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Positive COVID-19 test announced, case count remains at eight

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On June 12, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) confirmed that an individual tested positive for COVID-19, but the positive will not be counted in Archuleta County's totals.

That patient, PSMC Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese reported to The SUN in an email, "is in isolation and SJBPH is conducting contact tracing to quarantine and educate any individuals who may have been exposed."

Citing patient privacy, no additional information will be reported about the patient, Bruzzese's email states.

Despite the positive test, Archuleta County's official case count remains at eight, where it has

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Flag ceremony and flyover set for Fourth of July

By Richard Walker
American Legion Post 108

American Legion Post 108 announces a Fourth of July ceremony at the Legion Post building and Town Park.

A flag ceremony includes the raising of the colors to a trumpet salute and a prayer for our fallen warriors, our flag and our country. This will be followed by the retiring of the colors with a bugle call of "Taps" and then a rifle salute by the Post Honor Guard on the footbridge over the San Juan River and a flyover by the San Juan Squadron aircraft.

The ceremony will commence at 10 a.m.

The public is encouraged to attend and we respectfully request that attendees wear masks and practice social distancing as prescribed by the governor.

We hope to see you there on the Fourth of July at 10 a.m. Come early for the best viewing opportunities.



SUN photo/Terri House

An air quality advisory was issued for portions of southwestern Colorado by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Wednesday morning through 9 a.m. today, which includes portions of Archuleta County. The smoke was due to two fires in Montezuma County and one in La Plata County.



Photo courtesy Casey Bristow

Smoke is visible from the Sand Creek fire, which was caused by a lightning storm on the afternoon on June 13. The fire, about 21 miles northwest of Pagosa Springs, is burning in the Little Sand burn scar in the Piedra Special Management Area. As of June 17, a wildland fire module was set to be flown into the Sand Bench area to assess containment options. The general public is asked to be aware of fire activity before recreating in the area. Smoke from the fire is expected to be visible from Piedra Road and Pagosa Springs.

Lightning ignites fires on Pagosa Ranger District

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Four small fires were started within the San Juan National Forest's Pagosa Ranger District due to a lightning storm on June 13.

According to an email from San Juan National Forest Public Affairs Officer Esther Godson on Wednesday, the following days of warm and windy weather allowed the fires to be detected.

Two smaller fires are contained and controlled, according to Godson's email.

Those fires, the Rito fire and Sheep Creek fire, one-tenth of an acre and one-half acre, were contained and controlled on June 16, according to Godson's email.

The Rito fire was 7.5 miles east of Pagosa Springs behind the Mill Creek Ranch and is out, according to Godson's email.

The Sheep Creek fire, 21 miles west of Pagosa Springs on the west side of the Piedra River from the Sheep Creek Trailhead, is con-

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County to investigate forming own health department

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Archuleta County is expected to investigate forming its own health department in the upcoming months.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is currently the health department for both La Plata and Archuleta counties.

Archuleta County commissioners Ron Maez and Alvin Schaaf expressed support for creating a committee to investigate the issue at their work session Tuesday.

"A big part of this is it's important to have more local control. We are not another county, we are our county," Maez said, adding, "If it's doable, I think we owe it to the citizens to at least consider it."

"That we have a health board here locally, locally governed and locally controlled, I think that would be a huge benefit to our community," Maez said. "It may cost us a little more but we also gain a little more. A lot more."

SJBPH has offices in both Durango and Pagosa Springs and the majority of its staff is based in Durango.

Commissioner Steve Wadley expressed he does not share the view of Schaaf and Maez.

"I know that we're going through a little bit of a bump with San Juan Basin Health right now, but I still think if you look at value per dollar in the services we get from them, I still think it's a good deal," Wadley said. "It doesn't hurt to look around and see if there's something better, but I think if we were self-funding this we wouldn't get what we're getting for the money ... I'd be opposed to making a change right now."

Archuleta County gives \$132,924 annually to SJBPH, according to Claire Ninde, communications director for SJBPH.

Ninde wrote in an email to The SUN that La Plata and Archuleta counties each pay \$9.67 per capita, while the state average is \$20 per capita.

In an interview Tuesday, SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon commented on the Archuleta County commissioners' discussion.

"I think that as elected officials it is their duty to understand what the requirements are for the county and it is appropriate to periodically ask questions and investigate what the best way is to deliver services," she said.

In separate interviews last week, each county commissioner told The SUN his main concerns about SJBPH.

"I'm concerned about an over-reach and the health department replacing or being replaced as

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Commitment, compassion and confidence: City Market's Rusty Hector retires after 39 years

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Commitment, compassion and confidence are all things that every business needs from its leaders. Rusty Hector has exhibited those traits and more as a store leader for City Market for more than 20 years and is ready to clock out for the last time after 39 years of total service.

Hector's journey with City Market started

back in 1981; Hector noted that he did not see his career at the grocery store lasting almost 40 years.

Hector managed an ice plant during the summers before he started at the City Market in Cortez in the fall of 1981, he explained in an email to The SUN.



Hector

In starting at City Market, Hector's ambitions were modest enough: working to make sure he had enough money to pay the bills in the winter, he wrote.

However, as he learned about the benefits and opportunities that City Market had to offer, Hector switched his sights to building a career in the grocery industry.

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Opinion

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EDITORIAL

We welcome you

Many of us are not native Pagosans. We hail from a variety of places and chose Pagosa to be our home for a variety of good reasons.

We love our hometown and its spirit of community.

Unfortunately, the message many part-time residents have received lately is that they aren't wanted here in Pagosa Country.

On Friday after work, we received a voice mail from a delightful Pagosa homeowner who lives part of the year in Texas. She had been reading comments on a Facebook post and was saddened by the negativity toward out-of-town visitors and second-home owners, especially toward those from Texas.

She felt unwanted here in Pagosa, where she and her husband have owned two homes for many years.

Her voice mail was one of those that warranted an immediate response, even if it was after hours and we had looked forward to a very different Friday evening.

For years, the homeowner and her husband from Texas have visited Pagosa. They have made friendships and developed a love for the community just like most of us have.

We assured her that Texans are not hated in this community. They are welcome, just as visitors and homeowners from other states.

We've cringed when we've read some of the comments on social media. We understand the fear that many have over our community opening up following Stay at Home orders during this pandemic, but that is no excuse for the rudeness and at-

tacks on people from nearby states. Anxiety, frustration and extended cabin fever due to the pandemic seem to be at an all-time high, making it difficult for some to be respectful of others.

It's important that we all make a conscientious effort to be more patient and tolerant of others. That can only help us stay strong and prevail over the health and economic concerns facing us.

When it comes to COVID-19, residents are all responsible for ourselves and for adhering to public health guidelines for social distancing, masks, isolating when we are sick and so on. The same goes for second-home owners and visitors whose compliance should be no less than those of us who live here year-round.

The second-home owner we spoke to Friday evening had already decided to stay at her home in Texas to avoid, as she said it, "bringing her germs to Pagosa." She explained that had they come here, she would have quarantined for 14 days and had her neighbors bring them groceries.

We have other friends here in Pagosa who have a home in Texas who did just that, and after quarantining for those 14 days, they chose to be tested for coronavirus. After negative tests, they have still stayed home out of an abundance of caution.

Being a resort community, Pagosa Springs is comprised of a mix of locals who live here year-round, second-home owners and vacationers who all embrace the magic of being here.

It really doesn't matter what is on your license plate, it is common sense and re-

sponsibility that will help keep this virus from spreading.

We've managed to flatten the curve here in Pagosa. Let's keep that going; however, we can't close the gates and shut the world out of Pagosa Country. The tourism board has already started advertising to attract people to our area.

Don't forget that our second-home owners and visitors make a significant contribution to our community through taxes, patronage of local businesses and donations.

Second-home owners make a larger contribution through all of the above, plus by paying the same property taxes as full-time residents. Those taxes support our schools, police, fire, sanitation, road and bridge, library and some nonprofits.

Of course there are concerns about having resources to support tourists and second-home owners, but for the most part, our shortages are working themselves out and grocery shelves are filling up more and more.

Let's be kind and welcoming to those who love our community as much as we love it.

We can work to stay healthy, keep the curve flattened and reopen the economy if we all take sensible precautions and welcome back visitors and second-home owners, trusting that they will be responsible partners in this shared experience.

Don't let a few voices on social media drown out the experiences you've enjoyed during past visits to Pagosa Country. We welcome you.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 18, 1920

Our best authorities fix July 1st as the date when the Wolf Creek pass will be open to motorists.

Dr. A. J. Nossaman returned Monday from a two weeks' stay in Denver, where he has been taking a special course under the supervision of the Public Health service.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Farrow, a daughter. Mother and daughter are doing fine. Papa Rocky visited them in Bayfield Sunday. We think he will survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Sorenson and Billy visited in Durango Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Justinson and Hans Sorenson. Hans Sorenson has joined the army and was to leave for his camp Monday.

The Metropolitan Cafe in the Sul- lenberger block has been painted and decorated and some fixtures installed. R.C. Hill the proprietor, is only awaiting the arrival of other fixtures and supplies before opening the cafe to the public.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 22, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Sorenson moved from the Cascade Road Camp Wednesday to the Piedra, where Mr. Sorenson is now patrolman, taking the place left vacant when Toots Randelman resigned.

The local stores — even the non-advertising merchants — the ones who always try to "crawl in under the canvas," did a nice business last week on the day the circus was billed for Pagosa Springs, in spite of the fact that they couldn't make it. — Hills too high and inexperienced drivers caused the cancellation here, so the management says. Archuleta County kiddies are the ones who were really disappointed — but maybe better luck next time — when "Victory is Won" and the old troopers will be back on the job.

One of the most spectacular meteors ever seen in this area flashed across the sky of the San Juan Basin Tuesday evening at exactly 9:58, leaving a brilliantly colored fire trailing behind and briefly illuminating the countryside. Willie Trujillo, Ranger Lookout at Eight Mile station was first to report in with the flash.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 18, 1970

Summer has arrived and the tourist traffic is very heavy. Long distance travelers are not as frequently seen on weekends as are boating enthusiasts from the area close by, fishermen, and local people out for some fresh air and scenery. The rest of the week, though, the highway is lined with through travelers. Almost everyone has a camper pickup, is pulling a camper trailer, or has a house trailer. The line, at times, on Wolf Creek Pass is solid for a mile or two, with nothing but campers and trailers. Local campgrounds are starting to be bustling places every evening, fishermen can be seen along the streams and at the lakes. The Red Ryder Roundup is less than three weeks away and when that arrives, summer is here for sure.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 22, 1995

The county commissioners listened in earnest to comments and complaints from users of two roads in the county, and responded to those concerns with the existing burden of road maintenance and repair duties — and the limited budget to provide those services in mind.

The first road brought to the attention of the commissioners is County Road 335 — a road in the county maintenance system. The commissioners agreed to try to find a way to deal immediately with severe washboarding on the short sections of the Lower Blanco road past the intersection with U.S. 84.

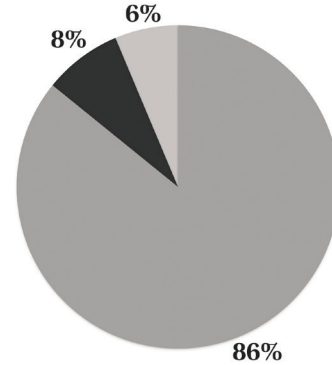
A contingent of residents who use the Blue Creek Road in the Blanco Basin approached the commissioners seeking maintenance work on the road. The county currently blades the road once or twice each year, and clears snow from the road as part of a contract with the U.S. Forest Service. When they were asked to do maintenance work on the road, the commissioners informed the delegation that the road is not in the county system. They noted the county policy not to accept more roads into the maintenance system. "We're trying to find the funds to maintain the county roads we already have," said commissioner Bill Tallon. "We sympathize with your dilemma, but perhaps you should consider forming a local improvement district."

WHADDYA THINK?

Do you plan to vote in this primary election this month?

Poll results (268 votes)

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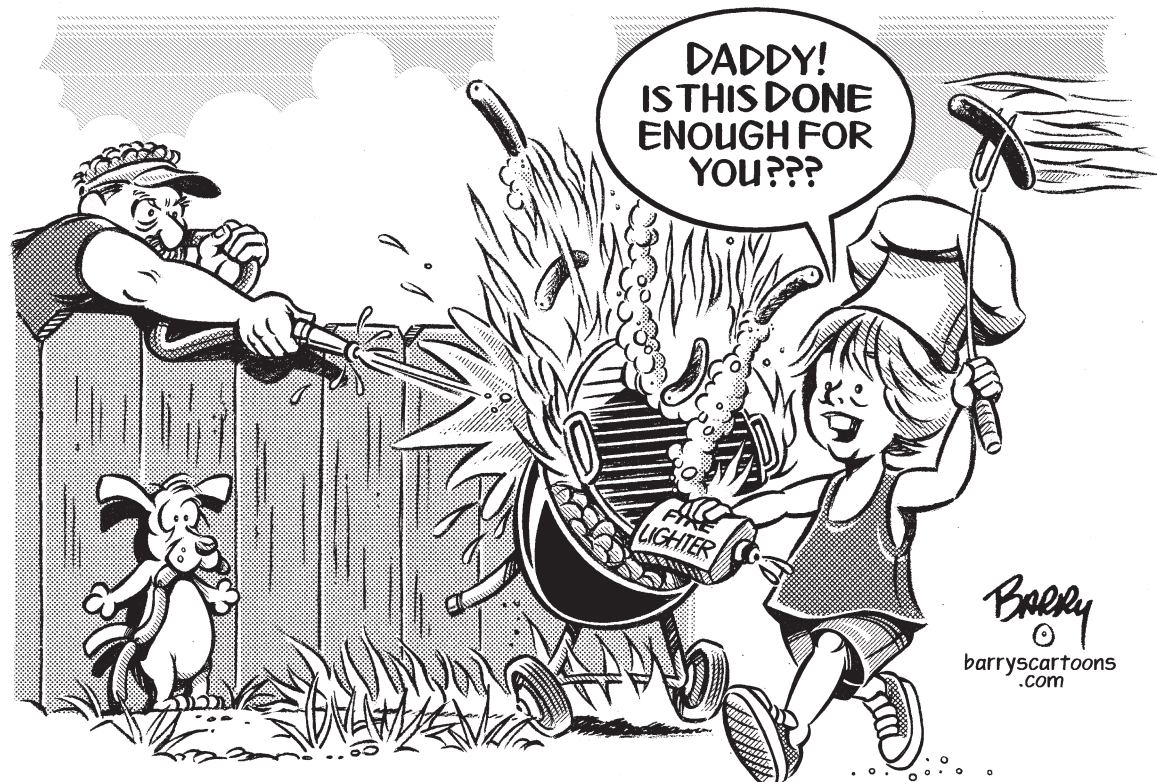
LOOKING BACK



From the May 19, 1983,
Pagosa Springs SUN.

WILD AND WOOLLY — Joe Bob Leake and his mule, Major, get into the mountain man spirit during the Pagosa Springs Fourth of July parade last year.

GOOD KIDS REMEMBER DAD'S DAY...



GOOD DADS REMEMBER FIRE SAFETY!

Letters



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Bad memory

Dear Editor:
Socialism, socialist ... Hmmm nasty word, nasty name ... bad connotation ... bad for nation ... bad ... bad.
I wonder if any of Donald's supporters who got a \$1,200 "Stimulus check" donated it to a food bank ... maybe ... some other charity or just kept it? Did you know that Trump has funneled more money into the pockets of Americans ... rich, middle class & poor than GWBush & Obama' administrations, not to forget the Tax Act of 2018/19 that poured wealth (our tax dollars) into the pockets of the rich and corporations. In case you don't know the definition of socialism, I thought I'd look it up in Webster's for you ... Oh never mind, I think you get the point. Surely you've also noticed Donald has ceased calling the Democrats socialists. Gosh, gee I wonder why, don't worry, he'll start up again, divide, decline, slander and blame others (loudly) for your sins ... 'dat's our Pres. Donald.
The \$64 question is will his (make that ours) money buy his reelection? Would you 'overlook' his socialist administration and vote for him or let his horrible time in office be a bad 'socialist' memory?
Dave Blake

Support June

Dear Editor:
We have good candidates for upcoming election for our County Commissioner. June Marquez is unique being a female with a great background of community and giving back to the community. She will be giving 10% of her Commissioner salary back to community needs. She always helped WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs) and the Vets for Vets from her Patsy Cline concerts. She genuinely cares about our country, our state and Archuleta County. Accountability of our resources, funds and our future. She will have a fresh perspective and be an asset for our growing Archuleta County.
Nancy Ford

Forest work on Jackson Mountain

Dear Editor:
Late this spring, important forestry work began on Jackson Mountain. The project, a long-term stewardship contract made up of three task orders, was planned through a collaborative process. Stewardship contracts are unique because their primary goal is to restore and maintain healthy, dynamic forest systems, rather than to produce salable timber. Additionally, stewardship contracts focus on supporting rural economies. The work on Jackson Mountain is being conducted by local contractors which helps maintain local jobs, especially important given the current economic challenge in our area.

The most exciting thing about Jackson Mountain is that one of the three task orders is part of a national study called Adaptive Silviculture for Climate Change (ASCC), a study addressing the challenge of applying scientific research to on the ground management. ASCC considers forest vulnerabilities to a changing climate and promotes local management decisions within a broader framework informed by climate change research. ASCC sites span many forest types across the country, so work at Jackson Mountain will contribute to a growing body of knowledge about forest management. The Jackson Mountain site, the only ASCC site in the Southwest, is part of regional and national research efforts testing management approaches for keeping healthy forests on the landscape as our climate changes.

Because ASCC work and research sites have been developed with unique scientific design, work on Jackson Mountain will not look like a traditional thinning project. The goal of the ASCC study is to explore four different forest management options and examine their effectiveness, through monitoring, over time. This will allow researchers to evaluate how forests may respond and adapt to changing climatic conditions.

Work on Jackson Mountain also has immediate ecological and community importance because, in the absence of fire over the past approximately 100 years, species that would normally be less prevalent in the ecosystem have begun to out compete fire adapted species appropriate to the area, like ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir. The opportunity cost of doing nothing at the Jackson Mountain site is high for both the ecosystem and for our community, given the danger of wildfire that grows each year as drought conditions persist. When it comes to our forests, we have to focus on conservation practices, rather than preservation, keep long-range dynamics of forest ecosystems in mind, and consider how current management can support healthy forests into the future. The project on Jackson Mountain is helping us to do these things.

Dana Hayward
Coordinator, San Juan
Headwaters Forest Health
Partnership

Let's care for one another

Dear Editor:
Good job, Pagosa. We have "flattened the curve" by staying at home, exercising good hygiene and keeping our physical distance from one another. This does not mean the threat or seriousness of coronavirus COVID-19 is past. Quite the contrary. Now, as Colorado and most states, and the rest

of the world, begin to "open up," we must continue to be careful. We are all weary of not being able to do all the things we want to do. We all want to resume our daily lives. We can do this, but we are not going back to "normal" (whatever that means), nor to the way things were.

