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## Community help sought in revising drought plan

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The drought management plan for Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) will be going through some changes soon, and the PAWSD board is seeking input from a variety of community members on the plan's trigger points.

In an email, PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey explained that the drought management plan will have triggers that are based on river, lake and/or hydrologic data to encourage or require water use reductions.

Within the 2018 drought management plan, there are voluntary drought management water reductions that go all the way up to level four, or severe, drought management

■ See Drought A8



A calf elk hides in the brush in the Chromo area Tuesday. Colorado Parks and Wildlife warns to leave baby wildlife alone as the mother is almost certainly nearby.

Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

## Ballots mailed for June 30 primary

By John Finebrock  
Staff Writer

Ballots for the June 30 primary election have been mailed to every active voter in Archuleta County.

Voters have until 7 p.m. on election day to return their ballots. Postmarks do not count.

Unaffiliated voters who did not list a party preference will receive ballots for both the Republican and Democratic parties.

You may only vote and return one ballot. If you return and vote both ballots, neither ballot will be counted.

You can register to vote in the primary election up to and including election day, June 30.

To register to vote, visit [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com) or the Archuleta County Elections Office, which is located in the downstairs rear of the Archuleta County Court-

house (449 San Juan St.).

Beginning Monday, June 22, the Elections Office will serve as the official Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC).

The following are the official nominations that will be voted on in the June 30 primary election:

### Federal offices

#### United States senator

- Andrew Romanoff (Democrat)
- John W. Hickenlooper (Democrat)
- Cory Gardner (Republican)
- Gaylon Kent (Libertarian)
- Raymon Anthony Doane (Libertarian)

#### Representative to the 117th United States Congress — District 3

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## Building Trades students give back to community

By Kim Elzinga  
Special to The SUN

When graduating seniors from Pagosa Springs High School's Vocational Trades Program turned down a generous gift from Build Pagosa, everyone cheered.

Why? Because instead of receiving the well-deserved gift for themselves, they, as a group, opted to give those resources back to this community.

"Build Pagosa had been kicking around different ideas for a gift or care package for our seniors — something like a gift certificate or tools donated from the local trades businesses," said board member and PSHS Vocational Trades program instructor Tor Hessman. "Having a tool belt with a starter set of quality tools is an essential initial investment in a building trades career. Each of our 11 graduating seniors has earned that gift."

■ See Students A8



Graduating seniors from Pagosa Springs High School's Vocational Trades Program turned down a generous gift from Build Pagosa, opting to give those resources back to the community. Pictured, left to right, are Ethan Hart, Timothy Hittle, Tad Hittle, Mason Blakemore, Tor Hessman, Allan Mendoza, Case Harris, Trey Wilson and William Villalobos at the Sled the Rez event held earlier this year.

Photo courtesy Build Pagosa

## Meals, other supplies offered through school district program

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Archuleta School District (ASD) is continuing to deliver food, as well as other items, to Archuleta County youth through a summer meal program.

The district began delivering and making meals available to children up to age 18 the week of March 15 when the schools went to distance learning due to COVID-19.

Through the week of June 1, ASD had delivered 21,573 meals, reaching a high of 2,304 meals the week of April 6.

"It is an amazing feat" that's been pulled together, Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares told the ASD Board of Education Tuesday evening, adding that she is pleased ASD's staff has "rallied around" the program.

"The Summer Food Service Pro-

■ See School A8

## Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo canceled due to public health order restrictions

By Lisa Scott  
Western Heritage Event Center

It is with great sadness, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Western Heritage Event Center Board of Directors is canceling the 71st annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo.

This heavy decision was made after the governor released the sixth public health order — Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great

Outdoors — which prohibits rodeos. This action is for the safety of our contestants, sponsors, spectators, stock contractor and staff, volunteers, and the overall safety and health of our community. The board thanks everyone for their continued support and for loving rodeo.

While there were rodeos in Pagosa Springs dating back into

■ See Rodeo A8

## 'I can sleep when I'm dead': Jason Cox's path to Pagosa

By John Finebrock  
Staff Writer

Local businessman Jason Cox has a lot goin' on and always has.

"My grandmother used to tell me all the time that I needed to slow down and I was too busy," he said. "I think I told her, 'Well, I can sleep when I'm dead.'"

Cox grew up in Fritch, Texas, a town of 2,000 people near Amarillo that he describes as "way up in the hinterlands."

Cox was busy in high school. He played football, ran track, went to state two years in a row with the debate team and played alto saxophone in the band.

"I kinda did a lot in high school and growing up," he said.

In 1992, during his junior year, he visited Pagosa Springs for the first time with his church youth group to ski at Wolf Creek Ski Area.

"When I saw the San Juan mountains for the first time, I said, 'This is the most gorgeous mountain range I've ever seen in my life,'" Cox said.

Cox continued to visit Pagosa Springs during college at Texas Tech University, which he noted was a change from his hometown.

"I went from a town of 2,000 to a city of 200,000 and a campus of 30,000. My first



Jason Cox

college class was in a lecture hall with 500 students. My whole high school had 300. Some people freaked out in that situation, but I said, 'This is awesome 'cause they're

not gonna know who I am!'"

During college, Cox brought his then-girlfriend and now wife Shelly to Pagosa Springs to ski.

"The fact that she did not break up with me ... was huge," he said of one of his first extended vacations with her.

After college, Cox moved to Denver and started a software company that helped large companies manage employee information, passwords and security access.

"It was really just a small piece of software that wasn't very significant," he said. "But it had a lot of potential."

True to his habits, Cox also consulted for various companies while managing his software business.

In 2006, Cox stopped consulting and focused full-time on the software company "because it had grown to that point where it needed someone working 50 plus hours a week to move it along."

Cox could manage his software business from anywhere, as long as he had an Internet connection, and started daydreaming about other places he and his wife might live.

"I was sitting in a basement in Lakewood, Colo., and I thought, 'Why don't I sit in a basement somewhere else?'" he said.

Cox and his wife moved to Pagosa Springs

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## EDITORIAL

# There is much to be grateful for

With all that has been going on lately, we find that there are numerous things for which to be grateful.

For one thing, we have only had eight cases of COVID-19 in Archuleta County as of press time. As a community, we have followed the rules, taken precautions, sacrificed being with those we love in order to keep the virus from spreading in our community. It hasn't been easy. And sadly, communities around us continue to see their case counts grow.

We are also grateful for donations and volunteers. The Pagosa Springs Medical Center received and passed along hundreds of mask kits, and the Chamber of Commerce is looking for people to sew those masks to distribute to area businesses. If you have some time to help, please call the Chamber at 264-2360.

In other news to be thankful for, businesses that received the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan will be happy to know that the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act was passed, which allows for much more flexibility as to when they can use the funds, what they can use the funds for and extends the terms for the unforgivable part of the loan.

And even better news, there are still funds available if you haven't checked out the possibility of a PPP loan to help your business through these difficult times.

We are thankful for the numerous organizations who have granted funds to local nonprofits and organizations in our community, such as the El Pomar Foundation's Colorado Assistance Fund, which has granted \$73,500 to organizations in southwestern Colorado since March 17.

Also helping local nonprofits is the popular PJ's Push-Up Challenge for Rise Above Violence. Paula Miller's generosity and energy raised over \$6,000 for the effort to help victims of domestic violence. She documented her efforts through numerous videos of her doing push-ups that she posted on Facebook.

We also learned this week that graduat-

ing seniors from Pagosa Springs High School's Vocational Trades Program turned down generous gifts from Build Pagosa. Instead of accepting those gifts, the high school seniors decided they wanted the community to benefit. And, they are challenging all who can to give to a local cause.

Tony Simmons reminded us last week that our area food banks could use some supplies.

An article written by Casey Crow in this week's PREVIEW tells about Pagosa Springs High School sophomores Lauren Peart, Nell Taylor and Olivia Craig, who launched a GoFundMe campaign to resupply local food banks.

We are thankful for the meal program that Archuleta School District put in place when our schools were closed to in-person learning in March. Since that date, 21,573 meals have been served by the district to children up to age 18.

Also being delivered are books that the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library staff has made available for those having school meals delivered or picked up.

And, Pagosa Springs Rotary Club has made food packages available through the backpack food program that school bus drivers are helping to deliver.

Joining in, the Archuleta County Department of Human Services has acquired diapers/Pull-Ups, wipes and formula that are available for pick-up along with meals.

We have a lot to be grateful for with this collaborative effort that supports area children and their families.

Pagosa Springs High School carried out a tremendous celebration for our seniors who missed out on many senior year events and activities. We applaud the school staff and citizens of the community who worked so hard to create such a memorable occasion.

We are thankful that Dan Burch and Dale Johnson reached out to make sure the community knew about the music and theater awards that were given to deserving students.

Principal Justin Cowan recently hon-

ored parent volunteers at Pagosa Springs Elementary School.

We are thankful for our town council for the careful consideration they gave to the possibility of holding the Fourth of July parade. We reported on the dilemma they were faced within the paper. And after the governor's orders put a halt to the possibility of holding a parade, the council had no choice but to cancel the event.

The Western Heritage Event Center Board of Directors struggled with the same decision and they regrettably had to cancel the 71st annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. A statement from the board reads: "This action is for the safety of our contestants, sponsors, spectators, stock contractor and staff, volunteers and the overall safety and health of our community."

Most of us in our small town love rodeo, parades or celebrations and we know that coming to the decision to cancel these events was not an easy thing to do. These decisions were not made in a vacuum. They were made for the concern and care for this community. No one was happy to vote to cancel these events.

On Monday, volunteers and staff who help put on the Archuleta County Fair and our 4-H program talked to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners about the possibility of holding this year's fair. They find themselves forced to be creative and are striving to think outside of the box.

We are thankful to hear that the volunteers for the Seeds of Learning fundraiser, Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, are working toward to holding a virtual event.

We were impressed with our local youth and adults who participated in a peaceful demonstration last week following the death of George Floyd. We are thankful that we have our First Amendment right of freedom of speech.

We are grateful for our community and for those who are dedicated to helping others.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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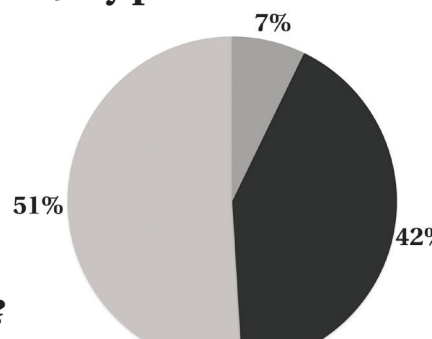
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## WHADDYA THINK?

Do you agree with the decision to cancel the Fourth of July parade?

Poll results (681 votes)

They should have waited to decide. — 7 percent  
Yes. — 42 percent  
No. — 51 percent



Vote this week online:  
Do you plan to vote in this primary election this month?  
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## LOOKING BACK

From the April 28, 1983, Pagosa Springs SUN. **DRIVE CAREFULLY** — In three more weeks local schools will dismiss for the summer. Area drivers should still drive carefully as numerous elk and deer are beginning to move across the roadways as migration to the high country begins. These three young mule deer waited for the traffic to clear before crossing the road.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 11, 1920

A son rescuing his father and at the same time ridding the world of one of its pestiferous pests — C.B. Nason, aged 24, of Pagosa Springs, came upon his father confronted by one of the beasts only a few yards away. The lion, showing its teeth and evidently eager for fight, was put out of the harmful class by a shot from the young man's rifle. Twelve deer of a herd are said to have been killed by the lion in the last few days before its death. The lion was a female, weighing 152 pounds and measuring seven feet and eight inches.

Walter Zabriskie of Pagosa Junction was up on court business Tuesday. Mr. Zabriskie has just finished spraying his orchard, which gives fine promise of a heavy fruit crop. He has 800 bearing apple trees, an acre of pears, half acre of berries, besides plums.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 15, 1945

George Alley, Earnest E. Smith and Ray Macht attended a meeting of the Empire Builders Tuesday evening in Fort Lewis. A permanent organization was made after which plans were made to procure oil for improving highways in the San Juan Basin. The by-laws of the organization were accepted and regular meetings will all be held in Fort Lewis. It was also voted that regardless of population, each of the 7 counties of the organization will be represented by a committee of three, thereby assuring fair distribution of gains from the combined efforts of all members.

Real estate transfers here the past week, show transfers to W.H. Diestelkamp of the following property: 2 lots of E.E. Smith on Pagosa Street between the 200 and 300 block on Pagosa Street. Also the Leon Jacquez property which joins these lots on the west. Also the Jake Martinez property directly across the alley from the Jacquez property. He indicated that he was acting as an agent for a proposed improvement for Pagosa Springs, the details of which were both lacking as well as not ready for publication at this time.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 11, 1970

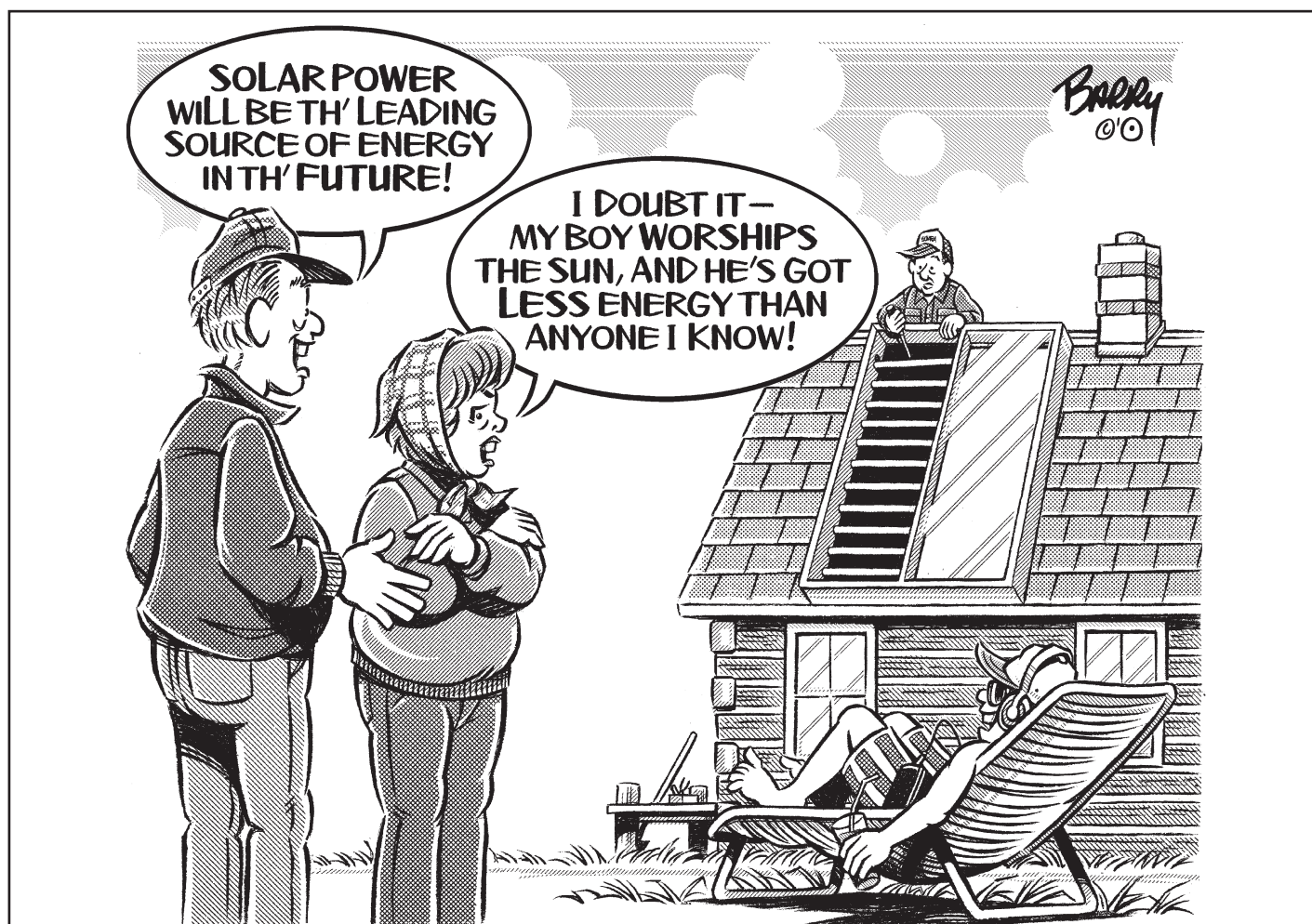
An all-new steel stand has been built at the Red Ryder Roundup grounds in preparation for this year's celebration. All bucking chutes are new, and are also of steel. They replace the old wooden chutes and stands that have been used for 21 years.

Flag Day is June 14 and is one day that is surely worth observing. Today, at a time when there seems to be a lack of patriotism, loyalty to a nation and a lack of respects for the rights and privileges of the ordinary man, with only the vociferous being considered often, it seems very fitting that the flag of this nation should be displayed. This display may tend to remind many that this is a nation of the free, a nation where a minority can demand and receive attention... Our flag signifies for all who care the fact that wrongs can be righted — in the proper way — and that justice is sought for all. These are the ideals and principles that have kept this nation free and the greatest in the world in terms of freedom, of financial standing, standard of living, development and personal gain. It seems very appropriate that our flag should be displayed to symbolize these facts and the ideals and principles of our nation.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 15, 1995

The board of education approved a \$10,819,665 budget Tuesday for the 1995-96 school year. The board also approved the purchase of \$57,000 worth of computer equipment for the district. Twenty-five computers will be installed in classrooms (in line with a board goal of having a computer and printer in each classroom in the district; 10 new computers will be put in the high school computer lab; two new machines will be placed in the high school library. The purchase will be made with funds saved on a roof repair project at the high school rather than with capital reserve funds. In an announcement sure to please district staff, business manager Nancy Schutz said the district received an additional \$134,299 in state funding. The district was one of several in the state permitted to receive more funds in light of TABOR (Amendment 1) restriction. The money will be used to give district staff an average 3 1/2 percent pay raise (where before only step increases were anticipated.)



# 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.

## Justice and fair play

Dear Editor:  
My first job as a teacher was in a Catholic girls school. My principal, a nun, was dressed in black from head to foot, except for her very kind face. She placed great trust in my professionalism by saying, "Here's the book; here's the budget. Order what you need. Teach biology." No rigid standards coined by overpaid bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. Very little supervision by my boss. No previous student teaching. But, I knew it was wrong to punish the whole class for the misbehavior of one student. Common sense told me that was unjust to those who were not misbehaving. Yet, I did try to do an experiment to make sure all girls are equal. I knew All Men Are Created Equal, as a red-blooded American Patriot. So I gave a test. The highest grade was 95. The lowest grade was 55. So, I adjusted all grades by taking twenty points from the highest and gave twenty to the lowest. By the time all grades were adjusted this way, each girl had a grade of 75. One equal grade for all. When I returned the tests, there was an uproar my classroom. One high-scoring girl threatened to run to tell the principal on me for being grossly unfair. Then, I told them it was just an experiment. Now because of one murder by one very unjust policeman, who murdered one man on video tape, thousands of law abiding cops especially in big cities may be unfunded or reduced in pay. Is that just? Of course not. Don't city mayors and governors have as much common sense as

an inexperienced young school teacher?

John Penter

## Peaceful rally

Dear Editor:  
I was proud to participate in last weekend's rally in support of George Floyd and social justice. The turnout was gratifying for a small town like ours. The passion and commitment of the participants, particularly our young people, was marvelous to see. Kudos to those who organized the rally. Participants ranged from children to senior citizens like myself. The crowd was peaceful, although they made their arguments loud and clear. Police agencies were in evidence, including the Pagosa Springs Police, Archuleta County Sheriff, and Colorado State Patrol. The officers were respectful, even when one officer was confronted by a young woman who screamed a long, profanity-laced diatribe against him. Many people passing by on San Juan Street blew their horns and shouted support for the group, a good sign for progress. The rumored "antifa buses" never showed up, which should have surprised no one.

Across the street from the rally was a woman who held up a large Trump 2020 banner and shouted pro-Trump declarations at the protesters. I was told that there were other people with MAGA hats and even weapons on the periphery of the rally, although I did not see them. This accentuates what is at stake in the next election. Protests are great, but change will only come when we elect candidates who share our views on justice and equality. I hope that the people at the rally, particularly the young people, are registered to vote. In Colorado, 16-year olds are allowed to preregister. 17 year olds are allowed to vote in primaries if they will be 18 by general election day, November 3. To register, a person need only go to govotecolorado.gov.

I recognize that any candidate may not be perfect. But voters need to decide which candidate is most supportive of their positions on social justice, health care, education, student loans, the environment, minimum wage, etc. I hope that progressive citizens who are concerned about the future of the United States will register and, most of all, vote.

John Porco

## Armed response

Dear Editor:  
I am proud to say that a number of the citizenry of Archuleta County chose to arm themselves and stand guard outside the businesses of our downtown area, all because there was word that there were people from outside of town coming in to help the peaceful demonstrators last Friday and Saturday. It was laudable. I have to admit that when I heard about the "out of towners" I was a bit concerned.

However, I wonder what they would have done if someone did come up and throw a brick through the window of the business they were guarding and that was not endangering anyone inside, or them. Would they have shot them?

