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COVID-19 case count remains at eight for county

Most recent case removed from local tally

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Monday, the first new COVID-19 case among Archuleta County residents since April was announced, although it was later discovered that individual is a resident of La Plata County.

On Wednesday, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Director of Communications Claire Ninde explained to The SUN that the individual had an Archuleta County address for health insurance, but is actually a resident of La Plata County.

That means Archuleta County continues to have eight cumulative confirmed cases, with SJBPH reporting to The SUN Tuesday that seven of the eight cases have recovered.

SJBPH and Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) confirmed the new case in an announcement Monday, stating, "The patient is in isolation and SJBPH is conducting contact tracing to quarantine and educate any individuals who may have been exposed. Due to patient privacy, no additional information is reported about the patient."

Regional cumulative case counts

As of 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Archuleta County was reported as having eight confirmed cases, with La Plata County having 91 cases (with one

■ See COVID-19 A8



Rollin' on the river

SUN photos/John Finefrock

Water enthusiasts took to the San Juan River downtown Tuesday for tubing, wading, paddleboarding and a way to cool off as temperatures reached the mid-80s. More hot weather and some thunderstorms are in the forecast.



By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Despite the Fourth of July parade being canceled, Pagosa Springs is still looking to have a fun and exciting holiday for locals and visitors alike with multiple events still planned for town, including a new one taking place on the San Juan River.

Freedom Float

For the Fourth of July, residents and visitors are encouraged to float down the San Juan River, when it's warm enough, and show off some patriotic pride and colors for the first ever Freedom Float.

"The whole point of it was to show some patriotic colors throughout downtown during the day," Tourism Director Jennie Green said in an interview on Monday.

Local outdoor adventure businesses have also encouraged patrons to get out and float on the afternoon of the Fourth of July, Green added.

"We're still trying not to encourage large gatherings, so hopefully the tubes will keep them separated and people will just kind of do it throughout the day," she said.

For those who are decorating their tubes or floats, keeping trash out of the San Juan River is a priority, Green noted.

■ See Fourth A8

Council to consider removing planning commissioner tonight

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council will consider a recommendation to remove Bill Hudson from the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission at a special meeting tonight at 5 p.m.

The consideration comes after the planning commission, via a 4-1 vote during a special meeting of the commission on June 11, approved a motion that recommended to town council to remove Hudson from the commission "without cause."

The special meeting on June 11 was noticed just over 24 hours in advance.

During the June 11 meeting, Hudson raised a question on whether or not the planning commission has "been granted the authority by the town council or by the voters of Pagosa Springs to pass judgment on

a member of their own volunteer board."

Hudson noted that he had no problem with planning commissioners expressing personal opinions to town council or anyone else as long as those opinions were represented solely as personal.

"One of the issues I've been concerned about since being appointed to this volunteer body is the apparent tendency of a commission and the planning staff to ignore written regulations and procedures and to assume the authority to make up new procedures and regulations out of thin air in absence of any authority or policies," Hudson said.

Town Attorney Clay Buchner noted that there is no specific process for a commission or advisory board making recommendations to

■ See Commissioner A8

High school says goodbye to decades of coaching experience

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Archuleta School District was recently faced with hiring new head coaches for four of Pagosa Springs High School's (PSHS) athletics programs — replacing more than a combined 50 years of head coaching experience.

"We have some coaches that have been coaching for quite a long time," Athletic Director Marcie Ham said, adding that the decisions to step away from the programs weighed heavily on several of the coaches, which she noted shows the devotion of the coaches and how much they love their sports and the athletes they work with.

And, as Ham explained, to help carry on the successes of the programs, it was important to find not only good coaches, but also those who are familiar with Pagosa's athletic programs and what those programs mean to the community.

"We think we got the best four, for sure," she said.

That has led to familiar faces in new places with the four programs — football, cross-country, and

boys' and girls' basketball.

Football

Myron Stretton served as the Pirate football coach twice, from 1997 to 2002 and again from 2016 to 2019.

"We just had a long dry spell, 10 years or eight years or whatever that we didn't make the playoffs," Stretton said of his return to coaching. "I just wanted to see us be successful at football again."

He walks away from his most recent stint as coach with a 16-22 record, with the Pirates having made the postseason two of the four years — something he counts as a success.

"This time around, I guess we made the playoffs two out of four years," he said. "We should have made it three out of four years. We hadn't been to the playoffs since 2010 I think, maybe even before that, I don't know."

Of other successes, he added, "Winning the league, which we hadn't done I think for 10 years. The 2017 season we made the playoffs, but did not win the league; we actually got, I think

■ See Coaches A8



Myron Stretton




Randy Sorensen




Scott Anderson



Wes Lewis



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EDITORIAL

Veterans Memorial Park could use our help

"If you look at a history of your family and friends, you will likely find a father, a mother, an uncle or aunt, a nephew, niece or a friend who served their country in order to protect our way of life. You might find a veteran who, as President Lincoln said, 'gave the last full measure of devotion'. It is time for us to honor those who served in order to ensure our safety and freedom," reads the website for Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County (VMPAC).

In 2013, a local board was formed with the mission "to develop and maintain a Memorial Park in honor of all past, present and future Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America; to be a place for Veterans, their families and the public to remember, reflect and contemplate the sacrifices of these individuals; and to serve as an educational venue."

While some of the members of the board of directors of the VMPAC are also members of other local veteran organizations, the organization and its board of directors are dedicated solely to building a memorial park in Archuleta County at a 6.9-acre site located just off Vista Boulevard and are not affiliated with any other veteran organization.

The group explored options and concepts for development of the park. They identified items to be incorporated into the park — a main memorial to recognize all who have served in the military: Air Force, Navy, Army, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine, and the following conflicts: War of Independence, War of 1812, Mexican-American War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Iraq wars and Afghanistan war.

Thoughtful planning has gone toward creating a special place for veterans and community to rest, walk and contemplate. Plans include gazebos, trails, picnic areas and a pavilion. You can view a conceptual design at vetsmemorialpark.org.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the VMPAC had to cancel its major fundraising events planned for the summer; however, they are selling beautifully engraved bricks that will become part of a permanent "honor walk" that will demonstrate the gratitude of this community to our veterans. You can purchase bricks in honor of someone living or in memory of someone who has passed. Details are available on the website at

vetsmemorialpark.org.

You can also help out by purchasing VMPAC memberships or you can make tax-deductible donations through the website or by mailing your check to Veterans Memorial Park, P.O. Box 2642, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the organization, there is also contact information available on the website.

While not yet complete, the VMPAC board invites the public to enjoy the parking lot, trails and natural beauty of the park just so long as you are practicing social distancing and respect for your fellow citizens.

You will find a rendition of a sculpture designed by board member Val Valentine when you visit the park. "Archuleta's Blue Star Family" is the title of the sculpture with the theme of: "When a son or daughter goes off to war, the entire family goes along." It is envisioned that this will become a more permanent sculpture constructed of wrought iron plate.

We encourage you to support this effort led by our veterans to build this unique memorial in honor of those whom we should never forget.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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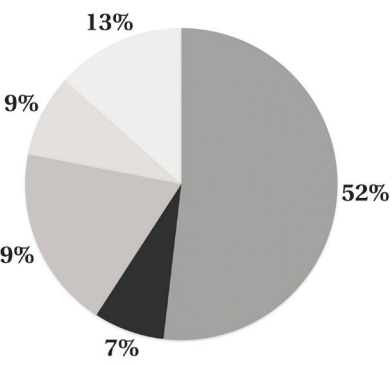
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The Fourth of July. — 7 percent
The smoke going away. — 19 percent
Gardening. — 9 percent
Other. — 13 percent



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LOOKING BACK



From the April 14, 1983, Pagosa Springs SUN.

CAR BASH — Admirers of well preserved and well restored automobiles enjoyed the Auto Show last Saturday. They also had a chance to vent their frustrations over four wheel lemons they have known.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 2, 1920

Two cars came over Wolf Creek pass yesterday, but with great difficulty. The bridges, which were out on the other side, are not yet completed, and there is some snow on top as yet, but the seven men in the party succeeded in assisting the cars over. They state that the earliest possible time when cars can make the trip in fair shape will be next Sunday.

Antonio Lobata is making adobes for a new house for Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Graham. According to plans it will be by far the best building at Chromo.

C.B. Tackett and son Harry returned Saturday from a several weeks' trip in New Mexico. Each has relinquished his homestead entry in Montezuma county and have filed on land in the Cuba, N.M., vicinity.

At the John Lattin home in this city last evening at 8:00 o'clock, in the presence of relatives and friends, occurred the marriage of Mr. Earl Lattin and Miss Phoebe Jones, Rev. J.D. Leach of the M.E. church performing the ceremony.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 29, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Montoya received a telegram Sunday, telling them of the death of their son, Pvt. Eddie Montoya, on Okinawa, May 24th. Eddie is the second son in the family to give his life in the service of his country, his brother Alex, having been killed in action in Germany Jan. 23rd of this year. Eddie was born near Chromo Nov. 9, 1927, and was graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in May, 1944. He entered the army Aug. 22, 1944, and took his basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif. He had a furlough visit here with his family in mid-January of this year, and was sent overseas Feb. 15, 1945.

Ben Rhodes was in Denver this week, buying equipment for his new market which will soon open in the former Milam property across the street from the Los Banos Hotel.

P.C. Crowley was re-elected president of the Archuleta County Stockgrowers' Association at a meeting held Saturday afternoon in the court house at Pagosa Springs.

The Basin had a good shower Monday and that's news this year.

A forest fire was reported on the Talamante ranch above Edith Tuesday, but was under control Wednesday morning.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 25, 1970

Summer is getting a little closer all of the time. One week from tomorrow the big 1970 Red Ryder Roundup will be underway. Streams are starting to go down, travel is very heavy in these parts, and fishing is steadily improving.

Other people who are, for one reason or another, out in the woods a good deal report that bear are more plentiful than is the case in most years. Roy Brown has reported seeing a Mountain Lion in the Arboles-Allison area, as have several other outdoorsmen. In this day of high speed everything, a lion isn't often seen. All who have seen one, probably the same one, are in complete agreement that it is about as graceful and fast as anyone can imagine. The animals may be making a comeback.

If you haven't made your parade entry for the Red Ryder Roundup, now is the time to get in a heck of a hurry and do so. Time creeps by mighty fast at this time of the year.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 29, 1995

The 1995 Fourth of July holiday in Pagosa Springs promises to be bigger and better than ever, with five days of events and activities on the schedule.

The carnival will be up and running this weekend providing rides and diversions for the entire family.

Sponsored by the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, the annual Arts and Crafts Fair will again be set up at Town Park. The Arts and Crafts Fair features booths offering a variety of fine arts, folk arts and crafts, as well as food and refreshments.

The theme of this year's parade is "Pagosa Heritage — Then and Now." The parade is organized and sponsored by the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club.

The traditional central event of the 4th of July holiday is the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. This year marks the 46th consecutive year the Red Ryder Roundup has taken place at Pagosa Springs.



Letters



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County roads

Dear Editor:
This letter is addressed to the Board of County Commissioners. Since I left office in 1990, the county no longer crushes quality gravel for the country roads. While in office I located 32 gravel pits around the county as sources for gravel. Instead of using gravel the county prefers spraying road stabilizers, spending millions of dollars on dust control. If they used proper gravel on the roads they wouldn't need to spray for dust control. The lower half of Country Road 700 still uses gravel that was laid down in 1978 and requires minimal maintenance.

On another matter, the Pagosa Junction bridge has needed critical repairs for several years. CDOT engineers came to examine the bridge, made recommendations to the county for repairs, and offered their support. However, the County Public Works director never submitted the forms to the state. The bridge provides critical access to residents and services up and down County Road 500. It's important that we move forward with these repairs while the state is willing to offer support.

Chris Chavez

Response to editorial

Dear Editor:
Regarding your recent "We wel-

come you" editorial: sorry, but it is more complicated than you make it sound. Regrettably, there are some states that have not done what needs to be done to control COVID-19, and in those states, cases are now growing exponentially. We do not need visitors from those states bringing their virus to Pagosa Country, unless they are willing to self-quarantine for 2 weeks, like the two examples you mentioned in the editorial. With that, I have no problem, but you and I know, from driving through Pagosa on any given day, that most out of state visitors are not doing that. And in some states, COVID-19 cases are, as of June 20, spiking out of control. We should not be welcoming visitors from those states at the present time. I say that based on the numbers from Johns Hopkins University, not out of dislike for any particular states.

Here in Colorado and in neighboring New Mexico, COVID cases have peaked and have been trending mostly downward the past few weeks. So I say to visitors from other parts of CO and from NM, as long as those trends continue, "We welcome you." But the story is different in other states including Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Arizona. All of those states have been lax in their efforts to control COVID-19, and consequently, cases in all of them are currently spiking out of control. In each of those four states, the highest number of reported cases is on the most recent day reported. In each of them, the graphs on the Johns Hopkins website show a steepening upward curve in the number of cases. These numbers are not, as some say, simply because more testing is being done. Rather, the percentage of tests that are positive is rising, as is the number of hospitalizations. Thus, there is a true increase in the number of cases. California is also becoming increasingly problematic, also having a record number of cases in the most recent day. There, the upward trend is more of a straight line than an upward curve, but still concerning.

Accordingly, I feel that visitors from the states of Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Arizona, and California cannot be safely welcomed to Pagosa Country unless they are willing to self-quarantine for two weeks when they get here. In fact, I would urge Governor Polis to make such self-quarantine mandatory for visitors to Colorado from states with high and growing numbers of cases. Other states, including Florida and Hawaii, have done this, and New York soon may. And anyone from states with rapid COVID increases who is not willing to self-quarantine, in my opinion, should return home if they are here or stay at home if they are not here until their state gets the spread of COVID-19 under control as we have done here. Here in Pagosa Country, we have a high percentage of retirees and thus a vulnerable population to the effects of COVID-19. Safety first.

John Farley

Stop the insanity

Dear Editor:
Welcome to the "new normal" where we live in Upside-Down World. Where we are hurting our children so we can "keep grandma safe". I'm sorry to be the one who has to point out the obvious, but why are we hurting our kids to keep the old people alive a little longer? That is upside down. I myself am a senior citizen, but never would I put extension of my life ahead of the health of children or any younger person. I don't believe any parent or grandparent would.

How are continuing restrictions still being viewed as a sane reaction to a virus? We have never before reacted to a virus with draconian lockdowns, mandated masks, preventing people from socializing or going to church, canceling kids' activities, non-stop fear-mongering from the press, crippling and destroying small business, pushing people into depression and hopelessness. Please tell me how this is a positive reaction to a virus that will not hurt anyone with an intact immune system, which is the vast majority of people ... especially the young?

The fear-mongers on the nightly news never talk about the immune system. The immune system is merely what protects us from viruses. Do you know what hurts the immune system? Fear, isolation, hopelessness, depression, dousing ourselves and kids in disinfectant, making healthy people wear masks, social distancing, no hugs, no smiles, just never-ending fear. Not to mention the seething hatred towards those who don't subscribe to the fear. Yes, I'm talking about the Mask Bullies, the shaming of people who don't want to wear masks (because they are unhealthy for healthy people), who want to end the lockdowns, who want to open up our town and let our citizens and especially our kids return to normal, healthy social activities.

When did we lose common sense? When did the wearing of masks and walking one way down the grocery aisle show that we "care" about everyone? What we are seeing is a multitude of enforced restrictions that hurt our health, especially that of our children. What, exactly, is the real agenda behind that?

My father died this year at age 93.
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Letters

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He was ready to meet his maker a decade before, in his 80's. He would have been the first one to insist that efforts to keep him alive not be put before the health of kids. He died of old age, not of the virus. But because of the "humanitarian" lockdowns, he had to die alone, with no family allowed. Was that compassionate? Is what we are continuing to do to our kids compassionate?

No, it's insanity, and it needs to stop

Kathleen Galloway

Struck from history

Dear Editor:

This will be short and sweet ... I hope. I have seen in reports that government agencies, as our Federal government started taking down pictures of past slave owners from their buildings. We've heard how statues of Confederate leaders have been removed, though many of them were not slave owners and did not fight in the Civil War to retain this practice. Point being if they were a slave owner they will and are being struck from the pages of history. There are a few others that have not been addressed by this purgative practice. George Washington — slave owner. Thomas Jefferson — slave owner and one who railed against including measures in the Constitution to eliminate the practice of slavery. I submit that a great many of the signers of the Constitution were slave owners. Can you imagine how much it will cost to not only redesign the one dollar bill, but to also eliminate this currency from circulation? How about all the nickels that Jefferson is on. Both these gentlemen have statues all over the place. I ask, what about them and the others?

Doug Roberts

The trial

Dear Editor:

Many leading theatre companies have presented plays online for a corona-captive audience over the past few months. My personal Tony Award goes to the NT production of Frankenstein, an agonizing morality play featuring the rawest physical performance in memory from Jonny Lee Miller.

This week the Town Board gets in on the act with a Zoom production of "The Trial of Bill Hudson."

Hudson is clearly guilty. He stubbornly insisted on sticking to the script (alternately known as the "Land Use and Development Code" or "the law") when local developer Jack Searle proposed the Town's first gated community. The planning department preferred a more experimental, more improv approach, featuring a dance number called "The Wiggle Room." The Town Council resolved the dispute last week by approving Searle's subdivision, whose road system is entirely disconnected from the rest of Town and exempt from Town sidewalk standards but maintained and repaired with Town tax dollars.

How To Succeed in Business.

Hudson real crime, though, is his opposition to the \$80 million in corporate welfare Searle and his partner David Dronet are seeking for an expansion of The Springs. That expansion proposes 450 luxury hotel rooms and condos. Not a single unit of workforce or a single major employer guaranteeing middle class jobs is offered in return for a quarter century long tax break. At public meetings and in print little Bill (whose middle name is actually "Oliver") has been willing to approach the developers and ask "Please sir, I want some more" in return for \$80 million of subsidies.

What.

Hudson further offended the Town by going door to door to get

Ballot Measure A put the voters. That measure would give Town voters the right to approve or reject large tax breaks for developers. Curiously, Hudson's efforts to give the people some control over their tax dollars have branded him "An Enemy of the People."

Well it should be a good show. Planning Director James Dickhoff will again be featured as Iago. Perhaps planning commissioners Peter Adams and Jeff Posey might recreate their diva performances from the last commission meeting. Sadly, one doubts we will see a return performance from Chris Pitcher, whose fairness, intelligence and gentlemanly demeanor has typecast him out of most roles at Town Hall these days.

