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Pomp and strange circumstances



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Rain and a pandemic couldn't stop the graduates of the Pagosa Springs High School class of 2020 from celebrating their accomplishment Saturday. Instead of the traditional ceremony, the graduates and their families watched their virtual graduation in the style of a drive-in movie.

PSHS grads earn more than \$500,000 in scholarships

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs High School honored 75 graduates of the class of 2020 during a drive-in ceremony Saturday, May 30.

The class of 2020 garnered more than \$500,000 in scholarships, many of which are renewable, and had 15 students earn academic distinction.

The class had six students earn the high-

est distinction with a 4.0 GPA: Alexandria Ashbaugh, DJ Day, Piedra Goss, Mark Holaday, Elsa Lindner and Teagan Stretton.

Those graduates earning great distinction with a GPA of 3.9 are Megan Foster, Gabriela Gallegos, Daniel Laos, Isaiah Stene and Celia Taylor.

Those receiving academic distinction with a 3.8 GPA are Annabelle Bowles, Emma Happ, Tad Hittle and K.C. Yeneza.

The following is a list of the scholarships

awarded provided by PSHS Guidance Counselor Mark Thompson as of May 26.

Ashbaugh: American Legion Scholarship, \$1,000; Benny Lohman Memorial Scholarship, \$250; Chama Peak Land Alliance Scholarship, \$500; Dirk and Colt Ross Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; Durango Elks Lodge Veteran's Scholarship, \$1,000; UNC Provost Scholarship, \$1,250, renewable.

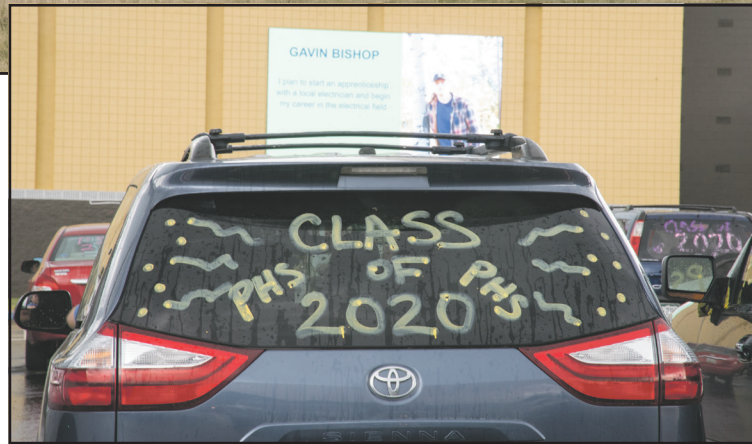
Bowles: Dirk and Colt Ross Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000.

Bryonna Armijo: Fort Lewis Presidential Scholarship, \$5,000, renewable.

Case Harris: CCU President's Scholarship, \$15,000, renewable.

Cedric Gerdes: Denver Scholarship, \$1,000, renewable; Huge Scholarship, \$4,000, renewable; Nebraska Wesleyan University Scholarship, \$15,000, renewable; NWU Campus Scholarship, \$1,000,

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4th of July:

- Parade canceled
- Rodeo tentative
- Fireworks still set
- Carnival canceled
- Park-to-Park still a go

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs will not be holding its annual Fourth of July Parade, following a Pagosa Springs Town Council decision at its regular meeting on June 2.

Additionally, the organizer of the carnival that comes into town annually during the summer informed town staff that he would not be able to put on the carnival due to logistics, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained during the meeting.

The town is hopeful that the Fourth of July fireworks display can

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Colorado moves into new phase of reopening

Testing expanded locally

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On June 1, the state announced the next phase of reopenings under a plan called Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors, which is in effect until July 1.

"Colorado has millions of acres of accessible federal land, municipal parks, state parks, state and county open space, and other accessible areas that allow for stronger social distancing in our great outdoors. Coloradans should Stay at Home or

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Charges dismissed against local police officer for reckless driving, unauthorized siren

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The case against Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) officer Justin Taylor for alleged reckless driving and operating a vehicle with an unauthorized siren was dismissed by the Sixth Judicial District Attorney's Office on Feb. 25.

The alleged incident took place on Aug. 31, 2019, outside of the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center.

An Archuleta County sheriff's deputy was notified of the alleged incident by an employee of a restaurant across the street from the

See Officer A8

PSMC estimates losing nearly \$2 million in revenue

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) lost an estimated \$775,000 in revenue in March and an estimated \$1.2 million in April, Finance Director Chelle Keplinger told the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors on May 26.

PSMC ended March with a net loss of \$199,217 and ended April \$65,994 in the positive after PSMC received stimulus funding.

PSMC's gross revenues for April came in at \$3,512,394 — more than \$1.2 million or 26.24 percent under budget and more than \$1.6 million

below the same month in 2019.

"I don't really know what to say about that," Keplinger told the board in response to the board's reactions to a graph showing the sharp decline in monthly gross revenue.

Board member Jason Cox commented the graph's downward trajectory would make a good ski run, but isn't good for financials.

"To preserve PPE and be prepared for a surge of COVID-19, PSMC suspended surgeries for over five weeks and has carefully started them up again. The suspension of surgeries as well as a substantial decrease in in-person patient visits during April resulted in PSMC's gross revenues

being \$1,240,299 (28.24%) below its budget," a Finance Committee report reads.

Year to date, the medical center's gross revenues of \$18,839,655 are 4.35 percent under budget and 1.46 percent under last year.

Of that gross revenue, PSMC registered \$1,809,102 in net patient revenue for April — 25.72 percent under budget and 37.57 percent under the prior year.

Year to date, PSMC's net patient revenue sits at \$9,487,356, which is nearly 6 percent below budget and 14.33 percent below last year's figure.

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Photo courtesy Kira Vicenti

Harris Lake provides a picture-perfect view in the sunshine last weekend. The lake is one of two bodies of water that can be accessed via the Buckles Lake Trail, located at the end of Buckles Lake Road.

Opinion

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He couldn't breathe

We had never heard of George Floyd before last week.

He was murdered on Memorial Day.

Videos of the incident surrounding his death show him lying facedown on a Minneapolis street pleading to breathe while a police officer put his knee on the side of Floyd's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds.

It has been reported that for the last 2 minutes and 53 seconds of that time, Floyd was unresponsive.

Another officer held Floyd's legs while a third officer held his back and another officer prevented intervention from a bystander.

You could hear Floyd saying, "I can't breathe."

Watching the video took our breath away. We had to turn our head. We couldn't bear to watch.

His death was ruled a homicide.

Floyd is an African-American.

The officer who is charged with second-degree murder in Floyd's death is white.

The other three officers have been charged with aiding and abetting murder in the death of Floyd.

Demonstrations and protests began the day after Floyd's passing.

While some of the protests were peaceful, others turned into destructive riots with stores looted and set on fire, dumpsters set on fire, standoffs and clashes between law enforcement and demonstrators, tear gas fired at protesters and chaos in the streets of cities and towns throughout the United States.

The 3rd Precinct building of the Minneapolis Police Department was torched and burned.

The National Guard was called in to provide assistance in communities across the nation.

Reporters were arrested while just doing their job in reporting the news by covering the demonstrations.

The murder of Floyd was unnecessary and wrong.

The fires, destruction and looting were unnecessary and wrong.

Arresting reporters was unnecessary and wrong.

This nation has witnessed some very dark and unsettling days of unrest since

Floyd's death.

However, in the days that followed, we have also witnessed peaceful demonstrations that took our breath away and made us weep.

We watched as hundreds of people protesting police brutality laid facedown in silence for 8 minutes and 46 seconds at the Colorado Capitol in a powerful display depicting the final moments of Floyd's life.

Demonstrators displayed signs with meaningful messages.

"Stop killing us."

"I can't breathe."

"Black lives matter."

"Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are."

The most powerful display we watched happened in Flint, Mich., where Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson showed the world what true leadership and compassion for mankind can accomplish.

A video shows Swanson taking off his helmet and engaging a group of protesters in conversation.

"We want to be with y'all for real. I took my helmet off, laid the batons down. We want to make this a parade, not a protest. These cops love you. That cop over there hugs people. So, you tell us what you need," Swanson said.

The crowd shouted for him to "Walk with us."

And, he did just that.

In a show of solidarity, Swanson joined the protesters, arm in arm, in a peaceful march.

It was a parade of support for mankind.

Here at home, we talked to Police Chief William Rockensock about Floyd's death. He told us about the Pagosa Springs Police Department's code of ethics, which he immediately forwarded to us:

"As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against abuse or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality

and justice."

The code also reads, "I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or abuse and never accepting gratuities.

"I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice."

Rockensock also shared his department's mission statement: "The mission of the Pagosa Springs Police Department shall be to promote a partnership between the community, businesses, government and law enforcement designed to reduce crime and improve the overall quality of life.

"We recognize that effective law enforcement and the prevention of crimes are achieved by establishing a professional and trusting relationship with our community.

"The Pagosa Springs Police Department is committed to engaging the community through the exchange of ideas and problem solving techniques, and by strengthening and establishing new partnerships in the community. The Department is committed to providing a safe and secure community and to preserve the quality of life for all."

It is tragic that on Memorial Day four police officers in Minneapolis didn't draw on their department's code of ethics and mission statement. If they had, we believe Floyd would be breathing today.

It has become clear that over the days since Floyd's murder, law enforcement officers who have stood in solidarity with and embraced those impacted by racism and inequality are the ones who will restore peace and make this world a better place.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 4, 1920

County Commissioners Fred Catchpole and David Hersch are this week making a tour of the lower country to determine the road and bridge needs, which have been considerably increased due to the flood waters.

A.R. Leap has opened a new store at the Piedra bridge.

If plans do not go amiss, L.O. Hardman will open the new Liberty theater in the Sullenberger block tomorrow evening. Sunday and Monday he will present "The Miracle Man," which will surpass all pictures ever produced in this city.

Four of the Archuleta county boys, who have been attending the Kemper Military Academy at Booneville, Mo., the past year, returned home Wednesday. The are as follows: Glen Hyler and Elmer Dutton of Pagosa Springs, John Dyke of Dyke, and Clifford Zabrickie of Pagosa Junction. George Hatcher, also a student there, is now at Denver, and will return with his father, G.S. Hatcher, as soon as the latter is able to leave the hospital.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 8, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Snooks are remodeling their ranch home. In fact it has a new roof which was built under the slack season and last week, Mr. Snooks "peeled" the old roof off and the new one was ready for service.

Jake Martinez has raised his house in the park, and now put a foundation under it. Now he is having it covered with Insulbrick.

A business deal was made Tuesday of this week when Juan F. Gallegos purchased the 440 acre ranch of the J.W. Melrose estate, south west of Pagosa Springs. Mr. Gallegos is one of the prosperous ranchers of the Stollsteimer-Arboles area and will use the newly acquired ranch for winter grounds for his sheep.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. McDonald of Los Angeles, Calif., have purchased the Jesse Thomson ranch near the Piedra bridge and will receive possession June 15th. The McDonalds plan to raise vegetables on their newly acquired ranch, specializing in celery.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 4, 1970

Announcement of the appointment of a new resident Project Manager, Fred A. Ebeling, for the Pagosa-in-Colorado project was announced today in an exclusive release to the Pagosa Springs SUN. Mr. Ebeling has a wide experience in all phases of land development and construction. For the past twelve years he has been managing land development and associated operations in the Denver area.

Fishing is improving as streams clear, lake fishing is very good when there is no wind, and some of the true fishing enthusiasts are starting to talk about pack trips into the high mountain lakes and beaver ponds. Flowers are blooming, campgrounds no longer look deserted, more care is needed on the highway, college kids are arriving home for the summer just about every day, and picnics and barbecues are the order of the day on weekends.

The weeds are still not high enough to hide the trash. This would be a very fine time to cut all of the weeds on your property and then to haul away the trash that is revealed.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 8, 1995

Carl Macht was sworn in Tuesday morning to fill the vacant position of county coroner. Macht will replace former county Coroner Gail Adams who resigned effective April 15. He will need to successfully seek election to the position at the next general election (November 1996) in order to complete the remainder of Adam's four-year term.

Reacting to a proliferation of vendors and peddlers doing business on the shoulders of U.S. 160 and to complaints concerning those enterprises, Pagosa Springs trustees passed an ordinance Tuesday night amending the municipal code regulating the activities of vendors, peddlers and solicitors within town boundaries. The ordinance notes a need to "dictate the location" of roadside vending operations, and goes on to ban any such activities on the sides of the highway from 7th Street west to Piedra Road on all property included in the town. The ordinance also imposes regulations on legal roadside vending operations.

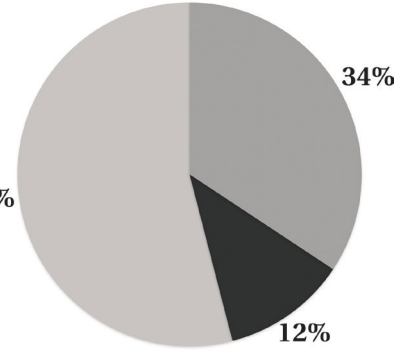
WHADDYA THINK?

What have you missed most about dining out?

Poll results (136 votes)

Socializing. — 34 percent
Having to cook more. — 12 percent
Going to my favorite restaurants. — 54 percent

Vote this week online: 54%
Do you agree with the decision to cancel the Fourth of July parade?
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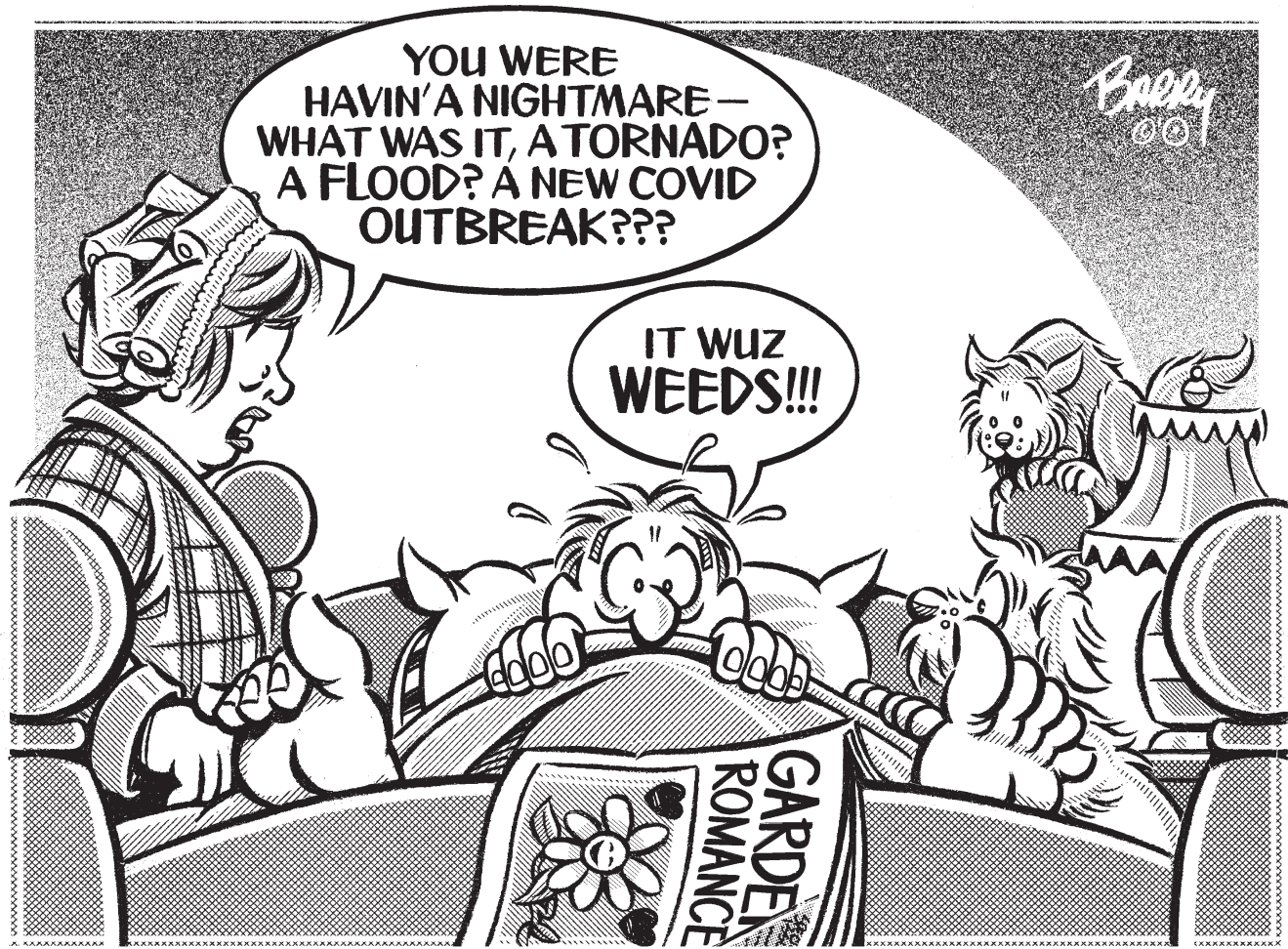
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Letters

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

'Open our town'

Dear Editor:
Life liberty and the pursuit of happiness, land of the free home of the brave, let freedom ring

Has anybody ever heard these words?

What governments lead the people through fear and intimidation? What countries force their people to rely on the government for their food and shelter? What country's control, track and restrict their peoples movement. What countries censor opposing opinions? Google and Facebook re-

moved an interview of doctors that stated they feel pressured to falsely report cause of death as covid.

You will be afraid by a virus that has proved to be bad and only deadly if you are old and or have a underling health issue. You will be intimidated if you have a business you will be threatened by the police fined or put in jail if you open your business and do not want to have your financial future ruined. Hospitals are not overrun by the sick and dying as the media stated. They stated there would not be enough ventilators. The media stated a million people could die in America. All of this did not happen but yet our businesses are shut down and the fear monger media continues. The state of Tennessee has been open for three weeks the hospitals there are not over run, people are not dying by the thousands. Could this be about control? Governor of Virginia wants use the covid to take away gun rights the governor of Wisconsin wanted to ban fishing from a boat what has that got to do with covid? I read that our governor Polis wants to make bars and restaurants shut down at 10 PM does the covid virus become worse after 10 PM? To bad we have to wait to vote out stupid. Our local business owners have the courage and determination to open an operate only to have the business put in jeopardy by a government that wants to continue to control people's freedoms through fear and intimidation. I am not afraid of covid I shall survive just like the other 1.5 million that have already survived. The old and or sick are the ones that may die I feel bad for them But the lives of 324 million Americans should not be put under lock down for the benefit of the few. 88,000 people died last year of the flu and almost that same number every year before for as long as we all have been alive. A recent graph I saw showed a 0.3 percent chance of dying of covid if you are under 60.

People of courage should be allowed to be free and live as they choose. People who are cowards should wear face masks if they choose and hide like frightened children during thunderstorm if

they choose.

Those people who are afraid should not be telling people of courage, strength and determination how and when they should work and how they should live. Is this the land of the free and home of the brave? OR is it the land of a socialist dictatorship and home of the Chicken Little. What do the Mayor Town Council and County Commissioner's choose? Oppression or freedom of choice. Open our town declare Pagosa Springs open for business a free people in a free land with unalienable rights to life liberty and pursuit of happiness.

George Brown

'Divided and ripped off'

Dear Editor:

I am so tired of all this winning. 4% of the world's population and 29% of world's covid deaths. We're #1. The liar in chief takes no responsibility for anything but destroys everything he comes in contact with. Six bankruptcies, a scam Trump University, numerous failed businesses, 3500 lawsuits and a trail of stiffed contractors and investors. He is not nor ever was a good businessman but relied on tax evasion and shady deals to give the appearance of wealth. He is a con man.

Now he is doing the same to the US. He has turned the Justice Department into his private law office. He has installed corporate lobbyists to run government departments. He has removed hundreds of EPA regulations that protect our health and environment. His administration is still in court to abolish the ACA. He has pulled out of the Iran and Paris agreements. He has removed Inspector Generals and are stealing or guiding \$billions to those that donate to him. And all the while, turning a blind eye to the affects of the pandemic, even playing politics on which states get needed supplies.

Then yesterday he ordered the tear gassing of peaceful demonstrators so that he could have a photo op, holding a bible in front

of a church. The irony is not lost on me. It was said that America could only be destroyed from the inside by those wrapped in the flag holding a bible. There have been writers to the paper that say Trump will always do right by all the American people, even though he retweets "the only good Democrat is a dead Democrat". That kind of disputes those statements. This man has no business being the leader of a law abiding citizenry and our Treasury. We are being divided and ripped off.

Dave Butcher

'We are vulnerable'

Dear Editor:

Several letters last week opposing emergency COVID-19 restrictions seem to put money and economic interests, along with a misreading of the U.S. Constitution, ahead of public safety and human life. The economy will come back, as it always does, but lost human lives will not. As of June 2, according to Johns Hopkins University, we have lost more than 105,000 American lives — about 3 times as many as any other country. Yes, as one writer points out, many of them are senior citizens, but are the lives of senior citizens worth less just because of their age?

It is also possible to mitigate the economic effects through emergency legislation. This was done twice, protecting many from the worst effects, until Trump, McConnell, and their ilk decided to make the emergency response to the coronavirus political. Recently, the House of Representatives passed \$3 trillion in support for state and local governments (read first responders, teachers, health care workers) and to Americans who have lost their jobs due to the crisis. But McConnell refuses to even allow debate of this legislation in the Senate, as the financial crisis of our state and local governments worsens and as the earlier aid runs out.