Be advised, by law, they would have been arrested for attempted, or actual murder. Why? It is illegal to shoot someone in defense of property. Plain and simple. I would suggest rather you shoot them with your camera to supply evidence in a legal case against them. Police officers go through extensive training about "shoot, don't shoot" scenarios. Even they are not allowed to shoot someone in defense of property. They can arrest them though, which is the one thing you can't do. Well, there is a citizen's arrest and as long as it goes well you might be considered a hero, but, if it goes bad you're on your own in the legal system.

Please keep this in mind.

Doug Roberts

## Brighter direction

Dear Editor:  
Let's expand on your June 4 editorial in The Pagosa SUN into a brighter direction and come out of the dark web.

Bottom line: Racism is a condition of the heart born from the devil himself. Racism is a lie that people believe. As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. There is one race, the human race. And love is for all people; everywhere. Love is the truth, hate is the lie. We choose which we will live by. I choose Love. I choose The Truth. I choose Jesus Christ. As He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

What about you Dave Butcher? Your blame/hate President Trump philosophy in your June 4 letter to The SUN is always and continually evident; just like many of your previous efforts. Which is very sad. Why? Because you are the local "divider and con man," now, only the Truth can set you free.

BTW ... I hope Butcher remembers that many patriots, for centuries, fought and died to give him the opportunity to express his First Amendment Right.

Jim Sawicki

## Primary election

Dear Editor:  
Another County Commissioner election is upon us. The primary election is this month and the general election is next month. ■ See Letters A4

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# Letters

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eral election is in November. Warren Brown should be elected. We know Warren as a Lieutenant in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Department, as a Rotarian and a community volunteer. He is smart and well educated, has operating knowledge of the county's various functions and is committed to this community.

He and his wife Jody own a Pagosa Springs business and Warren will be focused on making economic development a priority. His natural leadership skills and solutions-based approach will be a welcome addition to the Board of County Commissioners. Visit [www.electwarrenbrown.com](http://www.electwarrenbrown.com) to learn more about Warren as a person and his ideas.

Warren has two challengers in the primary election and needs your vote to advance to the general election. Ballots for the primary election will be mailed to all active registered voters in Archuleta County this week. Ballots are due by June 30th. Please vote. Our vote is for Warren Brown.

Lisa and Bob Scott

## What matters

Dear Editor: "Black Lives Matter" is not the same as "black lives matter." The first is a Marxist ideology front-group which has co-opted our nation's united agreement ("black lives matter") against what a rogue cop did [at least two of the other cops were rookies, intimidated by

a seasoned officer — we'll see] in Minneapolis, and what a few bad cops have done in the recent past [to people of not just one race].

The simple litmus-test is this: do you support the break-up of the traditional family; the dismantling of our Bill of Rights; replacing "freedom of speech" with political correctness; and the guardians of the free expression of conscience being the misguided youth at Amazon, Google, Twitter, and Facebook, or the Constitution? Is our right and freedom to worship God to be overruled by the State bureaucrats who run it, in order to improve "peace and civility"?

You know, the only reason I'm not ravaged by the Leftist mob, dragged out of my home and beaten to a pulp or even killed for what I've just written, is because I'm still operating under the rights and guarantees of the Constitution. Those poor souls who stood up to the mob in the streets (by holding up the America flag, wearing a MAGA hat, being perceived as disagreeing with the protesters by saying, "All lives matter," etc) haven't been protected by that document — being outside the protections of law enforcement i.e. the police. Instead, the mob have torn up the Constitution and set it afire, along with the properties and people they've destroyed.

So, whose side are you on? The crazed mob exercising their demons, or the peaceable demonstrations exercising their God-given rights protected by the Constitu-

tion? Both of them march under the banner of "black lives matter." The question is, what does that mean? Jesse Wenzel

## Wearing masks

Dear Editor: Like so many others in the area, I'm pleased that our town is beginning the long road to recovery. Many of our businesses have been hard hit by the lock down and subsequent economic cliff. It's heartening that many are returning to what will be our "new normal".

One area of continued confusion is the issue of wearing masks. Should you wear them out? And if so, everywhere or to just certain stores? My observation is that many are wearing them to the grocery store but not to other places.

Given the obvious medical and health efficacies of wearing masks to prevent the spread of disease, not just COVID-19, perhaps we should mandate everyone wear masks out. Should Pagosa become a COVID-19 "hot spot" our economy would crumble even further.

Our town is both blessed and cursed by an influx of tourists every year. They bring much needed revenue to our schools and our community. But being a tourist "hot spot" means some of those tourists will bring more than their dollars with them. They will bring COVID-19. What happens when we have an outbreak this summer at one of our hotels? Or restaurants? The entire area could be quarantined destroying the fragile reopening we have

started. And even we're not quarantined, news would spread fast of the outbreak driving away tourists thus damaging our reputation and any hope of a recovery.

There are no easy answers, but taking proactive steps now and having a debate based on science and facts, not emotion, will ensure we'll be prepared should a second wave hit our community.

Michael Young

## Jackson Mountain Road

Dear Editor: It was shocking and heart-breaking to drive up Jackson Mt. Road, seeing huge, magnificent, green trees cut, de-barked, stacked high then trucked away with their green Ponderosa Pine branches piled like a mountain, left behind.


Upon a little investigation, what seems to be happening there is the start of 1000 acres of clear cutting in order to make bio-mass.

The National Forest is ours, ours to care for and enjoy. A massacre is in progress who can stop this environmental destruction? Who can repair the forest? Help.

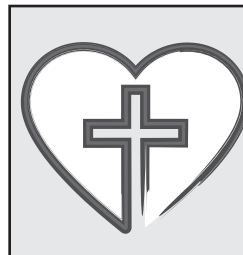
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*Editor's note: The SUN reported last month that the San Juan National Forest, Pagosa Ranger District, would be performing logging operations in the Jackson Mountain area. This work will reduce hazardous fuels, restore forest conditions and improve forest health.*

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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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# Obituaries

## Juanita Jaramillo Gallegos

On June 7, at the age of 89, our beautiful mother, Juanita Jaramillo Gallegos, passed from this life into the next to be with her Lord and Savior.



Juanita was born May 18, 1931, to Eudoro and Pilar Jaramillo, near Lumberton, N.M. She was the fourth of nine children and the eldest daughter. Juanita was raised on a ranch and loved the farming and ranching life. She loved to be outdoors helping her father and siblings with all manner of planting and gardening chores.

On May 3, 1949, Juanita married Alfredo Gallegos, thus, the start of what we fondly call the "Gallegos Nation." They started their married life in Lumberton and made their way to Pagosa Springs in 1959, their permanent home. In the home on South 9th Street, they raised their 14 children, and in time her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren (106 total at the time of her passing) would receive the blessing of her

incredible gifts of love and caring for others. Each had a special place in her mind and in her heart.

The daughter of a penitente, Juanita was a devout Christian. She spent so much of her life in prayer for others and in service to her church, where for over 30 years on every Wednesday, she led a rosary until her health prevented her from attending church. For many years, she was often asked by Catholic parishioners to lead and recite funeral rosaries at church, especially for the Spanish-speaking community, and those who had lost their loved ones and needed someone to help them. Juanita was always there for people in need.

A friend and inspiration to many, her door was always open to her many friends and her abundant family. She always had a pot of coffee on, or lunch on the table. Many remember her delicious tortillas, but really everything she made had that magic taste. She had a welcoming heart and welcomed anyone into her home, including occasional classes from our local high school who would come to her home for a cooking lesson or a southwest history lesson.

Juanita is survived by her chil-

dren: Sarah Sutton, Chris Gallegos, Lawrence Gallegos (Jessie), Ernest Gallegos (Mardel), Dorothy Gallegos (Trent Gamez), Alfred Gallegos Jr. (Tara Severs), Eleanor Gallegos, Stella McFtridge (Harvey), Anna Appenzeller (Tom), Sandra Schultz (Gary Batson), Nyana Janowsky (Dan), David Gallegos (Tina), Leticia Olson (Nick), and Anjelica Cardenas (Lorenzo). She was also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfredo Gallegos; her parents, Eudoro and Pilar Jaramillo; siblings Ruben Jaramillo, Flaminio Jaramillo, Eudorito Jaramillo; and by her daughter-in-law, Darlene Gallegos.

We are deeply thankful to our sister, Sarah Sutton, who devoted herself to the loving care of our mom for many years. More than that, Sarah was a beautiful friend and companion to our mother. Thank you!

Juanita's loving spirit and strong faith won her the deep respect and devotion of all of her children. The foundation of our family, the rock to many, her absence will leave a void that will take time to fill.

Though she will be missed beyond measure, we know in our heart of hearts that she is with her heavenly father. For her, the sun here has set, but it has arisen anew for her in that joyful place where we will see her again someday.

A private funeral Mass was held at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church on Wednesday, June 10, at 10 a.m. followed by burial at the Juanita Cemetery in Juanita, Colo. The funeral Mass will be livestreamed at <http://demo.pope-johnpauliichurch.org/jp-ii-in-action/mass-streaming-online/> beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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## Tracy Renee Reavis

Tracy Renee Reavis, daughter of Rice and Merline, passed away May 24. She graduated from Pagosa Springs High School, then from Colorado State University, then from Physician Assistant School at University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver. She then worked as a PA in Moab, Utah, then in Cortez, Colo., where she met and married Gary Cot-



tom. They moved to Farmington, N.M., where they raised a family and she continued to work as a PA and mother.

Tracy is survived by her husband, Gary Cottom; her children, Aspy and Kole Cottom; her father, Rice Reavis; her brother, Jay Reavis; her sister, Samantha McCurley; and her nieces, Nicole Reavis and Crysta Sladek. She was preceded in death by her mother, Merline McCurley.

Tracy was loved and will be remembered by her family, friends, patients and all who met her.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. May she rest in peace.

## Mark Steven Reese

Mark Steven Reese died Monday, June 1, after suffering complications from surgery. Mark was born on Nov. 28, 1958, in Louisville, Ky., to Jesse Cowell Reese and Bertha Rose Redford. Mark was the youngest of five children. During his early years, he lived in Japan and Germany, moving wherever his father was stationed in the military. After returning stateside, he lived in Newport News, Va., eventually moving to Lawton, Okla., when he was 16. There he met some of his closest friends and his future wife, Jeanna Ezzell Reese. Mark moved to Pagosa Springs in 1978. Although he moved on occasion to other locations, he always came back to Pagosa Springs, the place he felt was home.



own music on which he sang lead and played acoustic guitar and harmonica.

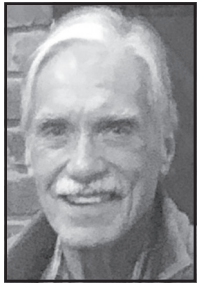
Mark and his wife, Jeanna, reconnected at their 20th year high school reunion in Lawton, Okla. Both were living in Colorado and they began dating, with Mark eventually moving to Colorado Springs. They married on Aug. 5, 2000, in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Mark was happy in Colorado Springs, but he always wanted to go back to Pagosa Springs and convinced Jeanna to move there in 2008.

Mark is survived by his wife, Jeanna Reese; his son, Samuel Quiring (Summer); his father, Jesse Reese (Betty); his brothers, Ray Reese and Greg Reese (Julia); his sisters, Linda du Kor (Paul) and Pam Copeland (Jack); five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Mark was preceded in death by his mother, Bertha Rose Redford Reese.

A graveside service was held for Mark on Friday, June 5, at Hilltop Cemetery in Pagosa Springs, Colo., officiated by Forrest Bohlen, where friends and family gathered to say goodbye and listen to a little of his music. A reception was hosted afterwards at the home of Clay Campbell and Laura Daniels.

## Eddie Franklin Wood

Eddie Franklin Wood (69), known to his friends as Woody, died on May 30 in Santa Fe, N.M. He leaves behind a wife of 25 years, Susan K. Rollins, of Pagosa Springs; his mother, Rosa Daley, of Johnstown, Pa.; a brother, Fred Wood, of Lynchburg, Va.; and many loving nieces, nephews and friends.



After more than 30 years of operating a welding business in Washington, D.C., Woody and Su moved to Pagosa in 2011, where he was able to indulge regularly in his beloved outdoor pursuits — skiing, hiking, climbing, hunting and camping. He had completed nearly 150 miles on the Continental Divide Trail, over 40 fourteeners, six Grand Canyon hikes and hundreds of days on the slopes. He was a regular volunteer at Loaves and Fishes; in lieu of flowers or food, please send donations to them. A memorial gathering will be held in early September to spread his ashes — details to follow. He will be missed.

## Gwyn Elizabeth Lewis

Gwyn Elizabeth Lewis committed her life and career to social justice in education, guided by her compassion and joy in working with children and students from all cultures. She died on May 26 at her home in Fort Collins, Colo., where she had been working as a STEM instructor for Play-Well TEKnologies. Born on March 4, 1982, in Healdsburg, Calif., she was 38 years old.



Gwyn had a gift for languages and was a fearless traveler of the world. She had a passport full of stamps from her journeys across Asia and beyond. Her passion for understanding the differences between how diverse cultures learn and communicate fueled her career.

This passion started early when she was chosen to be a Rotary International exchange student to Mumbai, India. After a year living in India, she graduated from Pagosa Springs High School, Colo., in 2000.

At the University of Colorado, Boulder, Gwyn continued to pursue her interests earning a bachelor of arts degree in both international affairs and Asian studies with a minor in Mandarin Chinese. For several years, she coordinated the International Conference on World Affairs hosted annually by the university before graduating magna cum laude with distinction in 2005.

In 2008, Gwyn moved to Shenzhen, China, where she was a teacher and on-site coordinator with the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) with Peking University. During her five years in Shenzhen, she quickly became a leader of the program as the primary liaison between teachers, public schools, the CTL and the Shenzhen City Education Bureau, often conversing only in Chinese.

Returning to the United States, Gwyn earned a master of science degree in urban and multicultural education at the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale, N.Y., in 2013. While at the college, she was an adjunct professor of international studies, ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) instructor of international students at the college, and an ELS (English as a Second Language) assistant instructor at a nearby elementary school.

Later at the University of Arizona, Tucson, she was a Ph.D. graduate student and teaching assistant in language, reading and culture with an emphasis on inclusive education and linguistics. She

genuinely respected others' traditions and backgrounds and worked to bridge language and cultures.

Gwyn traveled with an open heart. She loved discovering what was around the next corner and would wander the cities and villages rather than spend her time seeing the known tourist destinations. She wanted to talk with the people to understand them, their lives and their culture — somehow communicating beyond any language barriers. It was not unusual for her to stop by the open fire of a family cooking dinner outside their home and start a conversation. The exchange would go from there to a shared meal.

Gwyn enthusiastically shared her insight and global perspective with fellow teachers and students of all ages from all over the world. In Tucson, she was a volunteer teacher with the Native American Summer Institute at the university. She was also an English-class coordinator and teacher for immigrant families for the Iskashitaa Refugee Network, helping refugees from Nepal and Somalia.

Before moving to Fort Collins, Gwyn worked in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, as an English teacher with the Global Leadership University.

Gwyn found peace in the outdoors, especially the Colorado Rockies. She loved snowboarding, rock climbing, the aspen trees through the seasons and laughingly telling stories over the campfire. She was an avid reader, exceptional at card games and a fan of both the Seattle Seahawks and the Denver Broncos. She always felt at home watching the sun set over a baseball game with her family.

She was an enrolled tribal member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and is survived by her loving parents, Roger Lewis and Elizabeth (Lissa) Hartzell, and brother Harlan Lewis.

In lieu of flowers, her family asks that donations in honor of Gwyn Lewis be made to Planned Parenthood and/or a food bank serving children and their families.

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# Business

## Changes made to the Paycheck Protection Program

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
Chamber of Commerce

On May 28, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Flexibility Act was passed giving small businesses greater usage of the PPP monies that were to be used during an eight-week period. In the Senate, Colorado Sen. Cory Gardner was one of the backers of the bill.

This bill allows small businesses much more flexibility when they can use the funds, what they can use the funds for and extends the terms for the unforgiven part of the loan.

Here are some of the changes and extensions:

1. The PPP borrower can now have 24 weeks or until Dec. 31 to spend the loan proceeds and bring their workforce to pre-pandemic levels. This gives many businesses the opportunity to reach their full forgiveness as the deadline was originally June 30.

2. The 25 percent cap that was to be used for non-payroll expenses has been increased to

40 percent. Remember, however, that now 60 percent of the loan must be used for payroll, mortgage, rent, utilities or none of the loan will be forgiven.

3. The loan terms have been extended from two years to five years with still a 1 percent interest rate.

4. An addition to the original program, there is now a forgiveness clause if the business cannot obtain employee levels to pre-pandemic conditions due to the fact that social distancing and health-related directives prevented the business from operating at the same capacity.

5. The business now also has 10 months to apply for loan forgiveness instead of six months before it is required to start making payments. The new bill allows for the payments to be deferred until the loan is forgiven by the lender.

These bill changes are all very positive steps for our small businesses. With recovery expected to take longer than the government originally thought, deferrals and extensions are welcome initiatives.

To find out more about how to work within the new PPP guidelines, check with your lending agency or accountant. Follow the new guidelines and take advantage of this program which is meant to help our small businesses get back on their feet and maximize the loan forgiveness.

### Sewers still needed for masks

Through a partnership with the Pagosa Springs Medical Center, the Chamber has received hundreds of mask kits that need to be sewn.

We have many businesses that would like to help our locals and visitors practice "My Mask Protects You/Your Mask Protects Me" concept. These kits come with the bias tape for the ties, the colorful material and the instructions. If you are a sewer and could donate some time to help us get these masks to our business community, we would all be very grateful.

They are easy enough for beginning sewers. Contact the Chamber at 264-2360. You can pick up any amount and that would help the cause. Thank you, Pagosa sewers.

## Resolution addressing special election dies due to lack of a motion by URA Commission

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

A resolution regarding an upcoming special election for a potential revision to the town's home rule charter that applies to the newly formed urban renewal authority (URA) was not approved due to lack of a motion by the Pagosa Springs URA Commission.

During the URA Commission's regular meeting on May 21, it was determined that a resolution would be drafted by Town Attorney Clay Buchner that would "state the facts" but also include "empathetic concern of the view of others" in reference to the upcoming July 14 special mail-ballot election.

Ballots will be mailed out to registered electors of the town on June 22.

At a meeting on May 5, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved Ordinance 932 upon second reading, calling the special election.

The petition proposing the change to the charter was circulated by local citizens.

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

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

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

That petition was determined to be satisfactory on April 9.

### Resolution language

The proposed resolution language notes that the URA is aware of a similar situation in regard to the case of Longs Peak Metropoli-

tan District vs. the City of Wheat Ridge in Jefferson County.

The proposed resolution describes that the First Judicial District Court "invalidated an amendment to the city of Wheat Ridge's charter," adding that the amendment was "nearly identical to the currently proposed amendment to the Pagosa Springs Town Charter."

According to the proposed resolution, the Wheat Ridge amendment to the city charter sought to require the approval of Wheat Ridge voters for URA projects that exceeded \$2.5 million in TIF revenues.

Eventually, the First Judicial District Court determined that "because the amendment required additional procedures for approval of TIF beyond those required by the URA, the amendment was in conflict with state law and therefore invalid."

The proposed resolution goes on to state that the Pagosa Springs URA is concerned about adopting an amendment to the town charter that has been "substantively invalidated by Colorado's First Judicial District Court, namely the impact of significant time, money, and other resources spent in litigation defending an amendment likely to be ruled invalid."

The proposed resolution later states that provisions of the URA and state law allow the Pagosa Springs URA commission to put forth the resolution as a statement of opposition to the proposed charter amendment.

"NOW, THEREFORE, the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority hereby opposes the proposed addition of Section 9.19 to the Town Charter and urges our citizens to vote against the ballot measure proposing the amendment set for vote on July 14, 2020," the last sentence of the proposed resolution reads.

### URA commissioner thoughts

"The concern that I gathered from the commissioners was that if the bill were to pass, then the im-

pact of future unforeseen litigation might be incredibly costly and time consuming," Buchner said.

URA Commissioner Shari Pierce noted that it "may be crossing the line" with resolution language stating the commission is urging citizens to vote against the proposed ballot measure.

"You're not allowed here, after this point, to campaign against the petition as a board, but you are allowed to state your opposition and publish the resolution this way, but of course the language can be changed to meet the requirements of the commission," Buchner said.

The last sentence of the proposed resolution struck URA Commissioner Mat deGraaf as "hard." "I think it does step over the line. It looks like you're politicking at that level," URA commissioner J.R. Ford said, adding that he would not vote to put out a resolution.

Ford explained that he saw the similarities with the Wheat Ridge case, but added that there are a lot of differences as well.

"For one, that is a special district that came under the authority of a URA as far as negotiating with the projects," he said. "I think it's a lot different when you look at what's happening in Pagosa. You have taxpayers."

According to Ford, the summary judgment was also split in the case.

For the URA to take the stance that the Wheat Ridge case is settled case law is "a little disingenuous," Ford said.