What roles will our Town Councilors assume during Thursday's show? Zoom in and find out.

I must confess that I am far more of a "pro-growth" guy than Mr. Hudson (though one who prefers that developers pay their own bills). Living downtown for twenty years, I can readily sympathize with those in Town Hall who look at the empty lots along Hot Springs Boulevard and the river and desire to transform them, to inject some life into them.

Dr. Frankenstein would sympathize too.

Glenn Walsh

'Not the time to fall asleep'

Dear Editor:

As if lightning had struck outside my window, I saw the clear connection between the History Channel's piece on the Hitler Youth Movement, and the tyrannical groupthink in our taxpayer funded colleges and universities. Those who would relegate our Bill of Rights to the trash bin of history.

To indoctrinate the young, the

Nazi Party infiltrated, co-opted, and finally took over German youth organizations, such as the Boy Scouts. Their program created a religious-like devotion to Nazi ideology, which replaced historical, German culture. As one recovered survivor of the madness later confessed, "I belonged to Adolf Hitler, body and soul."

With competing voices progressively removed and excluded, the mind meld began slowly in 1922. Eleven-years later, 6% [two-million] of German youth had been captured. By 1939, that number had grown to 90% [30-million]. Its ultimate — and successful — goal was to create soldiers for the Reich.

Seventy-five years after Hitler's defeat, history can judge the Hitler Youth Movement: "It is considered one of the most chilling facets of the Nazi regime — proof that totalitarian indoctrination can use school-aged children to further hateful ideologies." (History Channel web site)

I graduated college at the height of the Vietnam War protests. But because the radicals from my coddled, Baby Boomer generation [for some years I was an apolitical hippie] had yet to become tenured professors who excluded competing voices, the current herd mentality on campuses could not then take root. (It was called 'liberty,' i.e. freedom of thought.)

Now, unlike general society where political persuasions are not coerced by mob mentality, in our institutions of so-called 'higher learning,' upwards of 90% of faculty and students are Democrats — or worse. How else did the freest, most prosperous nation on earth create obedient, fanatical Marxist-Progressive-Antifa street soldiers, who would off the limb upon which we all live?

If learning the truth keeps you up at night ... good. This is not the time to fall asleep.

Charles Wenzel

Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles increases licensing fees

Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles

The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will increase its licensing fees by about 10 percent by July 1, in accordance with Colorado Revised Statute 42-2-114.5. The increase will apply to all driver's licenses, instruction permits, identification cards and renewals.

The increase means a standard driver's license will cost \$30.87, up from \$28, while an ID card will cost \$12.67, up from \$11.50. Most licenses only need to be renewed every five years. The increase will come in two phases, with the first starting Tuesday, June 23, and increasing the fee by 5 percent. The second phase will increase the fee by 5 percent at the start of the state's new fiscal year on Wednesday, July 1.

The fee increase is being made to ensure the cash fund that covers the majority of expenses related to providing licensing services for residents across the state remains solvent. One of the causes of reduced revenue is demographic

shifts causing a decrease in the number of driver's licenses issued. The situation has recently been compounded by the closures and loss of revenues due to COVID-19. Further depletion of the fund would create the need for drastic cuts to services provided to Colorado residents.

Despite the change, Colorado licensing fees will still be lower than most other states. Prior to this change, the DMV last increased its licensing fees by \$1 from \$27 to \$28 in 2018. For more fee information, please visit www.colorado.gov/dmv/dmv-fees.

Additionally, Coloradans seeking DMV services are strongly encouraged to use any of the DMV's 35 online services at www.myDMV.Colorado.gov.

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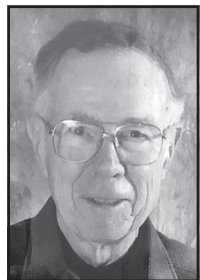


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Obituary

George R. Esterly

George R. Esterly was born Feb. 19, 1931, in Carthage, Mo., to Dr. George B. and Louise Esterly and died on June 16 in Green Valley, Ariz.



George was the oldest of four children. He is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Mary Louise Smerdon and Virginia May Larson; wife Judy; and daughter Ellen. He is survived by his brother, William Esterly; daughter Jan Herzog, and her husband, Mitch Herzog; grandchildren Peter, Andrew and Sarah; and a beloved friend and soulmate, Helen Russo.

After high school, George received a BS from Southwest Mis-

souri State University and a MS from Trinity University.

George served as a psychologist in the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1956. Following his time in the service, George worked as a high school guidance counselor. Following his retirement as a guidance counselor, he became a certified financial advisor.

George lived in Pagosa Springs for many years before moving to Green Valley. George had been active in community activities. He volunteered at the White Elephant and the Sahuarita/Green Valley Chamber of Commerce.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Green Valley.

May God bless the memory of George R Esterly.

Donations may be made in George Esterly's memory to the Salvation Army and the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.

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Business

Economic forecast shows impacts of COVID-19 pandemic

Gov. Jared Polis' office

The Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting released its quarterly economic forecast recently.

"This global pandemic has had a terrible impact on the economy and our way of life. Coloradans are resilient, innovative and talented, and we will get through this challenging time together. While we are taking cautious steps to rebuild our economy, we cannot let up in our shared efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. If Coloradans don't wear masks in public or practice good social distancing and physical hygiene, then we will see case counts rise as they have in other states and the economy will further suffer," said Gov. Jared Polis. "I look forward to working with communities, lawmakers and anyone to ensure the state's economy and workforce can bounce back stronger than before."

Due to COVID-19, Colorado lost more than 300,000 jobs in March and April, and the unemployment rate rose to 11.3 percent. Despite these dire numbers, the state's large professional services sector is helping Colorado weather the COVID-19 recession better

than most other states. However, other critical industries, such as tourism and energy, have been severely impacted and are expected to face longer recoveries.

General Fund revenue is expected to fall by 4.9 percent in fiscal year (FY) 2019-20 and by another 10.5 percent in FY 2020-21. The General Fund revenue forecast was revised up by net of \$216.9 million over the forecast period, primarily due to technical and legislative changes that increase revenue.

With these updated revenue projections, the General Fund reserve is projected to end FY 2020-21 \$171.4 million above the statutory reserve amount of 2.86 percent of appropriations based on preliminary analysis of legislation passed by the General Assembly.

After two months of precipitous declines, the U.S. economy appears to have begun to grow slightly in May and June, though from extremely low levels. The U.S. economy added more than 2.5 million jobs in May after losing more than 22 million in March and April, and retail sales grew by 7.9 percent after declining by 16 percent in April. Despite this improvement, the recovery is expected to be slow and contingent upon public health conditions and federal relief measures.

Gatherings and events: Next steps in opening up the community

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

No matter who you speak to these days, they have an opinion about the current pandemic, our recovery and what is the right way to open our community back up.

Pagosa Springs has been fairly unscathed by the pandemic; however, with tourism as the economic basis of our community, we need to welcome people to Pagosa, and we need to do that safely and smartly.

Visitors to Pagosa Springs are asked to be our community partners and honor our passion to remain healthy and safe and uphold the requirements that many of the businesses have put in place. Just because we are reopening our businesses does not mean that the virus has gone away. It is just as important now to be safe than ever before.

The state will allow opening up another segment of community engagement — that of events and larger gatherings, which experts feel are one of the greatest ways COVID-19 can be transmitted. What can gatherings look like now? It is mostly based on square footage no matter whether the event is inside or outside. The "social distancing calculator" bases safety interaction on 12-foot distances to allow for people passing and moving about and still maintaining

6-foot distancing. This is not always possible and not always necessary if you arrange flow, entrances and exits appropriately, so 6-foot distancing is required. Right now, indoor limit capacity is 100 people per room to maintain "medium viral spread." Outdoor capacity is 175 people per space also maintaining "medium viral spread." The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has a social distancing calculator for 6-foot and 12-foot distancing requirements, <https://covid19.colorado.gov/social-distancing-calculator-for-indoor-and-outdoor-events>.

Here are some other tips for producing a successful and safe indoor or outdoor event. Enhanced cleaning and sanitizing at key locations: entrances, restrooms, stairwells, light switches. Maintain a guest list or registration list of some kind, such as RSVP or registration (online or in person). Create a queue system with 6-foot distancing at entrances. Performers or competitions should be at least 25 feet from the audience. All performers should be checked for health risk prior to performing. Encourage people (employees, volunteers, attendees) to wear face coverings.

Liane Jollon, executive director of San Juan Basin Public Health, reminds everyone, "As our local economy begins to enter its 'new

normal,' it is critical that we don't become complacent in protecting ourselves from the spread of COVID-19. The virus is very much still circulating in our residents, traveling workforce and tourist population and as we've seen in neighboring states, it doesn't take much for case counts to rise rapidly and jeopardize local health care systems if we don't take social distancing, face covering, handwashing and good workplace cleaning practices seriously. The best way to sustainably reopen our economy is to practice good public health habits at all times."

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Event stage policy discussed by tourism board subcommittee

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Further discussion was held on a possible policy and fee schedule for a recently purchased portable event stage during a subcommittee meeting of the Pagosa Area Tourism Board (PATB) on June 17.

The PATB received approval from the Pagosa Springs Town Council in 2019 to purchase the stage, and, according to Tourism Director Jennifer Green, the stage is ready to be picked up.

However, questions were raised at the June 9 meeting of the PATB on whether or not the stage could be used on private property, creating a fee schedule and insurance requirements, among other things.

Following that meeting, Town Manager Andrea Phillips and Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis drafted some recommendations for rental policies and a fee structure for the event stage.

Outlined in the recommendation, the stage could be rented by for-profit, not-for-profit and public entities if the events are open to the community.

Additionally, the town reserves the right to determine whether or not the stage can be rented out depending on things like: ground level, weather and road conditions.

The recommendations outline that there will be no fee waivers

except for town-sponsored events that the town is putting on for the community.

If an event were to be held on private property overnight, the event holder would need to provide security for the stage, according to the recommendation.

A certificate of insurance listing the town as an additional insurer would also need to be required, according to the recommendation.

The proposed stage rental fees outline that, for a public event organized by a nonprofit, the daily rental fee would be \$550, while for a public-for-profit organizer, that fee is increased to \$1,100. Those fees would apply whether on public or private property.

"We're not doing anything above and beyond what any other community is charging here. We're not trying to gouge," Lewis said.

If an event were to be held on public property, town staff would deconstruct the stage at the end of each night and reconstruct it the next day if they need to, Phillips explained.

Phillips explained that all of the events have to have access to the public, and the events can be ticketed if they choose to be.

The only time a private closed event is allowed is if someone is having a wedding on town property, she clarified later.

"We wrote this really as a policy

and kind of a fee structure document, but I do think a lot of what's in here could kind of be the basis for the rental agreement," Phillips said, adding that the subcommittee would bring a recommendation on a policy to town council for approval.

PATB board nominee Kristi Smith suggested crafting a cancellation clause within the policy to allow for refunds if the town is notified early enough or an administrative fee is charged if the town is notified too late.

Following Phillips going over the proposed fee schedule with the subcommittee, both Smith and PATB Chair Shane Lucero suggested to open up the stage to be rented by everyone in order to pay it off.

Smith noted that this could be restricted to a 10-mile radius.

Lucero also suggested that there be one cost for for-profits and nonprofits.

"I keep thinking about the fact that this is a public asset that was purchased with taxpayer money," Phillips said.

Following more discussion on the fee schedule, Phillips explained that there would be revisions made to the fee schedule.

Phillips added that she thinks it is a good idea to have one set fee and not try to differentiate between nonprofit and for-profit.

The original intention in buying

the event stage, according to Lucero, was for it to be used throughout the community, not just for it to be used on public property.

Additionally, the stage was purchased by the PATB to eventually have an event venue in town, Lucero explained, adding that this idea has been backed up by the Destination Master Plan and other studies that have been done in town.

"When we discussed buying the stage, it was so we could show that there was a need for an event venue in town," Lucero said, adding that he meant the Pagosa area.

Language that provides preference to public events that are funded or supported by the PATB or lodgers' tax could be added to the policy, PATB member Michael Whiting suggested.

"If there's a conflict with a private use versus a public use, the public use prevails," he said.

The town does not want to be in the equipment rental business for private events that don't benefit the community, Phillips added.

In an email to The SUN on Monday, Phillips explained that the policies, application form and a revised price structure are being worked on based on the subcommittee's feedback.

Those items will be taken to the Pagosa Springs Town Council for its approval at its July 7 meeting.

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Local outdoor businesses operating with slight modifications

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

Commercial outdoor pursuits around Pagosa Springs continue to operate with slight modifications amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rafting season in Pagosa is already over, according to Aryanna Fulbright, office manager for Wilderness Journeys Pagosa.

Fulbright explained that May 28 was the first day the company offered a rafting trip after it was shut down due to COVID-19 and due to minimal snowfall last winter, the last rafting trip they did was on June 9.

"We had a 12-day season," said Kevin Metzler, owner of Wilderness Journeys.

Fulbright noted that generally for rafting, Wilderness Journeys will run trips when the river levels are above 450 cubic feet per second, or cfs, and sometimes when the local rivers are only above 400 cfs.

She said that for tubing trips, which the company currently offers, the ideal range for cfs is between 400 and 100.

"Under 100 we wouldn't recommend [tubing]," she said.

As of Wednesday morning, the San Juan River at Pagosa Springs was running at 113 cfs, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Metzler explained that, for tubing, he believes he's running the only shuttle in town.

"But it's a private shuttle, so we are not co-mingling parties and

groups," he said, adding, "All equipment and vehicles are disinfected after use."

Maddy Bergon, shop manager for Pagosa Outside, said they didn't even run rafting trips this season but continue to offer tube rentals.

She explained the whole process can be done online "from reservations to waivers" to minimize in-person contact at the shop.

She noted staff is limiting the number of people in the store to no more than 10 at a time and their tubing shuttle is not operating.

"We're trying to go all contactless. So, everything's online and folks are still getting outside and having fun," she said.

Cynthia Toner, owner of Toner Ranch Outfitting, stated that her horseback riding business is "pretty steady compared to last year" and that in the last few weeks she's seen an incredible number of tourists in the Upper Piedra area.

She said that her company has developed a "COVID mitigation protocol" that she submitted to the U.S. Forest Service, which detailed that she won't mix groups, won't allow more than 10 people per ride and will ensure social distancing throughout the experience.

Toner explained that participants don't have to wear a mask on the ride and neither does the horse.

"We don't transport any clients to the trailhead, they drive their own vehicle," Toner said. "We encourage self-assessment coming on the activity — like if you're feel-

ing sick, please don't come."

Jon Reed, owner of Sportsman's Campground, reported he's already seeing a lot of people camping this year.

He explained masks are required in any public buildings in the campground, but even amid the COVID-19 pandemic, business is about at normal levels compared to years past.

He noted the horseback rides at the campground run by Crazy Horse Outfitters start right at the campground, so the outfitters don't have to shuttle anyone to a trailhead.

He noted employees at the campground are always wearing masks and he's put hand sanitizer "everywhere."

Scott Taylor, owner/guide for High Country Fishing Charters, reported he's slammed with reservations after he opened this year

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on May 17.

Asked how business was, he said Tuesday was his 26th day in a row of work.

"The first part of May hurt because they closed below the dam, so I had nowhere to go," he said. "So I had 45 days of nothing. I'm sucking it up and we're doing good now."

Taylor explained he's implementing social distancing requirements, his clients are driving themselves to the fishing spots and he's not providing lunches or drinks to clients as he normally has in past years.

Asked if he had a message for the general public, Taylor asked that visitors from out of town wear their face masks to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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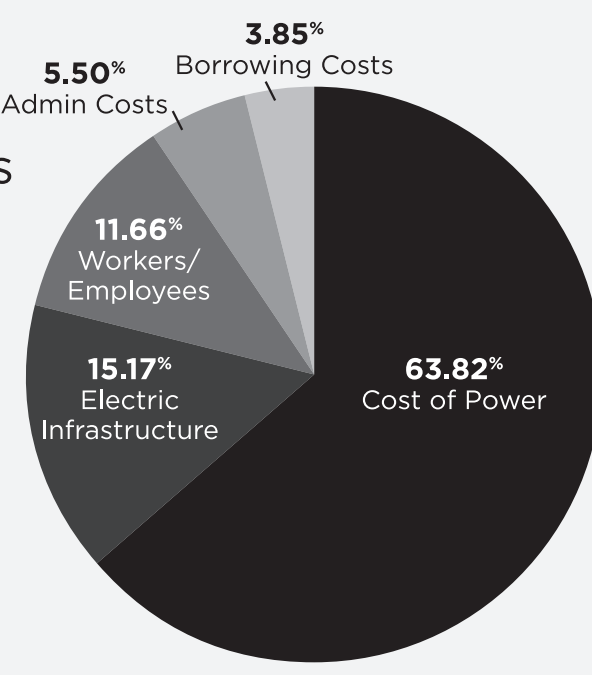
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Pike to Eagle Drive project set to go following town council decision

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pike to Eagle Drive connection project is ready to go following a Pagosa Springs Town Council decision to award UCAL Inc. the contract for construction of the project for \$259,523.50 at its regular meeting on June 18.

This project will connect the east side of Eagle Drive to Pike Drive one block north of U.S. 160, according to agenda documentation.

The completion of the project will allow drivers to access secondary roads without turning onto the highway, agenda documentation describes.

The project will include grade improvements, new pavement and there will also be curb and gutter and a section of sidewalk on the north side of the road, according to Public Works Director Martin Schmidt.

Davis Engineering was contracted for the design and engineering portion of the project in 2018, according to agenda documentation.

Five firms, including UCAL, bid on the project, with bids ranging from \$259,523.50 to \$443,551.90, agenda documentation explains.

Schmidt noted that the engineer's estimate for the project was \$268,994.

The town worked with landowners on all sides of the project to acquire easements and land necessary to move forward with the project, Schmidt noted.

"The completed work that UCAL has done is of high quality for sure," Schmidt said.

Council member Matt DeGuise posed the question of if there was a construction schedule for the project.

According to Schmidt, there was no schedule from any of the bidders of the project, but added the town could negotiate a schedule.

However, the anticipated timeframe for construction is 90 days on this project, Schmidt explained.

"While UCAL has done good work, I don't think they've been timely finishing their projects," DeGuise said.