Like any other new safety precaution, we must incorporate new assumptions and habits into our daily lives. When I was growing up, not all cars had seatbelts. Kids wearing bicycle helmets? No such thing existed. Ear and eye protection when operating machinery or equipment was just for sissies. All of these safety regulations and suggestions met vehement opposition, ridicule from "tough guys" who were stronger, smarter or more magically gifted than the rest of us.

The difference with safe practices regarding the virus that causes COVID-19 is that failing to follow state guidance endangers everyone around you, not just yourself. As our local hospital repeatedly tells us, "my mask protects you, your mask protects me." Even if I think I am healthy, strong enough to recover from any ailment that hits me, I could be wrong, and I certainly have no right to make that assumption about my friends, neighbours, customers and colleagues.

We are a friendly community. We are compassionate people. Let us continue to care for one another.
Lisa Jensen

Stop attacking and insulting

Dear Editor:
I have read many letters "to the editor" in the past 9 years and I appreciate the variety of opinions and subjects being addressed in those letters.

I believe we are all entitled to our own opinions, and I also understand that doesn't mean we should always give our opinions to others. Wisdom knows when to keep quiet and when to talk.

I am writing this letter because I am concerned how the content of some of the published letters are full of hate, anger, rudeness, insult, disrespect and disregard for

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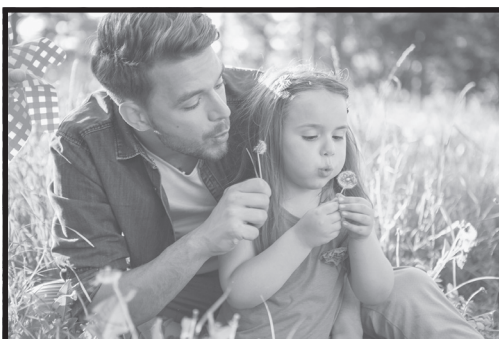
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Aspen Services: Supporting adults with developmental disabilities



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Bret Jackson, a potential future resident of Aspen House and recipient of Aspen Services, paints Christmas decor for the future site of the Aspen House home.

By Danyelle Leentjes
A Safe Place in Pagosa

Aspen House and Aspen Services (AH/AS) proudly announce they are now providers for the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). The DVR assists individuals whose disabilities result in barriers to employment to succeed at work and live independently.

DVR is a state and federally funded program to help eligible individuals with documented disabilities to find suitable employment (part time, full time or permanent) and is voluntary. To learn more about DVR, visit www.colorado.gov/dvr. PS Froyo is partnering with AH/AS and will serve as a vocational platform for DVR vital job skills training for adults over 21 with developmental disabilities.

All profits from PS Froyo will go toward furthering the AH/AS mission of supporting adults with developmental disabilities in Archuleta County. Parents/guardians who are interested in AH/AS DVR job-skills training, please email executivedirector@aspenhousepagosa.org or visit www.aspenhousepagosa.org for more information.

AH/AS are operated under A Safe Place in Pagosa Springs Inc., a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Aspen House is committed to providing long-term housing solutions to adults with developmental disabilities. The objective is to build a home that provides housing for eight adults with developmental disabilities, supporting each tenant's potential in becoming an independent contributing member of the community.

Aspen Services is dedicated to becoming a local-based service provider for adults with developmental disabilities. Aspen Services will support residents living in the Aspen House home as well as other adults living in the community. Becoming a DVR provider is the first license obtained in what is anticipated to be a sizable list of services offered here in Pagosa Springs.

Visit www.aspenhousepagosa.org for more information on AH/AS, volunteering opportunities and donating.

Letters

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those who hold different opinions than the people who wrote the letters. Such a practice is hurtful for this community and does not help anyone.

Often it seems to be the same people that have written numerous letters to the editor calling names or accusing or making fun of all those who do not agree with them or who dare to think differently, or have an opinion that is not what those writers think is "right", "truth" or "politically correct" in these times.

Are they willing to consider that we are all different with different backgrounds, different upbringing, different points of view but at the same time we all have equal rights? Can they choose to speak and write their opinions in a more polite and respectful way?

We should not pretend that our beloved America is not going through a hard time. Politicians on both sides seem to have lost touch with reality and are fighting among themselves and the majority of them seem interested in power and position and do not care much about "we the people". The same can be said for some of the media and reporters who often modify information and mislead people everywhere. Some people are carried away by politicians, journalists and reporters and they become unkind to their neighbors and citizens in this community.

Each of us has the right to our own point of view, to express freely and respectfully what we think or believe, without being afraid that we will be bullied by those who disagree with us.

Many people are hurting already: some because of issues in relationships, others because of health problems or finances, job issues, or some other reason. If writers are not willing to motivate or encourage them or help them with their letters, then please at least stop attacking and insulting them. Often, none of us knows other people's situation or what they are going through, so to assume that any of us has the right to judge them because they think differently than we do, is neither healthy nor the right thing, and certainly does not help.

Please, do not do to others what you do not want others to do to you. Pagosa Spring is such a nice place, big enough for all of us to find an opportunity to show kindness and acceptance to those around us regardless of how different they may be.

Respectfully,
Lydia Phillips

Endorse Brown

Dear Editor:
I am very pleased to endorse Warren Brown for Archuleta County Commissioner, District 1 in the

2020 election.

I first met Warren about 2 years ago when we worked together on the Safe Schools Now Committee and since then I have interfaced with Warren on numerous other activities. While on that committee I learned that Warren had extensive supervisory experience in many areas. He has served in law enforcement in Montrose and Pagosa Springs for over 25 years and during that time he held supervisory positions as SWAT Team Leader and School Resource Officer Supervisor.

The Safe Schools Now Committee was instrumental in developing safety improvements for the Archuleta School District and Warren's leadership and experience proved very valuable in forming the various safety improvement ideas. Warren is a good listener and is committed to do what he says he will do. Warren's community involvement is significant as he has been involved in several local activities.

I have had the opportunity to observe Warren in a leadership role and I am impressed by the way he operates providing strong leadership while listening to feedback from those under his leadership. I am convinced that Warren wants to give it his all to better the lives of the folks of Archuleta County and will work his hardest toward that goal.

Vote Warren Brown, Arculeta County Commissioner, District 1
Lin Stewart

Rusty will be missed

Dear Editor:

Back in 1977, when my husband and I chose Pagosa for our future home after retirement, there was not much here in the way of "business", but there was a nice little grocery store downtown that met our needs at that time. Soon after we moved up full-time in 1987, there was a need for a larger store and City Market opened the current store West of town.

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all who enter. I soon became aware that it is due to the manager's devotion to his employees. You see him bringing in carts from the parking lot, stocking shelves and even mopping floors, whatever is needed. Yes, his example to serve our people is seen in all who work there.

I just learned that Rusty Hector will be retiring in a few days — my goodness, he doesn't look a day older than when I first knew him "back in 1987". I believe it is his work ethic that has kept him young and now it is time for him and his devoted wife to take those dreams off the shelf and enjoy the freedom to live them — all are well-earned.

I pray that his footprints will last forever as guides for those who come after him — Yes, Rusty, you will be missed and this community's love will be with you and yours as you launch the next segment of your lives. Congratulations and Best wishes.

Patty Tillerson

'Pod people'

Dear Editor:

In the 1958 movie classic, *The Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, a small Californian town became ground zero for an alien invasion of earth. Seed pods were placed, one by one, near the beds of humans. When they awoke, they'd become alien zombies, 'pod people.' At movie's end two sleep-deprived humans were left to warn the rest of the world. One dozed off for a moment, becoming 'one of them.' She screamed to the 'others,' "He's in here!" Her victim and husband looked at her in wild-eyed dismay.

Something like this is happening in America. Major corporations, the NFL, politicians from both parties, groups of cops, National Guardsmen, large gatherings of white folks in blue states, etc. are siding with their ideological enemies, becoming 'Woke' in order to — like a snake — shed their racist intolerance, which they never knew they had.

"Hey, hey, ho, ho, Western civilization has got to go!" rave the lunatics of the Left. Though people

will lie with their mouths, they tell the truth with their feet. America's problem is not keeping the 'oppressed' inside its borders, but in keeping the world's oppressed from overwhelming the rights, privileges, safety and prosperity of Americans within its borders.

The ruse is that the Left doesn't intend to reform America, they want to destroy what has been built here to "make it better" i.e. more just. Yet justice has never better existed than in our flawed American Ideal; a radical experiment in self-government. The unfounded demand is a made-up word [Sir Thomas More, 1516] which means "no place"; at least no place found upon this earth, where we half-angel/half-beast humans live. Valueless deserts need no protection. Communism covets what only free-market capitalism [not corporatism] has been able to build, and the human rights that follow from economic independence.

After WWII, historians reflected upon how crazy-crown Hitler laid out his plans in written detail in *Mein Kampf* [My Struggle], before he seized power. So outlandish were his goals that they were dismissed. We're making that mistake all over again.

Hear as a 1992, Leftist pamphlet, titled 'White Blindspot,' defines the now public charge of 'white privilege': "anyone of any race, creed, nationality, color, sex, or sexual preference who embraces capitalism, free markets, limited government and American traditional culture and values ... are irredeemably evil. Treason to whiteness is loyalty to humanity." [Reds Exploiting Blacks: The Roots of Black Lives Matter, James Simpson] The co-author of that pamphlet still teaches at a Massachusetts college.

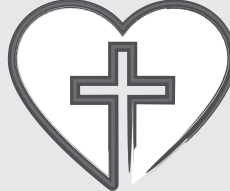
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John 14:27

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

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

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


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

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

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Obituaries

Barbara Lee Ackman

Barbara Lee Ackman, age 76, after a long struggle with rheumatoid arthritis, passed away on June 5 at her home in San Antonio Texas. Barbara grew up in Oakdale, Pa., just outside of Pittsburgh and kept fond memories of Pittsburgh during her life in California, Pagosa Springs, Colo., and San Antonio Texas. She had three boys, Mike, Tim and Mark Fasenmyer. She was the loving grandmother of Nichole, Mechelle, Alex and Nicholas Fasenmyer, whom she was instrumental in raising; the great-grandmother to Lynden, Mariano and Barry and the loving family of Diane, Emily and Katie. She will be missed by all the people she touched and remembered for her passion for sweets, strength of character and unyielding tenacity to live her life the way she chose to. Barbara will be celebrated by her family in a private gathering on Aug. 1 in Camden, Texas.

Mamie Lynch

Born Mamie Ruth Holder in Winthrop, Ark., on May 9, 1932, and departed this earth on June 4, at the age of 88. Mamie was a woman ahead of her time and a true trail-blazer. Mamie was offered a contract with a women's professional traveling basketball team, The All-American Redheads, prior to finishing high school. The school allowed her to begin traveling with the team at mid-season and then return in May for graduation. You can imagine the amazing experience of a rural girl, who had scarcely been out of her county, getting on a bus and meeting up with the team in Montana. Her team played over 200 games a year, always against the best men's team local towns could put up. The Redheads were part comedy and basketball trickery, but they were also highly skilled players. She played two seasons with the Redheads, still managing to graduate valedictorian, before moving to Colorado with her family where she met and married Doug Lynch.

Shortly after her children were born, Mamie became a working mother. In 1958, she started working for the Archuleta School District as a secretary and quickly became

one of the few women in the role of school finance manager in the state. Mamie worked for the district for over 20 years and was known for her financial acumen and tight budget controls. I've been told that if anyone in the district got a note in red pen saying "see me" signed Mamie R. Lynch, you knew a budget issue was going to be firmly discussed.

Around the time of her retirement from the district, an effort had been initiated to build a new high school gymnasium. Mamie's financial skills in securing bond funding and a repayment plan within an existing budget was so impressive to district leadership that the gym, now the middle school main gym, was named after her. If you attended basketball games in the '60s at the original Pagosa High Gym, you'll remember that Mamie was a fixture there serving as the official scorer for all basketball games over many years.

Upon retirement from the schools, Mamie started her second act and it was a grand one. She ran for Archuleta County Commissioner in the mid-1980s and won, becoming the first woman to be elected to that position in this county. She loved the work and thrived in this new role. She was known for being a good listener, a highly principled decision maker and a true nonpartisan servant to the community she loved. After a string of victories in many of life's arenas, Mamie was defeated when she sought re-election by some outside carpetbagger whose name I can't recall. This is worth mentioning because it illustrates the amazing resilience she displayed throughout her life. After sitting out of politics for a few years and entering her 70s, she decided to run again. She was a tireless campaigner, knocking on every door in the county, and then won for a second time. Mamie would say that being commissioner was the best job she ever had. She always spoke most fondly of serving with Bob Formwalt and Jerry Martinez because politics took a back seat to doing what was best for the county.

During those years between commissioner terms, Mamie also served as the executive director of the Chamber of Commerce and served on the school board and the Mary Fisher Hospital board. Mamie was a charter member of the Round-up Board at LPEA and is still remembered fondly for her compassion and dedication. Mamie was a devoted Rotarian and served the club as president. She was also grand marshal for the

Fourth of July parade on two occasions and was executor of the Ruby Sisson estate and managed that scholarship fund for two decades.

When not working and serving in these public roles, Mamie grew a fantastic garden and used her early evening gardening sessions to relax and de-stress. She took great pride in her garden as she did every other aspect of her life. Many have admired her bountiful garden on Hermosa Street, with one observer noting, "only the Anasazi and Mamie Lynch can grow corn in this climate."

Mamie was a one-of-a-kind grandmother who was always up for cooking, teaching and playing endless hours of board games. She truly was always willing and eager, whether that was making homemade ice cream, fried green tomatoes or calzones the size of your head. She always joked, but never followed through on selling grandchildren to the circus. Mamie was a sounding board for her grandchildren, listening without judgment and giving sage advice. There was no wound or hurt that she could not assuage. She was someone who always made things better.

Quiet times on winter evenings were spent knitting, reading and doing puzzles. Up until the last weeks of her life, her mind was sharp as a tack and she exercised it by completing the crossword puzzle published in The SUN every week.

Mamie will be deeply missed by her family and everyone that knew her and her memory will live on for all of us who love our families and believe in serving the community in which we live; she is everlasting.

Mamie was one of 10 children and is survived by sisters Thelma McMinn and Francis Homan. Her children are Loretta Parks, Linda Cahill, Steve Lynch, Bob Lynch (Livia Lynch) and Patty Wagner.

Her grandchildren are Nicki Parks, Steve Cahill, Chris Cahill (Catie Cahill), Jamie Cahill, Jessica Lynch, Mesa Lynch, Cade Wagner and Kelsey Wagner.

Great-grandchildren are Jordyn Parks, Miles Cahill, Olivia Cahill and Alec Cahill. Many nieces and nephews always enjoyed spending time with their "favorite" aunt.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Lynch; her son, Steve Lynch; two infant sisters; her parents, Robert and Jewel Holder; and siblings Mozelle Herman, Mabel Dunnigan, Robert Holder, Florence Hovland and Roy Holder.

A celebration of the amazing life Mamie lived will be held later in the year when we can gather safely in her yard on Hermosa Street. The family will post a notice when a date has been set.

Louis Ruben Perez Jr.

Celebrating the life of Louis Ruben Perez Jr., also known as "Sonny" and "Ruben."

Born June 28, 1934, and passed peacefully in his sleep at home with family by his side on June 12 at 85 years old, he is now home with

his Heavenly Father.

Louis was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and had many friends and relatives who loved him dearly. In addition to raising his children, he was a mentor and father figure to many. Louis was a fishing and hunting enthusiast and enjoyed dancing, telling lifetime stories, bringing family together, barbecues and dessert.

Louis was born in Pueblo, Colo., and later moved to San Diego, Calif., with his former wife, Dee Peralta. With this union, they had four children: daughters Susie Perez (Jurgen), Penny Perez (Anthony), and Jerris Perez (Daniel); son Louie Perez; and from a previous relationship, daughter Sharon Vigil (Antonio). In 1972, he met and married his love of 47 years, Gloria Lujan, and raised her two daughters, Lori Chavez and Tricia Perez (Jody).

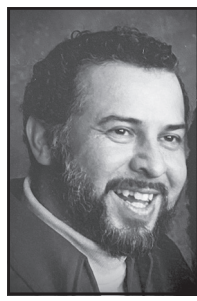
He is survived by his wife, Gloria Perez; brother Roy Perez (Barbara); mother-in-law Emma Lujan; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Luis and Maria Perez; sister Irene Sandoval; and brother Rudolph Perez; grandson Derek Mize; son-in-law Danny Jiron; and father-in-law Santana Lujan.

Louis started working at a very young age in a variety of trades. His adult life included CF& Steel Mill, Colorado State Hospital and he was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps on Aug. 4, 1961, after eight years of service. He worked at Solar Turbines in San Diego, Calif., from 1966 to 1998 and, upon retirement, he moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., where he began work at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office.

Louis built a new home in Pagosa Springs to enjoy retirement years with his wife, Gloria, and keeping his promise to bring her back to her home town to be close to her parents and siblings.

Celebration of Life services will be Friday, June 19, from 5 to 7 p.m., with viewing at Hood Mortuary, 2017 Eagle Drive, Pagosa Springs, (970) 444-5439. Saturday, June 20, from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. will be viewing/eulogy; 9:30 a.m. Mass at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd., Pagosa Springs CO 81147, 731-5744.

Church seating will be limited and the service will be streamed to the church gazebo outside, where you will need to bring your own seating. The service will be taped for viewing on the Hood Mortuary website: www.hoodmortuary.com.



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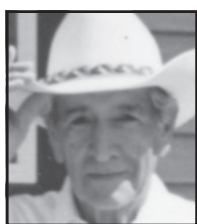
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Business

Health department warns of scam

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) has announced that there may be a possible scam circulating in La Plata and Archuleta counties. A business would be notified of a hearing that they must attend related to violations of public health orders. Businesses may receive a letter from a source misrepresenting SJBPH and the letter actually refers to a case number.

SJBPH does not send out violation orders in this manner. Should your business actually be in violation of a public health order, SJBPH would issue you a violation through a process server and would refer to specific violations or infractions. The current letter circulating does not refer to specific infractions, but asks that you report to the SJBPH offices at a specific time. The information is falsely represented on SJBPH letterhead.

If you have received one of these letters and believe it to be false or you are unclear of the article you may be in violation of since you have not had notification previously from SJBPH, contact our local law enforcement agencies for them to investigate fraudulent actions.

Currently, SJBPH does have a business self-assessment certification application. It guides our businesses reopening to really look at how they are responding to the COVID pandemic and opening their businesses back to the public safely and responsibly. While not required in Archuleta County, com-

pleting this form is encouraged as it is a thorough guide with the mindset to open your business as safely as possible to your employees and customers. Over 950 businesses have filled out the self-assessment forms; has your business?

