
PLAINTIFFS STEPHEN J. AND MARY LOU A. MIRKA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
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 Respectfully submitted this 21st day of April, 2020,
 /s/ Daniel L. Fiedler
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
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 MOUNTAIN MANNA, LLC v.
Defendants:
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Plaintiff: SAN JUAN RIVER RESORT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. v.
Defendants: LAWYERS TITLE OF PUEBLO, INC.; FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY; SAN JUAN RIVER RESORT, INC.; D. ALLEN GARDNER; JAMES E. STEPHENS; and FRANK E. GRIFFITTS
Plaintiffs in Intervention: C.E. SINNOTT FAMILY TRUST DATED MARCH 28, 2002; SAN JUAN RIVER HOUSE, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company; ELIZABETH L. FOX; ELIZABETH L. FOX AS TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES W. FOX FAMILY TRUST; TINA R. SONIAT DU FOSSAT TRUST DATED MAY 16, 2000; ROBERT SONIAT DU FOSSAT TRUST DATED MAY 16, 2000; ROBERT K. SONIAT DU FOSSAT; TINA V. SONIAT DU FOSSAT; NEIL GUNDELACH AND LINDA GUNDELACH, TRUSTEES OF THE NEIL GUNDELACH AND LINDA GUNDELACH LIVING TRUST DATED DECEMBER 16, 2009; CHRISTOPHER JOHN MOTT; TIFFANY RACHAEL MOTT; ROBERT BEECHAM; MARIA LOPEZ; GREGORY N. BURROUGHS; LARRY NIELLEY; SHAWNEE M. SHAWNEE; G. HESSING; LAURA J. HESSING; CARLOS R. GONZALES; RACHEL E. GONZALES; ALLEN S. BEACH; AND ANDREA J. BEACH; ROBERT D. CAMPBELL UNDER ROBERT D. CAMPBELL REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JULY 21, 2015.
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RIVER RESORT, INC., AN ARIZONA CORPORATION; FRANK E. GRIFFITTS; D. ALLEN GARDNER; JAMES E. STEPHENS; EVERBANK NOW KNOWN AS TIA COMMERCIAL FINANCE, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; SAN JUAN RIVER VILLAGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT; A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF COLORADO; BANK OF COLORADO; USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, A FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS ASSOCIATION; USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK (USA FSB); WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; TOF NATIONAL BANK; PRIME LENDING, A PLAINSCAPITAL COMPANY; FIRST SOUTHWEST BANK, A COLORADO CORPORATION; FIRST NATIONWIDE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A DELAWARE CORPORATION; BRYAN L. DUDMAN; KAREN A. DUDMAN; DCC ENTERPRISES, L.L.C., an Arizona Limited Liability Company; ROBERT RICKETTS; GUEPHA LYNN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AN NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC.; GAIL CAMPBELL; JULENE CAMPBELL; MARK A. RICHARDS; DOUGLAS W. NEUWALD; LYNNE I. ZAREMBA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR RBC MORTGAGE COMPANY; LEON ENSALADA; JOANNE ELIZABETH ENSALADA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR NORTH AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK, FSB; DONALD M. BLAIN aka DON BLAINE; NANCY BLAINE; RICHARD D. WELLS; JULIEA. WELLS; WADE C. MAURER; TRINAD. MAURER; BANK OF THE SAN JUANS, DIVISION OF GLACIER BANK; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; VAUGHAN R. TULLIS; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; JONATHAN D. WEATHERS; BONNIE M. WEATHERS; FELTS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES I, L.L.C., a Texas Limited Liability Company; ANK MICHELLE VISEL; ANTHONY BAKER; LISA BAKER; OCWEN LOAN SERVING, LLC; RALPH F. WALKER AND REBECCA RUTH WALKER, TRUSTEES OF THE WALKER REVOCABLE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 7, 2010; BIG W. PROPERTIES, LLC., a Colorado Limited Liability Company; K&R ENTERPRISES LLC; LINDA LEBO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR GARDNER FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD aka LEGACY MUTUAL MORTGAGE; PETER L. KEHOE; EDITH K. KEHOE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR BANK OF COLORADO; CHARLES PAUL MONNIN; LYNN P. BOOTH; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC; RODNEY B. CULP; SHANNON R. CULP; JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; JAMES W. MILLER; J. C. WATSON; JOSEPH F. WATSON; JANET A. WATSON; CATHERINE S. GRAVES; WILLIAM GORDON GRAVES aka W. GORDON GRAVES; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; STATE FARM BANK, F.S.B.; DOUGLAS M. RANKEN; TERRI A. RANKEN; LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL BANK; WILLIAM R. MOORE AND DEBRA L. MOORE, TRUSTEES OF THE MOORE FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED OCTOBER 16, 2006; CHAD P. DIETERICH; SONJA C. DIETERICH; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST SOUTHWEST BANK; FIRST SOUTHWEST BANK; BARFORD E. HUFF AND BARBARA W. HUFF TRUSTEES OF BARFORD AND BARBARA HUFF IRREVOCABLE LIVING TRUST; EDWARD E. HEIMAN AND SIBYL M. HEIMAN LIVING TRUST, DATED APRIL 22, 2004; JAMES W. MILLER; CAROLE A. LECLAIR; RICHARD W. RAY; BRENDAN K. RAY; GARY D. FINE; NANCY L. FINE; W. BRUCE MCEACHARN; COMMERCIAL CAPITAL BANK; JAMES G. BANKSTON; NANCY GALBREATH; JOSEPH A. JORDAN; CHANTELE J. JORDAN; GREG S. HANSLIP aka GREGORY STEVEN HANSLIP; BEAR DOWN AND RIVER COMPANY, LLC; JANICE L. WITTMER; WILLIAM C. WITTMER; DERALL W. GARRETT AND TRAMES G. GARRETT AS CO-TRUSTEES OF THE GARRETT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 16, 2014; VECTOR HOLDINGS, LLC; SHREVE RODMAN SAVILLE; PAMELA B. SPRINGALL; ELSA WHITE, in her capacity as the Public Trustee and Treasurer of Archuleta County; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO; and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
 TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
 TO DEFENDANTS AND THIRD-PARTY DEFENDANTS NAMED ABOVE, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be entered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

Plaintiffs in Intervention and Third-Party Defendants are owners of lots and properties located within San Juan River Resort Unit 2, according to the amended plat of said subdivision filed for record May 4, 1971 at Reception No. 74360 and re-filed February 10, 1975 at Reception No. 62578 in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.

