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Unofficial election results announced

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The unofficial election results have been announced for Tuesday's primary election.

In Archuleta County, claiming victory in the primary was Warren Brown, who will be the Republican candidate for Archuleta County commissioner for District 1 on November's ballot.

Ron Maez, who is running for a second term as county commissioner for District 2, ran unopposed in Tuesday's primary and will be the Republican candidate for that office in November.

Christian Champagne won the Democratic primary for the 6th Judicial District attorney position, running unopposed.

In the state races, John Hickenlooper won the U.S. Senate Democratic primary, beating Andrew Romanoff, and Corey Gardner won the Republican primary uncontested.

Raymon Anthony Doane won the

■ See Election A8



Photo courtesy Scott Bradford

This young bear attempts to take on the role of hitchhiker. Window washer Scott Bradford was working at a house on Terry Robinson Road last week, and when he returned to put his ladder on top of his van, he found this bear attempting to hitch a ride back to town.

COVID-19: Case count rises

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Archuleta County recorded its ninth positive case of COVID-19 among county residents — the first confirmed positive since April 17, according to San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) data.

SJBPH reports that seven of Archuleta County's residents with confirmed positives have recovered.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) also announced Tuesday that it had received four positive test

results for COVID-19 that day, all in nonresident individuals.

That, PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb told The SUN, makes eight overall positive results through PSMC testing, including seven nonresident individuals in about the last two weeks.

The other test result was a resident who tested positive in March.

Pagosa Medical Group's Dr. David Shaeffer reported to The SUN Tuesday afternoon that his facility has

■ See COVID-19 A8

Town council discusses face covering resolution

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At the end of a lengthy special meeting on June 30 that featured two and a half hours of public comment, the Pagosa Springs Town Council made no decision on a mandatory face covering resolution.

Council will consider a resolution that "strongly encourages" face masks at its next meeting on Tuesday, July 7, at 5 p.m.

Additionally, council will be looking into signage that encourages wearing face masks.

For the meeting on June 30, council had, among other options, two resolutions to consider, one that would be a local order requiring face coverings within town limits, and another that urged residents and visitors to wear face coverings within town limits.

During the meeting, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that, to date, Gov. Jared Polis and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment had issued numerous executive orders and pub-

■ See Town A8

Modified county fair to focus on 4-H

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Fair Board approved the cancellation of nearly all events at the 2020 County Fair at its meeting on June 24.

Some 4-H youth program events will continue, like the Junior Livestock Auction and animal shows; however, no members of the general public except for 4-H families will be able to attend in person, though the auction will be streamed online and people will be able to bid and partici-

pate virtually in the event.

The animal shows will also be livestreamed.

In a phone call Tuesday, Jason Cox, president of the fair board, explained the reasoning for the board's decision.

"The bottom line is with the restrictions on the number of people that could congregate for one activity it would have made most of the major events practically impossible," Cox said, referring to a state health

■ See Fair A8

Sales tax revenues up in April despite pandemic

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Archuleta County sales tax collections were up 22 percent in April compared to April 2019, according to a report by County Finance Director Larry Walton sent by email to The SUN.

The gross amount of the April sales tax was \$881,784.23. The town's share was \$440,600.12 and the county's share was \$441,184.11.

"It is obvious to all how social distancing would drive some catego-

ries of sales tax [down] by significant amounts," wrote Walton, referencing that the April numbers were during the COVID-19 pandemic which shut down many local businesses. "It is harder to understand why the Retail category (in particular) is experiencing such high growth."

Walton wrote that the county suspects two major causes in the rise of retail sales tax revenue.

He suggested that Pagosa Springs' grocery stores may have been the

■ See Sales A8



Photos courtesy Dustin English

Multiple local agencies take part in a rope rescue of William Hardaway, 36, of Durango, who drove off of Wolf Creek Pass around mile marker 162 on June 23. Hardaway was driving a 1993 Dodge pickup truck that was hauling a side-by-side utility terrain vehicle and a Jeep on a gooseneck trailer. According to the Colorado State Patrol, the pickup truck plunged 700 feet down the embankment and ended up in a creek. A helicopter assisted in the rescue efforts by hooking to a rescue basket and pulling Hardaway out of the canyon. He suffered "serious injuries." See story page A13.

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EDITORIAL

Celebrating Independence Day in several new ways

Over the past few months, we have missed out on several traditional events due to the pandemic. One thing that this pandemic has made clear to us is that we value and appreciate those traditions; however, there are still many reasons to celebrate our many freedoms throughout the upcoming weekend.

This year's celebration looks a bit different than those of the past several decades.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our traditional Fourth of July Parade and Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo had to be canceled, but that won't stop the spirit of Pagosa Country citizens.

Festivities kick off today at 2 p.m. with a parade for the residents of Pine Ridge Extended Care Center.

On Friday, another new event is planned. The Back the Blues Cruise will be held to show support for local law enforcement agencies.

You will find new twists on an old favorite this year. Park 2 Park Artisan and Food Market has been refashioned and spread out even further to allow for ample social distancing.

The American Legion Post 108 will be holding its flag ceremony on the Fourth of July. 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 daring men in their flying machines, the San Juan Squadron Formation Flying Team, will continue the flyover to Pine Ridge and then to the Veteran's Memorial Park.

The New Thought Center for Inspirational Living will be holding an Independence Day Music Breakout Concert event at the Best Western Lodge on U.S. 160 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Fourth of July. This will be a ticketed event.

One of the coolest new events will be the 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.

Saturday is the Fourth of July, the day we celebrate the birth of our nation. It's a day of backyard barbecues, reunions and, when darkness falls around 9:30 p.m., the traditional fireworks will light up the sky downtown near the athletic fields at the high school in South Pagosa. Of course, this event is dependent upon fire restrictions and weather conditions. A map of parking areas can be found in this week's PREVIEW.

If you haven't experienced a Pagosa Springs Fourth of July celebration before,

locals will be the first to advise you to be patient as thousands of people descend upon our town to discover just what it is that makes Pagosa Springs the best place to be for Independence Day.

Traffic will be heavy and slow. Allow yourself plenty of time to get to where you are going. It's similar to arriving early to the airport, except TSA agents won't be there to frisk you.

And, if you prefer to get away from it all, there is always hiking, fishing, biking and camping in the mountains and wilderness surrounding our beautiful town.

With all activities, please maintain social distancing. Masks are strongly encouraged and appreciated, but not everyone can wear one. Please be understanding of others; practice patience and kindness.

For additional details on these events, please see this week's PREVIEW.

We hope that some of these new events can come back next year when the Fourth of July Parade and Red Ryder Roundup return.

We have plenty to celebrate this Independence Day, and Pagosans certainly know how to celebrate America's birthday.

Let's make it a fun, happy and safe celebration.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 2, 1920

The big three-day celebration opens this morning in a blaze of glory, with a street parade, broncho busting and kid sports. This afternoon the main feature will be the ball game between Pagosa and Farmington. The latter team arrived yesterday. Following the game a number of horse races will take place. Tonight there will be dancing and Indian dances. A big pavilion has been erected in the park for that purpose.

Homer McKinley, the wrestling pride of Pagosa, arrived last night from Kansas. Homer was on the winning end of every boxing and wrestling match in which he participated in the east, with the exception of one, wherein his opponent outweighed him 32 pounds.

The Metropolitan Cafe was opened to the public yesterday. The proprietor, R.C. Hill, a former successful cafe man in this city, has secured the latest and best in the way of fixtures for a modern cafe. This cafe is without question the best equipped in southwestern Colorado.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 6, 1945

Elsewhere in this issue of The Sun will be found the announcement of the Rhodes Grocery and Market which will be opened on Wednesday, July 11th in the former Milam property across the street from the Los Banos Hotel on Lewis Street. Ben Rhodes is the proprietor and he will carry a complete line of groceries and meats and in addition will buy farm and ranch produce, including eggs, poultry and rabbits. Of course he will insist that the eggs be fresh hen-layed, and that poultry and rabbits be alive when purchased. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes invite you to call and have a "look-see."

All forest fires were out Sunday, reports Ranger John Pomeroy. The last fire within the boundary, one on the Wolf Creek road right-of-way, near At Last Ranch, did little damage before it was put out. It had evidently been started by a cigarette or match. The fire near Chromo on the Talamante ranch was still burning Tuesday night as The Sun went to press, but was being controlled — this fire was on private land.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 2, 1970

The 22nd annual Red Ryder Roundup this weekend will bring some exciting action, fast races, thrilling rodeo events, enjoyable dances, beautiful parades, and two full days of excitement to this community. The Red Ryder Roundup, to be held July 4 and 5, is one of the best and most favorably known celebrations in the entire Southwest. Outstanding rodeos, colorful parades, and entertainment of all kinds are but a few of the features of this big celebration. Rodeo arena events will include all kinds of riding, roping, and dogging. Tough rodeo livestock will be working hard — and usually with a fair amount of success — to unload experienced cowboy contestants.

An American Legion color guard will lead the parade which will have hundreds of cowboys and cowgirls, beautiful floats, interesting entries, colorful Indians, and dozens of other attractions. The route of the parade will be through downtown Pagosa Springs and it will disband at the Forest Service corner. The theme of the parade is "Fairy tales, Western style."

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 6, 1995

A local development corporation recently filed an application for a U.S. Corps of Engineers permit and for water quality certification, preparatory to construction of a dam and reservoir five miles northeast of Pagosa Springs. The application was filed by Mountain View Development Corp. The company intends to build the Mountain View Reservoir at the site of a proposed 1800-acre residential development at the Hidden Valley Road about 5 miles north of Pagosa Springs. The development would be comprised of a maximum 35 residents, plus an equal number of guest houses. If built, the reservoir is designed to provide an adequate water supply to the development and would allow for the creation of a cold-water fishery. According to development manager J.R. Ford, it was hoped the dam and reservoir permit would be in place this summer. Now, said Ford, the company is hoping to start work on the reservoir in May 1996.

WHADDYA THINK?

What are you looking forward to most this Fourth of July?

Poll results (168 votes)

Fireworks	33 percent
Freedom Float	4 percent
Live music	7 percent
Arts and crafts fair	11 percent
Other	45 percent

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LOOKING BACK



From the May 12, 1983, Pagosa Springs SUN. THE GOOD WRITERS CLUB — Third graders Brandon Cowan, Ryan Gerstberger, Bryan Dilts and Julie Eyre proudly stand beside their teacher Violet DeVore as they display their certificates for handwriting proficiency. The awards are based on Palmer Method Writing.

Remember, kids — Animals don't like fireworks!

And neither do trees...

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Letters



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'Violence must stop'

Dear Editor:
What are Americans to make of the current lawlessness tearing apart our cities? The tearing down of statues not only of Confederate leaders, but our founding fathers and abolitionists, demands for the destruction of Mount Rushmore, and the life threatening actions and sometimes out-right murder of police and others by anarchists is an outrage. While no one condones the rare instances of police misconduct, what is now occurring is nothing short of an attempted insurrection lead by avowed Marxists with the ultimate intent of overthrowing this nations republic.

Black Lives Matter is, in fact, a Marxist organization. BLM wants the destruction of Capitalism, open borders, and openly promotes the destruction of the traditional family which has served as the foundation of every culture for the entire history of the world. If you doubt these claims, then read them yourselves on the BLM website: <https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/>.

What we are witnessing is nothing less than an attempt to start a new civil war against traditional American culture and values. It is the result of generations of our youth having been indoctrinated, not educated, at our colleges and universities by faculties that are overwhelmingly Socialist or Communist while parents sacrificed themselves financially to pay for their own children's brain-washing. It is also the result of feckless liberal/Socialist governors and mayors having been in cities that have become literally one-party regions who are unwilling to stop the lawlessness perpetrated by anarchists. Why are they unwilling to stop it? Because they are in agreement with the lawlessness and the movements behind the violence. They want America and her past to be erased.

This attempted overthrow of America is being carried out under the guise of a falsely alleged "systemic racism" that does not exist. Opportunities for people of color and legal protections for them have never been more favorable to living

a life as a free citizen of America than they are now. People of all ethnic groups are free to achieve whatever their efforts and abilities permit them to achieve. Yet, all of white society is now said to be fundamentally racist. It is a lie. The goal of this national insurrection is not racial equality, but revolution.

What will become of the country if this attempted revolution continues? Simply put, the Union will not hold together. Traditional Americans will not stand idly by while their rights are taken away from them. If the left believes that the right will simply go quietly into the night and submit, they are sorely mistaken.

It is imperative that our President, Governors, Mayors, County leaders, and County Sheriffs stop the violence. Someone's rage and sense of injustice is not a justification for arson, thief, vandalism, violence, and murder. Corporations sending millions of dollars to BLM are only furthering the revolutionary efforts of the Marxists who run it. In fact, such corporations are treasonous.

The violence must stop. The slandering of Americans as fundamentally racist must stop.

Richard A. Bolland

Freedom to vote

Dear Editor:
The freedom to vote is considered one of the most important freedoms in America. The right to vote was originally restricted to only a few. It took the civil war and amendments to the U.S. Constitution to broaden eligibility to vote to include women and black citizens. Why then does the Town of Pagosa Springs have a recent meeting where the major topic was how to prevent the voters of the Town from being able to vote on projects approved by their URA? The URA (Urban Renewal Authority), dominated by members of the Town Council, currently has no limits on how much money they can spend and it is not just the Town's money. The money would be diverted from every governmental agency in Archuleta County to help subsidize developers. Currently it appears that the URA source of revenue would target our School District for the largest share of the money.

To date no project has been approved by the Town's URA. Before the downturn in our economy caused by the virus, there were several presentations regarding a project to develop property owned by the parent company of the Springs Hotel and a land developer that owned the property south of the Hotel. The taxpayers of Archuleta County according to the presentation made by the proposed developer would over 25 years pay for about 40% of the costs of the project amounting to about \$79 million.

Recently, sufficient numbers of the Town's voters presented a petition to require the URA to present all proposals that exceed \$1 million in tax incentives for voter approval. This proposal will be voted on in an election scheduled for July 14. Since the Supreme Court of Colorado approved "Certificates of Participation" which is a method of avoiding Tabor's requirement that all long-term debt be approved by the voters, the vote in the upcoming Town election may be the only method for voters to control the amount of spending by the URA. For example, the county funded the new jail by the method of "Certificates of Participation" after failing in two elections to secure voter approval.

If anyone tells you that the projects to be financed by the URA will not cost the taxpayers any money remember what the famous economist Milton Freeman said "there is no such thing as a free lunch"

Bruce Dryburgh

Editor's note: The Town of Pagosa Springs did not hold a meeting where the major topic was how to prevent the voters of the Town

from being able to vote on projects approved by the URA.

The URA commission did hold a meeting to address a potential resolution to provide information to voters as to why the commission does not support the ballot measure. That resolution was not approved by the commission.

The URA can use tax-increment financing (TIF) as a tool for a redevelopment project. TIF is new tax revenue that a project might create that can help fund infrastructure and other public amenities in a project area, and has to be negotiated by the various taxing entities.

The URA doesn't target any particular district or entity. Archuleta School District (ASD) receives the largest portion of property tax in the county; the district has been offered a seat on the URA commission and the ASD Board of Education has declined to fill that seat.

ASD, and any other affected entities, can negotiate regarding the amount of revenues they would allow a potential URA project to receive.

Under current law, the school district is made whole by the state for any amount it allocates to a project as the state is required to backfill any amount that is pledged to TIF by a school district, and there will be no impact to the district's finances.

Wear a mask

Dear Editor:
We have been fortunate, so far, to only have had 8 cases of Covid-19 here in Archuleta County. But Colorado cases as a whole has begun to rise again. Much of that can be attributed to more testing, but mostly it is because more people are out and about. Here we have all seen the increase in traffic and people in our restaurants and businesses. What is alarming is the number of those people not wearing masks and not staying 6 feet apart. Either they do not have a radio or television or choose not to listen to them so that they would know that the health care experts tell us that wearing masks, social distancing and washing hands is the most effective way we have to

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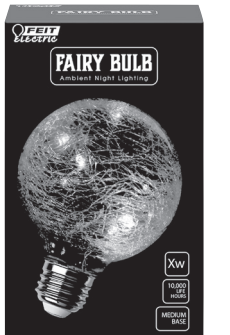


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Archuleta County Housing Authority holds a groundbreaking ceremony for the Rose Mountain Townhomes, a 34-unit affordable housing project located on Hot Springs Boulevard, on June 25. Pictured, left to right, are, Matt Dodson, Amy Hurtig-Smith, Reggie Garcia, Mayor Don Volger, Clifford Lucero, and Archuleta County commissioners Ronnie Maez, Steve Wadley and Alvin Schaaf.

Letters

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control the spread of this disease at this time. Most likely, they just don't care.

Business are required by the state to have employees wear masks and to set social distancing requirements in place and to ask customers to do the same. When a business asks someone to wear a mask and that person refuses, the business is within the law to ask the person to leave. We have all seen the signs "No Shirt, No Shoes, No Service". Now we can add "No Masks, No Service" to that. If a person refuses to wear a mask as requested by the business and remains in the business when asked to leave or put on a mask, they can be arrested and charged with trespassing (CRS 18-4-502, 18-4-503 or 18-4-504). I realize that most of the people that are disregarding these vital requirements are tourists and fair weather visitors who probably won't read the paper or these letters, so it is up to the businesses to enforce the rules. It is for our own good. Those of us who live here year round will be here when the tourists leave and we will be left to deal with the disease among ourselves. If it is more important to have the business, and I understand how hard this thing has hit our businesses, and profit is more important than the safety of our community, I certainly hope that someone you know and care about does not get this disease. It is a terrible thing to watch and suffer with, especially for someone in the higher risk age group that makes up a large part of our population. Do The Right Thing. Ask people to wear masks when they come to your business and do not be afraid to tell them to leave if they won't. One customer certainly will not make or break your business. If it would, maybe you are in the wrong business to begin with.

Gary Hardin

Helping a stranger

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank three people that stopped to help me at the mailboxes at the end of Cat Creek Road on Wednesday, June 24. That day I left my family ranch on CR 500 near the San Juan River where I had been staying and headed home to Omaha, NE. Somewhere on the gravel road, a sharp rock tore a hole in my tire. I made it to the mailboxes near the highway where a couple, whose names I did not get, stopped to help me with putting air in my tire. After they left, a gentleman named Mark stopped, went home to get his compressor and finished filling my tire enough to get me down the highway to repair my tire. So thank you folks, you were great. It made me feel better about continuing my journey. I also want to thank the tire shop for so quickly patching my tire and getting me back on the road. I had no further problems with that tire. I've always known that Pagosa Springs is a great town. It's really comforting to know that there are gracious, considerate people willing to help a stranger out. Thanks again.

Marie Renee Hernandez
Bellevue, Neb.

75 years ago

Dear Editor:

I read the article from 75yrs ago about Mr & Mrs Montoya receiving the news that their second child had been killed in the war. (WW2). This is the saddest article I have read in the SUN that I can remember. I can't imagine the grief the parents felt at the time and way on into their future. Losing one child is a tragedy; losing two has no word for it. If any of the family is still around I send my thoughts and hope they were able to continue on

with as normal a life as possible.

In these times where we think we have it so bad and life is so hard we should remember all these young men who never came home. Also their families who carried their grief throughout their life over their children who never got a chance to live their life. The old saying of "don't sweat the small stuff — & it's all small stuff" should be rephrased to "don't sweat the small stuff — it's all small stuff — except for losing a loved one" — then it is truly big stuff.