Create, Innovate, Pivot

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) held a webinar on Monday, June 15, titled Create, Innovate, Pivot. This informative webinar, facilitated by seasoned and successful business consultants Jasper Welch and Rich Linblad, reviewed some of the successes and failures of why businesses fail. In today's market, with "the new normal" still not having been set, have you really looked at your business model? Have you made any changes to your business actions or internal workings? Here are just a few gemstones taken from the webinar.

First off—have you even looked at your business and the way you are doing business? Are you just waiting for the times to change and hoping that things will get back to the normal of pre-pandemic conditions? Have you or can you step back and look at your business from a neutral position? Once doing that, have you assessed things you can stop doing, keep doing, start doing and even change or modify? How do you do this? Stop doing things that don't make money for you. What are items or products that are not selling? Are you just offering them on the off-chance that someone will purchase it because it's always been there?

What equipment might be a lead weight on your business? Can you sell it or "reconstitute" it so that it becomes productive?

Here are some other wise analytic tactics. Now is the time to really assess the costs associated with your business. Do you need all the products you carry, is your inventory laden with items that are stagnant? If you could offer another item, product or service — what would your customers want? You can only find that out by actually talking to your customers. What added value do they want? Can you drop something you're providing or doing and pivot to a new service or product? Is there something you could be doing that tracks alongside of the new "trends?" Ordering online, for example. Most of us are used to ordering online now and finding that instead of waiting in line at the restaurant, it's easier to order in advance and just pick up.

Are your sales and service lines providing you with the products and needs you need? If not, drop them. Websites are becoming more and more important as we use the virtual world more and more. I know, personally, I went with a service a company was providing because the competitors' websites were so user unfriendly and cumbersome. I got so frustrated that I just dropped the other companies. The price the company was offering was very competitive, so ease of website navigation was very important. Look at your website; make some modifications and make it user friendly. Get feedback on your website.

Welch and Linblad reinforced some of the concepts of why businesses fail. The owner is not willing to change. They have this concept in their mind that they are right, what they offer is right and whether they are struggling or not, they are not willing to change. "I'll just wait until this pandemic is over."

I've often said that customer service starts at the top. Unfortunately, some business owners shouldn't be at the front counter. They have poor people skills with the public and with employees. Are you sure you should own a business? Are you really happy owning this business? If not, it might show and you could change careers. If you are ignoring feedback, customer or employee, you are at risk of failing as well. Ask for help. Do you have a mentor or someone you can talk to? If you do and still don't listen, you are at risk of failing. This is why complaints are also often very important. If you get a complaint multiple times about the same thing — you have a problem. Look at fixing it, not just ignoring it.

We want our businesses to succeed. Now is an important time for our businesses to really look at their business models. The SBDC has a cadre of talented consultants that can assist you. Don't be afraid to ask for help or have someone that can see your business through a different set of glasses help guide you. You can contact the SBDC located in the new Innovation Center in Durango at www.sbdccolorado.org. They have workshops, consulting, and other services that can help you succeed.

(Almost) setting the stage:

Tourism board discusses uses for portable event stage

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A discussion was held on various items related to a recently purchased portable event stage by the Pagosa Area Tourism Board (PATB) at a regular meeting on June 9.

According to agenda documentation, the PATB received approval from the Pagosa Springs Town Council to purchase the portable event stage in 2019.

Tourism Director Jennie Green informed the board during the June 9 meeting that the stage is ready to be picked up.

"We had an event organizer who is a for-profit that wanted to use the stage for the town Fourth of July and

it would be on private property," Green said. "This opened up a realization that we really have not determined a policy or fee structure."

When town council approved the PATB to purchase the stage, it requested that the PATB come back with a fee schedule for council's approval, Green explained.

With the first request coming in to use the stage, questions on who can use the stage, when it can be used and where it can be used have come up, she added.

PATB board member Jon Johnson raised the question on reaching out to other towns to see if they have a policy that the PATB could model its after.

Green noted that Durango has

the same stage and they allow nonprofits and for-profits to use the stage.

"I'm not sure if they allow the stage to be set up on private property versus public property," Green said. "They have more fees than we were initially looking at as well."

Durango has a damage deposit and also a "rather steep rental fee" that was cheaper for nonprofits, she explained further.

Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis explained that town staff would be in charge of setting the stage up.

"You've got an \$80,000 asset in the stage and you have to be trained to even set it up," Lewis said. "I've never felt that this purchase, that this stage, would be ever used on private property."

Lewis explained that town staff would not feel comfortable pulling something onto private property, adding that "there are too many things that can happen."

However, Lewis noted that he believes it would make sense to use the stage at all of the town and county parks and any other parks that might be opened in the future.

It was not the PATB's intention, when it was purchasing the event stage, to just have the stage be used on town property, PATB Chair Shane Lucero explained.

"It was intended to be used throughout the town and county, which could be on private property, because we don't have that many events that happen on public property," Lucero said. "I do think that we, as a board, need to remember our

Region 9 receives approval for additional loan funds through the Community Development Block Grant

By Stephani Burditt
Region 9 Economic Development District
of Southwest Colorado

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado has received \$406,874 of additional loan funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract between the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade and La Plata County on behalf of the five counties in southwest Colorado.

The CDBG is one of several sources of funding for the Region 9

Business Loan Fund program that provides "gap" financing to support job creation and retention in La Plata, Archuleta, Montezuma, Dolores and San Juan counties. In addition to larger loans of \$100,000 or more, the CDBG program provides microloans to small businesses. So far, this CDBG contract has funded nine businesses totaling almost \$500,000.

"CDBG funding has been key to assisting numerous small businesses that are unable to receive financing through traditional means," said Laura Lewis Marchino, executive director of Region 9.

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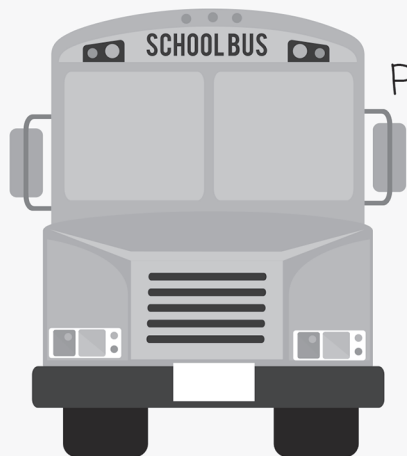


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LEGISLATURE

Bills passed as legislative sessions winds down

As we surge into the final week of the 2020 legislative session, we encounter roadblocks: cutting 25 percent of our budget, killing dozens of bills we had worked years to craft, debating, more debating, riots, COVID-19 and passing legislation to use our federal grants to address pandemic issues.

It isn't easy. Through all this, though, I am proud to have sponsored and passed several bills just this week with bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate:

- To help support a stronger future workforce, I sponsored House Bill 20-1002, College Credit for Work Experience, with Rep. Mark Baisley and Sens. Rachel Zenzinger and Tammy Story. It gives employees the opportunity to earn college credit for their work experience. Many people who are looking for a new job or want to pursue a college degree may now earn college credit for their years of working. The bill also allows students to test out of college courses and earn the credit without tuition.

- Along those same lines is Sen-

ate Bill 20-009, Expand Adult Education Grant Programs, with Rep. Marc Catlin and Sens. Rachel Zenzinger and Bob Rankin. This bill expands the opportunity for more people to attend Adult Education programs to earn their GED, which will give students tools to pursue better jobs, possibly getting away from government assistance, contribute to their community, and raise children who understand the value of education.

• Saving about \$600,000 a year, House Bill 20-1135, Replace High School Social Studies Assessment, removes the high school social studies assessment tests. I ran this bill with Rep. Perry Buck and Sens. Nancy Todd and Paul Lundeen. This test is given every three years to random students and the data

was not useful enough to instruct teachers' plans. Many testified that social studies tests should be essays, where students learn from history, not standardized, multiple-choice questions.

• To encourage more teachers to join the profession, I sponsored Senate Bill 20-158, Professional Training for Teachers, with Rep. Jim Wilson and Sen. Nancy Todd. It opens up more opportunities for teacher licensure by expanding access to alternative licensing programs and loan forgiveness programs, and specifies how those payments can be classified.

• To help District 59 rebound from the pandemic crisis, I sponsored Senate Bill 20-002, Rural Development Grant Program Creation, with Rep. Bri Buentello and Sens. Kerry Donavon and Don Coram. The REDI (Rural Economic Development Initiative) program funds grants for projects in rural communities that create new jobs through a new or existing employer or start projects that create diversity and resiliency in the local economies. The money will be

given to a local government, which serves as the grant administrator.

• Another bill to expand economic development in Southwest Colorado is Senate Bill 20-197, Aligning State and Federal Law on Hemp, which I ran with Rep. Marc Catlin and Sens. Steve Fenberg and Vicki Marble. This bill aligns state statutes with the federal statutes established in the 2018 Farm Bill. Colorado is leading the way in industrial hemp cultivation, processing and sale, and this bill will encourage the industry to grow.

• Finally, communities will now be able to use the surplus military vehicles they received from the federal government to aid in firefighting efforts. I sponsored Senate Bill 20-056, Surplus Military Vehicles on the Highway, with Rep. Perry Will and Sen. Crowder to allow these vehicles on the highway if they will be used for wildfire control.

I will continue to listen to the needs of my southwest Colorado constituents as we finish this most unusual legislative season, and I look forward to doing more next year.



Rep. McLachlan's Report

Moratorium on utility disconnections expires: Customers needing help encouraged to make payment arrangements or apply for assistance

Colorado Public Utilities Commission

With the temporary moratorium on utility disconnections lifted, the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) encourages customers behind on utility payments to arrange for a payment plan or apply for assistance.

On June 12, Gov. Jared Polis issued Executive Order D 2020 098, which provides relief and state support to public utility customers to mitigate, respond to and recover from the current economic disruption due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado. The latest order did not extend the temporary moratorium on utility disconnections, which was established by executive order

on March 20 and extended three times thereafter. It did, however, extend the suspension of accrual of late payment fees and the waiver of reconnection fees for all residential and small business customers for an additional 30 days.

To avoid disconnection, customers who have fallen behind on payments are encouraged to first contact their utility to set up a payment plan.

Residential customers of investor-owned utilities (Xcel Energy, Black Hills Energy, Atmos Energy, Colorado Natural Gas) also may prevent a shutoff by providing the utility company a "medical certification" from a doctor, or health practitioner acting under a doctor's supervision, stating that discon-

necting service would be especially dangerous to the health or safety of the customer or a permanent resident of the customer's household.

If a medical certification is given to the company, no shut off of service will occur for up to 90 days from the date of the certificate. A medical certificate can delay a disconnection for no more than 90 days during any consecutive 12-month period.

For more information about utility disconnections and collections, see the PUC's For-Your-Information fact sheet on "Your Rights as an Electric or Natural Gas Utility Customer."

If customers cannot reach an agreement with their utility, they may contact the PUC consumer affairs unit for assistance at (303) 894-2070 or by filing a complaint via the PUC website.

If a customer is having difficulty paying their energy bill or receives a disconnection notice, they may be eligible for assistance from Colorado's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) or Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC). To determine eligibility or to apply online, go to the Colorado Department of Human Services or call (866) HEAT-HELP [(866) 432-8435] to apply over the phone.

The PUC also requires investor-owned utilities to offer assistance through company-sponsored affordability programs for qualifying low-income customers. Customers should contact their local utility to see if they qualify.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, June 18

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors special meeting. 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way or join Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699137931?pwd=NXU1U3U4NHVpVGMpVmZNVUFYcXd1UT09>, meeting ID: 89699137931, password: 154634, or call (346) 248-7799.

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.

Thursday, June 25

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

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

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

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Health

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the decision-making body for this community," Wadley said. "I think unelected bureaucrats have no place in making decisions for this community."

Maez relayed a story about when he attended a SJBPH Board of Health meeting as a proxy for Schaaaf, who is a member of the board, and he took issue that he was not allowed to vote during the meeting due to provisions in the board's bylaws.

"It should not cost as much as it

does," Schaaaf said, referring to the cost of septic systems, adding, "Why do you need it to cost \$30,000 to put a septic system in? The max should be \$10,000."

Asked to comment on the commissioners' discussions, SJBPH Board of Directors President Ann Bruzzese wrote the following in an email to The SUN: "It is, of course, appropriate for Archuleta County to assess the best way for the County to meet its statutory obligations for public health."

"For 72 years, San Juan Basin

Public Health has effectively worked to assure that both Archuleta and La Plata County residents receive a wide variety of services including things like early childhood support, immunizations, substance abuse prevention, suicide prevention, health insurance access, environmental health and communicable disease control.

"The critical work to investigate communicable diseases is always important for the control of things like rabies, hepatitis, tuberculosis, and hanta virus, but obviously it

will be especially important for the County to assess how it will deliver such services during a global pandemic."

Jollon explained that, out of the 64 counties in Colorado, there are about 53 local public health agencies that only serve one county.

She reported that about 40 of those agencies have the county commissioners serving as the board of health.

Archuleta County has a population of about 12,000 and La Plata County has a population of about 56,000.

Schaaaf told The SUN Wednesday that he feels like Archuleta County is SJBPH's "step-child" in that he doesn't feel they put the same amount of staff time or attention to Archuleta County as they do La Plata.

Jollon said, "[The] population distribution is about an 80/20 split, so we spend four times the staff and resources and funding in La Plata County than we do in Pagosa, roughly."

Cost of septic systems

Schaaaf's goal of reducing the cost of septic systems in Archuleta County could prove difficult, even if the county forms its own health

department.

Mike Davis, engineer at Davis Engineering, explained that even if Archuleta County formed its own health department, it would still have to follow strict state regulations that govern septic systems.

"We're at the mercy of the state," he said, adding, "Even if the county decides to form their own health department, separate from San Juan Basin, they're still required to follow the state guidelines. It used to be that San Juan Basin Health significantly revised the state's guidelines to be a little more restrictive, but in the most recent revisions that the state made, San Juan Basin Health pretty much just adopted the state's regulations. They can be more stringent than the state, but they can't be less stringent."

Brian Devine, water and air quality program manager for SJBPH, told The SUN Tuesday that the state's septic requirements are outlined in state Regulation 43.

Devine explained there isn't much wiggle room for counties to deviate from what is outlined in that regulation.

"In general, any county that's regulating wastewater in their

county boundaries is going to have to comply with all of Reg 43," he said.

Devine explained that alternative systems, like composting toilets, are permitted in La Plata and Archuleta counties, but that a minimum 1,000-gallon septic system still needs to be installed for water from sinks, showers, etc.

In an interview Wednesday morning, Schaaaf noted that he believes another Colorado county uses ready-made septic plans that they issue citizens to drive the cost down.

Devine told The SUN last year that issuing already-designed septic plans "isn't something we can do."

Schaaaf explained that, even with strict state regulations, he is still working to reduce the cost of septic systems for Archuleta County residents, though he hasn't determined exactly how he can make that happen.

Maez suggested at the work session Tuesday that the next steps would be to form a task force that will investigate how feasible it is for Archuleta County to form its own health department and possibly break away from SJBPH.

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Planning commission approves recommendation to town council to remove member from commission

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Planning Commission approved a recommendation to the Pagosa Springs Town Council via a 4-1 vote at a special meeting on June 11 to remove Bill Hudson from the planning commission.

The special meeting was called with just over 24 hours notice.

After comments from the planning commission concerning Hudson and a response from Hudson, commission member Jeff Posey made a motion.

"I make a motion to approve a recommendation to the town council to remove Mr. Bill Hudson from the planning commission without cause," Posey said.

The motion was approved with Planning Commission Chair Peter Adams and members Posey, Mark

Weiler, Anne-Marie Sukcik, and Peter Hurley voting for the motion and planning commission member Chris Pitcher voting against.

The recommendation to remove Hudson from the planning commission stemmed from what Town Manager Andrea Phillips described in an interview on Wednesday as "issues related to perceived conflict of interest" and "standards of conduct of a member of the planning commission."

In a separate interview on Wednesday, Hudson explained that he believed this recommendation was due to "personality conflicts."

Phillips indicated that Town Council will consider the matter at a special meeting anticipated to be held June 25 at 5 p.m.

For more on this topic see next week's issue of The SUN.

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Local Single Entry Point program transitions to Community Connections

By Claire Ninde
San Juan Basin Public Health

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and Community Connections (CCI) are announcing an upcoming change to Single Entry Point (SEP) case management services in Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan counties.

Effective July 1, CCI will serve as the SEP case management agency for these three counties and SJBPH will end SEP operations.

SEP case management agencies coordinate services needed by individuals who are elderly or have a disability to safely remain in their homes and communities for as long as possible. These services may include homemaking, personal care, nonmedical transportation, home modifications, personal emergency response systems, medication management systems and respite care.

Individuals who are currently enrolled in services will not lose or have changes to their benefits or services due to this change.

SJBPH and CCI are working collaboratively to ensure a smooth transition for members, with recognition that older adults and individuals with disabilities are at heightened risk during this pandemic. Additionally, CCI is coordinating with SJBPH to employ all eligible case managers in an effort to maintain the working relationship between members and their current case managers through this transition.

All current members and service providers have been notified by mail of this change and do not need to take further action. Any questions may be directed to the following.

Current case management agency: San Juan Basin Public Health, 281 Sawyer Drive, Suite No. 300, Durango, CO 81303, 247-5702, www.sjbpublichealth.org.

As of July 1 new case management agency: Community Connections, 281 Sawyer Drive, Suite No. 200, Durango, CO 81303, 259-2464, www.communityconnectionsco.org.

For more information on SJBPH's programs, see: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/>.

COVID-19

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been since April 17.

SJBPH Director of Communications Claire Ninde explained to The SUN in an email: "Recently, we have had a visitor from another county in Colorado test positive in Archuleta County, as well as a visitor from Arizona who tested positive. Additionally we had 2 New Mexico visitors test positive in La Plata County."

In a separate email, Ninde explained, "In most cases, SJBPH does not receive information on someone who tests positive in one of the two counties we serve but resides elsewhere. Those individuals would be counted in the county of their residence. Because we do not receive this information, we cannot include these cases in our count."

Ninde explained there is no system in place for counties to be alerted to positive cases of travelers.

"This new positive case in Archuleta County is a reminder to everyone to be vigilant about wearing a mask, social distancing and

washing your hands," Bruzzese's email states.

Regional case counts

As of 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Archuleta County was reported as still having eight confirmed cases, with La Plata County having 85 cases (with one death among cases), Conejos having 7, Rio Grande logging 55, Mineral having two and Hinsdale tallying three.

Neighboring and near Archuleta County to the south, Rio Arriba County listed 59 cases and one death, and San Juan County, N.M., listed 2,129 cases and 151 deaths as of Tuesday afternoon.

The Jicarilla Apache Nation, which largely falls within Rio Arriba County, has announced 10 cases.

Governor announces next phase of reopening

Gov. Jared Polis announced Monday that additional guidance be released this week under the state's Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors order, and draft guidance for the state's next

phase, Protect Our Neighbors, has been released for public feedback.