This is an action to quiet the title under C.R.C.P. 105. This case pertains San Juan River Resort Unit 2 and to the lot owners', lienholders' and the San Juan River Resort Property Owners Association's rights, if any, relating to a disputed area of real property caused by accretion of the San Juan River.
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
 Court Address: 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 1, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
 Phone Number: (970) 264-8160
Plaintiff:
 MOUNTAIN MANNA, LLC v.
Defendants:
 BOB RAU; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
 Submitting Attorney:
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 Case Number: 2020CV30037
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF MOUNTAIN MANNA LLC TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
 If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
 This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
 LOT 95 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74884.
 Respectfully Submitted this 5th day of May, 2020.
 Published in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*
 First Publication: May 14, 2020
 Last Publication: May 28, 2020
 Eggleston Kosnik LLC
 /s/ Paul Kosnik
 Paul Kosnik, #38663
 556 Main Ave.
 Durango, CO 81301
 (970) 403-1580
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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED
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 DELDEVE INC
 1133 N. 18TH STREET
 GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81401
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2015, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY LLC the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOTS 350, 351, 352, 377 AND 378, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED FOR RECORD JUNE 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885.
 Account Number: R004253
 Schedule Number: 569524406051
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2015-03303
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY LLC
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014.
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DELDEVE INC for said year 2014.
 That said BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY LLC on the 16th day of April 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property.
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY LLC.
 On the 15th day of October 2020, unless the same has been redeemed.
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
 Witness my hand this 4th day of May 2020
 /s/ Elsa P White
 Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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 SAMUEL KELSALL TRUSTEE OF THE RAW LAND ACQUISITION 55 LTD, A CA BUSINESS TRUST,
 DATED APRIL 12, 2007
 2921 Roosevelt Street
 CARLSBAD, CA 92011
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LOT 107 AND LOT 018 IN CHRIS MTN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868.
 Account Number: R004314
 Schedule Number: 569525104049
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2015-03304
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014.
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of SAMUEL KELSALL TRUSTEE OF THE RAW LAND ACQUISITION 55 LTD, A CA BUSINESS TRUST, DATED APRIL 12, 2007 for said year 2014.
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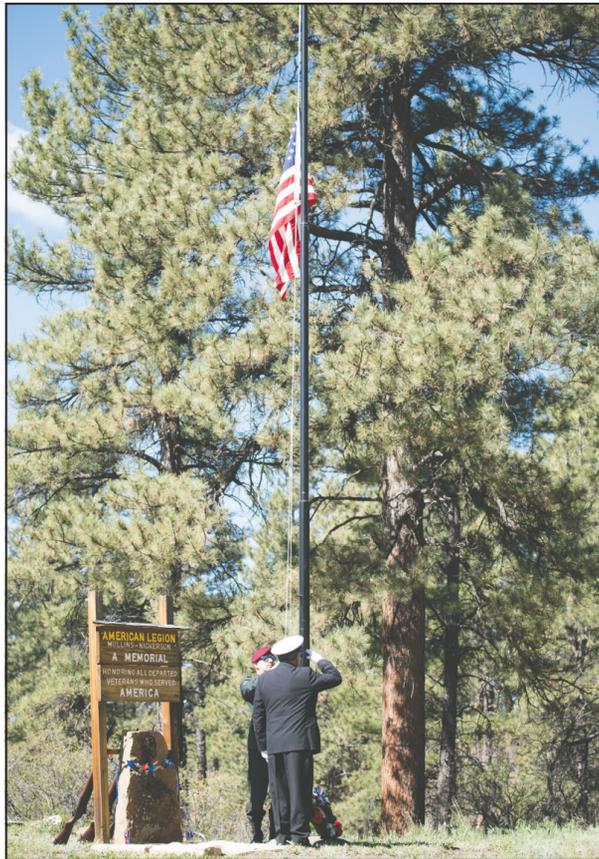
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LOT 017 AND LOT 018 IN CHRIS MTN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868.
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 313 DERBY DRIVE
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LOT 293 IN LAKE HATCHER PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD NOVEMBER 5, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 78738
 Account Number: R001775
 Schedule Number: 558336203091
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2015-03270
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014.
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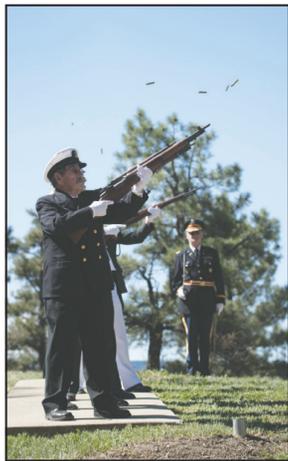
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Memorial Day ceremonies

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Despite the pandemic, the American Legion Post 108 Honor Guard held a pair of shortened ceremonies in honor of Memorial Day Monday, at the Legion's building on Hermosa Street and at Hilltop Cemetery. The San Juan Flying Squadron performed a flyover as part of the ceremony at Hilltop.



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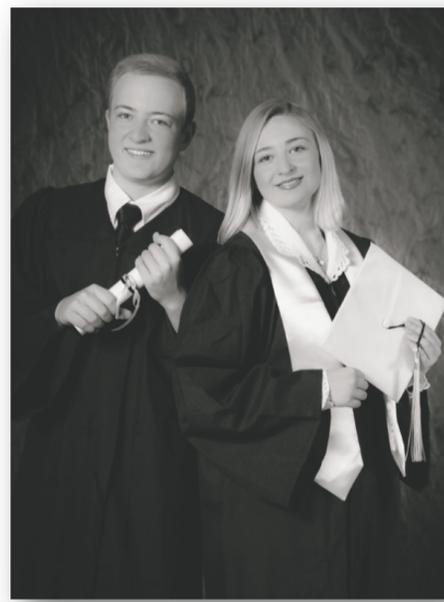
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The sum is greater than its parts

I love feel-good movies. You know the ones, where the underdog becomes the hero and the unexpected happens. Everything in me jumps for joy when I witness an average “Joe” become a champion while competing in the race he wasn’t supposed to win.

Have you looked around recently? Feel-good moments are happening right here in Pagosa. Good people doing for others, just because they can, sometimes beyond their own means.