Jim Knoll

Rule of law

Dear Editor:

With Supreme Court Justice John Roberts following the wishes of his liberal counterparts, the Supremes bought into existence Obamacare which required for the first time that Americans had to buy medical insurance and that they'd have to pay a penalty if they refused. Many citizens were rightfully concerned about the court facilitating a law where none had existed before. Creating laws, of course, is the responsibility of Congress not the court system. Hope for an impartial court was revived however with the arrival of Coloradoan Neil Gorsuch and then Justice Kavanaugh. However, according to the Wall Street Journal (WSJ), Justice Gorsuch has in essence rewritten Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act which bars discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex and national origin. Unfortunately, Gorsuch joined Justice Roberts in creating a new law that now includes sexual orientation and gender identity, even though 10 appellate courts held that "sex" did not include these. The WSJ noted that in writing the majority opinion, Gorsuch did the exact opposite of his stated view against activist judging. Alas,

the 1964 law never mentioned sexual orientation or gender identity, but Gorsuch and Roberts plus the liberal leaning court decided that it should be included. And Congress? Ah, who needs 'em. The Supreme Court knows what's best for us, right?

This activist ruling will have real world consequences to businesses all over the country. This ruling was made when the court considered three separate cases concerning sexual orientation and gender identity. One concerned a 100 year old funeral home, that followed the law carefully when it hired a director who agreed to follow the dress code. Later, the director decided he wanted to be a woman and come to work in drag. The funeral home understandably said no. Now, the Supreme Court's new law will require businesses to let these employees dress as they like. I wonder if people will be comfortable and comforted by having a man in drag helping them in one of the most stressful times of their life. This scenario, of course, will play out in many ways in hundreds of businesses across our country.

The WSJ notes Justice Roberts seeks to avoid criticism of the media and Democrats. It now appears that Gorsuch may be cut from the same cloth. If so, the rule of law in this country will be determined not by the constitution, but by what you see on TV every night. Let's hope that our Supreme Court gets the courage and judgement of Justices Thomas, Alito and Kavanaugh, otherwise the rule of law will disappear from this great country.

Charles Newton
Highlands Ranch

Collateral damage

Dear Editor:

I am worried about collateral damage to school kids from the

See Letters A5

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Letters

Continued from A4
Covid-19 War.

So far, this strange war has caused major changes in the way education is delivered, from K-12 and beyond. Most kids these days are computer savvy after having worked with various forms of them from early childhood. The Powers That Be in the Lofty Towers of Academia, probably in or about D.C., are probably brainstorming new and radical paradigms for educating our youth. One extreme might be to replace live teachers with computerized robots that could easily be programmed to eliminate diverse ideas, creating immutable Schtandardz (sic) enforced by a small group with a strong radical Leftist Outlook. So, what can a live teacher do that a computer cannot do? One thing human teachers can do is to care about young people.

I myself was once in a workshop in which participants were asked to make a list of ten people who had significantly influenced our lives in a positive way. I thought of nineteen. Looking over that list, as a teacher myself, I became very emotional to note that fourteen of the nineteen who had helped me were teachers.

I considered myself a caring teacher, not into rigid controls to be enforced by regular punishment. One principal in charge of discipline wanted to know why I never sent him bad kids to be punished. I think I "tamed" them. The atmosphere of my classroom was relaxed. Many school kids come from dysfunctional families. Many of those homes are fatherless. I tried to encourage students with low self-esteem. In my Humanities Class, the loud ones calmed down, and the shy ones opened up. I tried to help them find their undiscovered talents. One new boy transferring in said at the end of his first class, "I like your attitude." Wow. A live teacher can be sensitive to a student's needs that are ignored at home. One girl had a baby in the girls bathroom. The principal called the dad at work, but he was in a meeting, and "couldn't be disturbed." The principal said, "Then congratulate him. He's a grampa." The dad hadn't even noticed his daughter was pregnant. She hadn't been my student; But I think she would have told me before the Big Event. Let's open up our schools and reject the notion that machines should displace teachers. Also, hire more men for the elementary schools as male role models for the boys, especially those with no dads. Keep the teachers who are warm, caring, interesting, and fun.

John Pentzer

Establishing a local health department

Dear Editor:

I read with considerable interest your article in the June 18th edition of the Sun about Commissioner Maez and Commissioner Schaaf wanting to explore the possibility of establishing a local health department. I fully support that effort. I have only had one experience with the San Juan Basin Public Health department and it was incredibly negative.

When my wife and I did a remodel on our home we were required to have an inspector from SJBPH inspect the existing septic system to make sure that system was functioning properly and met code. The first step in that process was to have the system scoped. After the system was scoped the inspector was told the system was working exactly the way it was supposed to and met code. Yet, the inspector told us that he wanted us to update the system with an entirely new system. His reasoning, was that he did not care for the contractor who had installed our system years before and did not trust his work. This update would have cost us thousands of

dollars and added unnecessary cost to our already tight budget for the remodel. As a result we told the inspector that we were not going to replace the existing system. At that point we experienced what our contractor and the backhoe operator, that we had to hire, described as pure harassment. Knowing full well that our existing system was working well and in excellent condition, the inspector made us install an additional leech field, with two aeration pipes in our front lawn. We were told either we do the leech field or he would not give us a passing inspection allowing the remodel to continue. I spoke to local Realtors and Contractors about the situation and was told there was really nothing we could do about it, as this was how this inspector operated and it would do no good to complain to the SJBPH in Durango. The result was us having to spend several thousand dollars for a leech field that we did not need. I strongly believe that local control of a rogue inspector like that would have alleviated the issues and undue expenses that we experienced.

Mr Wadley was quoted about how SJBPH had saved Archuleta County money through the years because of its partnership. There is an old saying about you get what you pay for. My experience has been that because the County is willing to save a few dollars and give up local control, it cost me thousands of dollars and I know we were not the only people to have an experience like this with SJBPH.

Why not explore a local health department that would better serve the needs of the citizens of Archuleta County.

Andy Planeta

Not worth protecting

Dear Editor:

I've seen two letters so far that I find, at the least, selfish. In both cases they are saying that continuing some restrictions, per the COVID pandemic, so as to protect the elderly are unnecessary. They point out that this section of our population are at risk but shouldn't be protected simply because they don't want the restrictions on themselves anymore. They use their children as a reason for the complaint instead of actually applying it to themselves. This group of people state that the elderly are not worth protecting. There was a pertinent statement from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" that comes to mind when Scrooge is confronted by two representatives of the local poor rescue association. "... then let them die and decrease the surplus population". Is this what this modern group of Scrooges are saying? I find that this selfish opinion sorely lacks empathy and to be reprehensible.

Doug Roberts

'Disregard of everyone'

Dear Editor:

Remember when anyone could exercise his/her "freedom" and "right" to smoke anywhere, anytime, regardless of other people's freedom and right to breathe smoke-free air? Well, now it's about masks. Those who wear them are essentially saying they care about themselves and others. Those who don't wear masks send a clear message of their disregard of everyone else except themselves.

I have been heartened to see many young people wearing masks. Medical professionals state that at least half of all covid transmissions are by those who have no symptoms — and the virus is hitting younger, healthy people and children. No one is immune.

Some people say the whole thing is a hoax. Some say it's a punishment by an angry god. Some say it's a conspiracy and others believe it's an attack by aliens from another level of reality. Some are making a

dangerous and misguided political statement by insisting on not wearing a face covering. On it goes. But over 100,000 people can't be wrong: the virus is real and often deadly. Thousands who do recover are left with myalgic encephalomyelitis (CIS/ME) and lung damage.

If we don't want to take care of each other by choice, then I feel it should be made mandatory to wear a mask into any public building, just as no smoking is mandatory inside buildings. Other cities, towns and states have done this. Why not Pagosa Springs? The virus will be here for many months to come.

This is a time for kindness and consideration, not for expressing our "freedom" to stockpile food, toilet paper, guns and automatic rifles (how many people are you willing to kill?) and to disregard the welfare of our planet-mates. There are much better ways to exercise our freedoms — voting for one.

We really are all in this together. Please care, and be kind.

Bonnie Runyan

Masks: 'Stop the insanity'

Dear Editor:

I feel a recent letter to the editor needs to be addressed. The writer asks "why are we hurting our kids to keep old people alive a little longer? As a physician, I am concerned about such a statement. Who is an old person? A person 60 or 70 may well live to be 80. Ten or twenty years is a significant number to the "old" person, their spouse and family. Hurting our children? I have not seen any statistics where children are damaged for life by understanding the seriousness of the COVID pandemic. As adults, it is our responsibility to teach our children that this pandemic is about and reassure them that with some sacrifices now, the pandemic will pass. They should be reassured that following guidelines set by our medical experts will give them the best chance of not becoming infected.

The writer appears to know little about the immune system which

becomes obvious in the statement 1)" A virus will not hurt anyone with an intact immune system". False. In the US, 127,000 deaths occurred mostly in people with intact immune systems. What impairs the immune system? Cancer, cancer treatment, HIV, some types of medications, malnutrition, advanced age. 2). The writer states "fear, isolation, hopelessness, using disinfectants, wearing masks, social distancing and no hugs all impair the immune system". No research that I am aware of has proven these factors significantly impair the immune system.

Facts: 1). "Face masks combined with other preventative measures decrease the spread of COVID" — Mayo Clinic. 2). Face masks critical in preventing spread of COVID — Texas A&M. 3). Face masks reduce the spread of COVID by 85% — World Health Organization. On and on research indicates "masks prevent spread of COVID". Many reputable references may be found on the Internet regarding the importance of wearing masks. The writer asks "when did we lose common sense?". The answer is — common sense is gone when we are facing a highly contagious, highly deadly virus and people do not listen to the medical experts around the world who are now telling us that wearing masks is vitally important in stopping the COVID virus. This country has never before been faced with this type of virus. It is unlike the flu or any type of virus in the past. So in the beginning, the medical community did not understand the role of wearing a mask but time and research has shown the importance of mask wearing. With no vaccine and no medication to treat the virus, we have to protect ourselves — and others — (even "old" people) by wearing a mask, social distancing, hand washing and use of disinfectants.

Want to stop the insanity? Wear a mask and request that others do the same.

Dr. Richard Schildt

See Letters A6

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Special town election to be held on July 14

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A special municipal election will be held on July 14 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. pertaining to a possible revision to the town's home rule charter.

Ballot Question A asks voters if the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter should be amended, as set forth by Ordinance No. 932, by the

addition of the following provision: "Any proposal by the Town Council or by the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority to use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) must be first approved by the Town electors whenever the total TIF revenues are expected to exceed \$1 million (\$1,000,000) over the life of the project."

The election will be an independent mail ballot election, with ballots mailed to eligible electors of

the town on June 22.

The location to drop off ballots or receive replacement ballots is Town Hall, located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Town Hall will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 22 days before election day and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day.

Voters must be 18 years of age as of the day of election, be a citizen of the United States of America,

be registered with the town clerk or Archuleta County clerk, not be in prison and have legally resided within Colorado and within the town limits for at least 22 days immediately preceding the election.

There will be no election precinct or polling place for the election and all ballots shall be returned to the election official's office at Town Hall.

chris@pagosasun.com

El Pomar Foundation approves \$31,000 to nonprofits in the southwest region

By Claire Girardeau
El Pomar Foundation

El Pomar Trustees approved \$31,000 allocated to six nonprofit organizations in the southwest region at the foundation's May trustees meeting. Through the foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Archuleta County School District 50 JT — \$7,500 for a StarLab constellation unit; regional merit and trustee regional merit.

- Community Connections Inc. — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive.

- Housing Solutions for the Southwest Inc. — \$7,500 in general

operating support; competitive.

- LASSO — \$3,500 for the direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund.

- Montezuma County Historical Society Inc. — \$2,500 for the Montezuma Heritage Museum; regional merit.

- Reaching Out to Community and Kids — \$5,000 for youth enrichment programs; competitive.

Founded by Spencer and Julie Penrose in 1937, El Pomar Foundation has an established legacy of general purpose grant making. The competitive process remains the foundation's primary vehicle for organizations to receive funding. Additionally, over the last 80 years, El Pomar has either developed or been entrusted with the stewardship of a

number of other funds. Competitive applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

In an effort to increase impact and establish connections across the entire state, the Regional Partnerships program was established in 2003. Each of the foundation's 11 regional councils advises El Pomar trustees and recommends grants to help support its communities. The Southwest Regional Council recommends grants in Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties. Council members are regional leaders in the business, nonprofit and public sectors and provide firsthand information about current needs in their own communities.

The Sally Beck Fund supports

organizations providing direct care to equines, therapeutic riding programs, equine education programs and equine-related disaster response programs.

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

El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$22 million annually through grants and Community Stewardship programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations involved in health, human services, education, arts and humanities, and civic and community initiatives.

Letters

Continued from A5 'Love is the perfect weapon'

Dear Editor:
Over 20 years ago while serving as an EMT with our ambulance service, I experienced the power of love which I will never forget. We responded to a young man, sitting on the sidewalk in town, obviously sick. He refused to allow us to assess him or care for him. I went over, placed my hand on his shoulder and asked, "Sir, will you get on the ambulance with me?" He answered, "Well, OK, but I'm calling the shots." "OK"

He entered the ambulance with me but when we stopped at the clinic near town, he bounded from the ambulance and began to run towards town with us in pursuit. He stopped atop a small knoll, removed a large hunting knife from his boot and shouted, "I just want to go to the mountains and die — no one loves me". I shouted back, "but God loves you". When he heard that, he fell to the ground sobbing. We closed in, I placed my hand on his shoulder and said, "Sir, it's good to cry, everyone needs to cry now and then". He answered back, "that's not what my Daddy says". "Well, what does your Daddy say?" "My Daddy says that only sissies cry". I answered back, "Well, your Daddy is wrong, brave men cry". With that, he stood up, looked straight into my face while law enforcement "cuffed" him. As they peacefully led him to the patrol car for transport to the Mental Health Facility in Pueblo, he never took his eyes off me. I later said a prayer for him.

Obviously, never before had he heard of God's love or words such as "brave", but had been beaten down as a child and when "love" dealt with his need, he experienced comfort he had never known. Yes, when possible, love is the perfect weapon.

Blessings to all.

Patty Tillerson

Reservations and resignation

Dear Editor:
I was fortunate enough to be elected as a board member of the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce this year. Unfortunately, I resigned as of June 24th, 2020.

I am truly thankful for the support I received from our local community and had hoped to help our small businesses thrive and prosper. Then, the coronavirus pandemic changed everything for all of us. Our businesses and residents suffered enormously. The town wanted to open up and it did just that before Memorial Day weekend. As we've all experienced since then, our town exploded with visitors, most of whom have not complied with face covering or social distancing guidelines.

On June 4th, the Chamber board members were given less than 2 hours to agree to a letter recommending the town hold the Park 2 Park, Car Show and other events scheduled for later in the year. Not everyone was able to respond and a few responded with reservations, including myself. However, without a vote, without any further discussion regarding the expressed reservations of board members, and without an approved variance from the county and the state, the Chamber director met with the town the very next morning and all agreed to go ahead with the events.

It is unrealistic and, in my mind, irresponsible, to hold a large public event and merely request that attendees wear face coverings and social distance. Even by June 4th, it was evident that our visitors were ignoring these simple guidelines. But what caused me to tender my resignation was the expectation that the board members "rubber stamp" anything proposed by a subcommittee or the director. Not being given even 24 hours, no call for a discussion of reservations by board members, and not calling for a vote on something this important is outrageous and something I cannot ethically be a part of. I care too much about the health of our community members to condone such practices and holding large public gatherings without much more stringent measures.

Respectfully and regrettably,
Stephanie Wagner

'Who's the vulture?'

Dear Editor:
A wise Jewish Buddhist once gently chided me, "Glenn, when you point your finger at someone, three fingers point back at you." She added "And your thumb is the witness."

That recollection made the thought which popped into my head last week — "Where is Jack Searle's thumb?" — seem a tad less bonkers.

Someone has to bear witness to the fingers pointing back from Searle's recent fingerpointing. So I'll be Jack's thumb. (Not under Jack's thumb; that's Town administration, sadly.)

Pinkie finger: Why did Mr. Searle march into PAWSD, irate to discover his recently purchased \$1.5 million development parcel was outside the water district — a \$500,000 issue? Searle had been informed twice his parcel was outside the district. Why did Searle miss these notices? Moreover, why did Searle and his lawyer execute the purchase before nailing this down? Why aggressively attack PAWSD employees for your own amateur blunders, Jack?

Ring finger: Why did Mr. Searle assert publicly that his 100-unit development was killed by "PAWSD fees" and "the Town telling me I had to build a 10-foot wall"? PAWSD

fees were once crippling but have been slashed 65-80% and are now the lowest in the region. Searle was attempting a dense development around a genuine wetland and 10 feet below the 100-year flood line. Federal law, FEMA, the Army Corps and every insurance company in North America were telling Searle to raise his project, not the Town. Again, why the blame game Jack?

Middle finger: Searle, first by a lawyerly letter and then a nasty rant, demands that Bill Hudson be dismissed from the Planning Commission. Why? Because Hudson questioned the legality of Searle's plans for the Town's first gated community and has been the force behind Ballot Question A, which seeks to give Town voters control over Searle's massive \$79.2 million corporate welfare request?

In an almost comic untinged tone, Searle charged that Hudson "feasts on the carcass, plans and dreams" of government officials and strivers like himself.

The dreams of government officials? Like the \$370 Million Dry Gulch Dream? The \$98 Million Megacampus Dream? The \$45 Million Financial Wreck Center Dream? Pity the broken dreams of public bond salesmen.

Now Bill Hudson is always a gadfly and occasionally an odd duck, but a vulture feeding off the carcass of the Town?

There's a painful irony here. It's Mr. Searle who seeks a \$79.2 million tax holiday for a quarter century. While every hotel, restaurant and retail shop — and every property owner in the County — will pay their full taxes as we attempt to climb out of this Covid depression Searle keeps all his taxes for 25 years.

Who's the vulture, Jack?

Searle's view of Hudson The Vulture makes some tactical sense I must admit.

In Africa, when a sophisticated poaching gang moves into a community and attempts to shield their operation from the public, what's the first thing they do?

The poaching gang poisons the vultures.

Glenn Walsh
Editor's note: No project has been brought before the URA. If the URA were to approve a project, the project owner is still responsible for paying taxes related to their development.

Common sense about masks

Dear Editor:
The following is in response to Kathleen Galloway's letter last week.

Well, Kathleen you are correct; it certainly is an "upside down" world when people like you decide, Grandma's life is less important

than Johnny's summer camp.

Nobody "wants" to wear a face mask. Fortunately most of us are willing to wear one without complaining. It is simply the best method to control the virus at this time along with social distancing.

I expect the virus will explode here in Pagosa very shortly. Between the snowbirds from Arizona, Texas to the tourists from everywhere and the local businesses whose employees do not ever wear face masks — how can it not?

Just do me a favor and don't complain again when it happens. We did not lose common sense, you simply choose to ignore it.

Bruce Wamsley

Symbols

Dear Editor:
We have enough lessons from history [not yet destroyed or painted over] to be able to learn from them.

"We the People of the United States" begins our Constitution, is symbolized by the "stars and stripes" of our flag. At its ratification, all free citizens of every race and creed came under its protections. Non-citizen, black slaves were categorized as property. One-hundred and fifty-years ago, after the deaths of 370,000 Union soldiers, the 13th Amendment outlawed this human travesty.

In contrast, a black clenched fist of "Power to the People" symbolizes the mob violence of international Marxism. And — as a universally practiced — "the People" in their slogan are members of the Party. All else live in servitude to the State; many brutally so. This enslavement is ongoing in China, North Korea, Cuba, and Venezuela. Legally, all the people are owned by the State/Party, just as individual slave owners owned their 'property.' So, international Marxism is institutionalized slavery: not by race, but by conscience.