Feedback on the draft framework must be provided by 11:59 p.m. today, Thursday, June 18, at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/protect-our-neighbors-feedback>.

Polis indicated Protect Our Neighbors will include a broad state framework and a more regional approach.

According to a press release from the state, "Local communities will have the ability to enter the Protect Our Neighbors phase in late June, if they meet thresholds that will be defined in the order and guidance. Thresholds will include a local community's ability to contain surges in cases and outbreaks through testing, case investigation, contact tracing, isolation, quarantine, site-specific closures, and the enforcement of public health orders."

For more information on Protect Our Neighbors, visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/protect-our-neighbors>.

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Fires

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tained and controlled, according to Godson.

The Plumtaw fire, which is about 5 acres, has been worked on by fire crews since June 15 to be contained, according to Godson's email.

"Crews are utilizing hose lays and support from the Pagosa Springs Fire Protection District water tender to mop-up hot spots. The fire is expected to be controlled at the end of shift of the 17th. Smoke may still be visible today," she wrote.

The Sand Creek fire, about 9.5 acres, is 21 miles northwest of Pagosa Springs and is burning in the Little Sand burn scar in the Piedra Special Management Area, Godson's email notes.

"Smokejumpers parachuted into the fire area on the 16th. After assessing the fire on the ground, the decision was made not to engage due to hazardous snags, heavy fuel loads, and difficult terrain," her email reads. "A Type 1 helicopter will be utilized today to provide water drops on the fire. The

smokejumpers will be extracted, and a wildland fire module will be flown into the Sand Bench area to assess containment options. The public is asked to be aware of fire activity before recreating in the Sand Creek area."

Smoke from the Sand Creek fire will be visible during the duration of the incident, according to Godson's email.

Smoke is expected to be visible from Piedra Road and Pagosa Springs, her email explains.

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Hector

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"I served at various positions up the western slope of Colorado, including night stocker, night crew foreman, customer-relations manager, day foreman and assistant store manager," Hector wrote, adding that on his birthday in 1994, he and his family made the move to Pagosa Springs, where he would take on the role of store manager.

The best part of the entire experience for Hector has been the relationships that he's built over the years, he explained.

"I have had the honor to serve with our core group of associates

for over 26 years, those I joined when I rolled into town and who continue serving our community through our store," he wrote.

Hector also praised those who have joined the team along the way and bringing their talents to the City Market family.

Additionally, Hector took time to praise the customers of the local City Market.

"Your words of encouragement over the years have been impactful," he wrote.

Despite the many challenges that one can face in a small mountain community like Pagosa

Spring, Hector praised the local community for its understanding and grace.

According to a press release, Hector plans to travel with his wife and explore in his retirement.

"This past season has reminded us all to take nothing for granted and to remember the blessing of living where we are still a first name basis community," he wrote. "We live in a truly, beautiful place where others come to vacation and retire. Remember, every day is a gift from God, that's why it's called The Present. Look for the treasure in each and every day!"

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Correction

In the June 11 edition of The SUN, it was mistakenly reported that June 22 was the last day to request a replacement ballot for the June 30 primary election.

In fact, June 22 is the last day that the Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder's Office can mail a replacement ballot, but ballots can be obtained until 7 p.m.

on Election Day, June 30.

Also, Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta's name was misspelled as Kristi Archuleta.

Candidates were also referred to as "Democrat" when the correct reference is "Democratic."

The SUN regrets the errors.

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Education

School district moves forward with alternative high school

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District Board of Education heard about and moved forward with items related to the district's newest school, San Juan Mountain School (SJMS), at its regular meeting on June 9.

SJMS is slated to be an alternative high school on the campus of Pagosa Springs High School that is anticipated to open with up to 40 students in the fall.

A modular housing the school was originally slated to be placed near the district's vocational building, but, as Project Manager Todd Stevens told the board, drainage is an issue in the area.

Instead, Stevens proposed that the modular be placed on district-owned land to the north of the school's parking lot and explained that doing that would require consolidating several lots.

Stevens presented a visual of the SJMS building on the lot, with that rendering also showing a potential future building trades building on the same vacant land, which caused several board members to express concern.

Superintendent Linda Reed and Board of Education President Brooks Lindner informed the board that the location of the building

trades building at the site is just an idea and visual that could help Build Pagosa with its fundraising for that particular building, with both noting the focus for next fall is on the new alternative high school.

Board member Bob Lynch suggested that it would be best to frame the building trades discussion separately.

Several of the board members expressed their support for the lot consolidation, but also their concern that more site-planning discussions or discussions about the usefulness of the parcel to the school district take place before any decisions are made to build on the land.

Board member Dana Hayward suggested that locating both buildings on the parcel would create limitations if either program were to expand in the future — a point Finance Director Mike Hodgson conceded they had not looked at.

Hodgson and Stevens also informed the board the benefits of consolidating the lot include more flexibility in placing buildings on the site, noting the consolidation could be undone in the future, and Hodgson noted he believes selling the parcels would be a mistake.

Board President Brooks Lindner suggested the motion should focus on the lot consolidation for the

alternative high school modular.

Board member Bruce Dryburgh indicated it was clear to him consolidating the lots is the "sensible thing" to do.

Later in the meeting, the board voted unanimously to move forward with the lot consolidation.

At the same meeting, the board also heard the first reading of a policy setting the graduation requirements for the school.

School Principal Stewart Bellina explained that she took the board's advice and looked at regional and area schools, and worked with a team that includes the school's teachers, Scott White and Andy Guinn.

They decided, she noted, to require 22 credits to graduate — the same as GOAL Academy and similar to other high schools in the area.

Pagosa Springs High School requires 28 credits, Bellina noted later.

"As the San Juan Mountain School seeks to establish graduation requirements, one thought is paramount," a report to the board states. "We would like to make sure that our graduating class of seniors is well prepared for the transition out of high school to post-secondary education or to workforce participation."

That document also details the

proposed requirement for graduation:

"Language arts: 4 credits

"Math: 3 credits (including pre-Algebra, Algebra 1 and something beyond)

"Science: 2 credits (including 1 laboratory science)

"Social studies: 3 credits (including U.S. History, World History, civics/ geography)

"PE / Health: 2 credits

"Technology: 1 credit

"ICAP: .5 credit

"Leadership: .5 credit

"Capstone project: 1 credit

"Additional 5 credits of electives (freshman seminar, internship, humanities, etc)."

Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares, who also worked as part of the team on the graduation requirements, explained the state is moving toward competency.

"It's going to be a great addition," Lindner stated following more discussion on the matter.

Bellina stated the school already had more than 20 applicants at that time, and later noted that the school wants to work with students to tailor the required credits to the students' career-readiness plans, such as taking a technology class that will provide applicable skills for their desired work environment.

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Honor student Grant Aucoin nominated for the Congress of Future Medical Leaders

National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists

Grant Aucoin, a senior at Pagosa Springs High School, is a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders on June 24-26.

The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical research fields. The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country interested in these careers to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal.

Aucoin's nomination was signed by Dr. Mario Capecchi, winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine and the science director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent Colorado based on his academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve



Grant Aucoin

humanity in the field of medicine.

During the three-day congress, Aucoin will join students from across the country and hear Nobel

laureates and National Medal of Science winners talk about leading medical research; be given advice from Ivy League and top medical school deans on what to expect in medical school; witness stories told by patients who are living medical miracles; be inspired by fellow teen medical science prodigies; and learn about cutting-edge advances and the future in medicine and medical technology.

This is a crucial time in America when we need more doctors and medical scientists who are even better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially. Focused, bright and determined students like Aucoin are our future and he deserves all the mentoring and guidance we can give him.

The academy offers free services and programs to students who want to become physicians or go into medical science. Some of the services and programs the academy offers are online social networks

through which future doctors and medical scientists can communicate; opportunities for students to be guided and mentored by physicians and medical students; and communications for parents and students on college acceptance and finances, skills acquisition, internships, career guidance and more.

The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists was founded on the belief that we must identify prospective medical talent at the earliest possible age and help these students acquire the necessary experience and skills to take them to the doorstep of this vital career. Based in Washington, D.C., and with offices in Boston, Mass., the academy was chartered as a nonpartisan, taxpaying institution to help address this crisis by working to identify, encourage and mentor students who wish to devote their lives to the service of humanity as physicians, medical scientists.

Build Pagosa names charities for matching funds challenge

By Kim Elzinga
Special to The SUN

Build Pagosa (BP) has identified seven local charities to receive donations raised throughout this past year and collected from members of the community who have participated in BP's matching funds challenge.

Those charities include United Methodist Church Food Bank, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Food

Bank, Amazing Grace Church Food Bank, Catholic Church Food Bank, Restoration Fellowship Church Food Bank, TARA (Arboles) Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity Archuleta County.

BP will be distributing \$1,000 to each charity primarily through donations received from its annual fundraiser, Sledz on the Rez, and from "give backs" from Pagosa Springs High School seniors who decided to support

their community instead of receive a graduation gift from the nonprofit.

Any additional donations received from the community through the matching funds challenge will be divided equally amongst the seven charities.

"The board decided that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the immediate need in our community is for basic things like food, so most of the donations will be

going to local food banks. Plus, it's what the kids wanted, too," said BP's director, Traci Bishop. "We are beyond amazed at these kids and what big hearts they have. It's an honor to be able to support their wishes."

For more information on the matching funds challenge, contact Bishop (tbishop7866@gmail.com).

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Call on Four Mile Creek impacts diversion flows

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As of June 10, water from Four Mile Creek has been turned off due to a call on the creek, leading to a drop in collective diversion flows, according to Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

Last year, water from Four Mile was turned off on July 24, according to Ramsey in an interview on Monday.

"The average day that it's turned off is June 13, the mean is June 15, so we're not that far off," he said. "It's the mean. I'm not overly wor-

ried. I would prefer to keep it on. From here on out Hatcher is going to start dropping."

According to a press release from Ramsey, total diversion flows are now at 4.3 cubic feet per second (cfs) due to the loss of the water from the Four Mile diversion.

Last week, total diversion flows were listed at 5.8 cfs.

This week, the West Fork diversion is still contributing 3 cfs and the San Juan diversion is adding another 1.3 cfs.

As of June 15, three local lakes are full, according to Ramsey's press release. Stevens Lake, Lake Pagosa and Village Lake all remain

full, as they were last week.

Hatcher Lake has dropped from full to 1 inch from full, or 99.69 percent full, this week.

Lake Forest remains at 2 inches from full, or 99.24 percent full, this week.

From June 5 to June 11 of this year, water production totaled 16.24 million gallons.

At that same time last year, water production totaled 14.66 million gallons.

Contributing to this year's total, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 4.83 million gallons of water, the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 6.71 million gallons

and the San Juan water treatment plant produced 4.70 million gallons. From May 29 through June 4 of this year, water production was 11.64 million gallons.

River report

As of Wednesday, the San Juan River had a reported flow of 221 cfs, well below the average for June 17 of 1,260 cfs.

The highest reported flow total for the San Juan on June 17 came in 1995, when the river had a flow of 4,080 cfs.

The lowest reported flow total came in 2002, when the San Juan River had a flow of 41.4 cfs.

Town, county to give partial refund to school district for SROs

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Archuleta School District will receive a partial refund of mill levy override (MLO) from the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County Sheriff's Office following the school district's move to distance learning due to coronavirus, which reduced the need for school resource officers (SROs) on the district's campuses.

Superintendent Linda Reed told the district's Board of Education

about the partial refund at the board's meeting on June 9.

Following the closure to in-person education, each of the SROs was reassigned within their respective departments, Reed's report notes.

"Because of this situation, both the Town of Pagosa Springs and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office are providing a partial refund to the district of the MLO funds that were not expended for services rendered by the officers," her report states. "We truly appreciate our partner-

ship with these two organizations and look forward to their ongoing support when schools re-open in the 20-21 school year."

Reed also announced that Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Deputy Dylaina Gauvey will serve as the one of the district's SROs after another moved away from the area, adding that Gauvey also has a degree in education and has worked as a teacher and a coach.

In other business at the meeting:
• Reed acknowledged Finance Director Mike Hodgson for his

work on the budget and diligence in keeping the district financially stable.

• Informed the board that, despite poor weather, the May 30 graduation was one of the best she has been involved with and thanked those who worked to put it together.

• The board reviewed the district's consolidated application for federal funds through title programs that help provide additional support for students.

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Habitat for Humanity postpones building House 28 due to pandemic

By Lori Henricksen
Habitat for Humanity

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." — Jimmy Dean.

Affordable homeownership for Archuleta County families is our "destination." There are times that we need to adjust to reach that destination — and one of those times is now. The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically affected our ability to ensure the volunteer labor force and worksite safety requirements necessary to build House 28 this summer.

Unfortunately, we have had to

make the difficult decision to postpone the build until next summer.

We've been partnering with our House 28 family since September of last year. They completed their homeowner education classes, qualified for an affordable mortgage and were starting their sweat equity hours. They are ready for homeownership. So, instead of going half-mast, they adjusted their sails and found an existing home that their mortgage could be transferred to. We are thrilled that they are on track to be homeowners this summer, and that their home will provide a strong foundation to build strength, stability and self-reliance for their family.

Be assured that we're not sailing off into the sunset for the rest of the year. We will be focusing on our Neighbors Helping Neighbors repair program. This utilizes smaller volunteer teams and conditions that can be more easily adapted to safety requirements. We still need all hands on deck. If you can volunteer some time to help seniors safely age in place, let us know. We have a variety of projects and times to volunteer for.

We'll also use this time to chart our course for the new build in 2021. We're currently reviewing applications for partner families, and will be selecting the 2021 family this fall. The pandemic has

accentuated the need for affordable workforce housing in our community — all of our applicants work in jobs that provide necessary services to our community.

The wind will be changing — and Habitat Archuleta will stay on course to build and improve safe, affordable homes that provide a stabilizing force for families, their neighborhoods and our community.

Please join us — a donation of your time or money helps someone help themselves to a better life.

Executive Director Lori Henricksen may be reached via email at director@habitatarchuleta.org or by calling 264-6960.

Youth football organizers seeking input

By Aubrie Limebrook
Pagosa Springs Youth Football Association

Pagosa Springs Youth Football Association is working to get an idea on how many kids will be interested in playing football this 2020 season.

There are still questions and uncertainties with the exact details because of COVID-19, but in order to move forward, we would like to better know an amount of players and interest in the program.

If regulations allow, practices would begin in August. Games are

still being decided based on other teams in our area. If there are not enough teams, state regulations become stricter or other complications arise, the board and coaches would like to still do a six-week football camp so that we don't lose the momentum of learning the game and staying active.

Email pagosaspringsyouth-football@gmail.com by June 30 if your child is interested in playing, their age and if they played before. We are also looking for coaches and volunteers.

We will have more information coming out soon. Thank you for your help.

Accident leads to minor injuries, driver charged with DUI

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A single-vehicle accident that occurred on June 7 on U.S. 84 led to two parties suffering minor to moderate injuries and the driver of the vehicle being charged with driving under the influence, among other things.

Around 6 p.m. on June 7, a 2019 Toyota pickup truck was southbound on U.S. 84 and went off the right side of the roadway, came back up to the highway and ended up going airborne, according to Colorado State Patrol Trooper Josh Lewis.

The truck's front end eventually made impact with the highway when it came down, Lewis de-

scribed.

The driver of the vehicle, Amanda Vigil, 22, of Farmington, N.M., suffered minor injuries, Lewis explained.

The passenger of the vehicle, Andrew Gunhammer, 20, of Dulce, N.M., suffered "minor to moderate injuries," according to Lewis.

"Fortunately, it was not as bad as it could be," Lewis said of the accident.

Vigil was charged with careless driving causing bodily injury, driving under the influence and driving without a valid driver's license, according to Lewis.

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4CORE offering energy audits

By Molly Morris
Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency

The Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE) is seeking older, income-qualified residents in Archuleta and La Plata County to participate in a free energy efficiency audit and installation program.

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Outdoors



DUST2 announces Treasure Mountain Forest Service Partnership Project: Installing critical switchbacks

DUST2

Whether you hike, bike or ride a horse, please join DUST2 for a four-day trail building/restoration partnership project led by Tyler Albers, Trails and Wilderness, San Juan National Forest, Pagosa Ranger District and his trail crew that will focus on installing critical switchback on the upper portion of the nonmotorized Treasure Trail Connector.

This is a 0.75-mile long section of trail connecting the Continental Di-

vide Trail (CDT) to FS 725 and onto the Treasure Trail.

This trail, which was established last year, allows riders to simply pull off the highway and park at Wolf Creek Pass, ride the CDT up to the Bonanza Lift, then drop down onto the Treasure Trail and provides mountain bikers, hikers and horseback riders access to the Treasure Mountain Trail from FS Road 725, avoiding a 3-mile dirt road drive or ride to the trail head.

This year's project will focus on the installation of critical switch-

backs and turns on the upper portion of the connector trail.

Volunteers can expect to hike a mile to the work site each day. Though you can anticipate some pretty arduous work days, the DUST2 wheel club will do its best to make it super fun and rewarding.

The goal is to fill all 40 trail worker slots before July 27.

Work will be done Aug. 1 through Aug. 4, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day.

Camp/staging area will be set up at the end of FS Road 725. You do not

have to camp to join trail work days.

The Treasure Trail is the crown jewel of our area mountain bike trails. Seemingly endless miles of sweeping single-track descending 2,000 vertical feet from Wolf Creek Pass down to East Fork Road.

The purpose of this project is to install critical switchbacks on the new connector trail, thereby allowing for better and more aesthetic flow and continuity to the Treasure Mountain Trail.

Not only will this project increase ridability to this iconic trail, but it will be another important step toward solidifying a valuable trail-planning partnership with our local U.S. Forest Service district.

It is critical that the members of the Pagosa mountain bike community step up and show support for trail construction and expansion. Please join us.

Logistics: The DUST2 Wheel Club has accepted the challenge of providing 10 volunteers a day to join Albers and his trail crew for this four-day project. While it is our goal to have 10 people camp for all four days, we realize that this may not be realistic, so we have broken the four work days into 40 volunteer slots to fulfill the same goal.

Camping volunteers are expected to be self-sufficient for as many days as you camp. You can camp for as many nights as you would like. DUST2 will provide a tent and tables to serve as a gathering area for eating meals and hanging out in the evening. This will not act as a kitchen; each individual camper is responsible for their own food prep area.

Day volunteers will need to arrive in time to join the 7 a.m. briefing and stay as long as they are able.

All volunteers will be expected to have work gloves; long work pants; sturdy, closed-toe shoes; eye protection; sunscreen; and water.

For questions or more information, contact talktous@dustx2.com



Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

A cow elk watches over several calf elk in the Chromo area this past week. Travelers are encouraged to watch for young wildlife on the roadways as there are plenty of new little ones out and about.