Schmidt noted that he had only worked with UCAL on one project, the North 8th Street project, and Schmidt noted that they completed the project within the allotted amount of days within that contract despite a winter shutdown.

The motion to award UCAL Inc. the contract for the construction of the Pike to Eagle Drive connection project for \$259,523.50 was approved by council via a 6-1 vote with council member Mat DeGraaf voting against.

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Sheriff questions county attorney on hiring freeze

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

On June 16, Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez asked the Archuleta County attorney for clarification on why he could not make hiring decisions for his department after the Archuleta County commissioners instituted a county-wide hiring freeze in April.

"Where can you as the board of county commissioners put a hiring freeze on the other elected officials?" he asked at the commissioners' work session, adding, "As the elected officials, our budget is our budget, it's been approved, we have that budget for the year ... The question that we have, the concern that we have is, by the board of county commissioners not allowing us to fill certain positions, it's basically dictating my budget because you're not allowing me to make the changes within my organization as I see fit."

In a phone call Wednesday, Commissioner Steve Wadley explained the rationale for April's hiring freeze.

"The budget's based on what we expect revenue to be and now with [COVID-19], certainly sales tax is gonna be down, to what degree we don't know. Are people going to pay their property tax? Are values going to hold? We don't know that either. I understand the elected officials' frustration, but the three of us need to balance the budget," he said, referring to the three Archuleta County commissioners.

In a text message to The SUN on Wednesday, Undersheriff Derek Woodman wrote that the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) had asked for permission from the county to hire an office manager, but County Administrator Scott Wall "would not authorize advertising externally" for the position.

"We could hire internally from existing county employees," Woodman wrote.

On April 7, the three county commissioners unanimously approved a hiring freeze in the county with the exception of a few positions.

The language of the agenda item on the commissioners' April 7 meeting agenda reads, "Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the possibility of a national or state mandated shelter-at-home order, this item establishes a hiring freeze

for all full-time positions in all departments in the County, with the exception of Dispatch and the Sheriff's Patrol and Detention departments."

The office manager is not within patrol or detention at the ACSO.

In a phone call Tuesday, Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver offered clarification on the county commissioners' role in managing the budget.

"When it comes to budgets, the Board of County commissioners has the ultimate authority to adopt, amend, supplement and take away money, basically at their discretion, so long as it's not an absolute abuse of power," he said.

He added that instead of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners amending every department's budget at this time of economic uncertainty, the commissioners are taking a precaution by saying, "let's hold on on replacing people."

During discussion at the June 16 work session, Wall commented on the hiring freeze.

"When y'all voted on the freeze you said patrol, detention and dispatch would not be affected," Wall said. "I think you made a very big decision to not jeopardize the safety of our peace officers ... To me, it's a temporary thing, but the morale of firing people because you over-hired, or you filled positions you didn't have the money for is much worse than a freeze ... The public sector has its weaknesses and benefits, one of the benefits is you usually have job security compared to working in the private sector."

In the text message, Woodman offered an update on the sheriff's office hiring of an office manager.

"We are promoting internally from our employees today. That will create a vacancy for our Admin position that is responsible for our Model Traffic Code. I will be asking to fill that position externally today," he wrote.

The Model Traffic Code took effect in Archuleta County March 1.

Prior to the code taking effect, fines from violations issued by the ACSO would go to the state.

Now, under the Model Traffic Code, the money will be routed to Archuleta County's general fund.

Woodman explained in a phone call Wednesday morning that the now-vacant administration posi-

tion has the responsibility of processing those citation payments.

Woodman has estimated the new code will bring in about \$160,000 annually to the county.

Valdez explained in a phone call Tuesday that he was seeking clar-

ification from Weaver on June 16 about the county commissioners' legal authority to prevent him from hiring as he sees fit.

He said as of Tuesday, he still had not received that clarification. john@pagosajournal.com

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Coaches

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we got third in the league. This past year, it wasn't a stellar season by any means, but I thought we did a good job starting where we had to start and our league has been really good for quite a while, so that was quite an accomplishment to win the league."

Stretton explained he's stepping down from coach because both it and his job are time-consuming.

"It's hard to do a good job at both of them," he said. "If you're doing both, honestly, what happens is you do a mediocre job at both."

While acknowledging that there's nothing easy about coaching, Stretton explained, "For anybody that's a competitor, it's a chance to be involved in that environment again, and really the reason most people do it is because they enjoy young people and hopefully help them in some way — give them something that will stick with them in the future and help them be successful down the road."

Ham highlighted the team's defeating the Bayfield Wolverines for the first time in a long time.

Leading the Pirate football team next season will be former assistant coach Nathan Morales, who also has head coach experience elsewhere.

Stretton offered simple words for Morales: "Good luck."

Cross-country

Scott Anderson took over coaching the PSHS cross-country program 20 years ago, taking over from the previous coach, Glen Cope, after it was suggested by one of the team's runners.

"There was a number of people I was helping, was coaching in cycling," he explained. "One of the girls at the high school ... was starting to race mountain bikes in the summer. She ran cross-country as well. She apparently liked what I was doing and asked, because she knew her coach was gonna be retiring soon ... and said, 'Hey, have you ever thought about doing this?' And I thought it would be an interesting experiment to see how some of my ideas, if they would translate to high school kids. I always liked the sport, I wanted to give back to it, and so when he retired, I applied and they picked me. Initially I thought it would be a couple-year experiment and maybe go win some races and call it good, and I ended up ... really enjoying it, became somewhat addicted to it and

20 years later decided to step out."

Anderson explained a number of things aligned, giving him comfort that the program would be in good hands if he stepped away.

"In my conversation with the team as I was letting them know, I was trying to use the analogy of, if you're out on a vacation or you're at some function or a party or something and things are going really well and you're having an awesome time and it's the time of your life kind of thing, that's oftentimes the best time to step out as opposed to waiting until things go sideways. So, that was one of the factors," he said.

Anderson also noted that he's had a number of great assistant coaches who had to step away from the program, but last year's assistant, he explained, he felt would be and is an awesome coach.

And that coach, Rachael Christensen, was picked by the district to lead the teams into the future.

"Also, the group of kids that are here, I also felt ... they had gotten the message of what cross is about, both as far as during the season and the bigger picture as it applies to life, and I felt they would be a great group to help carry that message forward," he said.

When Anderson first got into coaching, he noted, he listed the competitive successes as the high points.

"But relatively quickly, I began to see how transformative this could be for people," he said. "We had a lot of success at the front end, a lot of competitive kids. We had a lot of competitive teams, but most of the stories and what I'll call the Kodak moments that stick with you ... are often ... occurring with the kids that are not in the spotlight, that are just, may not be at the front of the pack, but they can see that by putting hard work in they'll just improve and, again, how those lessons just translate to the bigger picture in life. And I think almost more than any of the competitive things, that's one of the things that kept me coming back."

For Anderson, one of the biggest challenges, but also one of the most satisfying factors of coaching, was taking a group of young individuals with different motivations, ideologies and backgrounds and getting them to work together for a common cause.

That was evidently successful, with Anderson's teams or individual

runners representing PSHS at the state race nearly every year.

"I would like to feel that we helped to impact kids that are now out in the real world as adults and contributing to society in a positive way. And I would like to think that we had some ... assistance in that," he said.

Anderson noted that Christensen has the background of what's been successful with the team previously, but she will make the program hers over time.

"She's an awesome person, awesome teacher, awesome coach and I have complete confidence that whatever positive stuff we've enacted, she'll be able to build off of that and make it hers and make it even better," he said.

Anderson thanks all those who helped the coaches over the years, the supportive parents, and all of the kids "for making it an awesome experience and teaching me a lot of life lessons."

Ham noted, "He has made the program into what it is today. He gets kids to come out for cross-country even if they don't like running because they like what the program is all about — the community and the friendship and the coaches and the mentors — they just, they love that part."

Boys' basketball

After 10 years at the helm of the Pirate boys' basketball team, Randy Sorenson is saying goodbye to coaching in the program.

Sorenson's coaching career began when Stretton asked Sorenson to be an assistant coach for the football team, Sorenson explained, and later that year, he became an assistant basketball coach for Jim Shaffer.

Sorenson noted he spent 10 years as an assistant coach with either football or basketball or both before becoming the head coach.

"The best thing about coaching was the kids," Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN. "I really enjoyed being around the kids and was lucky to have coached lots of good kids and good athletes. The kids were good kids on the court and off the court. I feel lucky to have coached at PSHS. I had lots of support along the way from family, friends, administrators, etc... I had great assistants throughout the years and I would like to thank them also. It was one of the hardest decisions of my life to step away and I know I will miss it greatly.

There were lots of parents that were very supportive throughout the years and some of them were very helpful in running the program."

Sorenson leaves with a 135-92 record that includes a state championship in 2013 and numerous postseason appearances.

Taking over the reins will be someone very familiar with what basketball means to Pagosa — Wes Lewis.

Girls' basketball

Lewis headed the girls' basketball program for 13 years, logging several state tournament trips and a 2015 state title.

Lewis explained he was drawn to coaching because of the role basketball played in his life growing up.

"It was kind of there for me in some tough years when I needed something, and basketball was always there for me, and I just enjoyed the game and kind of felt drawn to do it," he said, noting he started coaching at a pretty young age and enjoys doing it.

The team won districts nine of Lewis' 13 years, and were the runners-up three times.

"We were kind of, at the beginning, really trying to get our program on the map and get established as a true contender every year," Lewis said, explaining that the first few years were spent "chasing" some of the better teams to play them during summer leagues before Pagosa's team was considered among the elite

teams for other teams to measure themselves against.

Lewis departs with a 265-59 win record.

The coach acknowledged there was a lot of talk about his leaving the program and a lot of thought on his part about moving on from the girls' program.

"When it came right down to it, it was much more difficult than I ever thought it would be to step away, and I'm not sure I would have stepped away if our boys' job hadn't opened up," he said. "I really, really liked the job I had and obviously had a lot of success and had a lot of good kids come through the program over the last 13 years."

Lewis noted there are still a lot of good kids in the program and coming up from middle school who will offer the program continued success.

"So I think our girls' team is just going to continue to have a lot of success," he said.

Taking over the girls' program will be someone who coached alongside Lewis for 12 of his 13 years — Charles Rand.

"I'm really happy that Coach Rand got that job and could take it on and just continue the success that we've had," Lewis said.

Lewis added later that Rand is "obviously ready to lead a program" and that he recommended Rand for the job so he could lead a program of his own.

For Lewis, coaching offered a way to stay connected to the game and

stay competitive after his playing days ended, and he enjoys working with youth and building relationships over the course of the long season.

Those relationships, he noted, was one of the hardest things about moving on from the program — from the athletes to other coaches around the state.

"I sure met a lot of good people and made some good friends over the years," he said.

Lewis listed numerous highlights over his 13 years with the program.

"It's pretty hard to not highlight on the state championship, you know. I mean to win that thing was so amazing and it was so such emotional highs and lows to get runner-up the year before in '14 and come so close and have such quality kids on that team that just came up that little bit short, to then win in the next year is just a really high emotion swing," Lewis explained.

Lewis also noted among his highlights the team's losing three games in two years, the continued relationships with athletes who have graduated and his winning percentage with the program.

Ham also highlighted the Lady Pirates continuously making the Great 8 in the state tournament.

"The basketball programs, both boys and girls, in Pagosa have just excelled, and that's because of Coach Sorenson and Coach Lewis, absolutely," Ham said.

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"We want a clean river when this is over, so try to make sure the red, white and blue sticks to you as much as possible," she said.

Park 2 Park Artisan and Food Market

As has been tradition, the Park 2 Park Artisan and Food Market will make its return to Pagosa Springs with just a few changes.

According to Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Jo Coulehan, vendors will be spaced appropriately using vacant space at the athletic field across the street from Town Park.

"It's always been intended to be a crafts fair," Coulehan said in an interview on Tuesday. "We've kind of re-branded it this year into an artisan market to attract those people that really create handcrafted goods."

With the carnival not taking place at the athletic field across from Town Park this year, Park to Park will see half of its vendors take up that space as well as space at Mary Fisher Park for social distancing, she explained.

"We encourage people, obviously, to wear masks. To not just maul the merchandise when they get to a vendor booth," she said. "The vendors are asked to wear masks as well."

New Thought Center

The New Thought Center for Inspirational Living will be holding an event at the Best Western Lodge on U.S. 160 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets for the event will be \$10 and the event will feature four musical groups and a few vendors.

Fireworks

In an email to The SUN on June 22, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the town is still

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town council other than the process for resolutions.

"In this case, the decision maker for the appointment and or the removal of a commissioner is with the town council," Buchner said, adding that the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) has language that allows for this.

That specific subsection referenced by Buchner, Chapter 21, article 2.5.2 (B) (3) states that, "The Town Council shall, by resolution, fill vacancies, designate alternate members, and may remove members without cause."

Buchner noted that the process at the June 11 meeting was advisory and were recommendations only and not considered "judgment or a final decision."

Addressing the issue

"It is important to note, that to ensure Mr. Hudson's privacy, written correspondences of concerns about his conducts were not published publicly," Planning Commission Chair Peter Adams said during the meeting. "Correspondences were provided to the planning commission which were forwarded, on request, to each planning commis-

sioner by the planning director."

American Legion

American Legion Post 108 will be holding its flag ceremony on the Fourth of July at 10 a.m. at the American Legion 108 Post located at 287 Hermosa St.

This ceremony will include the running up of the flag with a bugle call and retiring it with taps.

A rifle salute on the foot bridge and a flyover by the San Juan Squadron is also planned for 10 a.m.

The American Legion asks those who come to observe to wear masks and participate in social distancing.

Back the Blues Cruise

On July 3, the Back the Blues Cruise will be held to show support for local law enforcement agencies.

The event is looking to have as many cars participate as possible and cars are encouraged to be decorated and to honk their horns in support and for a positive experience.

Everyone will line up at 4:30 p.m. at two locations and the cruise will start at 5 p.m., according to event organizer Kim Hamilton.

The first route will begin on Aspen Village Drive, behind Walmart, and will feature a route that follows U.S. 160 onto Piedra Road and passes the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, according to an email from Hamilton.

From there, the first route will go onto Cloud Cap Avenue, Park Avenue, Eaton Drive and eventually onto Village Drive past the Colorado State Patrol Office, Hamilton's email describes.

The second route will begin at the Pagosa Springs High School parking lot and will go onto 8th Street and Apache Street, eventually leading

into the Pagosa Springs Police Department parking lot, according to the email.

Both routes eventually lead to Yamaguchi park for a "clap rally" with positive posters.

Goodie bags will be handed out to the various stations the day before.

For more information, interested parties are encouraged to contact Hamilton at kimh55@hotmail.com

Pine Ridge

A parade for residents of Pine Ridge Nursing Home is set to take place on July 2 at 2 p.m., according to a news release from Activities Director Tricia Mitchell.

Interested parties are encouraged to decorate their vehicles or make signs to lift the spirits of the residents.

For those who are wishing to participate in the parade, contact Mitchell at 731-4330 by June 29.

The Springs Resort

At 3 p.m. on the Fourth of July, Allora Leonard and the Lost Cause will be performing on The Springs Resort and Spa's event lawn.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. The event will feature beer, food and games. Bringing a lawn chair is encouraged.

At 6 p.m. on the Fourth of July, Elder Grown will be performing on The Springs Resort and Spa's event lawn.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. The event will feature beer, food and games. Bringing a lawn chair is encouraged.

Submit your event

If you would like to add your public event to this list, email the details of your event to editor@pagosasun.com by noon on Monday, June 29.

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COVID-19

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death among cases), Conejos County having 12, Rio Grande County logging 66 (with one death), Mineral County having three and Hinsdale County tallying three.

Neighboring and near Archuleta County to the south, Rio Arriba County listed 82 cases and one death, and San Juan County, N.M., listed 2,235 cases and 151 deaths as of Tuesday afternoon.

The Jicarilla Apache Nation, which largely falls within Rio Arriba County, has announced 29 cases.

In a June 19 press release, SJBPH announced that both Archuleta and La Plata counties are in the bottom 20 percent of Colorado counties in cases per capita, "despite high growth rates in neighboring counties."

The agency also announced that there are no outbreaks of COVID-19 among residents at long-term care facilities in either county, though there have been 324 outbreaks elsewhere in Colorado.

Local testing continues

Widespread testing continues to be available in Pagosa Springs through PSMC, Pagosa Medical Group, Archuleta Integrated Health and SJBPH, with SJBPH reporting it has the capacity to follow up on every lab-confirmed positive test with contact tracing, isolation and quarantine resources, and case monitoring.

In a report to the board of the Upper San Juan Health Service District, which oversees PSMC, CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb reported that PSMC will soon be able to provide same-day test results for active virus testing by processing tests on site.

She noted the PCR (polymerase chain reaction) machine can process 24 tests per 24 hours, with a written report stating, "which means PSMC is able to conduct and provide rapid results to the patient typically within hours."

She noted that the current turnaround time for testing is about 48 hours.

Webb also reported that PSMC has tested 276 people, with the majority being symptomatic, and has had two positives over the last two weeks.

It was announced last week that

the other positive is not a resident of Archuleta County and does not factor in Archuleta County's cumulative case count.

Webb also cautioned that about 30 percent of tests can provide false negatives due to the amount of viral load needed for the test, and physicians continue to treat a person as if they are positive for COVID-19 if they present as such clinically.

Webb further informed the board that PSMC is on track to be able to provide on-site antibody testing in July, though she cautioned that it remains unknown if antibodies confer immunity or for how long.

She noted that antibodies appear to last about two months after an infection.

Nonresident cases

SJBPH recently reported cases of individuals testing positive for COVID-19 at local testing sites in Archuleta and La Plata counties who are not residents of either county.

Such individuals, a press release from SJBPH notes, are not counted in the agency's case counts, but "In its efforts to be transparent and provide important information to the communities it serves, SJBPH will continue to share information and data on the prevalence of non-resident COVID-19 transmission, as well as public health precautions to prevent spread of the virus."

SJBPH reported it has coordinated with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and other public health agencies on the positive COVID-19 cases of nonresidents "to ensure that appropriate isolation and quarantine guidelines are being followed."

The June 19 press release states, "In the last 3 weeks, there have been 6 individuals who have tested positive in La Plata and Archuleta counties who are not residents of either county. Non-resident cases were individuals from New Mexico, Arizona, and other counties in Colorado."

Continued vigilance encouraged

The press release emphasizes that Archuleta and La Plata counties are tourist destinations and urges residents, businesses and organizations to "remain vigilant to reduce spread

of COVID-19."