Many of the arguments against public safety measures are framed in Constitutional terms, but there

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are problems with this argument. First, the U.S. Supreme Court, the ultimate arbiter of what is constitutional, has ruled the emergency measures do not violate the Constitution. This includes limits on the size of gatherings in places of worship, as long as all religions are treated the same and other places where large numbers of people gather in small spaces (bars, theaters, concerts) are treated similarly. So there is no constitutional issue. Second, the constitutional arguments are highly selective. I wonder how many of these writers will speak out against the recent misuse of federal troops by the president to violently clear a peaceful assembly of protesters, so that Trump could have a photo-op in front of a church, without the church's approval or permission. A clear violation of the First Amendment, but I wonder how many of the writers will speak out against that.

Here in Pagosa, we are vulnerable because if large numbers of people flood our community, the virus will be re-introduced after being relatively under control. Having a lot of retired folks here, we are particularly vulnerable. If you saw the pictures from various beach communities, Boulder Creek, or Lake of the Ozarks, you know what I am talking about. We must use considerable caution. This does not mean that nothing can re-open — in fact much has re-opened, here and in all 50 states. But it must be done carefully, and we must be prepared to reverse some of it if evidence of spread of the virus occurs. Otherwise, we could lose another 105,000 or more Americans, and the next time, our community may not be as lucky as we have been so far.

John Farley

Support Brown

Dear Editor:

I am supporting Warren Brown in his run for Archuleta County Commissioner, District 1, both in the upcoming Republican Primary election and the 2020 General election in November. I believe that Warren is the best candidate for County Commissioner for a number of reasons.

First, Warren knows what it means to serve. He has spent almost 27 years in law enforcement, literally putting his life on the line to protect citizens like you and me. His experience serving the public started with over 20 years spent in the Montrose Police Department in a variety of positions. He has spent the last five years here with the Archuleta County Sheriff's office where he is currently the Operations Commander.

Second, he understands planning, and the critical need for long term plans for different responses to potentially critical or life threatening events, like floods, fires, shootings, etc., as well as more normal type events like traffic control

for parades, road closures, etc. As a Planning Section Chief on numerous occasions, Warren knows the benefits of having a good plan and the adverse impact of not having a plan. Having created plans to address immediate life threatening events, Warren also understands the need for creating a long term plan so the regular day to day needs of our County are met. Warren is acutely aware there are limited tax dollars and a well thought out plan makes it possible for Archuleta County to more wisely earmark our resources which helps us address maintaining and developing our existing infrastructure while anticipating needed development or construction of new (roads, broadband, county buildings, etc.).

Third, Warren already knows how to budget and manage your tax dollars. As the Operations Commander for the Sheriff's Office, he has responsibly managed three separate budgets, exceeding 1.5 million dollars a year, for the last several years, coming in at or under budget.

Last, in addition to his position as the Archuleta County Sheriff's Operations Officer, Warren and his wife, Jody, own a small business here in Pagosa Springs. As a business owner, he understands the need to make strategic and diverse economic development a priority and supports pursuing diverse business investments that will fit into our community, provide a balance to our tourism industry, and better sustain our economic base.

So, I am voting for Warren Brown for Archuleta County Commissioner, District 1 and urge you to do the same.

Jim Huffman

'Selfish disregard'

Dear Editor:

In 2004, I received a Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholarship to travel to Japan with other educators from across the country. As two other teachers and I traveled through Japan, we were constantly impressed with the Japanese culture of caring for others.

Whenever we asked someone for directions, they did not merely point out the way, they actually stopped whatever they were doing to walk us to our destination. One young man simply got off his motorbike and another person actually closed up their shop to assist us. On one occasion, a bus driver jumped out of his bus to make a hurried call to the inn we were heading to when he found out we planned to walk to the inn from the bus stop. We didn't know he had done this until we arrived at our stop to find a van waiting for us. It was only after the bus left that we learned about his kindness. As we were driven the three miles up the steep, narrow, winding road, we were extremely grateful for his concern. Another time, in spite of the language barrier, strangers on a train somehow communicated the need for us to quickly get off and

change trains after they happened to see our tickets.

Throughout our stay, we noticed that there were often several people on the trains wearing face masks. We assumed that these were people worried about getting sick. We were surprised to learn that these were actually people who had colds or other mild illnesses and did not want anyone else to become sick. It seemed like such a community minded and kind thing to do.

In our country, we are now in the position of being asked to wear masks, both to protect ourselves and to protect others in case we are unknowingly infected with Covid-19. I am saddened when I hear some people who refuse to take this simple precaution declare that they don't have to wear a mask because they are "an American." It's heartbreaking to think being "an American" has come to mean having a selfish disregard for the health and safety of others.

Mary Kurt-Mason

'Plandemic'

Dear Editor:

Have Americans learned anything through this plandemic? Yes, "plandemic" if you actually follow the stats and evidence. First, a face mask does not stop a virus. A virus is many times smaller than the holes in most mask's construction. American's ignorance and fear is being harvested by deep state actors, and manipulated by fake news and corrupt government actors trying hard to control the narrative and keep people on their plantation and in maintaining power. If a mask stops the virus, why do we have to stay 6 feet apart? If being 6 feet apart prevents infection, why do we need the masks? Going to Walmart staying 6 feet apart is ok, but going to a restaurant (or countless other businesses) staying 6 feet apart isn't? Are we critically thinking, or just blindly reacting? Useless face masks on healthy individuals is the symbol of submission to government's edicts. This is a test to see how far Americans would allow their rights and freedoms to be removed under idiotic pretexts while criminals (being watched and recorded) try to subvert our way of life, and our elections. Sounds like a conspiracy, right? Only to those who are still sleeping. This coronaCON is a wake up call to all Americans interested in freedoms and rights. Leaders across America are showing their colors in removing constitutional protections. If you still follow fake news propaganda promoters, you don't know the facts and haven't seen the evidence proving this whole charade and agenda. We are in the throws of the deep state reaping its fruit from unfettered corruption, fake news propaganda, tyranny, dumbing down America, and unpunished traitors. For many decades, half of Americans who are living in fear and apathy, ignorance, and shirking personal responsibility over their own created servant govern-

ments are collectively losing their minds through hysterical (toilet paper?) imaginations and ignorant fear in accepting the matrix pabulum of lies, misdirection, fraud and corruption. Without resistance, questioning, or investigation, and casting rights and freedoms to the wind without a whimper or conscious thought for our future, are we seeing the death of America by Americans? "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." Abraham Lincoln. Will enough sleeping Americans wake up and stand against this war on liberty? Half of Americans have accepted this scam, hook, line and sinker, and are actually resisting freedom and those who dare to defy the tyranny being imposed. This is simply a yearly virus, (yes, manufactured ... like many others) which they put a name on, added some fear porn information, stirred vigorously with confusion and distractions, adding massive amounts of Trump Derangement Syndrome, and now we have unconscious reaction being magnified across the world, all in subjection to deep state corruption and control and in discarding freedom and rights with little thought or care. Watch for the coming exposing of all the criminal, treasonous, and perverted happenings taking place in darkness, Federally and locally.

Jeff Maehr

True leadership

Dear Editor:

A remarkable thing happened in Flint, Michigan on Monday. Police officers began to form a barrier against approaching marchers. The outcome wasn't in doubt, given the available tools — tear gas, flash-bangs, rubber bullets.

Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson knew the crowd had a moral right to be outraged. They had a constitutional right to protest. The video showing a police officer crushing the life from yet another unarmed black man has given rise to a week of civil unrest in cities around the country.

In Washington, the president was demanding that Governors "dominate the streets." Ranting that the Governors were all "weak," Trump threatened to use the US military to crush the protests. Then he staged a photo op at St. John's Episcopal Church very near the WH. The demonstrators in Lafayette Park, people exercising their First Amendment right to assemble, were tear-gassed to clear the way.


The bishop of the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry, issued a statement saying that Trump had "used a church building and the Holy Bible for partisan political purposes." The presiding bishop, Mariann Budde added, "We can rebuild the church. We can replace the furnishings of a nursery," she said, referring to the damaged area.

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

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

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

- If you are struggling with faith or have questions go to <https://www.doesgodexist.org/>. John Clayton was a former atheist who came to belief in God through science. He was a science teacher specializing in physics and earth science.
- A site designed to study the Bible in a safe environment: <https://www.mathesis.org/>. You may study alone or form a small group.
- In Search of the Lord's Way may be listened to on KWUF radio at 1400 AM radio every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.
- The following programs may be viewed on DISH TV Sunday mornings on channel 3, KCDO:
 - 6:30 a.m. Let the Bible Speak
 - 7:00 a.m. The Truth in Love
 - 7:30 a.m. In Search of the Lord's Way

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

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Restriping operations to affect area highways

Colorado Department of Transportation

The Colorado Department of Transportation have begun restriping pavement marking throughout Region 5 in southwest and south-central Colorado.

Restriping operations began June 1 and will continue through August.

The restriping project will replace existing pavement markings and enhance highway striping on both asphalt and concrete pavements. New yellow and white paint will improve visibility and help drivers stay in their lane; this will provide a safer roadway experience and highway system for the traveling public.

Please note striping operations are dependent on clear weather conditions. The targeted dates may fluctuate. Highways being restriped and approximate dates include:

Southwest Colorado

- June 5: U.S. 160 Cortez to Mancos.
- June 8: Colo. 145 Lizard Head Pass to Mountain Village.
- June 10: Colo. 62 from Placerville to Ridgway.
- June 12-29: U.S. 550 from Colorado/New Mexico state line to Durango, over Red Mountain Pass to Colona.

South-central Colorado

- July 1-Aug. 3: U.S. 160 from Mancos through Durango, Pagosa Springs, over Wolf Creek Pass to Alamosa and finishes on La Veta Pass.
- Aug. 4-5: U.S. 285 from Alder over Poncha Pass to Johnson Village.
- Aug. 7-15: U.S. 50 from the Colo. 114 intersection to Coaldale.
- Aug. 17: U.S. 291 from Salida to the U.S. 24 intersection.
- Aug. 18-20: U.S. 24 from Gran-

ite to Antero Junction (U.S. 24/U.S. 285 intersection).

Traffic impacts

Travelers will encounter restriping operations Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Speeds will be reduced to 40 mph in work zones. This is a swift moving, mobile operation. Although work zones will only be in place for a few hours, motorists are urged to use caution and watch for heavy equipment. At times, through lanes and turn lanes may be temporarily closed to traffic, causing brief travel delays. Any temporary closures are to ensure the safety of the workers and the traveling public. Travelers are discouraged from passing the striping truck and crossing over fresh paint, as this may damage a vehicle's finish. Please drive with patience during striping operations.

Remember: Slow for the cone zone. The following tips are to

help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones:

- Do not speed in work zones. Obey the posted speed limits.
- Stay alert. Expect the unexpected.
- Watch for workers. Drive with caution.
- Don't change lanes unnecessarily.
- Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones.
- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.
- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so.
- Be patient.

Downtown foot chase leads to arrests

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A routine traffic stop on May 27 by the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) resulted in a foot chase and a warrant arrest by the clock tower at U.S. 160 and Lewis Street.

The CSP stopped a vehicle driven by Robert Eggleston, 52, whose last known address was in New

Castle, Colo., on U.S. 160 for no front license plate around 2 p.m., according to CSP Master Trooper Gary Cutler in an interview on May 29.

"The driver took off on foot," Cutler said. "Basically just ended up running around after him for a little bit and then the police department were actually able to catch the male driver over by the

clock tower."

Along with CSP and the Pagosa Springs Police Department, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office also assisted.

Eggleston had multiple warrants, including ones for failure to appear on a charge of resisting arrest and being a habitual traffic offender, among others, Cutler described.

Additionally, Eggleston had a felony warrant out of Garfield County, Cutler noted.

In addition to the warrants, Eggleston was also driving with a revoked license due to being a habitual traffic offender, Cutler explained.

Eggleston had a passenger with him in the vehicle at the time of the traffic stop, Mina Marscellus, 20, of Conifer, who was detained on scene due to prior warrants, according to Cutler.

Marscellus had a warrant for resisting arrest, according to Cutler.

According to CSP Trooper Josh Lewis, Eggleston was charged with criminal impersonation, driving a vehicle while under restraint, driving a vehicle when front seat passenger was not wearing a seat belt, driving a vehicle while not wearing a seat belt, driving with no

insurance, possession of a weapon by a previous offender, possession of a controlled substance, no front license plate and vehicular eluding.

Marscellus was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, according to Lewis.

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Letters

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"We can't bring a man's life back."

In Flint, Sheriff Swanson took off his helmet and laid down his shield and baton. He appealed to the angry citizens. He assured them that the officers in Flint were there to protect their right to protest. He asked the leaders what the officers needed to do. Immediately, the demonstrators began chanting, "March with us." And he did.

Mr. Trump, real leadership happened on the streets of Flint Michigan on Monday. In other communities, policemen took a knee, hugged a demonstrator, exhibited compassion and understanding instead of brute force. This spirit represents the true greatness of America.

As for your race-baiting threats, which provoke rather than calm the nation, I can only refer you to what an earlier president once said. "You don't lead by hitting people over the head — that's assault, not leadership." Dwight D. Eisenhower

Sincerely,
K. Muth

Will justice be served?

Dear Editor:

To the People of Pagosa Springs, Like lots of you, I am devastated about George Floyd's unnecessary death. My condolences go out to his family and friends. A white police officer knelt on George Floyd's neck for eight minutes and 46 seconds while Floyd begged for his life, in full view of witnesses and a rolling camera. George Floyd was murdered by police after he was fully handcuffed and helpless to do anything. It is wrong, and we all know it. What we don't know is whether the police officers responsible for killing George Floyd, and the system they worked for, will be held accountable. Will justice be served for George Floyd?

What can I do to help build a system of justice that serves all citizens and people in the United States? I can stand with, and give my voice to, the oppressed. I can vote, and support increased access to vote, including mail-in voting. I can write letters to our elected officials to hold them responsible to show leadership and act now to

change the racial discrimination in the criminal justice system.

I believe justice for George Floyd will only be served if people continue to get involved. We must continue to fight, for George Floyd, Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Jamar Clark, Philando Castille, Atiatiana Jefferson, Breonna Taylor, and so many more black people killed by police. I encourage all of you to get involved. Thank you.

Anna Ramirez

Work ethic should be No. 1

Dear Editor:

Well, today's "times" are very difficult especially for our young families. Changes in our "culture" over time have pressured parents of high school graduates to afford them a college education, that "success" in life requires it. Many very successful folks found their way without a college degree, simply working their way up, so to speak. God's "light" shines brilliantly through all good works.

Work at any level is essential to a happy life, for it is the success that cannot be purchased — it lies in our souls, waiting to be discovered by us. It is not good to enter college without a "goal". It is an expensive way to simply "find oneself". If there is no true passion for something that requires a college degree, then the most affordable avenue is to "get a job", learn more than is required, and through work experience, one's true passion comes to the surface with the advantages of good common sense.

If "true passion" is found to require a college degree, then get a loan and "go for it" — time and money well spent. A "work ethic" should be #1, college degree, #2. Whatever becomes your avenue to success, do it with honesty and integrity and be proud of yourself.

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Patty Tillerson

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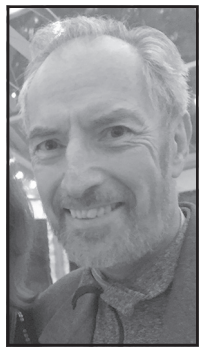
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Obituaries

Peter Alastair Dickson

The world has lost a great storyteller and wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to many. Peter Alastair Dickson was born in Grootfontein, Namibia, on Aug 23, 1949, to Alastair and Eileen Dickson, where his father was a mining engineer. Peter died on May 24 after a long battle with esophageal cancer. He lived in Namibia until the age of 5 and the family then moved to Turkey. He returned to the U.K for schooling. Peter received his BSc degree in geology in 1971 at Leeds University, where he met his future wife, Louise (Lou) Ellen Dickson (née Van Vleck). They married Aug 12, 1972, in Topeka Kan., but lived in Manchester, England, while they both completed their master's degrees. They moved to Pittsburgh in January 1975 so that Pete could complete his Ph.D. in geology (1977) and conduct postdoctorate research and teaching.



Pete is survived by his wife of 47 years, Lou Dickson; their daughter, Alison; their son, Hamish, and his wife, Jenn Han; their grandson, Alastair; his brother, Christopher (Sonia); sister-in-law Faye Sprately (Bill); and nieces and nephews Marijke, Madeleine, Femke, Douglas, Alessandro, Bill and Bob; and grandnieces/grandnephews Lauren, Amy, Jade-Lynn, Taylor, Fellen, Skye and Neal. He will be sorely missed. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Those of you who wish can send a remembrance in his name can send it to: Planet Water Foundation, planet-water.org; Water Aid, wateraid.org; Water.org; or a charity of your choice.

Outside his professional life, Peter was an enthusiastic outdoorsman, artist, writer, skier, potter and devoted family man. His life revolved around the family and their interests and the community. He served as chief referee from the beginning of AYSO in Evanston and coached Hamish's Team Evanston. He was also well-known for his cooking, BBQ and charcuterie, especially his bacon. Because of his life and travels around the world, he could always bring to an evening's gathering an extra flair and taste in the menu.

In March 1978, Peter joined Harza Engineering Company, an employee-owned consulting company based in Chicago that specialized in water resource engineering and serving around the world. He spent the next 40 plus years working on projects mainly in many remote, mountainous regions, where water scarcity and value is of extreme significance. Taking after his linguist brother, Peter's aptitude with languages and ability to socialize in different world cultures contributed to his success in his overseas work.

Lou and Peter have two children, Alison (proud mother of

grandson, Alastair) and Hamish (married to Jenn Han, of Los Angeles). At various times, Lou and the family would join him for a remote adventure. Throughout his life, mountain life and scenery remained important and for this reason, Lou and Pete decided to buy a house in Pagosa Springs, Colo., 22 years ago, and have actively participated in Pagosa life whenever they could. He was particularly proud of his membership in the Grey Wolves and skied at Wolf Creek or met up with them for their social gatherings whenever he had a chance.

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Robert Leslie Harbison

Robert Leslie Harbison, 64, of Belton, Texas, formerly of Georgetown, Texas, passed away on May 26, after numerous medical and surgical complications. Known as an unstoppable force of nature, Rob was determined to live as boldly as possible even at the end of his life, demonstrating his characteristic resilience and determination even in the face of overwhelming odds. He passed while surrounded by family.



Rob was born in 1955 to Clifford Harbison, an entrepreneur, and Charlotte McConnell Harbison, a homemaker, both of Odessa, Texas. He was the elder brother of Doug, Drew and Elizabeth. Growing up in rugged west Texas, Rob developed a passion for the outdoors, particularly for fly-fishing, hunting and sight-seeing. As a teen, he attended Permian High School, earning accolades for his football performance on the Permian Panthers, the team of Friday Night Lights fame. He additionally ran track and performed well in academics. Following high school, he attended Odessa Community College, Texas Tech University and ultimately the University of Texas at Austin, receiving dual degrees in business administration and English. Following brief graduate studies in business, he began his career in real estate, finance and property development. Rob thrived in the Austin community, focusing on helping the less fortunate as he gained personal success. He will be remembered for his love of the National Parks System, animals and shock humor as well as his enjoyment of beer, a good steak and the classic combination of Vienna sausages and saltine crackers. He was a big fan of music across diverse

genres and his family remembers his jam sessions to The Doors, Fleetwood Mac, Blondie and even to the classical works of Vivaldi. His admiration for Christina Aguilera and Lady Gaga were implicit. A jack-of-all trades, his family retains stories of his adventures as an exotic game rancher, amateur football league coordinator and supreme grill master of all the red meats. Most of all, they remember the boldness of his life and his zeal for productivity in all that he did.

Though he may be gone in body, his memory will remain legend. He is survived by his wife, Fran Knox, of Belton, Texas. Additionally, he has four children with his former wife, Cindy Patton Harbison: Brooks Harbison, a psychologist studying in Louisville, Ky.; Beau, owner of Mitchell Auto Sales, and wife, Grace Harbison, of the U.S. Virgin Islands; Barrett Harbison, project consultant of Dallas, Texas; and Bradie Harbison, a mental health counselor of Austin, Texas. His surviving siblings include Doug and Kim Harbison of the U.S. Virgin Islands; Drew and Anna Harbison, of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; and Elizabeth Rall, of Austin, Texas. His father-in-law and lifelong friend is Douglas Bernard Patton, of Clute, Texas. A man known for building large social networks, Rob had multiple honorary family members, including Ross Duncan and Brian Frost. Rob has many friends in Georgetown and the surrounding area, and he will be greatly missed. He is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces and nephews across the U.S., all of whom he adored.

In lieu of flowers, Rob wanted donations made to Yellowstone National Park, one of his favorite places on earth. His family plans to spread his ashes there during a private event where they can remember and honor him in his most sacred of places.

Catherine (Cathy) Lynn (Crouse) Schutz

Catherine (Cathy) Lynn (Crouse) Schutz, 38, was born Sept. 30, 1981, in Durango, Colo., to Steve and Sydney Crouse. Cathy passed away on May 28.



Cathy graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 2000 and attended the Culinary Arts Institute in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Cathy married Adam Schutz on Dec. 7, 2011. Cathy and Adam lived in Colorado, Texas, Oregon, Montana and Nebraska. Cathy made so many friends along the way. Adam, Chase and Maci were her life. She loved being a mom and wife.

And, that girl could cook! Her dad, Steve, taught her to can, which

just added to the wonders that came out of her kitchen. She had so many specialties that you just can't name them all! Cathy was a representative for Pampered Chef and Tupperware, which allowed her to work in the field that was her passion.