Personal-use firewood and rock permits offered with free-use permits

By Esther Godson
San Juan National Forest

The San Juan National Forest is extending its availability of free permits for personal-use firewood cutting to the general public through Sept. 30. In addition to its extension of the free-use firewood permits, the forest is also allowing visitors to prudently collect up to 250 pounds of rock under free-use conditions.

Rock permits are required for 250 pounds of rock or more. The free-use permits are for personal use only and exclude commercial purposes. Forest users are asked to comply with normal permit re-

quirements and Forest regulations, even when collecting forest products under the free-use allowance.

These free-use permits are valid for cutting up to and a maximum of 10 cords of personal-use firewood. A cord is the amount of tightly piled wood in a stack 4 feet high by 4 feet wide by 8 feet long. The authorization packets are limited to one per household and only individuals that are 18 years or older may participate in the free personal-use firewood program.

The Forest is providing free-use firewood authorization packets to the public in the following way:

- An individual can pick up an

authorization packet at any one of the four national forest offices during regular business hours. A self-service table will be located near the front entrance at each office. Forest staff require that woodcutters leave contact information in the on-site drop box when picking up their packet.

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

For forest visitors needing a permit to collect 250 pounds of rock or more, permit requests can be made by phone, email or standard mail. Those seeking rock permits should expect a two-week timeframe to complete the process, though access to email and a scanner will facilitate a faster turnaround.

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

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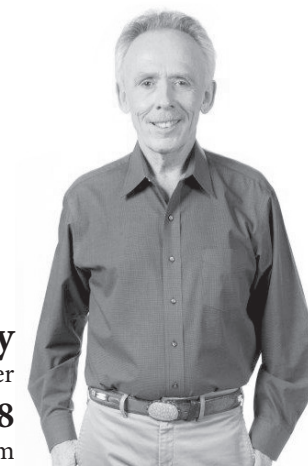
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Protect yourself from wildfire smoke during COVID-19

By Claire Ninde
San Juan Basin Public Health

As southwest Colorado enters wildfire season while still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) advises the public to take measures to protect themselves from both the novel virus and wildfire smoke.

Protecting oneself is especially critical for those who are susceptible to or who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, those with compromised immune systems and those with health conditions that make them additionally susceptible to smoke.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, exposure to wildfire pollutants can irritate lungs, cause inflammation, alter immune function and increase susceptibility

to respiratory infections, including COVID-19.

The most important precaution for people to take when wildfire smoke becomes heavy in an area is to stay home and indoors as much as possible. If this is not possible, people should wear a face covering, but most face coverings will provide only partial protection against wildfire pollutants.

SJBPH recommends staying indoors, reducing activity and using HEPA air cleaners indoors to reduce overall smoke exposure. Another option that should be considered for sensitive individuals is temporary relocation out of the smoky area, if possible.

Cloth face coverings that are used to slow the spread of COVID-19 offer little protection against harmful air pollutants in wildfire smoke because these coverings do not capture most small particles in smoke. Masks with

better filtering such as N95s provide the best protection against wildfire smoke particulates, but generally do not remove wildfire smoke gasses. Because of the presence of smoke gasses and because N95s and other medical-grade masks are used by frontline health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, the best response to wildfire smoke becoming heavy in your area is to remain indoors.

Populations known to be vulnerable to wildfire smoke exposure include:

- Children less than 18 years;
- Adults age 65 years or older;
- Pregnant women;
- People with chronic health conditions such as heart or lung disease, including asthma and diabetes;
- Outdoor workers;
- People of low socioeconomic status, including those who are homeless and with limited access to

medical care.

Populations who might also be at high risk from wildfire smoke because of COVID-19 include those who are immunocompromised or taking drugs that suppress the immune system and those with or recovering from COVID-19—because of compromised heart and lung function due to COVID-19, they may be at increased risk of health effects from exposure to wildfire smoke.

Respiratory symptoms such as dry cough, sore throat and difficulty breathing are common to both wildfire smoke exposure and COVID-19. If you are experiencing severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing or chest pain, you should seek prompt medical attention by calling 911 or calling ahead to the nearest emergency facility.

For more information on coronavirus, see: sjbpublichealth.org/ coronavirus.

Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County sells commemorative bricks to honor veterans

By Richard Walker
American Legion Post 108

The Veterans Memorial Park (VMP) board of directors held its June 11 meeting outdoors at the VMP. The weather was lovely at 9 a.m. and we all enjoyed being outdoors and at the park.

Attendance were board President Karin Daniels and board members Jim Van Liere, Trista Nauman, Bill Beno, Jim Huffman, Raymond Taylor and Rick Walker.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new trash receptacle for everyone visiting the park to use. Please only deposit your picnic trash, nothing from home. We also now have a "Porta Potti" at the park.

Our "Brick Display," which will hold the commemorative bricks we are selling to honor the veterans in our families, is being fabri-

cated now and should be installed soon this summer. Board member and engineer Van Liere showed us where the installation will be placed, and we all look forward to its installation and dedication. An announcement will be forthcoming to inform every one of that date.

Trail improvement is planned for later this month, with Beno leading the charge on that project with his tractor. After the trails are further cut, we will work to remove debris and then install bark mulch on the trails for easier walking.

A weed mitigation plan is also evolving to improve the look and usability of the park areas. Down the road awhile, we plan to expand the parking area to double its current size.

As the meeting was ending, we noticed a young lady in a safety vest picking up trash in the park.



Photo courtesy Bill Beno
The Veterans Memorial Park board of directors held its June 11 meeting outdoors at the park. Pictured are, left to right, Rick Walker, Jim Huffman, Trista Nauman (board members), Diane Gutman (guest, volunteer), Karin Daniels (board president) and James Van Liere (board member).

Navajo State Park receives \$8,830 GOCO grant for watercraft decontamination system

By Lauren Lecy
Great Outdoors Colorado

The Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) board awarded a \$8,830 grant to Navajo State Park and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to install an on-demand watercraft decontamination system to prevent the spread of invasive species.

The grant is part of GOCO's CPW Director's Innovation Fund, a partnership between GOCO and CPW. The program is designed to fund small-dollar, innovative projects across the agency.

Traditionally, boats are decontaminated using hot water pressure washers, which are noisy, require frequent refueling, and are expensive to maintain and operate. On-demand decontamination systems use propane-fueled water heaters, which are more effective in removing invasive species by keeping the water at a consistent temperature. These systems are also silent when running, allowing for clearer communication between operators and boaters and minimizing the risk of accidents. In addition, costs associated with maintaining on-demand systems are much lower than the existing pressure washers.

Navajo Reservoir is one of the highest-risk bodies of water in the state for potential introduction of invasive animals and plants. The reservoir sees more large and complex boats than most others in Colorado, which pose a higher risk of transporting unwanted species. It is also a destination for out-of-state boaters due to its proximity to Arizona and New Mexico, and locals are more likely to venture to infested waters in other states.

If introduced, zebra and quagga mussels, two invasive species that disrupt aquatic ecosystems, would have the potential to thrive in the habitat at the park. Once established, there are currently no known eradication methods in open water. Effectively killing and removing these species from watercraft prior to launch is important to avoid long-lasting ecological damage.

To date, GOCO has invested more than \$9.2 million in projects in Archuleta County and conserved more than 21,000 acres of land there. GOCO funding has supported Pagosa Skyrocket State Natural Area, Pagosa Springs Town-to-Lakes Trail, the conservation of Catspaw Ranch and the Archuleta County Fairgrounds, among other projects.

GOCO invests a portion of Colo-

rado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers and open spaces. GOCO's independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts, and makes investments through CPW.

Created when voters approved a constitutional amendment in 1992, GOCO has since funded more than 5,300 projects in all 64 counties of Colorado without any tax dollar support. Visit GOCO.org for more information.

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 §38-38-10(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 liens thereon.

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. 77669
Also known by street and number as: 579 Stevens Cir., Pagosa Springs, CO 81447.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, I hereby give notice that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 07/30/2020, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office, 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81447, 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 attorney's 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 6/14/2020
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:
Irene Dell'Acqua #31755
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
Attorney File # CO-20-981861-LL
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 Falcon Pl
Pagosa Springs, CO 81447
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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. 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 81447-1507, by phone to (970) 264-1390 or by email to bcaldener@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.
Published June 4, 11 and 18, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
CLARENCE W. CARPENTER JR.
8610 CEDAR BRAKE DRIVE
HOUSTON, TX 77055
MARIE E. CARPENTER
8610 CEDAR BRAKE DRIVE
HOUSTON, TX 77055
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to
KENT TAYLOR
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 567 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689.
Account Number: R015579
Schedule Number: 589316103108
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03706
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to KENT TAYLOR
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015.
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of CLARENCE W. CARPENTER JR. and MARIE E. CARPENTER for said year 2015.
That said KENT TAYLOR on the 20th day of May 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property.
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to KENT TAYLOR
On the 28th day of October 2020, unless the same has been redeemed.
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Witness my hand this 1st day of June 2020
/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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ELVIRA CASAMAYOR
14703 REDWOOD BEND TRAIL
HOUSTON, TX 77062-2107
JOAQUIN CASAMAYOR
14703 REDWOOD BEND TRAIL
HOUSTON, TX 77062-2107
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KENT TAYLOR
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 533 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689.
Account Number: R015360
Schedule Number: 589315304030
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03701
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to KENT TAYLOR

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015.
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of ELVIRA CASAMAYOR and JOAQUIN CASAMAYOR for said year 2015.
That said KENT TAYLOR on the 20th day of May 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property.
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/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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BRIAN M. WRIGHT
41 TEMPLE ROAD
DOBSBS FERRY, NY 10522
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to
KENT TAYLOR
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 74 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689.
Account Number: R015803
Schedule Number: 589316408036
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03709
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to KENT TAYLOR
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015.
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of BRIAN M. WRIGHT for said year 2015.
That said KENT TAYLOR on the 20th day of May 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property.
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to KENT TAYLOR
On the 28th day of October 2020, unless the same has been redeemed.
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Witness my hand this 4th day of June 2020
/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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CRUZ'S BOAT STORAGE
CR. 982
ARBOLES, CO 81121
To satisfy a storage lien against the named individual, pursuant to state law set forth in C.R.S. 38-21-5-101, the listed property and any additional property in that unit, will be sold on July 2, 2020.
Outside storage- these items belong to David Woods 631 Lake Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81447. 2002 Wood Forest 27 Ft. Travel Trailer.
For more information, contact Lloyd Cruz at 970-883-2223 or 970-769-2410
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JOSEPH HENRY BETRIX
15930 W. SHERWOOD ROAD
PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81447
JOSEPH HENRY BETRIX
P O BOX 1224
PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81447
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to
KENT TAYLOR
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 633 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689.
Account Number: R015345
Schedule Number: 589315302015
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03700
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to KENT TAYLOR
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015.
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of JOSEPH HENRY BETRIX for said year 2015.
That said KENT TAYLOR on the 20th day of May 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property.
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The Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District is accepting bids to upgrade to their existing SCADA system. The project generally consists of:
1. Installing an independent ethernet connection between Pump Stations 1 & 2. This will allow a dedicated connection between the two critical facilities independent of the ISP and is not prone to communication outages.
2. Upgrade its three telephone based pump station monitoring units to an independent ethernet system that is integrated into the overall SCADA system.
3. Three Bid Alternates (Categories E,F,G) are a la carte bid items related to the SCADA improvements.
Bid specifics and forms are available online at <http://www.pagosaprinings.gov> through the "Invitation to Bid" link or contact the Town Public Works Department at 970-264-4151 x251.
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Sealcoat Road Maintenance Program
The Town of Pagosa Springs is continuing the sealcoating program this summer. The process of seal coating helps to preserve asphalt pavements. The product we are using, "Liquid Road" acts as a sealer and a wear surface. Seal coating is similar to painting a house, the paint protects the infrastructure below it and extends the life of the structure.
The Town is going to seal coat the roads where the treatment will be the most effective. This process requires that the road is closed to traffic for at least 24 hours. Town staff are going to phase the treatment to minimize the impact of the road closures, but there will be times that you will not be able to access your property from the treated road or may be detoured on a slightly different route. Door hangers will be placed on the properties directly affected by the closures in advance of the treatment. This treatment is scheduled to begin on the week of June 29th and continue until the list is complete or weather shuts the project down. Please call Public Works at 970-264-4151 x251 with any questions.
The roads that the Streets Division plan on treating in 2019 are (Alphabetical): 15th Pl., Alta Dr., Apple St., Bienville Cr., Boulder Dr., Cornerstone Dr., Harman Park Dr., Hill Crest Dr., La Paz Ct., Mesa Dr., N 5th - Dog Alley to Cemetery Rd., N 6th - Florida to Cemetery Rd., Navajo - 7th to 10th, San Juan St.
Sorry for the inconvenience that this program might cause, please bear with us while we work to improve Pagosa Springs' roads.
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Karen Jones
Property is at:
23 Ranchland Dr.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81447
970-731-0413
Belongs to Will Byrd
1101 N. Garfield
Amarillo, TX 79107
Used building materials
No later than 20 June 2020
Published June 18, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*.

She has been doing this every Thursday all on her own without anyone asking her to do it. Now that's volunteerism.

Public Notices

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Forest restoration work underway on Jackson Mountain

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

Work to improve forest health on Jackson Mountain is currently underway and is expected to continue into the winter months.

Jackson Mountain is located on the east end of Archuleta County as you drive from town toward Wolf Creek Pass.

"The purpose of the work is to improve the resistance of forests on Jackson Mountain to drought, insects and wildfire and promote young aspen stands in areas where this tree species is in decline," wrote Esther Godson, public affairs officer for the San Juan National Forest, in an email to The SUN.

Godson wrote that the work on Jackson Mountain is part of a stewardship contract awarded by the U.S. Forest Service to local contractor JR Ford and part of the work is being monitored

by researchers from Colorado State University, Rocky Mountain Research Station and Mountain Studies Institute.

"In this case, we're working in a forest that historically would have been predominantly pine, but the white fir has taken it over, so we're removing a lot of white fir just to give the pine a chance to come back," Ford said in an interview Monday.

Ford added that the work will allow both pine trees and aspens to come back in the area.

Ford explained that the U.S. Forest Service has determined which trees stay and which get cut down and removed, which is different than similar projects he's worked on in the past.

"When we were at Echo [Lake] they gave us a prescription and we were making the decision on the removal of trees. In this case, they've marked every tree they

want kept," he said.

Ford noted all the white fir and Douglas fir trees will go to a startup company based in Dolores that will ultimately use the trees to make plywood.

Ford explained that his company will take the pine trees to its sawmill.

He added that he was "shocked" by how many hikers, bikers and campers utilize Jackson Mountain and that there are many trails up there that aren't legal.

"There's a lot of trails up there that people other than the Forest Service have built without permission and have been there for years, and people are using them," he said, adding, "When we're actually working in those areas, are we blocking those trails? Yeah, you wouldn't want to ride your bike through when we're working. When we're done you can ride through without any problem."

Ford explained that they aren't clear-cutting the forest, only taking out what Forest Service experts have determined should be removed to improve the overall health of the forest, though noted one area of the project currently looks pretty bare.

"On the very north end of the project, there was a high removal of white fir, so there weren't many pine trees and there weren't many Doug firs up there," he said. "So, you have large open areas up there, but the only way you're gonna get those other species to come back is to remove that white fir."

Ford reported that, starting this week, the large piles of wood will begin to be chipped.

"Once the piles are chipped and we go back in and reseed the landing areas — that will, a year from now, that will look totally different," he said.

john@pagosasun.com



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The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over two weeks: 335.

June 1 — Criminal mischief, County Road 600.

June 1 — Death investigation-death investigation, Escobar Avenue.

June 1 — County warrant, county warrant, South 6th Street.

June 2 — Under investigation, no location listed.

June 2 — Dog at large (third offense no injury), Summit Trail.

June 3 — Information only, U.S. 84/Blanco River.

June 3 — False imprisonment, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, U.S. 84.

June 3 — Domestic violence, violation of restraining order, harassment by phone or computer, threaten bodily injury, Eight Mile Mesa Road.

June 3 — Drove vehicle without valid driver's license, improper registration, failed to display valid registration, drove vehicle without insurance, U.S. 160.

June 3 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

June 4 — Trespass warning, U.S. 160.

June 4 — All other thefts, computer crime-misdemeanor, Cloud Cap Avenue.

June 4 — Stopped/parked/abandoned vehicle on paved portion of highway, Canyon Circle/Highland Avenue.

June 5 — Under investigation, no location listed.

June 5 — Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, Lake View Drive.

June 5 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, second-degree assault-caused intended serious injury, Seminole Drive.

June 5 — Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, Flicker Lane/Buttercup Drive.

June 6 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.

June 6 — Warrant arrest, South 6th Street.

June 6 — Information only, East Golf Place.

June 7 — Violation of restraining order, Meadows Drive.

June 7 — Criminal mischief, County Road 982.

June 8 — Second-degree burglary, criminal mischief, Squaw Canyon Place.

June 8 — Trespass warning, County Road 339.

June 9 — Warrant arrest, South 6th Street/Zuni Street.

June 9 — Improper registration, expired license plates, glass in vehicle did not permit normal vision, U.S. 160.

June 10 — Third-degree criminal trespass, Great West Avenue.

June 10 — Trespass warning, Turkey Lane.

June 10 — Trespass warning, U.S. 84.

June 10 — All other thefts, U.S. 160.

June 10 — Information only, U.S. 160.

June 11 — Resisting arrest, Trinity Lane.

June 11 — Found property, Rec Center Road.

June 12 — Warrant arrest, Susan's Place.

June 12 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, County Road 600.

June 12 — County warrant, Susan's Place.

June 13 — Information only, Tom's Place.

June 13 — Trespass warning, U.S. 84.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over two weeks: 216.

May 31 — Hit and run, Cornerstone Drive.

May 31 — Disorderly conduct/criminal trespass, South 6th Street.

June 1 — Trespass warning, U.S. 160.

June 1 — Warrant arrest, Trinity Lane.

June 2 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

June 3 — Forgery, East Pagosa Street.

June 3 — Shoplifting/criminal trespass, Aspen Village Drive.

June 5 — Criminal tampering, Country Center Drive.

June 5 — Obscene conduct, U.S. 160.

June 6 — Found property, U.S. 160.

June 6 — Changed lanes when unsafe, Pagosa Street.

June 6 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

June 8 — Unauthorized use of finance transaction device, Country Center Drive.

June 8 — Abandoned vehicle, Apache Street.

June 8 — Aggravated assault/burglary/disorderly conduct, U.S. 84.

June 10 — Criminal trespass, South 6th Street.

June 12 — Found property, Eagle Drive.

June 12 — Invasion of privacy, South 6th Street.

June 13 — Hit and run/unsafe backing, Aspen Village Drive.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

June 8 — Brett Harold Ford, assault 2-strangulation, violation p/o-criminal, two years deferred sentence revoked, 27 months community corrections, total fines and costs — \$1,751.50.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

June 3 — Eric T. Shelnut, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

June 3 — Brianna Dobson, driver's license-not in possession, total fines and costs — \$113.50.