America's flawed history is quite distinct from the murderous, evil history of Marxism. For our nation is repentant of its sins against humanity. While the black fist of communism has repeatedly proven itself to be intrinsically evil and soul crushing. So, I'll put my flawed political lineage of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Grant, etc. up against the evils of Marx, Lenin, Stalin, Mao, Castro, Che, and the Marxist BLM, to "secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity," every time.

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Obituaries

Patricia Dee Gammill

We said goodbye to Patricia Dee Gammill on June 27, after an amazing life. She was born Sept. 5, 1940, in Whittier, Calif., and became Patt to everyone who came in contact. She moved around with her family including three brothers and graduated high school in Omaha, Neb. From there, she attended Denver's Women College with a degree in music; and it is there she met and married Gerald Hunter Gammill on June 9, 1960, after his graduation from the Air Force Academy. Through her life as a military wife, she established lifelong friends who remember her fondly and became an advocate for animals in need. During this time, her three children experienced her devotion to them as well as housing temporarily a host of ducks, birds, dogs, cats, and saw her save snakes and any creature living.



Patt was an avid tennis player well into her 60s and instilled the sport to her three children. Upon her move back to Colorado in 2005, Patt began volunteering her time and energy to the Special Olympics and reacquainted her love for skiing. There are many family trips to Pagosa resulting in "Nana" skiing with her grandkids and kids. She also established great friendships in Pagosa through her church, her neighborhood and canasta group. Patt's contributions throughout her life are far too many to mention, but she loved to help anyone and anything in need. She had a tremendous heart that will be greatly missed.

Patt and Gerry recently celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 9, and was able to celebrate virtually with all of her family members which gave all of her kids and grandkids the opportunity to speak of her wonderful impact on their lives. She even got to see her 2-year-old great-grandson. Patt was special to each grandchild through her singing "Fuzzy, Slimy Worms," frequent visits and reading specially selected books. One grandchild wrote, "Nana was an amazing, caring person who inspired me to love unconditionally as she did all her family."

Patt leaves behind her husband, Gerald Gammill; son Greg Gammill (Terry), and their three kids, Taylor (Gabi) and their son Declan, Chandler and Chris; daughter Sharon Wilhite (Ron) and their two children, Claire and Cole; and daughter Jill Milliner (Monty) and their children, Hunter (Rebecca) and Kearby. Patt is also survived by two brothers, George and Kent Van Kleck and many nieces and nephews. Patt is preceded in death by her parents, George and Mary Van Kleck, as well as brother Loren Van Kleck.

There will be a celebration of her life on Saturday, July 11, at 2 p.m. at Centerpoint Church, 2772 Cornerstone Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colo.

Memorial donations may be made to the humane society of your choice.

Glen Daryl Rayburn

Glen Daryl Rayburn went to be with Jesus on June 14. Glen was the son of Gerald and Sylva Rayburn, and he was born in Seaside, Ore., on Dec. 11, 1952. Raised in Akron, Ohio, Glen was a graduate of North High School and received a bachelor's degree in environmental science from Youngstown State University. He served in the U.S. Army in South Korea. One of Glen's most memorable positions was when he was the maintenance supervisor at St. Thomas Hospital in Lima, Ohio. Glen married his love, Pam Reynolds-Day, in November 2012 and they worshiped at First Assembly of God now Open Door Church. He was an avid photographer and loved nature. Glen



was known for his great faith and love for the Lord and was loved by everyone that knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Lola Rayburn. Glen is survived by his wife, Pam; daughters Jessica Rayburn and Rachael Rayburn; step-daughter Roxanna Wills (Jake); siblings Beth Baca (Tony), Gerry Rayburn, Roberta Baker (Dave); as well as two grandsons, and numerous nieces and nephews. There will be a Celebration of Life for Glen on Friday, July 3, at 10 a.m. at Open Door Church, 110 Trinity Lane, Pagosa Springs, Colo. For those out of town and social distancing, Glen's service will be recorded and an online link will be made available following the service. Contact Open Door Church for the link. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mercy Hospice House. Contact the Mercy Health Foundation online at www.mhffnd.org or call (970) 764-2800.

Brenda Lee Wood

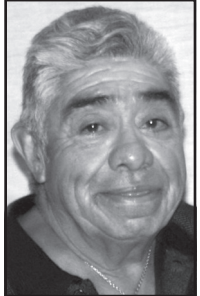
In memory of Brenda Lee Wood, who passed away surrounded by her loved ones on June 2 in Scottsdale, Ariz. The daughter of Martha and Harold "Bull" Phillips, she was born in Pagosa Springs on Dec. 13, 1964. She met the love of her life, Dusty Wood, and they ran Superior Car and Home Audio store right on main street for over 10 years. They have three children; Doss, Devin and Asia. After spending her whole life in Pagosa, Brenda and Dusty decided to move their business to



Arizona in 2007. Brenda had such a kind heart and adopted many abused dogs and they fell in love with her kindness and adored her. Her beautiful heart and kind spirit was something she was known for. She would always give her time and love to anyone who needed it. She is survived by her husband, Dusty; children Doss, Devin and Asia; her sisters, Bonnie Phillips and MaryAnn Robles; her niece and nephew, Lee Ann Martinez and Barry Robles. A funeral will be held June 7 for close family and friends. To our beautiful Nina, you will be deeply missed and although our hearts are broken, your example of love will forever be cherished.

Waldo Gomez

Lifelong resident of Pagosa Springs, Colo., Waldo Gomez, 68, left us to be with the Lord on June 11. He was born Uvaldo Arcenio Ribera to Juan Mauricio and Maxine Ribera on Sept. 30, 1951, in Durango, Colo. Due to family circumstances, his parents allowed him to be raised by Mike and Edalia Gomez from a toddler and later adopted by Edalia at age 12.



In 1977, Waldo married Elizabeth Lucas and they had two children: Elizabeth and Shonna. Then in 1983, he married Maxine Albo-Lujan and they had three children: Virgil, Michael and Leanne. Waldo loved music. He loved to dance and sing. He tinkered with many instruments, but he loved to play the guitar. He was very artistic and creative. He was a builder/carpenter for most of his life. He helped build a lot of buildings and houses in and around Pagosa Springs and Durango, most recent-

ly Pagosa Springs' new high school. His last job was at the Spring Inn until he could no longer work due to health issues. Many have mentioned they will miss seeing him in the grocery store, walking around town or riding his bike. He loved Pagosa Springs. He loved nature and the mountains he grew up in. Most of all, he loved his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his family members: Mauricio Ribera, Mike Gomez, Edalia Gomez, infant older sister Maria Anna Ribera, nephew Gabriel Ribera and former wife Maxine Albo-Lujan.

Waldo is survived by his mother, Maxine Ribera; all three daughters and two sons; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; brothers Mauricio, Dan, Patrick, Chris and Val Ribera; sisters Maxine Sena, Ramona Perue, Irene, Arabella and Josephine Ribera; step-siblings: Teresa Melendez, Ramona Rogers and Jose Echavarría; and numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom he loved dearly.

A memorial Mass was held on June 16 at John Paul II Catholic Church. Graveside services will be held at Hilltop Cemetery at a later date to be announced.

Virginia L. Martinez

Funeral arrangements for Virginia L. Martinez are on July 13. Service will start at 11 a.m. at Calvary South Denver Church, 9052 W. Ken Caryl Ave., Littleton, CO 80128. Then Mom will be put to rest at Fort Logan National Cemetery.



Mom lives on in the memories of her six children, two stepsons, 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, three brothers and three sisters, nephews, nieces, primos, primas (cousins) and extended family. Mom was taken from us unexpectedly.

Thank you for the support and all the prayers we have received to help get us through this most difficult time, as life has been most unusual and challenging. Our Lord Jesus Christ has guided us to navigate through this COVID-19 pandemic crises. Join us on July 13. We will be practicing safety. Masks and social distancing in a large church. Live streaming will be available through the Calvary South Denver website.

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COVID-19

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not had any positive results recently.

“These new positive cases are a reminder to everyone to be vigilant about wearing a mask, social distancing and washing your hands,” a Tuesday statement from PSMC reads.

A note on Colorado’s coronavirus data page notes, “People who tested positive for COVID-19 in Colorado while visiting are included in the county where they were identified,” indicating that data will appear within the state’s data, though Archuleta County’s case count does not yet reflect nonresident cases.

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 119 cases (with one death among cases), Conejos County having 13, Rio Grande County logging 76 (with two deaths), Mineral County having seven and Hinsdale County tallying three.

Neighboring and near Archuleta County to the south, Rio Arriba County listed 98 cases and one death, and San Juan County, N.M., listed 2,422 cases and 163 deaths as of Tuesday afternoon.

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primary for U.S. Senator in the Libertarian Party.

Lauren Boebert won the Republican primary for the representative to the 117th United States Congress, beating incumbent Scott R. Tipton.

Diane E. Mitsch Bush won the Democratic primary for the representative to the 117th United States Congress, beating James Iacino.

Mayling Simpson won unopposed in the Democratic primary and Joyce Rankin won unopposed in the Republican primary for the State Board of Education member in Congressional District 3.

Barbara McLachlan won the Democratic primary unopposed and Marilyn Harris won the Republican primary unopposed for state representative in District 59.

Not all primaries held Tuesday had candidates for every office.

Tomi Bliss, election administrator at the Archuleta County Election’s Office told The SUN Wednesday morning that 52 people voted in person in the county, while in elections past about 150 to 180 people normally voted in person.

She explained that, out of 9,517 ballots issued, her office received about 4,700 completed, making voter turnout in the county roughly 49 percent.

Bliss noted that official election results will most likely be announced on July 9.

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lic health orders that have required employees in various industries to wear medical or nonmedical face coverings to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Face masks, increased contact tracing and social distancing are just a few tools that have been used to slow down the spread of COVID-19, Phillips explained.

“We do think that has had a positive impact on our community,” Phillips said.

The town has been trying to get the messages out from various state agencies about how face masks can help protect others from the spread of respiratory droplets, she added.

“Is it foolproof? Absolutely not. Does it help to some degree? The research says yes,” Phillips said.

Businesses have been “fantastic partners” in response to the coronavirus and state and local orders, Phillips noted.

“We didn’t have a whole lot of time to pull information together,” Phillips said, adding that council had suggested holding a meeting on a possible face mask policy on June 25.

The only community in the region that is requiring masks within the city limits through a local government order is Durango, according to Phillips.

Durango instituted the order on May 21 and on June 16, extended the order until further notice, Phillips explained.

Bayfield conducted a survey on whether or not to require masks within its town limits and “pretty overwhelmingly the respondents responded that they did not support a mandatory mask order,” Phillips explained, adding that the survey

The Jicarilla Apache Nation, which largely falls within Rio Arriba County, had announced 40 cases as of Wednesday afternoon.

Safer at Home extended, bars closing again

Also on Tuesday, Gov. Jared Polis extended the Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors Executive Order and the closure of bars.

The closure was also described in a state press release following Polis’ announcement: “Bars that have taken steps to open as restaurants may continue to operate in-person service, so long as they have patrons seated with their own party only in set seating, spaced six feet apart, and with no mingling. Bars are permitted to sell alcoholic beverages to-go for takeout or delivery consumption if the alcoholic beverages are sold with food. All of the guidelines previously in place around social distancing still apply. Bars may still operate if open under a county variance pursuant to the terms of that county variance.”

Protect Our Neighbors

During the same Tuesday press conference, Polis and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) announced the final roadmap for local communities to qualify for the next phase

of reopening, called Protect Our Neighbors, which was followed by two press releases providing information.

“Local communities will be able to qualify for this status to gain more local control in their communities if they meet certain criteria, including low viral transmission and preparedness of the public health agency to successfully respond to an increase in cases,” a press release from the state explains. “Once communities meet certification criteria, submit a surge mitigation plan, and are approved by the state, they will be able to permit activities at 50% of pre-pandemic capacity, with at least 6 feet between non-household members, and no more than 500 people in one setting at a time.”

“This is the gold standard of pandemic preparedness, and it is a goal for our communities to aspire to. Not all of our communities will be able to achieve this goal immediately,” said Jill Hunsaker Ryan, executive director of the CDPHE. “It’s going to be up to all of us to keep wearing masks, washing our hands, and keeping our distance. We need to all do our part to keep transmissions low and prevent a surge on our hospital systems.”

The state announced it will begin certification for Protect Our Neighbors next week, and announced

that grant funding will be available to help communities enhance their COVID-19-related planning and infrastructure.

According to a state press release, “Moving forward, communities that can demonstrate strong public health and health care systems, paired with low virus levels, can take on more control over their reopening plans. In order to reopen to this greater extent, communities must have:

- Low virus prevalence;
- Health care capacity to handle a surge; and
- Strong public health capacity to contain outbreaks and surges locally, including the ability to test, track, and trace.”

A county may seek to qualify for Protect Our Neighbors by themselves, or voluntarily form a “region” with neighboring counties, a state press release explains.

In order to qualify for Protect Our Neighbors, a county (or region) must do two things, according to the state:

- Certify qualification according to the scientific metrics; and
- Submit a mitigation and containment plan on what the county or region will do if they fall out of compliance with any of the metrics. This containment plan must be accompanied by letters of support from local elected leaders including

Fair

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order currently in place that limits the amount of people that can gather for events due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He added, “For example, the rodeo, with 175 people, by the time you just have the participants in the rodeo, the staff members and volunteers, you have 100 people alone just participating. Then you could have 75 in the audience so it wouldn’t have been much of a revenue opportunity and having that few people is kind of questionable.”

A press release issued by the fair board highlights that this year, the fair will focus on 4-H youth events.

“In its resolution to cancel the fair, the board specified that it would deploy every resource it could to help the 4-H youth program and Livestock Committee run a successful 2020 fair focused on participants in 4-H projects and the Junior Livestock Sale. These projects range from showing live animals of different species to exploring rocketry and gardening or learning sewing and arts and crafts. County 4-H leaders plan to offer streaming services of 4-H events to allow the general public to view and participate in the projects and Junior Livestock Sale using the internet,” a press release from the fair board states.

“It’s super important to support these kids because they’re doing good things and they’re already bettering themselves at a young age,” said Becky Jacobson, 4-H coordinator in Archuleta County. “It’s not just that they’re completing a beautiful cake, it’s that they’re learning life skills that will continue to move them forward.”

In a statement sent to The SUN,

Sales

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preferred destination for shoppers living outside of Archuleta County who may have been reluctant to visit their own local grocery stores where COVID-19 case counts were higher, such as Durango, Chama and Dulce. Walton also suggested that local residents who would normally drive to Durango and Farmington for some items ordered those items online instead.

He noted that Archuleta County collects sales tax on products ordered online and delivered to addresses within the county.

“If this speculation is accurate, there is a possibility of continued strong (overall) growth in sales tax revenue as long as the threat of COVID-19 looms, followed by a contraction of overall sales tax revenue (or at least, slower growth) once the [COVID-19] threat has been resolved. This is at least possible, because in Archuleta County, the Retail sector of our economy is much larger than the sectors directly closed down or restricted by social distancing measures,” Walton wrote.

He added, “Of course, changes in rates of infection in different areas, as well as changes in the way folks react to it, will change what happens in our economy in the future. And your guess is as good as mine!”

Walton’s report notes the following categories are up compared to April of 2019:

- Retail is up, 45.6 percent, or

county commissioners and mayors, the hospitals that serve that community, law enforcement, county emergency management, local public health, and if applicable, tribes.”

“Protect Our Neighbors requires all Coloradans to continue to support and protect people who are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19, including older adults and people with underlying medical conditions,” the press release states. “It’s important to remember that different communities may be in different phases — Stay-At-Home, Safer-At-Home, or Protect Our Neighbors — and may move between levels during this pandemic. Communities that are able to loosen restrictions under Protect Our Neighbors may need to tighten restrictions again to Safer-at-Home or Stay-at-Home levels if they see case increases, outbreaks, or a surge on their hospital systems.”

The Protect-Our-Neighbors metrics, the press release explains, were drafted by a workgroup consisting of epidemiologists and public health experts from the CDPHE, the University of Colorado School of Public Health and local public health agencies from across the state.

“The group included representatives from urban, rural and frontier counties. In addition, the workgroup consulted health care coalitions

and health care systems leadership in drafting treatment metrics,” it reads. “They met over the course of five sessions and reviewed scientific literature, case studies, and expert consultation to develop metrics that would achieve the goal of ensuring that they signify a systems readiness for broader reopening.”

In order to help support communities’ ability to achieve success, the state is making additional federal CARES Act funding available:

“Planning Grant of up to \$50,000 to engage consultants and community partners, and to fund community engagement efforts with communities impacted by and at increased risk.”

“Infrastructure Strengthening Grants of up to \$300,000 (up to \$150,000 in state funds + local match) to invest in technology; community resource coordination; communication activities to increase compliance with the public health orders; funding for community-based partners and cultural brokers; and enhanced prevention and containment efforts.”

For extensive information on Protect-Our-Neighbors, including guidance for communities to qualify for this phase, please visit covid19.colorado.gov/protect-our-neighbors.

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Cox said of what the improvements could bring to future county fairs.

Cox explained that this year’s fair is not ideal for anyone, but the fair board is trying to hold the best event it can under the circumstances.

“We know this is not ideal — we’re as frustrated as anyone else — but when it comes to balancing what we need to do for public health and how we can run it with the budget side of it as well as the experience side for the public, we just felt like this was the best way to go,” he said. “So, our focus really is on making this the best fair it could be for the 4-H kids. They’ve been through a lot this year, especially the seniors and so we’re gonna see if we can’t just make their experience the greatest it can be and it’s gonna be different and we’ll just do some innovations, and in the future, it’s gonna make the fair that much better because we’ll be able to stream all kinds of stuff that we’ve never been able to do before.”

The 4-H Junior Livestock Auction is expected to be held on Aug. 1 around 6:30 p.m., though the exact time has not been set officially.

Other animal show dates and times, and streaming information for events will eventually be posted on 4-H’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ArchuletaCounty4H/>.

More information about the 2020 Archuleta County Fair will also be posted at <https://www.archuleta-countyfair.com/>.

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

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come mandatory.

Walton wrote that in 2020, the county received about \$60,000 in taxes from prior years.

“If we back out the part of sales tax revenue received from ‘remote’ sources (in both the 2019 and 2020 data), and back out the payment for ‘prior year activity’, (in just the 2020 data), the adjusted total Jan-April 2020 sales tax revenue is 9.3% (\$276,517) higher than 2019,” Walton wrote. “This is probably a better measure of what changed overall in the local economy between April of 2019 and April of 2020.”

Walton’s report notes the variances in categories from the year-to-date numbers in 2020 compared to 2019, which include:

- Retail is up 27.4 percent, or \$446,240.
- Miscellaneous is up 36.4 percent, or \$163,98.
- Construction is up 36.3 percent, or \$19,450.
- Manufacturing is up 8.2 percent, or \$9,477.
- Professional Services is up 21.1 percent, or \$4,001.
- Finance/Insurance is up 18.5 percent, or \$635.
- Accommodation/Food Service is down 15.2 percent, or \$79,140.
- Real Estate/Rental is down 20.6 percent, or \$19,828.
- Other Services is down 31.2 percent, or \$21,709.
- Information Services is down 4.4 percent, or \$4,416.

Statewide, over 99 percent of voters cast a mail ballot and the voter turnout rate for Colorado voters is 44.96 percent as of press time Wednesday morning — a record-breaking state primary turnout.

Following are the unofficial vote totals for all races in Tuesday’s primary, provided to The SUN by the Archuleta County Election’s Office.

The following vote totals reflect only Archuleta County voters.

County offices

Archuleta County commissioner, District 1 — Republican

- Warren M. Brown: 1,618
- June E. Marquez: 584
- Nate Berman: 466

Archuleta County commissioner, District 2 — Republican

- Ronnie Maez: 2,208

Archuleta County surveyor

There were no candidates for this office in the primary election.