Cathy is survived by her husband, Adam; son Chase; daughter Maci; parents Steve and Sydney Crouse; brothers Randy and Stephen; many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Adam will take Cathy to her final resting place at Banded Peaks and Elephant Rock where she, Chase and Adam fell in love. Maci joined the family in Oregon to make their family complete.

Cathy loved her early morning coffee so everyone is invited to have coffee with Cathy at the end of County Road 382, also known as Navajo River Road, in Chromo, Colo., on June 6 at 9 a.m.

Virginia L. Martinez

Virginia L. Martinez, also known as Garcia, Segura entered into paradise on April 24. Pagosa Springs native, generations of family and friends. The viewing is Thursday, June 4, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at Drinkwine Mortuary, 999 W.

Littleton Blvd., Littleton, Colo. Littleton is part of Denver, Colo. The funeral is not arranged yet.



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American Legion Mullins-Nickerson Post 108 gratefully acknowledges the volunteers who helped place flags on over 360 veterans' graves at Hill Top Cemetery Sunday and then collecting them Monday 24 hours later: Boy Scout Troop 807, Veterans For Veterans of Archuleta County, Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) in addition to Legionnaires and family members.

Even though there was no announcement this year of public ceremonies, the services held by the Post Honor Guard both at the Legion Building and at Hill Top were well attended by those wishing to pay their respects to our fallen veterans. The Legion was augmented at both ceremonies by men of the Immaculate Heart of Mary/Pope St. John Paul II Parish's Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly. In addition, the Legion ceremony at Hill Top was once more graced by the San Juan Flying Squadron Missing Man Formation flyover. Our sincere appreciation to pilots Craig Taylor, David Peart and Tim Gallagher and their ground coordinator, Legionnaire Hal Lowe. Honor Guardsmen making these

ceremonies possible were: Don Brenno, Ted Eckerson, Logan Gholson, Warren Grams, Jim Huffman, Hal Lowe, Doug Roberts, Ken Rogers, Raymond Taylor and Roy Vega.

Sprowle

I want to thank you for publishing the photos of the Memorial Day services at the American Legion Post. My husband's picture was among the veterans. I was unable to attend, the pictures were very welcome.

Mary Lou Sprowle



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LEGISLATURE

'A riot is the language of the unheard'

My column this week was going to review the work we were doing at the Capitol as we rejoined with other legislators after so many weeks of working at home. But, instead, it is about my heart.

I am grieving. My apartment in Denver is just blocks from the Capitol, so, while convenient, it is very close to the action happening there this week. We knew a protest demanding justice for George Floyd of Minneapolis was happening, but we didn't understand until late Thursday that the peacefulness would be disrupted with riots and vandalism and violence.

We tabled our work finalizing the state's budget on Friday and Saturday in order to provide space to let the protesters have their voices heard.

At home, I could hear helicopters buzzing all night, yells from the streets below and could smell tear gas when I opened my window. I listened to my fellow representatives tell stories and cry, and it

struck me how differently I see this tragedy as a white person. A person of privilege.

I have never known the anger of being part of a group who hasn't been listened to for hundreds of years. I have never feared being arrested simply because I was walking, or shopping or sitting on a college dorm couch. Or bird watching. I have never been instinctually frightened when I see a police officer walking toward me on the sidewalk.

My privilege of being born white, a privilege over which I had no control, has sheltered me from the reality right in front of me every day, the reality that people of color have very different struggles in life than I do.



Rep. McLachlan's Report

I have always said I understood, and I have always said I am not a racist. But, admittedly, I hadn't joined others during that peaceful protest Thursday night and I don't always try to see issues from the people of color point of view.

I read two books this year that opened my eyes: "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness," by Michelle Alexander, and "White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk About Racism," by Robin Diangelo.

These are not the typical books a white woman who lives in rural Colorado reads, I suspect, but I wanted to learn. From the "Jim Crow" book, I learned about the history of black America, and how our justice system and the war on drugs have targeted poor people of color. The "White Fragility" book taught me about me. Every person who believes they are not racist, and who isn't afraid to hear the answer, should read it.

As a white person, I need to

publicly acknowledge the injustice. Innocent black citizens are killed regularly; we can barely keep up with remembering their names. People of color are routinely stopped, questioned and arrested, and they do not have the power to stop it. White people hold the majority, and we end up making and enforcing the laws that hurt my fellow black citizens. We have the power to stop it.

I am channeling my grief to be more proactive. I am asking my fellow representatives of color how bills affect their communities and I am working with them to create solutions, not assuming I know what they need. I will continue to show leadership by defending their rights to be heard and correcting the false claims made against them.

While I condemn all acts of violence and vandalism that occurred this weekend, let's remember Martin Luther King Jr. said, "A riot is the language of the unheard." Let's listen.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

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.

Town of Pagosa Springs Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information.

Monday, June 8

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

Tuesday, June 9

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

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, virtual meeting. See the agenda on the district website for participation information.

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

Wednesday, June 10

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation meeting. 5:30 p.m., visit www.pagosapricesdc.org for link to virtual meeting.

Thursday, June 11

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

Tuesday, June 16

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

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

Wednesday, June 17

Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting. Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

Thursday, June 18

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 5:30 p.m., virtual meeting. See the agenda on the district website for participation information.

Tuesday, June 23

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

Upper San Juan Health Service District regular board meeting. 5:30 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96904926293>, meeting ID:

969 0492 6293. Phone in using (346) 248-7799.

Wednesday, June 24

Archuleta County Planning Commission regular meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. and via Zoom online. Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

Tuesday, June 30

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.

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Dilling Day: Colorado School of Mines, Tuition, \$20,000, renewable.

Lindner: Allegheny College Scholarship, \$37,000; CU Boulder Scholarship, \$4,000; St. Lawrence University Scholarship, \$39,000.

Happ: CUP John Graves Memorial Scholarship, to be determined; Daniels Fund — full-ride, \$50,000, renewable; San Juan Mounted Patrol, \$250.

Emzy Tay Barker: John Voelker Memorial Scholarship, \$10,000; La Plata County Cattleman & Cowbelle, \$1,500; Rotary \$2,000 Scholarship, \$2,000.

Gallegos: Vic and Ethel Poma Memorial Academic Scholarship, \$1,000, renewable.

Grace Thompson: Benny Lohman Memorial Scholarship, \$250;

Destination Imagination Scholarship, \$750; Durango Elks Lodge Scholarship, \$1,000; Rotary \$4,000 Scholarship, \$4,000; Slate Merit Award, \$3,500, renewable; WSCU Early Action Award, \$500.

Hailey Griego: Patty Aragon Memorial Scholarship, \$750.

Stene: CMU Distinguished Scholar, \$9,500, renewable; Colorado School of Mines Presidents Scholarship, \$2,500, renewable; CSU Merit Scholarship, \$2,500, renewable; McKee Professional Scholarship, \$4,000, renewable; UCCS Chancellor's Award, \$2,500, renewable.

Jack Foster: Durango Elks Lodge Scholarship, \$1,000; Schick Family Memorial Scholarship, \$500.

Josselyn Pina: Aim Higher Scholarship, \$3,050; Head-Brandy Memorial Foundation Scholarship, \$800; Rotary \$2,000 Scholarship, \$2,000; WHIPS Scholarship, \$1,200.

Kaden Hessman: Western Alumni

Scholarship, \$500.

Kassandra Reyes: Uhl Scholarship, \$1,500; WHIPS Scholarship, \$1,200.

Yeneza: CU Norlin Scholars Award, \$6,000, renewable; Schick Family Memorial Scholarship, \$500.

Holladay: Colorado School of Mines PATHS Scholarship, \$3,000, renewable; Colorado School of Mines, Colorado Scholar, \$20,000, renewable; Hooten Scholarship, \$1,000; Rotary \$8,000 Scholarship, \$8,000.

Mason Blakemore: Chama Peak Land Alliance Scholarship, \$500; Peter C. Hobart Scholarship, \$1,500.

Megan Foster: Levy-Shear Memorial Scholarship, \$4,000, renewable; Moniker Scholarship, \$1,000, renewable; Patty Aragon Memorial Scholarship, \$750; Rotary \$9,000 Scholarship, \$9,000; University of Utah Academic Scholarship, \$8,000.

Miah Shoffner: Aim Higher Schol-

arship, \$3,050; Borick Scholarship, \$5,500; Whit Newton Good Citizen Award, \$500.

Nathan Smith: 1st Southwest Bank Scholarship, \$500; CCU Beckman Scholarship, \$3,000, renewable; CCU Dare to Share Partner Scholarship, \$1,250, renewable; CCU Preferred Admit Scholarship, \$1,000, renewable; CCU President's Scholarship, \$15,000, renewable; CCU YCCLC Partner Scholarship \$1,250, renewable.

Paden Bailey: Beckman Scholarship, \$4,500, renewable; CCU Honors Scholarship, \$8,000, renewable; CCU Preferred Admission Scholarship, \$1,000.

Patty Black: JWU Presidential

Officer

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dispatch building, according to an Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) incident report.

The incident report describes that the employee arrived at work around 4:30 a.m. on Aug. 31 and witnessed a PSPD vehicle turn onto Talisman Drive from U.S. 160 and into the dispatch building parking lot.

The PSPD unit then "roasted" its tires and drove around the building with its overhead lights and sirens activated, the incident report describes.

Following an interview with the witness, a separate ACSO deputy interviewed employees at dispatch, according to the incident report.

The dispatch employees informed the ACSO deputy that they heard the noise outside of the building and one employee noted that they knew the noise was coming from a police vehicle.

When one dispatch employee opened the door, she saw Taylor in his vehicle laughing, the incident report explains.

Later, the ACSO deputy, along with another PSPD officer, conducted a search around the parking lot to see if they could find any tire marks from the vehicle.

A curved skid mark was found near the dumpster of a restaurant that shares the same parking lot and appeared to be fresh, the incident report notes.

Taylor was eventually issued a summons for reckless driving and operating a vehicle with an unauthorized audible signal for turning his lights on and off as well as for having his siren on when not in an emergency, the incident report explains.

PSPD investigation

According to documents from an internal investigation provided to The SUN on June 1, PSPD staff interviewed the employee of the restaurant, both ACSO deputies, both dispatch employees who heard the noises and Taylor through the course of September 2019.

In the interview with Taylor, he explained that he was in the dispatch parking lot because one dispatch employee requested he do a close patrol of dispatch due to an unnamed person in the area making

PSMC

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PSMC's April expenses totaled \$2,794,499 — 5.93 percent below budget and 8.52 below the prior year.

The written financial report notes that, during March and April, PSMC had approximately \$400,000 in unbudgeted expenses for COVID-19 supplies.

"PSMC leadership worked hard to mitigate the financial impacts of the coronavirus situation by offering telephone and tele-health visits, reduced expenses associated with things like canceled surgeries, some voluntary reductions in pay by employees, and it redirected efforts to collection of older accounts receivable," the report reads. "The end result for April is PSMC held steady on its cash and actually increased from 57 to 59.11 days from its own operations and a SHIP grant (a rural hospital performance improvement program that PSMC has participated in for years)."

Year to date, PSMC's expenses are 1.76 below budget and 1.11 percent below last year.

That, Keplinger informed the board, left PSMC with a net income of \$65,995 in April, below the budgeted amount of \$68,645 and below last year's \$370,609.

Year to date, PSMC sits at a deficit of \$87,509, which is 119.97 percent below the budgeted amount of \$438,148, but ahead of last year's deficit of \$142,233.

Also factoring into PSMC's financials and April's positive net income are grants and 340B (a federal drug

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Academic Scholarship, \$15,000, renewable; JWU Skills USA Scholarship, \$2,000, renewable; LCC Athletic Scholarship, \$4,000, renewable; LCC Colo Pride Scholarship, \$1,000.

Peyton Burns: San Juan Mounted Patrol, \$250; UCCS Chancellor's Award, \$2,500, renewable.

Goss: College Match — Dartmouth, \$76,000, renewable; Durango Elks Lodge Scholarship, \$1,000.

Ryan Lewis: Benny Lohman Memorial Scholarship, \$250; Vic and Ethel Poma VoTech Scholarship, \$1,000.

Sydney Mitchell: CUP John Graves Memorial Scholarship, to be determined; Pagosa Springs Arts Council, \$5,000; Rutgers Univer-

sity Mason Gross School of the Arts, \$2,500, renewable.

Hittle: Chama Peak Land Alliance Scholarship, \$1,000; CMU Merit Scholarship, \$3,500, renewable.

Taylor Lewis: Chase Regester Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; FFA Ford Trucks Scholarship, \$1,000; La Plata-Archuleta Cattlemen's Association Scholarship, \$1,500; The Ralph Outcat Scholarship, ASU, \$20,000, renewable.

Stretton: CCU President's Scholarship, \$15,000, renewable; UCCS Chancellor's Award, 2,500, renewable.

Zach Haines: Moniker Scholarship, \$1,000 renewable.
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Fourth

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still be held.

The Park 2 Park Arts and Crafts Festival is still set to occur with certain distancing guidelines and with locations to be determined.

Town staff had submitted a road closure permit application to the Colorado Department of Transportation for a route that would have gone from 6th Street to U.S. 160 to Hot Springs Boulevard and back to Apache Street, Phillips explained during the meeting.

This direction to town staff was based on a decision made by council at a meeting on May 21.

In his fifth public health order, released on Tuesday, Gov. Jared Polis highlighted that rodeos, fairs, festivals and parades are not authorized to occur due to "ongoing disease transmission in larger group settings that could result in disease outbreaks."

"This order went into effect on June 1 and is supposed to last for 30 days. So in theory, on July 1st he might say, 'OK, now we can open up to larger crowds,' but by then, it would be too late for us to try and pull something together," she said. "I don't see how we could hold the July 4th parade."

Council member Matt DeGuise explained during the June 2 meeting that he made the motion to submit the road closure permit application to the state out of "pure optimism," adding that he was fine with canceling the parade.

"With a heavy heart I move that we cancel the Fourth of July Parade for this year, but that we still continue to move forward with having the fireworks and we allow the Chamber to determine if and how they can move forward with their arts and crafts fair," council member Shari Pierce said.

Pierce's motion passed unanimously by council.

In a follow-up interview on Wednesday, Phillips explained she can understand why people would be upset about the Fourth of July parade being canceled.

"We're following the state's orders, which don't allow gatherings. We are looking at ways of moving forward with the fireworks and trying to celebrate Independence Day as a

community in a way that's safe," she said. "I can understand it. People are very passionate about the Fourth of July and what it means for Americans, but we are trying to ensure that we're following public health orders. We still want it to be a special day of remembrance of what it means to be an American, but we have to do it in a way that is following the governor's orders."

The town is looking at putting up decorations that will call attention to the Fourth of July and commemorate it in other ways that are safe, she added.

Fireworks

"I am still thinking that we can figure out the fireworks because we don't need to have everybody congregated at one event in one place to do that if we use a little innovation and plan it carefully," Mayor Don Volger said during the meeting.

Phillips added that the town will need to monitor whether or not possible future fire restrictions could impact the fireworks display.

"In the past, we have been able to get a variance from the county," Phillips said. "We'll be monitoring that and we'll verify that we can do that."

The town has until the week before the event to notify its fireworks vendor on its decision, Public Works Director Martin Schmidt explained.

Council member Madeline Bergon suggested potentially holding the fireworks on the athletic fields across the street from Town Park.

That field has gotten the "respite that it needs," Bergon explained.

"I wish I could say there would be no damage, but anytime you hold an event on a field it creates some damage," Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis said. "I have no problem if the event goes there."

In the follow-up interview, Phillips explained that the plan is to hold the fireworks in the usual location on the hill behind Pagosa Springs High School.

"We're going to need to think about how to disperse gatherings since that's still not permitted under the state order," she said. "We're going to have to think about a plan to encourage people to really spread out and not congregate at Yamaguchi

and open space."

In accordance with Polis' executive order, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) amended and extended the Safer at Home public health order until July 1.

A press release from the state notes that all individuals currently living within Colorado are encouraged to stay at home or in the vast, great outdoors and avoid unnecessary interactions whenever possible to reduce the spread of disease.

The executive order allows additional businesses to open and activities to resume with abundant precautions, including physical distancing requirements.

In his press conference Tuesday, Polis also announced that playgrounds and swimming pools will be allowed to open, with Town Manager Andrea Phillips reporting to The SUN that playgrounds will be able to open Thursday, June 4, per information released by the state.

Polis suggested, "We're in this for the long haul" and added that there is need to find a "safe and sustainable way to live with COVID-19 in our lives."

He also outlined four "pillars for success" moving into the new phase:

- Stay safe at home when possible.

Park and certain areas."

Park 2 Park Arts and Crafts Festival

During the meeting, Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Jo Coulehan explained that one vendor has canceled for its arts and crafts fair.

"They are very anxious to see if we can move forward or not," Coulehan said.

The Park 2 Park event can have vendors "space accordingly," Coulehan noted.

"Currently, our vendor spaces are already 12-by-12, so there is significant distancing there, but with the carnival not happening now, we came up with a couple of different scenarios," she said.

One of those scenarios would be to use the existing spaces that are available and take the vendors in Town Park "down by half" and do the same for the vendors in Mary Fisher Park, spreading them through Centennial Park, she described.

"If the carnival is not going to happen, we could concentrate the fair in both Town Park and the athletic field and really spread something out," she added.

The Park 2 Park event is a "flow situation" for three days, according to Coulehan.

"The biggest attendance that we have is always after the Fourth of July parade. With that not happening, that also affects the flow and keeps it very steady," she said. "We can certainly work on traffic flow through the vendors, but we can easily now put the vendors with significant space in between."

Coulehan added that the Chamber wants to help the community and give people something to do during the Fourth of July holiday.

"I would like to do as much as we can to enable people to celebrate Fourth of July in our community," Volger said. "If we can do the Park 2 Park thing safely, I'm all for it."

Rodeo

In an email to The SUN on Tuesday, Western Heritage Event Center board member Lisa Scott noted that the board still hopes to hold the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo.

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- High-risk Coloradans, those above 65 or with underlying health conditions, should stay safe at home or in the outdoors.

- Wear a face covering in public.
- Using testing and contact tracing to help limit the spread.

He also announced additional help across the state with contact tracing, including that 350 VISTA summer associates will be hosted by the Community Resource Center in Denver and Conservation Legacy in Durango, both existing AmeriCorps VISTA projects.

Additional guidelines released

The CDPHE also released guidance this week for short-term rentals, allowing them to reopen on June 1, and updated guidance for personal services and child care.

Guidance documents are available at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>.

The state also released draft guidance on houses of worship, outdoor recreation, personal recreation, and updates to the child care and personal services guidances in order to obtain public comment. Final versions of the guidance documents are

Board approves purchase of new MRI machine for PSMC

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

At its meeting on May 26, the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors unanimously voted to move forward with a lease-purchase agreement on a new MRI machine for Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC).

Looking into a new MRI and associated contract came as part of the district's looking at opportunities to improve its cash position after the district failed to meet the cash-on-hand requirements of a 2006/2007 bond at the end of 2018.

The medical center is currently leasing a machine that is about 15 years old that sits in a trailer that is about 22 years old, Chief Operating Officer Kathee Douglas told the board, which oversees PSMC.

"PSMC's existing MRI is pursuant to a lease with a monthly payment of \$21,900, but at the time the lease was entered in 2013 and amended in 2015, PSMC was not in a financial position to negotiate for a lease with an option to purchase so there is no end to the lease payments," the resolution approved by the board states.

The machine staff recommended buying will cost about \$3,000 more per month, and PSMC will

own it at the end of six years, Douglas reported.

In addition, Douglas told the board, the new machine will provide better imaging and will allow PSMC to cut down on the number of patients it sends elsewhere for imaging due to weight, imaging capabilities PSMC does not have, claustrophobia or other concerns.

She noted that about eight patients are sent out per month because the current MRI machine only goes up to 350 pounds and about three are sent out for breast imaging.

The resolution approved by the board outlines how the new machine is anticipated to enhance clinical care:

- It will serve patients up to 550 pounds instead of up to 350 pounds.

- It will offer breast, prostate and rectal imaging.

- It will offer "Enhanced orthopedic and neuro images with dedicated coil for every body part ..."

- It will have a larger opening and music to reduce claustrophobia.

Douglas noted that the machine will allow about 10 more studies per month than the medical center is doing currently, with an average

cost billed of about \$3,500.

The resolution states the agreement will be a lease with purchase for \$1 at the end of 72 months, will provide new revenue opportunities, includes new technology so the machine is expected to have a longer life than a refurbished one, and that the monthly service contract expense is less for machines that are not refurbished.

"I say go for it," board member Dr. Jim Pruitt said. "What a deal."

Douglas later referred to the deal as a "win-win."

Pruitt made a motion to approve the resolution allowing PSMC to take action on the procurement, which was approved unanimously by the board.

HVAC project

At the same meeting, the board heard a report on PSMC's ongoing project to upgrade its heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system, with Douglas informing the board that the project may be pushed to September, though the current lower patient volumes in the medical center could give PSMC an opportunity to have the work done sooner.

Douglas reported that PSMC has asked the company slated to perform the work, GE Johnson, to

provide new quotes for work that was in the original scope (such as negative airflow capabilities) that had been eliminated due to cost, but would help PSMC deal with infectious disease such as COVID-19.

Once that information is received, the final decision will be made, Douglas indicated.

Board member Matt Mees, who has worked on the project with PSMC staff, noted that it would be an opportunity to be prepared if a second wave were to hit next fall and that he thinks it's good staff is looking into it now.