"If I was on the town board, there would be no way I would be telling the local taxpayers, even if I thought they were wrong, making that decision, that they didn't have the right to vote for it and that you wouldn't defend it if they went that direction," Ford said.

Later in the meeting, Ford suggested that if the URA commission is against the petition to that degree, personal, one-on-one meetings should be held.

"To make a blanket statement and bring in those court cases, I think you're just taking a step too far for me," he said.



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# El Pomar Foundation distributes \$73,500 in COVID-19 aid to nonprofits in southwestern Colorado

By Kyle Boyle  
El Pomar Foundation

Since March 17, organizations in southwestern Colorado received grants totaling \$73,500 from El Pomar Foundation's Colorado Assistance Fund.

The \$1 million fund was established by the foundation's trustees on March 9, within a week of Colorado's first confirmed case of COVID-19, and provided immediate aid to nonprofit organizations and government entities meeting basic human needs and supporting access to appropriate health care for individuals and communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following organizations in Archuleta County received grants:

- Archuleta Seniors Inc. — \$5,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19.
- Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado — \$2,500

for information distribution for service access related to COVID-19.

- Community United Methodist Church — \$5,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19.

- Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Foundation — \$2,500 for medical needs and services related to COVID-19.

- Loaves and Fishes of Archuleta County, Colorado — \$1,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19.

- United Way of Southwest Colorado — \$5,000 for rent and utilities assistance related to COVID-19 through the Pagosa Outreach Connection.

The \$1 million fund supported 175 unique organizations in 48 counties of Colorado, with grant amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000. Grants supported a range of emergency services such as food banks, rent and utility assistance, and medical supplies.

"We are grateful for the nonprofit organizations and their staffs

who have selflessly stepped up to support individuals and communities in need during this pandemic," said Kyle Hybl, El Pomar Foundation president and CEO. "In establishing the Colorado Assistance Fund, El Pomar Foundation's trustees aimed to deliver funds as quickly as possible to support critical needs."

Organizations were nominated for funding by public health departments or members of El Pomar Foundation's regional councils. Part of El Pomar's Regional Partnerships Program, regional councils regularly provide grant recommendations to El Pomar trustees. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in Colorado, regional council members have been in regular contact with El Pomar staff and trustees to provide firsthand insight regarding their communities' most critical and emergent needs.

With the original \$1 million disbursed, El Pomar Trustees ap-

proved another \$1.1 million for an additional phase of the Colorado Assistance Fund. Each of El Pomar's 11 regional councils will recommend a strategy for the allocation of \$100,000 in their multicounty region of Colorado. The focus of these dollars is to support longer-range recovery efforts to encourage the eventual return of healthy, functioning communities across Colorado as they emerge from the current COVID-19 crisis.

El Pomar's trustees also dedicated \$100,000 from the foundation's Freda Hambrick Fund to support pet food banks, or to support veterinary clinics in covering costs of pet food or veterinarian expenses for families that have been impacted by COVID-19 and are unable to afford those expenses.

This additional phase marks the seventh time the El Pomar Foundation has dedicated a Colorado Assistance Fund. Prior to the phase established in March for COVID-19 immediate aid, the five previous funds were established during and in the immediate aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis and distributed more than \$5 million between 2008 and 2012.

To view a full listing of El Pomar's funds and grant making areas, please visit our website at <https://www.elpomar.org/grant-making/>.

## Resolution

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measure or once it gets into court. "We think it's important that the town citizens are advised of what's going on and that they should know that what they're voting on, there's a problem," Schulte said.

A resolution might not be the best way to inform the public as they might not seek to read a resolution for the facts, deGraaf noted.

"The case is a reason why I'm in opposition to this ballot, because it's going to be a financial impact on

the community and can be on the taxpayers and can be an additional liability, but those are my personal reasons," Volger said, adding that he just wants the voters to have some information.

A resolution would not have enough language to get the commission's point across, Ford added.

"I'm not sure a resolution is an informative thing. It's usually a board or a body approving or disapproving of something. It's usually not just an informative article,"

Woodruff said.

Following more discussion, Volger again opened the opportunity to have a different motion made regarding the proposed resolution.

No one on the commission came forth with a motion, so the proposed resolution agenda item died for lack of a motion.

"I'm just hoping that the public is well-informed when they go to the ballot box, or mail in their ballot, I should say," Volger said.

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## Urban Renewal Authority adopts bylaws

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority (URA) Commission adopted bylaws for the commission at its regular meeting on June 2.

The bylaws are based on bylaws from URAs from Fort Collins and Colorado Springs, according to agenda documentation.

Within the bylaws, language outlines that the URA chair shall file with the town clerk a certificate of appointment or reappointment for any commissioner.

URA commissioners who are first appointed will be serving staggered terms, according to the bylaws.

The URA is comprised of 11 commissioners; seven are members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council.

One URA member is appointed

by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), another represents the special districts within the boundaries of the URA, one is a mayoral appointee and another is an elected member of the local school district levying a mill levy within the URA boundaries.

At a meeting on Jan. 14, the Archuleta School District Board of Education declined to have representation on the URA commission.

According to the URA bylaws, vacancies on the board should be filled by the affected districts; for example, a vacant seat from the county would need to be filled by the BoCC.

The bylaws also outline that the executive director, or town manager, has the duties to, among other things, manage the projects of the URA.

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## COVID-19 case count

The following information was current as of press time Wednesday.

**San Juan Basin Public Health data:**

**Total confirmed cases in Archuleta and La Plata counties: 92**

**Archuleta County: 8**

**La Plata County: 84**

**Dulce, N.M.: 10**

**Deaths among cases: 1**

**Recovered: 58**

**Hospitalized: 11**

**Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment data:**

**Total confirmed cases: 28,347**

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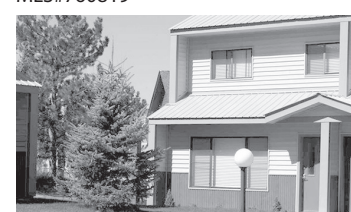
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# Cox

■ Continued from front in 2008.

"When we moved here in '08, of course it was as the recession was starting to hit pretty hard. We found the community to be little bit slow for us ... There was kind of a — it seemed to us like there were two types of people in town: second homeowners, retiree types who brought the money, and there were a lot of transient, seasonal workers who worked jobs in the summer or the winter or in the construction trades but took significant amounts of periods off, like, 'OK, it's hunting season, I'll be out for a month.'"

Cox had been homebrewing beer for years and was introduced to Pagosa Brewing founder and owner Tony Simmons through what he describes as "homebrewing circles."

"That's what really helped us select Pagosa, was looking at a friend's operation like Pagosa Brewing, and saying, 'I like what he's doing, I think it's a neat town.' Although I was familiar with it, I hadn't really explored it as an option to live in," Cox said.

Cox said friends who had lived in Pagosa before warned him "everything shuts down about 8 o'clock."

"They weren't far off the truth," he said, noting the area has changed significantly over the 12 years he's lived here.

After moving to Pagosa, not surprisingly, Cox got restless.

"At some point, it became apparent that I could use another

diversion," Cox said. "My software company was getting more mature, but also more challenging ... We thought, 'What if we start a little brewery downtown?' Not to compete with Pagosa Brewing directly. Our original idea was just something open three days a week."

On May 27, 2013, Riff Raff Brewing Company opened its doors in downtown Pagosa Springs.

"We just exploded," said Cox. "People came out of the gates. They wanted another restaurant downtown and they liked the brewpub idea."

Cox sold his software company in 2015, noting he had clients on every continent except Antarctica, though added he was in talks with a client from the south pole at the time of sale.

Fitting his lifelong pursuit of staying occupied, Cox has taken many roles in the local community since moving here in 2008.

He and his wife have been on the Fair Board for nine years and will be termed out after this year. He helped town council develop a new comprehensive plan in 2017. He served on the school district's Planning Assistance Team and was previously the president of the board for Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation.

He currently serves on the board of directors that oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center and is spearheading Archuleta County's variance request for certain state guidelines surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

He's also Archuleta County's broadband services manager.

Cox explained he was asked recently by a Pagosa Springs Town Council member what they should do to help broadband in the area.

"I said, I'll be completely honest, you need to commit to this like a utility. You need to fund it like a utility. You need to get it out there and understand that if we do this right ... you can diversify your economy and have much more stability in the future versus right now. We're shut down and the economy is taking a huge hit because we're so dependent on visitors and second homeowners," he said, adding, "I came down here because I could take a Denver-sized salary into Pagosa because of the Internet and so we have to think more broadly there."

Cox noted he's starting to see the beginnings of a new, self-sufficient economy around Pagosa Springs that is less dependent on tourist dollars and thinks broadband Internet is a big piece of that change.

"I think you're seeing now, the start, this is very young but you're seeing the start of an idea that we can be somewhat independent and have our own economic health and success that's not quite as victimized by outside forces," he said, adding, "The community has changed. We're seeing a lot more diversity in the type of people living here. They're more committed for the long-term. They want to help the community grow in a smart way, not to dishonor the past, but to

help in the future and then we also have the opportunity with some technology solutions — broadband being a big part of it — to bring in continued diversity and higher median income earners, which is

helpful for everybody."

Cox's wife Shelly has also balanced a hefty work schedule during her tenure in Pagosa Springs.

"She works her tail off," Jason Cox said. "She's worked 70+ hours

a week for all but one job over the last 20 years ... We're both trying to get down in the 40-50 hour a week range. We'll see when that happens."

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# Drought

■ Continued from front measures.

"It was based on the cumulative amount of water we had in the district, so how much water was in the river, how much water was in the lakes, including Hatcher," Ramsey said in an interview on Wednesday.

Ramsey added that if totals were below a certain threshold, drought restrictions would occur per the 2018 drought management plan.

However, the basis for the 2018 drought management plan was determined to be "flawed," Ramsey described.

"As you remember in 2018, we had somewhat of a drought. The river still flowed pretty good, but Hatcher really dropped," he said. "I can have all the water in the world in the river; if I don't have water in Hatcher, then we're still screwed."

In 2018, drought restrictions were not triggered until late October, Ramsey explained.

"But the lake got very low, and we don't want that to happen again," he said. "If we would have based it solely on the lake level, then we would have triggered it much earlier than October."

The revised drought management plan will be "broken up" with various triggers, Ramsey explained, citing examples such as how much water is in Hatcher Lake, the water in the San Juan River and snowwater equivalency, among other things.

"Any of those things could cause

a trigger to occur. It's not going to be a cumulative effect anymore. That's what the major change is going to be," he said, "instead of it being cumulative, we're going to break out each of those little components and say if one of these happens, any of these components, we're going into it."

PAWSD is looking for input from people on both the environmental side and business side of the community, Ramsey explained.

Anyone interested in serving on a committee to help with the revising of the plan can contact Ramsey at 731-7641 or [justin@PAWSD.org](mailto:justin@PAWSD.org).

## Drought outlook

As of June 4, Archuleta County is in "extreme drought," according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The next classification from extreme drought is "exceptional drought," which is the highest standard of drought on the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The southwest portion of the state features counties such as Archuleta, Conejos and Alamosa being fully in extreme drought, while others — such as La Plata, Mineral and Hinsdale — feature a mixture of extreme and severe drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

## Water and river report

According to a press release from Ramsey, four out of the five local lakes are full this week. This is up

from last week's total, when just three were full.

Stevens Lake, Lake Pagosa and Village Lake all remain full from last week.

This week, Hatcher Lake is full. Last week, it was 1 inch from full.

Diversion flows have increased with the San Juan plant being turned on.

This week, cumulative diversion flows are at 5.8 cubic feet per second (cfs). Last week, total diversion flows were at 4.5 cfs.

Contributing to this week's total, the West Fork diversion is adding 3 cfs, the Four Mile diversion is adding another 1.5 cfs and the San Juan diversion is contributing 1.3 cfs.

From May 29 through June 4 of this year, water production totaled 11.64 million gallons.

Contributing to that total, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 4.33 million gallons, the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 6.98 million gallons and the San Juan water treatment plant produced 4.66 million gallons.

As of Wednesday, the San Juan River had a reported flow of 374 cfs, lower than the average for June 10 of 1,480 cfs.

The highest reported flow total for June 10 came in 1952 when the San Juan River had a reported flow of 4,120 cfs. The lowest total came in 2002 when the river had a flow of just 67.1 cfs.

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# Rodeo

■ Continued from front

the beginning of the century, the first Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo was in 1949. In 1948, a group of local ranchers organized an effort to start a regular named rodeo series for this town. The initial group of volunteers included Glen Edmonds, Fred Harman, Daily Hott, Leon Montroy, Terry Robinson and Babe Shahan, to name a few. They collaborated with the owner of the rights to the Red Ryder registered trademark to brand this rodeo with the cartoon character that is so famous in this region. In 1949, the first rodeo was held at the site of the current Ross Aragon Community Center. Photographs show how automobiles were placed in a large circular formation to create

the boundary of the rodeo arena. Spectators stood behind the cars.

Later that year, the committee advertised and sold stock in the rodeo organization, named Pagosa Springs Enterprises, and raised \$15,000. With these proceeds, approximately 40 acres of land was purchased for the express use of hosting the annual rodeo. That initial site continues as the current facility on the corner of U.S. 84 and Mill Creek Road. Construction of a rodeo arena with wood boards and woven wire was accomplished just prior to the 1950 Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. Over time, the structures that exist on the rodeo grounds today were constructed as additional stock was sold for

creating a supporting membership.

For over 70 years, this organization has been run by local dedicated volunteers, funded with individual and business donations from the local community, and continues to be an independent, self-sustaining and successful entity.

In the mid-1990s, the organization obtained their IRS nonprofit status and renamed the organization the Western Heritage Event Center, whose mission is to provide an annual three-day Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo as well as a year-round venue for education and training for youth and equestrian events for Archuleta County. The Western Heritage board is dedicated to preserving the history and traditions of the American West.

# Students

■ Continued from front

Board members had agreed to spend around \$200 on each student. But when Hessman approached the students to get their input, they collectively agreed that the resources should go back to their own community, which has been struggling with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In an email string, the seniors remarked: "I believe that in these difficult times, any gift from Build Pagosa intended for us graduating seniors should be donated to a food bank or something similar." ... "I totally agree." ... "I believe there is a real need in our community, and I appreciate the gesture but also agree. I would like the money to be given to a local food bank or small business in need." Other seniors

from the program were on board.

Inspired by the example set by these students, Build Pagosa has decided to donate 100 percent of the funds raised in the past year that would have been used to benefit students in the program to support the community instead.

The amount donated is substantial — \$2,200 from the gifts to seniors plus an additional \$3,578 raised from Sledz on the Rez, which was earmarked to cover the expenses of those students who qualified for the national SkillsUSA competition, which canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Plus, Build Pagosa is upping the ante. The nonprofit is announcing a challenge to all members of this community — individuals, businesses and organizations alike — to

match these funds in support of their local community during these trying times.

"How these kids responded completely blew me out of the water," Hessman said. "This is exactly what we were trying to achieve when we started the program — not only to teach young people valuable vocational skills, but also to give them character-building opportunities. They have exceeded all expectations and set awesome examples for the students following them and for all of us as well."

For more information on the matching-funds challenge, contact Hessman at [hessman@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:hessman@pagosa.k12.co.us) or Traci Bishop at [tbishop7866@gmail.com](mailto:tbishop7866@gmail.com). Head to [buildpagosa.org](http://buildpagosa.org) to donate online.

# School

■ Continued from front

gram works with USDA support to provide meals to eligible children in Colorado," Mijares' written report to the board states. "ASD has elected to participate in this program and has received additional financial support from DHS and Colorado's COVID-19 Emergency Hunger Relief Fund. During this time Archuleta School District committed to feeding all children ages 0-18, following USDA guidelines for summer feeding programs."

Monday through Friday, Mijares reported, meals (sack meals comprising breakfast and lunch) are delivered by school drivers in ASD buses or mini-buses on six different

routes. Meals can also be picked up at Pagosa Springs High School or Pagosa Peak Open School between 9 a.m. and noon.

Mijares also told the board the program has grown to include collaborations with other community partners: the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County Department of Human Services (DHS).

The library, she wrote, "has made available age appropriate reading materials for both delivery and pick up."

That, she told the board, includes materials for the library's popular Summer Reading Program.

The Rotary Club, she explained, has committed to continuing its backpack program through the summer and creates weekend packages of nonperishable food that are delivered to identified families via the bus routes.

DHS received a grant of diapers/Pull-Ups, baby wipes and formula, Mijares indicated, with families of infants and toddlers able to pick up a week's worth of supplies.

"Incredible work, Laura," board chair Brooks Lindner stated at the meeting.

For more on the bus stops and times, see [www.mypagosa.schools.com](http://www.mypagosa.schools.com).

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# Ballots

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- James Iacino (Democrat)
- Diane E. Mitsch Bush (Democrat)
- Lauren Boebert (Republican)
- Scott R. Tipton (Republican)

## State offices

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- Mayling Simpson (Democrat)
- Joyce Rankin (Republican)

**State Representative — District 59**

- Barbara McLachlan (Democrat)
- Marilyn Harris (Republican)

**District attorney — 6th Judicial District**

- Christian Champagne (Democrat)
- There are no Republican candidates for this office.

## Archuleta County

**County commissioner —**

**District 1**

- Warren M. Brown (Republican)
- June E. Marquez (Republican)
- Nate Berman (Republican)
- There are no Democrat candidates for this office.

**County commissioner —**

**District 2**

- Ronnie Maez (Republican)
- There are no Democrat candidates for this office.

**County surveyor**

There are no candidates for this office in the primary.

## How to return ballots

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# Locals working to make county fair 'as normal as possible' amid pandemic

By John Finerock  
Staff Writer

Local residents are working hard to ensure that this year's county fair is as normal as possible amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

While nothing has been decided for certain, County Commissioner Alvin Schaaf and Fair Coordinator Tonya Steadmon told The SUN this week that, most likely, the normally four-day fair will be whittled down to two, most likely to be held on July 31 and Aug. 1.

"We want it to be as normal as possible," Steadmon said. "We want it to be there for the community, but kind of have to play it by ear."

Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver was instructed by the county commissioners at a work session Tuesday to apply for a variance from the state to raise the number of patrons legally allowed to attend the fair.

Weaver explained that the state has changed its variance process and that areas deemed a low-risk of spreading the virus can apply for specific "variance capacity up-per limits."

Weaver reported counties with 25 or fewer new cases per 1,000 people in the past two weeks qualify a county for being low-risk of spreading the virus.

"So we meet that," Weaver said, referring to Archuleta County, which has not had a new confirmed COVID-19 case since April 17, local businessman Jason Cox noted at the work session.

Weaver reported the county is eligible for a variance for up to 175 people gathering in a confined

indoor space or up to 250 people outside if adhering to social distancing guidelines.

Steadmon suggested the annual Chuckwagon Dinner will definitely not happen and any dancing activities could be challenging to operate amidst social distancing requirements, though she's still figuring out how that could work.

Steadmon explained most logistics of the fair are still up in the air. "It would be really hard for us to say what's going to happen and it wouldn't be fair to say what's actually going to happen," she said. "Just know we are doing the absolute best we can to have some type of a normal event for the community."

Schaaf noted at least one rodeo probably will happen at the fair this year—less than the usual three.

He said the dance will most likely happen "in some fashion" and entertainment like Wild Man Phil should occur, though karaoke might get cut.

## 4-H

In a Tuesday phone call, Archuleta County CSU Extension Agent Robin Young explained that she is working to make the 4-H events that occur during the annual fair "as normal as possible."

Young told the county commissioners on Tuesday that 4-H is waiting to determine whether the events will happen in person or broadcast on the Internet or both.

"We have decided that July 1 is going to be our cutoff date to determine whether 4-H events will happen live or virtual," she said. "The reason being is because it's just so difficult to have those families try

to plan for both. It's difficult for the 4-H office to do it, it's difficult for livestock, it's difficult for the fair board. So, for July 1, really no matter what happens for the variance or events that happen live we want to make sure that our kids are well on their way with their project."

Young explained that 4-H staff are still deciding whether marquee events like the junior livestock auction will be held in person or virtually, or some combination of both, noting that if people online and in person were able to bid, it could attract a larger virtual audience that could raise the bid amounts.

For many young exhibitors, the money they make from the livestock auction helps pay for a college education.

Becky Jacobson, local 4-H coordinator, told The SUN Wednesday how the livestock auction benefits the young people who have raised animals.

"The livestock auction — the dollar amounts, the bids — that money goes back to those kids. It doesn't go to anybody else and so those kids, they keep record books to show their expenses. The full aspect of the project is that you want to try to raise a healthy, happy animal ... The money goes back to the kids and they often put it in their savings and pay for college with those savings if they're fortunate enough to have revenue after expenses," she said.

Jacobson said that members of the public can also give "add-ons," which is "an additional amount of money that goes specifically to the child or children."

"It has nothing to do with the animals," she said. "It's just, 'Hey,

you're doing a good job, I want to give you 50 bucks towards your expenses."

"4-H is one of the few programs that helps kids that are doing the right thing," said Commissioner Steve Wadley. "These are kids that are trying to go to college or trying to go to vocational school and have worked for a year to pay their way. Their way, not somebody else's."