State offices

State Board of Education member, Congressional District 3 — Democratic

- Mayling Simpson: 1,508

State Board of Education member, Congressional District 3 — Republican

- Joyce Rankin: 2,110

State representative, District 59 — Democratic

- Barbara McLachlan: 1,572

State representative, District 59 — Republican

- Marilyn Harris: 2,147

District attorney, 6th Judicial District — Democratic

- Christian Champagne: 1,505

Federal offices

United States senator — Democratic

- Andrew Romanoff: 577
- John W. Hickenlooper: 1,330

United States senator — Republican

- Cory Gardner: 2,375

United States senator — Libertarian

- Gaylon Kent: 4
- Raymon Anthony Doane: 12

Representative to the 117th United States Congress, District 3 — Democratic

- James Iacino: 698
- Diane E. Mitsch Bush: 1,109

Representative to the 117th United States Congress, District 3 — Republican

- Lauren Boebert: 1,044
- Scott R. Tipton: 1,556

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received about 1,200 responses.

Other communities, like the city of Wheat Ridge, put out a statement that urges visitors and residents to wear a face mask but is not ordering them to, Phillips noted.

“I reached out to Archuleta County and at this time they are not inclined to institute a mask order requirement for the county,” Phillips said. “If we did do some kind of order or request, it would only apply within the town limits of Pagosa Springs.”

Public comment

Later in the meeting, council heard numerous public comments that touched upon both sides of the issue.

“The opinion of mine would be that creating an ordinance for wearing a mask would be similar to creating an ordinance for everyone to put up a chain link fence to keep out mosquitoes,” Bruce Jones Jr. said. It would be a “disservice” to put the enforcement of a possible mask ordinance on local businesses, Jones added.

Dr. Rhonda Webb explained that surgical masks have been used for decades in health care to decrease the viral transmission of disease from droplets.

If there isn’t a “culture of masking,” the community would be “sending the wrong signal,” Webb explained.

“I’m strongly opposed to your proposal for mandatory masks in public,” Merlin Wheeler said. “A large percentage of the people I observe wearing masks are not wearing them correctly.”

Dr. Amber Reiss-Holt explained that in her work in the health care field she has experience with COVID-19 patients.

“There’s very little harm for those

wearing a mask,” she said. “It also shows a message when we wear a mask. It shows we care. This is a time for teamwork. Our numbers are really good. We don’t want them to be like they are in other parts of the country.”

Carrie Thomas explained that she did not think it was necessary to require a face mask, adding that it would be difficult to require children to wear masks.

“I think it’s kind of absurd,” she said. “I think it’s a voluntary thing.”

Protecting people in Pagosa Springs is important, especially with more visitors coming into town, Lauri Heraty explained.

“We’re not through this. Wearing a mask is just not a big deal,” she said. “It’s easy to do.”

Council thoughts

Following the public comment session, council member Madeline Bergon explained that she saw wearing masks as being very important. “I think that masks are great. We’ve been lucky here. I want to do what we can to keep it that way,” she said.

However, Bergon noted she had some concerns about enforcement.

“I don’t think that we should penalize businesses for noncompliance amongst customers unless there are intentional and prolonged violations,” she said.

Essential businesses could mandate masks, Bergon suggested.

“I wear a mask to protect my neighbors. I would like everyone to really get on that line of thinking,” she said. “I’m not sure that mandating, though, is the right option.”

Council member Mat DeGraaf

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Business

Building inspector updates county commissioners on building permits

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Chief Building Inspector Greg Weaver gave an update on his department to the county commissioners at their work session on June 23.

Weaver reported that, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the amount of building going on in the county is roughly the same.

Weaver reported that:

- As of June 22, 2019, the county had processed 151 building permits for the year.

- As of June 23 of this year, the county has processed 124 building permits, 51 of which are single-family residential home permits.

He noted that in 2019, the county processed

over 400 permits total, which was the most ever recorded in a single year.

Weaver also commented on the commissioners' decision to move from the 2006 building codes to the 2015 building codes, which took effect last year.

"I remember attending some of the meetings with the builders and many of them were not in favor, mainly regarding the costs that might be passed with that change," he said, adding, "After nine months, I can honestly say that I have not seen or heard of any related changes that had negative impact on cost or the overall building process."

Weaver called former building inspector John Ruyle, who retired last year, his "mentor."

"He trained me and prepared me for this

position. I thank him for that," said Weaver.

Weaver said that with Development Services Director Brad Callender's arrival last year, "he has helped us shape the department into a more effective department for both planning and building."

Commissioner Steve Wadley commented on the role of the Development Services office in the county, which was referred to as the Planning Department until about a year ago.

"We want people to follow the rules, but we also want to get 'em to success," he said, adding, "We want to make sure people, when they come to the county, that we're responsive to 'em and we try to help 'em complete the project in the best way possible."

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Region 9 and Housing Solutions partner to help family-owned businesses

By Stephani Burditt
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Housing Solutions for the Southwest and the Region 9 Economic Development District are working together to assist income-eligible family-owned businesses.

This program offers Region 9's Disaster Assistance Loan clients with cash assistance through

Community Service Block Grant funding received by Housing Solutions. This grant funding is tied to household income which Region 9 will qualify directly with their clients and refer those interested and eligible to Housing Solutions.

"Housing Solutions was looking for ways to help sole proprietors and small businesses stay solvent during these unprecedented times," said Tami Miller,

grants manager with Housing Solutions. "This partnership with Region 9 will help us identify businesses that have sought disaster funding and allow us to provide direct cash assistance."

"It is a creative way to support our emergency loan clients that meet 200 percent federal poverty guidelines and provide additional financial relief," said Jenny Stollar, Region 9 business loan officer.

Housing Solutions and Region 9 serve the same five counties and were co-located for almost 20 years.

For questions about this program, please contact Jenny Stollar at jenny@scan.org or 247-9621. A link to a list of all business support resources is also available on Region 9's webpage and is frequently updated at www.scan.org.

Colorado Judicial Department opens application process for Eviction Legal Assistance Fund grants

By Jon Sarche
Colorado Judicial Department

The Colorado Judicial Department announced Wednesday it has opened the application process for fiscal year 2021 grants from the Eviction Legal Assistance Fund, which funds programs that provide civil legal assistance to help indigent persons who are experiencing an eviction or are at immediate risk of an eviction.

The application form is now available at <https://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Unit.cfm?Unit=eldf>. Applications must be received by the State Court Administrator's Office by 5 p.m. on

July 27 to be considered for a grant.

The program was established by the General Assembly in 2019 to help indigent persons experiencing an eviction or at risk of an eviction obtain legal services at no cost to them. To be eligible, organizations must be nonprofit and currently serving the legal needs of indigent persons at risk of or experiencing an eviction. Successful organizations must be prepared to provide full legal services, including but not limited to providing legal representation to indigent tenants in any forcible entry and detainer proceeding or action for monetary damages or other lease violation, legal assistance prior

to the filing of an eviction, or any other judicial actions in which legal representation is necessary to protect the interests of an indigent tenant.

Additional information regarding the fund and qualifications for organizations receiving grants may be found in section 13-40-127 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

Grants will be awarded based on a formula which considers factors including number of clients served in the past year and the location of service. For fiscal year 2021, \$600,000 is available for grants used for the purposes discussed above.

As a result of enactment of

House Bill 20-1410, an additional \$350,000 is available for grantees providing legal representation to indigent tenants to resolve civil legal matters arising on and after March 1 for evictions or impending evictions related to the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The additional \$350,000 is available only through Dec. 30.

Applications will be accepted only via email at Sierra.Candelaria@judicial.state.co.us. The deadline to submit an application is 5 p.m. on July 27. Questions may be directed to Candelaria at the email address above or by calling (720) 625-5972.

Council approves IGA for COVID-19 funds, removes planning commission member

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a resolution opting into the Coronavirus Relief Fund and also approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Archuleta County for the disbursement of Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds at a special meeting on June 2.

Federal funds are available to counties and municipalities via the CARES Act and through the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Colorado received \$1.6 billion in federal funds, according to Town Manager Andrea Phillips.

Gov. Jared Polis' Executive Order D 2020-070, signed on May 18, directs the expenditure of these funds to multiple entities throughout the state, Phillips explained.

"Funds must be used on response to COVID-19," she said.

According to Phillips, of the \$1.6 billion available, \$275 million is available for units of local government, which includes special districts, that did not receive a special allocation.

"In the CARES Act, five of the most populous counties in Colorado, which happen to be in the Front Range, got a direct allocation," she said. "This is for the units of local government that did not receive that."

The funding period is from March 1 to Dec. 31, Phillips explained.

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs has set up a system to distribute the funds. In order to receive funds, counties and municipalities have to have an IGA in place that shows how the county and municipality will accept and disperse the funds.

Phillips explained that she and Town Clerk April Hessman had recently met with Archuleta County Administrator Scott Wall and Finance Director Larry Walton to discuss the IGA and came up with a "50-50 split."

According to Phillips, the IGA has to be completed and shared no later

than July 7 to receive the funds.

"The town has been tracking costs related to the COVID response on behalf of the town and we believe that so far we're close to \$217,000. I will say a lot of that, \$124,000 of which, is related to the programs that council put in place to provide direct assistance to individuals, businesses and nonprofits that were responding to COVID," Phillips said.

Some of those expenditures may be eligible for reimbursement via the CARES Act, but town staff is looking into eligible reimbursements, according to Phillips.

"I think town and county are on the same page about how we want to receive the funds. The total amount, which is based on a per capita share of the amount available for Colorado governments is just a little over \$1.2 million," Phillips said.

The town is estimating that it will have another \$25,000 to \$30,000 in additional expenses, but it all depends on what happens with the virus, Phillips explained later.

The motion to opt into the Coronavirus Relief Fund, as well as to comply with the fund's requirements, and to approve the IGA

with Archuleta County pertaining to the disbursement of CARES Act funds, was approved unanimously by council.

Other business

Also at the June 2 special meeting, council followed the recommendation of the town planning commission and approved a resolution that dismissed Bill Hudson from the planning commission without cause.

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Medical center receives clean audit

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Health Service District, which operates as Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), received and unanimously accepted a clean audit last week.

The district's board heard about the audit, as well as trends in PSMC's finances at its monthly board meeting on June 23.

Auditor Kami Maztek of Dingus, Zarecor and Associates PLLC, a firm that specializes in health care, presented the audit to the board, noting that a clean, unmodified opinion "is the best."

Financial highlights

Three financial highlights as listed in the management discussion in audit report include:

- The district's "net position increased \$1,188,618, or 12.2 percent, in 2019, and \$352,013, or 3.7 percent, in 2018."

- The district "reported operating income in 2019 of \$242,441 and operating loss in 2018 of \$459,259. Income in 2019 increased by \$701,700, or 152.8 percent, over the loss reported in 2018. Operating losses in 2018 increased by \$4,362, or 1.0 percent."

- "Nonoperating revenues increased by \$17,713, or 5.5 percent, in 2019 compared to 2018. Nonoperating revenues decreased by \$41,747, or 11.5 percent, in 2018 compared to 2017."

Financial indicators

Maztek also presented several financial indicators to the board, several of which showed PSMC's figures for three years, as well as comparisons to different categories of hospitals for 2018: all Colorado hospitals, critical access hospitals (CAH) in the far west, all hospitals with fewer than 50 beds, all rural hospitals with less than \$90 million in revenue, and all hospitals with less than \$80 million in revenue.

She noted that the CAHs in the far west is the closest representation for PSMC because CAHs are paid based on cost, and further

indicated that the benchmarks are averages based on information available.

For total margin — the change in net position divided by total revenues — PSMC's figure for 2019 was 3.2 percent, which was an increase from 2018's 1 percent. The CAH figure is 2.3 percent.

For operating margin — operating income or loss divided by total operating revenues — PSMC's figure for 2019 was 0.7 percent, up from -1.4 percent in 2018 and -1.5 percent in 2017. The CAH figure is 1.3 percent.

Maztek noted PSMC's figure "is great" and is a good improvement.

PSMC's days cash on hand from all sources landed at 74 for 2019, up from 2018's 63 and down from 2017's 88. The CAH figure for 2018 was 93.

Maztek noted that the goal is 90 days and PSMC is "trending in the right direction."

Maztek also presented a positive figure for PSMC's current ratio of assets to liabilities, with PSMC's ratio being 2.4 for 2019 — above the goal of 2.0.

Maztek's presentation notes, "The Current Ratio is perhaps the most widely used measure of liquidity. High values can sometimes be misleading if the current assets are not liquid, such as inventory or noncollectible accounts receivable. Higher is better."

PSMC's ration in 2018 was 1.9 and was 1.7 in 2017. The CAH figure is 3.2.

Later in the presentation, Maztek presented PSMC's long-term debt to net position, which she explained is how leveraged PSMC is.

PSMC's 2019 figure was 64 percent, down from 67 percent in 2018 and 69 percent in 2017.

The CAH figure is 44 percent, though Maztek explained that a lot of other facilities are a lot older than PSMC and PSMC's figure is not concerning given that the organization has a newer facility.

Maztek further presented that PSMC was right in the middle of the goal range for days in net patient accounts receivable and gross days in accounts receivable, and has stayed steady in terms of its contractual

adjustment percentage.

She also presented data on PSMC's bad debt percentage, which was 11.8 percent in 2019, up from 6.5 percent in 2018 and 8.0 percent in 2019.

"This is how much of your net patient service revenue that you are writing off to bad debt," Maztek explained, noting that there was a jump this year. "A lot of that has to do with the amount of self-pay patients in your accounts receivable because self-pay is the hardest balance to collect on..."

Maztek also noted PSMC's conversion to a new computer system as a factor.

She then presented information on PSMC's bad debt and charity care percentages as compared to gross patient revenues.

For 2019, PSMC's bad debt was 5.6 percent and its charity care was 1.2 percent. Both figures were higher than 2018, when bad debt was 3.2 percent and charity care was 0.9 percent.

The auditor noted that it is a positive that PSMC's charity care percentage is increasing and acknowledged it can be a battle to get people through the process to be approved for charity care.

The final three financial indicators presented by Maztek related to the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees at PSMC.

In 2019, PSMC had 260 FTEs, compared to 260 in 2018, 246 in 2017 and 245 in 2016.

Maztek noted that salaries and benefits make up well over 50 percent of PSMC's operating budget, which is normal.

Salaries and benefits per FTE totaled \$85,219 in 2019, compared to \$84,607 in 2018, \$77,502 in 2017 and \$74,105 in 2016.

The net patient service revenue per FTE, which Maztek noted is a broad measure of productivity, was \$114,356 in 2019, compared to \$108,895 in 2018, \$102,964 in 2017 and \$102,441 in 2016.

Audit comments

But, while the auditors found no

findings of material weakness and a letter notes that the firm's look at PSMC's internal controls was limited, the firm did find opportunities for improvement.

"However, during our audit, we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency," a letter from the firm states.

The opportunities outlined in the letter include suggestions regarding changing how contractual adjustments are recorded in PSMC's general ledger system, and inventory.

About inventory, the letter states, "Accounting standards requires inventory to be expensed when used. Supplies for all departments (except operating room and general stores) are being expensed when purchased. Recording supplies this way causes significant fluctuations from month to month and at year end based on when purchases are made. When the full inventory count is performed, the supplies expense is corrected, but with the count only being performed annually, the monthly supplies expense could be materially misstated. We recommend using a perpetual inventory system in all departments to keep track of when inventory is used. If this isn't feasible, we alternately recommend performing full inventory counts at least quarterly to keep inventory balances and supplies expense correct throughout the year."

When asked by board member Dr. Jim Pruitt about the inventory suggestion, PSMC Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger explained that PSMC has system limitations that prevent the expensing of inventory when it is used.

She noted that to do so would require PSMC putting in place point-of-care scanning, which would be a big changeover and would require a "huge amount of compliance" to make work.

She added that PSMC will do inventory work more often.

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noted that there were close to 60 people who voiced their opinions during public comment, adding that he kept a tally of the public's responses.

According to DeGraaf, he counted 20 responses in favor of some sort of mask regulation and 26 that were not in favor.

"I know that, initially, I was one that was pushing for this, but I have to do some personal reckoning with it," he said. "As a card-carrying anarchist, I am not in favor of telling anyone what they can or cannot do. Especially a business."

Passing a resolution during the June 30 meeting would be something done in haste, he added later.

Council member Shari Pierce added that she did not see how the town could enforce a mandated order.

"I don't know if we kind of come up with a stronger statement than we did before regarding social distancing and mask wearing," she said, adding that signage could be looked into by the town.

Encouraging businesses, but not forcing them to implement something, could be the stance council takes, council member Rory Burnett

added.

Council member Nicole DeMarco added that she was not "totally confident" in a mask mandate.

DeMarco noted that the town, in its current capacity, does not have the staff to enforce a mask mandate, adding that she is more in favor of urging people to wear masks.

Signs could be placed within town businesses that echo the message that "respectfully requests" for patrons to wear a mask, DeMarco added later.

"I think it's a reasonable ask for people coming to do their part to try to keep it safe," she said.

The town wants to promote a culture of care and respect, but also promote health, Mayor Don Volger explained.

Volger explained that town council should craft a resolution of "things it can agree on."

"We want our community to show care and respect for others," he said.

Volger later suggested that whatever terms the town uses in its resolution, the document would state that the town has a "strong recommendation for everybody to wear masks when in public places and in close contact."

Along with the resolution, the town could put signs at the entrances to town stating the message within the resolution, Volger added.

Using verbiage that does not "vilainize anyone" is very important with whatever message the town puts out, Bergon noted.

Volger suggested that council members deliver signage to businesses themselves.

Later in the meeting, Burnett made a motion that directs town staff to adjust a resolution that "urges residents and visitors to wear face coverings within town limits with specific notes from council."

That motion was passed unanimously by the town council.

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Celebrations

Kelsey D. Harkness

More than 7,000 students representing all 50 states and 73 countries have earned degrees as part of Oregon State University's class of 2020, including Kelsey D. Harkness, of Pagosa Springs, bachelor of science, cum laude, fisheries and wildlife sciences.

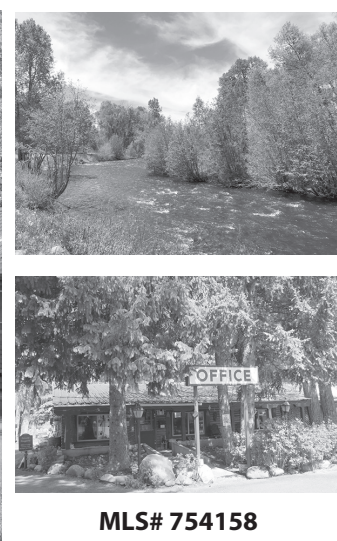
Nathan Scott Lewis

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Women Helping in Pagosa Springs presents scholarships

By Barbara Swindlehurst
Women Helping in Pagosa Springs

Congratulations to the 2020 WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs) Scholarship recipients: Kassandra Reyes and Josselyn Pina-Espino. The ladies were presented with their scholarships just a few weeks ago.

Reyes will be attending the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) to study early childhood education. Last summer, Reyes partici-

pated in a program at UNC where she earned nine college credits toward her early childhood education degree. This gave her an insight as to what college would be like and this program motivated her to continue to get good grades in high school.

Reyes' accomplishments have included Future Business Leaders of America Nationals, Integrated Science II Honors and National Honor Society vice president.

Pina-Espino will be attending

San Juan College in Farmington, N.M., to pursue her associate degree and then will move on to Colorado Mesa University to enroll into their nursing program with a minor in psychology.