The agency recommends avoiding close contact with others by keeping at least 6 feet from other people and remembering that some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus.

The agency further recommends wearing face coverings when around others, staying home when sick, washing hands frequently or using hand sanitizer if unable to wash hands, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily.

The agency also suggests monitoring your health and watching fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.

"In its ongoing efforts to protect the health and safety of the residents it serves, the agency stresses the importance of continuing to take strong precautions against the spread of the virus ...," it states.

"We encourage people to use masks when they go out," Webb told her board after explaining that PSMC will continue to require masks in its facility even after the governor's order expires that requires a mask in hospitals where elective surgeries are performed.

Regional hospitals have a surge plan in place, Webb reported, with Mercy Regional Medical Center continuing to report that its statistical data shows it will have the capacity to treat the regional intensive care needs, including transfers from PSMC, in the event of a surge.

"As our local economy begins to enter its 'new normal,' it is critical that we don't become complacent in protecting ourselves from the spread of COVID-19," said Liane Jollon, Executive Director of SJBPH. "The virus is very much still circulating in our residents, traveling workforce, and tourist population and as we've seen in neighboring states, it doesn't take much for case counts to rise rapidly and jeopardize local health care systems if we don't take social distancing, face covering, hand washing and good workplace cleaning practices seriously. The best way to sustainably reopen our economy is to practice good public health habits at all times."

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Commissioner

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terests in matters before a board or council for decision," Buchner clarified later in the meeting. "The intent behind this is that a local member of a governing body might create an appearance of impropriety, et cetera, by being in a position of authority and having voting power on an advisory board or commission and then coming before another advisory board or commission and advocating a personal or interest of a third party."

Commissioners or members of a local body are encouraged and entitled to have different opinions, Buchner added later.

Adams later noted that Hudson has not recused himself from voting or discussions on development applications that he has reported on on his online website.

Planning commission member Jeff Posey explained that he stood on the "written material that was provided to the planning commissioners, including Bill Hudson."

Posey's written material was also provided to the town council, he noted.

Via a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request made by The SUN, the Town of Pagosa Springs provided multiple emails from town staff and planning commission members outlining concerns of Hudson's conduct while serving on the planning commission.

Posey sent an email on June 8 to members of town council, the planning commission, Town Manager Andrea Phillips, Planning Director James Dickhoff and Mayor Don Volger highlighting his concerns.

In that email, Posey requested that Hudson be removed from the planning commission, highlighting that Hudson has been involved in "potentially illegal and unethical activities that violate Planning Commissioner roles as quasi-judicial members of our local government."

Posey cited that planning commission members are prohibited from "ex parte" discussion or decision-making regarding projects that may come before the commission.

Posey added that Hudson's involvement in circulating a petition for a potential amendment to the town's Home Rule Charter regarding the newly formed urban renewal authority (URA) contributes to the "ex parte" communication.

As part of the URA process, the planning commission plays a role in reviewing applications, Posey's email explains.

Posey explained that planning commission members were instructed at separate training sessions "Do not sign 'for' and 'against' petitions," and "Ex Parte Communications [are] strictly forbidden when the communication concerns a matter that is subject to a quasi-judicial hearing or meeting process."

"I sincerely hope to remain on the Planning Commission, where I wish to work tirelessly to help build the best possible future for this town and its citizens. Unfortunately, I am convinced that the presence of Bill Hudson on the Town Planning Commission materially restricts our ability to plan and act for the best interests of the town, and his continued presence on the Planning Commission as sanctioned by the Town Council will drive me to seek other, more effective ways to serve this community," Posey's email concludes.

Planning commission member Mark Weiler wrote in another email on June 8 to Dickhoff that, "The Planning Commission should censure Mr. Hudson and immediately remove him from the Planning Commission for breaching his oath he took to join the Planning Commission."

Affidavit

Also provided via the CORA request was an affidavit drafted by Hudson on June 1 highlighting his concerns with the proposed River Rock Estates development on Light Plant Road.

The affidavit described Hudson's concerns with the planning commission approving a recommendation to town council to approve the preliminary major subdivision application for River Rock Estates at its meeting on May 26.

At that meeting, the preliminary major subdivision application passed via a 4-1 vote with Hudson voting against.

Those concerns addressed sections of the town's LUDC that Hudson felt were "overlooked" by the planning commission during its preliminary major subdivision application review for River Rock Estates.

Some of the sections highlighted by Hudson included Section 1.4.2 of the LUDC, which notes that develop-

ments must be in accordance with all regulations established by the LUDC.

Additionally, Hudson highlighted section 7.4.1 of the LUDC that pertains to streets, specifically that all street rights of way shall be dedicated to the public, which Hudson did not feel that the River Rock Estates development addressed.

Within Hudson's affidavit, Weiler is quoted as saying in an email response on May 28 to Hudson's concern that, in his opinion, the LUDC is a "guide for developers to use, but not hard and fast law."

Weiler went on to write that, as planning commissioners, they can review alternatives and agree to changes that they feel would "enhance the future" of the community.

Adams, who is also quoted within Hudson's affidavit, responded via email also on May 28 that the planning commission will need to review the LUDC and make changes.

"In the meantime I firmly believe that we as a Commission should have the authority to 'waive' certain aspects of the LUDC when appropriate to specific applications and formalize that into the LUDC as soon as possible," Adams wrote to Hudson following the May 26 planning commission meeting, adding, "If we proceed according to the 'letter of the law' of the LUDC we simply will be overburdened by it. We need this flexibility and the ability to interpret the LUDC."

In an email to the planning commission on June 5, following receiving of Hudson's affidavit, Dickhoff addressed some of the planning commission's concerns: "You have the right to forward your concerns to them directly, which I believe would be beneficial as thus far they are only hearing from staff," he wrote. "I have re-encouraged Peter A to speak with the Mayor about the issues so that he understands these are not just staff's concerns. You can also reach out to the mayor directly, I think it would be beneficial for him to hear from you, as well as your feeling that you wanted to resign over the matter. I honestly don't think he is taking staff's concerns seriously."

An email from Jack Searle of River Rock Estates, dated on June 8 to Buchner and Phillips, expresses that Hudson's "refusal to accept the planning commission's majority vote" has caused a "detrimental effect" on his development schedule.

"The code of ethics requires that Mr. Hudson review all development plans with an open minded fairness. It is obvious to me and perhaps yourself that he did not have this thought process when reviewing my development. I see this as a serious breach of the trust that he was given when appointed to the Planning Commission Board," Searle wrote, adding that he saw a "pattern of abuse powers and ethical violations" by Hudson.

During the June 11 meeting, planning commission member Chris Pitcher explained that he disagreed with the approach from Hudson's perspective in regard to the affidavit, but added he did not disagree with the points that were made.

"I do want to say that I think Bill plays a very important role in this community because, for one he pays attention, and for two, he reads everything that's put out," Pitcher said.

"I do think his role is very important and I don't want to discourage him from taking that role."

It becomes difficult when Hudson is in a position of making decisions and questioning every decision, Pitcher explained, adding that it's difficult for the planning commission to "make progress."

"I certainly don't want this to come off as this planning commission doesn't want to be questioned," Pitcher said.

Weiler noted that, following a board training that he attended, he believed that as soon as there is a vote made by the board that there should be "no subversion of the vote by a negative voting member of the commission."

"This is not a staff-driven matter," Dickhoff said during the meeting. "I took the direction from my authorities to conduct this meeting."

Buchner added later in the meeting that this meeting was not a system of justice, a courtroom and that there were no accused, defendants or plaintiffs.

Public comment

During public comment at the meeting, Bruce Dryburgh raised concern about the special meeting's transparency.

Dryburgh explained that the meeting was noticed just over 24 hours in advance and added that he did not see "an emergency" that required the planning commission to do so.

"When you do that, that means that your voters don't have an ample opportunity to show up," Dryburgh said. "I did not learn anything about this case other than it involved Bill Hudson until I got here. That's just not proper."

Community member Andre Redstone explained to the commission that there are many components that influence decision-making as being part of a local public body.

"I echo the sentiments of Bruce Dryburgh, also that transparency is absolutely paramount. You represent the general public, you represent the general public's interest and it is absolutely paramount that there is a measure of transparency," he said.

Pamela Kostin described that the planning commission was trying to "railroad" Hudson with the meeting.

Hudson responds

Following commissioner comments, Hudson was given a total of 11 minutes and 55 seconds to respond.

Hudson explained that he disagreed that a commission should speak with one voice, adding that it's healthy to have a disagreement before or after a decision.

"Particularly I think it's very healthy to have disagreement if a board member feels that their fellow board members have violated the law," he said.

Hudson later added that he was "very disturbed" that no information about the June 11 special meeting was provided to the public or himself.

The town government is governed by written rules and regulations, which Hudson noted that he endorsed, adding that these rules and regulations can be found in

things such as the LUDC.

"There are many reasons why these policies and rules are written down and one of the main reasons is to allow everyone who's involved to know exactly what is expected and what might occur if the rules and policies are not followed," he said.

Hudson added that he believed there had been some "unethical behavior" behind how the special meeting was organized.

"In our system of justice, an accused person is provided with the complete description of the accusations made against him or her and that did not happen," he said. "An accused person is permitted to present witnesses in his or her defense. That was made impossible by the way this meeting was scheduled. An accused person is permitted to review the written rules and policies that he may have violated. That did not happen."

According to Hudson, the true issue is that the planning commission was led to believe that multiple sections of the LUDC were "immaterial to a recent recommendation concerning a subdivision."

Citing Section 1.4.2 of the LUDC, Hudson explained that after reading the LUDC, he felt compelled to inform town council that it may be looking at a void recommendation of the planning commission.

Hudson later noted that he had met with Phillips and Dickhoff on April 1 and was promised "to his face" by Dickhoff that he would be provided with a legal opinion about the sections within the LUDC that he had questioned.

"I never received an attorney's opinion," Hudson said. "Since it was apparent that Mr. Dickhoff was ignoring his promise to me, I submitted my concerns to the town council stating that I believed a new subdivision needs to meet all the applicable regulations established by the land use code."

The planning commission's duty is to make sure all developments

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Education



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When the COVID-19 pandemic forced Pagosa Peak Open School to transform lessons into a virtual format, the school developed a mixture of take-home and digital projects. These lessons included home gardening, creation of a class family cookbook, metamorphosis of butterflies and another class created its own version of a business "Shark Tank."

Project-based learning endures despite COVID-19

By Alison Beach
Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS), Archuleta County's only charter school, is centered around project-based learning (PBL).

It is dedicated to offering learning opportunities through real-world activities, multiage classrooms, character development and discovery-based education, which is the essence of project-based learning.

But how does this learning style continue when in-person education is halted by a pandemic?

This past spring, schools across the country scrambled to figure out distance learning, or more appropriately, crisis learning, as COVID-19 caused the shutdown of in-person education nationwide. PPOS faced transforming project-based, hands-on education into a digital format. Quite the task for a small, rural charter school.

With one day of training before the distance learning shift, staff

became quick experts on digital platforms like Zoom and Google Classroom. School Director Angela Reali Crossland and Instructional Coach Emily Murphy helped the advisors brainstorm ways to take their PBL projects and connections home to the students.

"I wasn't sure how it was going to work," admitted PPOS fourth- and fifth-grade advisor Thomas Davenport. "Luckily, at PPOS, there are a couple of things that make our school special. First, we have two grades working together in mixed age classrooms and I happen to teach in one of those. My relationships with my students are long-running and well-established, and their trust in me is strong."

"Second, we have been working hard to implement restorative practices instead of a traditional approach to discipline in our school since we opened. It has not always been easy, since it requires a change of mindset, but all the teachers agree that restorative ways of giving

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- Quinn

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a class family cookbook. Some students engaged in a discovery of the aspects of Pagosa's water and others

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consequences to kids help them to actually take responsibility instead of just taking punishment.

"All of that work has meant that my kids are used to having dialogue with me as their classroom leader and advisor and they aren't shy about telling me and each other how they are doing. Distance learning has been hard on all of us, but with our relationships in place, we were able to recover a surprising amount of ground."

To follow Gov. Jared Polis' COVID guidelines, PPOS established a mixture of take-home and digital methods to continue teaching students. Each advisor created choice boards tailored toward their class where students can choose from activities from different categories. They included reading, writing, math, social studies, music and fun, Spanish and PE. Important PBL work was incorporated into both the daily Zoom circle time and choice boards.

These PBL projects ranged from home gardening to the creation of

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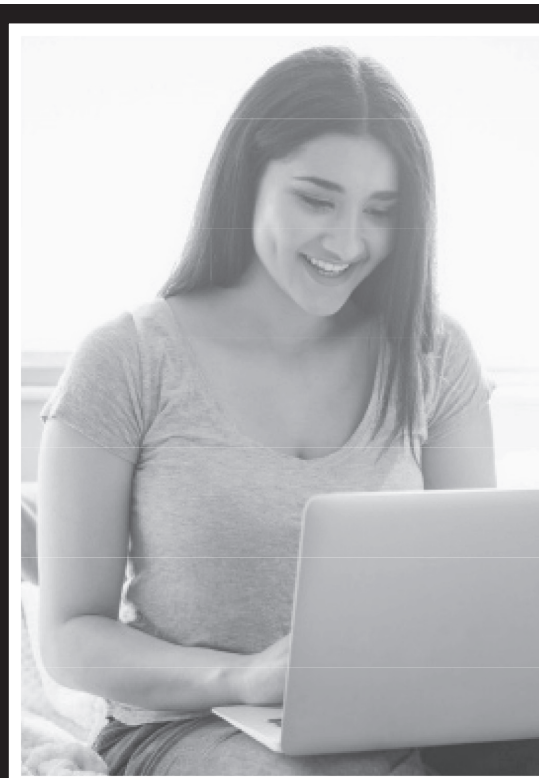
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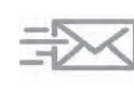
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Learning

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 studied the American Revolution. While one class witnessed the metamorphosis of butterflies, another class created its own version of a business "Shark Tank."

"Sixth grade has spent distance learning diving into business and economics," shared Kelsey Wright, PPOS's sixth-grade advisor. "We have taken the popular TV show 'Shark Tank' and focused on creating our own version. Each student worked on creating a business or a product that would benefit the teenage population in Pagosa Springs. After learning about what it takes to create a business or a product, they made a pitch to present to our very own Pagosa sharks. Due to the distance learning, each student recorded their pitch for our very own episode of 'Shark Tank' to share with the community."

Lexi Bernstein, PPOS's AmeriCorps team member, challenged the whole school to a take-home gardening project.

"At PPOS, we believe there is no better way to learn about healthy food choices than by growing our own food," Bernstein noted. "While embracing distance learning, we have tried to incorporate as much experiential learning into the new structure as possible by sending home a planter kit. Included inside the kit was everything necessary to start seeds in recycled planters including soil, containers, seeds and an instructional guide."

"Three weeks later, students saw their first sprouts and recorded their observations of the lettuce, tomato, spinach and pea plants growing in their window sills."

PPOS first- and second-grade advisor Kelle Bruno pivoted her entire cookbook PBL project.

"Before COVID, we were working

on a unit titled 'My Unique Family Project,' where we were discussing the differences in our families through reading story books and sharing about our families," Bruno explained. "My original plan had been to have a class potluck where families could bring the food from the recipes they shared in the cookbook."

"However, distance learning made that impossible, but I thought we could still make a cookbook to showcase family recipes. We began discussing recipes during our daily 'connection circles' through Zoom. We looked at many types of cookbooks and talked about what we liked about them (big pictures) and what we did not like (strange formatting and no pictures). I did lessons on how to follow a recipe, how to write a recipe, how to draw food, the importance of food traditions within our family history, and we discussed our favorite foods."

"I asked parents to send me a copy of a family recipe and requested that students draw either the finished product of the recipe or an ingredient that went into the dish. I think the book came out great. I used a program called 'Create My Cookbook.' I have had lots of positive feedback from parents and the kids were excited to see their work."

Robyn Villarreal, the second- and third-grade advisor, overcame obstacles around translating her PBL water project to distance learning.

"We had one water monitoring kit, so we had to divide the kit up for three groups," she explained. "One group is in charge of testing the pH, nitrate and phosphate levels. Another group is testing for coliform [SW2] (a type of bacteria), checking the water temperature, and looking for bugs in the water or in the mud around the water. The last group is

checking for dissolved oxygen in the water, the biochemical oxygen demand and they are on bug duty also. "We put all the materials they would need to complete the testing, with instructions, in a ziplock bag and handed them out with their packets. They are testing our river water, the river where the hot springs enter the river, lakes, ponds and sink water. They record their results and I put them in a graph so we could analyze them together. Our end product is to take our findings and make different PSAs around the community to tell the community what we have found in our water quality."

One very timely PBL project during the spring, as people across our nation debated constitutional rights, was Davenport's fourth- and fifth-grade class' exploration of the American Revolution.

"Through a wonderful partnership with Josie Snow at the library, I was able to obtain and distribute a whole library of books on the American Revolution for kids," he explained. "It gave us all plenty to talk about. Even though we were far apart, our relationships kept us so connected that we were able to read the Declaration of Independence and select articles from the U.S. Constitution together as a class, which was something I wanted to ensure happened this year."

"As we finished up our examination of our founding documents, it became clear to me that the kids had been successful with a number of different American Revolution-related activities from our previous choice boards. It wasn't long before the kids were practically telling me that we had enough material to hold an exhibition night, just like our exhibition night at school would have been — only virtual."

"We wrapped it all in a fun theme related to the show 'Some Good News,' an uplifting news show that was being published weekly on YouTube due to everyone in America needing a pick-me-up during quarantine. The kids all prepared slideshows and documents. Using Zoom, we were able to invite parents and grandparents to our very own

episode of 'Some Colonial Good News,' showcasing all the uplifting stories the kids cooked up set in the late 1700s.'

Every year, PPOS's kindergarten class ends the school year with a butterfly release.

"The kindergarten class witnessed the miracle of butterfly metamorphosis," said Karla Parker Choat, PPOS's kindergarten teacher. "Each student received a baby caterpillar and pop-up mesh habitat in their take-home paper packet. Our driving question for this butterfly project was: 'How can the study of butterflies improve our understanding of the natural world?'"

"During our PBL Core Zoom classes we observed, documented and drew the process of metamorphosis as we witnessed the transformation of our baby caterpillar to a butterfly together. Once the caterpillar created a chrysalis, the students carefully transferred their chrysalis to the mesh pop-up habitat."