In December of 2018, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs awarded PSMC a Tier II Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Funds grant in the amount of \$911,720, with those funds slated to go toward a renovation of PSMC's HVAC system.

Election of officers

The board also reelected Greg Schulte as board chair, Mees as vice chair and King Campbell as treasurer and secretary, and welcomed its reelected and newly elected board members: Dr. Jim Pruitt, Matt Mees and Mark Zeigler.

The other members of the board are Karin Daniels and Jason Cox. randi@pagosasun.com

The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

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May 16 — Second-degree criminal trespass, Navajo Trail Drive.

May 19 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

May 19 — Resisting arrest, Lake Fork.

May 20 — All other thefts, Rock Point Place.

May 20 — Drove vehicle without insurance, impeding normal flow of traffic, improper registration, drove vehicle when license revoked as habitual offender (misdemeanor), U.S. 160.

May 20 — Second-degree assault-aggravated assault-weapon, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, crimes against at-risk adult/ juvenile-second-degree assault, violation of restraining order, violation of bail bond condition-felony, Colo. 151.

May 20 — Information only, Ironwood Drive/U.S. 160.

May 21 — All other thefts, U.S. 160.

May 21 — All other thefts, first-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, Valley View Drive.

May 21 — Found property, McCabe Street.

May 21 — Information only, Nutria Circle.

May 22 — All other thefts, criminal impersonation, computer crime-misdemeanor, Grenadier Place.

May 22 — Found property, U.S. 160.

May 22 — Trespass warning, third-degree criminal trespass, Beucler Lane.

May 23 — Failed to display valid registration, improper registration, Pinon Causeway/U.S. 160.

May 23 — Unlawful ownership of vicious dog, County Road 667.

May 23 — False reporting to authorities, disorderly conduct-misdemeanor, criminal impersonation, Radiant Court.

May 24 — Found property, North Pagosa Boulevard.

May 24 — Domestic violence, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, violation of restraining order, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, U.S. 84.

May 24 — Disorderly conduct-petty, River Run Drive.

May 25 — Harassment by phone or computer, Deer Trail.

May 25 — Animals running at large, Lakewood Street.

May 26 — Warrant arrest, Hurt Drive/Ute Lane.

May 26 — Under investigation, no location listed.

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May 26 — Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of weapons by previous offenders, failed to display valid registration, drove vehicle without insurance, Hurt Drive/Ute Lane.

May 26 — Theft from vehicle, Pinon Causeway.

May 27 — Expired license plates, drove vehicle while under F.R.A. suspension, U.S. 160/Aspen Village Drive.

May 28 — Obstructing highway or passageway, Nocturn Drive/Cloud Cap Avenue.

May 29 — Second-degree criminal trespass, Holly Tree Circle.

May 28 — Under investigation, Alcazar Place.

May 29 — Found property, County Road 600.

May 30 — Obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, failed to observe or disregarded traffic control device, open container in a motor vehicle, failed to observe or disregarded traffic control device, Canyon Circle.

May 31 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 84.

May 31 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Spence Cabin Court.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over two weeks: 90.

May 26 — Criminal mischief, South 8th Street.

May 27 — Animal at large, Cobblestone Lane.

May 28 — Animal at large, San

Juan Street.

May 28 — Careless driving, U.S. 160.

May 29 — Harassment, South 7th Street.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

No report.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

May 12 — Century Shirley, animal running at large-prohibited, total fines and costs — \$85.

May 12 — Juvenile, marijuana prohibited, possession of drug paraphernalia under 21, 60 days supervised probation, 45 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$150.

May 12 — Raymond Bush, careless driving, four points off, total fines and costs — \$202.

May 12 — Flavio Garcia, following too closely, four points off, total fines and costs — \$146.

May 12 — Tyrell Largo, unsafe backing, two points off, total fines and costs — \$72.



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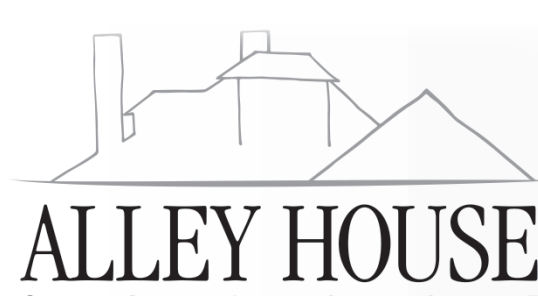
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E911 surcharge increase approved

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

An application to raise the E911 surcharge on local phone lines in Archuleta County has been approved by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.

The E911 surcharge, levied monthly on phone bills, will be raised from \$1.25 per month to \$2.25 per month and will take effect locally around August.

The surcharge is routed to Archuleta County's dispatch center if a phone has a billing address in the county.

Members of the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch board had been working to identify additional revenue for dispatch for about the last year.

After reviewing multiple options, which included a possible new sales tax or trying to take in some marijuana tax revenue, the E911 surcharge increase was deemed the most realistic option by the dispatch board.

If you reside in Archuleta County, but the billing address of your phone is somewhere else, the E911 surcharge is not paid to Archuleta County's dispatch center.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf pleaded that members of the public ensure their phone is registered here at a work session Tuesday.

"If you live here, please change your billing address on your phone so that money goes to the people that are utilizing the services," he said.

"If you reside here and don't have your phone registered here, you're probably paying more than what you would pay here and that money is going to wherever your phone is registered, not to the local community," said County Attorney Todd Weaver.

Archuleta County's dispatch center has been housed in a strip

mall for about the last decade, partially flooded in February and has been called "inadequate" by many members of the dispatch board.

According to Emergency Communications Director Kati Harr, the dispatch center is in need of:

- About \$125,000 of new radio consoles.
- New work stations that cost about \$60,000.
- A \$15,000 back-up station.
- \$70,000 in software updates for computer-aided dispatch (CAD) and private branch exchange, or PBX.
- A \$75,000 tower to mount radio antennas.

Harr included about \$60,000 of other assorted expenses as well, but noted the radios, tower and back-up station were "necessities" for the dispatch center.

Harr also reported that a state-mandated migration to ESnet, an Internet-protocol based network for emergency services, will raise the center's phone costs from \$752 per month to \$3,008 per month.

That migration will take place in January 2021, according to Harr.

"It's always nice when people do good things and people recognize them, 'cause they did do a lot of work," County Administrator Scott Wall told the commissioners on Tuesday.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) submitted the E911 increase application to the state because the BoCC is the local 911 authority.

Wall highlighted Weaver and paralegal Mary Helminski as working hard to get the application submitted, and Weaver praised Harr for doing "a ton of work" on the application.

The dispatch center is expected to move from its current location to the former home of Norma and Fred Harman III around the fall.

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COVID-19

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expected to be released today.

Regional case counts

As of 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Archuleta County was reported as still having eight confirmed cases, with La Plata County having 82 cases with one death among cases, Conejos having two, Rio Grande logging 37, Mineral having two and Hinsdale tallying three.

Neighboring and near Archuleta County to the south, Rio Arriba County listed 59 cases and one death, and San Juan County, N.M., listed 1,813 cases and 24 deaths as of Tuesday afternoon.

The Jicarilla Apache Nation, which largely falls within Rio Arriba County, had announced nine cases as of Tuesday afternoon.

Increased local testing opportunities

Polis continued to urge anyone experiencing flu-like symptoms to not go to work or hang out with others, but to go get tested.

Testing capacity within Archuleta County increased this week following a pair of announcements by San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), including a drive-through testing site in Pagosa Springs and prioritized testing for businesses and facilities with high-contact interactions with customers or clients.

Axis Health System and SJBPH are partnering to provide drive-through COVID-19 testing at the Archuleta Integrated Healthcare clinic, which is located at 52 Village Drive.

Drive-through community testing will be available on Tuesdays from noon to 4:30 p.m. by appointment only.

Because this will be a drive-through testing site, appointments are required to manage traffic concerns and distancing requirements.

Call Archuleta Integrated Healthcare at 264-2104 to make an appointment.

Quick facts about this community testing effort:

- No referrals or doctors' orders are needed.
- Testing is open to all members of the community.
- There is no fee for testing from June 2 through Aug. 25.

SJBPH also announced this week that the agency is offering prioritized COVID-19 PCR diagnostic testing (active virus testing) for businesses and facilities with high-contact interactions with customers or clients.

"CDPHE recently issued guidance clearing the way for COVID-19 testing of asymptomatic employees in support of ongoing worksite testing. Previously, testing had been largely limited to those showing symptoms," a SJBPH press release states. "Up to 40 percent of COVID-19 transmission occurs prior to the onset of symptoms and one-third of all individuals testing positive for the virus are asymptomatic. Worksite testing is an important tool for early identification and quarantine of infected persons as worksites are often hubs of transmission due to close and extended contact between employees."

Both public and private insurance cover the cost of COVID-19 testing and SJBPH has alternative testing options available for those without health insurance.

By participating in SJBPH's Worksite Testing Program, the agency notes, local businesses are committing to the health of their workforce and customers and to a healthier community.

"Diagnostic testing is the cornerstone to controlling the spread of the virus in our communities and SJBPH is pleased to support businesses in their efforts to keep employees and customers safe," the press release states.

To find out more about SJBPH's Worksite Testing program, contact Tracie Holcomb at tholcomb@sjb-publichealth.org.

Testing also continues to be available locally through Pagosa Springs Medical Center and Pagosa Medical Group.

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on Tuesday, the 30th day of June, 2020.**

Eligible Voters: All Active Registered Democratic, Republican, Libertarian and Unaffiliated voters.

Attention Unaffiliated Voters: If you have not declared a party preference, you will receive two (2) ballots in your mail ballot packet. You MUST only return one (1) ballot in order for your vote to count.

Mail Ballots: Beginning on June 8, 2020 the Archuleta County Clerk & Recorder will send a mail ballot packet to every Active voter who is registered in Archuleta County. To be counted, mail ballots must be returned to and in the hands of the Archuleta County Clerk & Recorder no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, June 30, 2020. **Postmarks do not count.**

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The County installed a secure ballot drop-box which will be open 24/7 with video surveillance from June 22, 2020 through 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, June 30, 2020. It is located outside on the sidewalk in front of the courthouse near the flag poles.

The following are the official nominations that will be voted on at the Archuleta County, June 30, 2020 Primary Election.

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(Democratic) | (02) John W. Hickenlooper
(Democratic) |
| (01) Cory Gardner
(Republican) | |
| (01) Gaylon Kent
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Representative to the 117th United States Congress – District 3

- (Vote for One)
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| (01) James Iacino
(Democratic) | (02) Diane E. Mitsch Bush
(Democratic) |
| (01) Lauren Boebert
(Republican) | (02) Scott R. Tipton
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- (Vote for One)
- (01) Mayling Simpson
(Democratic)
- (01) Joyce Rankin
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- (Vote for One)
- (01) Barbara McLachlan
(Democratic)
- (01) Marilyn Harris
(Republican)

District Attorney – 6th Judicial District

- (Vote for One)
- (01) Christian Champagne
(Democratic)
- (01) There are no candidates for this office.
(Republican)

ARCHULETA COUNTY

County Commissioner – District 1

- (Vote for One)
- (01) There are no candidates for this office.
(Democratic)
- | | |
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| (01) Warren M. Brown
(Republican) | (02) Nate Berman
(Republican) |
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- (03) June E. Marquez
(Republican)

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- (Vote for One)
- (01) There are no candidates for this office.
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- (01) Ronnie Maez
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Business

URA Commission outlines goals for group, discusses eminent domain

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

In a discussion about goals for the newly formed Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority (URA) Commission, the commission discussed ideas and touched upon the topic of eminent domain at a meeting on May 21.

The URA commission had previously discussed goals at its first meeting on April 15.

A lot of URAs spend time at the beginning of the process talking about what the overarching goals are for the authority, URA Commission Executive Director Andrea Phillips explained.

Some early feedback given by the commission highlights that the goals need to be in line with the Town of Pagosa Springs' comprehensive plan, Phillips described.

Projects should also benefit the downtown area, with high-paying jobs being important, she added.

Affordable or workforce housing being an element in any project, as well as a preference for infill and mixed-use developments are also examples of feedback from the commission.

Commissioner Madeline Bergon noted that she likes the idea of "green infrastructure" and creating buildings that work with the local environment.

Eminent domain

"Someone also mentioned that the commission should not use the power of eminent domain or condemnation," Phillips said, adding that eminent domain is an allowable power for the URA commission under state statute.

In a follow-up interview on Monday, Phillips described eminent domain as the power of a provincial, national or state government to take private property for public use.

"There has to be a valid public purpose. So, sometimes it happens when there is a need for an ease-

ment for a utility line or something like that," she described. "You can't just buy it and go, 'Oh, we're just going to hold on to it and maybe build something else later.'"

Phillips also described a parcel that was in "absolute disarray and shambles" that was creating a public safety and health issue.

"Essentially, it's a taking of the property. They have to pay the fair market value for it," she said. "It's essentially a forced sale of the property. Or forced easement."

URA Commission Vice Chair Greg Schulte noted during the meeting on May 21 that he was not sure if he would support a policy in which the commission stated it would not use eminent domain.

"It's not that I support eminent domain so much, but it is a tool in the toolbox and I don't know why we would take out the tool out of our toolbox as a matter of policy," Schulte said.

The URA commission could be an entity that is in place for decades, Schulte explained, adding that the commission doesn't know what "comes down the road."

"Certainly, eminent domain is very sensitive. It's a heavy hammer, if you will. I don't know that it's fruitful, in my opinion, to have some sort of blanket, unilateral, statement that just says, 'We'll never use this,'" Schulte said, adding that eminent domain would be a "tool of last resort."

URA Chair Don Volger added that he, at the April 15 meeting, suggested the commission "restrict eminent domain."

"I think it should be a tool of last

resort. But to eliminate it totally, I think we heard from legal counsel that that may not be wise," Volger said.

It would not be a bad thing for the URA commission to say, as a matter of policy, that eminent domain is a "tool of last resort," Schulte explained.

"As a matter of policy, I don't think it's wise to say, 'Oh we're never going to use it at all, ever,'" he said.

Commissioner J.R. Ford added that he hopes that eminent domain is not just a last resort, but is never used.

"I'm afraid that if you don't put language that we're not planning on using it that way, anytime any board can change it," he said. "It's not like it's tying somebody's hands 20 years from now. But I think a lot of language about how we want to see that used is important."

Ford indicated that he does not want anyone to abuse that tool.

"Let's see if we can come up with some wording that wouldn't limit us to a greater extent than we would intend because it may be a useful tool at some point in time," Volger said, adding that he hopes it is never used.

Council member Nicole DeMarco noted that any project the URA commission would do would need to have community support.

"I think if we're having to use that authority, then we don't have the right support. We don't have the support to move forward," she said.

Other ideas

Later in the meeting, Volger added that one piece of property that could be considered for a proj-

ect is the undeveloped piece of property at the junction of U.S. 84 and U.S. 160.

"That is not downtown, but it definitely benefits the east corridor and it would meet some other goals as far as producing jobs, producing revenue, there's all kinds of things that could be done in that particular area," he said.

URA Commissioner Shari Pierce suggested that the commission not limit itself to opportunities just within downtown.

DeMarco later suggested some sort of transportation project for the URA.

Projects should not be restricted with a "must-have" component, URA commissioner Matt DeGuise explained, adding that the commission should be able to judge the projects on "their merits."

Any project that comes to the URA Commission should be able to be tied in with the town's comprehensive plan, URA commissioner Mat deGraaf added.

"I would be really pleased for our vision and policy statement to say that the URA embraces the comp plan and we believe that, as the Urban Renewal Authority, that those projects that do come forth, it's our vision that those projects should be reasonably, or whatever the language may be, consistent with the existing comp plan," Schulte said.

Phillips noted in the follow-up interview that no decisions have been made on eminent domain in regard to a policy.

Phillips added that she, Schulte and deGraaf are going to be working on a policy statement that includes the vision and goals of the URA Commission.

"And then we could put in there, and it sounded like there was some support from the majority of the URA commissioners, that we would not use condemnation or eminent domain unless it was a matter of last resort," she said.

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Southwest Colorado Wildfire Coalition offers fire information

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

In partnership with a number of agencies, counties and organizations, the Southwest Colorado Wildfire Coalition has an excellent blogspot page with information about current conditions, fire restrictions, closures and much more.

Residents or visitors planning on recreating either on their property, in open spaces, campgrounds or parks should check out the conditions and restrictions before heading out. Visit <https://swcwf.blogspot.com> for the latest information. This site has a lot of communication all in one place. There are also posters around town where you can scan a QR code onto your phone so that you can have that information when you are mobile.

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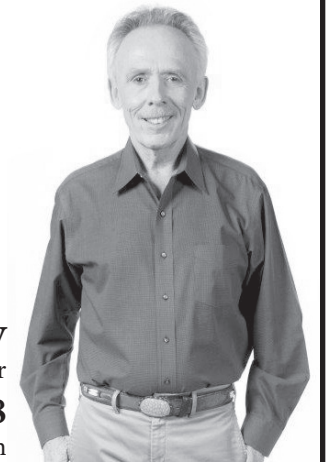


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Local businesses able to expand outdoors under administrative order

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs has implemented a temporary outdoor seating and use permit application for local restaurants and retail businesses, allowing business owners to expand into parking spaces, parking lots or sidewalk areas.

This idea was first discussed by the Pagosa Springs Town Council at a work session on May 28.

Gov. Jared Polis issued an executive order on May 27 which permits restaurants to offer outdoor dining as well as indoor dining with limitations, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained.

Some of those limitations are that indoor dining service is limited to no more than 50 percent capacity of the establishment and tables need to be spaced 6 feet apart, Phillips described.

"Due to some of the social distancing restrictions within that order and space and capacity of some of our local establishments, there is a need for some of them to expand into adjacent property in order to space their tables out at least 6 feet apart," she said.

Other communities, such as Durango, are allowing temporary outdoor serving areas that are adjacent to those properties, Phillips explained, adding that it could be a public space like a sidewalk or parking area.

Private property could also be considered with the permission of the owner, Phillips added.

"To clarify, this does not allow for bars to open and that's per the governor's orders. This is for food establishments that may have a liquor license as well," she added later.

Town staff has been looking into an easy review process for businesses that want to go this route, Phillips explained.

An administrative order will be used to implement this idea, according to Phillips.

Because the town is under a local disaster declaration, an administrative order allows the town to make accommodations and allowances that it typically would not be providing, she explained.

"With the powers of the town manager and under the local emergency declaration, we would like to offer what we're calling a temporary outdoor seating and use permit," she said.

The permit application procedure outlines that business owners can use public rights of way that are adjacent, but the permit is temporary and able to be revoked, she

described.

Hours of operation of restaurants cannot extend past 10 p.m., per orders from Polis, Phillips explained.

Applicants have to ensure that they are complying with state and public health orders, Phillips added.

Businesses that use a public right of way have to have a clear passage for pedestrians and fall under compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, she explained further.

A sketch plan will need to be submitted with the application along with a Certificate of Insurance. Written permission from the property owner is also required. In the case of a publicly owned property, the town manager has the authority to consider the proposal. Phillips added that she is requesting Town Planning Director James Dickhoff to have the ability to do the review process in-house without having to come to council every time they get a permit request.

"We want some kind of barricades, especially if they are going to be going into an adjacent parking area," Phillips said. "Signage would

be really key there, too."

According to the permit application procedure, no fee would be collected by the town that is associated with this application or review outside of liquor license fees imposed by the state.

There have been a few restaurants that have expressed an interest into expanding into their outdoor space, Phillips explained.

Under this permit, retail businesses could expand to create extra display space, she added later.

"This essentially gives them a bigger space in which to expand," Phillips said. "My understanding from San Juan Basin Health is that there is not a limit on outdoor dining, but there is on indoor dining."

For the outdoor seating or usage permit, go to: www.pagosasprings.co.gov.

Liquor license

Businesses looking to change their premises for their liquor license still need to send a modification of premises application to the state, she explained, adding that the fee for this application is \$150.

"That part would need to come to you if they want to expand their consumption of liquor into their new outdoor seating area," she said.

According to Town Clerk April Hessman, the state determined that it would allow the liquor license modifications for 120 days or until Polis changes the public health order guidelines.

"They can't keep that extended area if the governor goes back to having normal restaurant business," Hessman said.

For the liquor permitting, go to: www.Colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/DR%208442_e_wo_2.pdf.

Implementation

At a regular meeting of town council on June 2, council approved a modification of liquor licensed premise for Rosie's Pizzeria.

According to agenda documentation, Rosie's Pizzeria requested to extend its liquor licensed premise to include four parking spaces in the parking lot to accommodate social distancing requirements.

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Public hearing for oil and gas application set for June 24

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

A public hearing will be held on June 24 regarding an Archuleta County Minor Oil and Gas Facility Permit application for Catamount Energy.

According to a public notice, the proposal is to add additional wells onto an already established well pad site in the western portion of Archuleta County on land that is owned by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

The public hearing is set for June 24 at 6 p.m. at the county administration building at 398 Lewis St. or via Zoom.

Members of the public can call 264-8300 for login details for the Zoom meeting.

According to Esther Godson, public affairs officer for San Juan National Forest, there are 24 gas wells on National Forest System land in Archuleta County.

In an email to The SUN, Godson wrote: "In Archuleta County, there are two National Forest System (NFS) surface/mineral estate situations:

"• Wells on NFS surface that produce natural gas from private mineral leases. The federal government, including USFS, does not receive any payments for this type of development.

"• Wells on NFS surface that

produce natural gas from federal mineral leases managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The USFS does not receive payments directly in this situation. However, the lease owner and developer do make payments that go to the U.S. Treasury, initially to purchase a lease and then for a percentage of the production values.