There is a display of goodness in our little town of ordinary citizens — those who rise to meet the day by seeing a need and filling it. I hear story after story about people picking up food and delivering it to the shut-in and the elderly. Then there are those who go the extra mile under less-than-favorable conditions, just to help or be there for someone in need.

My Sweet Al and I have been firsthand recipients of the generosity, time and capability of others. We are blessed to be a part of the Pagosa family. Thank you.

I have always been grateful for the community in which we live. This was affirmed while watching the movie “Spare Parts.” It is the true-to-life story about four high school students who form a robotics club under the leadership of their school’s newest teacher, Fredi (George Lopez).

The students, challenged by perception and means, would have to beat the odds to find out who they are and what they are able to accomplish, doing so by becoming like the spare parts that would eventually become their masterpiece.

As we watched this story unfold,

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we applauded the determination of the underdogs as they discovered and used their God-given talents. Seeing others reach beyond themselves, reminded us what we are capable of doing ourselves.

Four young men, carrying the weight of life on their shoulders, found a way to stand tall and proud to the dismay of those around them. Only one teacher, who carried baggage of his own, would provide the support the teens needed, even if it was nothing more than to believe in them.

With little more than a dream in their heads, the youth set out to create a robot that would compete against high schools and colleges nationwide. Their budget was a mere fraction of what the other schools had, forcing the team to scavenge for old cars, plumbing and electrical parts.

Each of the four boys had something that the others were missing. One had the tenacity and drive that kept everyone focused. Another had the skills and creativity that made the impossible possible. Still another had the physical strength to carry the team. Lastly and most importantly, one of the boys had PlayStation skills that would take the project to the top.

The complexities of life can stall even the greatest of efforts. But when just one person exercises a unique talent that others are void

of, the effort becomes a stop-gap measure that provides needed momentum.

This movie, as well as what I see around me in our community, provides an important lesson about how beautiful something can become when a missing part is substituted with a spare. This gives true meaning to the saying, “the sum is greater than the value of its parts.”

On a personal level, I have been able to experience the sum being greater than its parts through the introduction of a new friend. I met “the good doctor” after reading an article in The SUN newspaper about curly horses. As a writer, I needed to understand the life of a rancher, which is beyond anything I know. Through collaboration, I am able to create a protagonist by walking in the footsteps of someone who knows that character better than I do.

As a result of our efforts, we will be able to bring awareness to the Sulphur horses which are near extinction. My next novel is about a frontier family and the effort of one young man to save the Spanish equine with its unique genetic traits.

Final brushstroke: It doesn’t matter if we need to run an errand, find means to care for ourselves or if working on our favorite project. We live in a community that is as diverse as the landscape around us. Let’s continue the beauty of the day by being the spare part that others may need. It only takes a minute or costs a few dollars to complete where others have need.

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Pagosa Farmers Market to open June 20

By **Pauline Benetti**
Southwest Organization for Sustainability

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 — so-pagosa.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.

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Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha’I Faith

By **Paulette Heber**
Baha’I Community of Archuleta County

The Baha’I Community of Archuleta County hosts weekly devotionals every Sunday morning from 10 to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. All are welcome.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/884668836?pwd=bkdEeVlaSWN0bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09>. 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 31, our theme is service.

The Baha’I Faith is a world religion whose purpose is to unite all people of the world in one universal cause, one common faith.

“Strive that your actions day by day may be beautiful prayers.

“Turn towards God, and seek always to do that which is right and noble.

“Enrich the poor, raise the fallen, comfort the sorrowful, bring healing to the sick, reassure the fearful, rescue the oppressed, bring hope to the hopeless, shelter the destitute.” — Abdu’I Baha.

To learn more about the Baha’I Faith, please visit the official international website of the Baha’I Faith at www.bahai.org. Our local contact is archuletabahais@gmail.com.

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Remembrance and a breakthrough

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

I stood at the gravesite of my stepmother on a beautiful spring day. Enveloped in the soft breeze of the Holy Spirit, God spoke into my heart. “An empty grave represents an empty life.”

A subtle depiction of the dark shell that surrounded her very existence. On the outside she demanded perfection. Perfect children and home provided the ideal camouflage for the truth hidden deep beneath the façade of lies.

One by one, she drove family away through harsh words and treatment. My dad divorced her after years of verbal abuse. Her dysfunctional connection with her children stemmed more from responsibility than love.

I closed the door to my youth and walked out of her life. I did not want to become her, cold, angry, bitter and alone.

She died the way she lived — void of substance and compassion.

I stood in somber silence as a lone teardrop ran down my cheek and wondered if she ever suffered remorse. Holidays and family get-togethers ruined by one of her outrageous episodes flashed through my mind. She single-handedly destroyed everything she touched with hateful words and actions.

Another tear prompted a second question. Did she even once sense the pain of guilt from her quick response of cruel words meant to lower self-esteem, or the physical mistreatment when words failed to hit their mark? Her unrestrained rage lashed out like the claws of a wild animal.

The tears continued as I reflected on the past. I resented the unappeasable control she held over our family. Jealous of others’ influence, she contrived deceitful schemes to drive relatives out of our lives. Denied a relationship with grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, we were resigned to the full weight of her wrath. Threats of retaliation were meted out with extreme harshness if anyone dared to question her authority. Painful confrontations left a large chasm of unforgiveness in my heart.

I mourned the broken bond of a mother and confidant. Someone to compare secrets with, who believed in me and my dreams. Instead she ridiculed and smirked when I bared my heartfelt childish aspirations. Incapable of unconditional love, she preferred a cold, hard-hearted love.

My heart ached from disappointment over the loss of a grandmother’s love for my kids. Summer vacations missed, bedtime books unread and brownies never baked. So many lost opportunities be-

A Matter of Faith

I closed the door to my youth and walked out of her life. I did not want to become her, cold, angry, bitter and alone.

cause of her critical spirit. The sudden wave of memories brought me to my knees, and I wept a lifetime of unshed tears.

When I look back over the years, I contemplate, when and how did I forgive my stepmom? Forgiveness didn’t transpire overnight. It wasn’t a onetime, cure-all prayer. The deep internal wounds were dealt with one memory at a time.

A breakthrough came through remembrance. God uncovered deleted portions of my childhood, the ones suppressed deep below the grief and resentment. I recalled everyday incidents and smiled. Simple events from an innocent time. God substituted the empti-

ness and sorrow with his joy. Bit by bit the good replaced the bad.