"Our goal, we would really like to see everything get back to normal, have a county fair, be able to have some normalcy for these kids," Young said. "One of the things that concerned me right from the get-go was that if we had county fair, how does that look for these kids? I've lost sleep over this because I can't imagine having youth come in there and not being able to wrestle with each other, not being able to sit in close proximity to play cards when it's in the downtime ... We just wanna make sure that the kids get the most out of their projects with the least amount of stress."

Jacobson reported that, typically, 4-H raises about \$5,000 at the Chuckwagon Dinner, but won't this year as it's been canceled.

She suggested that those who wish to donate to the local 4-H can by dropping off a check at the CSU Extension Office on U.S. 84 or going to <https://client.pointandpay.net/web/ArchuletaCo4H/>.

Jacobson directed anyone with questions about 4-H, donating or the specifics of the events at the county fair to call 264-5931.

The Archuleta County Fair Board met Wednesday, after this issue of The SUN went to press. [john@pagosasun.com](mailto:john@pagosasun.com)

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# State tweaks health order, local hot springs reopen

By John Finerock  
Staff Writer

On June 5, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment released a sixth amendment to Public Health Order 20-29, Safer At Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors.

In an interview Wednesday, Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver explained some highlights in the changes are that gyms have more capacity, sporting events like races can now happen, and there are updated guidelines for wedding ceremonies and graduations.

Weaver noted that for restaurants, the language has been tweaked to now allow 50 percent capacity or 50 patrons, whichever is fewer.

He added the language used to say "people" and that the state is now not calculating wait staff, chefs and other restaurant employees in that limit.

The amendment slightly changes language from a previous version of the health order. Some

examples of the changes are:

- Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors now strongly encourages, but now does not require, "that people of risk of severe illness from COVID-19, also known as Vulnerable Individuals, remain at home or in the great outdoors as much as possible."

- Gyms, recreation centers and indoor pools may open at 25 percent capacity, or 50 people, whichever is fewer.

Previous versions of the health order limited 10 people at a time in those venues.

- "Competitive events such as races and endurance events are permitted as long as 6 foot distancing and limitations on group size can be maintained," the order reads.

- "Life rites, such as wedding ceremonies, graduation ceremonies and funerals, and other religious rites are authorized at 50% capacity not to exceed 50 people indoors, with strict compliance with Social Distancing Requirements for employees and any attendees

of services. For outdoor rites, individuals must maintain 6 feet distance between non-household members and work with the appropriate local authority to obtain approval for the maximum number of individuals ...," according to the health order.

"This the first time that the state has provided requirements for these types of important life events to operate safely," wrote Claire Ninde, director of communications for San Juan Basin Public Health, in an email to The SUN.

- Previous versions of the health order mandated "employees to stay home when showing any symptoms or signs of sickness ..." and now includes specific symptoms like "fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea ..."

- Face coverings were previously mandated at houses of worship, but that directive has been changed

to "Face coverings are strongly encouraged to be worn by staff, volunteers and congregants while on the premises of [a] house of worship ..."

- Courts are now "encouraged to make remote participation available to the greatest extent possible."

## Local hot springs

On Friday, The Springs Resort and Spa opened its bathhouse and soaking pools to the public per guidelines stated in Gov. Jared Polis' executive order on June 1.

In a June 4 email to The SUN, The Springs outlined how its facility will operate.

The email reads that while state guidelines allow hot springs to reopen at 50 percent capacity, The Springs is opening at lower levels initially.

Shane Lucero, marketing director for The Springs Resort and Spa, explained more about the precautions the business is taking in an interview Wednesday.

■ See Reopen A14



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# Education



Photo courtesy Richard Walker

In the top photo, Alexandria Ashbaugh receives her award from Post Cmdr. Raymond Taylor. In the bottom photo, Anika Thomas gets her award from Taylor while Post Legal Officer Jim Huffman looks on.

## District, charter school to adopt budgets June 18

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

With the end of the fiscal year just around the corner, Archuleta School District (ASD) and Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS), the district's charter school, are wading through budget preparations with an eye on the Colorado Legislature and what per-pupil funding (PPR) from the state may look like.

Both boards are anticipated to adopt their budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1, in separate meetings on June 18, with the PPOS board of directors slated to meet virtually at 5 p.m. and the ASD Board of Education set to meet virtually at 5:30 p.m.

The ASD Board of Education and PPOS Board of Directors each held a budget work session on May 28, with each board hearing from their financial personnel about anticipated cuts in state funding ahead of the school finance bill, which was introduced last week and is working its way through the Legislature.

### ASD budget

ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson presented multiple budget documents to the board at the board's May 28 work session, as well as a calculation from the Colorado Department of Educa-

tion (CDE) on potential cuts to PPR ranging from 8 percent to 15 percent.

Hodgson began with updating the board on anticipated changes in revenue and expenditures compared to numbers he presented two weeks prior, noting the district is looking at "far fewer" capital projects next year, making a \$500,000 difference in that category.

He added later that the district is looking at limiting new projects until more is known about what revenue the district will receive.

Hodgson also highlighted Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding, which he noted was previously in the budget, but now has a name.

"It now has a name, it's called ESSER. That money can basically be used ... for a number of uses, some of which are corona-related, others which are anything that's authorized under any number of titles ... or activities to allow the LEA, the local education agency, which is us, to continue operating. So, that can be used to basically backfill any budget cuts we have," he told the board.

He added that there is other

CARES Act funding from the federal government — the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) that was allocated by Gov. Jared Polis — but that funding has to be used only for coronavirus-related expenses, and ASD is trying to be creative in spending that funding to help with things such as personal protective equipment, equipment, changes to offices and school buildings to ensure social distancing, and more.

Hodgson noted that funding must be spent by the end of December and there is a movement to broaden the use of that funding.

ASD had received \$990,000 the previous week, he explained.

A few minutes later, Hodgson explained that the district normally budgets for two bus purchases each year.

"Because social distancing has to be conducted in buses also, we will probably need more buses, so that's one cost that we're looking at ... moving to the CRF, the Coronavirus Relief Fund. We don't have it budgeted anywhere right now, and we ... might need like three or four buses instead of two, so that \$207,000 is now money that

■ See Budgets A11

## American Legion awards scholarships

By Richard Walker  
American Legion Post 108

Two local high school graduates have received \$1,000 scholarship awards from our local American Legion Post 108. After diligent review of multiple applications, the awards went to Anika Thomas and Alexandria Ashbaugh.

Applicants were required to submit the application form, a personal statement/essay, proof of service for related veterans, a copy of their high school transcripts, letters of recommendation, documentation of citizenship and leadership activities, documentation of community service and/or work experience, and an acceptance letter from the school they plan to attend.

The scholarship committee awarded points for all the various considerations, including GPA and ACT scores, and the highest point score determined the winners.

Thomas' activities, community service and work experience include dance, dance soloist, volunteer aide and paid teacher. She also has participated in theater

and musical theater as a volunteer performer, production manager, dance captain and assistant choreographer. Thomas was also a part of the BSA Venture Crew 612 and served as crew treasurer and crew quartermaster. Additionally, she is employed as a swim instructor with Calm Waters Aquatics and as the site manager and facilities manager. Finally, she is an instructional aide for K-12 music lessons at Pagosa Family School.

Thomas' application packet included numerous letters of recommendation from a school principal, teachers and employers. Both of her grandfathers fought in Vietnam and her great-grandfathers served in World War II. Thomas will attend the Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colo.

Ashbaugh's activities and service include BSA Venture Crew 612 president and Venturing Western Region vice president of programs. She was also the treasurer of the Future Business Leaders of America's (FBLA) local chapter. She has participated in the FBLA toy drive for the past two years and produced

handmade baby hats for Children's Hospital for two years. Ashbaugh has volunteered at our Loaves and Fishes lunch program, Forest Service conservation projects, the Archuleta County Fair, the blood drive, Gorham Scout Ranch and at the Pagosa Springs Multipurpose Pavilion.

Ashbaugh received multiple letters of recommendation from her teachers, counselors and her advisor for the Venture Crew. Ashbaugh's family has a rich history of military service including both of her parents and her grandfather, who both served in the U.S. Navy. Her mother, Julie, is a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel. Ashbaugh will be attending the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colo.

Please join the American Legion members and officers in congratulating these two outstanding students and young community leaders on their scholarships and in wishing them both much success in their continuing educational endeavors.

## Charter school outlines priorities for building renovations

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Now that the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) has a permanent home, the school's staff and building committee are looking to make changes to the school to meet applicable codes, be able to serve hot lunches, and have a better chance of being able to reopen the building for in-person instruction in the fall.

The PPOS Building Corporation closed on the purchase of the building that houses the school on May 1, with a facilities committee then meeting May 15 to discuss priorities for facility improvements, as well as long-term goals to make the building function better as a school.

School Director Angela Reali Crossland provided a report on the short-term priorities to the PPOS Board of Directors at a special meeting on May 28.

Those priorities, as listed in Crossland's report, are:

- "Renovations per code for occupying upstairs determined by code review. Will allow us to occupy the whole building if necessary for social distancing."
- "Ventilation upgrades to meet the change of use."
- "Kitchen to meet basic requirements to serve food."
- "Fire alarm upgrade if a waiver can not be obtained."
- "Atrium alterations."

• "Classroom buildout per facilities committee plan."

Originally, Crossland told the board, the kitchen was the top priority, but more grant writing will need to be done in order to finish the project.

Construction of the kitchen is still on track for PPOS to be able to provide simple food service, she noted.

The fire alarm upgrade to a different type of system, she indicated, will cost \$120,000 if a waiver can't be obtained.

Crossland then walked the board through the anticipated timeline for the work, explaining that permitting with the state is about 12 weeks out, though there are ways to have a local inspector work with the school to speed up that timeline.

That timeline anticipates a construction start date of Aug. 1 with ventilation work beginning mid-August, though if the school has to work directly with the state on permitting, the start date could be pushed back to September.

At the board's regular meeting on June 8, Crossland noted that she is working to speed up the permitting process and is about 75 percent of the way on that project.

She also informed the board of

additional work that will need to be done as a result of the code study on the building, including the installation of additional bathroom fixtures and additional sinks throughout the building.

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# School district planning for fall school reopening

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the Archuleta School District Board of Education heard a report from the district's incoming superintendent, Kym LeBlanc-Esparza, about work being done in regard to reopening district schools in the fall.

"The one thing that's constant through all of this is change," LeBlanc-Esparza told the board after thanking retiring superintendent Linda Reed and Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares for helping her connect with various organizations around the state.

LeBlanc-Esparza explained that the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has issued draft guidance "and they made it very clear it was a draft and things are changing."

Multiple school districts, mainly larger ones, have published plans, she noted, but each allows for several contingencies that could occur in the fall.

"I think everybody has a goal of getting kids back in school. That's our primary objective, we want to get school back to as normal as

humanly possible," she said.

LeBlanc-Esparza explained that one of the things she did after receiving the guidance and speaking with Reed and Mijares was to reach out to the district's leadership teams to put together a committee to meet in July and begin building a draft plan.

She added that districts are looking at plans for how to deal with having a COVID-19 case, how to transport kids to school, screening children upon arrival and more.

The school principals and directors of departments such as transportation and food service are part of the committee, she added, which will meet July 2 and 7 to begin building a draft plan.

The new superintendent also noted that things had changed drastically in the prior six days alone, with changing guidance on distancing while wearing masks and without masks.

After that draft plan is completed, LeBlanc-Esparza explained they will be looking for feedback from teachers, parents and the board to continue to refine the plan.

She added "probably the biggest

factor" to consider will be what the governor is saying, what CDE's guidance is as it changes, what will the local health authority allow.

LeBlanc-Esparza reported to the board that she is, with the help of staff, simultaneously looking at diagrams of all of the buildings with square footages to be able to look at calculations based on class size and room sizes.

"And to be real honest, we're so close, when you look at our class sizes and our square footage, to even being able to meet that 6-foot threshold. So, ... I'm really optimistic after the governor talked to all the superintendents on Friday, and the language is starting to shift to much more reasonable language around how we can have school."

She added the governor stated his optimism for having a pretty normal type of school in the fall.

"Now we're likely to have to do some things as school gets going and they start to see cases in places, but if we could get normal school going, that would be huge for us," she said.

She later noted she liked how the governor talked about things such

as keeping cohorts of kids together as much as possible so if a case affected one group, it would be less likely the entire school would be affected.

"It's gonna be really good for us to have a conversation on how could we possibly make those things happen," she said.

In response to a question from board member Bruce Dryburgh, LeBlanc-Esparza explained that San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) will be the main entity to approve the plan.

Reed noted that SJBPH has been responsive to the differences between Archuleta County and La Plata County.

She added she was heartened by what the governor had to say, but acknowledged, "There's a lot we don't know."

Board of Education President Brooks Lindner stated that he will help facilitate the rollout of the draft plan, with board member Dana Hayward also offering to help.

The board set a virtual work session for 5:30 p.m. on July 14 to review and discuss the draft plan. [randi@pagosasun.com](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com)

## Budgets

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we are not going to spend in the General Fund that we would have previously."

He summarized the anticipated increases in revenue and decreases in spending by saying, "So, all that saves us \$3.3 million."

Hodgson also outlined reductions in revenue and increases in spending anticipated by the district, with the largest being a reduction in PPR from the state.

He explained that, at the last meeting, he had estimated either a 6 or 6.5 percent reduction, but he has bumped that up to 8 percent, which is a little over \$1 million.

"Should a 15 percent reduction happen, that's an additional \$1 million," he said.

He further explained he had seen some projections of a 5 percent decrease, which would then give ASD additional funds to be able to add things back into the budget, such as technology needs or more capital projects.

"But right now, we don't know," he said.

Hodgson also spoke of an \$80,000 decrease to interest earnings, the

possible elimination of some rural school funding from the state and that a lot of grant programs through the state have been cut.

The budget includes a step increase for all qualified staff and a raise to the base, which Hodgson noted are to make sure the district's employees have enough increase in their salary to cover an anticipated increase in employee retirement costs.

There is also an increase in the district's retirement costs, he noted.

Additionally, Hodgson outlined cost increases due to the new alternative high school, San Juan Mountain School, as well as funding three or four counseling positions that were previously funded through grants but which may not be for the upcoming school year.

Hodgson told the board he's optimistic that at least one of the four grants will be continued, while two positions could potentially be paid for through the CRE.

The district will also pay more in PPR to PPOS as it expands another grade level and adds more students next school year.

Hodgson noted that, in looking at the totals (including the 2020-2021 revenues versus expenses and unused funds from the current fiscal year), the district has a \$341,000 surplus, which could help offset a larger budget reduction from the state or be used to add projects back into the budget.

Hodgson noted that looking strictly at the 2020-2021 revenues and expenses, the budget shows an \$836,000 deficit assuming an 8 percent reduction in PPR.

Superintendent Linda Reed noted the CRF is not accounted for in that figure.

In response to a question from

board member Bruce Dryburgh, Hodgson noted ASD is waiting on guidance on where \$220,000 for the new building for the San Juan Mountain School will be budgeted and if federal funding can be used.

ASD's draft budget presented at the work session anticipates \$9,382,776 in revenues from local sources, down from this year's \$9,524,135.

It projects \$6,885,235 in revenue from state sources, down from \$8,367,948.

Additionally, the budget estimates \$630,001 in funding from federal sources, up from \$360,000.

Total General Fund revenues from all sources are estimated to be \$16,788,867, down from \$17,573,839.

The General Fund is estimated to have \$16,738,193 in expenditures.

Including beginning fund balance, the budget shows ASD having a balance of \$26,312,687 including all revenue sources.

The budget estimates \$25,426,002 in General Fund expenditures and reserves.

The board heard a more optimistic update from Hodgson this week.

At Tuesday evening's board meeting, Hodgson informed the board the school finance bill had been introduced and later passed out of committee.

On Saturday, he told them, the district received preliminary information on the amounts of cuts and revenues.

"We were pleasantly surprised that the revenue was about half a million dollars higher than we had been led to believe it would be," he said, adding later, "So we're looking like we're in pretty good shape."

Hodgson noted he continues to

make changes to the budget as new information is available and, as of the Tuesday's meeting, only looking at the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the district is about \$700,000 in the red — a number "far better" than the \$1.2 million deficit the district was looking at prior to Saturday's update.

With the previous year's unspent funds, the district is looking at a surplus of about \$500,000.

Hodgson also told the board he remains leary because the Legislature is not finished yet and the district's enrollment for next year is unknown.

The district's draft budget is available for inspection at the district administration office.

### PPOS budget

The PPOS board heard about its budget on May 28, with Business Manager Chenni Hammon outlining that the budget includes an estimated 10 percent reduction in PPR.

The budget, she noted, also includes \$154,000 from PPOS's Paycheck Protection Program loan that will roll over into the new fiscal year, as well as projections for additional COVID-related funding.

Additionally, the budget includes \$10,000 for PPOS to start its food service program, she noted.

Across all its funds, the PPOS draft budget estimates \$1,145,271 in total revenues, and is projected to have a beginning fund balance and reserves of \$298,000, making for a total of \$1,443,271.

The budget anticipates \$1,255,462 in expenditures.

Hammon noted the budget would be posted to the school's website, [www.pagosapeakopen-school.org](http://www.pagosapeakopen-school.org).

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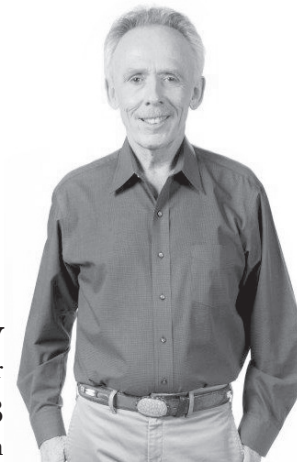
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# Archuleta County Commissioner District 1 – Election Tracker

The Pagosa Springs SUN asked each of the three candidates running for the Archuleta County commissioner District 1 seat to answer the following questions.

The candidates' answers are presented in alphabetical order, unedited and as they were received.

Ballots were mailed to registered electors on Monday. See related story on front page.



Nate Berman



Warren Brown



June Marquez

## In local disaster situations, how would you improve on the county's messaging and response to the community?

### Nate Berman

To improve our county's ability to share messages about local disasters we could look into better leveraging the inexpensive, and already established text alert and amber alert systems. After speaking with a prior dispatch employee I feel confident that the technology necessary to reach our residents in the event of an emergency already exists, we just need to put it into effective use. To improve the county's response to an emergency situation we could investigate enhancing our current Office of Emergency Management with an adequate emergency fund capable of promoting any necessary relief action.

### Warren Brown

The county's current emergency warning platform, Nixle, in conjunction with the ability to leverage the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, or (IPAWS) seems to be effective.

With the ability to notify approximately 7,000 landline and 1500 registered cellphones users within Archuleta County, and some residents within our neighboring counties of Hinsdale and Mineral County, I believe the county simply needs to continue with our efforts to

garner more cellphone users so the county's ability to notify citizens increases.

The County's Citizens Alert tab located within the Residents section of the county's webpage, is a good tool, but I believe if this page were more advertised and utilized, we would increase the number of registrations. The registration through text is so simple and for those who do not text, direct mailing is another avenue to recruit more users.

### June Marquez

We have an awesome local radio station KWUF 106.1 FM and 1400 AM. I think it would be a good idea to invest in broadening this signal. This may seem primitive, but it would only take an EMP (ElectroMagneticPulse) to wipe out all internet signal and communication. I believe we should have a network of people in place to do the footwork of informing their neighbors. Churches should be safe places to get food and supplies. Not a bad idea to invest in a land line with a rotary phone and do not forget to make a list of your contacts. Have a radio and some walkie talkies, lanterns, oil, 6 month supply of food, candles, batteries and Annie Get Your Gun. Anyone have one for June E.!

## What education and/or experience do you have that would qualify you to be Archuleta County commissioner?

### Nate Berman

As a post 9/11 veteran I know what it means to serve my community, to have discipline, and to defend freedom and justice. I am an avid student of philosophy and scripture, and I have built a solid foundation of ethics, morals, and integrity. I have almost a decade of experience in data analysis, systems engineering, and problem solving. I am a small business owner, and I understand the challenges facing new startups; as a professional I have helped many entrepreneurs build successful businesses. I know how important it is to work within a fixed budget, to say what you mean, and to do what you say. I am a landowner, and I understand the challenges families are faced with when trying to build. My christian upbringing has instilled in me an understanding of the difference between right and wrong, a need and a want, freedom and tyranny.

### Warren Brown

I have a B.S. from Columbia Southern University in Criminal Justice Administration and I attended and graduated from Northwestern University's School of Staff and Command. I have had thousands of hours of education and training as a public servant that have prepared me to successfully oversee and participate in planning,

operations, logistics, and public speaking.

I have managed large budgets in the past and currently manage the Archuleta County Sheriff's Operations budget of about 1.5 million dollars and have done so for the last several years.

As a business owner, I know what it takes to meet payroll, think strategically in the short term and long term and make the hard decisions to stay in business.

I have been an active member within Archuleta County for years, participating in community groups to include the Safe School Now Team, the Archuleta County School District Funding Task force and numerous others.