"• The minimum cost for a federal oil and gas lease is \$2/acre, but often the prices are much higher, depending on the lease area. Once a well is delivering gas to market, the federal government charges a 12.5% royalty on the gross revenue from the production."

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Urban Renewal Authority Commission sets meeting posting location

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a regular meeting on May 21 of the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority (URA) Commission, the group approved a resolution that establishes the date, location and times for its meetings.

The resolution, Resolution 2020-01, notes that meetings and work sessions will be held at Town Hall, located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

"Meetings and work sessions may be held at such time and place

as may from time to time be determined by the Chair, except as otherwise directed by a majority of the members of the Board," the resolution reads.

The posting of agendas for work sessions and meetings will be done on the town's citizen portal at <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/Portal/>.

URA Secretary April Hessman explained during the meeting that the resolution language pertaining to meeting posting is worded as such so that the commission can hold a meeting when it is necessary.

"Meetings do still have to have a 24-hour posting requirement and they are all open to the public," Hessman said.

Additionally, URA commissioner Shari Pierce suggested adding to the resolution that agendas and meeting postings be available physically at Town Hall.

The motion to approve Resolution 2020-01, with the amendment indicating that agendas will be posted at Town Hall, was passed unanimously by the URA Commission.

Bids for combined affordable housing, DHS project come in higher than expected

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County commissioners are in a situation they've been in before: trying to find more money to build a facility that is more expensive than originally anticipated.

At Tuesday's work session, the commissioners discussed that they have received bids for the county's new Department of Human Services (DHS) building, which includes 34 affordable housing units in the same project, that came in about 35 percent higher than expected.

County Commissioner Ron Maez characterized the project last year by saying the county will get a \$13 million building for pitching in \$1.25 million, though the costs for the county are now higher.

The other costs for the building will be paid for with a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) grant, according to Maez.

Clifford Lucero, vice chairman for the Archuleta Housing Authority, who is helping oversee the project, told The SUN Wednesday that, with the higher-than-anticipated bids, there is approximately \$1 million that needs to be identified to complete the project as originally planned.

DHS had requested 11,000 square feet for its portion of the building, but with rising construc-

tion costs, that number may be whittled down.

In an email that was examined by the commissioners at the work session, Bill Simpson, who is serving as a consultant on the project, suggested three options for the project going forward:

• Delay construction of the DHS project until further funding can be obtained through other sources.

"If we were to build the 11,000 square foot project I feel the construction costs would be about \$3,500,000 which means we have a financing gap of about \$1,550,000," wrote Simpson.

• Delay construction and look for additional funding to build the 11,000-square-foot building while only initially finishing the top floor with 6,000 square feet of usable space.

"The architect estimate for this option is \$2,100,000 for the finished building and an additional \$700,000 for the unfinished basement for a total of \$2,800,000 which leaves a gap of about \$850,000," wrote Simpson.

• Build a single-story, 6,000-square-foot building, "... which would have a shortfall of \$150,000..." wrote Simpson.

At their regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon, the commissioners voted unanimously to give DHS 21 days to find additional funding for the 11,000-square-foot

option, and if no funding can be found, the 6,000-square-foot building will be built.

Matt Dodson, director for Archuleta County DHS, told the commissioners he is diligently working to find additional funding, noting he has a meeting this week with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to whom he proposed a \$300,000 grant.

In a follow-up phone call Tuesday, Dodson explained his hopes for the project.

"I would like to see the project come to fruition. It's long overdue and my hope is that the financing and budget will allow us to build a space that is adequate for the services that we provide," he said. "We have 22 staff working in, sharing office spaces and it's just not really conducive to efficiencies or offering the public the opportunities for privacy which we solidly believe they deserve and want to provide for them. We do what we can the best we can with what we got, but there's obviously room for growth and improvement across all the program areas."

Dodson explained during the meeting that extremely private conversations happen routinely at DHS and the square footage he requested makes it much easier to give the public adequate space for those conversations.

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RECREATION NEWS AND COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Ross Aragon Community Center begins reopening

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The Ross Aragon Community Center opened on June 1 with limited access.

The restrooms and showers will open for public use. There will be designated areas inside the building for Wi-Fi access. Free classes will be offered outside in our parks based on instructor availability.

The gym and workout facility will remain closed per the governor's safety guidelines.

Please visit the town website,

www.pagosasprings.co.gov, for the June calendar of classes.

For any questions, please con-

tact Darren Lewis, Parks and Recreation director, at 264-4151, ext. 231.

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Education

Principal's Pagosa Springs Elementary School Parent of the Year recipients



Photos courtesy Justin Cowan

The Parent of the Year award recognizes parents who contribute to the school in ways that go above and beyond. The parents partner with Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) to set up family nights, plan events, run with their kids during 100-Mile Club, participate in field trips, feed teachers during parent-teacher conferences and more. Pictured, from left to right, are this year's award recipients: Ashli Stretton, Ashley Currier, Laura Jenkins and Mary Moore.

Durango Elks Lodge announces 2020 scholarship winners

By Helen Wilkinson
Durango Elks Lodge

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE), Durango Lodge No. 507, announces the recipients of scholarship awards.

The following students from Pagosa Springs High School will receive \$1,000 scholarship awards

from Durango Lodge No. 507: Jack Foster, Piedra Goss and Grace Thompson.

Alexandria Ashbaugh, also graduating from Pagosa Springs High School, will be receiving the \$1,000 Durango Elks Lodge Veteran's Scholarship; she is well deserving as the daughter of two military parents. She will be attending the University of Northern Colorado,

where she will be majoring in biochemistry.

The scholarship committee of BPOE No. 507 congratulates all 2020 graduating seniors and invites upcoming 2021 seniors to apply online for the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest. Applications are available in the fall and open to all seniors.

Local

Brooke Hampton

The Fort Lewis College School of Arts and Sciences held its annual Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Symposium virtually on April 23. Student participants were selected by their departments to represent the best undergraduate research and performances done at Fort Lewis College this year. Each department selects two students to give talks, and up to five groups of students to present posters or performances. Many of these students have also presented at professional conferences in their disciplines.

Brooke Hampton, of Pagosa Springs, presented a project titled "Imagination Fuels the Future: The Value of Creative Problem-Solving for K-12 Students" supervised by faculty mentor Dr. Lorien Chambers-Schuldt and Dr. Jillian Wenburg.

Hampton's major is physics.

Council allocates funds for service organizations, initiatives

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a regular meeting on May 21, the Pagosa Springs Town Council allocated the second cycle of funds for various service organizations and council initiatives.

The town's policy has been to allocate 3 percent of the town's anticipated General Fund sales tax revenues for service organizations, which is now done in two cycles, Town Manager Andrea Phillips described.

Council initiatives fall under programs, services, projects and costs that pertain to the three strategic priorities of the town, which are broadband, early child care and affordable housing, Phillips added. For council initiatives, Phillips explained that there is no policy on how council budgets for them.

Service organizations

Aspen House received an award of \$1,893 from council during the meeting.

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association earned an award of \$559.

Community Connections was awarded \$843 by council.

DUST2 earned \$1,368 from council and Mountain Studies Institute earned \$1,182 from council.

Veteran's Memorial Park received \$929.

In total, council budgeted \$23,451 and allocated \$6,773 in second-cycle funds, leaving a remaining balance of \$16,678.

Council initiatives

Seeds of Learning earned \$857 from council during the second-cycle allocation of funds.

The Archuleta County Education Center/Wings Early Childhood Center earned a total amount of \$714.

Tri-County Head Start earned \$786 and Our Savior Lutheran School earned \$429.

Habitat For Humanity earned \$1,857 and HomesFund earned \$2,714.

The Broadband Service Fund/Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation earned \$60,000.

The town had to expend \$6,429 in fiber repairs out of the council initia-

tives fund, according to Town Clerk April Hessman.

Additionally, \$22,750 was expended to Archuleta County Housing Authority.

With the planned installation of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program (LIHTC) project on Hot Springs Boulevard, the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District board agreed to waive the development's sewer connection fees, which were \$22,750, according to Hessman.

"The town council also agreed to reimburse the sanitation district for the waiving of the \$22,750," she said.

The town had budgeted \$108,000 for the second cycle of funding for council initiatives, with council allocating \$96,536 toward those initiatives, leaving a balance of \$11,464.

"The \$11,464 they are not going to spend at this time. I think council member Pierce suggested that we keep that in case there are any more fiber cuts or any repairs that need to be made," Hessman said. chris@pagosasun.com

Archuleta County to proceed with variance request to state

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Archuleta County will continue to proceed with a variance request to the state of Colorado that would allow for less-strict rules for some organizations to operate.

Local business owner Jason Cox, with the help of Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Jo Coulehan, has worked with the county to draft the request.

Cox, Coulehan and the county have been working on the variance application for a few weeks, prior to Gov. Jared Polis releasing updated guidelines for business reopenings earlier this week.

Initial drafts of the variance had requests that pertained to restaurants and other businesses and with the updated guidance from the state, the county will tweak what it's asking for.

At the county commissioners' work session on Tuesday, Commissioner Ron Maez explained that he wants a variance for the amount of people allowed at places of worship like local churches.

The state guidelines say that houses of worship can have 50

percent of allowed capacity, or 50 people, whichever is less, during services.

"I personally would like to move forward with allowing more people to worship in their houses of worship as long as they can show and maintain a safe distance of 6 feet between each other, even if the numbers are more than 50 ... I think we need to push forward," he said.

"I think our country was founded on religious freedom as a big whole rather than the ability to smoke marijuana or have a drink when we want to," said Commissioner Alvin SchAAF. "They've got the capabilities. Those buildings are big enough to house more than 50 people with the social distancing guidelines. I think that's the most important."

After some discussion, Cox summarized what the updated variance will look like.

"We're gonna drop the variance request for all of the other industries such as we discussed because we're satisfied with the state's guidance and we're gonna push forward on upping the capacity limit above 50 for houses of worship that have a capacity that would handle that number?" he asked.

Maez responded affirmatively.

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Town, county extend declarations of local disaster and emergency

By Chris Mannara and John Finebrock Staff Writers

Both the Pagosa Springs Town Council and the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) extended their respective declarations of local disaster and emergency on Tuesday.

laration of a Local Disaster Emergency to Aug. 4.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained during the town council's meeting on Tuesday that the previous extension of the town's local disaster order expired on June 2.

"It allows us to recoup some eligible costs due to our response to COVID," she said.

The town has had to purchase

personal protective equipment for staff as well as posters and flyers, Phillips explained, adding that those are eligible costs.

"Instead of coming back to you in another month, I had this one set up to extend for 60 days," she said.

Also on Tuesday, the BoCC extended its Declaration of Local Disaster until July 7.

Archuleta County Administrator

Scott Wall cautioned that "this is no change in doing business as usual," citing it simply allows the county to be eligible for reimbursement funds for anything they expend to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This just allows us for reimbursement that are expended to the COVID-19; it's not another emergency added to the one we have," Commissioner Ron Maez said.

Water production increase due to pipe rupture

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

From May 21 through May 27 of this year, total water production was listed at 16.15 million gallons. In that same timeframe last year, water production was listed at just 10.98 million gallons.

In a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 5.33 million gallons and the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 10.82 million gallons from May

21 through May 27 of this year.

In an email to The SUN, Ramsey explained that the jump in water production could be attributed to a pipe rupturing last week.

As of June 1, three out of five local lakes are full, according to Ramsey's press release.

Stevens Lake, Lake Pagosa and Village Lake are all full, while Hatcher Lake is 1 inch from full and Lake Forest is 2 inches from full.

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

River report

As of June 3, the San Juan River had a reported flow of 745 cfs, lower than the average for June 3 of 1,560 cfs.

The highest reported flow total for the San Juan River came in 1948 when the river had a reported flow of 4,090 cfs.

The lowest flow total for the San Juan River came in 2002 when the river had a flow of just 116 cfs.

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Commissioners receive first quarter financial report

By John Finebrock Staff Writer

Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton presented the first quarter financial report to the county commissioners on Tuesday.

Walton's presentation noted:
• Sales tax revenue was down 9 percent in March and could be almost \$1 million below budget by year end.

• The county's budget could be \$1,260,000 below projections in governmental funds by year-end.

• The county's new jail, currently under construction, is \$615,000 over budget "due to change orders in excess of the allowance of change orders."

• The Harman house remodel, which will house the sheriff's office and dispatch, is about \$300,000 over budget due to unanticipated costs.

• Because of the cost overruns of the above two projects, additional

funding is needed to begin construction on a new county courthouse.

• In order to pay for the courthouse, the county will have to transfer as much as \$900,000 to the Justice System Capital Fund from its General Fund.

Walton noted that exact numbers are hard to predict amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I probably would treat these numbers less as projections and more as guesstimates or speculation," he told the commissioners, adding, "These numbers are not worst-case scenario and they're also not best-case scenario, and we just really don't know what's gonna happen."

Walton explained that, since mid-March, county revenues have been down, but said the economy could come roaring back.

"I would hate for us to do a lot of drastic cutting, laying off of staff or something like that right now and

we find out that really the economy bounces back and it was unnecessary. I would prefer to let our reserves compensate a bit until this comes into better focus, but I do think there's — this is the first early sense of what the numbers might be, let me put it that way," he said.

Commissioners Ron Maez and Steve Wadley expressed that while money is tight in the county, it's important to proceed with much-needed capital facility projects like the courthouse.

"We're at a point where we're all gonna have to make decisions about what the future holds and none of us have a crystal ball. Real estate sales seem to be going strong, the market seems to be recovering some and we're in a position where we're in dire need of facilities and there's a lot of matching money to be had right now. I think that we gotta go forward and address these needs as opposed to just kinda tightening our belts and

hunkering down," Wadley said.

"I would like to share more of an optimistic view on things. You know, projections are projections and all we can do is the best we can do with what we have, but I definitely feel a lot of unease leaving \$1.9 million of grant funding money on the table and risk losing that or any further funding in the future to any of our capital facility needs. So, I do think it's pertinent that we move on and we do our best diligence in watching the budget and watching the money to where we can make things happen and we might have to be real frugal about this in the future," Maez said.

Maez's reference to \$1.9 million in grant funding refers to a grant the county received to construct the new courthouse that could be rescinded if the county can't come up with matching funds as stipulated in the grant.

Walton explained the conversations he's been having with employees of Archuleta County.

"I do occasionally have conversations with different staff in different parts of the organization and some of them are starting to, you might say, proactively remind me, 'Oh you know my job is statutorily required, blah blah blah' and what I've started to say to people is most departments of the county are doing jobs that are in some way shape or form a requirement of the statute somewhere and the fact of the matter is is that we're gonna have less money to do this and so people are going to have to share in the cuts. ... I'm trying to get people psychologically to accept the fact that there's probably going to have to be quite a bit of belt tightening across the board here and what I'm hoping is that staff, rather than fighting over the money cats and dogs, will come together and realize we're all in it together and graciously accept what we have to allocate to them when the time comes, which is likely to be less than what we have now," he said.

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County makes more moves to sell downtown building

By John Finebrock Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners have set a minimum bid price of \$500,000 for the county building at 449 San Juan St.

Currently, the Archuleta County clerk's, treasurer's, human resources and assessor's offices operate out of the facility.

"I don't think it's any secret all of us would like to get out of that building," Commissioner Steve Wadley said. "We need to get off of riverfront property, but a half a million dollars or a million dollars isn't gonna buy us a facility that's gonna house those [other departments] ... If somebody

wants to come forward and offer us a proposal to take that building and the land and find us a home or find us a chance to get a home, I think we just let the public know that the county is wanting to sell it, wanting to move, but also somebody's gonna have to solve our problem for us 'cause we don't have the money to solve it. And if somebody wants it that bad, they can find another home for us."

"Years back there was a person who was willing to build us another facility in exchange for that particular piece of building and property," Commissioner Ron Maez said. "Maybe back then shoulda been an opportunistic time to take it on then. Hopefully, there's someone out there

that's willing to do that again."

"In order to get out of the building, we've gotta have someplace to go, and we can't take a half million dollars and run and go pay rent in a strip center to someone. That's not gonna work for very long," Wadley said.

The commissioners voted unanimously to set a \$500,000 minimum bid for the property at 449 San Juan St. at their regular meeting on Tuesday.

In an email Wednesday morning, County Administrator Scott Wall wrote the county hasn't "written the specs yet" for the public to bid on the downtown property and did not respond to a SUN question of when the county will be ready to accept bids.

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Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 1, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970) 264-8160 Plaintiff: SAN JUAN RIVER RESORT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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; LAURIE NUELL; MARY ANN CAMACHO; SHAWN 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.

Third Party Defendants: SAN JUAN RIVER RESORT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; SAN JUAN RIVER RESORT, INC.; AN ARIZONA CORPORATION; FRANK E. GRIFFITTS; D. ALLEN GARDNER; JAMES E. STEPHENS; EVERBANK NOW KNOWN AS TIAA COMMERCIAL FINANCE, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; SAN JUAN RIVER VILLAGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT; A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF COLORADO; BANK OF COLORADO; USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, A FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS ASSOCIATION; USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK ("USAA FSB"); WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; TCF 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; BARRY RICKETTS; QUEPHA LYNN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC.; GAIL CAMPBELL; JULIENNE CAMPBELL; MARIE 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; JULIE A. WELLS; WADE C. MAURER; CHAD D. 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. TULIS; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; JONATHAN D. WEATHERS; BONNIE M. WEATHERS; FELTS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERIES 1, L.L.C., a Texas Limited Liability Company; ANNE MICHELLE VISEL; ANTHONY BAKER; LISA BAKER; OWEN LOAN SERVICING, 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 LEBBO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR GARDNER FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD dba 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 A. WATSON; JULIA C. WATSON; JOSEPH F. WATSON; JANET A. WATSON; CATHERINE S. GRAVES; WILLIAM GORDON GRAYDON aka W. 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. BRENDA K. RAY; GARY D. FINE; NANCY L. FINE; W. BRUCE JACOBSON; COMMERCIAL CAPITAL BANK; JAMES G. BANKSTON; NANCY GALBREATH; JOSEPH A. JORDAN; CHANTELLE J. JORDAN; GREG S. HANSLIP aka GREGORY STEVEN HANSLIP; BEAR DOWN AND RIVER COMPANY, LLC; JANICE L. WITTWER; WILLIAM C. WITTWER; DERALL W. GARRETT AND TRAVES G. GARRETT AS CO-TRUSTEES OF THE GARRETT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 16, 2014; VECTOR HOLDINGS, LLC; SHIRLEY RODMAN SAVILLE; PAIMELA O. 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 Attorneys for Plaintiffs: Nathan G. Osborn, #38951 Elizabeth A.M. Delina, #52100 MONTGOMERY LITTLE & SORAN, P.C. 5445 DTC Parkway, Suite 800 Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111 Phone Number: (303) 773-8100 Fax Number: (303) 220-0412 E-mail: nosborn@montgomerylittle.com E-mail: edelina@montgomerylittle.com Case Number: 2019CV30051 Division: M

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2020-00-

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On March 27, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records. Original Grantor(s) Nicholas Brian Kurz and Jodi Ann Kurz Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., nominee for The Huntington National Bank, Its Successors and Assigns Current Holder of Evidence of Debt The Huntington National Bank Date of Deed of Trust August 13, 2013 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust August 19, 2013 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book Page No.) 21305606

Original Principal Amount \$417,000.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$400,694.96 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOTS 573 AND 574, LAKE FOREST ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77869 Also known by street and number as: 579 Stevens Cir, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice is Herby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 07/30/2020, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 6/4/2020 Last Publication 7/2/2020

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; DATE: 03/27/2020

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

By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Ilene Dell'Acqua #31755

McCarthy & Holthus, LL 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122

Attorney File # CO-20-881861-L

The Attorney above is acting as the debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Nancy Ann Green, Deceased Case No. 20PR10

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before 8 October 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Andrew Green 221 Falcon Pl Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Robert D. Lowe (Deceased) Case No. 20 PR 30013

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the undersigned or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado, on or before October 20, 2020, or said claims may be forever barred.

Preclousa F. Lowe Personal Representative

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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL REAL PROPERTY

WITHIN THE PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested persons that a Petition For Inclusion of additional real property has been filed with the Board of Directors of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District. The Board of Directors has fixed the day of Thursday, June 11, 2020, at the hour of 5:00 p.m., at 100 Lynn Ave, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, as the date, time and place of an open meeting at which such Petition shall be heard.

The name and address of the Petitioner and a general description of the property to be included into the District are as follows:

PETITIONER: Ryan Searle - Manager of River Rock Estates, LLC

597 Navajo Trail Drive Pagosa Springs, CO

PROPERTY: RURAL SECT 24 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN GLO LOTS 8 & 9, E. THE N2SE4 AND THE N2SW4

Commonly known as Parcel # 56992440003 at X County Road 119 Pagosa Springs, CO

All interested parties may appear at such hearing to show cause in writing why such Petition should not be granted. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT. PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT BY: /s/ Jim Smith

Chairman: Jim Smith

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Archuleta School District 50 Jt.

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of the Archuleta School District 50 Jt. on May 28, 2020 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and has been filed in the Administration Office of the School District where it will be available for public inspection. A budgetary and legislative update will be shared with the Board at their June 9, 2020 meeting. The proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a special meeting of the Board of Education of Archuleta School District 50 Jt. on June 18, 2020 at 5:30 pm. A Zoom meeting link will be posted on the District's web site www.mypagosa.schools.com at least 24 hours prior to both the June 9 and June 18 meetings. Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his or her objections thereto.