Freedom from past hurts and anger started when I became a Nana. “Let me tell you a story about Nana as a little girl.” I laughed as they rolled their eyes. Forgotten stories became an intricate part of forgiveness.

I brought Bible characters to life on our patio surrounded by grandkids and remembered similar times spent on my parents’ front porch. We put our heads together and poured over an old family recipe in the kitchen. Giggles erupted with a dropped egg or spilt milk. The smiles on their faces as they gobbled down sugar cookies hot out of the oven made cleanup worthwhile.

For me, the ultimate regret would be the inability to create my own legacy. To pass on little threads of my childhood to grandchildren.

Because of Jesus, my story is one of ashes to beauty. A past buried under layers of unforgiveness, resurrected to reveal the fullness of his mercy. The darkness beneath the earth did not diminish the light of God’s love.

“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” —I Corinthians 13:4-7.

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By Lisa Burnson
New Thought Center
for Inspirational Living

“Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of this is to see what you believe.” — St. Augustine.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, May 31, at 10 a.m. for our weekly service.

Our sanctuary is sanitized and set up for social distancing.

Staying home? Please tune into our YouTube channel: Pagosa New Thought.

Upcoming events

Meditation Circle is held each Wednesday at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

An 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#.

Cancellations

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

“Stories To Tell Us” is canceled until further notice.

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

About us

NTC is a New Thought center

based on fostering living a spiritually centered life and promoting the philosophies of the Centers for Spiritual Living and the Agape Centers. NTC honors all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the Divine.

We welcome local talent to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Have a hand in making a difference. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

NTC events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of the Best Western Lodge (elevator available).

Request a concentrated affirmative mind treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052; or calling (505) 604-5031. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought).

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Colorado Master Gardener Day. 1-3 p.m., CSU Extension office. Bring your plants/samples in for help with identification and problem solving. Please look on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CSU-ARCHCTY/> for updates.

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Saturday, May 30

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Tuesday, June 2

Vets4Vets. 10 a.m., Pagosa Springs Veterans Memorial Park, 220 Vista Blvd. This will be an outdoor meeting, so bring your lawn chair. We will be serving coffee and breakfast burritos at 9 a.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. The agenda will include a welcome back, update on organization business and the awarding of the 2020 Benny Lohman scholarships. We encourage you to practice social distancing, wear a face mask, don't shake hands and bring hand sanitizer.

Wednesday, June 3

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

songs and lots of activities. For more information, call Frank and Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

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Thursday, June 4

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Saturday, June 20

Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. Available for purchase will be essential products only. For more information, contact Pauline Benetti at 264-5232.

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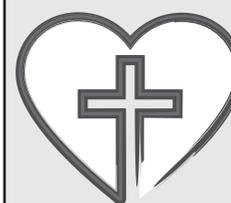


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- If you are struggling with faith or have questions go to <https://www.doesgodexist.org/>. John Clayton was a former atheist who came to belief in God through science. He was a science teacher specializing in physics and earth science.
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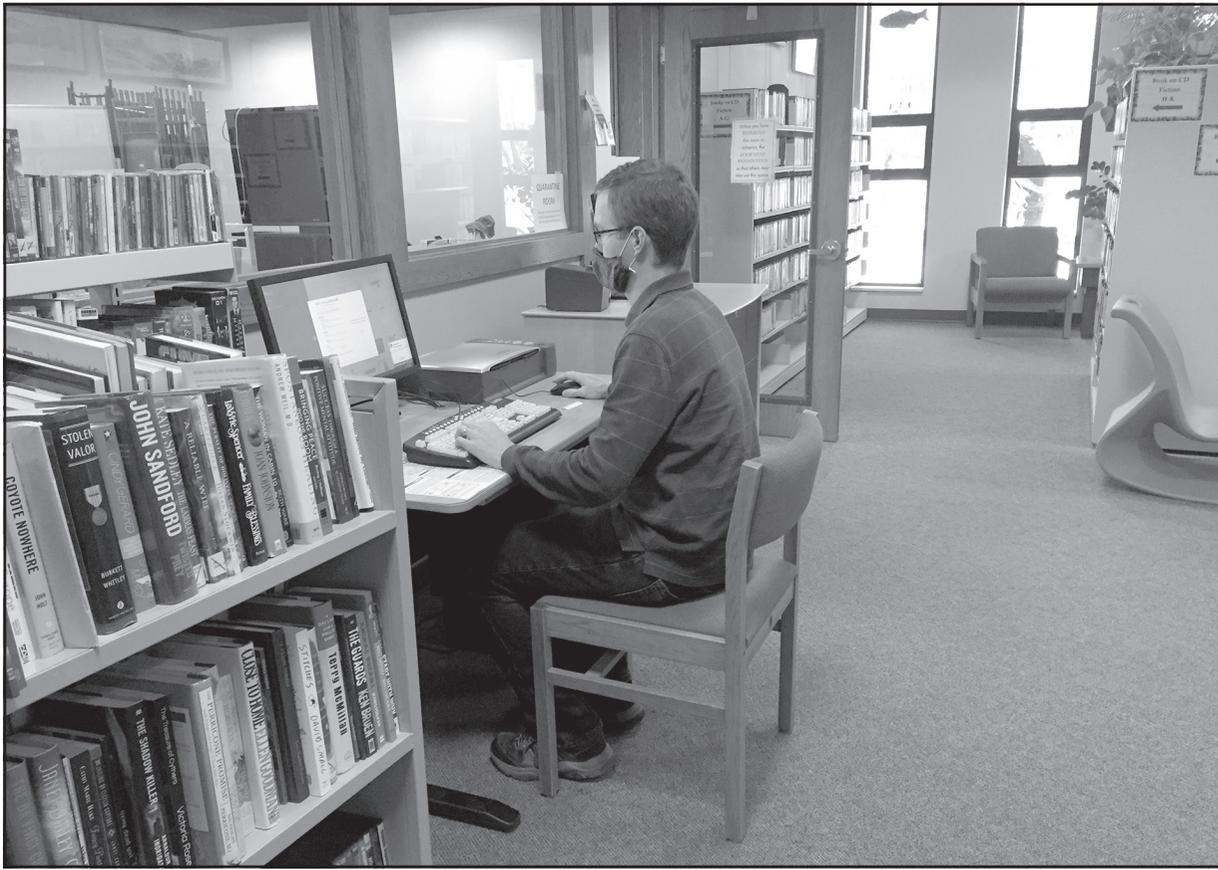


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Updates to returns and donations policies, plus Summer Reading Program and challenge starts June 1

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Your returns and donations now can be put into the drop box at the library, effective immediately — but not into the drop box at City Market because we still do not have any interlibrary courier service pickups there.