"While we waited for the magic to happen, students shared a butterfly challenge together in our zoom PBL Core class. Students dug up new butterfly facts to share with the class and show their drawings of butterflies. When the butterfly emerged, students learned to care for their butterfly for two days. Then, after observing and caring for their butterfly, they released the butterfly to be free to pollinate."

"This is a rite of passage for the students as they 'fly' into their next stage of learning as first-graders," explained Parker Choat.

Even amongst the challenge of distance learning, this year's kindergarten class experienced this rite of passage, virtually, but still together.

As PPOS moves forward toward whatever form of education the 2020-2021 school year morphs into, whether that be all in-person instruction, distance learning or a hybrid of the two, one thing is for certain. This small charter school in the middle of the San Juan Mountains has proven the ability to adapt and carry project-based learning through whatever challenge they may face.

Yeneza receives Good Citizen Award

By Linda Hobbs
 Daughters of the American Revolution

On June 11, Regent Tanice Ramsperger, in a drive-by presentation along with local members of the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), proudly presented Katriel (K.C.) Yeneza with a DAR Good Citizen Award 2019-2020 for Pagosa Springs High School in Archuleta County.



Katriel (K.C.) Yeneza

High school faculty members nominate up to three senior-class students. The nominees must demonstrate the qualities of "Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism" in school and community activities, write a timed and proctored essay and submit letters of recommendation.

Members of the DAR reviewed each nominee and happily selected Yeneza as this year's local High School Good Citizen. She was presented with a certificate, pin, monetary award and book of the Pioneers of San Juan Country. This highly recognized award should be part of her permanent resume for she has demonstrated well the qualities of good citizenship.

Two other area seniors were

honored with the DAR Good Citizens Award: Hannah Shaw from Ignacio High School and Elizabeth Valdez from Animas High School in Durango.

The Good Citizenship award is open to high school seniors of accredited high schools across the nation; winners then compete against other local, regional, state and division winners.

The ladies of the DAR chapter further honored Yeneza's graduation by "adopting" her with graduation gifts to wish her well in her future endeavors at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

The DAR is open to membership of any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background who can prove bloodline descent from a patriot of the American Revolution.

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 pagosaspringsyouthfootball@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.

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School boards adopt district budgets

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education and the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of directors passed their respective budgets and appropriations resolutions for the 2020-2021 fiscal year at back-to-back meetings on June 18.

A budget changes summary included within the ASD budget shows that the district is estimating a 5.57 percent decrease in per-pupil revenue (PPR) from the state.

Both budgets also account for funding related to coronavirus and preparations for returning to in-person instruction.

PPOS budget

PPOS's budget predicts 115 students, and shows a beginning fund balance of \$298,000 and ending budgeted fund balance of \$187,809.

The beginning fund balance, Business Manager Chenni Hammon previously stated, includes \$154,000 in Paycheck Protection Program funding being carried forward.

The budget predicts revenues from all sources of \$1,145,271 and expenditures plus reserves totaling \$1,299,271.

The budget, she noted previously, also includes \$10,000 for PPOS to start its food service program.

Further information on the PPOS budget is available at <https://pagosapeakopenschool.org/about-us/financial-transparency/>.

ASD budget

The district's budget shows a

beginning fund balance for its general fund of \$9,559,964.

The budget predicts general fund revenues from all sources will total \$17,204,025 and the allocation to the charter school, PPOS, will total \$935,342.

Total net revenue for the district is listed at \$25,828,647.

The budget notes that total general fund expenditures and reserves will total \$25,828,647.

The budget changes summary shows an estimated \$1,213,200 in unspent funds from the 2019-2020 fiscal year, and that the 2020-2021 budgets are \$1,234,956 less than the 2019-2020 budgets.

Other increased revenues and decreased spending, according to the budget summary, comes from unused bond funds for the high school, a health insurance refund, coronavirus funding, reductions in technology funding and planned expenditures that may be covered with coronavirus-related funding.

The budget summary also shows decreased revenues and increased spending in several areas, including the PPR reduction, decreases in other revenues, increased salaries and benefits, spending for the new San Juan Mountain School and more.

When only the 2020-2021 funds are taken into account, the summary indicates, the district is operating at a deficit of \$706,088.

However, with the unspent 2019-2020 funds, the district has a budgeted surplus of \$507,112.

More on the district's budget can be found at www.mypagosaschools.com.

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Photo courtesy Becky Jacobson

Tucker Jacobson receives the Reserve Champion Bull Riding buckle for the 2019-2020 Colorado Junior High Rodeo Association. Although the spring season rodeos and the Colorado state finals were canceled due to COVID-19, he earned enough points in the fall to secure second place. He also qualified for National Junior High Rodeo Finals, but that was canceled, as well.

Commissioner

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That motion was approved via a 4-1 vote with Adams, Posey, Anne-Marie Sukcik and Peter Hurley voting for the motion and Pitcher voting against.

On June 12, Pitcher, in an email addressed to each member of the planning commission and also to Phillips, Buchner, Dickhoff and Senior Planner Cindy Schultz, outlined why he voted against Posey's motion.

Planning commission recommendation and follow-up email

Following Hudson's response, a motion was made.

"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.

also believe his contrarian perspective is actually beneficial when it is his opinion stated in the forum of free speech," Pitcher wrote.

Pitcher noted that when Hudson's "contrarian perspective" is combined with a voting position on the planning commission it is used to bring the process to a "grinding, litigious halt" and Hudson's position on the board becomes a "disservice" to town staff, the planning commission and the community.

Pitcher further explained that he voted against the motion because of the unusual format of the meeting being held virtually, but also featuring planning commissioners and an audience at Town Hall that

experienced audio problems.

"As the Town Attorney stated, this was not any sort of a trial or judgement of any individual, but with the format of 3 minute speaking allocations for PC members and then Bill allowed the cumulative time for a 'defense' it certainly felt like a judicial proceeding instead of a planning commission meeting," he wrote. "I had no desire to go back and forth all night about the situation but without the ability to discuss and explain the issues I felt the meeting lacked a genuine dialog and I anticipate most members of the public who witnessed it felt the same way. Unable to effectively communicate, my frustration surfaced in a nay vote."

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Outdoors

Tree watering necessary during drought conditions

By **Teddy Parker-Renga**
Colorado State Forest Service

Despite occasional showers in certain areas of southern Colorado, persistent drought conditions have parched the soil over much of the southern part of the

state, stressing even irrigated lawns and larger landscape trees. During these periods of drought, homeowners should consider supplemental watering to keep their trees healthy.

"Adequately watering your trees is the best way to ensure optimum

growth and vigor during the summer months," said Donna Davis, urban and community forestry specialist for the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS). "Drought-stressed trees become susceptible to root and branch die-back and subsequent insect and disease

problems."

All of southern Colorado is currently experiencing some form of drought, in many places "severe" and "extreme," according to the latest data from the National Drought Mitigation Center.

The CSFS offers the following tips to keep trees healthy during summer drought:

- **Mulch.** Mulch is an inexpensive solution to retain soil moisture and save water. Apply 4 inches of organic mulch onto bare soil within 2 to 3 feet from the base of the trunk (removing any grass first, if necessary). Do not allow the mulch to directly contact the trunk.

- **Water a wide area.** Tree root systems may spread much wider than the height of the tree, with most absorbing roots in the top foot of soil. Apply water to soak the entire area underneath the full span of a tree's branches.

- **Water slowly.** To ensure soil penetration, use a deep root fork (inserted 8 inches or less), soaker hose on low setting or soft spray wand to apply water gradually to the full area.

- **Keep the yard green.** Trees located in irrigated lawns generally do not require additional water, as long as the area surrounding the tree receives adequate moisture. Conversely, a dry, yellowish yard means the roots of any trees present are also dry.

- **Provide enough water.** For trees 1-3 inches in diameter, apply 10 gallons of water for each inch of tree trunk diameter once a week. For medium-sized trees, those 4-9 inches in diameter, apply 10 gallons of water for each inch of trunk diameter three times a month. For larger trees over 10 inches in diameter, apply 15 gallons of water for each inch of trunk diameter twice a month.

- **Focus on new and nonirrigated trees.** Water newly planted trees and seedlings more frequently than once a week, following the rates listed above, as they have less-extensive root systems. To avoid stress during drought conditions, trees that do not receive water from sprinkler systems or irrigation can also benefit from additional water.

Visit csfs.colostate.edu for more tips on tree watering, planting and general care.

Sand Creek Fire estimated size at 71 acres, closure order issued

By **Chris Mannara**
and **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

A fire located 21 miles northwest of Pagosa Springs is still burning slowly, according to a Wednesday morning email from the San Juan National Forest (SJNF).

The Sand Creek Fire was started by lightning on June 15 in the Piedra Special Management Area, according to the email.

As of Wednesday, the size of the fire is estimated at 71 acres, the SJNF email explains.

Dry lightning is possible today, leading to fire danger being considered extreme now, meaning any ignition has the potential to create more challenges for fire crews, according to the SJNF.

"With the rugged terrain and hazards posed by thousands of standing dead trees (snags), fire managers have not found many options for effective fire lines close to the current perimeter," the email reads, adding that the threat to any structures or communities is very low at this time.

■ See Fire A15



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

Representatives from fire agencies across the country met at Cloman Park on June 23 to discuss the history and a plan to combat the Sand Creek Fire, which was recently upgraded from a Type 3 fire to a Type 2 fire. The fire was started by lightning on June 15 and is located 21 miles northwest of Pagosa Springs in the Piedra Special Management Area. As of June 23, the fire was estimated at 65 acres.

Chimney Rock National Monument to begin small-group special programs in July

By **Nadia Werby**
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

There is so much to learn and experience at Chimney Rock National Monument. In July, Chimney Rock will be offering small-group special programs and daily self-guided tours that will bring this beautiful site to life so you can visualize what it might have been like to live here 1,000 years ago.

The new Flora of Chimney Rock will take place on July 1, 8 and 9. A thousand years ago, the people who lived at Chimney Rock depended on the plants around them for food, fuel, tools, housing, clothing, medicine and art. The breadth and depth of their knowledge is almost unimaginable today.

At this special program, visitors will receive an introduction to some of the plant species that grow at Chimney Rock and their uses by ancestral Puebloan people. The 1.5-hour guided tour will include the Great House and requires negotiation of a steep, rough trail with exposure to heights and drop-offs. Visitors must arrive for check-in at 8:45 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (5-12). Space is limited to eight visitors on July 1 and only nine visitors on July 8 and 9.

The Chimney Rock Geology Tour will take place on Saturday, July 4. This 1.5-hour guided tour explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the ancestral Puebloans who lived at Chimney Rock. No prior knowledge of geology is needed. The fee is \$16 for adults and \$8 for ages 5-12, and is considered a nonrefundable donation. Space is limited to five visitors.

Self-guided tours will be available to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chimney Rock has two trails that can be experienced through self-guided tours: the Great House Pueblo Trail and the Mesa Village Trail. The Great House Pueblo Trail has awe-inspiring 360-degree views of the San Juan Mountain range and the twin spires from the Great House Pueblo. It is a moderately challenging unimproved trail with a 200-foot elevation gain and exposure to heights. This trail includes a multifamily dwelling, several unexcavated structures and a Chacoan Great House Pueblo (7,600 feet in elevation).

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

on one hour for each trail so you can take in the views and photo opportunities, plus an additional 30 minutes' drive time to and from the Visitor Center. Interpretation is available in three formats: printed interpretive brochure, audio device with prerecorded interpretation or download the San Juan National Forest Explorer app before arriving.

Chimney Rock National Monument is located 17 miles west of Pagosa Springs and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. For more information about our monthly programs and tour times, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center. Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for the monthly and annual programs. Most programs are at full capacity prior to the event, but we will accommodate walk-ins if space is available.

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association is a nonprofit organization which operates the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under a participating agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest. For more information, please visit our website at www.chimneyrockco.org.

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Extending a helping hand: Local heads to New York to help treat COVID-19 patients

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Clancy Walter knows what it means to reach out and help those in need, having recently traveled to New York to assist in treating COVID-19 patients.

The opportunity for such an undertaking was presented to Walter after working in Farmington, N.M., for five years as a respiratory therapist.

Walter, who was born and raised in Pagosa Springs, had already been treating patients in Farmington and noted that everything happened very fast in regard to her getting to New York.

"I just reached out to a travel agent and within three days she had me out there," she said.

Walter worked at EMS 10 years ago in Pagosa Springs and went to school for respiratory therapy.

"I was already wanting to travel and I had already seen a lot at the hospital in Farmington," she said, noting that the travel agent said to her, "We need people out there."

There was an offer for Walter to take her talents to NYU Langone, a medical center in New York, and Walter explained she jumped at the opportunity.

Walter spent almost two months in New York, leaving April 13 and getting back home on June 6, she explained.

On the flight over to New York, Walter explained she that felt no hesitation or nervous feelings about her trip due to her experience with COVID-19 patients in Farmington.

"I never had a hesitation, not once," she said.

The experience in first stepping foot into NYU Langone was "busy," Walter described.

"I didn't even feel like there was time to think," she said. "At first it was just like, what's got to be done?"

From a hospital standpoint, every room at NYU Langone was full, she explained.

"Every room, everyone was sick," she said, adding that nurses



Photos courtesy Clancy Walter

The helping hand knows no bounds as Clancy Walter, born and raised in Pagosa Springs, took her talents as a respiratory therapist to New York from April to June to assist medical professionals at NYU Langone, a medical center in New York, with COVID-19 patients.



were often treating more than one patient due to the number of patients.

There were a lot of people in NYU Langone combined with residents, nurses and patients, Walter explained, adding that NYU is a "teaching hospital."

As a respiratory therapist, Walter was tasked with handling all ventilators, taking care of anyone who is getting intubated and anyone on oxygen.

"We are at bedside with doctors, we discuss what we can do, what we cannot do, what we

should do," she said. "We try to collaborate on how to take care of patients."

There is an obvious impact of the pandemic on patients, but for medical staff, the impact was also significant.

"It was overwhelming, a lot to take in," she said. "COVID is still a learning process and so everyone was just trying their best. Everyone was overwhelmed. They were tired, just pounded with everything that was going on."

When asked if she would go through the experience all over

again, Walter explained that she would.

"I took away the good," she said. "I met many people that are still living there and they were amazing. All the culture and everything I took away from it was amazing. I miss those people already."

Following her time in New York, Walter explained she is going to continue to travel as a respiratory therapist.

"I'm so excited that I did it," she said. "It was very unique." chris@pagosasun.com

Fire

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As of Wednesday morning, a Type 2 Incident Management Team assumed command of the fire, the email explains.

The management team is staging at Cloman Park and the park is closed to the public during this time.

The email also notes for the general public to watch out for any additional fire traffic on Piedra Road and U.S. 160.

Incident Commander Brad Pietruszka is quoted in the email as saying, "We appreciate the support of the community and the Pagosa Ranger District, and we especially appreciate the good discussions we have had about how to manage the risk this fire poses to our firefighters."

Smoke from the fire is visible to the north from U.S. 160 between Pagosa Springs and Bayfield. The SJNF urges citizens to not report the smoke.

Forest closure

The portion of the SJNF near the Sand Creek Fire is now closed following a closure order signed by Acting Forest Supervisor Steven Hattenbach on June 23.

That closure prohibits "Going in or being upon all NFS lands within the area east of the Coldwater Trail (NFST 597) excluding the Coldwater Trail itself, south to its intersection with the Coldwater Stock Trail (NFST 598) excluding the Coldwater Stock Trail itself, north of the Coldwater Stock Trail east to its intersection

with the Piedra River Trail (NFST 596) excluding the Piedra River Trail itself, north of the Piedra River Trail east to its intersection with the Lower Weminuche Trail (NFST 595) excluding the Lower Weminuche Trail itself, west of the Lower Weminuche Trail north to its intersection with the Little Sand Creek Trail (NFST 591) excluding the Little Sand Creek Trail itself, west of the Little Sand Creek Trail north to its intersection of the Mosca Road (NFSR 631), and south of the Mosca Road west to its intersection with the Coldwater Trail (NFST 597)."

It also prohibits being on the following roads and trails:

- Mosca Road (NFSR 631).
- Sand Creek Trail (NFST 593) south of the Mosca Road (NFSR 631) to its intersection with the Piedra River Trail (NFST 596).
- North Ridge Trail (NFST 594).

The order exempts persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, as well as any federal, state or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty.

Violating the order, it states, "are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both."

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Water production totals more than 18 million gallons

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

From June 12 through June 18 of this year, water production totaled 18.10 million gallons, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

Contributing to that total, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 5.47 million gallons, the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 7.26 million gallons and the San Juan water treatment plant contributed 5.37 million gallons.

Last year, in that same timeframe, water production totaled 18.74 million gallons.

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

Three out of five local lakes remain full, as they were last week, according to Ramsey's press release.

Stevens Lake, Lake Pagosa and Village Lake are all still full this week.

Hatcher Lake is 4 inches from full this week, or 98.77 percent full. Last week, Hatcher Lake was 1 inch from full.

Lake Forest is also 4 inches from full this week, or 96.97 percent full. Last week, it was 2 inches from full.

Total diversion flows remain at 4.3 cubic feet per second (cfs) this week.

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

River report

As of Wednesday, the San Juan River had a reported flow total of 120 cfs. This total is well below the mean for June 24 of 991 cfs.

The highest reported flow total for June 24 on the San Juan River came in 1941 when the river had a reported flow of 3,940 cfs. The lowest reported flow total for June 24 came in 2002 when the San Juan had a reported flow of just 30.4 cfs.

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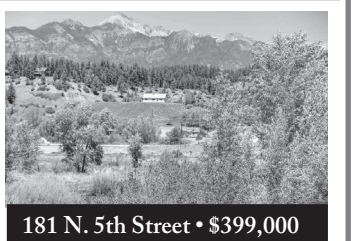
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It is such an honor to be recognized as role models in our community. We love the kids we serve and are just thankful we can give back to the community that has poured so much into us and our family.

Tiffany and Keith Candelaria

Pagosa Springs Finalists

Jack Moore, nominated by Gwendolyn Tyler, Adison Johnson

Joshua Sanchez nominated by Serena Lopez, Nidia Blanco, Jason Lucero

Steven Long nominated by Jenna Jenkins, Kaila Limebrook, Adison Johnson.