Pina-Espino's goal is to become a nurse and enjoy the many aspects of patient care.

Pina-Espino's accomplishments include the Future Business Leaders of America, where she placed second and had planned to attend state competition in the spring of

2020, Trio Education Talent Search, basketball and volleyball.

WHIPS awards two scholarships each year to deserving senior high school girls. On an average, WHIPS receives 15 to 20 applications that are carefully reviewed by a committee and then the top two ladies are chosen. Many thanks to Jenelle Sverson, Jean Brittingham and Barbara Swindlehurst for reviewing the applications and narrowing down the candidates to these two wonderful young ladies.

New website helps Colorado high school students discover programs for earning college credit while still in high school

Colorado Department of Education

Colorado high school students can find information about how to earn college credit while they are still in high school on a new website created by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE).

The website, <http://www.cde.state.co.us/concurrentenrollment>, which is required by legislation passed in 2019, contains information about dual and concurrent enrollment programs, including their costs, benefits and eligibility requirements. It is designed to help students get an early start on college classes while in high school and begin navigating their path toward college completion.

"Concurrent enrollment, AS-CENT and other programs provide an affordable way for high school students to earn college credit," said Colorado Education Com-

missioner Katy Anthes. "One of the barriers to these opportunities has been that it's a little complicated to get information about the courses and how things work at each high school. This new website will really help students and their families understand the opportunities and get a jump start on their college or career plans."

"We know that concurrent enrollment is a powerful tool that gives students the confidence to tackle college-level work," said Dr. Angie Paccione, executive director of the CDHE. "Our hope is that this new website engages our historically disenfranchised students, activating their potential through successful completion and gives them the best shot to secure a vibrant future."

Nearly 46,000 students took at least one dual enrollment course during the 2017-18 academic year, representing almost 35 percent of all 11th- and 12th-graders in

Colorado's public high schools. Dual enrollment refers to the broad array of programs available to high school students that allow them to take college-level courses for free. Concurrent enrollment refers only to statewide programs created by House Bill 09-1319 and detailed in the Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act.

"We thank the bill sponsors and our partners at CDE and CDHE for their diligent work to help us grow Concurrent Enrollment," said Joe Garcia, chancellor of the Colorado Community College System. "Our 13 colleges currently provide 83 percent of concurrent enrollment statewide, saving families over \$26 million annually in tuition costs and giving thousands of students a jump start on their college journey."

Always tuition-free, concurrent enrollment programs provide high school students the opportunity to enroll in college-level courses, earning high school and college

credit simultaneously. Colorado's concurrent enrollment program, established by the state legislature in 2009, was the most popular choice among dual enrollment programs for the fourth year in a row: 2,679 more students opted for concurrent enrollment classes in 2017-18 from the previous year, continuing an annual growth rate of about 10 percent per year. Statewide, 173 school districts — or 97 percent — and 85 percent of high schools offer concurrent enrollment programs.



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Local fire groups outline conditions, ask for money

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Staff from Wildfire Adapted Partnership (WAP) and the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership (SJHFHP) outlined local fire dynamics to the county commissioners at their work session on June 16.

"Our forests here are — to put it scientifically — are in an extreme state of out-of-whackedness," said Bill Trimarco, Archuleta County program manager for WAP.

He further explained that currently, local forests have about 300 trees per acre, which is about five or six times what they should be, or were historically.

The first slide of Trimarco's presentation had a photo of a burned cul-de-sac in Paradise, Calif., with the title "Archuleta County: It Can't Happen Here."

Paradise had a 153,000-acre fire in 2018.

His second slide was titled "Or Could It?" and showed satellite images of both Paradise and Pagosa Springs, with Trimarco noting that the geographic similarities between the two areas mean there could be conditions for a similar-sized fire to happen in Archuleta County.

Trimarco commented on the first photo he shared of the fire in Paradise.

"I'm gonna take a guess that most of those houses got taken out by a blizzard of burning embers that went through and ignited the homes," he said. "When you see just empty foundations with live trees that's usually what happens and that's something that could probably happen here, too."

Trimarco explained that the Paradise fire is "the fire we would expect to happen here in Archuleta County" and said a logical spot for a fire like that to start would be around Navajo Lake in Arboles.

"If it does get going, more than likely we'll be looking at about a 105,000-acre fire," he said.

He said if a fire like that burned through Aspen Springs, most firefighters agree that "there will be loss of life."

Ashley Downing, executive director of WAP, explained the services the organization performs.

"We really focus on defensible space and creating that buffer

around homes, removing trees and vegetation ... so that if there was a fire, it could come down to the ground and be much more defensible for firefighters," she said.

WAP also offers a wood chipper rebate program and some Archuleta County residents are eligible for free defensible space mitigation work free of charge.

The Archuleta County commissioners have given WAP money in the past and Commissioner Steve Wadley expressed that the county budget is tight, but the commissioners will work to secure some funding for the nonprofit.

"The thing that keeps me awake at night is wildfire. Up until COVID this is the thing that we can't budget for, that if it happens and \$60,000 of water drops — we're paying it and it would devastate us for years to come," Wadley said. "I know money's tight ... maybe we can't give you all of it, but we've got to find a way to come up with some money for you and we'll work hard to see what we can do."

Trimarco was also joined, virtually, by Aaron Kimple, program director for SJHFHP. SJHFHP works to coordinate forest health work across private and public lands to get work done across jurisdictional boundaries, according to Dana Hayward, partnership coordinator for SJHFHP in an interview with The SUN.

Hayward noted that while WAP is doing work specifically with private land owners, SJHFHP is doing larger-scale work on both private and public lands.

The presentation concluded by asking Archuleta County for \$15,000 for each organization.

While the commissioners expressed support for the organizations, they also noted money is tight and it is unclear the amount that could be awarded to the two groups.

"Really, the take-home message is that the coordination that our groups do and the work that we do on the ground is really targeted at keeping our community safe and protecting lives and property," Downing said.

More information about WAP can be found at <https://www.wildfireadapted.org/>.

More information about SJHFHP can be found at <http://sanjuanheadwaters.org/>.

Firefighters continue monitoring Sand Creek Fire

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Sand Creek Fire, located 21 miles northwest of Pagosa Springs, in the Piedra Special Management Area, had burned 88 acres as of late Wednesday morning.

Firefighters are continuing to monitor the fire until they can safely engage it, a Wednesday update from the fire's management team indicates, with the "dense layer of fallen trees and steep terrain, coupled with the slow move-

ment of the fire" dictating modified firefighting tactics.

The update notes that, as of Wednesday, fire activity on the Sand Creek Fire "remains light to moderate as it creeps within thick slash. Light smoke is intermittently visible where heavy fuels smolder and burn away."

On Tuesday, the report states, considerable personnel were released from the Sand Creek Fire to be available to assist in other areas of the southwest.

On Wednesday, crews were set

to scout trails south and west of the fire for conditions that may necessitate additional firefighting resources, according to the update. A snowpack measuring station north of the Sand Creek Fire was slated to be inspected as part of further assessment and contingency plans.

The update indicates that firefighters also planned to utilize unmanned aerial systems to monitor the fire's progression Wednesday.

A forest closure remains in effect around the fire area. The full text and a map of the closure can be

found at: <https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/closures/6790/>.

The update also notes that a temporary flight restriction is in place over the Sand Creek Fire and reminds that wildfires are a "No Drone Zone."

"If you fly, we can't. Every time a drone is spotted near the fire all aircraft are grounded until we can be sure the drone is clear of the area. For more information, visit <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org/>," the update states.

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Fireworks prohibited in county and town, county fire restrictions in place

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

On May 20 Archuleta County enacted Stage 1 fire restrictions, and within those restrictions, personal fireworks "of any kind" are prohibited.

"Personal fireworks are prohibited under the Stage 1 fire ban that we're in. We'll be out and about on routine patrol and they'll be enforcing that, for sure," Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez said in an interview on Wednesday.

Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman noted in an interview Wednesday that Archuleta County's fire ordinance is where the prohibition of personal fireworks is.

"Anytime a fire ban is put in place, whether it's a one, two or

three, fireworks are always prohibited under that ordinance," Woodman said.

The ordinance also outlines that, regardless of location, open burning, burn barrels, agricultural burning and the use of explosive materials are also prohibited.

Outside of developed areas, the fire restrictions advise citizens to contact their local ranger district, the Bureau of Land Management or the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for the latest restrictions.

Fire danger across the region is rated as extreme. Fire restrictions are also in place on the San Juan National Forest, for tribal lands and in neighboring areas.

In developed areas within unincorporated Archuleta County, charcoal fires in suitable containers, gas

grills for barbecues at residences, camp stoves, grills or lights fueled by bottled gas, and fires in permanent fire pits are allowed.

Fire pits must have a 4-foot clearance from combustible materials.

Fires must be attended, and citizens should have firefighting tools and five gallons of water available.

Smoking is limited to vehicles, buildings, developed recreational areas or 3-foot wide areas that are clear of vegetation.

Internal combustion engines must have spark arrestors, and cutting and welding operations must have fire hand tools, 40 pounds' worth of fire extinguishers or a pressurized water supply on hand, as well as a fire watch standing by.

Flaring for production wells is allowed, but citizens must contact

dispatch, and compliance with the Rules for Fire Prevention and Protection must be met.

The county's fire restrictions do not apply to the Town of Pagosa Springs unless town council were to adopt the same restrictions, Pagosa Springs Police Department Chief William Rockensock explained in an interview Wednesday.

"We do have fireworks restrictions. We have always had fireworks restrictions. They are completely prohibited in the town, and if we catch you with them, you will receive a summons to appear in court," Rockensock said.

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Governor sends letter to CDC, requests assistance for flu season and emphasizes importance of getting vaccinated

Gov. Jared Polis' office

Gov. Jared Polis recently sent a letter to the director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention requesting assistance in ensuring Colorado is prepared to respond during flu season and can prevent the combined impact of flu and COVID-19 from overwhelming the health care system.

"One of the most significant threats to our continued progress is flu season. My administration has been working diligently to increase our vaccination rates. But we need to do even more this coming flu

season especially among older Coloradans and our vulnerable residents, to reduce the number of flu victims in need of hospitalization and free up those beds for COVID patients if needed. This is where we need your help," the letter reads.

"Flu season is going to tax our PPE supplies as those giving vaccinations are going to need medical grade masks, perhaps shields and gloves to ensure they are protected from COVID-19. While we have much better access to PPE than we did, we are going to need help obtaining more," the letter continues.

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Durango man survives plunging 700 feet off Wolf Creek Pass

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A Durango man plunged 700 feet down Wolf Creek Pass while driving a pickup truck that was towing multiple vehicles on the night of June 23 and was rescued by local agencies the morning of June 24.

Colorado State Patrol (CSP) Trooper Josh Lewis explained in an interview on Monday that CSP found some skid marks that went off the roadway on U.S. 160 near mile marker 162.

A gooseneck trailer was observed down an embankment around 8:30 a.m. on June 24, and, upon further investigation, a 1993 Dodge pickup truck and the driver — William Hardaway, 36 of Durango — were found further down off of the roadway.

On the trailer were a Jeep and a side-by-side utility vehicle, Lewis described.

"It appeared that the party may have been there overnight," Lewis said.

Hardaway was still alive, Lewis added.

"The pickup and trailer and everything were westbound on

U.S. 160 near mile marker 162, traveled across the eastbound lanes, across the shoulder and off the road," Lewis said, adding that the truck hit a tree and went down the embankment.

The pickup truck went about 700 feet down the embankment and rolled, while the trailer went almost 250 feet down, Lewis explained.

Drugs or alcohol do not appear to be a factor in the crash, Lewis noted.

Hardaway was charged with careless driving and driving an uninsured motor vehicle, Lewis added.

Hardaway suffered "serious injuries" and was taken to Pagosa Springs and then eventually transferred to Colorado Springs, Lewis explained.

Search and rescue

According to Archuleta County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Deputy Director Christina Kraetsch, they received the page for help around 9 a.m.

Once the OEM was paged, Kraetsch explained in an interview Tuesday, she paged Upper San Juan Search and Rescue requesting a

rope team.

According to a Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) press release, the PFPD rope rescue team was activated along with the Upper San Juan Search and Rescue rope team.

Upon arriving on scene, the OEM took over command of the rope rescue, Kraetsch explained.

"We agreed to do a joint command between the fire department," she said, adding that she was the other incident commander.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), CSP, South Fork Fire Rescue, PFPD, OEM, Pagosa Springs Medical Center EMS, USFS Fire Management, and Upper San Juan Search and Rescue were the agencies who assisted, Kraetsch and the press release indicated.

A representative from Mineral County's emergency management department was also on scene, she added.

"We just worked really well together, all of the agencies that were up there," she said. "I didn't think that it could have gone any smoother when it comes to so many different entities up there working together."

In order to rescue Hardaway, the OEM had to make a decision to hike him out from the bottom of the embankment or bring him up with the rope system, she explained.

"It was going to be extremely long and complicated either direction that we go," she said. "Our No. 1 choice was to see if we could get a helicopter in there. We were so lucky to have a helicopter that has been assigned to the Sand Creek Fire."

The pilot of the helicopter was extremely efficient, Kraetsch explained, adding that the helicopter did a flyover and the pilot confirmed that a rescue could be done.

"I bet it took them maybe 20 minutes to get hoist-ready, turn around, come back and they got him out super fast," she said.

OEM personnel, a CDOT representative and a PFPD representative were with the patient and got him ready to be hoisted out with the helicopter, she explained further.

"The rope was already extended with a litter attached to it and two attendants," she said. "It was just so quick. I was just impressed with how fast they worked and efficient they were."

Places of worship reopening around Pagosa Springs

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, places of worship around Pagosa Springs have reopened for services.

The Rev. Leighton Mekeal, of Community United Methodist Church, told The SUN Monday that he wears a mask during services except when he preaches.

"Me and the mic that I use don't get along with the mask, so I take the mask off to preach, but I'm at least 20 feet back from the congregation," he said.

Mekeal noted that church-goers are required to wear masks, people from separate households must socially distance 6 feet apart and that for seating they're utilizing "every other pew."

He explained that people are preregistering if they're going to attend a service through an online "sign-up genie."

"We also have to disinfect in between services, so we actually have a commercial fogger that disinfects the whole sanctuary and the bathrooms and the hallways and the entryway," Mekeal said.

He added the maximum number of people they can have in their facility for a service is 50 and there is no choir.

"I only thought we were workin' hard when we shut down because we had to shift to the whole tech thing and video thing and Zoom thing," he said. "Now we still get to do all of that plus get everything ready for Sunday. With the protocols, you get to find out how flexible you actually can be."

Augusta Happ, religious educa-

tion director and the parish secretary for Pope John Paul II Catholic Church told The SUN that members of the congregation are, like the Community United Methodist Church, reserving their spots for services by signing up online.

She noted the church is still reserving some spots for visitors to attend services.

Pope John Paul II is doing outside services on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and guests are required to bring a mask and a chair.

She explained that with outside services, there is no limit on the number of people that can attend if everyone follows social distancing guidelines.

When they have inside Mass, only 50 people maximum are allowed to attend.

"In terms of religious education, we're going to be doing a social distancing vacation Bible school July 20 to 24th with limited enrollment," she said.

Meg Inghram, office assistant at Restoration Fellowship Church, explained that they ask people to wear masks when they're in common areas, but can take it off once they're at their seat.

"People have been really excited to come back and worship," she said, adding, "For the most part, it seems like people are doing a good job about just kind of coming in, staying at their seats, stuff like that. It's been a positive."

For the service Sunday at 10 a.m., Inghram said, "We have restricted our sanctuary so we have about half as many rows and they're separated in wider sections."

Inghram noted the sense of community places of worship of-

fer to some members of the community.

"Some people in our church — It's been hard because they don't have a lot of community and a lot of them are retired, so they haven't really seen people. And if they live alone, it's been extra hard," she said.

Inghram explained that state health orders that govern the maximum number of people inside places of worship are calculated by square footage.

"So, our square footage in our big building is large enough that we can have 100 people in at a time," she said.

Paulette Heber, a local Baha'i, told The SUN that there has been no talk of coming together for services in person and they're conducting them all online.

"We've been doing — they're called devotionals and we do them online with Zoom," she said, adding, "We'll include videos of music, musicians and we have sacred writings from the different world religions up on the screen ... And if people want to share anything, poems or anything like that, they can."

Lisa Burnson, secretary for the New Thought Center for Inspirational Healing, explained that their facility is set up for social distancing and that wearing masks is at the discretion of those who attend.

She reported that to complement the in-person services, the organization is also livestreaming the events on the group's YouTube channel, which include live music.

Heidi Tanner, administrator at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church,

reported that they are not having Eucharist or communion during their services in an attempt to stop the spread of COVID-19.

She explained members of the congregation are signing up online to reserve spots for the services, but the church is leaving 10 spots open for visitors who wish to attend.

Tanner noted a mask is required for those who attend services and that the church has "infrared thermometers, and we are taking temperatures when folks are coming in."

The Pagosa Springs Church of Christ announced in an ad in The SUN last week that it is returning to in-person worship.

It requests everyone attending wear a mask until communion is served, and family groups are asked to distance themselves from one another in the auditorium.

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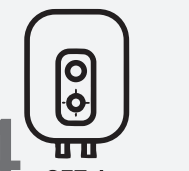
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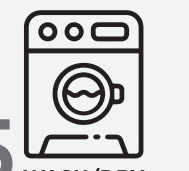
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VETERAN'S CORNER

VA announces support for three-digit emergency number to access crisis centers for suicide prevention

By Raymond Taylor
Archuleta County Veterans Service Office

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently announced its support for the Suicide Prevention 988 expansion initiative, a new national three-digit emergency telephone number to access crisis call centers across the country for suicide prevention and mental health services, including the Veterans Crisis Line, by July 2022.

The VA is working alongside the Federal Communications Commission, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to implement and activate the 988 expansion.

"The 988 three-digit number will help veterans and nonveteran callers quickly access help in times of crisis and open the door to engage new individuals in life-saving care," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "The Veterans Crisis Line will continue to remain available 24/7, 365 days a year, by calling (800) 273-8255 and pressing 1."

Once activated, the 988 expansion will also grant the VA the opportunity to collaborate with the suicide prevention community across the United States. This initiative is aligned with the President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide, or PREVENTS, program, a nationwide plan to raise awareness about mental health, connect veterans and others at risk of suicide to federal and local resources.

Post-traumatic stress disorder research

The VA also recently announced, during national Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness month, the VA's National Center for PTSD will fund more research about PTSD.

This is thanks to the proceeds from the Healing PTSD semipostal stamp, which was issued in December 2019 by the U.S. Postal Service. More than 7 million stamps were sold from December 2019 to May, garnering upwards of \$717,000 which has been disbursed to the VA.

"Thanks to the millions of Americans who purchased the Healing PTSD stamp, VA will continue to study, create awareness, educate and develop policies which better the lives of veterans with PTSD," said Wilkie. "The stamp not only raises awareness about PTSD, but will provide funding for needed research and education about trauma and PTSD treatment."

Anyone who has seen or gone through a traumatic event, such as war, sexual assault or a serious accident, can develop PTSD. As a result, they may experience problems sleeping, trouble concentrating, recurrent dreams about the trauma, intense reactions to reminders of the trauma, disturbances in rela-

tionships and/or isolation. However, PTSD can be treated.

The VA offers personalized effective treatments for PTSD including talk therapy and medication. During PTSD Awareness Month and all year-round, the VA encourages veterans to find out more about PTSD and treatment.

This initiative is aligned to the president's PREVENTS program, a nationwide plan to raise awareness about mental health, connect veterans and others at risk of suicide to federal and local resources.

For more information about PTSD, visit www.ptsd.va.gov.