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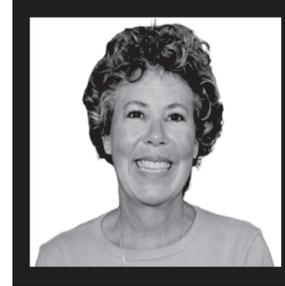
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of the first few pages of the book.

Summer Reading Program starts June 1

You're invited to sign up now for this year's free Summer Reading Program that runs from June 1 to July 31. Our theme, "Imagine Your Story," is a celebration of reading, storytelling and imagination. Fun activities are open to people of all ages and abilities.

- You will be given a "choose your own adventure" booklet full of activities and challenges designed to help you explore a world of stories. The activities are fun to do — and completing them makes you eligible to win weekly prizes purchased from local businesses.

The booklets include a map of an imaginary island that needs saving or it will fade away. As you travel to different places on the map and complete various tasks, you will save the island and be able to win prizes. The island is full of fun and interesting locations such as the Neighborhood Village, Fairytale Forest, Mythic Mountains, Cliffs of Adventure and more.

- There are adventure booklets for four groups: pre-K, K-5, teen and adult. You can pick them up curbside at the library and view them on our website. As well, many booklets will be delivered through the school lunch delivery program.

- Are you ready to begin your journey? Contact the library to sign up. Call us at 264-2209, email us at ruby@pagosalibrary.org or register online at pagosalibrary.org/summer-reading. We just need to know your name, contact information and what age group to assign you to.

- In addition to the adventure booklets, a new challenge will appear each week in this "Library News" column and be announced on KWUF Radio. Anyone who completes the challenge will be entered to win a weekly drawing for various prizes.

Challenge 1: Book review

The first challenge of the Summer Reading Program is to share the title of a book you have recently read with a one or two-sentence review on why you liked or didn't like it. Share by going to the library's Facebook page, giving the library a call or sending us an email. Include your name and contact information with your review and you will be entered to win a weekly drawing for various prizes we've purchased from local businesses.

Special note to parents and caregivers

The Summer Reading Program is one of our most popular events of the year. It's fun and it's educational. Also, it will help your children avoid the dreaded "summer



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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.

One recent study showed that seventh-graders lose on average 36 percent of the previous year's reading gains and 50 percent of their math gains over a regular summer.

Census information on second homes

To complete the census online, go to my2020census.gov, or call (844) 330-2020 for the English version or (844) 468-2020 for the Spanish version. Please phone the library at 264-2209 or email us at ruby@pagosalibrary.org if you have any questions regarding the census.

- Completing the census if you own a second home: The census counts people where they live and sleep most of the time. If you split your time between homes or own a second home, you can help the census be more accurate and efficient by responding appropriately. If you receive an invitation to respond to the 2020 Census at your usual residence (where you live and sleep most of the time), then you should respond to that invitation and provide information about all of the people who

live with you. If you are away from where you usually live when the invitation arrives, you can respond online or by phone by providing

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• If you receive an invitation to respond to the 2020 Census at a seasonal or vacation residence (where you do not live and sleep most of the time), and you know that no one else usually lives there, then you can respond online or by phone and answer “no” when asked if you or anyone else is living or staying at that address on April 1, 2020. This will allow us to mark the seasonal residence as vacant so that the Census Bureau does not have to send a census taker to follow up in person. For example, if you own a home that you rent out to short-term vacationers, you could respond for each property, indicating that no one usually lives or stays at that address. Even if the house is rented out the week of April 1, mark “no” if the renters usually live someplace else.

• This does not apply to long-term rentals. Landlords should never respond to the census for their tenants.

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. This expansion allows you to park farther apart while safely accessing from your car or truck.

Other services available now

Here’s a reminder of our other current services under the state’s Safer at Home guidelines:

1. Curbside service outside the front door allows you to 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 something from home, please wait for your usual alert (email or text) before coming to pick it up.

2. If you do not have a library card but want to use our on-

line 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.

3. We also are admitting a very limited number of people into specific areas of the building for computer appointments Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you want to make a computer appointment, call the library at 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary.org to schedule a time. With some possible exceptions, computer appointments will be 45 minutes. This shortened period allows time for staff to clean and disinfect the computers between uses. Also note that in compliance with the San Juan Basin Public Health recommendations, you must wear a covering over your nose and mouth, such as a 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.

4. 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.

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

6. 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 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.

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DVDs

“Little Women” had six nominations including best picture at the

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CMS announces guidelines for reopening nursing homes

By Kay Kaylor
PREVIEW Columnist

I advocate for residents in extended care and assisted living residences as the region's lead long-term care ombudsman. I also am a Senior Medicare Patrol and State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor, all as an employee of San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA). Information on the many aging and care concerns will be included here.

Like all communities, long-term care ombudsmen nationally have expressed various feelings from the uncertainty due to visiting restrictions for residents in facilities. Unable to verify for themselves what is happening inside facilities, the ombudsmen work on what they can control and are awaiting guidance from a Recovery and Reentry Resources Workgroup.

In the meantime, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued on May 18 its guidelines for reopening nursing homes. The recommendations for state and local officials are divided into three phases tied into the Open-

Area Agency on Aging

ing Up America Again phases. The criteria consider the severe impact COVID-19 outbreaks have had on facilities, leading to high rates of infection and death.

The "vulnerable nature of the nursing home population, combined with the inherent risks of congregate living in a healthcare setting, requires aggressive efforts to limit COVID-19 exposure," the memo states.

CMS urges careful review of its criteria and actions at both local and state levels, with health officials, including the state inspection agency, collaborating and considering options that could vary by each facility and county. Factors to evaluate include the case status in the community and in the facilities, adequate staffing at each nursing home and access to testing, with

the minimum capacity to weekly test all residents and staff until all test negative. The nursing homes must have an arrangement with labs to process highly effective tests within 48 hours and, as before, written protocols for screening staff, residents and visitors.

Other important factors follow: The facilities also should have control over visitors to ensure the wearing of a face covering, maintaining of social distancing, and washing or sanitizing of hands. The local hospital should be able to accept transfers from the nursing homes. Finally, staff must have access to enough personal protective equipment based on federal or other guidelines.