Marie Denton nominated by Makaela Denton

Morganne Thompson nominated by Zachery Tom

Roy Vega Sr. nominated by Sofia Talamante

When Cheryl Bowdridge told me I had been nominated as a community role model my first thought was who nominated me and why. Most of us who work with youth hope to make a positive difference in their lives. My greatest desire is always to point them to Jesus. He will love them and be the ultimate role model. He gives hope to the hopeless and comforts the broken hearted. He sets captives free whether it is from substances or from abuse. He gives sight to the blind. He said He is the way, the truth and the life. Who could ever be a better role model? If I am able to point anyone to Him, that would be my greatest accomplishment. My hope is that whoever nominated me has gotten a glimpse of Jesus, and He has made a difference in their lives.

Jack Moore



I am humbled and honored to be nominated as an Adult Role Model for the Pagosa Springs community. I am grateful for the students that I have had the opportunity to teach and coach. I look forward to many years to come in supporting students and helping them be successful in their lives. I always appreciate how hard the students work and strive to do their best. I hope they recognize how much I learn from them and how much they teach me in trying to be a better teacher, role model, and person. I look forward to continuing supporting students and this great community. Thank you.

Joshua Sanchez

It is a great honor to have been nominated for the adult role model award. Growing up I had very few adults that I could look up to. This lack of adult mentorship led me to pursue a career in education so that I could be that role model that I never had.

It truly melts my heart to know I am making a difference for the young men and women of Archuleta County. I also think mentorship goes both ways...every day I am amazed at what these young scholars accomplish and it motivates me to be better.

Steven Long



I am a proud martial arts teacher and community mentor for the youth of Pagosa. I look to inspire others to see and live into their greatness leaving the world a better place. I know all these kids have the power and ability to change the worlds around them, and they do. They change my world all the time. I'll do all I can to help them live the lives they truly desire and hold them accountable their best selves. I am honored to receive this award.

Morganne Thompson



I am thrilled to be nominated as an adult role model for our community. As a kid we are asked what we want to be when we grow up, with the answer expected to be a career choice. As an adult my answer to that question is to be happy, loved, successful, and a positive light to others. Luckily I am able to accomplish all these things regardless of my career choice to be an Accountant, Waitress, Corporate Benefits Manager, or a Stay at Home Mom. Being nominated as an adult role model for the community brings me far more joy than any career choice.

As an adult and parent I tend to hold on to my shortcomings far longer than I should. Like the time I chose to work and didn't have time to arrange for a ride for my son to go to the high school basketball game to hang out with his friends. Adults understand that we need to honor our work commitments but that can be difficult for a 9-year-old to accept. Being nominated as an adult role model inspires me to hold on to the small successes in helping kids to understand that life has disappointments but so many more positive moments and unlimited potential. I am thankful for the adult role models in my kids' lives, that are able to inspire and provide a positive impact on my kids when I am facing obstacles. Knowing that I am able to be a positive light for kids in our community to encourage them to live their best lives, sounds like a wonderful description of what to be when I grow up.

Marie Denton



Roy Vega Sr. is fun, inspiring, selfless, helpful and does great things outside his job. For example, he donates his time to the Veteran's Memorial Park, he waters the tree on his own time. He also donated his time to the Veteran's Golf Tournament. He helped with making the gift bags and putting up signs. He also was a sponsor of the Veteran's Golf Tournament. Not only does he donate his time to the community he also watches his grand kids during the week. Asher is two and Roy Vega Sr. potty trained him. After school he also watches Asher's brother and sisters. Roy Vega Sr. is a hard working man that gives his time for his community and his family. He is a great grandpa. He is one of the reasons I am the person I am today. This is why Roy Vega Sr. should get the award. Roy Vega Sr. is also a veteran, he survived Vietnam as a captain of the military police.

Sofia Talamante



Nominees/Nominators

Aubrie Limebrook / Kaila Limebrook
Brenda Richey / Diana
Darryl Samuel Knight Jr. / LaRon Edgerrin Knight
Debra Moore / Gwendolyn Tyler
Dustin Cark / Kaylee Clark
Eric Swithin / Gwendolyn Tyler
Felicia Salas / Jasmine Salas

Francisco Tinaco / Jasmine Salas
Jacob Bechard-Toth / Grace Betts
Jenny Santos / Quint Santos
Kaley Santille / Nicolas Santille
Keleka Kekoa-Maui Alualu / Keleka Kekoa-Maui Alualu

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'Love me, love my dog'

I call him "my Precious." There is a bit of inside family humor in that name. Previously, he was known and prayed for by his more common name, the prodigal son.

For years, I prayed, "Bring home my prodigal son." And God heard me. Admittedly, I now pray, "Remind me why I wanted my Precious home?"

When a grown son comes home, things change. He steps comfortably into new shoes and grabs the reigns like an old pro.

When my prodigal son moved back from the Philippines, he said, "I'm bringing my two golden retrievers with me." He was testing the waters and saying, "Love me, love my dogs."

We didn't know where he would end up once back on U.S. soil. The sensible thing to do was to try to talk him into leaving his dogs behind. I quickly realized that welcoming him with open arms meant making room for the addition of paws.

I have come to accept that to a dog lover, it's a dog's world. And that is not isolated just to family. Friends call to say that they want to come for a visit. If not on the tip of my tongue, it is certainly on the top of my mind: "Please don't bring your pets into our home ... if you do, leave them outside." To that all I can say, they always do, and they never do.

I know all too well after years and years of trying to come between my Sweet Al and his beloved Whiskey, don't! People and their pets are bound for life. And no matter how comfortable I am in being called heartless on this particular topic, I know that you just can't separate a man and his beast.

So, yesterday, "my Precious"

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Betty Slade



So, yesterday, "my Precious" told us his friend wanted to come and stay in the guest house for the weekend. And, by the way, she is bringing her dog with her.

told us his friend wanted to come and stay in the guest house for the weekend. And, by the way, she is bringing her dog with her.

I said to him, "You know how I feel about guests bringing their animals into the house. They mark their territory, chew on things and make a mess in every room."

Famous last words, "She will just keep the dog in a crate."

Right, and the next thing I know, Pooch is lounging on a down duvet surrounded by a lumbar and neck roll pillow.

I had to rehash the day's conver-

sation with "my Precious" to clarify how I felt about the dog topic. My son's response, "The country is sick and on fire and you're worried about a dog?"

Evidently, I wasn't going to win this argument.

As much as I go around and around with my Sweet Al about his dog, when it comes to traveling, she stays put. We make arrangements to board her or ask family members to come over and care for her.

Dare I ask the same of others, and I have committed the unthinkable.

I know all about Lassie, the famous collie, the television star of the 1940s who ran to the rescue every time Timmy got in to trouble. To be truthful, I'd settled for an alert bracelet.

This house has never been void of animals. My Sweet Al is a dog lover and so are three of our four children. From the day I married Al, he has always had a dog. One dog is OK, but when each child brings their dog with them and invites guests to do the same, I ask myself, "who is paying the property taxes anyway?"

Final brushstroke: It is not enough that I have to deal with My Sweet Al and his dog, Whiskey. Now, I have to put up with "my Precious," his dog and his dog-loving friends. So, I have crafted a new plan. You can come and stay, provided you and your guest pay to send me away for a spa weekend. "Love me, love my dog" translated, "Let me escape, or go someplace else."

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Curbside service and computer use expand to Saturdays

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We are delighted to announce that we now offer curbside pickup and limited computer use by appointment on Saturdays, with the same hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for curbside and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for computer appointments.

“We know that some patrons need these services available on a weekend day and we are happy to be able to provide them,” said Meg Wempe, library director.

Curbside service, now Monday through Saturday 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.

Computer appointments, now Monday through Saturday, allow the admittance of a very limited number of people into specific areas of the building. To make a computer appointment, call the library at 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary.org to schedule a time. With some possible exceptions, computer appointments will be 45 minutes. This shortened period allows time for staff to clean and disinfect the computers between uses.

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

Local author discussion today

We hope you will join us today, Thursday, June 25, at 5 p.m. for a

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Q-and-A discussion via Zoom with local author Ethan Proud, author of five books. The Rebellion trilogy, 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.

LEGO contest deadline tomorrow

Do you love monsters and creating with LEGOs? If yes, tomorrow is your last chance to enter our monster-themed virtual LEGO contest by submitting up to five photos of your creation.

Email submissions to ruby@pagosalibrary.org or submit photos to the library via Facebook Messenger. To ensure a fair judging, none of these photos may contain people. One photo should be a top view and one a front view. 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 this 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.

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Summer Reading Program

If you haven't already signed up, please do so now for the free Summer Reading Program 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 5: A new reading experience

Read a book or article that you usually would not pick up. Tell us about the experience in no more than five sentences: What was the book or article? Why wouldn't you normally read it? What did you think of it after reading it? 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 to 264-2209. Everyone can participate and entries will be entered into a weekly prize drawing.

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 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.

Storywalk program for kids

Every Thursday, Josie, your early literacy librarian, will post "signs" outside the library that follow the sidewalk up towards the elementary school detailing a new Summer Reading Storywalk for kids. The June 25 through July 3 theme is heroes.

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

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

3. 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 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.

Nonfiction

"The Hardest Job in the World" by John Dickerson explores the many difficult responsibilities of the American presidency and those who have held our nation's high-

est office. "Exercise of Power" by Robert M. Gates, former secretary of defense, analyzes challenges faced by our past four presidents and their senior advisers and their responses. "Devolution" by Max Brooks is a firsthand account of the Rainier Sacquatch massacre. "The New One" by Mike Birbiglia, with poems by J. Hope Stein, explores what the author calls "painfully true stories from a reluctant dad."

DVDs

"The Invisible Man" is a thriller starring Elisabeth Moss. "The Miracle of The Little Prince" is a documentary about the power of one of the most translated books in the world, second only to the Bible. "Liyana" follows a South African storyteller guiding five orphaned children as they craft an original

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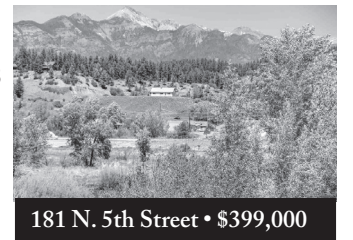


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St. Patrick's to reopen its doors for worship

By Sally Neel
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

It has been a long, hard road for everyone. The pandemic of the COVID-19 virus put our nation and the world into a tailspin unlike any we have ever experienced. Businesses and schools, churches and restaurants, important ceremonies, gyms, concerts, plays all went dark and, suddenly, we are confined to our homes. The economy has suffered deeply as people have lost work along with the financial means to pay their bills.

Now, as we literally figure out how to live in the midst of a deadly virus, businesses are beginning to reopen with restrictions, people are cautiously emerging from their homes donned with protective face

masks, hand sanitizers and physical distancing.

"As a church community, we have entered into the second phase of our precautions following months of only worshipping with prerecorded services online," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is reopening its doors for a scaled-down version of its normal Sunday liturgy. Rather than singing hymns, listening to a choir and receiving communion, worshippers will use a liturgy called Morning Prayer. Morning Prayer involves reciting Psalms and Canticles and prayers, hearing a sermon, the reciting of the Apostle's Creed, along with a space for special music. There will be no Holy Communion, no choir

and no hymns.

"We will be taking the most aggressive precautions that we can to insure our worshipping community's protection," said Neel.

There will be two services, one at 8 a.m. and the other at 10 a.m. Worshippers are asked to sign up in advance with a maximum of 40 people allowed to attend. There will be a person at the door taking temperatures with a thermal thermometer that does not touch the skin. Anyone with 100 degrees or more will be asked to worship at home and encouraged to seek medical advice. Masks are mandatory and will be provided for any who come unprepared.

Chairs in the church are cordoned off to seat families together
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CDs

"A Good Neighborhood" by Therese Anne Fowler follows two feuding families who share a property line.

Downloadable e-books and audiobooks

While the coronavirus restrictions keep you from browsing inside the library, we suggest a fun digital alternative: Ever since March when we had to close the building, we have been buying more downloadable e-books and downloadable audio books for patrons of all ages — children, tweens, teens and adults.

Using cloudLibrary, you can download a book to read or an audio book to listen to. The items in cloudLibrary are purchased separately from physical items, so the books available are different — and

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Note that we cannot accept donations of magazines or newspapers at this time.

Quotable quote

"The way a book is read — which is to say, the qualities a reader brings to a book — can have as much to do with its worth as anything the author puts into it ... Anyone who can read can learn to read deeply and thus live more fully." — Normal Cousins (1915-1990), American political journalist, author, professor and world peace advocate.

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Psalms 122:1

The Pagosa Springs Church of Christ is returning to in-person, corporate worship. The abbreviated worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. The congregation will pray, read Scripture, and take communion together but will not be singing at this time.

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Services will not be held on Sunday evening or Wednesday evening for the time being. If you are older, have health concerns, or choose to be more cautious, your decision to not attend is respected.

Thank you for being patient at this time. Continue to pray for those suffering, healing, health, our leaders and caregivers, and that a vaccine is found. May you look to God in these trying times.

Worship

■ continued from previous page and individuals 6 feet apart. There will be no passing of the peace, a time during the service when parishioners are encouraged to greet one another. Music will be limited to the organist and possibly one other musician. No hymns will be sung due to the dangers of spreading germs. Bulletins will be placed in the seats for onetime use.

“Sadly, as a community, this disease has caused us to drastically reorder our customary habits to ensure against spreading the

virus,” said Neel. “It is not easy on any of us. Masks feel confining, distancing seems awkward and constantly being on guard is exhausting.

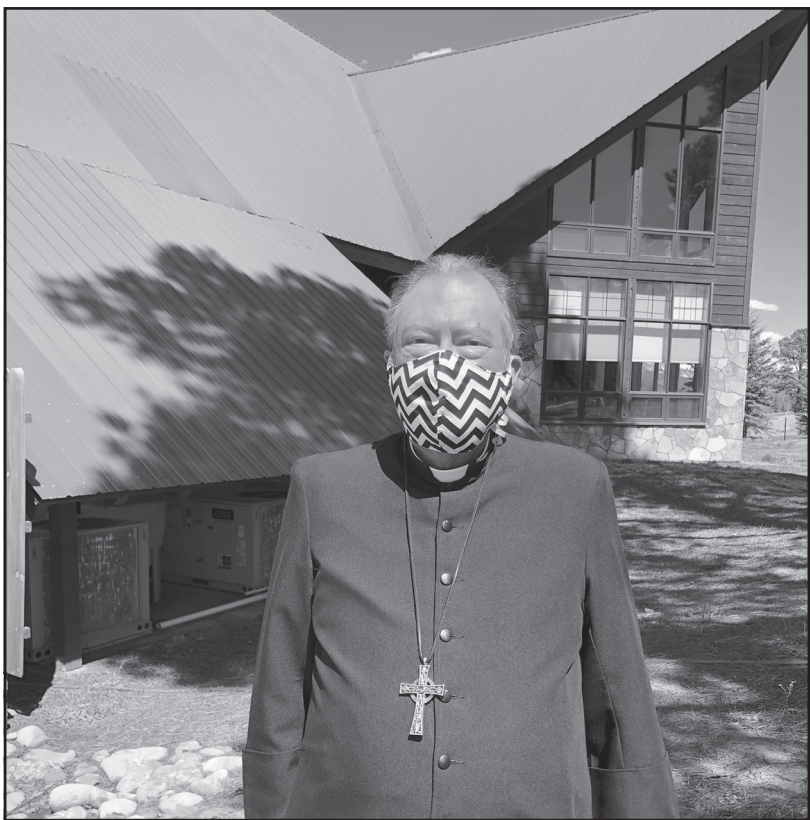
“But, the bottom line is that this virus is very dangerous and extremely contagious. It can and does indiscriminately affect anyone who casually comes near it. We cannot pretend it isn’t there. But if we are considerate of those around us and help to protect them as they help to protect us, we can get through this.

“I believe that as a community,

we have a responsibility to keep each other safe. Our worship services will continue to be broadcast online for those who do not feel comfortable worshipping in public and wish to do so from their home instead. Our services have been published on our webpage, www.stpatrickspagosa.org, and will be updated weekly. I encourage anyone who wishes to worship with us to do so.”

St. Patrick’s has proven that the church is far more than a building. Its Food Box Ministry has continued to serve our community during this crisis, handing out free food to any who need it. They have also continued to help prepare food for Loaves and Fishes, offering free take-out meals on Thursdays at the Parish Hall downtown. Bible studies and group meetings have been conducted via Zoom.

“St. Patrick’s has not been closed,” said Neel. “We have simply adjusted our ministry to accommodate the situation at hand. As we move into this next phase, I look forward to seeing some of our parishioners in person and greeting them with a joyful ‘hello!’ — but no hugs for now.”

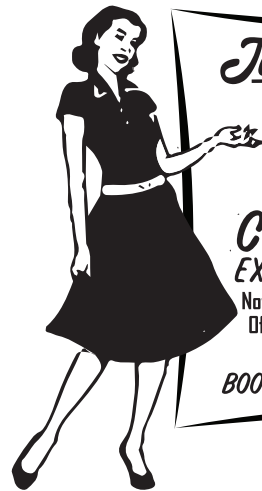


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New Thought topic: ‘Coming Out Of The Dark: A Healing Transformation’

By Lisa Burnson
New Thought Center
for Inspirational Living

“We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.” — Maya Angelou.

We are all concerned about troubling events that we observe going on in our world: epidemics, corruption, mistreatment of people by those in power. The hurts that are caused by observing continual adversities results in many of us feeling that we are moving through darkness. We are now emerging into a healing transformation, beginning with ourselves.

All are welcome to join the New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, June 28, at 10 a.m. for our presentation, “Coming Out Of The Dark: A Heal-

ing Transformation.” Our speaker will be Theresa Howard, Science of Mind practitioner.

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.

Saturday, July 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: “Breakout Outdoor Music Concert!” with four live bands, plus craft, food and beverage vendors. There will be children’s activities and children will be admitted for free. For tickets, booth rentals or to volunteer, please call 309-6067.

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Divine conundrums and whispered enigmas

By Joyce Holdread
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God revels in conundrums and whispers in enigmas. To save your life, you must lose it; to be great, you must become as a child; to be strong, you must relish your weakness; to be wise, you must embrace what the world calls foolish. Something must die, diminish, break or surrender for transformation into a greater good to occur.