If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive free, confidential support and crisis intervention available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Call (800) 273-8255 and Press 1, text to 838255, or chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat.

Contact information

Veterans: Thank you for your Service. Welcome home.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office, located at the Senior Center in the Pagosa Springs Community Center, on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The office: 264-4013, fax number: 264-4014, and email is ray-taylor@archuletacounty.org. Bring your DD Form 214 (Discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO office. Always leave me a message and phone number to contact you.

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- American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa Street
Veterans for Veterans: every Tuesday at 10 a.m., Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Combat Veterans PTSD group: every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, Lewis Street. Contact Gary Hanneman at 946-2540.
Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: first and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Carter's office; contact Charlotte at 903-9690.

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- 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsP-SCO.org.
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VAMC Albuquerque, N.M.: (800) 465-8262.
VA Health Care Emergency Notification: (844) 724-7842.

The Veterans Crisis Line offers free, confidential support to veterans in crisis, as well as their family and friends 24/7/365. Call (800) 273-8255, chat online, or text 838255.

Veterans honor Glen Daryl Rayburn

By Charlotte Jones
Veterans for Veterans
of Archuleta County

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Births

The following are the April births with parents from Pagosa Springs as reported by Mercy Regional Medical Center: Izaiah Ray Martin, Teresa Burk and Patrick George, 5 pounds, 14 ounces, 11:18 p.m., April 8.

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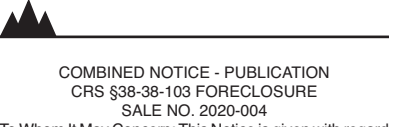


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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
CLARENCE W. CARPENTER JR.
8610 CEDAR BRAKE DRIVE
HOUSTON, TX 77065
MARIE E. CARPENTER
8610 CEDAR BRAKE DRIVE
HOUSTON, TX 77065

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

KENT TAYLOR
the following described property situated in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 567 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689.
Account Number: R015579
Schedule Number: 589316103108
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03706
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to KENT TAYLOR
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of CLARENCE W. CARPENTER JR. and MARIE E. CARPENTER for said year 2015.

That said KENT TAYLOR on the 20th day of May 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to KENT TAYLOR
On the 28th day of October 2020, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Witness my hand this 1st day of June 2020
/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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ELVIRA CASAMAYOR
14703 REDWOOD BEND TRAIL
HOUSTON, TX 77062-2107
Joaquin Casamayor
14703 REDWOOD BEND TRAIL
HOUSTON, TX 77062-2107

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KENT TAYLOR
the following described property situated in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 533 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689.
Account Number: R015360
Schedule Number: 589315304030
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03701
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to KENT TAYLOR
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of ELVIRA CASAMAYORA and JOAQUIN CASAMAYOR for said year 2015.
That said KENT TAYLOR on the 20th day of May 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to KENT TAYLOR
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Witness my hand this 3rd day of June 2020
/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

BRIAN M. WRIGHT
41 TEMPLE ROAD
DOBBS FERRY, NY 10522
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

KENT TAYLOR
the following described property situated in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 74 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689.
Account Number: R015803
Schedule Number: 589316408036
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03709

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to KENT TAYLOR
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of BRIAN M. WRIGHT for said year 2015.
That said KENT TAYLOR on the 20th day of May 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to KENT TAYLOR
On the 28th day of October 2020, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Witness my hand this 4th day of June 2020
/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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CRUZ'S BOAT STORAGE
CR. 982
ARBOLES, CO 81121
To satisfy a storage lien against the named individual, pursuant to state law set forth in C.R.S. 38-21-.5-101, the listed property and any additional property in that unit, will be sold on: July 2, 2020.

Outside storage- these items belong to David Woods 631 Lake Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147. 2002 Wood Forest 27 L Travel Trailer.
For more information, contact Lloyd Cruz at 970-883-2223 or 970-769-2410
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JOSEPH HENRY BETRIX
1824 CROOKED ROAD
PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147
JOSEPH HENRY BETRIX
P O BOX 1224
PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147

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KENT TAYLOR
the following described property situated in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 633 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689.

Account Number: R015345
Schedule Number: 58931530215
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03700
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to KENT TAYLOR
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of JOSEPH HENRY BETRIX for said year 2015.
That said KENT TAYLOR on the 20th day of May 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
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/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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INVITATION TO BID - 7.53 ACRES COMMERCIAL LAND HWY 84
Notice is hereby given that Archuleta County intends to sell 7.53 acres of commercial vacant land on Hwy. 84 in Pagosa Springs. Sealed bids will be received at the Archuleta County Administration Building, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, until 2:00pm local time on August 10, 2020, and then at said office will be opened and read aloud. The cash sale consists of the lot, located near the outskirts of Pagosa Springs on US Hwy 84. The lot is known as Archuleta County Assessor Parcel #518008. It is commercially zoned, has public utilities and US Hwy 84 frontage. The minimum bid for the sale is \$151,000. The applicable bid requirements and a recent appraisal can be found at http://www.archuletacounty.org/Bids.aspx
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INVITATION TO BID - COURTHOUSE
Notice is hereby given that Archuleta County intends to sell the building located at 449 San Juan Street in Pagosa Springs. Sealed bids will be received at the Archuleta County Administration Building, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, until 2:00pm local time on August 24, 2020, and then at said office will be opened and read aloud. The sale consists of an approximately 19,200 sq.ft. building situated in downtown Pagosa Springs and adjacent to the San Juan River. The original Courthouse structure, built in the 1920's contains .34 acres and the jail section, added around 1990, contains .4 acres. It is zoned Mixed-Use Town Center. The bid must include a solution for providing adequate office space for county offices that currently occupy a portion of the building. The applicable bid requirements and various environmental and other studies can be found at http://www.archuletacounty.org/Bids.aspx
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ALL PURPOSE STORAGE, 193 Rob Snow Road. 254-5958
Auction date set for July 11th, 2020 11 am
10x30, H. Jones, nice house hold items.
10x10 & 10x15, M. Rivas, House hold items
10x20, B. Brewton house hold items.
ALL PURPOSE STORAGE
970-264-5958 office
Allpurposestorage193@gmail.com
P.O. Box 2857
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION STATE OF COLORADO)
TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS)
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN and particularly to the electors of the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado:
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter and the Municipal Election Code, the special municipal election of the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, will be held on Tuesday July 14, 2020 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The election is to be conducted an independent mail ballot election. The ballots will be mailed to the eligible electors of the Town no earlier than 22 days prior to the election (June 22, 2020) and no later than 15 days prior to the election (June 29, 2020). The drop off location for the delivery of mail ballots and receipt of replacement ballots at the Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Boulevard, in the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, and shall be open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning at least 22 days prior to the election day and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day.

In order to vote in the election, an elector must be eighteen (18) years of age as of the day of the election, be a citizen of the United States of America, be registered with the Town Clerk or Archuleta County Clerk, not be in prison, and have legally resided for at least twenty-two (22) days immediately preceding the election in Colorado within the municipal limits of the Town as of the date of the election.
There shall be no election precinct or polling place. All mail ballots shall be returned to the Election Official's office, located at the Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Boulevard, in the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado.
At such election, electors shall vote for or against the following ballot question:
Ballot Question A
Shall the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter be amended, as set forth in Ordinance No. 932, by the

addition of the following provision: "Any proposal by the Town Council or by the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority to use Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) must first be approved by the Town electors whenever the total TIF revenues are expected to exceed \$1 million (\$1,000,000) over the life of the project.?"
Yes
No

Town of Pagosa Springs
ss/April Hessman, Town Clerk
Published in: Sun Newspaper
Published on: July 2, 2020
Published July 2, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

Request for Proposals No. 100-4230-20-02 for Food and Non-Food Kitchen Supplies: Notice is hereby given that Archuleta County will accept proposals for the provision of Food and Non-Food Kitchen Supplies at the Archuleta County Detention Facility in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Proposal instructions can be downloaded, at no charge, from Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System at: https://bidnetdirect.com/colorado. Failure to follow the instructions will result in disqualification of the proposal. A bid opening pre-bid conference will be held July 20, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m. at the Archuleta County Detention Facility, 125 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. One (1) original and Three (3) complete copies

of the proposal, clearly marked "Proposal for Food and Non-Food Kitchen Supplies" will be received by the administrative staff of the Archuleta County Finance Department, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147 until July 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Proposals received after the closing time shall be returned, unopened, to the bidder. The Archuleta County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in proposals, and to accept the proposal deemed, in the opinion of the Board, to be in the best interest of Archuleta County.
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Invitation to Bid for Concrete Improvements and Repair
The Town of Pagosa Springs is accepting bids for repair and/or replacement of concrete sidewalks, curb and gutter, and trail sections this year. Interested parties need to be able to perform work, including grade repair, and concrete work associated with the bid documents. Bid specifics and forms are available online at http://www.pagosaspings.co.gov through the "Invitation to Bid" link or contact the Town Public Works Department at 970-264-4151 x251.
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Election sign regulations in place for town and county

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

For the upcoming general election on Nov. 3, participants in the election must abide by both Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs' sign code regulations.

According to the town's sign regulations, political signs can be 6 square feet or smaller.

However, political signs can be displayed no sooner than 45 days before the sponsored political event; therefore, for the upcoming general election, signs can be displayed starting on Sept. 19.

Following the election, political signs must be removed within three days, meaning that, following the primary election on Tuesday of this week, signs must be removed by July 3. Following the general election, signs must be removed before Nov. 7.

According to the town's regula-

tions, only one sign per candidate or ballot issue is allowed per lot and signs can only be placed on private property with the property owner's permission.

Political signs that are posted on any public property or within a public road or alley right of way are prohibited, according to the town's sign regulations.

Signs that are larger than 6 square feet and smaller than 10 square feet are only allowed with an approved temporary sign permit application.

To get such an application, citizens are encouraged to contact the town's Planning Department for the application.

For any additional questions, contact the Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Department at 264-4151, ext. 235.

Senior Planner Cindy Schultz noted she understands how important it is for candidates to mobilize and garner support.

"I think from our standpoint and the public's standpoint, it's really about that visual clutter and having extra signage in yards," she said.

Removing the signs within three days of the election seems reasonable to the town, Schultz added.

"We don't go out and start pulling them out of people's yards," she said. "We ask that people remove them within three days after the event as the whole point of the sign in the first place is done."

The town has not had to enforce penalties in the past, and the town does not fine people who violate sign code regulations.

"This is really a request-based regulation," she said.

County regulations

Archuleta County's sign code regulations follow the same three principles with slight differences to each, according to Development Director Brad Callender in an interview on Tuesday.

According to Callender, the county's political sign regulations outline that the total area of all signs on a lot does not exceed 16 square feet.

"You could have three signs as long as they don't go over 16 square feet," he said. "You get 16 square foot of signage per property, basically."

Signs can be placed no sooner than 60 days in advance of the election and must be taken down within seven days of the election, Callender explained.

If political signs are in violation of the county's regulations, the county will have to make individual contact with each property owner — something that Callender described as "challenging."

"We're not going to go out and look specifically for people who haven't taken down their signs," he said. "We're pretty much just complaint-based enforcement."
chris@pagosasun.com

The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Calls for service over two weeks: 343.

June 15 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, Gun Barrel Road.

June 15 — Under investigation, no location listed.

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June 16 — Trespass warning, Shooting Star Drive.

June 16 — Warrant arrest, Morning Rain Court.

June 16 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Cox Circle.

June 16 — Domestic violence, first-degree criminal trespass other intent, harassment-calls repeatedly, Surrey Drive.

June 16 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Ranchland Drive.

June 17 — Improper registration, Crooked Road/Susan's Place.

June 17 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, warrant arrest, South 10th Street.

June 17 — Violation of bail bond condition-felony, violation of restraining order, County Road 600.

June 17 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, possession

of weapons by previous offenders, Morning Rain Court.

June 18 — Criminal mischief, County Road 113/U.S. 160.

June 18 — Information only, Paciente Place.

June 19 — Found property, Cliffside Place.

June 21 — First-degree criminal trespass other intent, Bennett Court.

June 22 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

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June 22 — Computer crime-misdemeanor, all other thefts, Tee Court.

June 22 — Computer crime-misdemeanor, fraud by check-other method, all other thefts, criminal impersonation, Starlight Place.

June 22 — Computer crime-misdemeanor, all other thefts, Bonanza Avenue.

June 22 — Obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, domestic violence, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Bonanza Avenue.

June 23 — Information only, River Run Drive.

June 23 — Missing property, U.S. 160.

June 23 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, Great West Avenue.

June 24 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.

June 24 — Information only, Davis Cup Drive.

June 25 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, Wildwood Drive/County Road 600.

June 25 — All other thefts, crimes

against at-risk adult/juvenile-theft no force, Bayview Circle.

June 25 — First-degree criminal trespass other intent, Dayspring Place.

June 25 — Crimes against at-risk adult/juvenile-theft no force, Harman Park.

June 25 — False reporting to authorities, Navajo Road.

June 25 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, harassment public place obscene language or gesture, Great West Avenue.

June 26 — Information only, Mariposa Drive.

June 26 — Incomplete, USFS 660.

June 26 — Information only, Lake Pagosa.

June 27 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Valley View Drive.

June 27 — Found property, Capitán Circle.

June 27 — Information only, Driftwood Drive.

June 28 — Warrant arrest, Catchpole Drive.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 119.

June 14 — Unsafe backing, Pagosa Street.

June 14 — Trespass warning, Pagosa Street.

June 16 — Trespass warning, North 5th Street.

June 16 — Possession of controlled substance, South 8th Street.

June 17 — Disturbance, South 9th Street.

June 17 — Interference with animal control officer/animal at large/rabies

vaccination required, Hermosa Street.

June 18 — Warrant arrest/resisting arrest/obstructing a peace officer, South 9th Street.

June 18 — Trespass warning, Great West Avenue.

June 19 — Assault, South 6th Street.

June 20 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

June 20 — Improper registration/drove vehicle without valid driver's license/operated vehicle without insurance, U.S. 160.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

June 15 — Paul Richard Rivas, controlled substance distribution, 10 years Department of Corrections, total fines and costs — \$3,478.50.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

June 15 — Evan Melvin Cole, U-turn unsafely-curve or crest, total fines and costs — \$107.50.

June 17 — Douglas William Neuwald, driving under the influence, 60 days jail, 365 days jail suspended imposition, two years probation, total fines and costs — \$2,520.50.

June 17 — Athena Marie Engle, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$120.50.

June 17 — Mack A. Newman, seat belt not used, driving under restraint-outstanding judgment, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$224.50.

June 17 — Seth A. Chavez, careless driving, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

June 18 — Matthew G. Holliday, improper pass-sign/markers, driver's license-not in possession, total fines and costs — \$159.50.

June 24 — Justin D. Caler, seat belt not used, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$192.50.

June 24 — Kenneth L. Ramsey, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

June 16 — Juvenile, possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana accessories, total fines and costs — \$50.

June 22 — Lorenzo Gallegos, theft, 91 days restitution, total fines and costs — \$335.

June 23 — Dylan Sanchez, criminal trespass, 10 days jail, total fines and costs — \$0.

June 23 — Mary Gurule, animal running at large prohibited, total fines and costs — \$60.

June 23 — Sevananda Carolus, signal lamps or devices failed to meet requirements, total fines and costs — \$57.

Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to any people.



Proverbs 14:34

Mankind often places their hope for the furtherance of society in education, science and statistics, government, judicial systems, military strength, etc. Those things are needed and important.

However if men and women are not righteous, placing hope in those things leads to unwanted results. Without righteousness, education can become the promotion of a person's ideas over truth. Science and statistics may be made to say what the producer desires. Government may become weighed down with the desire for power. Judicial systems can

become blinded by status and money. Military strength may be used for the power of it. Even religious people can live unrighteous lives, justifying their own desires over God's will.

Righteousness is doing the right thing, right living. When people seek to do the right thing, a nation will be exalted. Will all the unwanted results be corrected? No, men and women will still fall short. But righteousness is the goal for which we must strive. It gives us a place to begin our stand. Will you join us in seeking to do right?

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Yielding: It's not a free-for-all

By Master Trooper Gary Cutler
Colorado State Patrol

The word "yield" has many meanings throughout the English language. You can yield to the next speaker or the land can yield food from the garden. But today I bring up yield as in the road sign.

Too often, I find that drivers treat a yield sign as a free-for-all to go through intersections or turn onto other roads without even slowing. A yield sign allows a driver to reduce speed instead of having to come to a complete stop. Call a yield sign a small time-saver. But remember, it doesn't mean you may not have to come to complete stop if necessary to yield right of way to any traffic on the roadway you are going to cross or enter.

So, when approaching a yield sign, it means slowing to a reasonable speed, which allows you the ability to ascertain what is happening in the area. Ask yourself, did you give yourself enough time to accurately see if traffic is coming? Are there any pedestrians using the crosswalks? Do you have an acceleration lane or does it go directly into the lane of travel?

In my opinion, a good speed for a yield sign is quite often what I see when someone rolls through a stop sign. So, quick refresher there: Stop at a stop sign, and slow roll through the yield sign if its safe to do so.

Are you aware that when entering a roadway, that to do it safely and legally, you cannot alter the other vehicles' pathway? This means causing them to slow from

the speed they were going. Make sure you can get your vehicle up to the speed limit prior to another car coming up behind you as you enter that new road.

Now, let's talk about what to do when an intersection has flashing yellow lights. This is another area I've seen drivers never even slow their speed when going through the intersection. This is highly dangerous. You need to know if the lights have malfunctioned and are showing yellow in all directions or if the road crossing your path is flashing red. Either way, those flashing lights require a driver to slow to a reasonable and safe speed to be able to once again ascertain how safe it is to proceed through the intersection.

"I now yield the floor."
As always, safe travels.

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Photo courtesy Kirin Vicenti

Williams Creek Reservoir glistens in the sun last weekend. The reservoir is located about an hour from downtown Pagosa Springs via Piedra Road and is just over the Archuleta County line in Hinsdale County.

Independence Day commemorates the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Written by Thomas Jefferson, the Declaration of Independence is the nation's most cherished symbol of liberty which expressed the convictions in the minds and hearts of the American people.

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Town council delays Hermosa Riverwalk trail project

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Hermosa Riverwalk trail construction project has been delayed for 2020 following a decision made by the Pagosa Springs Town Council at its regular meeting on June 18.

The project will be put out to bid in the fall of 2020 for the 2021 construction season.

A motion to that effect was approved unanimously by the town council.

The delaying of the project would potentially save the town \$520,000 for 2020, according to agenda documentation.

This decision came following Town Manager Andrea Phillips giving her monthly town budget report to town council, specifically discussing capital projects.

"The feedback that I've received from council so far is that we want to continue to do our road maintenance," Phillips said. "We're also working on the town shop, of course, and that's a big project."

However, Phillips explained that the Hermosa Riverwalk trail project is one that she would like to table.

"That project is a hefty chunk out of our budget despite the fact that we have received a \$400,000

grant from state trails," she said. "It is going to be, for the town's portion, at least \$500,000 in terms of making the match and all the other associated improvements with that project," she said.

With the town only having four months of revenues of sales tax in and with the deadline coming up for when the bid for the project needs to be put out, Phillips explained she recommended tabling the project.

"I'd like to put the Hermosa Riverwalk trail on hold this year, but put it out for bid in the fall so that we could get a really early jump on the construction season for next year," council member Matt DeGuise said.

In other business

Also at the June 18 meeting, council did the following:

- Approved a preliminary major subdivision application for River Rock Estates.
- Approved a public art mural for the east wall of Goodman's Department Store.
- Approved Ordinance 933 on first reading to assign temporary historic preservation development review to the town's planning commission.