BOARD OF EDUCATION Archuleta School District 50 Jt. Mike Hodgson, Finance Director

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Published PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for "Final Major Design Review" for the construction of 12-13 stand-alone cabins for overnight lodging with hospitality accommodations on the .85 acre parcel located at 151 S. 5th Street. The Design Review Board will consider the "Final Major Design Review" application at a public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 5:30pm in Town Hall, located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information and anyone wishing to provide comments, please contact the Town Planning Department at cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov or attend the public hearing.

To comply with the current social distancing suggestions, the agenda will include instructions on how to join the meeting via video conference and/or telephone.

To access the meeting agenda, staff report and proposed development application, click the Meetings and Agendas tab on the left-hand side on the Town's website home page at pagosasprings.co.gov. You may also view the application on our website under Departments -> Planning -> Pending Land Use Development Projects.

Public comments will be accepted at the public hearing. If you have questions, you may contact Planning at 970-264-4151 x221.

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FOR PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON JUNE 24, 2020

Catamount Energy Partners has applied for a Minor Oil & Gas Facility Permit on property located off of U.S.F.S. Service Road 537 in the western portion of Archuleta County, legally described as a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 34 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M., 1204 feet south of section line and 1253 feet west of section line (PLN20-121), on property owned by the United States Forest Service. The property is zoned Agricultural Forestry. The existing use on the site is an oil and gas well pad. The proposal is to add additional wells onto the well pad site. Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, by phone to (970) 264-1390 or by email to bcollender@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on June 24, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the County Administration Building Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting. The public is highly encouraged to join via ZOOM conference call - Please contact Jamie via County Admin 970.264.8309 or Brad in Development Services 970.264.1390 for log-in information.

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Outdoors



Fire restrictions still in place for San Juan National Forest

By Esther Godson
San Juan National Forest

Fire restrictions (order) will remain in place on all National Forest System lands within the San Juan National Forest, including wilderness. Forest Order SJ-2020-04 went into effect on May 29 and will remain in effect until rescinded.

Fire restrictions are in place to enhance public safety, protect natural and cultural resources and help minimize human-caused wildfires.

Forest visitors are prohibited from:

- Igniting, building, maintaining,

attending or using a fire, including charcoal grills and barbecues, coal- and wood-burning stoves and shepherd's stoves.

- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building.

"While the winter snowpack was slightly below normal at higher elevations, mid to lower elevations received well below normal snowpack and what snow is remaining is diminishing early," said Cary Newman, San Juan National Forest fire planner.

Temporary restrictions will remain in place until further notice and may be increased or reduced at any time due to changes in weather

and fire danger.

Fire management personnel would like to provide forest users with these helpful reminders before heading out to their public lands:

- Do not idle or park your vehicle in tall grass. The undercarriage is hot and can light the grass on fire. Park your vehicles/trailers and off-highway vehicles away from dry grass and brush.

- When target shooting, follow these precautions: place your target on dirt or gravel, switch to paper targets, and bring a shovel and fire extinguisher. Remember: Incendiary targets/exploding ammunition

are illegal on all federal lands.

- Practice proper vehicle maintenance, ensuring that tow chains are secured and vehicles have no dragging parts — dragging chains along the ground can spark fires. Check your tire pressure and properly maintain your brakes.
- Report any fires by calling 911.

The San Juan National Forest thanks forest visitors who are following the current fire restrictions. Our community can prevent unwanted human-caused fires.

For more information on Forest Service fire restriction orders, please contact the San Juan National Forest at 247-4874.

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Camp Colorado scholarship awarded to Marie Smith

Jean Zirnhelt
Weminuche Audubon Society

For the second consecutive year, the Weminuche Audubon Society was pleased to award the Camp Colorado scholarship to Marie Smith, daughter of Don and Tish Smith, of Pagosa Springs.

Marie Smith is blessed with a family who supports and encourages her pursuits. She attended the camp last summer and wrote a compelling application letter outlining the reasons that she would like to attend again. She is an accomplished artist and this camp provides an opportunity to better her skills of illustrating birds. Last year, camp counselors inspired her to pursue a career in ornithology. One of her teachers, Anita Hinger, wrote an enthusiastic letter of recommendation.

Unfortunately, current conditions forced the American Birding Association, organizers of the camp, to cancel it this year for the safety of participants. Marie Smith has found another outlet for her love of birds by volunteering to participate in the forest bird survey currently being conducted by the Weminuche Audubon chapter on Jackson Mountain, Fawn Gulch and Turkey Springs. We are glad to have her with us.

Camp Colorado is a weeklong



Tish, Marie and Don Smith ready to go birding on Jackson Mountain.

Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

science camp with a focus on birds centered in Rocky Mountain National Park near Estes Park. This

yearly scholarship is made possible by the generosity of Joan Ward in memory of her late husband,

Michael Ward, who served on the board of the Weminuche Audubon Society until his death.

San Juan National Forest to extend free personal-use firewood cutting

By Esther Godson
San Juan National Forest

The San Juan National Forest is extending its availability of free permits for personal-use firewood cutting to the general public through June 14. The free-use permits are for personal use only and exclude the cutting of firewood for commercial purposes.

Forest users are asked to comply with normal permit requirements and forest regulations, even when collecting forest products under the free-use allowance. Beginning Monday, June 15, free-use packets will no longer be valid and regular fuelwood permits will be available for purchase at district and forest

offices across the San Juan National Forest.

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

The forest is providing these authorization packets to the public in the following way:

- An individual can pick up an authorization packet at any one of the four national forest offices during regular business hours. A self-

service table will be located near the front entrance at each office. Forest staff require that woodcutters leave contact information in the on-site drop box when picking up their packet.

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

Offices on the San Juan National Forest are conducting business and providing visitor services virtually. For specific forest information and firewood cutting guidelines, please contact Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268.

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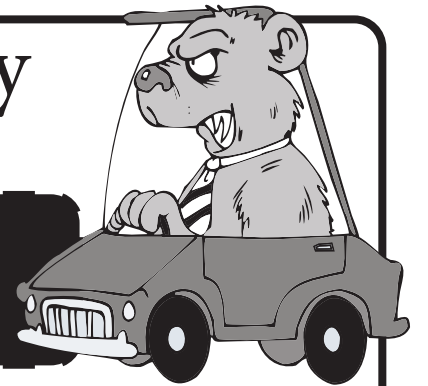
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High-country trails remain snowpacked, muddy

By Esther Godson
San Juan National Forest

The San Juan National Forest reminds visitors that many of our high-country trails are still snowpacked and muddy. Using high-country trails that are not dry enough for motorized and non-motorized use results in braided trail systems, as well as damage to fragile tundra or wetlands. This damage creates more erosion by funneling water down trails and increasing sedimentation, impacting water quality.

Visitors are encouraged to use lower elevation trails. If you en-

counter variable trail conditions, turn around; do not widen or create new trails around areas like mud holes. If you must, go slowly through muddy sections or puddles. Stay the trail. When visiting the national forest, please follow "Leave No Trace" principals and to get the most out of your experience, visit Know Before You Go: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/know-before-you-go>.

All offices on the San Juan National Forest are conducting business and providing visitor services virtually. Contact Pagosa Ranger District office for current trail conditions at 264-2268.

Celebration

Liam Doctor

The University of Utah congratulates students who were named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List, including Liam Doctor, of Pagosa Springs, whose major is listed as biomedical engineering BIO.

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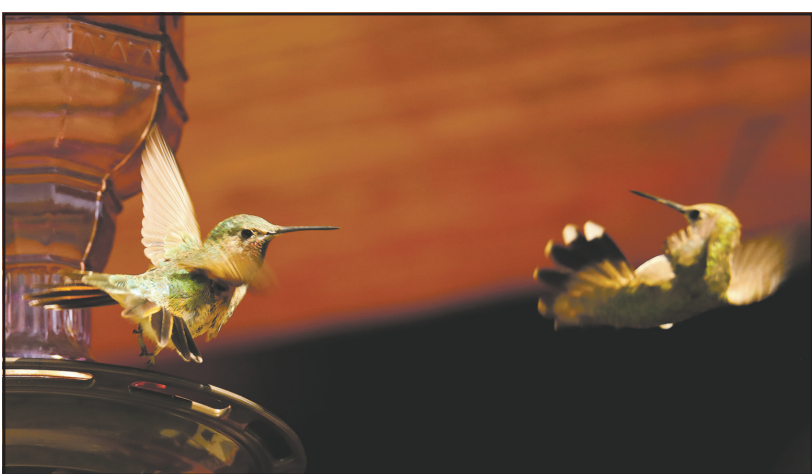
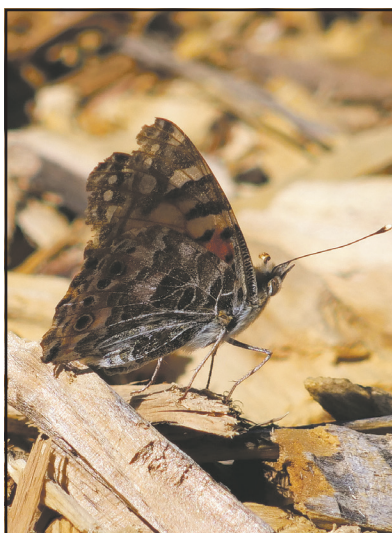




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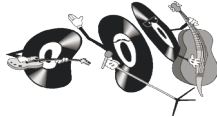
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Tim O'Brien with Jan Fabricius will perform a virtual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival set at 8 p.m. Friday.



Live Performers

Friday
Pagosa Brewing Company: San Juan Mountain Boys,
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Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass is going virtual this year, with Lucinda Williams performing a set for virtual attended at 7 p.m. Friday.

Virtual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass set for Friday, June 5

By Jill Davis
 KSUT

We'll miss kicking off Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass on Reservoir Hill Friday, June 5, this year, but we're excited to present a virtual live music experience to raise our spirits.

KSUT will broadcast two live sets for our virtual attendees, featuring a solo acoustic set by Lucinda Williams, followed by the duo of Tim O'Brien with Jan Fabricius.

You can watch the performances on our Facebook Live, tune in to KSUT on the radio, stream KSUT or listen on your smart speaker.

Williams performs at 7 p.m.

"It's all come full circle," said Williams about her powerful new album, "Good Souls, Better Angels."

After more than 40 years of music making, the pioneering, Louisiana-born artist has returned to the gritty blues foundation that first inspired her as a young singer-songwriter in the late 1970s. She spent the last year on her sold-out Car Wheels 20th anniversary tour (including her Durango show),

and released her new album in April while in quarantine at her East Nashville home. We're excited to present Williams performing an intimate solo acoustic set for our virtual event.

O'Brien and Fabricius perform at 8 p.m. Grammy-winning singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist O'Brien grew up singing in church and in school and, after seeing Doc Watson on TV, became a lifelong devotee of old-time and bluegrass music. O'Brien first toured nationally with Colorado bluegrass band Hot Rize and has collaborated with many great musicians. He's a core artist for KSUT and has been a beloved performer at Pagosa, other regional festivals and his Durango shows.

O'Brien performs in a duet setting with his partner, Jan Fabricius, on harmony vocals. We're thrilled to have O'Brien and Fabricius perform from their home studio in Nashville for this occasion.

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“Eagle in Flight” by Chris Roebuck. Roebuck will be the speaker at the upcoming Pagosa Springs Photography Club meeting.

Chris Roebuck to speak at photography club meeting

By Gregg Heid
Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club (PSPC) will next meet by Zoom video conference on Wednesday, June 10, at 6:15 p.m. Our speaker will be Chris Roebuck. His topic is highlights from a photographer's education: from field to framed. In the program, Roebuck will discuss why he photographs, how he uses the language of photography to tell a story and how he takes his images from an encounter in the field to a framed print.

Roebuck has been a member of the PSPC for several years. He began his digital imaging education nine years ago by attending a community college (Lansing Community College). There, Roebuck learned Photoshop in depth. After 2 1/2 years, he went to the Rocky Mountain School of Photography, in Missoula, Mont., to learn Lightroom. That same year, he attended printing workshops at Maine Media Workshops and College. Roebuck has continued to attend photographic workshops every year since. He is a firm believer in continuing education. Roebuck takes a philosophical approach to his photography rather than an artistic one. He is primarily a wildlife photographer and hopes to always be a student of the photographic arts.

This will be a virtual meeting, live online, using Zoom video conferencing. You may participate in the program from the comfort and safety of your own home. Photography Club members will receive a club email containing a Zoom weblink to participate in Roebuck's presentation. Others who are interested in taking part

may contact club president Andy Butler for information at abutler@mac.com.

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

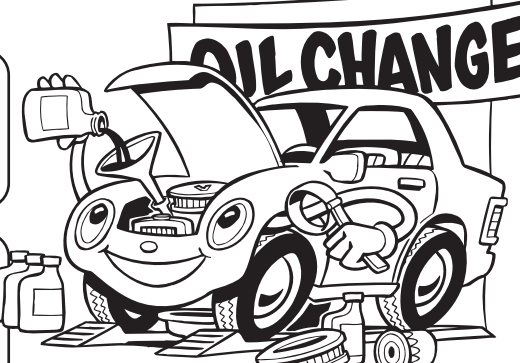


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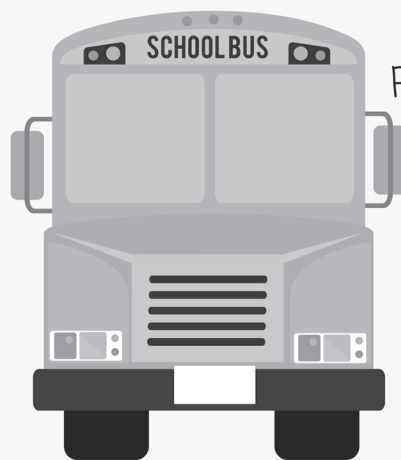


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Free gardening talk with Ron Chacey online every Wednesday

By Leslie Wustrack
Pagosa Springs Community Garden

The Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners is sponsoring a free online educational series on gardening throughout the spring and summer months. Renowned expert Ron Chacey covers all topics related to gardening in the Pagosa Springs area. All gardening talks are free and accessible via computer or telephone.

On Wednesday, June 10, at 5 p.m., Chacey, the eminent regional vegetable grower and an original founder of the Pagosa Springs Community Garden, will discuss how to choose vegetable plants that will thrive in the region and best practices for each.

The evening's format begins with photos of Chacey's personal garden and he will discuss what he is currently doing in his garden. An in-depth presentation on his suggestions for the best regional vegetable varieties will follow. All participants will be muted but invited to send in questions on his presentation and on any gardening topic.

An avid grower with seven decades plus of experience, Chacey is a believer in trial and error in all areas of gardening. Chacey believes

that learning from mistakes is the foundation of successful gardening.

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden is located at the end of 5th Street on the San Juan River in downtown Pagosa Springs. Decades old, the garden is on land owned by the Town of Pagosa Springs and plots are granted to the town's citizens free of charge.

In 2017, the garden was rejuvenated by community volunteers with the assistance of local Pagosa Springs businesses. Raised beds and deer-out fencing were constructed with donated lumber. Soil amendments, fertilizers, seeds, plant starts, tools, hoses and other necessary items are all provided through the generosity of Pagosa Springs businesses. The Town of Pagosa Springs provides free water for the Pagosa Springs Community Garden.

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden is free and open to all. To receive more information, email PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com. Residents and town visitors are invited to stop by and enjoy the lovely space.

The 5 p.m. free gardening talk will be held via Zoom or telephone. For the June 10 talk, please visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6237055961>. The meeting ID is: 623 705 5961. Or, call 1 (301) 715-8592. Visit <http://www.Facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden> or email PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com for easy links to the talks.

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Summer native plant walks planned

By Jean Zirnhelt
Weminuche Audubon Society

Join Lake McCullough on Saturday, June 13, in exploring native plants and medicinal herbs of the ponderosa ecosystem. This is the first of three plant walks that she will lead this summer. It will meet at the Gate 3 entrance to the national forest in the Lake Hatcher area. This walk is scheduled to last from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

McCullough's extensive knowledge of native plants and herbs, and her fun sense of humor, have made her summer plant walks popular. They are a chance to discover the identities and uses of

those plants that you pass on the trail. To enable safe social distancing, the number of participants will be limited, and advance registration is required. Please leave dogs at home.

Two additional walks are scheduled for this summer. On July 15, explore subalpine wildflowers, herbs and edible plants of the Continental Divide on the Lobo Overlook Road. On Aug. 15, she will lead a walk on the Fourmile Trail to find medicinal plants and wild edibles.

These free walks are sponsored by the Weminuche Audubon Society. For more information and to register for a walk, email weminuche.audubon@gmail.com.

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Called on the carpet

This article was provoked, yes, provoked, by a conversation with my son. I asked, “When do parents get too old or too quiet for their voices to be heard?”

It has been said that some people lose their voice in the decisions made by well-meaning children. Maybe the elderly are too cantankerous and uncooperative to be reasonable.

My children often quote a favorite line from “the Golden Girls” warning that if I become too difficult, “It’s Shady Pines, ma!”

I am sure that I have given them reason to want to ship me off. Probably more than once. I don’t consider myself elderly yet. So, in the meantime, I plan on speaking my mind, whether I am heard or not.

The other day, I saw a spot on the carpet when I walked into the living room. My son said, “You’re speaking without saying a word.”

Yes, I am. In fact, without saying even a single word, I spoke very loudly. I’m not sure which of the many dogs who frequent my living room did it, but one of them had eaten something leaving a greasy spot on my carpet.

My son said, “I’ll clean it up.” I didn’t say a word, I didn’t have to. We both knew what I was thinking. Some conversations are better left unsaid.

I came to a stopping point with something I was writing recently. I asked my son if he would critique my work and tell me what he thought the problem was.

He quickly said, “Maybe it’s you.”

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



I like my writing style. I call it storytelling with artistic license. My children call it gossiping.

“Me? I just asked you to critique my writing. It doesn’t seem as funny as I imagined.”

“Mother, what you think is funny is really not that funny.”

“It is in my head. Besides, your dad thinks I’m funny. Well, at least he does when I tell him I am.”

I like my writing style. I call it storytelling with artistic license. My children call it gossiping. I call myself an author. My children call me granny redneck. Is this what happens when you get older? You just can’t win.

Because of the relationship that my Sweet Al and I have with our children, relying on them to do things like being our personal as-

sistant comes at a cost. We ask for help. They tell us what they think we want or need.

I guess things could be worse. We could be left to make our own decisions. Poor Sweet Al. I can’t even imagine how much trouble I would get him into if left to my own devices.

All things considered, maybe the lesson is one about balance, not about whose voice is heard.

Besides, when it comes to my Sweet Al and his dog, he clearly hears me, spoken or not. And I am certain our children know how and what we are going to say before we utter even a single word.

Our children respect us. And that alone gives value to our voices. We may not always make sense, but we are surrounded by those who give a nod in our direction and affirm us.

No matter if we come across senile or feeble, or make jokes that aren’t as funny as we think they are, we still have our voice. More importantly, our children are here to care for us, protect us. Yes, sometimes they scrutinize our decisions. But perhaps they are just saving us from ourselves.

Final brushstroke: Love me, love my voice. You can even cringe when I say something out of place, but just don’t judge. I laugh at me; you should, too. And as long as the newspaper runs my articles, I still get to speak what I think, spoken or not.

Readers’ comments

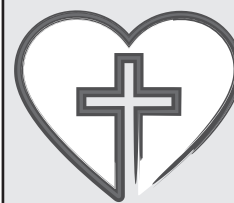
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John 14:27

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

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

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

- If you are struggling with faith or have questions go to <https://www.doesgodexist.org/>. John Clayton was a former atheist who came to belief in God through science. He was a science teacher specializing in physics and earth science.
- A site designed to study the Bible in a safe environment: <https://www.mathetis.org/>. You may study alone or form a small group.
- In Search of the Lord’s Way may be listened to on KWUF radio at 1400 AM radio every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.
- The following programs may be viewed on DISH TV Sunday mornings on channel 3, KCDO:
 - 6:30 a.m. Let the Bible Speak
 - 7:00 a.m. The Truth in Love
 - 7:30 a.m. In Search of the Lord’s Way

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

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UUs continue as a virtual community

Pauline Benetti
Pagosa Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship has become quite adept at providing virtual continuity for members and friends in a variety of ways during this two-month hiatus since our last actual gathering. Continuity comes through abbreviated services, coffee talks and small group meetings of both a spiritual and social action nature, all in virtual community.

What are thoughts about the future? We are in agreement that the large group must continue in a virtual mode for the present and we will reevaluate as appropriate; however, among the small groups

there is some thought of actually gathering, observing, of course, the necessary precautions. The outcome of those discussions will depend heavily upon what happens in our community regarding COVID-19.

How do we act in the present? We follow the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with regard to prevention tactics, each one of us accepting our responsibility for the community at large. We follow Colorado Safer At Home guidance when we go out. We wear face coverings in public, knowing that it is more for the protection of and respect for others and we try to maintain that distance that will protect us all.

What are our concerns? Until the killing of George Floyd, we were almost exclusively involved with the pandemic and the injustices it revealed in stark numbers. With that death, we UUs, like everyone else, were brutally reminded of the systemic injustice rampant in our nation. The Unitarian Universalist Association, our national organization, has called us to find our voice and take action, "As people of faith, we must bear witness to this moment. That means that we must name hard truths, but that we also must act."

Our fellowship is working through our Social Action Committee to find ways that we can "do something" relevant here in our small mountain community. Currently under study is an article, "75 Things White People Can Do For Racial Justice." We have also found a video of Trevor Noah on George Floyd useful in helping us understand the killing and the protests from a non-white point of view. Both can be found with a simple Internet search.