### June Marquez

I have been a leader from a very young age. I held office positions as Treasurer, Secretary and President in 4-H and in High School. I know this was many years ago, but these leadership skills are ingrained in me. I have an Associates degree from San Juan College and working towards a Bachelors at Fort Lewis College. I have attended workshops for grant writing and have held certifications in Fitness and Health for 30 years. I have raised three grown children as a single mom and know the value of sacrifice.

## What is the biggest issue facing Archuleta County and what would you do about it?

### Nate Berman

The biggest issue facing Archuleta County is largely the same issue facing the country as a whole, the constant governmental grab of power, wealth and opportunity, at the expense of the regular folk who are trying to work hard and live good lives. Our taxes continue to increase without end. Our property rights are continually restricted. Special interest projects take priority over the needs of The People, and it is becoming increasingly difficult for good folk to have an active hand in their own governance.

To solve these problems, where ever possible I propose we shift power back to the hands of the people. Let's enforce transparency and accountability. Let's remove regulations that only serve to make it more expensive and difficult for families to buy land and build a home. Let's put the government back to work for The People.

### Warren Brown

In the short term, we need to look at the overall 38.4-million-dollar budget and make some difficult choices, compare wants versus need and support the critical services, while looking for funding sources which help us meet our financial needs.

Some may say the biggest issues include, the lack of maintenance and replacement of infrastructure, the

lack of a diverse economic base to sustain the county's financial obligations or historically, Archuleta County has not being as involved within our Regional and or State level discussions to secure the resources that would help address some current and future needs, I suggest these are but systemic issues from not having a written, well defined and communicated strategic plan.

We need to create a strategic plan that better enables us to be more transparent, provides more consistent prioritization, greater fiscal responsibility and a more prosperous and diversified economy for our communities.

### June Marquez

The biggest issue facing our county is the \$22 million debt our current board assumed for us in pushing through a jail. As I was petitioning to get on the ballot, I came across residents who did not even know the jail was being built. It was very upsetting to hear blame from our commissioner that because "We" did not agree to a 1 cent tax, it is costing us \$880,000 worth of interest per year. This is very disturbing, but until I see where and how this loan was generated, I am not at liberty to make a principled decision on how we will pay this debt. After calling the election office, I am aware almost half of the voters were for the jail. Therefore, I would like to ask them how they would pay it.

## What is an issue locally that you are passionate about, but don't hear the county commissioners talking about?

### Nate Berman

Our community needs real solutions for affordable housing, to include a reevaluation of property taxes, building codes and land use regulations. Common folk should be able to purchase a piece of land and build an adequate home with a regular salary commensurate to our average resident's actual take home pay. Building affordable housing should not solely be in the purview of development companies and outside investors.

### Warren Brown

I hear very little about water access and delivery for future growth. To sustain a positive and directed county-wide development plan, undoubtedly, we will need to be able to account and plan for potable water resources and delivery of the same.

Every year during the late summer to early fall

months we discuss the low water levels in our rivers and reservoirs, yet I have heard very little discussion regarding how we as a community intend on getting water to Aspen Springs, Chromo or Arboles, not to mention being able to supply enough water to Pagosa Springs proper.

### June Marquez

I am passionate about renewable energy. We have such an opportunity having a geothermal mass at our fingertips. Let's heat downtown homes, let's manufacture solar panels, let's clean-up the beetle kill and build a tiny house community, let's really recycle and form businesses around these projects. This is not rocket science, communities and nations have been on this track for decades. Let's educate our children, they will be living in our trash if we don't.

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## Explain your viewpoint about short-term rentals in Archuleta County.

### Nate Berman

I have talked with many members of our community about STRs, and get a lot of feedback from all sides. On one hand, some people feel that STRs seem to take what might otherwise be affordable housing off of the market, on the other hand, if we had building codes that made sense it would be much cheaper and easier for affordable housing to be built, still others are upset about the impact constant visitors have on their local neighborhood culture.

I am unconvinced that a 'one size fits all' approach handed down from the county to Arboles, Pagosa and Chromo makes any sense. We should empower and encourage our local town and neighborhood collectives to make guidelines that are appropriate for themselves.

### Warren Brown

I like the idea of short-term rentals and have used them myself. Now that the county has begun to use a software system that better allows for tracking, permitting and management, the citizens of the county can benefit from the generated revenues.

I believe we should be cautious of eliminating the "neighbor" factor in our neighborhoods. I believe we need to be aware of the possible unintended results of short-term rentals such as minimizing the availability of long term rental housing, pricing community lodgers out of business, and the impact to the quality of life within our community as a whole or in part.

I think we would do well to consider options that help guide this industry to make it a win-win scenario for all consider as much as possible.

### June Marquez

There are so many aspects to consider. -Is this your first, second or third house? -Are you renting your own home to make ends meet? -Are you being considerate of your neighbors and the traffic you are creating? -Are you living within your means? No one wants higher taxes, but it is the world we live in. Let's pay to Caesar what is Caesar's. Do you have talents buried? Can you help a brother pay a tax? Give and it shall be given unto you. Lay up your treasure in heaven where dust and moth do not corrupt.

## What would be the first three things you would do once you took office?

### Nate Berman

The first three things I would like to address as a county commissioner include cutting unnecessary expenses, ensuring an adequate amount of money is allocated to essential services, and amending our building codes to make sense for our communities.

By cutting unnecessary expenses we can forthrightly tackle the overwhelming debt that has been accrued by the current commissioners, direct adequate resources to underfunded necessary services like road maintenance and hiring more sheriff deputies, and we can build up an emergency fund for local disaster relief. Once the budget has been balanced and our essential services and emergency nest egg are properly funded we can determine how much money we can reduce the county's tax burden by, and formulate a strategy for lowering taxes and fees, empowering our residents to keep more of their hard earned money.

### Warren Brown

I see several issues intertwined that would not allow for the completion of one thing, before moving onto the next. The county's funding issues are critical, but continuous short-term fixes have proven not to be the answer. So, I believe this would require working on more than one issue at a time.

To begin, I would work with the

other two Commissioners, County Manager, Elected Officials and Department Heads to implement a viable strategic plan for Archuleta County, to minimize or eliminate the need to manage by crisis.

The financial wellbeing of the county must be evaluated, and I think the budgeting decisions should be based upon the county's property and sales tax revenues, the County Assessors' anticipated future property values, and the financial reserves.

Repair and maintenance of county infrastructure and snow removal is also critical and must be addressed incrementally with a long-term plan of action.

### June Marquez

I want to analyze the budget and know the bottom line. I would like an advisory team to help with this process. No more secret meetings, BOCC.

I want to open an account, no questions asked, if you had anything to do with the millions of dollars that have been taken from us citizens of Archuleta County, we want it back. You know who you are. You can drop that cash in the night deposit.

I want to start forming teams to help with projects that will prosper our community. Please get involved. I am not going into office to do this alone. Especially since the other two members have different agendas.

## What should be done for office space for the assessor, clerk and treasurer? How would the county fund that?

### Nate Berman

From what I've seen, as a regular citizen, the current facilities seem adequate. I would have to very closely investigate any claim to the contrary before suggesting it is appropriate to apportion The People's money to office space expansion.

### Warren Brown

There is little argument that the County Assessor, Clerk and Treasurer need new office space. The county has few options due to the current capital projects underway, and the use of some of the recent fund reserves to have the statutorily mandated court built.

Ideally, building an all-inclusive County Campus at Harman Park makes the most sense, but this would be a costly venture. The proposed building plan for the Department of Human Services (DHS) as arranged between the BOCC and the Archuleta County Housing Authority, could

pursue an increase in the 6,000 square foot building to accommodate the three additional Elected Official's office space.

The monies received from the sale of the current building at 449 San Juan St. and proceeds from the sale of other Archuleta County properties could be used in conjunction with additional grants to offset the cost of the additional square footage needed.

### June Marquez

I would like to talk to the employees to understand their needs. I think it is important they have a say and I am sure they have suggestions on how to pay. Are county workers and ex-commissioners willing to give back to our community after all the years of secured employment? Are residents who have extra money willing to match these funds? I will start by giving 10% of my salary. I am also calling on a team of grant writers!

## Do you think average daily traffic, or ADTs, should be the only metric the county uses when determining which roads to pave?

### Nate Berman

According to our current road and bridge department, roads are assigned priority based on traffic volume, seasonal use, type of use and available funds. Additionally, based on their online published statement, it is my understanding that we make necessary improvements on an "as needed" basis, based on priority and available time, equipment and funds. This seems to me to be the proper way to go about it.

### Warren Brown

I think ADT is one consideration to be used in the road paving metric, but not the only consideration

I believe we should consider cost sharing opportunities that arise. For example, if the county is approached by an outside entity, or another governmental agency and offer to pay for a portion of a roadway, this should be a consideration.

As a growth and development tool, I believe we should consider the first impression impact our roadways have or may have upon our local community members, visitors and potential investors alike.

Lastly, I think the decision to pave a roadway should include life, health and safety impact for the citizens living on the roadway being considered.

### June Marquez

No, it is common sense on what roads need repair. Can we please

take care of the road south of City Market. BOCC, please start listening to the people. Stop turning a deaf ear and take responsibility for the job we have hired you to do. Stop taking money out of Road and Bridge for other projects besides roads. We do not need a bridge to nowhere.



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## Please explain what you think are the primary differences between you and your opponents.

### Nate Berman

I am not a conservative in name only, I stand for real conservative values: upholding the constitution, big freedom, limited government, low taxes, accountable representatives, property rights, family values, and promoting the classical liberties upon which this country and state were founded.

### Warren Brown

I have a real plan for Archuleta County that promotes transparency, provides more consistent prioritization, greater fiscal responsibility and a more prosperous and diversified economy for our communities.

As a time-tested public servant for 27 years, I have a long history of proven, result oriented, competent and ethical leadership especially

during difficult times.

As a legitimate business owner, I understand the necessity to be a visionary thinker, so we are better prepared for tomorrow.

My decision to run for office was not a second thought or a last-minute impulsive pronouncement. Rather, it was deliberate and well thought out with exhaustive preparation and consultation with a diverse group of longtime community members.

Lastly, I have no personal agenda or motive and am only interested in helping make our community, our home a better place to live and to work for everyone.

### June Marquez

I am a woman. I am a local. I am not a politician.

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# Council awards \$216,000 contract to mill and repave town roadways

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

A mill and pave contract worth \$216,315 was awarded to Strohecker Asphalt and Paving for improvements to town roadways by the Pagosa Springs Town Council during a regular meeting on June 2.

The town had recently sent out an invitation to bid for the milling and repaving of some roads in Pagosa Springs, according to Public Works Director Martin Schmidt.

According to agenda documentation, the roads included in the bid were: South Pagosa Boulevard to Vista San Juan, North 8th Street and Rosita Street, North 5th Street and Cemetery Road, South 5th Street and North 2nd Street.

“Staff looked at the different roads and the highest-priority areas of those different roads,” Schmidt explained.

Issues for each road within the bid included things such as: roadway surface failing and drainage issues, among other things.

Only two companies attended a staff walk-through of the project, Schmidt explained.

Only Strohecker Asphalt and Paving submitted a bid, Schmidt noted.

“The work that he may be doing is very similar to what we did uptown last year,” Schmidt said. “That’s a full recycling of the asphalt mat, re-grading of the road to improve drainage and then a repaving of a 3-inch mat of hot-mixed asphalt.”

According to Schmidt, the town opted for an “a la carte” way of choosing roads to be re-paved and milled.

“We would probably ask for more roads to be done than the budget can afford, and that is what happened,” he said.

The town budgeted for \$319,750 for its pavement plan and has expended \$100,000 for its 2020 seal-coat budget and another \$12,982 for its pavement plan budget, leaving \$206,768 remaining in total, according to agenda documentation.

The bid also includes the option to utilize Forti-fi reinforcement fiber that was used in the work done uptown last year, Schmidt described.

There is a charge of \$15 per ton for using the Forti-fi fiber, he added.

“I will say that, from my experience, I’m very pleased with the outcome of using it,” Schmidt said,

adding that the reinforced fiber has stopped rutting and any other issues in the surface.

Within agenda documentation, a variety of cost scenarios were outlined for town council which included choosing a combination of re-milling and paving various roadways with or without Forti-fi fiber.

Schmidt explained that staff recommended one scenario that takes care of South Pagosa Boulevard, North 8th Street and Rosita Street, South 5th Street to the geothermal buildings and North 5th Street and Cemetery Road.

This scenario, entitled categories A-D, would include the Forti-fi fiber and would cost \$216,315, but would reduce the seal coating expenditures for the town by \$10,000, according to agenda documentation.

Another staff recommendation included taking care of South Pagosa Boulevard, North 8th Street and Rosita Street, and North 5th Street and Cemetery Road for \$196,450, agenda documentation describes.

That scenario, entitled categories A, B and D, would also include fiber reinforcement, according to agenda documentation.

## Council thoughts

“In these times of uncertainty I’m not willing to start dipping into the general fund. You have a little over \$200,000 in your budget and so it looks like the most bang for our buck is to go with categories A, B and D with Forti-fi fiber,” council member Mat deGraaf said.

The town could reduce its seal coat budget enough to cover expenses for categories A-D and not have to dip into the general fund, Schmidt explained.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips added that the town wants to move forward on its “fundamental projects,” which include things such as pavement preservation, drainage and other fundamental core services.

“With our decrease in tourism right now, this is also a great time to be doing any sort of road maintenance and I would just as soon get those guys working on it as soon as possible, before the flood of visitors start showing up,” deGraaf said.

The motion to award the contract to Strohecker Asphalt and Paving for categories A-D with reinforced fiber for a total cost of \$216,315 was approved unanimously by council.

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# Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

## Thursday, June 11

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

## Sunday, June 14

**Flag Day Ceremony.** 3 p.m., downtown, courthouse parking lot (the Moity lot to the west of the courthouse).

## 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.

**Dispatch Executive Management Board work session.** 9:30 a.m., Pagosa Fire Protection District, Station 1 training room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd., or join Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7186713647?pwd=3BabWNrdIjBlazgwRlphLzhrWkQlQT09>, meeting ID: 718 671 3647, password: 661585.

**Tour of new detention center and future courthouse construction site, followed by lunch.** 10:30 a.m., 125 Harman Park Drive.

**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.

**Upper San Juan Library District board meeting.** 4 p.m. via Zoom. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/79928556999>.

## Thursday, June 18

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors special meeting.** 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

**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.

**Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board.** 4:30 p.m. work session, 5:30 p.m. meeting. See town website for participation information.

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

## Wednesday, 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. *Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosasun.com with “Public Meeting” in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week’s issue.*

# Reopen

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“If you’re indoors, you have to wear a mask; once you’re outside you don’t have to,” he said.

Lucero explained there are maximum soaking capacities posted at each pool and that they are opening to the public at 9 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. to get two extra hours to sanitize the facility, but pools are still open 24 hours a day to hotel guests.

Lucero noted that patrons are

being very compliant with the new rules and surmised that “they’re just happy to be doing something” amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jeff Greer, owner of The Overlook Hot Springs, suggested that, since reopening, people have been cooperative with the new guidelines.

“We tell ‘em bring a mask, stay in your social group and we are limiting the total number of people at any one time,” he said.

Greer expressed frustration at how some of the health guidelines were disseminated from the state.

“The delay in sometimes getting accurate information — like you could raft on the Arkansas, but you couldn’t raft on the Animas on a commercial trip. You could indoor dine at a restaurant, but you couldn’t sit outside in a hot springs,” he said. “So the contradictions were really confusing for businesses and, honestly, the typical [public relations] thing, if you don’t put infor-

mation out there, misinformation fills that gap.”

He added, “The variance process was slow and cumbersome, so that probably needs to be streamlined for the future so the communities that are at risk can shut down sooner and the ones that aren’t can open up sooner.”

The marketing director for Healing Waters Resort and Spa did not return a SUN phone call by press time Wednesday.

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# Sheriff’s deputy injured in altercation with suspect

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

An Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO) deputy suffered “minor injuries” on Tuesday afternoon due to an altercation with an individual with an alleged warrant.

The incident occurred on 6th Street, according to ACSO Under-sheriff Derek Woodman.

“One of the deputies saw someone that he knew had a felony warrant out, did a traffic stop and got into a little scuffle match,” he said. “It was just hands-on. The guy, he resisted some.”

Woodman indicated that the suspect — Jaesse Anderson, 31, of Pagosa Springs — allegedly had a parole violation.

Woodman later reported that Anderson has a felony warrant out of California for parole violation.

“The guy went to jail,” Woodman said, explaining later the arrest charges included resisting arrest, obstruction of justice and second-degree assault.

According to Woodman, the ACSO deputy suffered a concussion, and minor injuries to his arm and shoulder. The suspect was not injured.

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# More Coloradans qualify for health insurance in special enrollment period

By Claire Ninde  
San Juan Basin Public Health

Coloradans who have purchased health insurance coverage outside of the Connect for Health Colorado Marketplace (commonly referred to as “off-Exchange” or “off-Marketplace”) and who recently experienced a reduction of income may qualify for a special enrollment period.

To qualify, individuals must have:

1. Been enrolled in an insurance plan that qualifies as minimum essential coverage at least one day in the last 60 days.

2. Experienced an income reduction such that they are now making less than 400 percent of the federal poverty level, which makes them newly eligible for financial help.

Contact San Juan Basin Public Health to see if this enrollment opportunity applies to you or if other coverage options may be available. The agency can also aid with the enrollment process. Call San Juan Basin Public Health at 335-2021 for more information.

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# Archuleta County Commissioner District 1 – Election Tracker

Continued from A13

## Should Archuleta County have its own health department instead of partnering with San Juan Basin Public Health?

Nate Berman

Generally I believe it is best to keep governance in the hands of the people being governed, and avoid situations that allow people who live out of the district to make rules and guidelines for residents in other communities. That being said, managing a health department in-house creates a long-term operational expense that might put an additional undue burden on Archuleta residents. I think it would be a good idea to put this on a ballot and let The People decide.

Warren Brown

As one of the many statutory requirements of the BoCC, establishing and maintaining our Health Department is critical.

I feel that Archuleta County has unique needs and should not be grouped in with other communities in a “one size fits all” model where decisions made in other communities dictate what we must do. We need a health department that is physically present within our county daily and accessible to the BoCC, Elected Officials, Department leaders and community members.

I expect there would be a negli-

gible increase in funding on the county’s part to make this change, but I believe the county should consider this option for better local control, better service specific to our community’s needs and a health department that better serves our community overall.

June Marquez

No, although it would be helpful to integrate Holistic and Naturopathic medicine at San Juan Basin Health. What I would like to do is incorporate exercise and stretch sessions in county work places to help our employees alleviate stress and pain. There is much study on the benefits of 10 minute breaks for this activity. I have had this idea for years and would love to see it come to fruition.

## What single county rule or regulation would you be most interested in amending or removing? Why?

Nate Berman

To facilitate a strict budgeting paradigm I would like to restrict the ability of the corporate county to take on debt in the name of The People, to be paid by The People, without a vote of agreement from The People.

Warren Brown

I am not as concerned about removing or amending a rule as I am about changing the way we are providing some of the services to the citizens of Archuleta County.

For example, I feel it is unreasonable to make the citizens of Archuleta County drive to Durango for a newly issued, or renewed driver’s license. This in an inconvenience for some and can be a hardship on others who live on a fixed income.

I believe we can do better at ex-

tending our landfill days and hours of operation to accommodate the citizens. While we are on the topic, I believe the trash on County Rd. 500 is unacceptable! The county needs to be a good neighbor and clean up the area outside of the landfill showing respect for our community and the area.

June Marquez

I am not yet familiar with these rules or regulations, but would listen to any advise from You, our citizens. My goals are to make positive and progressive change to ensure our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren have a safe and prosperous place to raise their families. We have to work together Archuleta County, “We the People” have allowed too few to make the decisions. Please get involved, I am asking with all my heart.