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The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, July 2

Dispatch Executive Management Board. 9:30 a.m. Join Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7186713647>, meeting ID: 718 671 3647.

Tuesday, July 7

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

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

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation work session. Noon. Join Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81629069015>, (346) 248-7799, PC 81629069015#.

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

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

Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District meeting. 5 p.m. See town website for

participation information.

Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority Commission meeting. See town website for participation information.

Monday, July 13

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, July 14

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

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

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting and Board of Trustees of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Firemen's Pension Fund regular meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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



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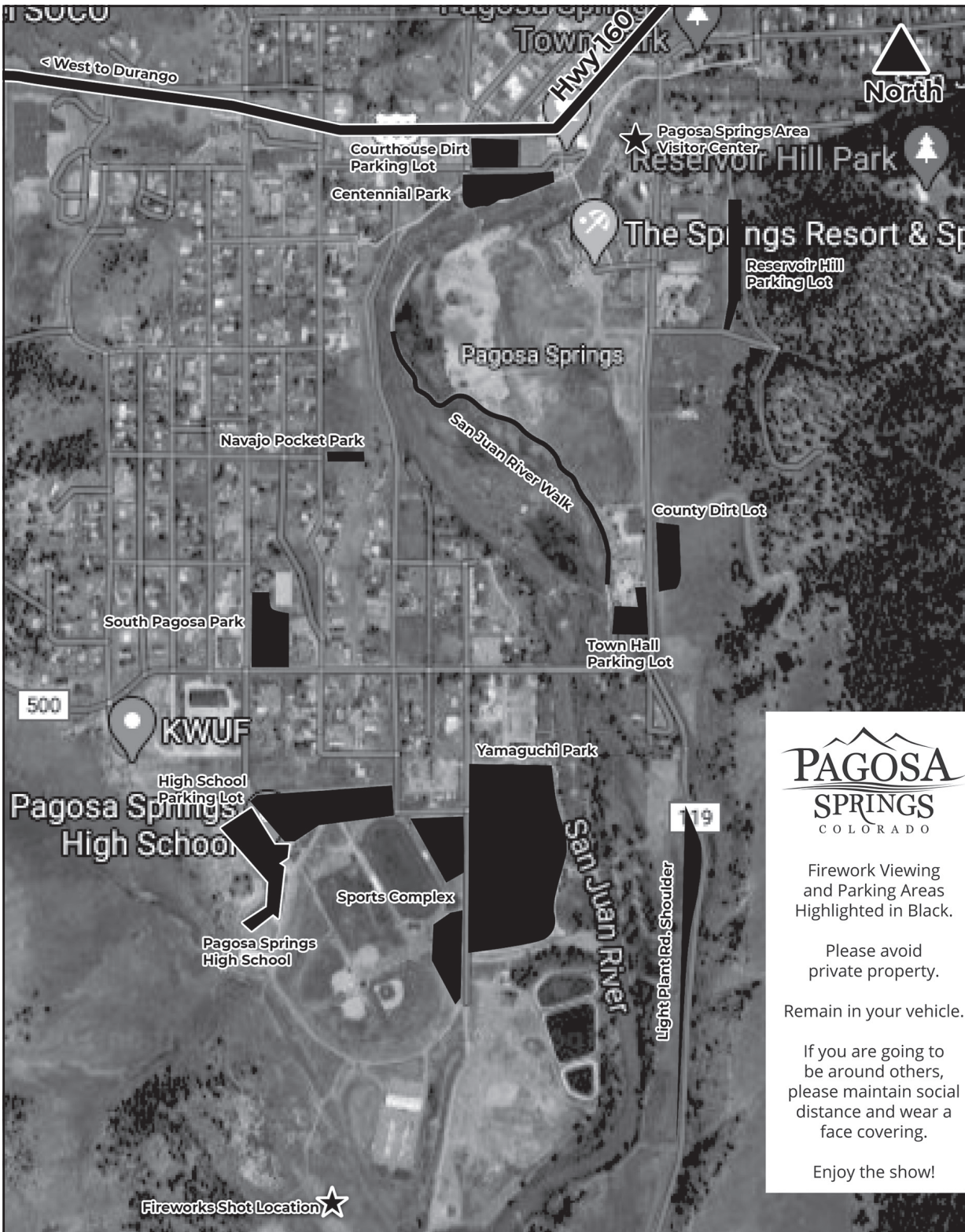


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Multiple Fourth of July events planned

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.

Pine Ridge parade

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

Those who wished to participate in the parade were asked to contact Mitchell by June 29.

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.

Park 2 Park Artisan and Food Market

As has been tradition, the Park 2 Park Artisan and Food Market will make its return for the 40th time to Pagosa Springs July 3-5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 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, as well as Town Park and Mary Fisher 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 hand-crafted 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.

Attendees will have an opportunity to visit multiple parks and enjoy the handcrafted wares of over 60 vendors.

Although the market is outside, the Chamber is asking that people continue to practice safe guidelines, including distancing. If there is a crowd at one vendor's booth, visit another one and circle back. Distance while standing in line. Be careful when handling the vendors' merchandise and don't handle unnecessarily. And please wear a face covering when around others as there will be more people out and about.

"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."

Flag ceremony and flyover

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 flyover will proceed to Pine Ridge Nursing Home and then to the Veteran's Memorial Park for visitors there, as well.

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

An Independence Day Music Breakout Concert

The New Thought Center for Inspirational Living will be holding an Independence Day Music Breakout Concert event at the Best Western Lodge on U.S. 160 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Fourth of July.

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

Children are admitted for free, and children's activities will be provided.

For more information, call/text (970) 309-6067.

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.

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The Pagosa Mountain Rotary Club was pleased to donate \$1,000 to the Archuleta Food Coalition. This was made possible with matching funds from Rotary District 5470. The donation was used to help purchase a commercial-grade refrigerator to increase capacity for cold food storage at the primary food pantry. Pictured, left to right: Pauline Benetti, representative of the growers group of the Archuleta Food Coalition; Rod Hubbard, Pagosa Springs Senior Center; Michelle Huck, Food Coalition treasurer; Ken Rogers, Pagosa Mountain Rotary Club treasurer.

Events

■ continued from previous page to show some patriotic colors throughout downtown during the day," Tourism Director Jennie Green said.

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.

"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.

Fireworks

In an email to The SUN on June

22, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the town is still planning on having a Fourth of July fireworks display around 9:30 p.m. depending on fire restrictions.

The fireworks will be set off in South Pagosa. Please maintain social distancing when viewing from various venues throughout the community.

The display is dependent on weather and fire conditions.

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By **Leslie Wustrack**
Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners

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

On Wednesday, July 8, at 5:30 p.m. (new time), Chacey, the eminent regional vegetable grower and an original founder of the Pagosa Springs Community Garden, will discuss constructing row covers for shading your plants.

The evening's format begins with photos of Chacey's personal garden and an instructional video, and he will discuss what he is currently doing in his garden. An in-depth presentation on row covers and shading for a vegetable garden will follow. All participants will be muted, but will be invited to send in questions on his presentation and on any gardening topic.

An avid grower with seven decades plus of experience, Chacey is a believer in trial and error in all areas of gardening. Chacey believes that learning from mistakes is the foundation of successful gardening.

The 5:30 p.m. free gardening talk will be held via Zoom or telephone. To join our email list and receive weekly talk information, please send an email to pagoaspringscommunitygarden@gmail.com. For the July 8 talk, please visit <http://www.Facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden> or email PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com for easy links to the talks. For experienced Zoom users, the meeting ID is 846 5587 9405 and the password is 347366.

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden is located at the end of 5th Street on the San Juan River in downtown Pagosa Springs. Decades old, the garden is on land owned by the Town of Pagosa

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Photography club to hold virtual meeting July 8

By Gregg Heid

Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club (PSPC) will next meet on Wednesday, July 8, at 6:15 p.m. Our speaker will be Doug Coombs.

He will give a presentation on using luminosity masking with Lightroom local adjustments in editing photos. Coombs will also talk a little on luminosity masking in Photoshop, as well.

This will be a virtual meeting, live online, using Zoom videoconferencing. You may participate in the program from the comfort and

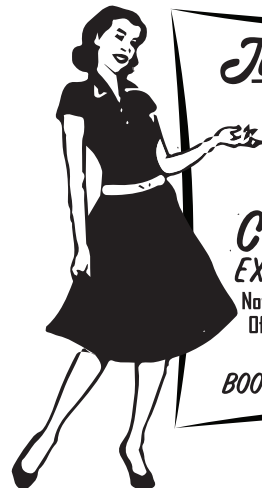
safety of your own home. PSPC members will receive a club email containing a Zoom weblink to participate in Coombs’ presentation. Others who are interested in taking part may contact club president Andy Butler for information at abutler@mac.com.

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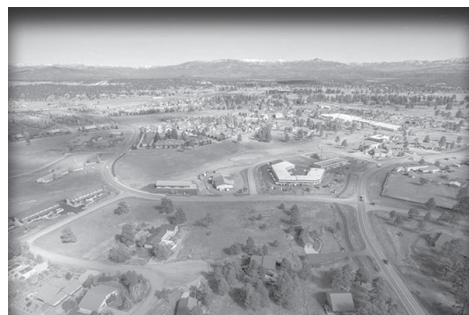
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The popular Dancing with the Pagosa Stars event supporting Seeds of Learning will return in a virtual format this year, to be presented on Sept. 26.

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars to be virtual September event

By Gabrielle Dorr
Seeds of Learning

The wildly popular Dancing with the Pagosa Stars event supporting Seeds of Learning is back on this year as a virtual event.

This Sept. 26, the Seeds of Learning Board of Directors will bring you a virtual sensation with

all of the excitement and entertainment from previous years. They invite everyone locally and beyond to tune in for a “Dancing with the Stars” television show streamed online.

Seeds of Learning is Pagosa Springs’ very own high-quality early education facility that provides education to the area’s pre-

schoolers. Seeds of Learning is one of only 10 percent of preschools in the United States to be nationally accredited. This wonderful organization serves at-risk children whose futures are brighter because of their Seeds education.

The Dancing with the Pagosa Stars event raises money for the **See Dancing on next page**



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7:00 on Zoom

- RSVP required, link will be provided through district email.

For questions and RSVP contact:

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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, July 2

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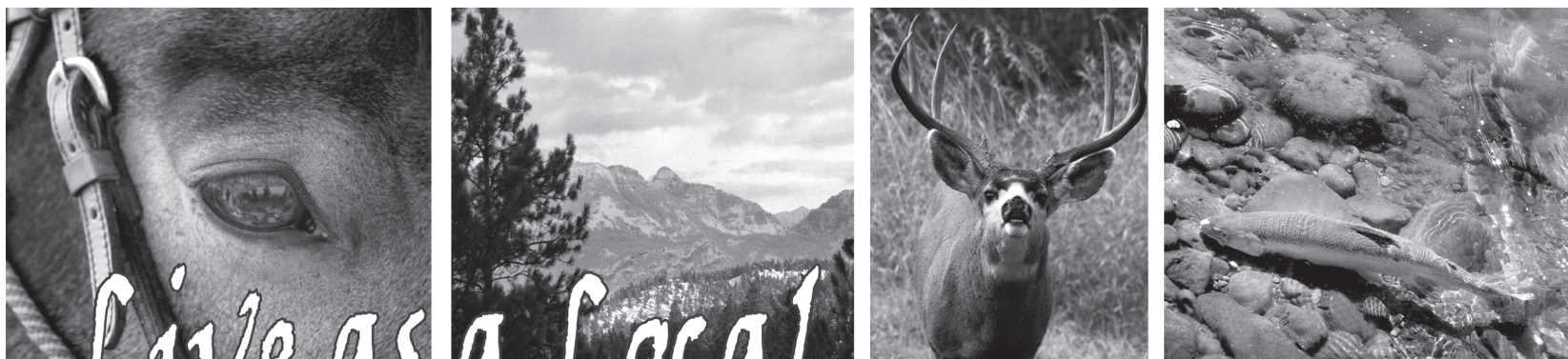
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will continue to offer meals to the community as takeout only. There will be no sit-down service. Guests should come to the front doors of the Parish Hall, where they can pick up meals to go. This practice will continue until further notice.

Friday, July 3

Back the Blues Cruise. 4:30 p.m. line up; 5 p.m. start. Two locations: one route begins at Aspen Village Drive, behind Walmart; and another route

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Dancing

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more than 80 percent of Seeds families who cannot afford the full tuition price of \$54 per day so that more children can have access to the life-changing education center.

Since the "Dancing with the Pagosa Stars" event is being held virtually this year, your support will be even more vital to fundraising efforts. Besides purchasing a ticket, organizers urge you to also vote with your dollars to support your favorite Pagosa star. Each star earns points through tickets sold in their name and through the number of votes they receive. The star that earns the most votes will win the Mirror Ball Trophy.

As planning for this event continues to unfold, we will reveal more information on the Dancing with the Pagosa Stars Facebook page. To keep up with all of the updates, please visit Facebook and like our page. There you will find information about the event, ticket sales, choreographers, coaches and updates on our 2020 stars. You will also learn about some of the many reasons to support Seeds of Learning.

Mark your calendars now for Dancing with the Pagosa Stars TV show to be streamed online on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m., including a live-streamed awards ceremony. We encourage friends to gather in small groups for a home watch party or plan to watch in the comfort of your own home. Follow our Facebook page to find out when tickets go on sale sometime in August.

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/Dancingstarspagosa; Dancing with the Pagosa Stars website: growingseeds.org/dancing-with-the-pagosa-stars-2020.



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HerStory. 8:30-9:30 a.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.

Park 2 Park Artisan and Food Market. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., downtown parks.

Saturday, July 4

Freedom Float. Float down the San Juan River and show off some patriotic pride and colors.

Geology Tour. 8:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. 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 children ages 5-12. Space is limited to five visitors. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org, or call 877-444-6777.

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.

Independence Day Music Breakout Concert. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Best Western Lodge, U.S. 160. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call/text 309-6067.

Park 2 Park Artisan and Food Market. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., downtown parks.

Fourth of July Fireworks. 9:30 p.m., south Pagosa.

Sunday, July 5

Park 2 Park Artisan and Food Market. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., downtown parks.

Tuesday, July 7

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 8

Flora of Chimney Rock. 9 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. 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. At this 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. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 per child (5-12). Space is limited to nine visitors. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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. Chacey will discuss constructing row covers for shading your plants. Then, Chacey will talk about what's going on this week in his personal garden. Everyone will be muted, but also be able to submit questions or comments via chat. Then there will be a question-and-answer period. Email PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@

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gmail.com for easy links to the talks. For experienced Zoom users, the meeting ID is 846 5587 9405 and the password is 347366.

Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6:15 p.m. Our speaker will be Doug Coombs. He will give a presentation on using luminosity masking with Lightroom local adjustments in editing photos. Coombs will also talk a little on luminosity masking in Photoshop. This will be a virtual meeting using Zoom. Photography club members will receive a club email containing a Zoom weblink to participate. Others who are interested in taking part may contact club president Andy Butler at abutler@mac.com.

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Friday, July 10

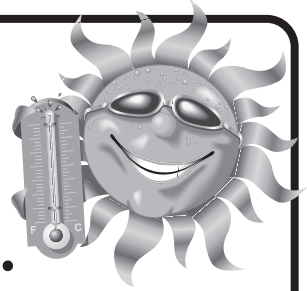
HerStory. 8:30-9:30 a.m., 140 Country

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.

Virtual Pro Se Clinic Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m. Despite the COVID-19 closures of libraries across Colorado, the Virtual Pro Se Clinic will still be held as scheduled. As a work-around, instead of clinic patrons coming in person, the volunteer attorney will call each clinic patron's telephone directly during clinic hours using the phone number provided to your library staff. To be added to the sign-up sheet, please send an email titled "Sign up for Free Legal Clinic," plus your name and phone number, to ruby@pagosalibrary.org. Space is limited. This is a free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran's benefits and civil protection orders. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Trusting in the bigger picture

Have you ever made plans, only to have God direct your steps differently? It seems like it happens all the time.

As I listened to a prayer request on Tuesday night, I said, "It's really disappointing, but there's a bigger picture here. While it seems like this film is being held hostage by people in power with alternative plans, we need to consider what God says about it."

My prayer group came to a big stop sign in the road this last week and seven families collided with disappointment. We have been meeting weekly on a virtual call for two and half years. Our mission: to pray for a film that my grandson directed, a film that has hit roadblock after roadblock and been detoured and delayed with its release.

Listening to an interview with Joni Eareckson Tada, she put everything in perspective. "Sometimes God allows what he hates to accomplish what he loves." Ten words that became her only hope after a diving accident severed her spinal cord leaving her a quadriplegic at 17 years of age.

She became paralyzed from the shoulders down. Any semblance of what she knew of a normal life was gone.

The film project, "Space Waves," dear to our hearts, isn't as tragic as Joni's story, but certainly one that stopped everyone associated in their tracks. Our prayer team sons, daughters and grandchildren met in college in the film department. They wrote, directed, filmed and produced a coming-of-age full-length movie, a project that has been in production for the last three years.

The film has had its bumps along the way — 25 people went on location to a radio tower to shoot a scene, only to find that it was torn down by the city the week before. Not derailed by the enormous task of finding a second location, it would take months before a suitable tower structure was found. To that end, a new safety team had to be hired and a new insurance

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



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policy had to be written, all so the team could complete what they had initially set out to do.

There were other obstacles that had to be navigated around. Music needed to be changed at the last minute, then all the sound edits had to be rebuilt after digital files were lost.

About the time that the project was entering the home stretch, securing investors and planning its release date, there was another pothole. Or in this case, a sinkhole.

The agent of one of the main characters, an up-and-coming teen heartthrob, is now refusing to sign a release for his client. The actor, who landed a role in the Netflix hit "Outer Banks" has ballooned in popularity. This includes reaching over 3 million followers on Instagram.

The actor's agent doesn't want "Space Waves," an independent film, to be released until he is able to secure a next big thing for his client.

My grandson and his crew have just become familiar with a new red, octagon-shaped sign in their path. It reads "Hollywood politics." I guess this is their welcome-to-the-real-world greeting. After three years of working on the film, we are ready to see it rip up the pavement, but the movie world isn't

So, we wait.

We have to remind ourselves, there is a bigger picture here. We have petitioned God to bring glory to this project, that He would develop character in our children, keep them from being compromised and create a high-quality final presentation. Our end state? To be a part of a vehicle used to touch today's youth with a clean, uplifting and clear message.

Final brushstroke: In praying for this film, our motto from the beginning was "Finish Strong." It now feels like this ride is jacked-up on cinder blocks with the engine off to the side. All said, when the world throws up a stop sign, see it for what it is. It's about trusting in a bigger God who sees a much bigger picture. Yes, we have to down shift from time to time, and even come to a complete stop, but we are far better off trusting that we will be taken down the right path, rather than end up at a dead end with nothing to show for it.

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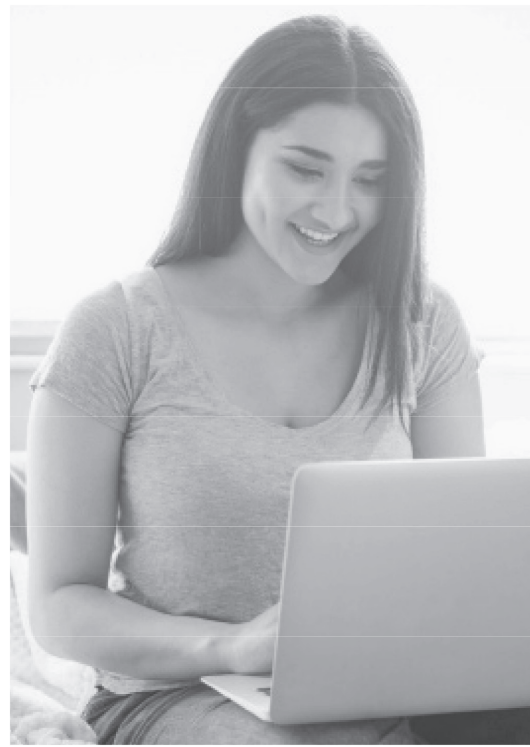
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New Thought topic: ‘Spiritual Independence: The True Destiny of Evolution’

By Lisa Burnson
New Thought Center
for Inspirational Living

“Spiritual Independence activates creative skill, which is the ability to direct our reality. This proficiency is shaped by the mind.” — Simone Wright.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, July 5, at 10 a.m. for our presentation, “Spiritual Independence: The True Destiny of Evolution.” Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure.