The Pagosa UU Fellowship is alive and active. Should you want to connect up, call 731-7900.

Let's make a deal

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

Life reminds me of the game show, "Let's Make A Deal." God provides the doors and man gets to choose.

Behind Door No. 1 is the good will of God: the gift of salvation. They encounter God's desire for mankind to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. His love, mercy and the promise of eternal life are discovered.

Many will leave satisfied with this selection and continue to do things the way they've always done them, while praying for different results. Such people fail to enjoy the full potential of their prize. Clueless to the possibilities Jesus provides each day, they find comfort in the realization of eternity with Christ.

Behind Door No. 2 is the acceptable will of God: sanctification. Along with the pardon from sin, a closer relationship with Jesus is offered. Internal changes occur as the old self dies to sin. They no longer crave the familiar and comfortable, but instead, crave to be more like Jesus. Strongholds are broken, addictions are overcome, bad habits are crushed and freedom is experienced.

Participants who request the third door discover in addition to

A Matter of Faith

the previous gifts, God's perfect will: the gift of the Holy Spirit. One's focus is removed from self and centers on others. They become advocates of Christ's and take up God's challenge to share Jesus throughout their city, state and country.

The difference between God and the game show — God's doors are available to everyone. The new believer doesn't need to settle, but is given the option to move through each door without restrictions.

The beneficiary receives forgiveness, plus freedom from personal struggles. But, the greatest gift is the one shared with someone in need of a savior.

Because of Jesus, entry into his kingdom is open wide.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will dine with him, and he with me." — Revelation 3:20 (NASB).

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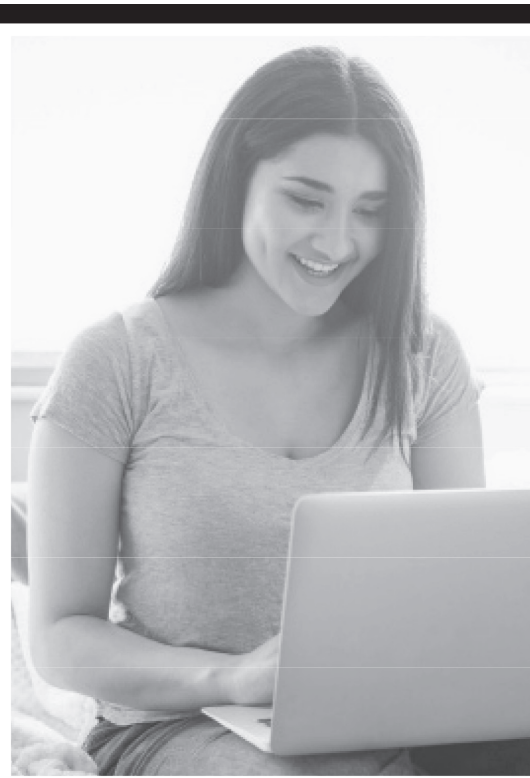
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Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha’I Faith

By Paulette Heber

Baha’I Community of Archuleta County

The Baha’I Community of Archuleta County hosts weekly devotionals every Sunday morning at 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, June 7, our theme is faith.

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.

“And now I give you a commandment which shall be for a covenant between you and me

— that ye have faith; that your faith be steadfast as a rock that no storms can move, that nothing can disturb, and that it endure through all things even to the end ...

“As ye have faith, so shall your powers and blessings be.” —Abdu’l 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.

New Thought topic: Sacred spaces in our daily lives

By Lisa Burnson

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

“Until one has loved an animal, a part of one’s soul remains un-awakened” — Anatole France.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, June 7, at 10 a.m., as we welcome Dr. Susan Fay, author of “Sacred Spaces.” Fay writes and speaks to promote an understanding of the way in which humans and animals connect and communicate, and of the scientific and spiritual practices to establish a deeply enjoyable relationship with animals. NTC will host a reception for Fay on Friday, June 5.

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.

Movie: “Tomorrowland,” starring George Clooney. Thursday, June 4, at 6 p.m. Donations appreciated.

Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m.: Reception for Fay. All are welcome.

“Break-out Concert!” Saturday, June 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Four bands plus craft and food vendors. For more information, to reserve a booth or to volunteer, please call 507-6067.

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).

Check out this tree ID book

Tree identification book from the Arbor Day Foundation helps people identify tree species

Arbor Day Foundation

The Arbor Day Foundation has a book that helps people identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. The book, “What Tree Is That?” is available for a \$5 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization.

“What Tree Is That?” is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinctive characteristics of many tree species.

Nature lovers and professional arborists alike have called this pocket field guide a must-have, user-friendly resource. Its beautiful, full-color illustrations are in precise detail and depict natural colors, shapes and textures so users can make a positive species identification in a few steps.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers this book to help people identify trees throughout the western region of the United States. “What Tree Is That?” uses a unique step-by-step approach for identifying the species of each tree, explaining

what to look for in the shape and arrangement of the leaves, differences in the leafstalks and specific characteristics of fruits, flowers, buds and bark.

“Our ‘What Tree Is That?’ pocket guide is an ideal resource for developing a greater appreciation for trees,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “The Arbor Day Foundation strives to help people enjoy and appreciate trees, and we feel our pocket field guide will do just that.”

“What Tree is That?” is also available as an online interactive version at arborday.org.

To obtain a tree identification guide in full color, visit arborday.org or send your name, address and \$5 for each guide to: What Tree Is That?, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

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What will happen to farmers markets during this time of COVID-19?

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

It's feeling like summer in Colorado and that means farmers market season is just around the corner. With all the current uncertainty, though, some may be wondering — will there even be farmers markets this year? The good news is that many markets are planning to open on their usual dates; however, like so many other aspects of life right now, the structure may need to be a little different.

Luckily, our local Pagosa Farmers Market will open this year starting on June 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the east end of downtown. It will look different with no East End Market and no social gathering, but still the best source to support local growers.

Even though there is no evidence that food or food packaging is involved with the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, farmers market managers and growers will be proactively taking extra precautions to protect everyone's health. The safety of customers, vendors and employees is a top priority of markets. To promote everyone's well-being, socializing will not be encouraged as it has been in previous years.

Changes to expect

Farmers markets are known for being lively gathering spots where community members congregate and enjoy one another's company. This year, people will again have the unique opportunity to buy fresh food products from vendors they have come to know through the years. However, social distancing, wider spacing between booths, face coverings and food sampling restrictions may be necessary to protect the safety of everyone at the markets.

To minimize contact, produce may also need to be preboxed or prebagged. In some locations, there might be an option to place orders online ahead of time. Reach out to local markets and farmers (many have websites and social media pages) to find out about market scheduling, safety protocols and ordering options.

Being a good farmers market citizen

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's MyPlate, <https://www.choosemyplate.gov/>, provides these recommendations: Make half your plate fruits and vegetables, focus on whole fruits and vary your veggies. Farmers markets have the potential to help reach these goals. The number of farmers markets have more than doubled in the last two decades, and fresh markets

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have been identified as critical sites for increasing food access in many communities.

Colorado State University (CSU) Extension has a multidisciplinary team working on produce safety. Professor Marisa Bunning and Extension Specialist Elisa Shackelton of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, as well as CSU Extension regional specialists Martha Sullins and Cristy Dice, said that market managers and vendors will be doing their part this year to ensure people have access to fresh and delicious local foods. As customers, people also have an essential role to play in protecting the health of fellow market-goers and local communities. Here are a couple of tips:

Be more mindful of your own safety and hygiene. Coming to the market in good health, with clean hands and avoiding touching your face while there are always good practices. Whether there are spacing markings or not, respect the guidelines of 6 feet, even if you do not see signs. Also, wear a face covering, if recommended.

Only touch what you will buy. If produce comes preboxed, be understanding. If the box contains something you have not tasted or cooked with before, embrace the opportunity to try something new.

If available, consider purchasing extra produce for making salsa, pickles or jam to enjoy next winter and help support farmers during this difficult time.

During a time when many feel isolated, shopping at farmers markets allows people to help foster community by supporting local agriculture and sustaining the market. Local growers are a key part of our communities and they work long hours to provide high-quality produce, meat, dairy and grain products. This year presents extra challenges to many growers and food producers — restaurant orders are lower, labor is harder to find, they have to provide protective equipment for employees and adopt new precautionary measures, among other issues. Choosing to purchase local foods helps support the market and these key members of our community.

Helpful resources

The supply chain from Colorado farms to markets is shorter than many food chains, meaning food at local markets has traveled

a shorter distance and likely been handled less. Of course — as always — it is important to handle produce safely at home and always rinse before using. From berries to leafy greens to melons, CSU Extension provides guidelines for handling different types of produce: <https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/nutrition-food-safety-health/guide-to-washing-fresh-produce-9-380/>.

Check CSU Extension's mobile-friendly website, Preserve Smart, at <https://apps.chhs.colostate.edu/preservesmart> for ideas on how to preserve fresh produce by canning, freezing, pickling or dehydrating. Colorado's elevation presents special challenges when canning because of its lower atmospheric pressure. Preserve Smart enables

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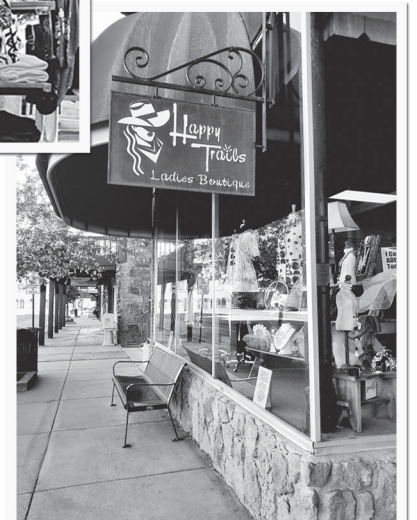
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Thursday, June 4

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

Friday, June 5

Virtual Pagosa Folk n' Bluegrass. 7-9 p.m. KSUT will broadcast two live sets for our virtual attendees, featuring a solo acoustic by Lucinda Williams, followed by the duo of Tim O'Brien with Jan Fabricius. You can watch the performances on our Facebook Live, tune-in to KSUT on the radio, stream KSUT or listen on your smart speaker.

Saturday, June 6

Family Storytime. 2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us for great stories and fun songs via prerecorded videos posted on the library's Facebook page. If you have a Facebook account, you can log in and search for the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can access the page by visiting our website and clicking the Facebook icon, or you can contact us and we can send you a link. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Tuesday, June 9

Dungeons and Dragons via Zoom. 2-4 p.m. Go on an adventure from the comfort of your couch. Join us for our new group. This program is open to teens and young adults. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org for details on how to join.

Wednesday, June 10

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

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continued from previous page users to determine and enter their kitchen's elevation, which then highlights the processing instructions for their elevation within every recipe on the site. Users can explore a variety of tested preservation processes available for 56 different types of fruits vegetables.

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Garden Talks with Ron Chacey. 5 p.m. This year, you will be able to attend from the comfort of your own home. Just tune in via Zoom from your computer, iPad or mobile device. Chacey will discuss how to choose vegetable plants that will thrive in the region and best practices for each. All participants will be muted, but invited to send in questions. To join the Zoom meeting, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6237055961>, meeting ID: 623-705-5961, or via telephone at (301) 715-8592. Visit <http://www.Facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden> or email PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com for easy links to the talks.

Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6:15 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting, live online, using Zoom video-conferencing. Our speaker will be Chris Roebuck. Chris will discuss why he photographs, how he uses the language of photography to tell a story, and how he takes his images from an encounter in the field to a framed print. You may participate in the program from the comfort and safety of your own home. Members will receive a club email containing a Zoom link to participate. Others interested in taking part may contact club president Andy Butler for information at abutler@mac.com.

Thursday, June 11

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Saturday, June 13

Weminuche Audubon Presents Summer Native Plant Walks. 9:30 a.m.-noon, Gate 3 entrance, Lake Hatcher. Join Lake McCullough in exploring native plants and medicinal herbs of the ponderosa ecosystem. Discover the identities and uses of those plants. To enable safe social distancing, the number of participants will be limited and advance registration is required. Please leave dogs at home. For more information and to register, email weminucheaudubon@gmail.com.

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For more than 35 years, the Colorado Department of Agriculture has been providing the Farm Fresh Directory, https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Colorado%20Farm%20Fresh%20Directory_1.pdf, a guide to farmers markets and roadside stands across the state.

Medical alert monitoring systems available for seniors

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

Medical alert monitoring systems are available for seniors. We can help you get set up with a system and assist with the monthly service charges to your service provider or, if you already have a system in place, we can help supplement the monthly service fees to your provider. For more information, please call 264-2167.

Senior shopping assistance program

The Pagosa Springs 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

The Senior Center is continuing our temporary closing of the congregate dining room due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

In order to continue providing meals, we are offering take-out hot meals and a salad with a drive-up option under the portico at the Ross Aragon Community Center. These meals 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 264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area.

The cost per meal for the public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread. (Our daily menu is

Senior News

posted on our website at psseniors.org.) 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, June 4 — Turkey spaghetti, spring pea medley, baked tomato Provencal, milk, salad and lemon cream pie.

Friday, June 5 — Beef cabbage rolls, glazed carrots, cream of mushroom soup, milk, salad and chocolate chip cookie.

Monday, June 8 — Pork posole, Spanish brown rice, roasted Brussels sprouts with sweet chili sauce, milk, salad and flan.

Tuesday, June 9 — Baked cod under dill souffle, red potatoes with butter and parsley, honey garlic green beans, milk, salad and blueberry cream cheese pie.

Wednesday, June 10 — Hot turkey sandwich, sweet potato fries, cream of asparagus soup, milk, salad and peanut butter cookies.

Thursday, June 11 — Beef enchiladas, borracho beans, stir-fried zucchini, milk, salad and Key lime 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.

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The Old Durango Road

A lady recently asked The SUN, “Where was the old Durango Road?” Since I have been writing about trails, it seems appropriate to write about a road. After all, a road is just a fancy trail.

I’m assuming we’re talking about the connection between Pagosa Springs and Durango. Here is the long version of the answer to her question. The location of trails can change with time. As is true for most of our roads and highways today, most of them started out as animal trails which were also followed by the Native Americans of those days.

The first white man to use that route was probably Juan Maria Rivera, who came up from Mexico looking for gold in 1765. Another expedition from Mexico was led by the fathers Dominguez and Escalante in 1776 who were looking for a road to San Francisco. There was no Durango or Pagosa Springs at that time. Pagosa Springs as a town dates from circa 1876-1891 and Durango 1881. It seems reasonable to assume the expression “Old Durango Road” did not exist before Durango existed. Consequently, I’m starting with 1881.

In 1881, people leaving Pagosa Springs would have been going west on what became 8th Street when the town was platted in 1883. The road passed the old town cemetery and continued west into a narrow cañon where an Old West stage holdup was pulled off by the Allison gang in 1881. Westward from this cañon, the road passed through a mature Ponderosa pine forest and crossed Smith Cañon about 8



Pagosa’s Past

John M. Motter

The Peterson place was a stage stop with a fascinating history. Gen. Grant once spent the night there while touring the West.

miles west of town. From here the road went westward pretty much as it is today. North of Chimney Rock and after crossing Devil Creek, the road dropped down to the east bank of the Piedra River and turned north until reaching a bridge at the Old Peterson place.

The Peterson place was a stage

stop with a fascinating history. Gen. Grant once spent the night there while touring the West. From the Peterson place, the road followed Yellow Jacket Creek to the bottom of Yellow Jacket Hill where it branched, one branch going northward before swinging west and the other branch more directly west across Yellow Jacket Pass. The two branches reunited near Beaver Creek and continued westward to today’s Bayfield, a stage stop in those days.

Here the road branched again, one route turning north along the Pine River and winding its way into Animas City, later the north part of Durango. The other branch continued westward pretty much on the same route as today. Upon reaching today’s Durango, (nonexistent until 1881) the road branched again, one branch going north to Animas City, and the other branch westward to Fort Lewis at Hesperus. I failed to mention that Fort Lewis started at Pagosa Springs before being moved to Hesperus.

Fort Lewis was the launching pad for today’s Fort Lewis College in Durango.

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Solve the code to discover words related to fireworks.
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Clue: Pyrotechnics

B. 12 4 11

Clue: Ignited

C. 26 4 2 16 12 22 13

Clue: Showcase

D. 2 16 22 9 20 12 21

Clue: Shine bright with flashes of light

Answers: A. fireworks B. lit C. display D. sparkle

Secretary Babbitt's river plan doesn't go far enough

By Denise Fort
PREVIEW Columnist

Each spring, the acequias in New Mexico carry cold, clear snowmelt to freshly furrowed fields on small farms. The centuries-old irrigation culture is recognized in state law and supported by strong communities.

These farms often come to mind when we think about agriculture in the West: a cool riparian valley with adjacent fields and people rooted in the land, growing crops that may be sold at a farmers market in a nearby town.

So when former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt suggested in a recent opinion piece (Writersontherange.org), that a portion of agricultural water rights should be transferred to urban areas, it no doubt conjured up some strong emotions — small family farms drying up so that suburbanites could water their lawns and golf courses.

But Babbitt's proposal makes sense and he is right about the need to recognize the mismatch in population in the Colorado River Basin between the urbanized West and rural areas where most of the basin's water is allocated. He is also right that the Colorado River cannot continue serving 40 million people, irrigating the same acreage and meeting our aspirations for healthy rivers in this time of megadrought.

There are a lot of caveats to his idea of people voluntarily retiring irrigation rights, including the need to create a process that allows full public participation. But unless we begin to retire irrigated acreage with a carefully managed strategy, we will have showdowns among states and tribes that share the basin's water and increasingly desiccated rivers.

The real obstacle to Babbitt's proposal springs from our romanticized vision of what agriculture looks like in the West. New Mexico may have acequia-fed fields, but it's also in the nation's top 10 for the number of dairy cattle, the products of which are largely exported to other states.

For every rain-fed cornfield sprouting emerald-like in the Arizona desert, there are tens of thousands of acres of alfalfa fields guzzling up millions of gallons of water per year. The United States is the world's largest exporter of food, which means that the arid West is, in effect, exporting our water via huge, corporate farms.

Let's not forget that it is agribusiness — not small farmers — that's responsible for 80 percent of the water use in the West.

Meanwhile, climate change is drying up what water remains. The declining flows and warming temperatures are no longer just a contested forecast about the future, but our lived experience.

In my own corner of the West, I'm astounded by how quickly desertification is occurring, with hard-packed soils where there was veg-

Writers on the Range

In my own corner of the West, I'm astounded by how quickly desertification is occurring, with hard-packed soils where there was vegetation just a few years ago.

etation just a few years ago. Those obnoxious dust storms (haboobs) seem to be moving northward, leading me to tell everyone to watch Ken Burn's powerful TV series on the Dust Bowl. Ranchers are on the front line in New Mexico, where grazing is looking more and more problematic.

Of course, water isn't just valuable to farms and cities. The West has a huge outdoor recreation industry that depends on hiking, rafting and fishing, and our riparian areas grant solace in hectic times. Declining river flows, dried up springs and parsimonious releases for fishes detract from this sector of a growing economy.

Babbitt proposes to alleviate this situation by creating a mechanism by which farmers can lease their water rights to municipalities for a set period of time. He proposes free-market transactions — entirely voluntary and at the full discretion of each operator — funded by the federal government. I suggest that agricultural water also be made available to remain in our rivers for the health of our fragile river ecosystems.

Of course, there is a danger to a market-driven solution. If there were a federally run market in water rights, one would expect to see low-value agricultural areas to be the first to be approached for water sales.

That may be why in Europe policies explicitly protect small farms. This could lessen the departure of farmers from parts of northern New Mexico or rural areas on Colorado's Western Slope and other areas where small farms still exist.

No one is choosing the drought that has settled into the western

United States, along with warming temperatures, wildfires and the rest of our changed climate. We have to cooperate to lessen the effect of climate on individuals and our shared environment.

That is why Babbitt's proposal deserves a good, full-throated civic discussion. I just hope it is followed by actions to help the lands and people west of the 100th meridian thrive in the 21st century.

Denise Fort is a contributor to WritersontheRange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. She is a professor emerita at the University of New Mexico School of Law and chaired President Bill Clinton's Western Water Policy Review Advisory Commission.

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Bird of the Week



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It's warbler season and time to enjoy those colorful songsters who spend the summer here. Don't focus your binoculars high to find this wood warbler that spends most its time in dense underbrush, usually in riparian areas. Here it forages on the ground or on low leaves, and on the branches of shrubs for a wide variety of insects. It is rarely found more than 6 feet from the ground.

Males sing frequently during breeding season to defend nesting territories typically two to four acres in size. Both sexes often give a tsik call note while foraging. Knowing the calls and songs is a great help in trying to locate these and other warblers.

Male and female MacGillivray's warblers are olive colored above and yellow below, have a gray hood extending to the chest and have white crescents above and below the eyes. A male's coloring is bolder and he has dark patches around the eyes and on the chest that are lacking in females and immatures.

Birds are sometimes named for the person who first describes them. This bird was originally named the Tolmie's warbler, but was renamed by John James Audubon to honor his friend and editor, William MacGillivray. This is the name that stuck.

Population numbers of these warblers have declined by more than 50 percent in the last 50 years. Forest management that preserves and creates semi-open habitat with shrubby areas favors the MacGillivray's warbler.

For information on future events, visit www.weminucheadubon-org and www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/.



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Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to fireworks.