June 3 — Brianna Dobson, failed to use turn signal, total fines and costs — \$172.50.

June 8 — Sevena B. Maez, seat belt not used, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$142.50.

June 11 — Joshua Michael Ramsey, criminal mischief \$750-\$1,000, two years probation, 100 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$1,533.50.

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Pagosa friends and their families before long. Thank you so much for making my birthday a wonderful day to remember!

Ron Gustafson, Mr. Pagosa

Daughters of the American Revolution

Thank you to the town of Pagosa Springs, to Andrea Phillips, town manager, and Mayor Don Volger for their swift response to our request to celebrate June 14 as National Flag Day.

Tanice Ramsperger, Regent, Sarah Platt Decker Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution

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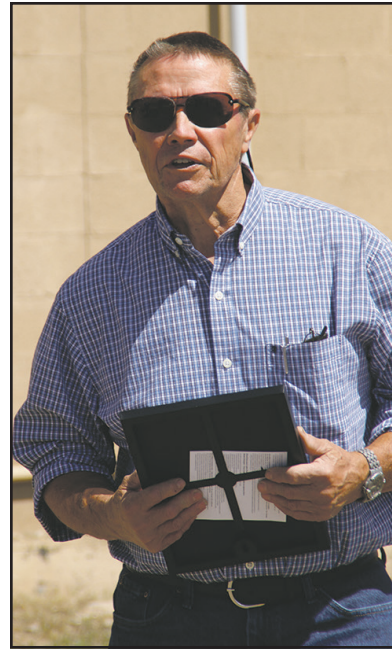
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Town and DAR celebrate Flag Day

By Linda Hobbs
Daughters of the American Revolution

The Town of Pagosa Springs teamed up with the local Daughters of the American Revolution to honor, celebrate and commemorate the flag of the United States on Sunday, June 14, the 243rd anniversary of the birth of our U.S. flag. The flag has evolved, just as our nation has

evolved, and it remains a symbol of our great nation.

The event highlight was the unfurling of the 10-foot-by-15-foot flag hung on the west side of the Archuleta County Courthouse building, a proclamation supporting Flag Day, comments by Mayor Don Volger and Tanice Ramsperger, regent of the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the Daughters of the

American Revolution, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the national anthem led by Jeff Laydon.

The organizers wish to thank the Town of Pagosa Springs and those in attendance including veterans, passers-by and community members.

The flag will remain displayed through the Fourth of July, according to Andrea Phillips, town manager.

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Pagosa Farmers Market

Opening Saturday, June 27



Photo courtesy Pauline Benetti

June 18, 2020

Pagosa Farmers Market to open June 27

By **Pauline Benetti**
Southwest Organization for Sustainability

The familiar old adage — “The best laid plans often go astray” — well, it happened here. The Pagosa Farmers Market has had to move its opening date forward a week to Saturday, June 27.

A very cool spring and a couple of bad frosts in the last month have delayed production. We can work around obstacles like COVID-19, but we cannot control the weather.

The time will be the same — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — and the location is the same — east end of town at the East Side Market.

We invite you to participate with your purchasing power to support our local growers and provide yourself with fresh local produce which we know tastes better and is far superior nutritionally to produce shipped in from somewhere.

The market will be different this year as we struggle to incorporate the COVID-19 precautions developed by the Colorado Farmers Market Association and endorsed by San Juan Basin Public Health.

Perhaps the biggest difference and the most lamentable one is that we will not be a community gathering place for meeting up with friends, sitting down to talk and listening to our local musicians. As with all other places where the public gathers, here we are asking our friends to make their purchase and leave.

Regular clients will also notice a difference in layout of the market. As usual, the Pagosa Farmers Market occupies the back row at the East Side Market; however, we will have a single entrance and exit. We are

asking our clients to use the entrance to the market row on the east side and leave by the exit on the west. Entrance and exit will be clearly marked. In addition, we ask that our clients respect the social distancing signs and wear face coverings. And a reminder about why face coverings are important: All of our vendors will sport face coverings as a protection for you. You are protecting our vendors with your face covering. It's a win/win.

Only essential products will be on sale. Next week, we will tell you about our vendors. There will be no change to our SNAP policy, however; we continue to accept SNAP cards and continue to hand out \$20 worth of free Double up Bucks for the first \$20 of purchase, increasing purchasing power by 100 percent.

Plant now and plant more

This is for all you vendors, potential and experienced. Then you can sell at the market and still have something to give to the food pantries.

For an application, please go to the Pagosa Farmers Market page on the Southwest Organization for Sustainability website, sospagosa.org. Learn there about greatly reduced fees, new rules and contact numbers.

A warning: Your market manager must receive your application by the Monday before the Saturday that you want a booth. And a plug for our Small Growers Co-op which was created for the backyard grower who has, on occasion, too much of something and would like to sell it.

Let's increase the food supply in Archuleta County and shorten the supply chain — the pathway to a resilient community.

Colorado Master Gardener diagnostics day and plant sale set for Saturday

By **Robin Young**
PREVIEW Columnist

The Archuleta County Colorado Master Gardeners (CMGs) are hosting a diagnostics day at the East Side Market on Saturday, June 20.

Please bring your plant samples and gardening questions to the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension booth, where the CMGs



will help to diagnose pests and disease, and answer your gardening questions. They will be selling mostly tomato plants, but there

are a few basil, pepperoncini and Mexican tarragon plants, too.

The plant sales will help to fund the pollinator garden the 2020 CMG apprentices are designing. It will be a beautiful demonstration garden for people to see how to attract and assist pollinators.

The CMGs will also be handing out free seed in honor of Victory

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Pagosa Brewing Company: Ukulele Jam Band, 5 p.m.

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Free weekly garden talk with Ron Chacey: ‘The Benefits and Downfalls of Fertilizing’

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 24, 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 “The Benefits and Downfalls of Fertilizing in a Vegetable Garden.”

The evening’s format begins with photos of Chacey’s personal garden and an instructional video, and he will discuss what he is currently doing in his garden. An in-depth presentation on best practices for fertilizing in a vegetable garden 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 pagosapagspringscommunitygarden@gmail.com. For the June 24 talk, please visit <http://www.Facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden> or email PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com for easy links to the talks. For experienced Zoom users, the meeting ID is 882 1373 5547 and the password is 257044.

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 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 busi-

nesses. The Town of Pagosa Springs provides free water for the Pagosa Springs Community Garden.

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Along with the free seed are copies of the Colorado Gardener. Colorado’s premier experienced gardeners contribute to this is a quarterly publication and the Extension office supplies them for free to the public.

Be on the lookout for more CMG diagnostic days this summer at

the Pagosa Farmers Market. The Pagosa Farmers Market will be back on June 27 at the East Side Market location.

The CMG program is offered through CSU Extension. This program is offered in Archuleta County in even years, with the next offered in 2022. The CMG program is 12 weeks long with a curriculum that covers soils, botany, tree and lawn care, entomology, noxious weeds, mountain gardening and more. There are two tracks you can take: the first is the apprenticeship level where you receive the coursework and volunteer opportunities to educate the public on gardening. The certificate course is where you get all the educational benefits without the volunteering. Please contact Robin Young at the Extension office to learn more about this and other Extension programs.

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Several fires did a lot of damage in old Pagosa. The lack of a town water system complicated firefighting. The usual method was to form a bucket brigade, a row of men stretching from the fire to the river. Several buckets filled from the river passed from hand to hand as the townsmen battled the fire. Fires are one reason none of the first buildings circa 1876 remain.

Stories of Nipple Mountain Trail

I'd been in Mullin's barbershop, getting my weekly trim. We'd been talking about paths. Mostly, I'd been bragging about all of the paths I'd climbed in Pagosa Country. I'm living proof that the first liar doesn't have a chance. The "I remember when" crowd was just getting started. "I remembers" were piling up higher than a barnyard manure pile as the three or four old-timers sipping a cup of joe took turns trying to prove they'd climbed the highest cliffs and lost the biggest stashes of gold that ever existed.

I'd just climbed out of town barber Earl Mullin's barber chair as Earl swished the white cloth loaded with hair clippings from my shoulders. Before sweeping up the remainder of my tresses spread across the floor, he pointed the straight razor gripped in his right hand toward the mountains outlining the eastern skyline, cleared his throat, and began to talk. Everyone stopped to listen. Earl was a good storyteller and some of his stories were true.

"See that little slip of a mountain up there?" he looked at me as he pointed. "We call it Nipple Mountain. It's shape defines the name. There's a trail, we call it Nipple Mountain Trail, that follows along the Little Blanco River up to about parallel with Square Top Mountain. From there it swings north and then east up to Nipple Mountain, where it connects with the Continental Divide Trail which goes north and



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

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south and the Conejos River Trail dropping down the mountain on the eastern side. Well, if you turn left on the Continental Divide Trail, you'll swing around a small lake and up the mountain behind the lake I've heard there is an old mine full of buckets of gold. Been up there myself, but couldn't find it." Earl swung the chair around and, as if he hadn't stirred up a bunch of curiosity, looked around and said, "Who's next?"

I'd forgotten what I'd planned to do that day as I cranked up Sputterbug, the old Studebaker truck still running with more miles than I knew because of the nonfunctional speedo. I munched on the green

chili burrito I'd just bought for 50 cents from Helen's Elkhorn Café, and watched almost helplessly as old Sputterbug turned up Mill Creek Road enroute to the Nipple Mountain Trail.



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When the other shoe falls

By **Betty Slade**
PREVIEW Columnist

For years, I lived in the shadow of what might come: a phone call, a knock on the door or an inconsiderate stance. I waited for the other shoe to drop. Something I knew was coming, but just didn't know when or how.

The problem with this line of thinking is that it can be embedded with fear, something that has taken me years of faith to combat.

Faith vs. fear. A dichotomy founded by a god of love or the one who will do anything to destroy us. The outcome, the effect of the cause. We can either be renewed or broken down.

At no time has any of this been clearer to me. And as a culmination of my understanding, I believe that we are nearing the beginning of the end.

Interesting how such words can cause some to embrace hope while blindsiding others. Words that can cause us to stand firm or to wallow in despair.

Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." But do we really hold these words to be true today? Can we even grasp the fullness of such a statement? I have come to the realization that walking by faith is to walk in the present. If we walk by sight, we do so based on the effects of something that has already happened, an aftermath.

I get the boldness of that thought. It is almost too abstract for me to fully grasp. But, take the vastness of the universe as an example. When we see the brightness of a star, are we seeing it for what it is? Based on the speed of light, what we are seeing is something that happened long, long ago.

I believe Jesus Christ is the true God — certainly, a truth that is beyond anything I can see. Am I to just wait until that truth can manifest into something that I can see in order to believe? Or, do I live by faith, waiting for the one who lives beyond what I can see?

We live in a visible world. Do we believe it because we can see it? Or do we believe it as the effect of something unseen, having a faith in the one who created it?

Walking in faith, believing in a perfect loving God is enough to cast away my fear. I no longer have to wait in questionable anticipation for the other shoe to fall, but to believe that God has something

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



incredible waiting for me when it does.

Final brushstroke: We see things

every day that cause us to ask why, or how, or even when. But we can rest on the belief that we have been prepared for such a time as this. Not because we see evidence of it, but because we believe in a God of love, the one who will deliver us beyond anything we can know.

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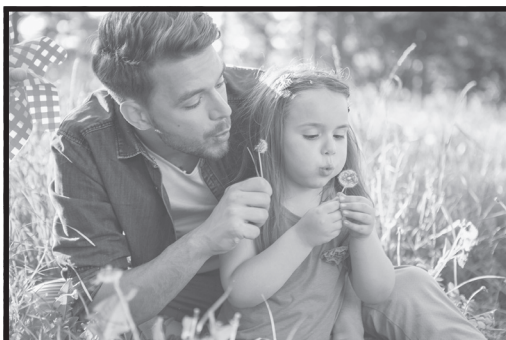


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By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

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All submissions should include your name, age group and contact information. If you do not have a camera or Internet access, please contact the library and we will assist you.

Winners will be announced Saturday, June 27. Prizes will be awarded for each of five age categories: preschool, ages 5-7, ages 8-11, ages 12-17 and adult. One prize will also be awarded for the Judges' Choice and one for the best fit to the theme — but LEGO creations do not have to fit the theme to be eligible for prizes. For more information, contact the library at 264-2209.

Summer Reading Program

If you haven't already signed up, please do so now for the free Summer Reading Program that runs from June 1 through 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 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 4: A special meal

Eat or make a meal that reminds you of someone or something. Submit a photo of your meal or recipe to the library, and describe the person or thing the meal reminds you of and why in no more than five sentences.

Submissions can be emailed to the library at ruby@pagosalibrary.org, dropped off during curbside hours Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., posted on the library's Facebook page or called in at 264-2209. Everyone can participate, and entries will be entered into a weekly prize drawing.

Update to returns and donations policy

Your returns and donations now can be put into the drop box at the library — but not into the drop box at City Market because we still do not have any interlibrary courier service pickups. For everyone's safety, we will continue to quarantine returned items and get them safely ready for the next patron. Please note that because returned items will be in quarantine for three full days, it could be five days before they are wiped down and checked off your account.

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Other services available now

Here's a reminder of our other services under the state's current coronavirus guidelines that will continue until we get a variance or the governor issues an updated advisory:

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

2. If you do not have a library card but want to use our online resources, you now can self-register. From our website, click "My Account" in the top right. It is the usual login page for current patrons, and it now has (in blue) an option to "Register for a new Library Card." There's a short form and then staff will get back in touch with you to give you your login credentials.

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

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

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

5. 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.

The census has never been easier

If you haven't already, please

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

Your participation will determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, directly affect hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding for the next 10 years for local and regional agencies and projects like health clinics, fire departments, schools, social services like Medicaid, even roads and highways. Archuleta County needs your participation to get our fair share of these federal dollars.

When you respond to the census, your answers are kept anonymous. The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. The law ensures that your private information is never published and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

Save the date for local author discussion

We hope you will join us next Thursday, June 25, at 5 p.m. for a Q-and-A discussion via Zoom with local author Ethan Proud, author of five books. The Rebellion trilogy "Rebellion, Vengeance and Onslaught," co-authored with his brother, is a sweeping fantasy tale of war. Proud also is author of "Terra Mortem" about a shipwrecked colony on a desolate and loveless planet where survival, conflict and war threaten the hope of a peaceful future. His most recent book, "Witchwood" and its accompanying novella "Seabound," is a supernatural, dark fantasy involving a series of unexplainable murders. To register, send an email to brad@pagosalibrary.org or call the library at 264-2209 and Brad will send you the Zoom link and password. All of Proud's books are available to check out at your library.

New Storywalk program for kids

Every Thursday this summer, Josie, your early literacy librarian, will post a Summer Reading Storywalk for kids. The June 18-25 theme is fairy tales. Part of the magic of fairy tales is how the different elements of a story can change and morph to create something different or new. 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

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

Family storytimes on Facebook

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m., join us for great stories and fun songs 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

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Will a driving vacation be safe this year?

By John Lough
American Counseling Association

Summer vacation planning has become a more demanding challenge for many this year. As parts of the country begin to open up, many people are anxious to escape from having been locked down at home and to be someplace different for a while.

Past vacation choices might have meant considering travel overseas or a flight to another part of this country. This year, the planning and possible destinations for most of us will probably require different choices. Road trips are the likely choices for many.

If it's possible, getting away for even a short trip can be a good idea. If your family has been on lockdown for most of the spring, a little time away and some enjoyable distractions can bring a number of benefits.

All the time being quarantined

has helped to raise the family tension levels for many of us. Research has shown that even a little vacation time can help us feel more relaxed and less stressed. A vacation trip is not only a chance to do something different, but it offers opportunities to focus on things that are a distraction from the constant health worries of these past few months. Vacations, in general, have been shown to help fight depression and reduce stress levels. When done right, they can be especially helpful in light of the troubling and scary times we have all been facing.

Of course, planning a vacation trip these days can present its own stress and anxiety-producing problems. There are still many questions and worries about commercial airline travel. Will a possible destination, like a beach or theme park, even be open and safe?

There may also be worries, if overnight stays are involved, as

to how safe hotels are going to be. Fortunately, all of the hotel chains report they're making special CDC-recommended cleaning and distancing changes to ensure the well-being of their staffs and guests.

While not everyone will want to, or should want to, get away from home this summer, if done right a vacation getaway can help you feel more relaxed. It can be a chance for something different, or perhaps the opportunity to catch up with friends or relatives that haven't been seen in some time.

Do some research to keep your vacation trip planning as safe and simple as possible and you could find a vacation trip this summer is the relaxing change you need.

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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.

CDs

"In Deep" by Pulitzer Prize-winner David Rohde explores the FBI, CIA and America's "deep state." "Afterlife" by Julia Alvarez is a novel about a woman who has just retired from her college teaching job to face huge disruptions to her life.

"The Wedding Dress" by Danielle Steel follows four generations of women through fortune and loss, motherhood, tragedy and victory.

Activities book for kids

"Learn to Read The Easy Way" by Heather McAvan contains 60 phonics-based activities and games for kids that are such fun that they won't realize they are learning.

Thrillers, suspense and mysteries

"Twisted Twenty-Six" by Janet Evanovich is a Stephanie Plum mystery.

Other novels

"The Wedding Dress" by Danielle Steel follows four generations of women through fortune and loss, motherhood, tragedy and victory. "The Midwife" by Jolinda

Petersheim begins when a Mennonite surrogate is unprepared when the parents decide to end the pregnancy. "The Outcast" by Jolinda Petersheim features a young Mennonite woman who is shunned when she becomes pregnant. "The Empress Holds in Key" by Gabriel Farago starts with the discovery of a charred old photograph in the ruins of a cottage. "The Best People" by Marc Grossberg is a legal drama

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Different ways to treat Dad for Father's Day

Special to The PREVIEW

This year, Father's Day takes place on Sunday, June 21, and marks the 110th anniversary of this day for dads. Even though Father's Day began as a regional event in the state of Washington, nearly 60 years later it would be recognized as a national holiday across the United States. Father's Day also is commemorated elsewhere in the world at various times of the year.

According to the most recent census data and statistics, there are 8.6 million fathers and father figures in Canada and 72 million in the United States. The following are some ways to treat dads this Father's Day.

Participate in his hobby

Dad likely has some favorite hobbies, such as playing a favorite sport, boating, hunting, wood-

working or restoring a classic car. Asking to join in to learn the ropes of his favorite hobby can be an ideal way to spend time with Dad and show you care.

Tackle his chores

Provide Dad a weekend off from his normal tasks around the house if they are within your skill set. Volunteer to mow the lawn, weed the garden, run for groceries or get the car washed. You also may want to help him finish a project he started but hasn't yet completed.

Take in a show or a game

Maybe Dad has a favorite team he follows or a comedian he loves to watch. Purchase tickets so you can go in person. If that's not possible, make home viewing a special event by clearing a few hours of your schedule and setting up a comfortable viewing area. Make

some special snacks and stream his favorite programming right at home.