This is a principle we can observe in both the creation and our own lives. A seed must surrender to the soil and become subject to bacteria, earthworms, minerals and water. The warm sun then draws it forth as a beautiful, nourishing plant — life multiplied exponentially from a solitary seed. Logs diminish as they burn, but release life-giving warmth to hearth and home. Autumn woods yield their fleeting splendor in order to delight us again with fresh, invigorating spring. The chrysalis must burst for the butterfly to soar.

On the human level, parents or lovers recognize that truly loving another entails suffering and sacrifice, but if done authentically and faithfully, is worth the effort. Winston Churchill was Britain’s man of the hour in World War II greatly due to his humble nanny, Mrs. Elizabeth Everest. Her steady love and care, when his parents were immersed in their aristocratic lives, formed him into the stalwart leader he became.

And we are familiar with the indefatigable compassion and perseverance of Annie Sullivan, who made the world come alive for blind-deaf Helen Keller. In turn,

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Helen inspired other sightless and silent persons around the world. Annie, herself almost blind, gave up a life of “normal” marriage and family to accompany Helen to Radcliffe College, “translating” all her

classes and exams. She remained Helen’s constant companion for 49 years.

I have also experienced the bounty of relinquishment. I once gave up a highly anticipated camping/hiking weekend to participate in an event my Christian community was hosting. I had made a commitment to these dear friends, and they were counting on my help and participation. Because I was home that weekend, I received the

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By Paulette Heber
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Faith

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phone call that cemented the relationship with the man who became my husband.

Even giving up comfort, time or other interests to care for an animal can help it reach its highest potential. I recently reread Marguerite Henry's beautifully written book, "King of the Wind," one of my childhood favorites. Without the love and devotion of the mute, ragged horseboy, the fiery little Arabian stallion could not have become the sire of colts and fillies that transformed the English thoroughbred bloodlines into continual champions.

Saint Francis of Assisi fully embraced the enigmas of God. He abandoned a life of status, luxury and power to become a pauper, but also one of the greatest influences for the simple gospel throughout history.



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Feeding lambs and a dog

By Daris Howard
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My little daughters loved their orphaned lambs that I had picked up at a sheep camp. After I trained the lambs to nurse on bottles, my daughters would march outside, bottles in hand, to feed their lamb babies. As the lambs ate, their little tails wagged happily back and forth.

After my girls took over feeding, I didn't do too much with the lambs. But one day, when I came home from work, my 5-year-old daughter came to me. I could see she had been crying.

"Yoda won't eat," she said through her sniffles.

When I came into the house, my wife, Donna, met me with a worried look on her face. "Neither lamb is well."

I immediately went to look at them and realized they had scours, a sickness that can be caused by many things, but it ultimately causes dehydration. There are pills to help overcome it, but the lambs can still be lost if they won't eat while the medicine is doing its job.

I immediately went and purchased some small pills for the lambs. Getting them to take the pills was another matter. After a few nipped fingers, I finally had them doctored, but they still wouldn't drink their milk.

A friend of mine worked at the sheep camp, so I went out there, hoping he would be on duty. He was, and as I stepped from my pickup, he waved.

"Hey, Howard, what brings you out here?"

"Just coming to see if you're staying out of trouble."

He laughed. "This time of year, I don't have time to get into trouble. If I get four hours of sleep each night, I count myself lucky."

"What I actually came for," I said, "is some advice. My two girls' little lambs have scours and aren't doing too well. We're struggling to get them to eat."

"I'm not sure I have any suggestions," he said.

"Is there anything the ewes do that encourages their lambs to nurse?"

He thought a minute and then smiled. "Well, they do lick their lambs' backsides, and that seems to stimulate their appetites." He laughed. "I suppose you could try that."

"Very funny," I said.

He didn't have any other suggestions, so I headed home. When

I arrived, my little girls hurried out to meet me. Through their tears they told me that their mother didn't think the lambs were going to make it.

Donna was trying really hard to get the lambs to eat, but she

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wasn't having any luck. I told her what my friend had said about the ewe licking their lambs' backsides while they ate.

"You go ahead and try it, and we'll see how it goes," she said wryly.

She tried again to feed a lamb, and it not only refused to eat, but our new puppy pushed its way in to get petted. That made the bottle slip, and it sprayed milk across the back of the lamb. Immediately, our pup started to lick the milk off. When it did, the lamb perked up.

Donna looked up, and the glint in her eye told me she had an idea. She took the bottle and sprinkled milk around the lamb's tail. Our puppy started to lick it, and Donna offered the lamb the bottle. As long as the dog licked it, the lamb ate. Donna was able to get both lambs to eat this way. At the next feeding, Donna fixed three bottles, two for the lambs and one to sprinkle on them for the dog to lick.

The lambs started to flourish, and within a day or two, they were bouncing around our yard. A few days later, I ran into my friend who worked at the sheep camp. I told him about how Donna got the pup to lick the lambs and how that encouraged them to eat.

"That's great," he said with a grin. "But I really had hoped to hear how it went with you being the one to lick them."



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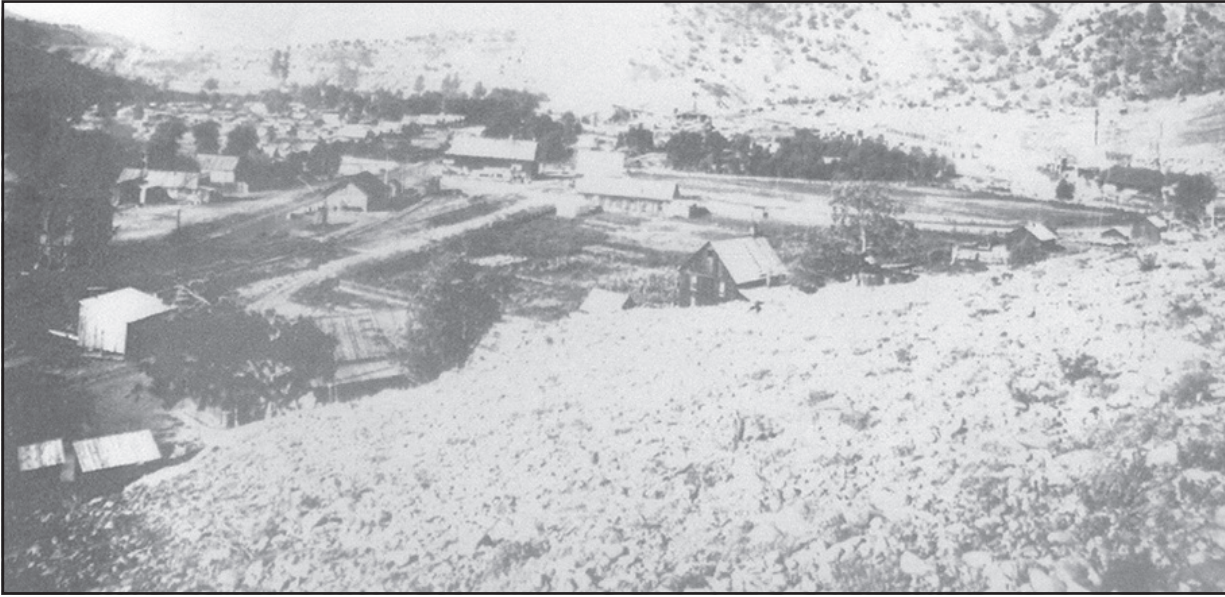


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Back in the late 1890s, Edith was a thriving community with more than 300 residents.

Getting from here to there and back

I've been told by people who should know that the English language is one of the hardest of all languages to master. I've spent a good part of my life earning a living by using my ability to explain how to get from here to there and back by way of the English language.

First, I've learned it's very helpful to own several good dictionaries, a thesaurus and a number of



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

other writing guides. Among this multiplicity of references is "The Chicago Manual of Style" which

claims on its cover to be "The Essential Guide for Writers, Editors, and Publishers."

In recent columns, I have been focusing on using plain English to explain how to get from here to there, or, if you are lost in the "Great Outdoors," from there to here.

I began with the word trail and a number of synonyms such as way, ■ See Past on next page



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Past

■ continued from previous page path, course of action, process, procedure technique, system, plan, strategy, scheme, means, mechanism, routine and manner. Since I am a backpacker, I also used terms such as thoroughfare, route, path, journey, road, highway, by-way and last week “back road.” During this linguistic travelogue, I ran across the word “wayfare” such as used in the song “Wayfaring Stranger.”

Curious about the word thoroughfare, I logged into Google for a definition. Now I am confused, if not totally flabbergasted. According to Google, thorough means “carried through to completion” and fare means “what you are eating.” When I put those two together, I think it should mean “I ate it all.” But Google claims the word “thoroughfare” means “a road or path between two places. It’s time for that silly idiom, “Go figger!”

Getting back to describing “back road,” I can think of several. There is a back road connecting

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Lumberton, N.M., with Pagosa Springs. Years ago, the Denver and Rio Grande railroad followed that route as part of getting trains from Chama to Durango. When the train company shut down and the tracks were removed, it became one of my favorite “back roads.” Not only is it the shortest

way between Dulce and Pagosa Springs, there is a good chance to see wildlife, i.e. deer, elk, bear, raccoons and such.

It also tickles some of my history brain cells as it crosses the Navajo River down at Edith. Once upon a time, Edith had a population of over 300 and was being pushed as the county seat by the Archuleta family and their friends. The Archuleta family is the source of the county name. The battle over choosing Pagosa Springs over Edith as the Archuleta County seat resulted in a shoot-out between Anglo Pagosa cowboys and Edith Hispanics led by the Archuleta and Martinez families. During the 1890s, the largest lumber mill in Colorado and the first flour mill and electricity generating plant in Archuleta County were in Edith.

More back country trails next week. The county is covered with them.



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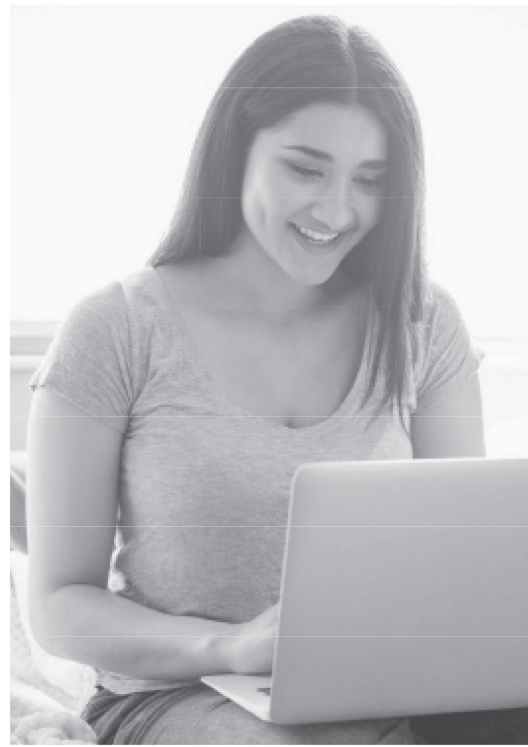
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Diverse native populations make for healthy landscapes

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

Healthy environments are less susceptible to non-native plant invasions. But what does it take to make a healthy landscape? While many factors contribute, the bottom line is diverse populations of native plant species. A single species leaves resources on the table which weeds can take advantage of. A variety of plant species will offer seedlings shade, take up more space in the soil and will result in changing scenery with each season.

In Archuleta County, we have a variety of microclimates and which plant species will do well is somewhat subjective. The cheap and easy way to plant native species on your property is to collect seed heads and broadcast spread them on bare patches of your property. Seedling plants cannot tolerate very much herbicide and, in freshly reseeded plots, mechanical control of weeds is the best option.

In areas with dense infestations that have persisted for five or more years, the native seed bank is likely a fraction of the noxious seed bank and most of the perennial root systems of native plants will have been starved out. This leaves a community of noxious weeds that will persist until some management is performed. In areas like this, purchasing native seed is the best bet. Grasses will compete sooner, but mixing wildflower and grass seed

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can help increase the diversity.

Seeding should be done in increments, so that more aggressive control can be done on the property until the weeds are under control. As mentioned above, seedling plants cannot tolerate herbicide or disturbance and landowners should be mindful of their investments.

Revegetation is considered a cultural control and is one of the best methods to prevent new weed infestations and to compete against current infestations. To help landowners control weeds on their property, Archuleta County Weed and Pest partnered on a Department of Agriculture grant with the San Juan Conservation District and Colorado State University Extension to offer a cost-share program that reimburses landowners receiving herbicide or weed control services with free native grass and wildflower seed mixes. Replanting native species will decrease the cost of treatment in successive years if done correctly.

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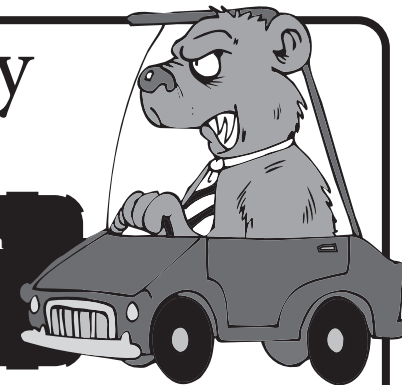
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Bird of the Week



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

Named for its cat-like "mew" calls made while hiding deep within a shrub, the gray catbird also performs amazing songs. It belongs to the family of birds known as mimics, who copy the songs of other species. The catbird weaves parts of these songs and other sounds in its habitat into its own song. It often sings from a high perch a song that can last up to 10 minutes. These complex songs are believed to tell a potential mate that this is a bird whose been around and is a great catch.

These are birds of dense, tangled thicket, often around water. With the exception of southwestern extremes, they breed across much of the U.S. and into southern Canada. A recent trip to the Riverwalk in town revealed catbirds delivering food to a nest hidden deep within a shrub. In winter, they migrate to southern states, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

Gray catbirds are medium-sized, gray birds with dark caps. Their long tails, cinnamon-colored underneath, are held down when perched, giving them a hunch-backed look in profile. They forage on the ground for insects, larvae and spiders, adding fruits and berries to their diet when available.

Gray catbirds have adapted to live in suburban environments where, according to a Smithsonian study, domestic cats destroy nearly half of all fledglings. The American Bird Conservancy reports that every year in the United States, cats kill more than 1 billion birds. They urge us to keep our cats indoors for their safety and for the safety of birds.

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

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Parks in 1955 news
- 5 Playful water critter
- 10 Picnic staple
- 14 Comic strip penguin
- 15 Most writing
- 16 First-rate
- 17 Card balance
- 18 Carry out (crime)
- 20 Install as king
- 22 Set up, perhaps
- 23 Touch up, as text
- 24 Hammerhead part
- 25 Thanksgiving Day event
- 27 Milton's " _____ Lost"
- 31 Little helper
- 32 Earliest stage
- 34 1,000 kilograms
- 35 Bit of slander
- 37 That group's
- 39 Close in on
- 40 Behind bars
- 42 Steer clear of
- 44 Caesar's seven
- 45 Not fit to eat
- 47 Full of testosterone
- 49 Planetary path
- 50 Plague
- 51 Egg entree
- 54 Closet repellent
- 57 Bag of tricks
- 59 Do as directed
- 60 One of the Waltons
- 61 Key word
- 62 Norwegian king
- 63 Broken-off branch
- 64 Has to have
- 65 Camping shelter

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- 4 Bronchial disorder
- 5 Frazier, to Ali
- 6 Pollster's find
- 7 Damaged, as a ligament
- 8 Psychic ability
- 9 Pot, in the past
- 10 Costner's "Bull Durham" co-star
- 11 Fertile soil
- 12 Penny _____
- 13 Hoe target
- 19 Grab the tab
- 21 Start over
- 24 Place for a pergola
- 25 "GoodFellas" Oscar winner
- 26 Detective Pinkerton
- 27 Grievance
- 28 Sure to happen
- 29 Kind of mail
- 30 Chill-inducing
- 33 Must, in legalese
- 36 Reminiscent
- 38 WWII's Rosie and others
- 41 Greg Louganis, e.g.
- 43 Cable competitor
- 46 Securing strip
- 48 PC start-over
- 50 Filled with ennui
- 51 Loads from lodes
- 52 Nothing other than
- 53 Like some proportions
- 54 Parasitic insect
- 55 Emulate Pisa's tower
- 56 Uber rival
- 58 "Take _____"

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Clue: Covered in grit

B. 16 5 13 17 8 6 24 11

Clue: Solar illumination

C. 16 10 19 6 5 17 17

Clue: Coastal bird

D. 16 2 8 14 16 5 8 11

Clue: Water wear

Answers: A. sandy B. sunlight C. seagull D. swimsuit

DOWN

- 1 Was a passenger
- 2 Start the bidding

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Rise and Recover Together, Pagosa campaign launched

By Marcy Mitchell

Aspire Medical Services and Education

Launched by the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado, Rise and Recover Together, Pagosa is a campaign rooted in community spirit. It is a shared movement to lift each other up in light of the hardships faced during the COVID-19 crisis. The campaign is centered on a locally designed logo to represent Pagosa's strength and resilience during challenging times and to remind everyone we are stronger together.

By purchasing items with the Rise and Recover Together, Pagosa logo, individuals can both showcase their community spirit, as well as help local nonprofits. T-shirts, hats, yard signs and stickers are available through a local online store: <https://basintees.com/rise>. Scroll down the webpage to find the Pagosa Springs merchandise. Proceeds of all Pagosa sales will support local nonprofits, including Aspire Medical Services and Education, Veterans 4 Veterans, Upper San Juan Search and Rescue and the Archuleta County Fund through a grant from the Community Foundation.

This fundraiser, designed to build community spirit, was made available through the Community Foundation after the annual 19th Hole Concerts had to be canceled. The generous sponsors of the 19th Hole Concerts agreed to support the new Rise and Recover Together grant.

The theme Rise and Recover Together, Pagosa encapsulates many initiatives, including economic stabilization, recovery endeavors, supporting positive actions by citizens to aid in recovery, and supporting the business and nonprofit sectors.

"As we all come together as business owners, civic leaders and



members of our community, it is vital to work together to rebuild, meet basic human needs and help people flourish," said Scott Shine, Rise and Recover Together campaign task force member. "This inspirational campaign is grounded in our love for the community, which we believe has abundant assets and is well-positioned to rebound from this crisis, if we all work together to make it happen."

To help support this cause, simply go to: <https://basintees.com/rise> and purchase a Pagosa

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Don't be shocked: Separate lightning facts from fiction

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Lightning is an awe-inspiring display of nature. Captivating, careening streaks of light brighten the sky and are often accompanied by Earth-shaking booms of thunder.