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Answer: Rocket

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Orange Bowl site
- 6 Pointer's word
- 10 Tip off
- 14 Bit of high jinks
- 15 Wedding shower?
- 16 Aide's anagram
- 17 Landscaping material
- 18 Played for a sap
- 19 Whitewater vessel
- 20 Bride-to-be's stash
- 22 Sire, in the Bible
- 23 Two-man fight
- 24 Figurative writing
- 26 Give it ___ (try)
- 29 Life story, briefly
- 30 Hernando's home
- 31 Use sparingly
- 34 Fix, as a dog
- 38 Inventory unit
- 39 Brief reprieve
- 41 Donated
- 42 Pioneer product
- 44 Eating disorder
- 46 Adored one
- 48 Wonderment
- 49 Under the weather
- 50 Family doter
- 53 Sheen's wing
- 55 Stallone role
- 56 Gladiator played by Kirk Douglas
- 61 Teeny bit
- 62 ___-friendly
- 63 Watchful
- 64 Full of oneself
- 65 Stir up
- 66 Island group near Fiji
- 67 It can be bold
- 68 Brings home
- 69 Step in

DOWN

- 1 Sitcom set in Korea

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- 2 Look ___ (study)
- 3 Mounted on
- 4 Went for the gold?
- 5 Cola cooler
- 6 Soul mate
- 7 Snake's warning
- 8 Type of acid
- 9 One of the Kennedys
- 10 Metal thread diameter
- 11 Old saying
- 12 Pass along
- 13 1985 film, "The Journey of ___ Gann"
- 21 Item handed down
- 22 Barracks locale
- 25 Staffing level
- 26 Top guns
- 27 Bearded animal
- 28 A while back
- 32 Washing woe
- 33 In-flight info, for short
- 35 Uber alternative
- 36 Sermon subject
- 37 "Get ___!"
- 40 Bad way to be caught
- 43 Whirlpool-like current
- 45 Say again
- 47 Long-time TV dog
- 50 Ground grain
- 51 Spacious
- 52 Misbehave
- 54 Prey grabber
- 57 Trapper's trophy
- 58 Small price to pay
- 59 Hankering
- 60 Rating unit
- 62 Big coffee holder

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Needing a reminder

By **Daris Howard**
Special to The PREVIEW

Jennifer's children wanted a dog. That is normal for children, and Jennifer decided that maybe it would be good for them to learn responsibility. So Jennifer sat down with them and talked to them about how important it would be that the dogs were taken care of properly. Dogs needed to be fed at the same time each day. They needed to be taken for walks on schedule and trained with consistency. Her children agreed, so they all went to the animal shelter so each child could choose a dog.

Because they lived in an apartment, Jennifer insisted that the dogs not be too large. So her daughter got a medium-size dog, while her son chose a small dog. By the time they got home, the dogs seemed to love their new owners already, and the children loved their dogs.

As is usually the case, when they first got the dogs, the children took care of their pets without any reminder. But as time went on, the children forgot occasionally. Jennifer never did the feeding, but would remind the children if they forgot. She was pleased that her children never complained when she reminded them, though she hoped it would become a habit for them to remember on their own.

Children, of course, grow up. And it seemed like no time at all before her daughter graduated from high school and was off to college. Jennifer's son was good to take over the feeding of his sister's pet. He seldom needed to be reminded to do it, and did it when asked without hesitation. A couple more years passed, and Jennifer's son was also off to college.

That was when Jennifer found an interesting anomaly in her life.

She had never forgotten to remind her children to feed the dogs. But now that it was her responsibility, she couldn't seem to remember for herself. There was more than once she was tucked in her warm bed when she heard whimpering and realized she had forgotten to take care of the dogs.

Jennifer tried to think of ways to remember to feed the dogs on

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schedule. She would put something strange out of place, write a note on a paper and stick it on the fridge, or have her computer send her a reminder. But nothing seemed to be a permanent answer. Then she hit on the perfect idea.

Jennifer's children had been encouraging her to get an Amazon Alexa. From what Jennifer had heard about that technology, it would be the perfect device for just such a task. So Jennifer ordered one, and it arrived a few days later. She immediately read through the

instructions and set it up.

As soon as Jennifer figured the Alexa out, she set it to remind her to feed the dogs at 5:30 each evening. She arrived home from work at about 4:30, so that gave her time to get settled in first.

The dogs also got used to it. When Jennifer got home, they became excited. They settle down for the next hour, but just before Alexa announced it was time to feed them, the dogs would get eager. When the announcement came from Alexa, the dogs would come tearing through the house to find Jennifer. The funny thing was, Jennifer hadn't realized until then that when she had reminded her children, the dogs had immediately run to the children. It was just more pronounced with Alexa.

The routine went on for most of a year, but then the COVID virus hit. All normalcy in Jennifer's schedule went out the window. Jennifer was working from home, and everything seemed to be turned upside down. Days just ran together. She was especially grateful then for Alexa's reminder to feed the dogs.

But one day, having worked inside much of the day, Jennifer decided to take a walk. She wasn't thinking about it being late in the afternoon. She just felt the need to get out. When she came home, she found the dogs had made a horrible wreck of the house. They had never done that before. Why did they do it now? That was when she realized it was after 6 o'clock, and she had been gone for over an hour. Alexa had obviously announced it was time for their feeding, and the dogs had torn the place apart trying to find her.

Maybe using Alexa to remind her to feed the dogs wasn't such a good idea after all.

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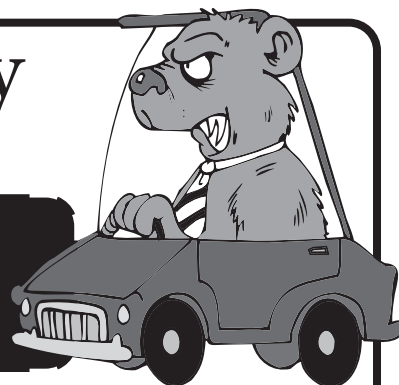
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Exercising for improved mental health

By John Lough
American Counseling Association

The health crisis that we have been facing over the past several months has had a major effect on just about every aspect of our lives. Even for those of us lucky enough not to have been directly touched by the virus, the lives we are living are nevertheless quite different from what they were just weeks ago.

Most of the changes and impact that coronavirus has brought are beyond our individual control. But what is not beyond our control, and what each of us should address, is how we are handling and reacting to how this pandemic has affected us individually.

That's easy to say but not always easy to achieve. The majority of us, for example, are probably experiencing fairly high levels of anxiety and depression even if we are not totally aware of such feelings or how they are affecting our lives. Today's modern world has increasingly come with fairly high levels of anxiety. But the recent health crisis has significantly increased our personal worries and challenges, with the result that our mental health may be a great deal more fragile than it once was.

There is, of course, no way to make the outside world and its pressures actually disappear. That doesn't stop some people from turning to drugs and alcohol as

a means of ignoring reality. We would, instead, like to suggest some healthier actions for you to take.

One of the simplest, yet very effective, ways to combat anxiety and depression is just to become more physically active. A number of studies have found that exercise provides a wide variety of mental health benefits. Exercise can take your mind off your current worries, as well as help your body release natural chemicals, those feel-good endorphins, that enhance your sense of well-being.

Getting more exercise in your life doesn't have to mean a formal exercise program or working out with a personal trainer, although those are approaches that work for many people.

Any physical activity that works your muscles and requires energy is going to help improve your mental health. This can be as simple as a daily walk in the sunshine, getting out in the garden or even just doing housework.

The goal is to be more physically active in ways that help focus your attention on things besides a cycle of negative thoughts that feed those feelings of depression and anxiety.

"Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association (ACA). Send your comments and questions to ACACorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.

Senators focus on senior issues due to COVID-19

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.

On May 21, the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging held a hearing with witnesses titled "Caring for Seniors Amid the COVID-19 Crisis," chaired by Sen. Susan M. Collins with Ranking Member Bob Casey. Just over two hours, the hearing included statements by the leaders and testimony by three medical witnesses, followed by questions from several senators. The hearing can be watched at aging.senate.gov/hearings/caring-for-seniors-amid-the-cov-

id-19-crisis.

All of those who spoke pointed out the prevalence of COVID-19 deaths among elders, especially in long-term care homes. Many expressed the need to address the social isolation occurring and emphasized increased testing before symptoms appear. Some mentioned higher income for caregivers and increased staffing, as well as more protection for assisted and independent living residences, which are not federally regulated.

Among notable statements from the three witnesses, Dr. Mark J. Mulligan emphasized virus vaccines tailored for elders, while Dr.

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Summer Reading Program underway with challenge No. 2, plus cemetery virtual tour

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

If you haven't already signed up, you're invited to do so 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 are being 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.

Agency

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Steven Landers expressed issues related to home health and hospice workers, such as supplying enough masks and other safety items. Dr. R. Tamara Konetzka told of the need for funding for more data, especially on how some individuals and facilities more successfully resist the virus.

The senators mentioned several bills they have proposed with the intention to improve the situation for elders.

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Challenge 2: Bird photo

As part of the Summer Reading program, take a picture of a bird and email it to us at ruby@pagosalibrary.org or post it on the library's Facebook page. Tell us where you took the picture (e.g., "at Echo Lake") and try to identify the species of bird to the best of your ability. If you don't have access to email or Facebook, we can scan a print copy of your picture at the library or you can make an appointment to use a library computer. Everyone can participate. Entries will be entered into a weekly prize drawing. Alternatively, you may sketch a picture of a bird if you do not want to take a photograph.

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 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.

Hilltop Cemetery virtual tour

To honor some of Archuleta County's important residents of

the past, Brad, our adult services librarian, visited several grave sites at Hilltop Cemetery and discussed the significance to our community of the individuals buried there in a virtual tour on Memorial Day. If you missed that showing, there are several other ways for you to enjoy this informative and interesting look into local history.

The 13-minute video is on the library's Facebook page and it also can be viewed on the library's website by going to pagosalibrary.org/adult-services, or go to the library's homepage at pagosalibrary.org and click on the "Adult" tab. Some of the individuals highlighted in the video include the four Yamaguchi brothers, Dr. Mary Fisher, Lauriana Gallegos Archuleta and Ruby M. Sisson, the namesake of your local library. Other people also are briefly mentioned in this video. Please let Brad know if you would like to see future cemetery visits to learn more about and remember Pagosa's past. His email address is: brad@pagosalibrary.org.

Special note about possible changes

There may be more changes after the governor's next announcement scheduled for some time after June 1, which is after The SUN deadline for this week's "Library News" column. We'll report any changes in the June 11 column.

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

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

1. If you do not have a library card but want to use our online resources, you now can self-register. From our website, click "My Account" in the top right. It is the usual login page for current patrons and it now has (in blue) an option to "Register for a new Library Card." There's a short form and then staff will get back in touch with you to give you your login credentials.

2. We 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 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.

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

4. 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.

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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.

If you have a Facebook account, you can log in to Facebook and search for the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can access the page by visiting our website and clicking the Facebook icon (a lowercase f) in the upper left hand corner of the screen. Or you can contact us and we can send you a direct link. These sessions are available to watch for about two weeks after the initial posting.

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Eight activities to keep kids entertained

Special to The PREVIEW

What parent hasn't heard their child utter the familiar phrase "I'm bored" at some point? Despite a seemingly vast array of toys, electronics and other items at their disposal, children can be quick to sulk and say there's nothing to do. Parents can counter "I'm bored" with these eight boredom-busting activities that are certain to help pass the time in entertaining and sometimes educational ways.

1. Craft time: Pick a theme and gather the materials for the project. For example, kids can evoke a trip to the ocean by creating handmade sea creatures. Paint a paper plate and hang brightly colored yarn underneath it to create the "tentacles" of a jellyfish. Kids can use

salt dough clay to fashion seashells, sea snails or crustaceans.

2. Painting: Shaving cream is a great sensory material that is relatively easy to clean up. Kids can whip up a batch of shaving cream paint and use it to finger paint on a table or even in the bathtub. Simply mix shaving cream with food coloring in a bowl, or use a muffin tin to separate the colors.

3. Build a birdhouse: Birdhouses or bird feeders can be made from scraps of material found around the house. Scavenge for spare lumber or other supplies in the shed or garage. An adult or older sibling can help cut the wood into pieces. Young children may enjoy painting the house. Wood adhesive or screws can be used to assemble the project.

4. Plan a garden: Kids can help to design a garden the entire family will maintain and even be responsible for a special parcel that's all their own. Gardens can grow food, flowers and more. Add a touch of whimsy with figurines for a fairy garden or even small superhero figures for a spot for boys to tend.

5. Box makeovers: Tissue boxes or cereal boxes can be made into many different creations with paint or construction paper. Use a few craft supplies like pom-poms or wiggly eyes to turn boxes into "monsters."

6. Boat races: Build a small sailboat for each member of the family. Fill up a long, shallow container and take turns racing the boats by blowing on the sails.

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■ continued from previous page society one mind at a time. "Keep What You Love" by Irene Smith and Astrid van der Hulst is a whimsical yet practical guide to decluttering your life. "Sorry Willie!" by John Dufresne with illustrations by Evan Wondolowski is a guide to writing fiction. "How Children Learn" by John Holt is the 50th anniversary edition of this classic. "Stem Cell Cure" by Drs. Gaurav K. Goswami and Kerry Johnson describes how to free yourself from chronic ailments without toxic medications or disabling surgery. "What makes a Marriage Last" by Marlo Thomas and Phil Donahue features the secrets to a happy life from 40 celebrated couples. "Breath" by James Nestor reveals the hidden science behind ancient breathing practices for good health today. "Becoming" by Michelle Obama is a guided journal for discovering your voice, based on her memoir. "Well-Trained Mind" by Susan Wise Bauer is a guide to classical education at home.

Other nonfiction

"The Lincoln Conspiracy" by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch reveals the secret plot to kill America's 16th president and why it failed. "Pelosi" by award-winning political journalist Molly Ball is a biography of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. "Stray" by Stephanie Danler is a memoir of growing up in a family shattered by lies and addiction. "The Bird Way" by Jennifer Ackerman upends the traditional view of how birds communicate and live. "Dirt" by Bill Buford tells of an American writer who moves to France to learn the secrets of French cooking.

Novels

"To Wake the Giant" by Jeff Shaara is a novel about Pearl Harbor told through the eyes of widely diverse characters. "Afterlife" by

Julia Alvarez follows an immigrant writer who has just retired from her college teaching job when her life is uprooted in multiple ways. "It Would Be Night in Caracas" by Karina Sainz Borgo is about a young woman whose mother has died trying to survive in Venezuela. "The Alliance" and "The Divide" by Jolina Petersheim make up this two-part series set in a Mennonite community. "How the Light Gets In" by Jolina Petersheim is a romance, also set in a Mennonite community.

DVDs

"Midway" is the epic movie about this pivotal battle in World War II. "Just Mercy" is a story of justice and redemption in Alabama. "The Last Full Measure" is the true story of a U.S. Air Force medic who saved more than 60 lives in Vietnam.

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a gentle reminder: We can only accept fiction from the last 10 years and nonfiction from the past five. The publication date is usually in small type on the bottom of one of the first few pages of the book.

Quotable Quote

"We often forget we're at our best when we're holding the hand — and having the back of — someone we care about." — Marlo Thomas, American actress, producer, author and social activist best known for starring on the sitcom "That Girl" (1966–1971) and her award-winning children's book and entertainment franchise "Free to Be ... You and Me."

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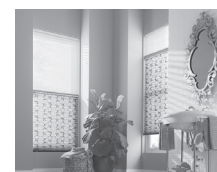
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How to clean cloth face masks

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Even as the world begins to unpause, wearing masks seems likely to continue. According to Penni Watts, Ph.D., RN, an assistant professor of nursing at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing, masks are designed not to prevent the wearer from getting ill, but to protect other people from getting the virus. Masks protect others from your germs when you cough or sneeze. They're also an effective way to help people to avoid touching their faces.

Masks are exposed to the elements and germs each time they

are worn, meaning they will require cleaning. Even though Harvard Health suggests COVID-19 may live more readily on hard surfaces than fabric, the CDC urges people to give cloth face masks the same level of care as regular laundry. Masks should be washed and dried often.

The CDC offers these tips on how to clean most cloth and fabric masks:

- Fabric face masks should be washed depending on the frequency of use. More frequent use necessitates more frequent washing.

- A washing machine should be adequate for properly washing a face covering. Choose a warm setting for water temperature. Place masks in the dryer afterward.

- More delicate, hand-sewn masks may be washed by hand, suggests The Good Housekeeping Institute Cleaning Lab. Lather

masks with soap and scrub them for at least 20 seconds with warm or hot water before placing in the dryer.

- For additional sanitation, iron masks on the cotton or linen setting for a few minutes to kill remaining germs.

- If masks are fortified with a filter, such as a coffee or HVAC filter, keep in mind that these filters are designed for single use. Paper filters should be replaced after each use. HVAC filters are washable, but manufacturers warn that their effectiveness decreases with each wash. Medium-weight nonwoven interface used as filter material is typically washable.

Various health agencies do not condone using steam or microwaves to clean cloth face masks, as these sanitizing techniques are not as effective as regular laundering. Also, never microwave non-fabric dust or N95 respirator masks if you are using them. They can catch fire or be rendered useless.

Cloth face masks can help safeguard against germs like the novel coronavirus. However, they need to be cleaned regularly to remain sanitary.

Tips for learning a new language

Special to The PREVIEW

Do you desire to be a polyglot? Polyglots are people who can speak and understand multiple languages, and such people are a pretty rare commodity in an increasingly global world. The foreign language information site iLanguages.org says 40 percent of the world's population only knows one language.

Understanding and speaking more than one language can set people apart, particularly in the professional sector. The Eton Institute, which offers language and communication instruction, says learning a foreign language offers many benefits. Among them are: a boost in brain power, memory improvement, proficiency in multitasking, and even improvement in the usage and understanding of one's first language. It also never hurts to list being bilingual on a résumé, as being able to communicate in various languages is an asset in many different fields.

With such incentives, is it any wonder so many people aspire to add a second language to their repertoires?

Learning a new language may seem complicated, but aspiring polyglots can employ various strategies to learn a new language in a relatively short period of time.

- Make it fun. The more you

enjoy something, the more likely you are to stick with it. That notion applies to learning a foreign language. Take up the task with a friend. Find an entertaining outlet for your knowledge, such as being able to watch foreign films or listen to opera. Find an activity you enjoy and incorporate language into it.

- Use flashcards. Many learners utilize flashcards to improve their memories. This approach can help when learning a language. Write the word on a card and the translation on the other side. Digital versions of the same concept are available on various language-learning apps.

- Pay attention to grammar. Grammar and word usage varies for different languages. Having a cursory understanding of tense and how to conjugate verbs can give language learners a leg up. However, the rules are more important when writing a language. As you get started, listening skills are key.

- Mimic and repeat. Listen to the language of choice as much as possible and mimic what you hear. This not only helps to develop your vocabulary, but it also can be a great exercise for your mouth and can help you fine tune any accents you may have.

Learning a new language is possible, and speaking multiple languages can be great for your career.

Activities

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7. Leaf art: Gather leaves and twigs from around the yard and then combine pieces to make them look like various animals.

8. Spray park: Create an at-home spray park with a garden hose and

a pool noodle. Poke several small holes into the pool noodle on all sides. Stick a garden hose into the end of the pool noodle and hot-glue a wine cork into the hole at the other end. Turn on the water and let kids run through.

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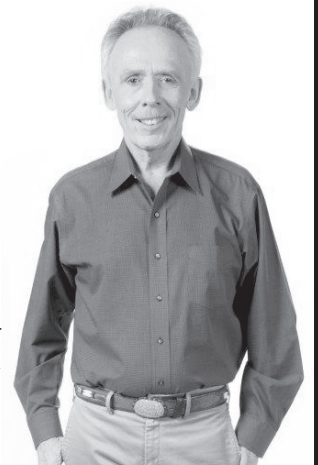
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When to use soap and water, and when to use hand sanitizer

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In the wake of the global COVID-19 outbreak in early 2020, millions of people across the globe found themselves scrambling for hand sanitizer. While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) note that cleaning hands at key times is one of the most important steps people can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs, there are differences between washing with soap and water and washing with alcohol-based hand sanitizers.

The CDC notes that preventing the spread of sickness through handwashing is most effective when people know which method to use when cleaning their hands.

When to use soap and water

The following are common situations when the CDC advises using soap and water to clean hands.

- Before, during and after preparing food.
- Before eating food.
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick.
- Before and after treating a cut or wound.
- After using the bathroom, changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the bathroom.
- After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- After touching an animal, animal food or treats, animal cages or animal waste.
- After touching garbage.
- If your hands are visibly dirty or greasy.

When washing with soap and water, the CDC advises people to wet their hands with clean running water (warm or cold) and applying soap. Lather the hands by rubbing them together with the soap, making sure to scrub all surfaces of the hands, including palms, backs, fingers, between fingers and under the nails. Scrub for 20 seconds before rinsing hands clean under running water and drying your hands, be it with a clean towel or air drying.

When to use alcohol-based hand sanitizer

Hand sanitizer should not be applied to hands that are dirty or greasy. Hands that become dirty or greasy after activities such as gardening or fishing should be cleaned with soap and water. The CDC advises using alcohol-based

hand sanitizer:

- Before and after visiting a friend or a loved one in a hospital or nursing home, unless the person is sick with Clostridium difficile (if so, use soap and water to wash hands).
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol, and wash with

soap and water as soon as you can.

Children should always be supervised when applying alcohol-based hand sanitizer. When using alcohol-based hand sanitizers, the CDC recommends covering all surfaces of the hands with the product before rubbing hands together until they feel dry, which should happen after roughly 20 seconds.

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