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Court Address: 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 1, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160  
**Plaintiff:** MOUNTAIN MANNA, LLC  
**Defendants:** BOB RAU; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.  
Submitting Attorney: Paul Kosnik, #38663  
Eggleston Kosnik LLC  
556 Main Ave.  
Durango, CO 81301  
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580  
E-mail: pkosnik@e-klaw.com  
Case Number: 2020CV30037

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

**PLAINTIFF MOUNTAIN MANNA LLC TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of

this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.  
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.  
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:  
Lot 95 in Pagosa Vista, according to the plat thereof recorded September 13, 1971 as Reception No. 74884. Respectfully Submitted this 5th day of May, 2020.  
Published in The Pagosa Springs Sun  
First Publication: May 14, 2020  
Last Publication: June 11, 2020  
**Eggleston Kosnik LLC**  
/s/ Paul Kosnik  
Paul Kosnik, #38663  
556 Main Ave.  
Durango, CO 81301  
(970) 403-1580  
Published May 14, 21, 28, June 4 and 11, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION  
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE  
SALE NO. 2020-004

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., as 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 ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
HEREFORE, 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  
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun  
**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:  
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Attorney File # CO-20-881861-LI  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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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 F1 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.  
Preciosa F. Lowe  
Personal Representative  
Published June 4, 11 and 18, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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 ballcandler@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 at County Admin 970.264.8309 or Brad in Development Services 970.264.1390 for log-in information.  
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Request for Proposals No. 4230-20-01 for Comprehensive Inmate Medical Services: Notice is hereby given that Archuleta County will accept proposals for the provision of Comprehensive Inmate Medical Services at the Archuleta County Detention Facility in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Proposal instructions can be downloaded, at no charge, from Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System at: <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/colorado> Failure to follow the instructions will result in disqualification of the proposal. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held June 8, 2020 @ 01:00 PM at Archuleta County Detention Facility 125 Harman Park Drive Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. One (1) original and Three (3) complete copies of the proposal, clearly marked “RFP No. 4230-20-01 Comprehensive Inmate Medical Services”, will be received by the administrative staff of the Archuleta County Finance Department, 398 Lewis Street Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147 until June 17, 2020 02:00 PM. Bids received after the closing time shall be returned, unopened, to the bidder.  
Published June 11, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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. Such 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.mypagosschools.com](http://www.mypagosschools.com) at least 24 hours prior to the said meeting. 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  
May 29, 2020  
Archuleta School District 50 Jt.  
Mike Hodgson, Finance Director  
Published June 11, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

## Free COVID-19 community testing offered in county

By Karla Sluis  
Axis Health System

Axis Health System and San Juan Basin Public Health (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. Testing will continue through Tuesday, Aug. 25, depending on community need.

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

Please 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.

The COVID-19 tests have been provided by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in an effort to expand community testing efforts throughout Colorado. Individuals who are part of this community testing effort will be contacted by a medical provider from Archuleta Integrated Healthcare with their results.

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## Can't pay your electric bill? Application period now open for residential bill-pay assistance

By Hillary Knox  
La Plata Electric Association

Residential members of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) who cannot pay their electric bill due to COVID-related economic hardship are now able to apply for support through the LPEA COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund.

The fund, approved by the LPEA Board of Directors in March, provides onetime emergency financial

assistance of up to \$100 per residential member to persons who are usually self-sufficient but are unable to pay their electric bill due to COVID-19.

Members can apply online at: <https://lpea.coop/covidrelief>. Hard copy application forms are also available at the drive-through windows of LPEA's offices in Durango and Pagosa Springs. To be qualified, applicants must hold an active residential account or sub-account within LPEA's

service territory and must carry a past due balance. Applicants should have a solid payment history with LPEA prior to COVID-19 and must provide documentation that their economic hardship is COVID-related. Applications are due no later than Monday, June 22, at 5 p.m.

As there are not enough funds available to help all LPEA members in need, nor to clear all debt owed, LPEA asks its members to call 247-5786 to arrange flexible payment

plans on past-due balances to avoid being disconnected. LPEA also encourages its members to explore other funds available for utility assistance at:

- Southwest Colorado Disaster Assistance: [swcoda.org](http://swcoda.org).
- Housing Solutions of the Southwest: [swhousingolutions.com](http://swhousingolutions.com), 259-1086.
- Low Income Energy Assist: [colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/how-do-i-apply](http://colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/how-do-i-apply), (866) 432-8435.

## Town looks at future of Historic Preservation Board

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

With a recent member resignation, the Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board (HPB) is now down to just two members.

At a meeting on May 21, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission expressed support in considering development applications for the HPB in the interim.

The HPB recently saw the resignation of board member Carol Anderson, Planning Director James Dickhoff explained.

In her resignation letter, Anderson explained that her reason for leaving the board was due to her determination that her time was best spent on "private endeavors and self-directed projects independent of the political or governmental arena."

Currently, the HPB consists of just two members, Chair Andre Redstone and Vice Chair Chrissy Karas.

"We've been just a little concerned that we're down to two members. We've had a difficult time in the last many years recruiting members to the board," Dickhoff said. "We want to make sure that we are ready to consider any historic preservation applications that may come forward if we don't have a quorum on the Historic Preservation Board to actually consider them."

Some options that have been considered include potentially forming a different board, Dickhoff explained.

These options are still preliminary in nature, he added.

"We have been looking into the Main Street program for many years. We've kicked around the idea of forming a Main Street Board that may have a larger purview than just historic preservation," he described.

The Main Street Board could look at beautification efforts, eco-

nomics vitality downtown and public art, he added.

"I think there are some benefits because it's more holistic. It's not just specific to the listed properties and the listed district boundaries," he said, adding that it could encompass everything from 10th Street to U.S. 84.

Another idea was considering the planning commission, in its function as a design and review board, helping the HPB during the transitional period, Dickhoff explained.

"I think we'd like to propose to town council that the design review board serves as the Historic Preservation Board only for considering development applications," he said. "Only as a stopgap or at least a temporary measure as we kind of look at moving forward."

Town staff values historic preservation within the community, Dickhoff explained.

"There is a trend in Colorado that there is a growing niche for historic preservation and tourism," he said. "It's a large, growing segment of our tourism is related to history and heritage. We want to continue to capitalize on that."

The town is a certified local government (CLG) with the state. This gives the town certain rights and authority to designate properties locally, Dickhoff explained.

The CLG program also provides funding, resources and education to the town, he added later.

Dickhoff explained that the town recommends maintaining the CLG status.

Additionally, Dickhoff noted that he has spoken with the town's CLG advisor about the transitional period and noted that the CLG advisor was comfortable with the "stopgap measure."

"We don't really see a lot of development applications in the historic district. It doesn't happen very often, so we don't know what kind

of workload we'd be giving to you. We're not expecting a lot," he said.

Planning commission Chair Peter Adams noted that he liked the idea of a Main Street Board.

"I'd really like to see an effort to actually keep the Historic Preservation Board running," planning commission member Bill Hudson said, adding that both Redstone and Karas have "extensive training" in historic preservation.

Hudson added that if one more person could be added to the HPB, the community would not lose the expertise of Redstone and Karas.

"Maybe the other commission members think that they're qualified to make historic preservation decisions, but I don't feel like I am," Hudson said.

Following more discussion, Dickhoff requested of each planning commission member "some indication of each member that they would support the idea to act as the Historic Preservation Board, if needed, on a temporary basis."

Each member of the planning commission voiced support for Dickhoff's request during the meeting.

### Town council thoughts

"We don't really have any kind of downtown-focused program or board or anything like that," Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained to the Pagosa Springs Town Council at its regular meeting on June 2.

Other options include a downtown business association model, a creative district and a business improvement district, Phillips described.

"From staff's perspective, if we were going to explore, at least in the short term one of these entities, it would probably be the main street program," she said, adding that the transition to a main street program would be a "natural progression."

Phillips explained that it would not be her intent to have the main street program have approval powers.

"I think that adds another layer of approval that folks would have to go through," she said.

Additionally, Phillips noted that Bill Hudson had submitted a letter of interest in serving on the HPB.

HPB Chair Andre Redstone noted that the CLG status has "tremendous value."

"I would really like to encourage council in this whole process of contemplating how we move forward to once more understand and really comprehend the absolute significance of historic preservation," Redstone said.

He added that he would like to

see a "greater amount of fundamental support" from council in regard to being able to attract and expand the "pool of enticement."

"It's important for us definitely to maintain our CLG status. That can provide opportunities for businesses to make improvements and make tax credits," council member Shari Pierce said, adding that the CLG status allows the HPB to get knowledge from the state.

Pierce noted that she recognized that it has been hard for the HPB to get members, adding that this could be an opportunity to "refresh" the HPB.

"My thought tonight is that we do go ahead and ask the planning commission to be available to review any certificates of alteration that might come before them while we take some time to look at this and make sure that we're making the right decision," she said.

Council member Nicole DeMarco added that she is in support of opening up membership to the county for those who may want to join the HPB.

"I think this is a good time to refresh and revisit something and see if we can get better efficiency and streamline the process for the future and tackle some more of our goals," council member Madeline Bergon added.

Bergon later made a motion to temporarily assign HPB development application review duties to the town planning commission during the "transitional period."

"... At which point I would like to look at some other programs including the main street program, the creative district and what it would look like to expand eligibility requirements for the existing historical preservation board," she said.

Bergon's motion was approved unanimously by council.  
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## RECREATION NEWS AND COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

### Classes to resume at Ross Aragon Community Center

By Darren Lewis  
SUN Columnist

The Ross Aragon Community Center will be allowing the following classes to take place starting Monday, June 15:

- The fitness room will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday

through Friday.

• Indoor/outdoor classes will be held. Please visit the town's website: [www.pagosasprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov) for the calendar listing time and place for the free classes.

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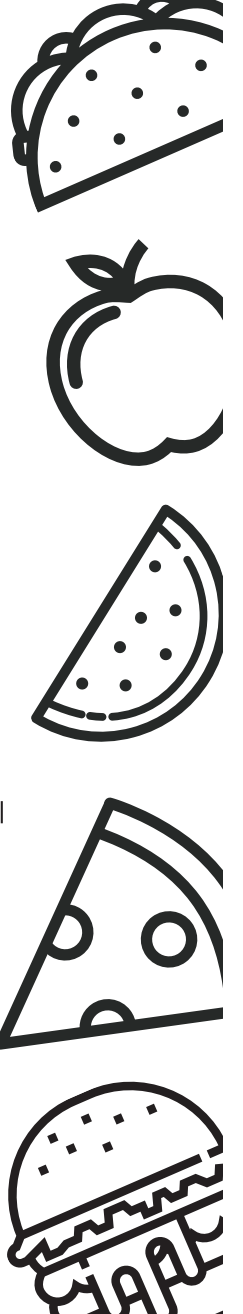
First Southwest Community Fund's Food Truck Loan Program helps rural restaurants purchase a food truck, trailer, or cart to offer alternative services and venue during COVID-19 restrictions and beyond.

For more info or to apply, visit [fswcf.org/covid-19-loans](http://fswcf.org/covid-19-loans)

Please email [cass.walker@fswcf.org](mailto:cass.walker@fswcf.org) with any questions.

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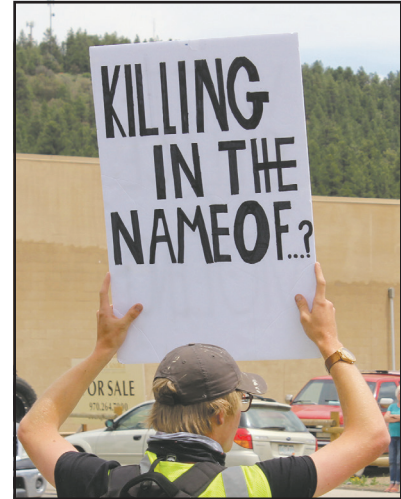




## Peaceful Demonstrations

SUN photos/Chris Mannara

People gather in a peaceful demonstration both Friday and Saturday afternoons in downtown Pagosa Springs. After walking throughout town, the demonstration culminated at Town Park with many laying face down on the ground with their hands behind their backs for eight minutes and 46 seconds in homage to George Floyd, the Minneapolis man who died in police custody on Memorial Day.



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# Gardening Talk

Wednesday, June 17, at 5:30 p.m.



# Free weekly garden talk with Ron Chacey: ‘Protecting Your Investment with Water and Mulch’

By Leslie Wustrack  
Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners

The Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners are 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 17, at 5:30 p.m. (new time), Chacey, the eminent regional vegetable grower and an original founder of the Pagosa Springs Community Garden, will discuss “Protecting Your Investment with Water and Mulch.”

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 best practices for watering and mulching will follow. All participants will be muted, but are 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 5:30 p.m. free Gardening Talk will be held via Zoom or telephone. To join our email list and receive weekly talk information, please send an email to [pagosaspringscommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:pagosaspringscommunitygarden@gmail.com). For the June 17 talk, please visit <http://www.facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden> or email [PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com](mailto:PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com) for easy links to the talks.

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. Residents and town visitors are invited to stop by and enjoy the lovely space.

# Daughters of the American Revolution to commemorate Flag Day

By Carolyn Paschal  
Daughters of the American Revolution

The American flag is a universal symbol of the enduring national unity and spirit of the American people. Whether flying atop the White House or the Capitol, outside a city hall, inside a school auditorium or from the front porch of a neighborhood home, our flag signifies the freedom and opportunities we all enjoy.

On June 14, 1777, Congress adopted the first official design of the flag of the United States. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day and, in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an act of Congress.

Coinciding with the country’s observance of National Flag Day June 14 annually, the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution encourages everyone, both businesses and homes, to join us by commemorating Flag Day on June 14. By honoring the flag, we stand for equality, hope and for the rich heritage and prosperity

of our country.

The chapter will hold a commemoration at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 14, near the Archuleta County Courthouse, 449 San Juan St. A Daughters of the American Revolution regent will read a proclamation and the flag will be raised at the west-facing wall of the courthouse.

The Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonpolitical service organization meeting August through May alternating between Durango and Pagosa Springs. Membership is open to all women over the age of 18 who can prove lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence.

For more information, please Contact [spdregent@gmail.com](mailto:spdregent@gmail.com).

If you have any questions, please direct them to Tanice Ramsperger at 731-4824, Carolyn Paschal at 946-3255 or Linda Hobbs at (713) 304-2028.

*Paschal is the new flag of the US chair for the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.*

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# For such a time as this

We operate in the currency of the day. I told my Sweet Al that each person's currency is different, used to negotiate whatever we see is important.

After three months, we are leaving isolation and entering a new place. News reporters ask, "Do we know how to navigate our new normal?"

A better way of asking the same question: "Are we stepping into a new country with yesterday's currency in hand?"

For people of faith, our currency is the Holy Spirit. We don't have to worry about an exchange rate because God's word never changes. Deposit a few coins and we release the power of prayer.

"For such a time as this." A fitting quote that dates back to a time when Esther and her father's family were facing death. Yet, she found the courage to look death in the face, saying, "If I perish, I perish." Her journey was greater than the unknown before her.

Twenty years ago, I found myself in a place that wasn't familiar. It required a different currency, not to mention the use of a different language, both of which were foreign to me.

Allison, one of my daughters, invited me to go with her to Brazil on vacation. She was flying from Virginia and I would be flying from Albuquerque. We were to meet in Rio de Janeiro. From there, we would catch a flight to Vitoria, a city on the southern shore of Brazil.

Delayed getting through customs, I didn't have a way to communicate where I was or what was happening. Allison, not knowing if I had even made it to Brazil, waited as long as she could then boarded the next leg of travel without me. All remaining flights to Vitoria had departed by the time I cleared customs. My only option, take a bus to a small commuter airport on the other side of the city.

Not being adept with international travel, I neglected to exchange my U.S. dollars for Brazilian reals in advance. I assumed it was something I could easily take care of once I reached my destination. Of course, I hadn't planned on being detained, which altered what little planning I had done.

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



that resides deep within us. But once we do, we find the confidence to unlock the mysteries of tomorrow.

### Readers' comments

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In order to ride the bus to the other airport, I had to use Brazil's currency. I ran from place to place looking for someone who would exchange my dollars. It probably wouldn't have been that difficult had I known how to speak Portuguese.

Exhausted and at my wit's end, I finally found an American couple who was willing to exchange some money for me. I was relieved, until I realized what lay ahead. I still needed to figure out how to board a bus and explain to the driver where I wanted to go.

Even now, I still attest to that day being one of the biggest nightmares of my life. I will never forget how I felt as I sat on that rickety bus next to people I couldn't communicate with, traversing streets only seen in movies. This was before cellphones, my daughter was in flight, and I didn't even know where I would meet her if and when I got to my final destination.

Today, it seems as if many are going through the biggest nightmare of their lives. After all, who of us was prepared for such a time as this?

Although translated speech is important when trying to navigate foreign soil, cash is king. As Christians, our key to opening any door is our faith, Jesus being the only one who knows the shape and strength of the metal that unlocks the lock.

Imagine having the faith of Esther, who was willing to risk even death, but had the confidence to say, "if I perish, I perish." Her journey was not based on the difficulty of the time, but in her confidence to arrive where she needed to go.

Final brushstroke: My faith was tested in a foreign land. It was that faith that helped me to survive in the world where I found myself. Sometimes we have to be stripped of everything before we realize the power and value of the currency



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After Rise Above Violence had to cancel its annual Push-Up Challenge due to COVID-19, Paula Miller stepped up to create the Stay-At-Home Push-up Challenge, raising \$6,775 for Rise.

## Stay-at-Home Push-Up Challenge a success

By Ashley Wilson  
Rise Above Violence

I would imagine that right now many nonprofits are struggling to navigate the changes in our community due to COVID-19, with many losing fundraising opportunities because group sizes are limited and local businesses and individuals are being impacted financially.

It is during these times that creative efforts are needed and organizations are trying to find the balance of asking for contributions without taxing our community further. It is not an easy balance to find. Rise Above Violence is fortunate to have creative supporters who take the initiative to innovate for us.

April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month and is typically when Rise hosts the Push-up Challenge as one of the main fundraisers for the year. Unfortunately, we had to cancel this event.

Paula Miller is one of our amazing supporters who comes out for the Push-Up Challenge, the Pagosa Duathlon, and has created amazing art for each and every of our Art Above Violence events.

So this year when the Push-Up Challenge was canceled, Miller decided to do something different to support Rise. She started a Stay-At-Home Push-up Challenge, where she decided to do 50 push-ups every day in May, post those videos online and ask people to support her personal challenge. She brought in humor, education and consistency that pulled our community in to this challenge. She did push-ups in all kind of locations including at the salon, out camping and out on her trail rides. Her effort reached many people on social media and raised \$6,775 for Rise.

Rise wants to express our deepest gratitude to Miller for sharing

her challenge every day in May. We want to thank those who donated. Part of this incredible challenge was a match that came in the last few days; the match was \$1,500 if we could reach the \$5,000 goal. This encouraged more people to give and several people to give again. Rise is so fortunate to have a community that supports us, both financially and those who volunteer their time, share our message and come out to our events. We want our community to hear our message of gratitude for the outpouring of support.

And, Paula Miller, you are a push-up warrior. Thank you for all you do for us and being so creative in this challenge.



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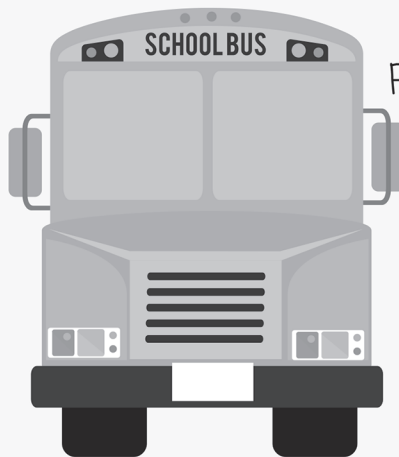
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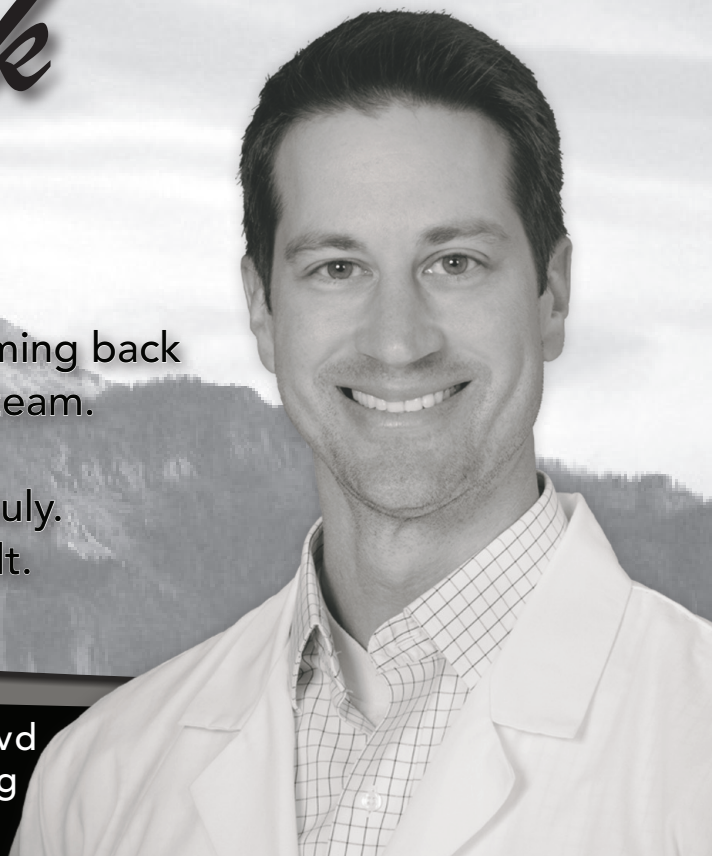
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# Thingamajig Theatre honored with major nominations from Henry Awards

By Carole Howard  
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Thingamajig Theatre Company's summer 2019 production of "Jekyll and Hyde" received three major nominations from the Denver-based Henry Awards, known informally among actors as Colorado's Tony Awards.

The prestigious nominations honored Melissa Firlit for best direction of a musical, Perry Davis Harper for best actor in a musical, and Thingamajig Theatre Company plus Firlit and music director Boni McIntyre for outstanding production of a musical. Nominations are determined through a judging process conducted by a panel of more than 100 statewide peer professionals, academics/educators and other theater lovers.