For facilities that have had a "significant" outbreak, CMS recommends a state health department survey before reopening. Reopening also should not occur until 14 days after a community's phased reopening.

SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare. For further information, please call or text 403-2165 or send an email to leadombudsman@sjbaaa.org.

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2020 Academy Awards. "Life of the Party" stars Melissa McCarthy as a mother who returns to college and ends up in the same class as her daughter. "Be Natural" is a documentary about French filmmaker Alice Guy-Blache. "For Sama," a video letter to her young daughter amid the horror in Aleppo, Syria, won the Oscar for best documentary feature in 2020.

Nonfiction

"Good Morning, Destroyer of Men's Lives" by Nina Renata Aron is a memoir of romance and addiction. "Sacred Centerings: The Well-ness Games" by Dr. Dean Sanna and Amanda Beasley shows you how to use Sacred Centering cards to help you remain centered and calm no matter what is going on around you. "The Eighth Garfield Treasury" and "The Tenth Garfield Treasury" are two collections of the Garfield Sunday comics. "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen R. Covey is an updated version of this book that has been a bestseller for 30 years.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Revenge" by James Patterson and Andrew Holmes features a former SAS soldier investigating an apparent suicide. "Devoted" by Dean Koontz is a thriller about a

terrifying threat to humanity.

Donations

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Quotable quote

"Most parents still do have something their college kids don't: important, relevant life experiences. If you've lived long enough to parent a college-age kid, then there is a good chance you've faced the kind of crisis or challenge where you frankly did not know if everything was going to work out ... If so, then you know there is a key word that helps you endure. You make it — or you don't — together. That's the experience of the 'band of brothers' ... You know that regardless of what comes, you make it as one." — David French, Time columnist, in a May 4 essay in the magazine.

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Medical alert monitoring system help available

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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Senior shopping assistance program

The Pagosa Senior Center has initiated a senior shopping assistance program during this period of pandemic emergency. Many members of our community are practicing social distancing and voluntary isolation, and access to groceries and prescription medicine has been identified as a critical need. A hotline has been established to connect with a Senior Center volunteer to get the process started. The access number is 422-7084.

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

Drive-through pick-up lunch and breakfast at the Senior Center

We are continuing our temporary closing of the congregate dining room due to coronavirus (COVID-19). Now that there are confirmed cases in Archuleta County, our clients are the most at risk for the virus.

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 are 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

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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. 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.

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

The Community Café menu

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

Friday, May 29 — Turkey potpie, bacon green beans, cranberry sauce, milk, salad and banana pudding.

Monday, June 1 — Chicken king ranch casserole, charro beans, zucchini medley, milk, salad and snickerdoodle cookies.

Tuesday, June 2 — Ham with pineapple sauce, baked sweet potato, broccoli with butter, milk, salad and cranberry salad.

Wednesday, June 3 — Crab cakes with remoulade sauce, coleslaw, steamed asparagus with lemon, milk, salad and poached pears.

Thursday, June 4 — Turkey spaghetti, spring pea medley, baked tomato Provencal, milk, salad and lemon cream pie.

Reservations and cancellations are required. You can make a

reservation at 264-2167 by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you would like to drive through and pick up a meal at The Community Café at the Senior Center in the Community Center.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always pick up. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days. We want to thank everyone for their support by observing our reservation policy. This helps ensure that everyone with reservations receives a meal and enables us to provide additional and healthier meals.

Maintaining good mental health is essential

By John Lough
American Counseling Association

The last few months have left many of us feeling shaken. Life can be more difficult and hard to manage when we are so strongly affected by things far outside our area of control. But one of the secrets to getting through difficult times is to focus more heavily on those areas of our lives which we can control.

A starting point is your physical health. While that certainly means doing all you can to minimize your

exposure to the COVID-19 virus, it also means working to keep yourself in the best physical condition possible.

Regular physical exercise, as we all know, is important regardless of a major health crisis. But with today's worldwide health problems, it's vital to do all you can to help your body face any threats it may encounter. Although your local gym or YMCA may have had to close, this isn't an excuse to become a sloth. Want a home workout? Check the literally thousands

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Tips to financially withstand a recession

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For many people, the Great Recession that began near the end of the first decade of the 21st century was a distant memory as recently as early March. The year 2020 began with a thriving economy, but years of gains in the stock market were washed away as a result of the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, leading to fears that a potentially devastating global recession was on the horizon.

The outbreak of COVID-19 is a public health crisis the likes of which many people have never encountered. While surviving the virus and preventing its spread is the utmost priority, the economic impact of the outbreak is hard to ignore. Tens of millions of people throughout the United States and Canada have lost their jobs, leading many to wonder how they can financially withstand what some economists predict will be a prolonged recession.

No one knows what the future has in store, but adults may be wise to begin taking measures to help them make it through a recession unscathed.

- **Avoid high-interest debt.** High-interest debt like credit card balances can make it hard to stay ahead of a recession. Such debt also can contribute to stress as people struggle to pay their bills. Avoid using your credit card if possible, as credit card interest rates tend to be especially high. If you have existing credit card debt, pay

it down as quickly as possible to avoid hefty interest charges.

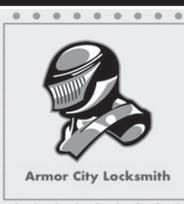
- **Save more, even if you're still working.** A 2019 survey from Bankrate.com found that 21 percent of respondents were not saving anything for retirement, emergencies or other financial goals. The sudden and steep economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak showed many people just how vital it can be to save for emergency situations like job loss. People who have lost their jobs, those who have been furloughed or those who suspect their jobs may be in jeopardy should focus on saving as much as possible once they have paid down all of their high-interest debt. Savings accounts can serve as financial safety blankets that can help people survive long periods of unemployment or reduced wages, ensuring they can purchase necessities like food, pay for their housing and maintain their vehicles.

- **Continue your education.** Education can help people recession-proof themselves. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) notes that the unemployment rate varies by education level. The more educated tend to fare better during times of recession than those with less education. For example, statistics from the DOL indicated that the unemployment rate for workers with a bachelor's degree or above was 8.4 percent in May of 2020, while the rate for workers whose highest level of education was a high school diploma was more than double that (17.3

percent). Higher education is an expensive investment, but it's one that can help people withstand the challenges posed by recessions and economic downturns.