Give him 'his' space

Dads often make sacrifices for their families, and this could mean compromising on his comfort and pleasure to ensure everyone else has what they need. Create a spot that is entirely his own. This may involve renovating the basement or garage for hobbies or hanging out. Even a free-standing shed in the backyard can be billed as a "Dad Zone," giving your father a place to which he can retreat for some peace and quiet.

Start thinking of special ways to show Dad he deserves top billing.

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Nonfiction

"Cleanse to Heal" by Anthony William is a cleansing plan for sufferers of anxiety, depression, acne, eczema, Lyme disease, weight issues, vertigo and more. "Great Migration" by Sonia Shah explores the science and history of migration in animals, plants and humans.

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the same rigorous three-day quarantine process as returns. And a gentle reminder: We can only accept fiction from the last 10 years and nonfiction from the past five. The publication date is usually in small type on the bottom of one of the first few pages of the book.

Quotable quote

"In a very real sense, people who have read good literature have lived more than people who cannot or will not read ... It is not true that we have only one life to lead; if we can read we can live so many more lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish." — S.I. Hayakawa (1906-1992), Canadian-born American academic and politician of Japanese ancestry. A professor of English, he served as president of San Francisco State University and then as U.S. senator from California.

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My heroes have always been rodeo clowns

By **Patty Limerick**
PREVIEW Columnist

When historians see that their nation is in big trouble, facing the proliferation of protests that raise bedrock questions about American race relations and locked in disputes over the proper pacing of “re-opening” after the regime of social distancing, it is time for people in my line of work to follow the example set by rodeo clowns and head straight into the epicenter of trouble. We are called to put ourselves at risk — thankfully, only of scorned expertise and bruised egos.

Once rodeo clowns see that a rider is in big trouble, tangled in his gear while the animal beneath him is twisting up a storm, the clowns don't hold themselves back. They head straight into the epicenter of trouble, putting themselves at risk to distract the bull and do everything imaginable to rescue the rider.

To use the terms of our times, in a bull-riding competition, the clowns (also known as bullfighters) are hands-down the most essential of workers. No rider with an ounce of sense would agree to come out of the chute on a bull if the clowns weren't waiting in the arena.

When it comes to responding to the nationwide protests against police brutality and to the tensions between economic recovery and public health, no one in any line of work is escaping the burden of making hard decisions. When all hell breaks loose and disorder rules, rodeo clowns stay self-possessed and focused, setting an example not just for historians, but for elected and appointed officials and, indeed, for all citizens who want the best for their country.

Rodeo clowns would be at terrible risk if they did not carry expertise with them into the arena. They know the turning radius of an angry bull and they know how to identify the pocket of safety where the bull's horns cannot reach. And even more important, they know themselves: They know how to make quick calibrations to map the subtle line that separates confidence from overconfidence.

The legendary rodeo clown Flint Rasmussen has summarized this expertise: “to be a rodeo clown takes a lot of ... patience, knowledge and timing.”

Even though they have the advantage of a defined goal (“save the rider” is a lot clearer than “save the nation”), rodeo clowns still get tossed around and still hit the ground hard. Here is the most important lesson for historians to acquire from the clowns: Step forward to help your nation and the next thing you know, you could be

Writers on the Range

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landing on the earth without a lot of dignity to cushion the impact.

And there's no escaping the fact that rodeo is controversial. Animal rights activists abhor it. From the point of view held the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), the bull and the rider should never have been locked into a contest in the first place. But from the angle of the rodeo clown, the rider is in trouble and that train has left the station. There is no time for the clown to visit the PETA website to contemplate a different

perspective.

Here is what we know with certainty: No rodeo clown will ever linger on the sidelines thinking, “What a lost cause! Let's leave this guy to his fate.”

The crucial talent for a clown, one second-generation professional told a reporter for Forbes in 2009, is “adrenaline control” or “the ability to remain calm in a dangerous situation.”

“A lot of times,” Dusty Tuckness said, “the crowd won't even realize that we prevented a huge wreck.”

For half my life, I have been entranced and enchanted by rodeo clowns, dazzled by their breathtaking willingness and capability to help people who are in trouble. For the whole of my life, I have myself felt compelled to try to be helpful. Yet I am fully aware that compulsive helpers can sometimes make things worse.

Still, I continue to believe that bringing people together to talk, with the chance that they might hear each other, stands a chance of helping. When the nation faces a crisis, working together has to be the better way. Along with thousands of my fellow Westerners, I'm going to keep trying. This isn't our first rodeo. Not by a long shot.

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By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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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 Pagosa Senior Center continuing its 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

Senior News

264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area.

The cost per meal for the public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread. (Our daily menu is posted on our website at psseniors.org.) 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 18 — Egg salad sandwich, chilled steamed asparagus with lemon, cream of zucchini soup, milk, salad and banana pudding.

Friday, June 19 — Pork zuppa Toscana, green beans with Parmesan and pine nuts, yellow squash medley, focaccia bread with butter, milk and salad.

Monday, June 22 — Turkey tetrazzini, glazed carrots, seasoned asparagus, milk, salad and crisped rice treat.

Tuesday, June 23 — Eggplant Parmesan, sautéed french cut green beans, polenta cakes with creamy mushroom sauce, milk, salad and lime dessert.

Wednesday, June 24 — Monterey chicken, mashed potatoes with cream gravy, roasted zucchini, tomatoes and onions, milk, salad

and cherry pie.

Thursday, June 25 — Pork sausage and chicken gumbo, green chili corn pudding, rice, milk, salad and bread pudding with pecans.

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.

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Will smaller care homes prevail in the future?

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.

As national and state teams discuss and determine how to allow visitation at long-term care facilities during the pandemic, especially for families, the aging care industry is learning new ways to operate. In the process of adapting, ideas of what will work well for future care homes are proposed in newsletters such as "Senior Housing News" (SHN).

In a June 3 article titled "Smaller is Better": Covid-19 Primes Senior Living for Rise of

Area Agency on Aging

Small-House Models," by Tim Regan, The Green House Project is one of the small-house examples featured. The nonprofit provider was founded in 2001 by Dr. Bill Thomas with support from a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The idea of offering small long-term care homes for 10 to 12 residents is not new, but rarer for skilled nursing homes. The Green House Project has continued to expand throughout the country using the small-home and other concepts, with about 80 percent of its homes licensed for skilled care (compared to assisted living). According to its website, the two in Colorado are in Loveland and

Akron.

A few benefits of small houses for fighting infection described in the SHN include smaller areas to control, a ratio of more staff to residents to build relationships and monitor care, staff trained in a range of care duties, and less disruption for residents when following prevention practices.

In a video tour of one of the Green House homes, an open kitchen with a counter and stools for residents and a large living area with skylights are centralized. Residents eat together at a long table and have their own room and bathroom. In the private room shown, an overhead track lift is above the bed and the bathroom has a roll-in shower. A locked wooden medicine cabinet is in the room entry. With no nursing station, the "homelike" atmosphere combines with the model of engaging residents in a variety of activities.

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



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The appeal of stand-up paddling

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Recreational activities entice people to embrace the great outdoors, particularly in summer. Stand-up paddling is one such activity that has become more popular in recent years.

Recent research from the Physical Activity Council (PAC), a collective effort on the part of eight leading trade associations in sports, fitness and recreation, found that 3.5 million Americans participate

in stand-up paddling.

Participation in the sport is split up almost 50-50 by gender (51 percent female, 49 percent male), indicating that stand-up paddling is equally attractive to both men and women.

In addition to serving as a relaxing way to enjoy the beauty of nature, stand-up paddling gets some of its appeal from its relative ease of participating.

The PAC notes that minimal
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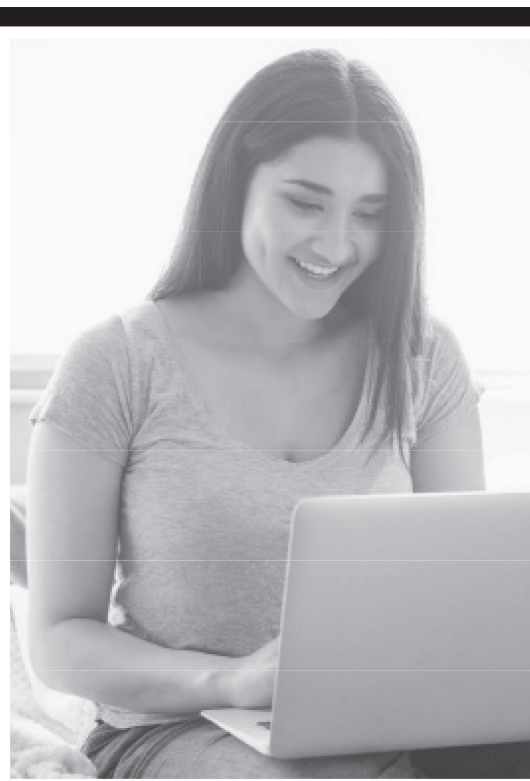
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Conserving water during drought and dry periods

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Weather can be unpredictable. Carefully developed plans for days spent in the great outdoors can be derailed by unexpected rainstorms, while sudden bursts of sunshine can turn overcast afternoons into chances to get outside and breathe some fresh air.

Lawn and garden enthusiasts know just how mercurial Mother Nature can be, especially during summer. The specter of drought looms every summer, but the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center does not anticipate any broad-scale areas of drought developing in the Lower 48 states in 2020. While that's good news for lawn and garden enthusiasts, it's wise to remain prepared for drought.

In recognition of the difficulties drought can pose, the Environmental Protection Agency

(EPA) offers the following tips to homeowners to ensure that water is available to meet critical needs.

- Learn local regulations. During dry periods and droughts, local water utilities put restrictions in place. These restrictions are not meant to be nuisances, but designed to ensure water is available to fight fires and meet other critical needs. Adhering to these guidelines, no matter how difficult they can be, helps your community stay safe.

- Inspect fixtures for leaks. Conservation is the goal of water restrictions. Leaky fixtures compromise conservation efforts, so inspect all interior and exterior faucets and pipes for leaks and fix them immediately.

- Look into upgrades. Upgrading outdated bathrooms and other water features can be a great way to conserve water without changing daily habits. For example, the EPA

estimates that water-conserving toilets can reduce water consumption by as much as 60 percent each year. That saves consumers money while also helping them to conserve during droughts or periods of dryness.

- Water wisely. The EPA notes that experts estimate that as much as 50 percent of the water we use outdoors is lost to evaporation, wind or runoff due to overwatering. The EPA recommends watering primarily in the early morning and evening, after the sun goes down, so less water is lost to evaporation. If you have an irrigation system that uses a clock timer, consider replacing the timer with a WaterSense labeled irrigation controller, which acts like a thermostat for a sprinkler system, using local weather and landscape conditions to tell the sprinkler system when to turn itself on and off.

Beware of skimmers and shimmers

Special to The PREVIEW

Personal safety refers to physical and mental well-being, but individuals also must take steps to safeguard their financial well-being.

Thieves have various ways to steal

individuals' personal data — everything from hacking into banking or shopping accounts to stealing physical mail. But thieves also have more sophisticated, often hidden ways to steal private financial data.

Consumer Reports says the pub-

lic should be aware of skimmers and shimmers, which are sophisticated devices that steal data when people use public credit and debit card readers at ATMs, gas pumps and other locations.

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Paddling

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equipment is needed to engage in stand-up paddling, participants typically spend minimal time and effort preparing for an outing. That makes stand-up paddling an ideal respite from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and a perfect way to spend some time outdoors for people whose schedules suddenly clear up. Would-be paddlers who

are curious about the availability of places to paddle should know that more than half of all stand-up paddlers travel less than 10 miles to paddle, proving that just about any body of water provides an opportunity to engage in this activity.

People interested in stand-up paddling but unwilling to make any significant financial commitment before trying it out should

know that 42 percent of people who do not own paddleboards rent them from local businesses such as on-site rental providers at boathouses or marinas and independent outdoor specialty stores. That makes stand-up paddling among the more accessible activities for people looking to enjoy the great outdoors this summer and beyond.

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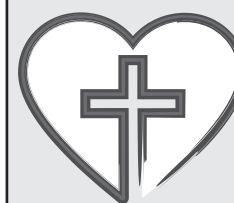
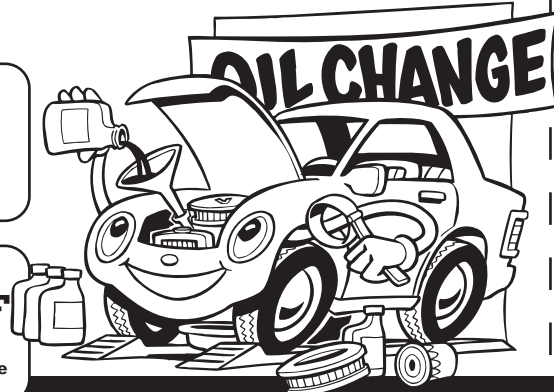
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John 14:27

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

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

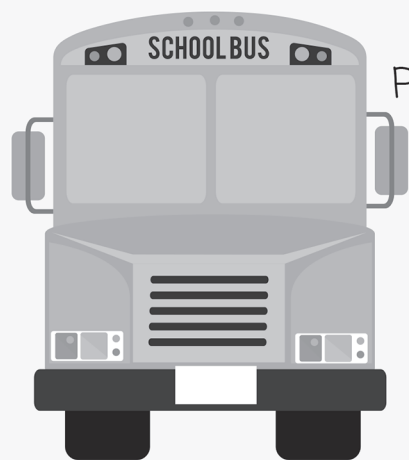
- If you are struggling with faith or have questions go to <https://www.doesgodexist.org/>. John Clayton was a former atheist who came to belief in God through science. He was a science teacher specializing in physics and earth science.
- A site designed to study the Bible in a safe environment: <https://www.mathetis.org/>.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

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

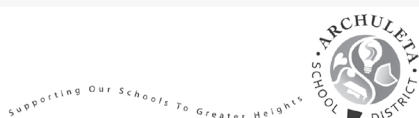
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Bird of the Week



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

In many religious traditions, vespers are prayers of thanksgiving recited or sung in the evening, a time of day that this bird is often heard singing. Not as shy as many other sparrow species, it frequently sings from elevated perches on the dryland shrubs found in its habitat.

The vesper sparrow breeds in grasslands and fields throughout the north central areas of the U.S. and Canada. It prefers open areas that have short, sparse grass and shrubs for perching, hiding and shade. Patches of dirt are important to this bird for rolling around in to take dust baths. The vesper is found in dry areas, including those recently burned or abandoned, and in weedy fields, brushy areas and mowed agricultural fields.

Using strong legs and feet, this sparrow often uses the hopping, double-scratch method to uncover the insects and seeds in its diet. In agricultural areas, where it helps to control insect pests and weed seeds, it is a welcome resident.

Although it looks like a typical medium-sized sparrow, the vesper has characteristics which set it apart. These include a bold, thin, white eye ring, white outer tail feathers that flash in flight and a chestnut-colored shoulder patch. In summer it is generally a solitary bird that prefers walking or running across the ground to flight.

Many western vesper sparrows winter in Mexico, where they forage with other grassland species. Loss of grassland habitat in both breeding and winter ranges has contributed to a decline in population numbers of this bird.

For information on future events, visit www.weminucheaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

Beware

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A card skimmer is placed on top of the point-of-sale terminal. When a person swipes his or her credit or debit card, the device collects data from it. That data can be used to make fraudulent purchases and to produce counterfeit cards.

Among the newest tools scammers use are shimmers, which are tiny types of skimmers that are capable of reading data from new chip-based cards, according to the ATM Industry Association, a non-profit trade organization. Criminals can even retrofit hidden cameras at ATMs and other locations with card skimmers. Skimmers and shimmers are often Bluetooth-based circuit boards that can transmit stolen card data wirelessly. A thief can drive by a terminal to download card data remotely from a mobile device or laptop.

Devices are getting harder and harder to spot and are turning up in some unlikely places.

According to Matt Hayes, a special agent for the U.S. Secret Service,

"You're never going to know the skimmer is installed on the point-of-sale terminal [of a store]."

Recent surveillance video from inside a grocery store in Pennsylvania showed someone installing a skimming device right in front of a clerk who was unaware of what was happening.

The ATM Industry Association says about half of the skimmers currently in use are relatively invisible. The credit scoring company FICO indicates the latest data showed there was a 70 percent increase in the number of debit cards that were compromised in 2016 at ATMs and other card readers used by merchants, and the numbers continue to grow.

Monitoring credit card and banking statements as well as credit reports is the best way to keep on top of scams. Quickly report any unauthorized withdrawals, payments or purchases; otherwise, you may be responsible for charges and face long-term financial repercussions.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Salon request
- 5 Vintner's vessels
- 9 Spicy dip
- 14 Bloodhound's clue
- 15 Cleveland's lake
- 16 All washed up?
- 17 High praise
- 18 Cool
- 20 Scold severely
- 22 Anxious
- 23 Home for the sick
- 24 Whodunit discovery
- 25 Part of TLC
- 26 Flea, to a dog
- 30 Poetry's counterpart
- 32 Bicycle part
- 33 Day or night starter
- 34 Quite a bit
- 35 Dull and dirty
- 36 Mimicked
- 37 Ryan's "Love Story" co-star
- 38 On account of
- 39 Part of EGBDF
- 40 Rice, to Montana
- 42 Walkie-talkie word
- 43 Klutz's cry
- 44 Ham it up
- 47 Make possible
- 50 Tomlin's Ernestine
- 51 1976 De Niro film set in NYC
- 53 Yield to pressure
- 54 Like a gymnast
- 55 Fertile earth
- 56 Equally matched
- 57 Surgical beam
- 58 Broadway production
- 59 Email action

DOWN

- 1 Statue of Liberty feature
- 2 "Famous Potatoes" state
- 3 One of Canada's maritime provinces
- 4 Enter illegally
- 5 Grand Canal site
- 6 Came up
- 7 Point at the dinner table?
- 8 "Hold on a ___!"
- 9 Watergate, e.g.
- 10 Places for pins
- 11 Bullet material
- 12 Caroled
- 13 Anagram for "neat"
- 19 "Hip hip" follower
- 21 Grow weary
- 24 Police officer's "tin"
- 26 VP after Biden
- 27 Absolutely necessary
- 28 Wedding cake layer
- 29 Counter current
- 30 Surveyor's map

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- 31 Part to play
- 32 Pub orders
- 35 Layette item
- 36 Sluggers' stats
- 38 Burn slowly
- 39 Prefix for green or glade
- 41 Moving
- 42 To excess
- 44 Puccini work
- 45 Witches' group
- 46 Current style
- 47 And others, for short
- 48 Serpent of Hindu myth
- 49 Line on a graph
- 50 Like an oxeye window
- 52 Little rascal

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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‘He’s too big for them to eat him’

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

The spring after I finished college, I was determined to spend more time with my little girls enjoying the farm life we had chosen. As I was outside one evening, I could see the lights of the lambing sheds in the distance, where the sheepherders worked around the clock helping the ewes birth their lambs. That gave me an idea.