"Jekyll and Hyde" is a horror thriller musical loosely based on the Robert Louis Stevenson novella. It was part of Thingamajig's highly successful Broadway in the Mountains 2019 summer musicals season that also included "Ring of Fire," "The Who's Tommy," "Mamma Mia!" and "Alice in Wonderland."

## Nominees' reactions

"We are incredibly honored to have Thingamajig's production of 'Jekyll and Hyde' nominated for these three Henry Awards," said Tim Moore, producing artistic director and co-founder of the theater with his wife, Laura Moore, both extraordinary actors and directors in their own right. "Director Melissa Firlit has inspired so many performers over the years. I'm not the least bit surprised both she and Perry Davis Harper were recognized for their work on this production. I'm particularly proud to see 'Jekyll' recognized as one of the five best musical performances in Colorado in 2019. The work that music director Boni McIntyre has done with our musicals is second to none, and the whole company of artists — from the lighting designer to the on-stage ensemble — created a piece of art Pagosa will not soon forget."

Said Firlit: "It feels really great to have our work acknowledged on a larger scale. I am extremely proud of that show — it was an incredible collaboration for all involved, cast and creatives."

In addition to "Jekyll and Hyde," Firlit has directed 16 productions at Thingamajig over the years, from serious drama like "Red" and "Proof" to musicals like "Aida" and "West Side Story." She also serves as the artistic director of the Thingamajig Playwrights Festival.

Said Harper: "I am humbled by this nomination. 'Jekyll and Hyde' was one of the most exciting and

rewarding shows I have ever been a part of."

Harper became a local favorite when he first came to Pagosa in 2014 to play Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables." Since then, he has performed in a variety of roles in six more Thingamajig productions including "A Very Perry Christmas" and "Grand Night for Singing" over the holidays last December.

## Henry Awards background

Established in 2006, the annual Henry Awards showcase outstanding achievements among members of the Colorado Theatre Guild, the largest not-for-profit theater organization in the U.S. Nominations are announced each June,

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## Awards

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and winners of the distinguished awards normally are honored at a gala event in Denver a month later. Because of the coronavirus, however, this year's celebration will be virtual, taking place online on July 26.

Thingamajig competes in Tier

1 of the Henry rankings against prominent theaters with stellar reputations in Colorado. They include Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Creede Repertory Theatre, Arvada Center, Cherry Creek Theatre, Vintage Theatre and more.

Normally, the Henry Awards season runs from June 1 through May 31 of the following year. Because of the shortened theater season due to COVID-19, this year the awards season closed on March 31. In the 2018-2019 season, judges saw 206 shows in Colorado. Because of the

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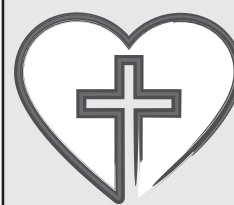
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With more time available you might like to spend some of it in studying at home.

- 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.
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# BWI teens restock local food pantries

By Rachel Ophoff  
Beyond Words International

You may have seen them grocery shopping, or maybe not: they can be hard to spot behind their overloaded carts. They've learned a thing or two about finding the sales and specials. These young women, with their mothers' assistance, are helping to feed Pagosa.

Meet Lauren Peart, Nell Taylor and Olivia Craig. Sophomores at Pagosa Springs High School, they were typically busy with their studies, as well as extracurricular and community activities. Then COVID-19 brought life to a screeching halt. All the time they had invested in theater, music, sports and volunteer work dissipated into thin air. Their families were all significantly impacted in one way or another.

They could have let disappointment drag them down.

But they didn't.

Working together, they launched a GoFundMe effort to resupply our local food banks. All three are student ambassadors with Beyond Words International (BWI). BWI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Pagosa Springs, offering humanitarian aid and healing arts both locally and globally. As soon as the crisis hit, Craig launched a social media blitz to raise funds for the Methodist Church's food pantry. Peart and Taylor, who had been saving money to travel with BWI on a humanitarian mission, donated their funds to the cause. But raising money was just the beginning.

They worked. Peart took over Craig's work at the Methodist

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shortened season, judges saw only 157 shows for 2019-2020. About 40 shows were either canceled or postponed across the state because of the coronavirus.

### More about Thingamajig

Thingamajig Theatre Company is an award-winning professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Its talented actors, directors and designers come from across the U.S. and around the world to produce musicals, comedies and dramas year-round.

The theater closed in March because of stay-at-home directives relating to the coronavirus pandemic just as it was about to begin its 10th season.

Thingamajig's mission is to provide high-quality theater experiences at a low cost to our community, thereby making art accessible as well as providing a major economic driver for our tourist industry. They also provide youth, many of whom are recipients of scholarships, with low-cost, hands-on educational opportunities to see and participate in professional productions of important plays.

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# No regrets on moving day

By Jan Davis  
Special to The PREVIEW

Labeled boxes are stacked in each room. Overwhelmed as the boxes begin to add up, I question how I managed to collect all this stuff. I have a greater appreciation for the term “less is better.”

Moving day provided a perfect opportunity to clean out unnecessary items. I made three designated areas: discard, donate and keep.

A year from now, I will look back and say, “I wish I had held onto that; it would come in handy now.” Regrets happen. I hope they won’t, but it’s inevitable.

The same is true about experiences. I reminisce and say, “If I knew then what I know now, I

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would do things a lot different.” I talk about missed opportunities and wrong choices.

Regrets have one thing in common. They are things I did not do. Would my life be different if I had finished college? What memories have I missed with family?

I never regret asking God to be a part of the journey. He is my constant friend every time I’ve packed up and moved. He made the long trip from Oklahoma to Colorado. I

felt Him near when I loaded up the car and relocated to Arizona.

Regardless of where I move, I know Jesus will always be by my side. He will help me determine what to keep and what to throw away.

Because of Jesus, my regrets are replaced with a hope and a future in Him.

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.” — Matthew 6:19-20 (KJV).

I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

# New Thought topic: The creator has a plan for you

By Lisa Burnson  
New Thought Center  
for Inspirational Living

“Be grateful for everything represented in your life. This includes the situations, or “stepping stones” that often bring life’s most mean-

ingful lessons and accomplishments!” — Stretton Smith.

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# Food

■ continued from previous page Church, and Craig reached out to Amazing Grace Church in Aspen Springs. Taylor visited Restoration Fellowship and picked up its shopping list.

When I met with them in mid-May, they had already shopped and replenished their respective food banks several times. Taking their responsibilities seriously, they learned to shop wisely.

Taylor learned that WIC stands for Women, Infants and Children. WIC recipients are lower-income parents who qualify for assistance buying food. They receive debit cards that are only valid for nutritious WIC products. Taylor learned to leave those items and select others instead.

Peart knows where the day-old bread is. Regularly helping to restock the Methodist Church’s pantry has left her with mixed feelings. She’s glad to be able to do it, she wonders how the recipients are getting along, and it makes her sad when she returns and finds their supplies depleted. She does not give up; she just does it all again.

Craig felt like she hit the jackpot when she discovered that Amazing Grace Church not only has a pantry, they also have a freezer, a refrigerator and a large shed on site. Every week, Craig and her mom have been able to get not only nonperishables, but meat, rotisserie chickens, fresh vegetables, butter and 10-15 half-gallon jugs of milk.

Since these young women are an active part of helping our community, I asked them if they had any message they would like to share. Here’s what they had to say:

“I’ve learned not to take relationships for granted. We never know when someone can be taken away from us.”

“Please wear a mask and follow the CDC guidelines so our lives can get back to normal soon.”

Unfortunately, all three of them have suffered a discouraging experience in the supermarket. A few adults have given them the “stink-eye,” and worse, perhaps thinking they were hoarding food.

Their request?  
“Be respectful.”

Good words for us all in these challenging times.

Pastor Mark Disbrow of Amazing Grace Church in Pagosa Springs summed up what Craig’s efforts have meant to them:

“Olivia has been a blessing to the community we serve, as that is the mission of our food pantry. She has provided so much help by raising money, doing the shopping, and delivering. That’s almost a three-person job!”

To the donors who continue to contribute money; to the churches that sponsor and run our local food banks; to the staff and volunteers who tirelessly distribute groceries; and to Craig, Taylor, Peart and their amazing moms: We here at BWI thank you.

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## Medical alert monitoring systems available for seniors

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

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### Senior shopping assistance program

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

The Senior Center has taken a pro-active step and is continuing the 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. 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 11 — Beef enchiladas, borracho beans, stir-fried zucchini, milk, salad and Key lime pie.

Friday, June 12 — Chicken-fried chicken with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, yellow squash casserole, milk, salad and strawberry pie.

Monday, June 15 — Pineapple shrimp, coconut rice with mango and pistachios, broccoli with butter, milk, salad and lemon dessert.

Tuesday, June 16 — Turkey wrap, potato salad, tomato/cucumber salad, milk, salad and ginger cookie.

Wednesday, June 17 — Beef brisket, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, milk, salad and baked apples.

Thursday, June 18 — Egg salad sandwich, chilled steamed asparagus with lemon, cream of zucchini

soup, milk, salad and banana pudding.

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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## Topic

### continued from previous page Upcoming events

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

Wednesday, June 10, at 6 and 7 p.m.: artist Ross Barrable performs a harp and gong presentation with our Wednesday meditation.

Saturday, July 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. “Breakout Outdoor Music Concert!” Four bands, plus food and craft vendors. For tickets, booth rentals or to volunteer, please call (970) 309-6067.

### Cancellations

Due to public health concerns, we are canceling the following events until further notice: “Stories To Tell Us,” Fountain of Youth and Yoga Stretches.

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# Adventure on the Nipple Mountain Trail

Sometime when you're standing with a cup of joe in your hand, watching the sun come up over the eastern skyline, take a look at Nipple Mountain. It's easy to recognize if you analyze its name. Better yet, if you follow the Nipple Mountain Trail, you'll discover a whole new world of adventure.



## Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

An old-timer by the name of Earl Mullins pointed out the landmark to me one morning as he shook my cut-loose hair from the white cloth he'd just removed from my shoulders after cutting my hair. Earl had a barbershop on Pagosa Street adjacent to the Elkhorn Café (now it's the Lost Cajun) on Pagosa Street.

Earl was a good storyteller and some of them were true. Tales of lost gold top the list of tall tales almost anywhere you go in the West, especially if you're sitting in a barber shop.

"Look at that skinny little mountain," Earl said as he pointed with his straight razor to the eastern horizon. "They say if you go up there and circle to the left when you hit the Continental Divide Trail, on the first mountain you reach there is a big vein of gold. I've looked for it myself, but couldn't find it."

I had to go see for myself. There is a lake just after you turn left. The Continental Divide Trail continues northward (left) all of the way to



Photo courtesy John Motter

**Pictured here is the work crew that built Wolf Creek Pass in 1916. They are camped at the foot of the pass.**

Canada. You can drop off at Wolf Creek Pass or various other points. It continues south (right) to the Mexican border. You can get off at Cumbres Pass or other points.

From the Nipple Mountain juncture, there is a trail dropping down eastward along a branch of the Conejos River to Conejos. A few years back, I was talking with old-time Pagosan Faye Brown about the Nipple Mountain Trail. She had invited me over for dinner. While doling out a huge slice of homemade apple pie, she told me the following story.

"Back in 1941, I got out the .22 and headed up that trail with one of our sons. My husband Ray was not so good at those kinds of things. Well, when we got up there, a grouse flew up in front of us and I shot it. I didn't have a license and

I didn't tell anybody, but I cooked it for dinner. Do you think if I tell anybody they will arrest me?"

Faye's husband Ray was also an old-timer. It seems while he was still a young man, he climbed on his horse and started down the road from the house in a gallop. He didn't notice the branch hanging down from a tree that swept him from his saddle. He slowly struggled up from his crumpled position, counted body parts and staggered back to the house. Starting with that debacle, he never again rode horseback.

"Faye," I replied, "This is the best piece of apple pie I ever ate. You know what? That was over 20 years ago. I'm pretty sure nobody is gonna throw you in jail."

# June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

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.

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, launched in 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations. The purpose is to promote a better understanding of elder mistreatment among world communities. According to

## Area Agency on Aging

the Administration for Community Living, an estimated 5 million older adults worldwide are abused, neglected or exploited, and older Americans lose an estimated \$2.6 billion annually to financial abuse and exploitation.

In its spring issue of Generations, "Taking Action Against Elder Mistreatment," the American Society on Aging includes tools for emergency responders and hospital staff to recognize signs of mistreatment in order to report

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# Library joins county variance request, Summer Reading Program underway with challenge No. 3

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff



We are pleased to tell you that we have joined the county variance request that will go to the governor's office asking for permission to lift some coronavirus restrictions so that we can offer more services for you. We are asking to be allowed to open at 50 percent capacity as well as to provide space for one-on-one and other small-group meetings, all with safety precautions including masks and physical distancing.

We do not know the timetable for such a review, so in the meantime, we will continue curbside service and computer use only by appointment. In fact, for patrons who might be uncomfortable coming into our building if we get the variance, we will continue curbside service even if the variance is granted.

"I'm appreciative that the library is being added to the county variance, and am hopeful it will be approved on a state level," said Meg Wempe, library director. "As well, everyone on staff is very grateful for the support we have been getting from patrons for the services we are working hard to provide for you during these stressful times."

Please see below for current services that will continue until further notice.

## Summer Reading Program

If you haven't already signed up, please do so now for the free Summer Reading Program from June 1 to July 31. 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

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continued from previous page them to authorities as mandatory reporters. The 130-page magazine can be read online or downloaded into Adobe Acrobat Reader at asaging.org; the link is on one of the changing screens at the top.

"The Might of Metaphor," the second article, examines a new way to communicate about mistreatment, comparing expert knowledge of known risk factors to research on public perceptions. For example, the public tends to explain abuse as coming from moral factors such as selfishness or lack of character or an immoral culture, rather than risk factors such as mental illness, substance

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. Anyone who completes the challenge will be entered to win a weekly drawing for various prizes.

### Challenge 3: Go on an adventure

Your adventure could be a bike ride, a hike or anything else that you feel is adventurous. Take or draw a picture at the start and at the end of your journey and then write a story (real or imagined) of your exploits in not more than 200

words.

Submit your pictures and story to the library by email at ruby@pagosalibrary.org, post to the library's Facebook page, or drop them off at the library during our curbside hours Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Include your name and phone number with your entry. Everyone can participate and entries will be entered into a weekly prize drawing. Be creative and have fun.

### 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

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

• 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.

### New Storywalk program for kids

Starting today and every Thursday this summer, Josie, your early literacy librarian, will post a Summer Reading Storywalk for kids. The first one is “Imagine Your Story.” Get outdoors and follow the pages of the book to enjoy a story as you stroll along. After you finish, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library during curbside hours Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Dungeons and Dragons via Zoom

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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 on the library’s Facebook page. Wednesday storytimes are now on Facebook Live, so if you go to Facebook at 10 a.m., you can interact with Josie — and she is eager to have a live audience. Saturday’s sessions continue to be prerecorded.

If you have a Facebook account, log in to Facebook and search for the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. If you don’t have a Facebook account, 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, contact us and we can send you a direct link. These sessions are available to watch for about two weeks after the initial posting.

### Large print

“Close Up” by Amanda Quick is a murder mystery featuring a crime photographer. “Devoted” by Dean Koontz features a young boy who has not spoken in his 11 years. “If It Bleeds” by Stephen King is a collection of four new novellas. “Masked Prey” by John Stanford is a Lucas Davenport mystery. “Master

Class” by Christina Dalcher follows a mother whose daughter’s life is controlled by her IQ score. “Sunrise on Half Moon Bay” by Robyn Carr tells of two sisters born 20 years apart. “The New Husband” by D.J. Palmer is a romantic mystery. “Hello, Summer” by Mary Kay Anderson features a small-town reporter witnessing a dreadful accident. “Robert B. Parker’s Grudge Match” by Mike Lupica features PI Sunny Randall. “Someone Like You” by Karen Kingsbury is a love story that begins with a frozen embryo.

### Activities books for kids

We have three new activities books for kids by Asia Citro, creator of the popular blog Fun at Home with Kids and a former classroom science teacher and outdoor camp director. “150+ Screen-Free Activities for Kids” helps parents, caregivers and kids rediscover the spirit of imaginative play. “The Curious Kid’s Science Book” contains more than 100 creative hands-on activities for ages 4-6. “A Little Bit of Dirt” offers more than 55 science and art activities to reconnect children and nature.

### Nonfiction

“This is What America Looks Like” is a memoir by Ilhan Omar, one of the first Muslim women elected to Congress. “United States of Socialism” by Dinesh D’Souza explores what he calls today’s “identity socialism.” “Hollywood Park” by Mikel Jollett is a memoir of a child growing up in a dangerous cult.

### Thrillers, suspense and mysteries

“Don’t Lie to Me” by Willow Rose begins when a 12-year-old never comes home from summer camp. “Terra Mortem” by Ethan Proud is a sci-fi thriller. “Deceptions” by Kelly Armstrong is a Cainsville mystery. “Everything I Never Told You” by Celeste Ng explores divisions between cultures after a favored daughter dies. “Eagle Station” by Dale Brown is a geopolitical adventure featuring the Space Force. “Fair Warning” by Michael Connelly features journalist Jack McEvoy.

### Other novels

“Personal Appearances Are Everything” by Bitty Collins and Carolyn Jason is set in the world’s most prestigious department store. “Verity” by Lisa T. Bergrens is a historical novel set in the West Indies. “Daughter of Sand and Stone” by Libbie Hawker is a historical novel based on a real-life heroine. “The Jane Austen Society” by Natalie Jenner features a group of disparate individuals fighting to preserve the author’s home and legacy.

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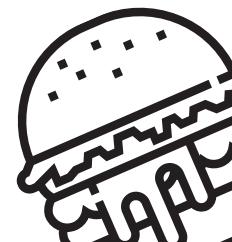
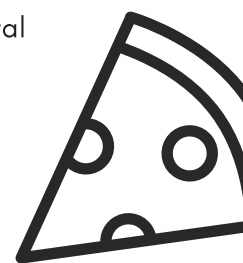
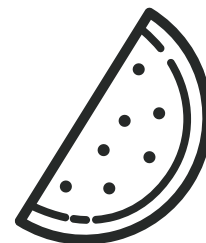
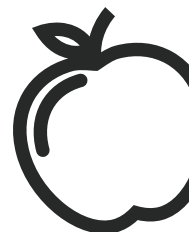
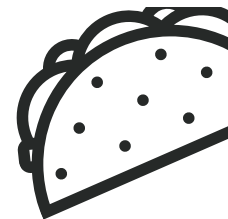




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A popular ground cover, myrtle spurge is listed on Colorado's Noxious Weed List A, meaning that it is a new invader or has not established a foothold in the state yet.

# Noxious Weed of the Month: Myrtle spurge

By Ethan Proud  
PREVIEW Columnist

## Extension Viewpoints

An ornamental plant may be creeping from your neighbor's garden and over to your lawn. A popular ground cover, myrtle spurge is listed on Colorado's Noxious Weed List A, meaning that it is a new invader or has not established a foothold in the state yet. This plant and others on this list are priority weeds as their eradication is possible.

Title 35 Article 5.5, known as the Colorado Noxious Weed Act, mandates that private and public landowners manage noxious weeds on their property that are likely to damage neighboring properties and public lands. Myrtle spurge is capable of both sexual and asexual reproduction, spreading by seeds that are projected as far as 15 feet and root fragments. Within three generations, it can spread as far as 45 feet. It is illegal to cultivate, grow or sell myrtle spurge. Archuleta County has an enforcement ordinance and will be sending notification letters to landowners with myrtle spurge in order to stay in compliance with state law.

Myrtle spurge (*euphorbia myrsinites*) is also known as creeping

spurge and donkey tail. It can be identified by its succulent gray-green leaves and its trailing stems. It has apetalous flowers called "cyathia" and the bracts are often mistaken for the petals. The flowers are a bright yellow-green and are rather conspicuous.

Myrtle spurge grows best in well-draining, dry soils and is often planted in xeriscape gardens. It is a perennial plant that reproduces several times within its lifetime and has an extensive root system. Hand pulling is not an effective treatment as the roots that are broken off in the soil will continue to grow. Thus, tilling and disking will result in increased propagation. To mechanically remove myrtle spurge, at least 4 inches of the root must be removed and later efforts are required to manage new growth from the remaining root. Chemical

■ See Viewpoints on next page

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Garden party?
- 5 Unfair treatment, with "the"
- 10 Lily plant
- 14 Soft drink choice
- 15 Cold-weather drink
- 16 Contend with
- 17 Skipper's spot
- 18 2006 animated film with a bear named Boog
- 20 Recluse
- 22 Like a job with no future
- 23 Wander (about)
- 24 Dissect, in a way
- 25 Kind of heel
- 29 Thompson of "Sense and Sensibility"
- 32 Historic time
- 33 Perth natives, e.g.