The financial pressures posed by a recession can be significant, but certain strategies can help workers navigate the uncertainty of such downturns.

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A 2014 study by W. Marshall Frasier conducted by the Colorado Weed Management Association, Colorado Departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture, and Colorado State University addressed the cost of noxious weeds in Colorado. The article is titled "Economic Impact of Invasive Weed Species in Colorado."

Loss of value was calculated by three use components: the average economic value of uninvaded parcels, proportion of diminishment of economic value due to the presence of 10 weed species and the proportion of invaded land which displaced value activity. The product of these three values identifies the cost of weed presence.

The total cost of these 10 species was \$13,838,920 when the costs to agricultural land, wildlife habitat

and recreational lands were combined. The data that was considered in this report came from one source: county weed managers.

Mapping is voluntary and not all programs have weed districts, meaning that the data has many gaps and should be considered a conservative report. This analysis did not take into consideration the cost of controlling noxious weeds by private landowners and public agencies, but rather the degradation of value to land due to the presence of noxious weeds. Simply put, noxious weeds by virtue of being here cost Colorado nearly \$14 million before control measures are considered. The cost of doing nothing to control weeds is monumental.

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Trailing San Juan Mountain trails

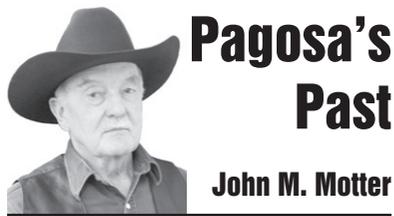
Have you ever entertained company from out of town and gone through the following scenario? Visiting friend Waldo has loafed around the house for a couple of days, the fried chicken is gone, the drinks are drunk, most of the war stories have been repeated until, when you clear your throat, open your mouth and start with “have you ever heard ...?” a chorus of groans generates silence.

Waldo has been staring out the window when the idea bulb lights up over his head. “You know what?” says he. “Think I’ll just go over there and take a little hike through those pine trees. Won’t be long.” And out the door he goes.

Won’t be long gets longer and longer; everybody is tired of snack-in’ and no Waldo. Eyes meet eyes and someone says, “Maybe we better go look for Waldo.” About the time three or four men are on the front porch zipping up their jackets, Waldo shows up.

“You didn’t have to worry,” Waldo asserts. “Might’ve been out there a little longer than you expected, but I lost the trail.”

Think about it. Truthfully, trails don’t get lost. People do. It’s not so rare as you might think. I heard a story once about a hunter lost in Maine. When one of the local guides found him, his excuse was, “I lost my compass.” The guide builds a fire to warm things up before starting home. Lost hunter hovering over the fire quips, “That feels toasty. Think I’ll slip off my boots and warm my feet.” As the second boot drops to the floor,



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the lost compass reappears and bounces across the floor. Every eye focuses on him, busily rubbing his hands together over the fire, a silly grin on his face.

In Pagosa Country, hunters get lost almost every hunting season. I remember when a group of hunters asked for help finding a buddy lost on Wolf Creek Pass. Finally, he was located on a mountain shoulder up above Treasure Falls. “I lost the trail,” he uttered. We locals looked at each other knowingly, but kept quiet. We all knew we could hear and see cars and trucks crossing Wolf Creek Pass from the place the lost man was found.

That’s not to say I couldn’t get lost. Back in the day, when I’d head out on a fishing expedition, I’d tell friends where I was going followed up by, “Don’t worry. I’ll come out somewhere.” I knew if I went down-hill, I’d eventually hit a road.

Most of my trout fishing expeditions followed a branch of the Piedra or San Juan rivers up a canyon. To come home, I just had to retrace my steps down the river. On my San Juan National Forest map, I’d noticed that somewhere not too far from where I was fishing — whether north, west, east or south — there was a road.

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The true happiness of Ben

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

As Steven climbed into his van, he thought a lot about Ben. Ben was slightly mentally slow, and some high school kids made fun of him. But Ben was always happy. No one ever saw him without a smile.

Steven had seen some senior boys make fun of Ben, and Ben just rolled with it. Steven could see the hurt in Ben's eyes, but his happy smile never faded. Steven was sure everyone liked Ben, even the boys who teased him. They just got caught up in the teenage group mentality.

Steven thought about a particular day in his English class. The assignment had two parts. They first had to write about what they liked, and then they had to write about what they would change if they could.

As the students started reading their papers, they were all much the same. They liked their smartphones, their gaming systems, fancy cars, and expensive dates. What they would change was always others. They would change how this group or that person would act, how this teacher would grade, or how their parents would deal with them. After many of these, it was Ben's turn.

Ben struggled to read what he had written, and at first, as he did, there were lots of snickers. But as he continued, the class grew quiet. Ben said he loved to rock his baby brother and feed him his bottle. Ben liked it when the baby fell asleep in his arms. He liked hot cookies fresh from the oven, rainbows, and sunrises and sunsets. He liked to see baby animals born in the spring. He liked Christmas lights and seeing the family gathered together on Christmas morning. Nothing in Ben's paper said anything about expensive presents, but everything was about family and the joy of life around him.

When Ben read his part about what he would change, a person could have heard a pin drop. Never

once did he mention someone else. He said if he could, he would change himself. He would be a better son, a better brother, a better friend. He wished he could read and write better and be smarter. But the reasons he gave were not for his own benefit, but so he could be a help to others, especially his younger siblings.

Steven was called on next. After hearing what Ben had said, Steven was embarrassed about what was in his paper.

Never once did he mention that he wished others would treat him better, nor did he complain in any way.

Steven was called on next. After hearing what Ben had said, Steven was embarrassed about what was in his paper. Steven knew Ben's simple list was far more important in what really mattered. Steven couldn't even read his essay. He put it away and spoke from his heart. All who followed did the same, and Steven knew that Ben, in his simple

way, had changed them all.

That night Steven went home and asked his mother if he could feed his baby sister her bottle. His mother looked surprised. Steven had always acted annoyed at having a noisy baby around the house, and indeed, he had been annoyed. But as he cuddled the sweet baby in his arms, and she smiled up at him, he felt closer to heaven than he had ever felt before.

Steven's thoughts came back to the present, and he watched all the other students climb into his van. When the van was packed with students, he drove them to his house. He went inside, and his mother handed him some hot cookies fresh from the oven. He and his friends then drove to the hospital. The same ailment that made Ben struggle mentally was taking his life. The group hoped to bring some cheer to him.