“Annicka and Celese, would you like to have baby lambs?” I asked my 3- and 4-year-old daughters. They never said yes directly, but their immediate squealing did.

“I’m not promising anything until I talk to the men at the sheep camp,” I told them. “I will go over there on Saturday.”

I truly didn’t plan to check about getting lambs until the weekend, but that night after I mentioned it, we could hardly get the girls to go to bed. They were far too excited. And it wasn’t even 6 o’clock in the morning when they came bouncing into our room, waking us to ask if it was Saturday yet.

My wife, Donna, drowsily told me she thought it would be a good idea if I went over to the sheep sheds right away. Since we were already awake, I prepared to go to work. I decided to stop at the sheep sheds on my way, knowing they usually had someone on a shift around the clock. In this, I wasn’t disappointed. When I stepped inside the shed, two men were working there. I approached the

first one and asked if they had any bum lambs.

Lambs can obviously be orphaned if the mother dies. However, a lamb can also be orphaned if a ewe has more than two lambs. Her natural instinct is to push the extra ones away to ensure the survival of the two she chooses to keep. Usually the ones shoved away are the smallest. Lambs without a mother to take care of them are called bum lambs, and they can be fed on bottles. But most of the time the men are too busy to feed them, so the lambs don’t make it.

The man I talked to said he was sure they would have some lambs I could have if I wanted to stop by after work. I made the mistake of calling Donna and telling her the news. She told the girls, and they drove her crazy the rest of the day.

I stopped at the farm store on my way home from work to get some milk replacer and some bottle nipples to fit on the end of pop bottles. I found a box in a dumpster and then drove to the lambing sheds. I was given two cute lambs that hadn’t eaten for most of the day. I put them in the box in the front of my pickup and headed home.

When I got home, the minute Celese heard my door slam, she was there to look in the back of my pickup. Not seeing anything, her little eyes filled with tears.

“Daddy, I mad at you.”

“Why don’t you look in the front?” I said.

I opened the pickup door, and

instantly the baaing of the hungry lambs could be heard. Immediately, Celese and Annicka were by my side. Soon they were each carrying a squirming lamb into the house to show their mother.

They wanted to play with the lambs, but I knew they needed food first. Donna mixed up some milk while I got the bottles ready. I funneled milk into each pop bottle and then put the nipples on. I tried to convince my daughters that I needed to feed the lambs until they got used to the bottles, but my daughters thought I was just being selfish. I finally gave up and handed them the bottles.

But a lamb, though small, is really strong. When the lambs couldn’t figure out how to get milk from the bottle, they bunted my daughters, knocking them down. Then the lambs sucked on their clothes, trying to get the milk that had spilled on them. Finally, Celese handed me her lamb’s bottle and turned to convince her younger sister to do the same.

“Annicka, let Daddy feed them,” she said. “He’s too big for them to eat him.”

Helping children navigate social distancing

Special to The PREVIEW

Children may be more deeply affected by social distancing than any other group of people. In a matter of weeks, millions of young children and adolescents went from attending school in the classroom to being told they had to work exclusively from home. At the same time, children also were asked to give up their sports teams, clubs, meetings and play dates. Older children may understand the how and why of social distancing, but no matter their ages, kids may be left emotionally adrift as social distancing guidelines stay in place.

No one is certain about what the long-term effects of social distancing will be on both children and adults. Amy Learmonth, Ph.D., a developmental psychologist at the Cognition, Memory and Development Lab at William Paterson University in New Jersey, noted that early social development takes place mostly within the family.

As children age, their peer group becomes the more important hub of social development. The longer social distancing restrictions are in place, the more these developments may adversely affect youngsters.

Parents can take steps to help kids cope during these uncertain times.

- Set up digital play dates. The connectivity of the Internet enables people to keep in touch even if they cannot be together physically. Encourage children to engage their friends via online chats, ideally ones that feature video so they can see and hear their friends. Parents of young children can reach out to one another and establish digital play dates via FaceTime or another virtual meeting app.

- Lighten up on screen time restrictions. Each person has a different way to cope with social distancing and pass the time. Children may spend more time on tablets, watching television

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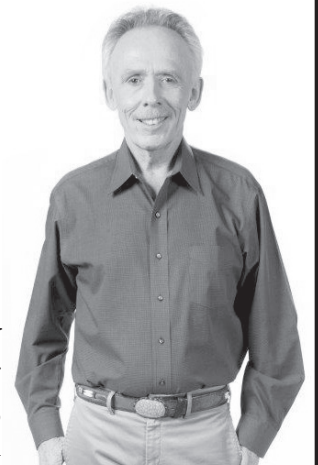
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Avoid furniture tip-over hazards at home

Special to The PREVIEW

Children may try to climb furniture to get at coveted items. Precautions need to be taken, including anchoring heavy appliances, furniture and TVs.

A home is supposed to be a safe haven for its residents. But dangers lurk in nearly every room of a home. Parents may be quick to safeguard against burn risks, electrical outlet exposure and even common household items that can prove poisonous if ingested, but it's easy to overlook the potential hazards posed by furniture.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns that hundreds of fatalities occur each year in the United States due to falling furniture, electronics and appliances. According to a recent report from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), an estimated 12,500 children per year were injured and treated at emergency rooms due to tip-over accidents between 2016 and 2018. Roughly once every 12 days someone is killed by a falling TV, piece of furniture or appliance.

AnchorIt.gov, a division of the CPSC that focuses on tip-over education, says dressers, bookshelves, televisions, and TV stands can tip over easily. These measures may prevent death and injury from falling appliances and furniture.

- All TVs should be mounted to a wall or piece of furniture. Wall-mounting kits are available for most TVs, including older models. Screws also can secure a TV to a piece of furniture. New televisions typically have anchor spots on their frames.

- Buy anti-tip kits. The CPSC says anti-tip devices, also known as anchoring kits or anti-tip strap, are available and affordable. These kits can take as little as five minutes to install and provide invaluable safety.

- Target dressers, bookcases, mirrors, and other heavy furniture pieces. If an anchoring kit is unavailable, furniture can be screwed directly to studs in a wall using drywall screws and brackets.

- Keep certain electronics out of sight. Many children climb furniture in an attempt to get at iPads, remote controls, toys and other things parents believe are out of reach. Climbing increases tip-over risk. Instead, hide items elsewhere so that children are not tempted to try to retrieve them by climbing furniture.

- Install drawer stops. Stops can be placed on drawers to keep them from being pulled all the way out and serving as makeshift ladder rungs for kids to climb. Also, multiple open drawers can cause weight to shift precariously in a dresser or other item, resulting in a tip-over.

Distancing

■ continued from previous page or playing video games. For now, parents can be a bit more lenient and understanding about how technology can fill the void created by social distancing.

- Participate in a scavenger hunt. Join or organize a neighborhood scavenger hunt. Walk around the neighborhood looking for school mascot pictures in windows or rainbows on doors, advised the child care experts at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. This activity can maintain a sense of connection with your community.

- Create time for physical ac-

tivity. Exercise can tame stress, improve mood and be great for the body in myriad ways. Children and teens should exercise each day. Families can exercise together to make physical activity more fun.

- Set new goals. Ask everyone to do their part to complete "to-do" lists or make a set of goals to achieve while social distancing. Checking off items on the list as they're completed can give everyone a sense of accomplishment.

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	4			8		2	1	

Level: Beginner

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Here's How It Works:

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7	4	6	3	8	9	2	1	5
3	9	1	2	5	7	4	8	6
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1	5	7	9	4	3	8	6	2
2	8	3	5	1	6	9	4	7
9	6	4	7	2	8	5	3	1
4	3	9	6	7	2	1	5	8
6	1	2	8	9	5	3	7	4
5	7	8	1	3	4	6	2	9

ANSWER:

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The master of flash fiction

By Richard Gammill
Special to The PREVIEW

If you are in a hurry, flash fiction is for you. This is a complete story you might read in less than a minute. Flash fiction is extremely brief, but contains character and plot development. There are several varieties, many of them defined by word count, including the six-word story, the 280-character story, the “dribble,” the “drabble,” “sudden fiction,” flash fiction and “micro-story” (from Wikipedia).

The most famous six-word story is attributed to Earnest Hemingway: “For sale: baby shoes, never worn.” Hemingway supposedly collected \$10 each for that story from a bet with a group of writer friends.

The six-word concept expanded beyond fiction into six-word memoirs collected into a book titled, “Not Quite What I was Planning,” with entries from the famous and not so famous. That led to another book: “Six-Word Memoirs on Love and Heartbreak.” Then came a book with contributions from teenagers: “I Can’t Keep My Own Secrets.” Then the six-word concept went onto the The Leonard Lopate Show in New York City, which sponsored a contest. One heart-breaking entry said, “I found my mother’s suicide note.” Later, the same writer explained, “No flowers, no funeral, no nothing.”

Here are a couple of six-word samples: “Living in existential vacuum; it sucks.” “Facebook has ruined my entire life.” “Nixon childhood, Reagan teenager, hope finally.”

My own six-word memoir is this: “I found Jesus at age 10.”

Counting from when I first met my wife, my 61-year relationship with her requires just 15 borrowed words: “I did but see thee passing by/ And I shall love thee ‘till I die.” Those words became mine when I cut them out of a magazine. They remained in my wallet until I fell out of a boat into Lake Washington. They have remained always in my heart.

A Matter of Faith

His stories brought to His followers an unprecedented level of understanding never before experienced by seekers hungering to know the truths of God.

The most famous personal note is probably the lines Robert Frost wrote to conclude his poem “The Road Not Taken”: “Two roads diverged in a wood and I — I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.” While the poet’s exact meaning may be debated, those 22 words have been used in countless motivational articles and speeches, commencement addresses, sermons and more.

I have read some examples of flash fiction that left me wondering, what was the author’s intent? Some are dark and moody, suggesting a cynical or paradoxical view of life. Some are a snapshot of a humorous or quirky life experience. Most are

provocative. They leave the reader with more questions than answers. In fact, the reader must provide his/her own possible answers.

In contrast, one genre of flash fiction provides true insight into the mysteries of life, revealing truth at a level not easily explained. We call these stories parables and Jesus is the master of them all. They are His parables of the Kingdom of God (or Heaven) and when we read them thoughtfully, under the inspiration of God’s Spirit, we gain insight into what Kingdom living is about. Jesus’ stories clarify what philosophical essays could never explain.

Matthew chapter 13 contains eight of these parables, ranging in length from 111 words (The Sower, Seed, and Soils) to 31 words in the NIV (The Pearl of Great Price). With only one sentence or six sentences, these stories are among Jesus’ 50 parables that changed the world. Jesus told his disciples their ears were hearing and their eyes were seeing what the prophets and righteous people before them longed for but never received. His stories brought to His followers an unprecedented level of understanding never before experienced by seekers hungering to know the truths of God.

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field” (Matthew 13:44). Those 36 words tell a great story going beyond the two sentences.

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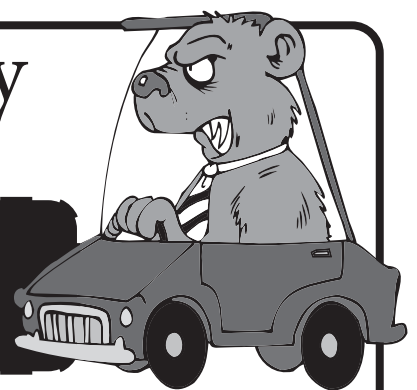
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New Thought topic: ‘Fathers Need Love, too’

By Lisa Burnson
New Thought Center
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“Fathers don’t just love their children every now and then. It’s a love without end” — George Strait.

Many of us have watched sitcoms featuring fathers from the ‘50s and ‘60s who have been men of character and great forbearing. Sitcoms such as “Father Knows Best” and “Leave it to Beaver” featured such fathers.

As time moved on, sitcoms changed and the character of fathers took on a new tone. One clear example was played as the character of Al Bundy in the sitcom, “Married with Children.” Al Bundy is a fumbling, befuddled man and a terrible, though fairly good intentioned, father who deserves his children’s off-hand jokes, if not ire. Most of the fathers featured in the ‘80s and ‘90s were portrayed as such in sitcoms. Modern day sitcoms often feature fathers who are absent and marriages that have

failed. Yes, sitcoms give a snap shot of society’s view on family life and norms and expectations of the time.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, June 21, at 10 a.m. Our speaker, Janie Garms, RN, prayer chaplain, will speak on notions of fatherhood and society. Her talk is entitled, “Father’s Need Love, Too.”

We will have spirited live music.

Our sanctuary is sanitized and set up for social distancing.

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

Upcoming events

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

July 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: “Break-out Outdoor Music Concert!” Four live bands plus food and craft vendors. For tickets, booth rentals or to volunteer, please call 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.

About us

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

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

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

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

Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha’i Faith

By Paulette Heber
Baha’i Community of Archuleta County

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

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/884668836?pwd=bkdEeVlaSWN0bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09>, call-in number: (669) 900-6833, meeting ID: 884 668 836.

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

This Sunday, June 21, our theme is prayer.

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

“There is nothing sweeter in the world of existence than prayer. Man must live in a state of prayer.”

“The most blessed condition is the condition of prayer and supplication.” — Abdu’l Baha.

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I am asking you to join me in putting our people first again. Let’s make empowering our citizens the primary goal of our government. Let’s reclaim the American dream.

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Preview Calendar

All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, June 18

Storywalk for Kids: '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. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Stretch and Balance. 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A variety of exercises to help regain balance, de-stress and alleviate pain.

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 20

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

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

Monday, June 22

Monster-Themed Virtual LEGO Contest. Do you love monsters and creating with LEGOs? If yes, enter our monster-themed virtual LEGO contest. Submit up to five photos of your creation the week of June 22-26. You may email submissions to ruby@pagosalibrary.org or submit photos to the library via Facebook Messenger. To ensure fair judging, none of these photos may contain people. One photo should be of a top view and one a front view. All submissions should include your name, age group and contact information. Winners will be announced Saturday, June 27. Prizes will be awarded for each of five age categories: preschool, ages 5-7, ages 8-11, ages 12-17 and adult. One prize will also be awarded for Judges' Choice and one for the best fit to the theme, but LEGO creations do not have to fit the theme to be eligible for prizes. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Tuesday, June 23

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.

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

Wednesday, June 24

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Garden Talks with Ron Chacey. 5:30 p.m. This year you will be able to attend from the comfort of your own home. Just tune in via Zoom from your computer, iPad or mobile device. First Chacey will talk about what's going on this week in his personal garden. You will view current photos of his plants, garden beds and hoop houses. Everyone will be muted, but also be able to submit questions or comments via chat. Then there will be a question-and-answer period.

Thursday, June 25

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Local Author Discussion. 5 p.m. A Q-and-A discussion via Zoom with local author Ethan Proud. To register, send an email to brad@pagosalibrary.org or call the library at 264-2209 for the Zoom link and password.

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

Tuesday, June 30

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Wednesday, July 1

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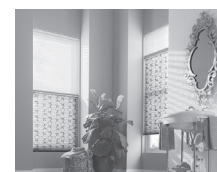
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Three tips to planning efficient home-cooked meals

Special to The PREVIEW

A few generations ago, dining out was an experience reserved for special occasions. However, until recently, when restaurants were shuttered in the wake of the public health crisis prompted by the spread of COVID-19, many people were dining out multiple times a week.

Hospitality solutions provider Fourth surveyed 1,000 American adults in 2019 and 56 percent reported dining out at least two to three times per week. Ten percent said they ate out four to six times each week, while 6 percent said they dined out everyday.

People accustomed to relying

on restaurants for meals multiple times per week may be unaccustomed to cooking many meals at home, which has become the norm thanks to restrictions placed on restaurants and other food-related businesses as part of COVID-19 social distancing precautions.

Learning how to shop for food and prepare items by maximizing available ingredients can reduce trips to the store and help people reduce food waste at a time when food is not as readily available as it once was.

1. Plan meals/browse circulars.

Meal planning and shopping lists are vital tools for people preparing meals at home. Without doing so, individuals can be left

floundering in the supermarket, spending more money than necessary and making impulse purchases (all the while forgetting items they truly need). Use sales circulars to browse weekly discounted items at stores. Build a week's worth of meals off of these sale items — going so far as to write out a cursory menu — then fill in any extra ingredients or staples needed on a shopping list. Leave a day or two for leftovers. Try organizing the list to follow the natural layout where items are arranged in the store.

2. Shop smart.

With paper and pen in hand or a digital list compiled on your phone, go aisle by aisle and check off items as they are added to the cart. If you are shopping for food you hope will last a week or more, consider substituting canned and frozen foods and other nonperishables for fresh items because they can be stored for longer periods of time. “Club size” or “family size” packages of foods may cost less per volume and can be subdivided and stored for later use.

3. Minimize waste.

Cook only as much as is needed for the household. Generally speaking, a meat or poultry serving of three to four ounces per person is adequate. That means a roast or steak of 1 1/2 to two pounds is fine for a family of four. Use up older frozen or perishable foods first. Store foods properly and use them before the use-by date. Wrap up leftovers and turn them into new meals.

With proper planning and smart thinking, cooking at home can be more efficient and less wasteful.

Improve comfort when dining outdoors

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Warm weather entices people to enjoy long hours outside basking in the sun or relaxing on balmy evenings. Many of the activities people once reserved for indoors when temperatures were chilly, including dining, are moved outside as the weather warms.

Even though outdoor dining can be quite enjoyable, certain factors need to be considered to ensure that each experience is as pleasurable as possible. This means focusing on comfort whenever meals are taken outdoors.

Address insects

Insects are equal opportunity invaders. Once they smell sweet or savory food items, they quickly descend for an easy bite. This means extra steps are necessary to dissuade insects from coming by. Invest in citronella candles, which can be placed around the patio to repel flying bugs. Clean up crumbs and spills promptly. Bees and wasps can be lured away with sweet traps placed around the perimeter of the property.

Offer shade

Too much sun can make outdoor meals less enjoyable. A patio umbrella, pergola or canopy can cut down on glare and make the

dining area more comfortable. Check to see that the shade source can be adjusted to guard against the sun as it moves across the sky.

Dress up seating

Just because furniture is made for outside doesn't mean it has to be uncomfortable. Many companies now produce very durable and attractive outdoor furniture. Weather-resistant fabrics mean rain or sunlight will not age items too quickly.

Reusable place settings

If you frequently dine outdoors, you may want to dine in style. Instead of disposable paper or plastic place settings, invest in colorful, durable, reusable plastic dishes, glasses and flatware, which will not break if dropped and can hold up to a dishwasher when it is time to clean up.

Create the right ambiance

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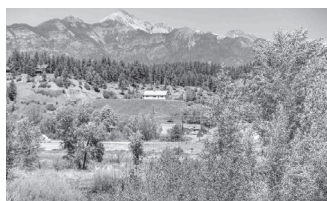
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