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- 37 Ladder step
- 39 Conductor's wand
- 40 Mythological ship
- 41 Gas pedal
- 44 Suffix with "ideal"
- 45 Bingo's cousin
- 46 Produce
- 48 Use a divining rod
- 51 Apprehend
- 52 Like some vegetables
- 55 Quiet place
- 59 Grimm specialty
- 61 One of the Muppets
- 62 Mattress option
- 63 Despicable sort
- 64 Unappetizing food
- 65 Gin flavor
- 66 Intoxicating
- 67 Get rid of

### DOWN

- 1 Stomach woe

- 2 Take-charge type
- 3 Loyalty
- 4 Bear or hare, e.g.
- 5 Sean Connery, for one
- 6 Be optimistic
- 7 Big club
- 8 "Mister Roberts" star
- 9 Shocking weapon
- 10 The scholarly world
- 11 Jack's love in "Titanic"
- 12 In the know about
- 13 Patch up
- 19 Painter's prop
- 21 Noodle concoction?
- 24 Thick stew
- 25 "Will be", in a Doris Day song
- 26 Highway hauler
- 27 IV part
- 28 Peter, e.g.

- 30 "Coyote Ugly" actress
- 31 Uneasy state
- 34 Learning style
- 35 Auth. unknown
- 36 Vague amount
- 38 French policeman
- 42 Off one's rocker
- 43 Monthly expense, for some
- 47 Least cooked
- 49 Broom Hilda, e.g.

- 50 Close call
- 52 Wipes out, mob-style
- 53 Staircase part
- 54 Copter's forerunner
- 55 Swamp thing
- 56 Catch a glimpse
- 57 Tori who sang "A Sorta Fairytale"
- 58 Motown Four
- 60 Grazing locale

### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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# Calculating some remote mischief

By **Daris Howard**  
Special to The PREVIEW

I was a junior in high school when the first calculators came out, and they did little more than add, subtract, multiply and divide. By the time I graduated from college, Hewlett Packard had advanced calculator technology a lot. The testing center at the university I was attending was given some calculators to test in that environment. The calculators were programmable and made so people could beam information and programs to each other. The one problem that came out of this experiment was that students were cheating on exams, beaming test answers clear across the room. In response, HP reduced the range so calculators had to be right next to each other to make contact.

Later, when I became a teacher, these calculators became a mainstay in my math classroom. David, one of the most brilliant students I have ever had, had shown incredible skill in programming. I wasn't surprised when he took an interest in these calculators and came to me with some questions.

He showed me the one he had purchased. "Professor Howard, do you know how these transmit data?"

"Yes," I replied. "They transmit by infrared rays."

"Like a laser?"

"Kind of. But they are not amplified like a laser."

"But why do the calculators have to be so close to talk to each other?" he asked. "Doesn't a television remote use infrared? You can beam it clear across the room."

I told him the story about HP's experiment at the testing center when I was a student and how they had to reduce how far the calculators could transmit.

He smiled. "Good. That is just what I wanted to know. I was sure they had to be capable of it."

I made him promise that if he found a way to increase the signal that he wouldn't use it for cheating.

He laughed. "Oh, I won't do anything like that. I need it for something more important."

*A few days later, he came to me and was absolutely excited. "It worked! The whole thing worked!"*

"What?" I asked.

"I'll let you know when and if I get it figured out."

David almost immediately took most of his calculator apart. I would come into the computer lab and find him working hard at it. He read and studied the manuals and other things he could get hold of. He analyzed each piece and considered what it did. Meanwhile, I kept reminding him to do his classwork. One day I saw that his calculator was all put back together.

"Did you get it working?" I asked.

He nodded. "I think I've got it so

it will beam about 30 yards. But I have to write a program to do some testing. I'll let you know once I have finished."

Again, I reminded him to do his classwork.

A few days later, he came to me and was absolutely excited. "It worked! The whole thing worked!"

"Good," I replied. "Now, tell me what you did."

"Well," he said, "when I try to study in my apartment, my roommates have the television blaring so loud that I can't think. So after I increased the infrared range, I wrote a program that would record any infrared signal. Then I beamed the television remote and captured its signal into my calculator. Now, if they start watching television, I change the channel, turn down the volume — anything I want. My roommates have decided our television is possessed by an evil spirit, and now they go somewhere else to watch."

"You did all of this to change your calculator into a television remote?" I asked.

"Yeah, isn't it great?"

I smiled. "I suppose. But it might have been easier to have just gone to the library to study."

## Viewpoints

■ continued from previous page control is an effective management practice, but must be applied in either the seedling stage or during the fall when photosynthate is being translocated to the roots. Clipping the flowers after seed development can prevent the spread of the plant by reproductive means.

Not only does myrtle spurge have a high propensity to take over your lawn and your neighbors', it contains milky latex that is a powerful skin and eye irritant, with

children being the most affected. If you have children or your neighbors have children, it is wise to avoid planting myrtle spurge and remove or eradicate any that you find growing to ensure the safety of your neighbors. When handling myrtle spurge, be sure to wear gloves, long sleeves and eye protection to avoid contact with the latex.

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# Maintain privacy and safety while video conferencing

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Video conferencing tools captured the world's attention shortly after stay-at-home orders prompted people to seek alternatives to in-person gatherings. Seemingly overnight millions of people were logging onto various platforms to connect and chat with friends, family, schoolmates, co-workers, and others near and far. In March 2020, daily Zoom video chat users ballooned to more than 200 million from a previous maximum of 10 million, according to Zoom CEO Eric Yuan.

As digital communication continues to be an integral component of staying in touch — even after COVID-related restrictions are eased — users need to remain cognizant of the potential safety and privacy hazards related to this type of technology. Not all platforms are created equal, and some compromise security in favor of usability. The following are some safety considerations when using video chat.

## Look for transparency

Video conferencing platforms should be open and honest about the data they collect, how information is used, whether you'll be targeted for advertising, and which security features they employ. Recognize if and when your chat is being recorded.

## Pick a platform that favors security

"Zoombombing" refers to some security loopholes that have enabled hackers to enter Zoom chat rooms and leave inappropriate images and content. The company has had to fix bugs and tighten security in light of such problems.

Apple is known for strong encryption practices, meaning the company cannot see what you are sharing through a face call. People who chat with other Apple users can rely on the company's built-in, free FaceTime app, which doesn't require an additional download. Signal also is an encrypted messaging app considered to be the world's most secure, and it's increasingly going mainstream.

## Engage extra security features

Meeting hosts may be able to

reduce the risk of security breaches by incorporating some features, according to the Federal Trade Commission. Conferencing services may offer the option to lock the meeting once the participants have arrived. Others may require approval of each participant trying to join. Many services enable password encryption or ID numbers for each new meeting.

## Be mindful of your surroundings

Sometimes the biggest privacy blunders are made by users. Be sure to check the settings of microphones and cameras as they may be "on" by default when joining chats. If you want to increase privacy, disengage these options. Be sure you know which background items are in view as well, as others may be able to see private documents, photos or people in your household. Let other people in the home know you are on a call, so they can refrain from discussing personal information.

Another concern is sharing your screen through video apps, in the case of slide shows or work or school presentations. Before sharing, make sure you don't have any open documents, browser windows or other things on the screen not intended for a public audience.

Video conferencing is the new normal and safety needs to be kept in mind when utilizing this mode of communication.

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# Almost 70 when the virus ended his job

By Dave Marston  
Writers on the Range

Until the pandemic restricted coal mining to those 60 or younger in Gunnison County in western Colorado, Gary Brezonick wasn't thinking about retirement. He'd worked as a coal miner for 49 years, and going underground at the West Elk Coal Mine near the town of Paonia suited him just fine.

"You gotta see it," he said of the mine, where miners shear coal from walls 1,800 feet underground. "It's great — amazing — like a city!"

You can check, but there's little competition: Until COVID-19 hit, he was the state's oldest miner still on the job. Light on his feet and compact, he easily looks a decade younger.

The son of Croatian immigrants, Brezonick grew up in the nearby company town of Somerset, Colo. Perched above a river in a razor-thin valley, the town was isolated from the modern world. With its one tavern and proximity to four active mines, Croatian-English patois filled the carpools and garages where the men relaxed after work.

"I grew up listening to the men talk coal. I felt like I knew life underground before I'd set foot in a mine," Brezonick said. "And over the years, I mined with some great guys. That's what made the work really great."

Brezonick was only 20 when he first went underground to work alongside his father, Martin, whose dad had also been a coal miner. He loved hearing stories from the 1940s when his father was then a young miner.

"Martin would work all day at the Somerset Mine, owned by Mineral Development Corporation, eat dinner, then go back under to lay explosives he bought himself with scrip at the company store."

Before heavy equipment changed the job, his father worked with a pick and shovel, was paid by the ton and "all the men had arms like Popeye." Average pay was about \$3 per day.

Instead of going underground right after high school, Gary Brezonick joined the Marines and was sent to Vietnam, where he was one of only three survivors in a 12-man platoon ambushed by North Vietnamese.

## Writers on the Range

*"In this life, it's all about inches," he says, showing a forehead scar from a bullet that veered off his helmet. Brezonick returned to Colorado with a purple heart, eager to enter the booming coal mines. It was 1971.*

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By the time he was forced to stop working recently, his job had become high-tech, guiding machinery that set the mine's steel and concrete roof pillars. Once an area was mined by a multimillion dollar long-wall machine, his crew sealed off the mined areas with mine waste called gob before moving on to the next section.

Brezonick breathed in a lot of coal and rock dust over the decades, but even though his chest x-ray showed what he called "a big spot" — evidence of black lung — he was denied medical benefits. He said the doctor wanted to know why he was still mining and looked "so healthy."

Gary Brezonick doesn't spell out all of his reasons, but unlike his father and grandfather, he kept his son, Matt, from joining him

underground.

"Dad drew a line — I wasn't going to be fourth-generation; I wasn't going underground," Matt Brezonick said. "Get an education" was the message from his dad.

Gary Brezonick knows he made a tough choice for his son and in a way it seems contradictory: "It was a thrill for me working underground with my own dad," he admits.

Gary Brezonick rattles off the surnames of some of the men he worked with, and I recognize them from my childhood in the North Fork Valley. He's naming legends, all multigenerational coal miners.

He knows that the huge furnaces that burn coal are closing fast.

"I don't think coal will recover and society has turned against it," he said. As little as 10 years ago, coal still accounted for 50 percent of U.S. electricity production.

But only 22 percent of electricity will come from coal in 2020, reports the Energy Information Agency. Climate-related issues combined with utilities switching to cheap renewables means the business is contracting by 12-15 percent per year.

Still, Gary Brezonick's goal is going back underground to run his crew when he turns 70 — and beyond. For now, though, he isn't talking about that possibility: He's furious at being laid off, said his son.

Meanwhile, added Matt Brezonick with a grin, "My dad has a new job hauling dirt for a contractor in Telluride."

He predicts his dad will be working — and working hard — until his last breath.

*David Marston is a contributor to Writersontherange.org, a non-profit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He grew up in Paonia, Colo., and lives in New York and Paonia.*



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**Stretch and Balance.** 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

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

## Saturday, June 13

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## Tuesday, June 16

**Chi Energi.** 830 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A variety of movements and stretches to create energy for the healing of our mind, body and soul.

**Stretch and Balance.** 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

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## Saturday, June 20

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# How to support a loved one with cancer

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Support networks are vital for cancer patients.

The experts at Weill Cornell Medicine note that the support of family friends, both in the immediate aftermath of a diagnosis and throughout treatment, can help patients regain a sense of normalcy and maintain their emotional stability, each of which improves their chances at ensuring a positive clinical outcome.

The role of cancer caregiver is often unlike any other people have played or will play. In recognition of that, the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) offers the following tips to cancer care-

givers as they transition into their new roles.

- Prepare yourself. Caregivers may be so busy looking into what they can do to help a loved one diagnosed with cancer that they overlook or forget the need to prepare themselves. The ASCO recommends that caregivers process their own feelings about a loved one's diagnosis before they begin caring for that person. This can ensure their focus is where it needs to be when their loved needs help.

In addition, caregivers can do everything to learn about their loved one's disease ahead of time. Many patients are not forthcoming about their disease, and even those that are may find it physically

and emotionally exhausting to repeatedly share the details of their disease with friends and family. Learning the basics on your own can save the patients from these feelings of exhaustion.

- Let your loved one know it's alright to say, "No." Caregivers may want to give their loved one advice, but it's important that they recognize recommendations, however well-intentioned they may be, may not always be welcome. That can create unnecessary tension between caregiver and patient. Let your loved one know they can decline suggestions, and always ask permission before giving advice.

- Don't forget to have fun. A cancer diagnosis is serious business, but caregivers and patients must make room for levity throughout the treatment process. The ASCO recommends caregivers make time for light conversation and humorous stories. This can be beneficial to both patients and caregivers, providing a routine respite from discussions about how patients are feeling. Discussions about topics other than cancer, such as sports, movies or hobbies, also can be a respite from the rigors of treatment and caregiving.

- Treat your loved one just as you ordinarily do. The ASCO notes

the importance of treating a loved one during treatment just as you normally would. While that may not always be possible, it can help patients feel like they're still a friend or family member first and a cancer patient second.

- Pay attention to your loved one's feelings. Some doctors encourage cancer patients to keep a journal or blog during their treatments. If possible, read their journal or blog entries. Many people are more comfortable sharing feelings in this way than directly with their caregivers, so the entries can provide valuable insight into how loved ones are coping.

## Don't let screen time take over

By John Lough

American Counseling Association

The COVID-19 crisis and restricted social contact has many of us spending more time in front of electronic screens. It might be the family TV, our business laptop or streaming on our smartphone. For our kids, it's often some gaming device or social media via their phones. Whatever, the result is that our screen time is increasing significantly.

While business demands for adults and online classes for kids are clear reasons why today's world requires us to spend more time with our electronic devices, many of us are also spending a great many more voluntary hours online just to fill in time. This is often not a good thing.

Too much screen time isn't going to make you go blind, though it can lead to eye fatigue and headaches. But those excessive hours online can have a negative effect on family life.

If every family member constantly has their faces buried in their favorite electronic time killers, there is usually less time for family sharing and interaction. You may notice your kids aren't sleeping as usual, they seem to get little or no exercise and have trouble showing up at set mealtimes. Look a little closer and you may find that your own screen time is also encroaching on what should be other, normal activities for you.

So, how to fix the problem? A starting point is simply to develop a schedule. Video game time for the kids isn't whenever they can't think of anything else to do, but maybe a two-hour block after they've done their chores or schoolwork, and another block while dinner is being prepared. If there's online class assignments to be tackled, make that clearly separated on the schedule

from play time.

Adults' screen time can also be scheduled. Time spent watching TikTok videos or constantly streaming old TV shows can usually be used in more productive and fulfilling ways. Yes, physical exercise and outdoor time should be on the schedule, but art projects, reading, gardening or starting a new hobby can also deserve time blocks.

Having to turn off that electronic plaything with nothing else to do is going to frustrate both kids and adults. But using that time instead for something interesting, maybe even educational or fun, makes the day more fulfilling and can help make time back online more enjoyable and entertaining, which is what it should be.

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# How businesses can stay connected while working remotely

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

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

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

munication with staff remain open.

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

- Encourage employees to share their schedules. Some employees may find remote working more challenging than others. For example, employees with young children whose schools or day cares have been closed may need more flexibility in regard to when they work. Managers must recognize that challenge and reassure work-

ing parents that they recognize the difficult position they're in. Fellow employees without such challenges also must make this recognition and afford co-workers a little extra time to get their work done, if necessary. While everyone should do their best to maintain a relatively normal schedule so deadlines can still be met, employees should be encouraged to communicate when they can work and when they need to step away. Doing so keeps idle time to a minimum and allows managers to set realistic goals for remote staff.

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

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



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# Easy ways to keep your immune system strong

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Harvard Medical School says that diet, exercise, age and psychological stress may affect immune system response. Certain lifestyle choices can promote a strong immune system.

- Get adequate sleep. Doctors believe sleep and immunity are closely tied. A study of 164 healthy adults published by the National Institutes of Health found those who slept fewer than six hours each night were more likely to catch a cold than people who slept for more than six hours. Aim for adequate rest each night to keep your body in top form.

- Increase your intake of fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables supply the powerhouse antioxidants that are essential for protecting a body against free radicals. Free radicals may play a role in heart disease, cancer and other diseases. Serve fruits and/or vegetables with every meal to ensure you're getting enough antioxidant-rich foods.

- Consume fiber and fermented foods. Fiber can help feed the gut mi-

crobiome, which is linked to a robust immune system. The microbiome also may prevent harmful pathogens from entering the body through the digestive tract. Data also suggests that eating more fermented foods can further strengthen and populate healthy bacteria in the gut.

- Exercise regularly. Aim for 30 minutes of moderate exercise per day, advises the American Heart Association. Thirty minutes of exercise each day can go a long way toward keeping the body healthy. The U.S. National Library of Medicine says physical activity may help flush bacteria out of the lungs and airways. Exercise causes changes in antibodies and white blood cells. These antibodies and white blood cells circulate rapidly, so they may detect illnesses earlier than they would if you do not exercise. Body temperature also rises during exercise, which could naturally prevent bacteria from growing.

- Try to minimize stress. According to Simply Psychology, when people are stressed, the immune system's ability to fight off antigens is reduced, making people more susceptible to infections. The stress hormone corticosteroid can suppress the effectiveness of the immune system. Limiting stress through meditation and breathing exercises, or trying to remove stressors from one's life, may help.

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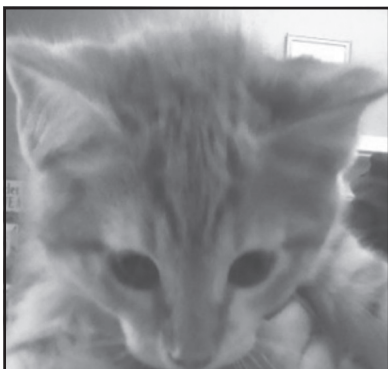
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**SEEKING SERVERS-** Pagosa Brewing & Grill seeks part- and full-time serving team members. Applications at 118 North Pagosa Blvd. and Facebook. No phone calls.

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**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for a **Patient Registration Clerk**. The clerk provides administrative support. The Registration Clerk will courteously greet all patients in person and on the phone in a timely manner. The Clerk is responsible for the accurate and efficient entering of patient information in the Electronic Health Record through the Registration Conversation. The Clerk is responsible for verifying insurance eligibility. The Clerk is responsible for collecting and posting insurance co-payments and patient payments. Applications may be picked up at the hospital front registration desk, the human resources office, or downloaded at [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org). Please email applications and resumes to [mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for a **Call Receptionist**. The receptionist operates clinic telephone switchboards and consoles to connect, hold and transfer telephone calls and provide information to assist callers. The Call Receptionist transfers calls to appropriate contacts within the organization. The Call Receptionist performs routine and some non-routine work involved primarily with the operation of the telephone switchboard and the operation and maintenance of a computerized database of telephone information. Additional duties include retrieving and organizing incoming electronic faxes for appointment, referral and order requests. The Call Receptionist reviews faxes for complete and accurate information and returns incomplete orders to outside providers with requests for updated information. Applications may be picked up at the hospital front registration desk, the human resources office, or downloaded at [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org). Please email applications and resumes to [mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for **Nutritional Service Workers** to prepare and cook food for hospital patients, staff, and visitors. Must have a flexible schedule and willing to work nights and weekends. Applications may be picked up at the hospital front registration desk, the human resources office, or downloaded at [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org). Please email applications and resumes to [mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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# Bird of the Week



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

This is another bird whose beauty nearly caused its extinction. In the 1800s, the long, wispy, white plumes that adorn the backs, necks and heads of breeding snowy egrets were used to decorate fashionable hats. An ounce of plumes was valued at twice the price of gold, and many birds were hunted and killed until protections were enacted in the early 1900s.

Snowy egrets inhabit mudflats, beaches, wetlands and the edges of rivers and lakes. In summer, they are widely distributed across the U.S. (with the exception of northern states), and in Central and South America. Many western populations winter in Mexico.

Highly social birds, they forage and nest alongside many other species of herons and egrets. Nesting occurs in colonies in the thick vegetation of isolated islands, swamps or marshes. A platform nest of sticks is usually built at or near the top of a woody vine, shrub or tree.

These egrets employ a variety of foraging strategies to capture the fish, frogs, crustaceans, worms and insects that make up their diet. They feed while walking, running, hopping or standing still, often using their large feet to stir up prey. They are also known to fly and hover over water to look for fish, and to follow farm animals to eat the insects that they flush.

When seen in breeding plumage, these medium-sized herons are snow white with white plumes and have a black, dagger-like bill, reddish-yellow skin in front of the eyes, a long neck and black legs ending in bright yellow feet, their "golden slippers."

These birds have been reported here on Pinon Lake, Lake Capote, Echo Lake and the Riverwalk.

For information on future events, visit [www.weminucheadubon.org](http://www.weminucheadubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/](https://www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/).

## Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By Paulette Heber  
Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/884668836?pwd=bkdEeVlaSWN0bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09>. Call-in number: (669) 900-683, 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 14, our theme is love.

The Baha'i Faith is a world religion whose purpose is to unite all people of the world in one univer-

sal cause, one common faith. "Strive to become the manifestations of the love of God, the lamps of divine guidance shining amongst the kindreds of the earth with the light of love and concord." — Abdu'l Baha.

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