Ben greeted them with his usual smile. Other than the fact that he looked weak and pale, a person would not know his life was ending. He was happy, as always. He loved the warm cookies and insisted on sharing them with everyone. His happiness and laughter were contagious, and those who had come to bring Ben cheer found themselves the ones that were cheered.

Ben passed away the next day. The funeral was much like Ben, full of happiness for the kind of life Ben had lived. His family didn't have a lot of money, and Ben's many friends donated to defray funeral costs. They also created a fund for the tombstone.

When Memorial Day came, Steven went to the cemetery specifically to see what had been written on the headstone. When Steven read what was written, he felt nothing could be more appropriate. It simply said, "He was always happy and made others feel happy too."

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One of my favorite history persons was Kit Carson. Kit couldn't read or write, but if you wanted to go anywhere in the USA West, Kit could take you there and get you home. His most famous trips came about when he made two trips from California to Washington, D.C., and back, horseback, 60 days per trip. One trip was in 1847, the other in 1848.

I did see the name "Kit" carved in a rock near the remains of one of the old museums in Arizona. The man really got around.

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Bird of the Week



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During breeding season, the male is one of the most spectacular ducks, with its metallic purple-green head boldly marked with white stripes, red eye and red bill with a yellow patch at the base. During late summer, when no longer trying to attract females, the male grows gray feathers, but still has the red eye and bill.

The female is grayish brown with a white tear-drop eye ring. Both males and females have a uniquely shaped head and crest that they hold upright with a thinnish neck. This helps to distinguish them from other ducks at a distance.

These rather shy ducks are mostly found in shallow ponds, swamps or lakes with trees or vegetation near the edge. They are one of the few species of ducks that have claws on their feet and can perch in trees. They nest in tree cavities made by rot or other birds. These cavities are usually between 2 and 60 feet above the ground. They prefer tall trees overhanging the water.

The ducklings are born with feathers and leave the nest when they are only a day old. Their mother calls to them from the water and the ducklings make a breath-taking leap of faith out of the nest and into the water. One batch of ducklings was observed leaping from a 300-foot-high nest. (There are several videos of leaping ducklings on YouTube.) The ducklings stay with the mother in the water until they are ready to fly. They dabble for their food, mostly plants and some small invertebrates.

With the loss of wetlands and competition from other species, suitable tree cavities are becoming rarer. Fortunately, many people make nesting boxes for these birds. There are several good online sites with instructions for making and installing them.

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How businesses can stay connected while working remotely

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Many businesses have long allowed staff to work remotely. Whether employees work from home full-time, part-time or simply when the need arises, remote working has made balancing personal and professional responsibilities much easier for millions of people.

But even businesses accustomed to remote workers faced challenges in the wake of the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. That outbreak forced many businesses to go fully remote in March, posing a unique set of challenges to business owners.

One of the biggest challenges with going remote, especially doing so as suddenly as businesses were forced to because of COVID-19, is maintaining communication among staff members. Email and chat applications like Slack facilitate communication for remote staff, but business owners and managers can utilize a handful of additional strategies to ensure the lines of communication with staff remain open.

- Set up daily calls. Daily conference calls with staff can be beneficial for the company and improve morale. Especially small businesses can do company-wide calls, while mid-sized to large businesses can schedule department-specific calls. These calls can ensure project deadlines are met, but also can serve as a stand-in for typical chit-chat that can make office environments warm and inviting. Start each call off by asking how everyone is handling remote working and encourage employees to share funny anecdotes about social distancing before getting down to business.

- Encourage employees to share

their schedules. Some employees may find remote working more challenging than others. For example, employees with young children whose schools or day cares have been closed may need more flexibility in regard to when they work. Managers must recognize that challenge and reassure working parents that they recognize the difficult position they're in. Fellow employees without such challenges also must make this recognition and afford co-workers a little extra time to get their work done, if necessary. While everyone should do their best to maintain a relatively normal schedule so deadlines can still be met, employees should be encouraged to communicate when they can work and when they need to step away. Doing so keeps idle time to a minimum and allows managers to set realistic goals for remote staff.

- Set up virtual lunch. Lunch can be a vital component of a strong business culture. Employees may bond over daily lunches together and may even hash out ideas for the company over sandwiches or slices of pizza together. Virtual lunches over an app like Zoom can be a great way to stay connected and continue to foster a strong company culture.

Keeping staff connected while working remotely can be challenging, but there are various ways to maintain a strong office culture even when the office is technically closed.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

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- Army bases
- L.A. problem
- Gaggle greeting
- Item in a Greek salad
- Bone-dry
- One opposed
- Sideline for some journalists
- Beach bird
- Lord's Prayer starter
- Search for food
- Rule from the bench
- Oust
- Wide's partner
- Check information
- Renowned
- Prefix with "shock"
- Selfies, e.g.
- Supply for a newborn
- Run over
- NY time zone
- Waste away
- More despicable
- Marsh growth
- Crime boss
- Setting for "Lawrence of Arabia"
- Reductions
- Type of staircase
- Word on a door
- Finn's floater
- If-all-else-fails strategy
- Continental coin
- Look like a creep
- Grazing ground
- PC maker
- Angry, with "off"
- Type of jacket
- Kind of idol

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- "Take ___!"

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- Type of commerce
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- Lame excuse
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- Pipe material
- Columbus, for one
- Abhorrence
- Diva's rendition
- Zestfulness
- Perimeter
- Boozer
- World-weary
- Like some remarks
- Prefix for "age" or "arm"
- Library no-no
- Mott's offering
- Flooring pro
- Put forth, as effort
- High-class tie
- Baltimore player
- Serious warning
- Abuse
- Buttercup's cousin
- Moved like a squirrel
- Needing a bit of body work
- Watering hole
- Use the on-ramp
- Vegas coin-eater
- Patti who sang "Tennessee Waltz"
- Cruise stopover
- At no cost
- Conflicted
- Woodshop tool

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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- 2** Census field staff will begin dropping off 2020 Census invitation packets at front doors of households in areas that do not receive mail at their homes.
- 3** This field operation does not require interaction between households and Census Bureau employees. Census staff will follow current federal health and safety guidelines at all times.
- 4** Received a 2020 Census invitation packet? Respond today using the code included in the questionnaire packet. Using your census code helps ensure an accurate count of our communities. Homes with a city style address can use their home address if they do not have a code.
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