Is it any wonder that people are equal parts fascinated and terrified of lightning? That's likely due to the immense power contained in lightning storms. Every bolt of lightning delivers up to 1 billion volts of electricity, states National Geographic.

As afternoon summer storms return, it can help to dispel some of the myths about the energy and science behind lightning storms.

Myth: Lightning doesn't strike the same place twice.

Fact: Contrary to what the familiar expression may indicate, lightning can and frequently will strike the same place twice, offers Britannica. It may occur during the same storm or years or centuries later. There's no guarantee that a spot already hit by lightning is now immune.

Myth: Crouch down to avoid a lightning strike outside.

Fact: The National Weather Service says that crouching closer to the ground will not make a person any safer outdoors. Moving indoors to a substantial building or a hard-topped vehicle is better.

Myth: Rubber tires insulate a car from lightning strikes.

Truth: It's actually the metal roof and metal sides of the vehicle that channel the lightning down to the ground, helping to safeguard people inside the vehicle. Remember,

convertibles, fiberglass RVs and motorcycles are on rubber tires and offer no protection against lightning.

Myth: Being under a tree is better than no shelter at all.

Fact: The Insurance Information Institute advises against sheltering under a tree. If lightning hits that tree, there's a chance that a "ground charge" will spread out from the tree in all directions. In fact, being under the tree is the second-leading cause of lightning-related casualties.

Myth: If there are no clouds or rain, you are safe.

Truth: Lightning can strike more than 3 miles from the thunderstorm itself, which is far outside the rain or thunderstorm cloud. Even infrequent lightning strikes have occurred as far as 10 miles from the thunderstorm origin.

Myth: Cloud-to-ground lightning bolts are rare.

Truth: These types of bolts are quite common, with roughly 100 striking the Earth's surface every second.

Lightning can be beautiful, but it also can be dangerous. Getting the facts about lightning can help keep people out of danger.

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Medical alert monitoring systems available for seniors

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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

Senior shopping assistance program

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

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

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

The Senior Center is 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 better. If you need to have your meal delivered, please call 264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area.

The cost per meal for the public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread. (Our daily menu is posted on our website at psseniors.org.) Please call 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing

Senior News

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

Friday, June 26 — Tuna melt, spinach soup, steamed asparagus with lemon, milk, salad and brownie.

Monday, June 29 — Beef meatloaf, Italian green peas, mashed potatoes and brown gravy, peas, dinner roll with butter and salad.

Tuesday, June 30 — Hot chicken salad, broccoli cheese soup, squash calabacitas, milk, salad and chocolate raspberry cake.

Wednesday, July 1 — Pork zuppa Toscana, Italian garden salad, focaccia bread with butter, milk and

poached pears.

Thursday, July 2 — Crab cakes with remoulade sauce, mushrooms with barley and brown rice pilaf, arugula and romaine salad with honey mustard, milk, blackberries and lemon dessert.

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

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

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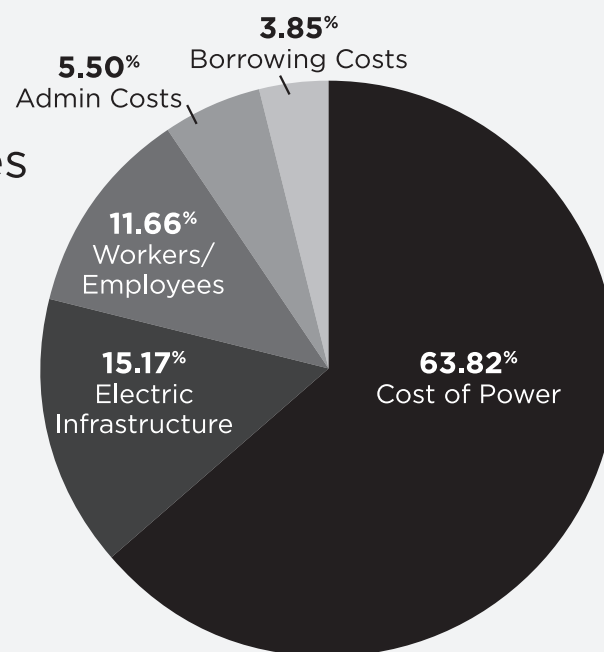
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Medical comparison website and more scam tips

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 noted here in the past, Medicare.gov has a webpage titled Nursing Home Compare (NHC). It can be found by an Internet search or by clicking on the home page on the box titled "Find Care." This link also allows you to click boxes with links to compare doctors, hospitals, home health services, dialysis facilities, hospice care or inpatient rehabilitation.

NHC has been updated recently, as noted in the "Spotlight" box below the search. Links there give the public access to COVID-19 infection control inspections and to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

Area Agency on Aging

Services COVID-19 nursing home data (required in May).

This year, NHC also added alerts with a red hand symbol for nursing homes cited for issues related to abuse. The main purpose of NHC is to provide information derived from state health department surveys and it allows you to compare the quality ratings of up to three nursing homes at a time.

A few more tips on COVID-19 scams

The April 9 column searchable on the online version of The Pagosa Springs SUN described emerging COVID-19 scams, such as phone calls and emails offering cures and vaccinations. An AARP article on aarp.org, "12 Tips from Top Feds to Avoid Fraud During the Pandemic,"

mentioned a few tips not reported then.

Bryan Ware of the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency emphasized the importance of strong passwords and to be suspicious of any emails with "COVID-19" in the subject line or on attachments or links.

Michael Herndon of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said to be wary of someone you do not know offering to shop for groceries or supplies or to pick up prescriptions. Instead, order directly from the store or use a delivery service.

Note that Archuleta Seniors Inc. provides shopping and prescription pickup services through volunteers. Call Rod Hubbard at 422-7084.

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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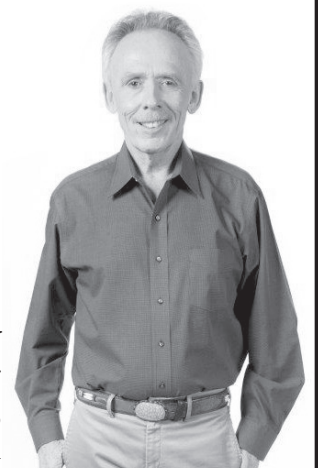
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Thursday, June 25

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. Josie will post signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up towards the elementary school detailing a new Storywalk. This week's theme is heroes. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Outdoor Labyrinth Guided Walk. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., the wooden cross behind the parking lot. Docents provide information and inspiration regarding the "Chartres" designed labyrinth. It is a path of releasing, receiving and renewal. We encourage social distancing and wearing a mask in the presence of others.

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.

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.

Saturday, June 27

Virtual Lego Contest. Winners will be announced for the virtual monster-themed contest. Prizes will be awarded for each of five age categories. One prize will also be awarded for the Judges' Choice, and one for the best fit to the theme. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

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

Tuesday, June 30

Chi Energi. 8:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A variety of movements and stretches to create energy for the healing of our mind, body and soul.

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

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, July 1

Family Storytime. 10 a.m. For all

ages. Join us for great stories and fun songs. Wednesday storytimes are on Facebook Live, so if you go to Facebook at 10 a.m., you can interact with Josie. 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.

Garden Talks with Ron Chacey. 5:30 p.m. This year, you will be able to attend from the comfort of

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Friday, July 3

HerStory. 8:30-9:30a.m., 140 Country Center Drive, Unit 2. An opportunity to meet other women in your community in a peer-supported group focused on healing from trauma, abuse or violence.

Saturday, July 4

Fourth of July Flag Ceremony. 10 a.m., American Legion Post 108. A flag ceremony which 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 foot bridge over the San Juan River and a flyover by the San Juan Squadron aircraft. Come early for the best viewing opportunities.

Tuesday, July 7

Chi Energi. 830 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A variety of movements and stretches to create energy for the healing of our mind, body and soul.

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

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, July 8

Family Storytime. 10 a.m. For all ages. Join us for great stories and fun songs. Wednesday storytimes are on Facebook Live, so if you go

to Facebook at 10 a.m., you can interact with Josie. 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.

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.

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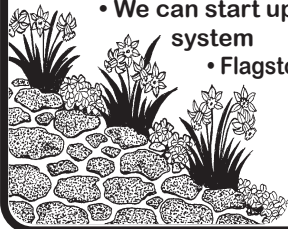
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CHUCK'S EXPERT SERVICES. We install and repair commercial and residential HVAC. Commercial refrigeration and commercial cooking equipment a plus. Please send resume with experience, references and pay to chuckhvacr@hotmail.com, or call (970)317-5274 and leave message.

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CUSTODIAL HELP WANTED. PLPOA is looking for a part-time Custodian. This position is responsible for general and specialized custodial project cleaning services at PLPOA Recreation Center and other PLPOA facilities. Duties include: general cleaning of assigned facilities, cleaning and stocking of restrooms, collection and disposal of trash, cleaning of floors, and other duties as assigned. Evenings and weekends required. Compensation is commensurate with experience. Recreation Center membership included. Submit application to Pagosa Lakes Rec Center, 45 Eagles Loft Circle, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Email: rbuck@plpoa.com. Phone (970)731-2051, fax (970)731-5362. Position is open until filled. EOE.

PATROL DEPUTY. Archuleta County Sheriff's office is accepting applications for the position of Patrol Deputy. Applicants must be Colorado P.O.S.T certified. For job description and wage details, please visit www.archuletacounty.org. Submit a Sheriff's Office application and resume to Human Resources, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or fax (970)264-1879 or email to rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

HELP WANTED

PART-TIME HELP FOR LANDSCAPING WORK. Must be experienced with mowing, weed eating, trimming. Call Eric, 946-2061.

SEEDS OF LEARNING is accepting applications for a full-time, year round assistant preschool teacher. This person must have a warm, friendly personality, be sensitive to the feelings and needs of others and able to work with and relate well with children, families and co-workers. Must have a minimum of an associate's degree in Early Childhood (or related field) or be in the process of completing the degree. This person will actively participate in planning and implementing the curriculum as well as assessing the needs of individual children. A resume with education and experience is required. Please call Lynne or Dee at (970)264-5513.

SMALL HOTEL HIRING PART-TIME housekeeper. Must be available weekends. Pay rate depending on experience. Please call 731-5345.

CDL DRIVERS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS needed. CDL minimum 1 year driving experience. Knowledge of forestry equipment helpful. Must pass drug test. No overnight trips. Send resume to: pagosaland@pagosa.net.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a customer oriented person for a full-time seasonal cashier position. Knowledge of hardware and building materials is a plus. We offer competitive wages with Holiday pay. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

HELP WANTED

PAGOSA PEAK OPEN SCHOOL is currently accepting Requests for Proposals and requesting bids until June 30th for HVAC and interior remodel work. For full RFP or for more information, please visit our website at www.pagosapeakopenschool.org/naw-hiring or email areali@ppos.co.

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NORTH PAGOSA SHELL HIRING full-time cashier. Please apply at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

CLEANERS, OFFICE STAFF, and inspectors needed immediately for busy cleaning company in Pagosa! Transportation required. \$15/hour. Please respond to cleanpsco@gmail.com.

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PREP COOK. PREPARE COOKING ingredients by washing and chopping vegetables, cutting meat etc. Undertake basic cooking duties such as reducing sauces, parboiling food, etc. Prepare simple dishes such as salads, entrees, etc. Maintain a clean and orderly kitchen by washing dishes, sanitizing surfaces, taking out trash, etc. Please contact charlie@psseniors.org.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL is now taking bids to clean the school. If you are interested, please give Anette a call at (970)903-4217.

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NOW HIRING COOKS- BREAKFAST, lunch and dinner. Boss Hogg's. Apply within.

COLORADO ROADHOUSE. AFTERNOON COOKS, dishwasher and experienced waitstaff needed. Flexible hours. Apply within.

A&M CONSTRUCTION IS LOOKING for experienced Class A CDL drivers, operators and laborers. Please come by our office at 2980 E. Highway 160 and fill out an application.

HELP WANTED

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosaschools.com under the "Job Postings" icon. Opening for 20-21 school year: School Nurse (24 hours a week); Bus Driver; ELL Teacher; Asst. MS Football Coach; Asst. MS Boys' Basketball Coach; High School Asst. Cheer Coach. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

SEEKING SERVERS- Pagosa Brewing & Grill seeks part- and full-time serving team members. Applications at 118 North Pagosa Blvd. and Facebook. No phone calls.

MARKETING ASSISTANT. We are looking for a dependable, innovative person to help us grow our expanding brand as we look for new opportunities and creative ways to edge out the competition. Do you work well with others? Are you a creative thinker? Come work for a great company that continues to grow and thrive in our ever-changing economy. Duties and responsibilities include: Update multiple websites weekly/ monthly; Daily/Weekly posts to social media; Organize, present and design print and digital advertising for multiple locations; Design and order merchandise for multiple locations; Update online menu systems daily/ weekly; Assist Marketing Director and Owner with various tasks. Must have experience in marketing involving both print and digital mediums. Adobe and MS Office skills required. I.T. experience is a plus but not required. Previous experience in the cannabis industry is preferred but not required. A Colorado M.E.D. Badge is required before you can start work. Please submit your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR PRO TEMPORE: The Town of Pagosa Springs has a vacancy for a Municipal Prosecutor Pro Tempore position. Information on position, application, and deadline can be obtained on the Town website at www.townofpagosasprings.com.

FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR wanted. Must be experienced and have a wide variety of skills, needs to pass background check and have a valid driver's license. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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HORSE BOARDING AVAILABLE, UP to 2 horses. Stall and running stream through 10 acre fenced pasture. \$100 per month. (970)883-2600.

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RECYCLE YOUR GEL PACKS and styro-foam peanuts. Drop them off at GrassRoots Meats, 140 Seminole, Unit 8. Leave by door. Thanks!

MATURE, RESPONSIBLE LOCAL COUPLE seeking live-in housesitting. We are nonsmokers with no pets, in process of building our home. Looking to assist you anytime June- September. Call Karla (405)779-4180.

YARD SALES

SOUTH FORK 4TH ANNUAL TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

SATURDAY, June 27 • 8:00 am
South Fork, CO

Community Yard Sale

25+ locations – 40+ families

Address list will be on Friends of South Fork Facebook page from Thurs., June 25th

Printed list may be picked up @ SF Visitor Center Friday, the 26th.

Come enjoy the day in South Fork. SF Restaurants and businesses are open and ready to serve you.

BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

YARD SALE, 8A.M.-3P.M. DAILY through July 12 or until gone. Wood splitter 21 ton, Bowflex, wine/ beer making supplies. 1006 Cactus Dr. Lots of FREE items.

PATIO SALE. 144 PAGOSA STREET, across from Kip's. Absurd amount of art and craft supplies, sculptures, fabrics, silks, bonsai, antiques, interesting objects. Saturday, 9a.m.-1p.m. 6/27.

YARD SALE JUNE 26- 28, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 7a.m.-noon each day. King size mattress and box springs with frame, full size bed, miscellaneous furniture, treadmill, women's clothing and other miscellaneous household items. 133 Lakewood Street.

YARD SALE, SATURDAY JUNE 27. 322 Mesa Drive. 8a.m.-2p.m. Queen comforters, craft paints, men and women's clothes, lots of miscellaneous, Christmas ornaments and fabric.

ESTATE SALE FRIDAY and Saturday, June 26 and 27, 7:30a.m. sharp. Patio furniture, decorative items, lots of household, furniture, model plane items, elk mounts, tools, garage stuff and lots more. Hwy. 160 west, right on N. Pagosa, left on Lake Forest Circle, right on Beaver Circle, house #278. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

YARD SALES

SHOP AND HAND TOOLS, furniture, Murphy bed, clothes, pet stuff. All you ever wanted! 208 Oakwood Circle. Sunday, June 28, 8a.m.-2p.m.

ANNUAL DUPLEX YARD SALE: Two families. Saturday 6/27, 8a.m.-1p.m. 516 Park Ave. Ladies clothing, housewares, JEWELRY. Face cover required.

YARD SALE: SATURDAY, JUNE 27 at 54 Jaunty Ct., Pagosa Springs. 8a.m.-1p.m. Household items, outdoor gear, tools and more.

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SEARS CRAFTSMAN SNOW BLOWER. Model 247.881733. Purchased 3/19, used 5 times. Like brand new. List price \$829, selling for \$500. (919)656-1185.

12 YARDS FILL DIRT, \$125. 12 yards top soil, \$400. Delivered in core area. (970)946-6262.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE. Used, non-salvageable Douglas fir poles in varying lengths. Approximately 950 linear feet in total. Successful bidder must take all and remove at bidder's expense. View poles at LPEA's Durango headquarters in Bodo Park. Sealed bids will be accepted through July 10, 2020. For information, contact Larry Redman at LPEA (970)382-3596.

TILE, 392 SQ. FT., 6X24 Montagna Gunstock, \$250. MORTAR, 12 bags, \$100. GROUT, 4 boxes tobacco brown. In Pagosa, call (512)689-8994.

POWER WASHER. 3,000 PSI, 8HP engine. 24' hose plus 12' telescope for high places. A1 condition, \$150. (970)264-4840.

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ATTENTION CONTRACTORS AND HOME-OWNERS. Are you remodeling or tearing down? Call Durango Salvage, we buy and sell building materials. Tom, (970)749-2271, Mark, 749-8235.

FOR SALE

SPRING STUFF: GOLF CLUBS, full set and bag, like new, \$80. ATV rear seat, \$75. Four thermopane windows, 31x47, \$10 each. (970)264-1151.

SEASONED FIREWOOD FOR SALE. (970)317-4933.

QUALITY TOP SOIL, fill dirt and gravel for sale. Delivery available. Joseph 946-2281, 731-4856 evenings.

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BRAND NEW HOME FOR RENT. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, garage. No smoking, no pets. \$1,500 per month. 676 Prospect Blvd. Call (970)903-9334.

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DUPLEX UNIT IN TOWN. Great downtown location. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice backyard and patio. \$1,050/ month plus utilities. Sarkis1201@gmail.com.

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LUXURY HOME ON THE CONEJOS River In gated community with national forest access. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-car garage, 1.4 acres. \$1,600,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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PROPERTY

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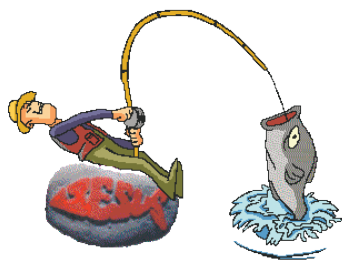
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