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, 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 are admitted for free. For tickets, booth rentals or to volunteer, please call 309-6067.

About us

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

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Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha’i Faith

By Paulette Heber
Baha’i Community of Archuleta County

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

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

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, July 5, our theme is

justice.

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“The best beloved of all things in My sight is Justice ... By its aid thou shalt see with thine own eyes and not through the eyes of others, and shalt know of thine own knowledge and not through the knowledge of thy neighbor. Ponder this in thy heart.” — Baha’u’llah.

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

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‘Let justice roll down like a river’

By Richard Gammill
Special to The PREVIEW

Last Sunday, our pastor brought a powerful message from Amos 5:24: “But let justice roll down like a river, righteousness like a never failing stream.” Toward the end of his message, he asked, “Would you like to know how many times in more than 40 years I have preached on the subject of justice? The answer, I am ashamed to admit, is this is the first time.”

I suspect he is not the only preacher who has just joined the cry for justice. The pity is, it has taken days of massive demonstrations, violence and destruction to awaken God’s spokespersons to address an issue that has dominated the lives of so many of our black neighbors for so long.

Last week, a police officer pulled me over for running over a curb. She took my license, went to her patrol car and called it in. She returned to my vehicle in a few minutes, handed my license to me and said to this old white man, “Have a good day, sir.” That was it and we went our respective ways.

If I am a young black driver today, it is a different scene. The officer orders me to show the registration for my nice shiny pickup. I step outside, turn around and place my hands on the roof of my vehicle that is burning hot under the brutal Phoenix sun. Do I have any drugs or alcohol in my possession? A breathalyzer test or walking a straight line will determine whether I am impaired.

All the while, I remember “the talk” my daddy had with me when I entered my teens. I say, “Yes, sir,” without any trace of sarcasm. I

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make no sudden move of my hand toward my pocket. I keep calm and take slow and deliberate breaths. With luck and with written citation in my hand, the officer allows me to drive away.

However, I am an old white driver and the only way to imagine this alternative scene is to picture it the
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Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to any people.

Proverbs 14:34

Mankind often places their hope for the furtherance of society in education, science and statistics, government, judicial systems, military strength, etc. Those things are needed and important.

However if men and women are not righteous, placing hope in those things leads to unwanted results. Without righteousness, education can become the promotion of a person’s ideas over truth. Science and statistics may be made to say what the producer desires. Government may become weighed down with the desire for power. Judicial systems can

become blinded by status and money. Military strength may be used for the power of it. Even religious people can live unrighteous lives, justifying their own desires over God’s will.

Righteousness is doing the right thing, right living. When people seek to do the right thing, a nation will be exalted. Will all the unwanted results be corrected? No, men and women will still fall short. But righteousness is the goal for which we must strive. It gives us a place to begin our stand. Will you join us in seeking to do right?

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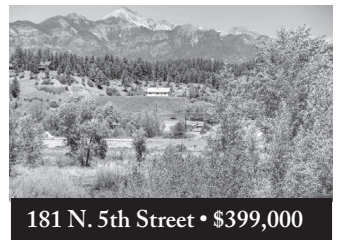
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way I have heard or read. How long have I known about this disparity without acknowledging the pain of prejudiced unjust treatment? Years ago, my young black secretary told me police pulled her husband over — again — for no cause. I make a sound of sympathy without giving it much thought. That's right — thoughtless.

Today, we must think about it. Can we work toward a solution without the extreme measures taken in Seattle, my hometown? A friend of mine, a retired Seattle police officer, posted this on Facebook: "Tonight my heart is heavy because of all the hatred for the Police Officers on the streets who are doing their very best to protect you and your businesses and trying to keep the peace in our city. [During] several decades in this business, I have always personally tried to go 'the 2nd mile' to help citizens who depend on me to keep them out of harm's way ... I personally want to step up and thank all my 'brothers and sisters in blue' who put their life on the line everyday just for you! ..."

Many black demonstrators put themselves in danger to stop the looters. Many police officers are "taking a knee" and putting their arm around angry demonstrators. Compassionate humanity is on both sides of the lines — and people with courage can find ways to identify with one other.

Preaching is one way for ministers to address the crisis — but not the only way. A friend of mine was a pastor in the Los Angeles area during the Rodney King riots in 1992. He and other ministers instigated the formation of a "Clergy Police Council." More than 100 pastors came together as a clergy response team. They met each month with police officers. They facilitated conversation between the police force and members of the community. They rode in squad cars with officers and volunteered to be on call to assist at times of need. They enabled a higher level of mutual understanding and respect.

Today my friend, Ian Robertson, is a retired pastor in Spokane, Wash. He is currently meeting with county sheriffs and city police chiefs to form a similar "Clergy-Peace Officers Council." He is recruiting his clergy friends to join up and work together for solutions. Ian has acted out his love for his community for many years, causing Spokane to name him "Citizen of the Year" in 2008. Activism of his kind is needed everywhere.

We tend to hear just the second half of the verse in Amos: "... righteousness like a never failing stream." It is time to act on the first part of the prophetic call: "But let justice roll down like a river ..."

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's bird of the week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the western bluebird.

The western bluebird is a small thrush, about 7 inches long. It brings a beautiful flash of blue to Archuleta County, mainly in the summer and fall, usually in open fields and clearings in the forest. Adult males are bright blue on top and on the throat with an orange breast and sides, a brownish patch on back, and a gray belly and undertail coverts. Adult females have a duller blue body, wings and tail than the male, a gray throat, a dull orange breast and a gray belly and undertail coverts.

Western bluebirds are highly social and usually feed in flocks during the nonbreeding season. They hunt for terrestrial insects by dropping to the ground from a low perch, sometimes hovering briefly before pouncing. Western bluebirds also frequently feed on berries in trees.

Western bluebirds rely on trees both for nesting cavities and hunting perches, and also perch on fences and utility lines. Western bluebirds nest in cavities, such as a natural hollow in oak or pine trees, old woodpecker holes, birdhouses and sometimes holes in a building. They usually nest fairly low, rarely up to 50 feet above the ground. The nest is probably built mostly by the female, but the male may take part. Their nest is a rather loose cup of twigs and weeds, lined with finer grass.

In recent decades, their numbers have declined over much of their range. Provision of birdhouses probably has not kept pace with loss of natural nest sites.

The western bluebird is sometimes mistaken for the mountain bluebird, which is also common in our area. The mountain bluebird is mostly blue all over its body without the orange, brown and gray patches of the western bluebird.

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



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By **Carole Howard**
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

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Also, we are now offering 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.

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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.

HVAC installation

Our long-awaited HVAC project has started and should take six to eight weeks to complete. Now that summer is here and the warm weather calls for AC, we hope for a shorter timeline for the comfort of patrons and staff in the building. We'll keep you informed.

Summer Reading Program

It's not too late to sign up for the free Summer Reading Program that runs until 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

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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 all-ages 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 6: Art project

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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.

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"The Paladin" by David Ignatius is a spy novel featuring a CIA operations officer. "Sunrise on Half Moon Bay" by Robyn Carr follows two sisters born 20 years apart who come together during difficult times.

Large print

"Close Up" by Amanda Quick is

a mystery featuring a news photographer working in 1930s Hollywood. "Tom Clancy Firing Point" by Mike Maden is a Jack Ryan Jr. adventure. "Wrath of Poseidon" by Clive Cussler and Robin Burcell is a Sam and Remi Fargo adventure. "Death Wields a Henry .44" by Mike Sartain and Frank Leslie contains

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Stress relief in these times

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.

Stress affects us all in many ways, especially our health, and perhaps daily we feel some level of stress in reaction to something happening. Most people know that meditating, creating art, breathing deeply, exercising, and bird and deer watching help us relax. A few lesser known but simple relaxation techniques follow.

Consciously breathing in and out and even holding your breath at various counts is one way to

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calm down, and medical experts suggest breathing in slowly and pursing your lips while breathing out. This helps keep your airways open longer and remove trapped air and is recommended for shortness of breath.

Tam Cummings, a dementia specialist, advises that when a caregiver is in extreme stress, take a quick, cold shower or, more easily, hold an ice cube in one hand while focusing on breathing. This helps lower blood pressure.

An arm movement exercise can be done almost anywhere. While breathing in, turn your palms up with your arms at your side and, keeping them straight, slowly lift

them up to your shoulders. Then, while breathing out, turn your palms down and slowly lower your arms to your side.

Another technique to calm your mind is to focus on your five senses one at a time. Start with noting what you see and end with things you can touch nearby. This works even if you only try it with seeing and hearing.

A few questions to ask yourself daily can promote positive thinking when the news is depressing and routines are wearing thin. What am I grateful for? Am I connecting to friends, neighbors or family? Am I letting go of the idea of "normal"? Have I been outside today? Am I moving my joints and muscles? What beauty do I see or hear?

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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of race in America. "Our Time Is Now" by Stacy Abrams offers a blueprint to end voter suppression. "Democracy in One Book or Less" by David Litt explores the changes needed in the U.S. political process with humor and optimism. "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?" by Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum argues that straight talk about our racial identities is essential. "Horse Owner's Guide to Toxic Plants" by Sandra McQuinn is an expansive reference guide for horse owners. "Once a Shooter" by T.J. Stevens is a firsthand account of what it is like to be a high school shooter now pardoned by God. "White Kids" by sociologist Margaret A. Hagerman looks at how affluent parents intentionally and unintentionally use their privilege to influence their kids in a racially divided America.

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Senior shopping assistance program continues

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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

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.

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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.

Drive-through pick up lunch and breakfast

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 pub-

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lic age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread. (Our daily menu is posted on our website at psseniors.org.) Please call 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program. We are now including breakfast for the next morning with lunch at the drive-through and Meals on Wheels.

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

The Community Café menu

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

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Wednesday, July 8 — Shrimp scampi with cappellini, broccoli with butter, grilled pineapple with

pistachios and whipped cream, milk and Italian chop salad.

Thursday, July 9 — Turkey and wild and brown rice soup, bacon green beans, cornbread with butter, milk, green salad with apples and dried cranberries and raspberry vinaigrette and chocolate pie.

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

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

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The Owl Hoot Trail

I heard an owl hoot the other day. It must have been about 9 in the morning, an unusual time to hear an owl. Owls are not expected to hoot during the morning, unless they don't give a hoot.

Since I have been writing about trails, hearing this owl reminded me of a story I once read wherein a cowboy, let's call him Bill, was riding the "Owl Hoot Trail." He'd just gunned down a yahoo who'd just been visiting Bill's gal, and Bill was getting out of town at night so it would be harder for the law to follow him.

As often happens, my mind drifted off and I remembered a time when I decided to travel at night. I wasn't runnin' from the law, I just wanted to do some trout fishing at the headwaters of the Middle Fork of the Piedra River. By the time I got my backpack filled, night was beginnin' to fall. Being an experienced mountain man, I used a soft pack for tough trails and my pack had a place for everything, including survival gear in case I broke a leg or some other catastrophe happened.

Yes, I know the books telling us how to camp say don't go out alone. Personally, I've packed up mountain trails in Oregon, California, Arizona and Utah and figured I could write one of those books myself.

And so, by the time I'd stuffed a few days' grub, a tiny camping stove with some extra fuel, and my fishing gear into my pack, made sure my knife was strapped around my waist, double-checked the water-proofed San Juan Na-

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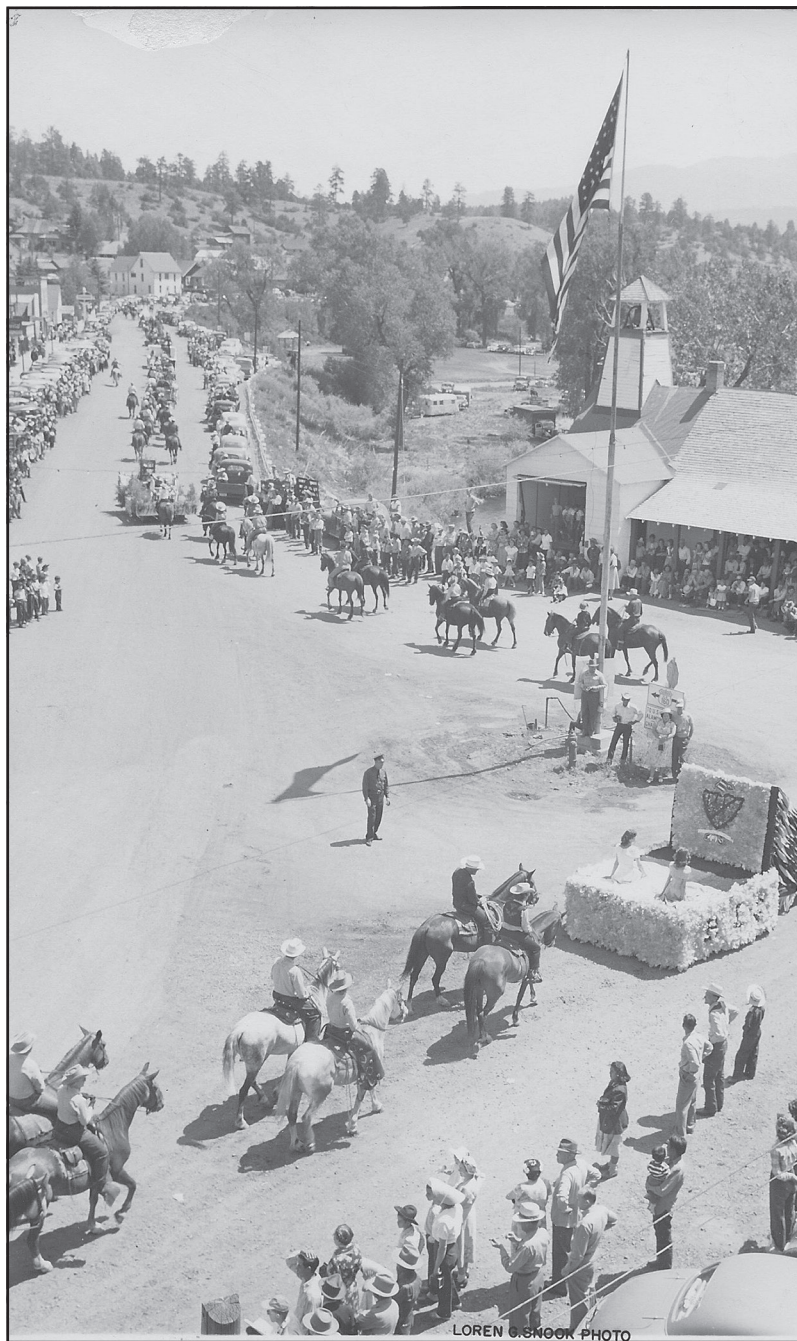
tional Forest map and a topo map, the sun was droppin' behind the western-most mountains.

"Not to worry," I says to me. I've done this trail several times and it's a piece of cake. This trail is wide enough for horses, I can surely follow it on foot in the dark. There are a couple of lakes near the top, which is also near the Continental Divide. That's where I planned to camp.

I climb out of the truck, lock the doors and follow the river up to where the Middle Fork Trail leaves the river and veers off to the right and starts to climb the mountain. I see the trail and start walkin'. I hadn't gone far when the trail turned and I didn't. The truth soaked in along with the rain and soon enough for me to realize that I'd made a mistake. I couldn't see in the dark. I fumbled my way back to where I could hear the river, set up my backpack tent, and that's where I ate breakfast the next morning. It was a lesson well learned.

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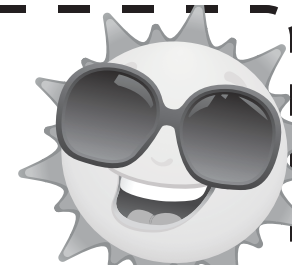
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Wildfire is meaner these days

By Stephen Pyne
PREVIEW Columnist

As I look out my window, the smoke from the Bush Fire is belching upward behind the fabled profile of the Superstition Mountains. The fire has closed Highway 87 that joins the Phoenix metro area to Payson, one of its exurbs. Some small communities are evacuating.

Otherwise, the fire is foraging widely across Tonto National Forest and the Mazatzal Mountains, through wilderness and scattered inholdings alike. At the moment it's 90,000 acres and 5 percent contained. If it can't be stopped at Highway 188 and Lake Roosevelt, it will burn until the monsoon rains arrive. But this is not what I find interesting.

What is interesting is that a year ago, I watched, through the same window, the 126,000-acre Woodbury fire boil out of the Superstitions. In 2004, I watched the 119,000-acre Willow fire shut down Highway 87. Meanwhile, the smoke from the Bighorn fire is lighting up the Santa Catalina Mountains north of Tucson. This is beginning to look like a pattern.

Which it is. What people had taken as a normal for fire in the West is in truth a historical anomaly.

What we are seeing is an old normal, like seasonal flu, that has mutated into a meaner variant. Most of the West is built to burn. But for a few decades after the second world war, climate was mild, landscapes were still recovering from the havoc of ax, pick and plow during settlement, fire agencies aggressively suppressed any starts, and an industrial economy stripped away open fire from homes and cities. Fire had become increasingly missing from agriculture and, astonishingly, even from wildlands.

Fifty years after the Big Blowup

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of 1910 burned 3 million acres to announce an American way of fire, the United States, led by the Forest Service, had effectively contained landscape fire. The largest category of wild fire (Class G) applied to fires that exceeded 5,000 acres. Fire control accounted for 13 percent of the Forest Service's budget. The militarization of suppression through war-surplus equipment managed to sustain a cold war on fire.

But by then the folly of this strategy, both economic and ecologic, was becoming more apparent. Between 1968 and 1978 new policies were promulgated to restore good fire and shrink the prospects for bad fire. Results have been mixed.

Florida burns 2.5 million acres a year while the entire western United States burns only about 3 million. In the West, it has proved a lot easier to take fire out than to put it back. Still, most of the fire community appreciated that we were facing a fire crisis and that, when the weather veered into less benevolent forms, big fires would return.

By the time the fires of Yellowstone (1988) and Oakland (1991) burned, the contours of the new old normal were apparent. A long drought foreshadowed outright climate change. Fuels stockpiled. Landscapes degraded. Exurbs recolonized formerly rural lands with urbanites. Megafires blasted unchecked.

Fifty years after the federal agencies thought fire a menace of the past, like polio or smallpox, monsters romped over the mountains like a returned plague. A few killed crews. Some burned into and

through towns. Fire suppression consumed over 50 percent of the Forest Service's budget.

A fire crisis was evolving into a fire epoch as the sum of humanity's combustion practices, including fossil fuels, were creating the fire equivalent of an ice age.

What we can say about fire in the West has been said over and over again, notching every contributing cause, every rerun of tragedy, until it seems a white-noise hum like cicadas in the summer.

But COVID-19, now complicating the maturing fire season, suggests an analogy because fire is also a contagion phenomenon. We protect communities by hardening against embers — wearing masks to protect against aerial droplets — and by social distancing — aka defensible space. We rely on herd immunity — the good fires help check the spread of bad ones. We flatten the curve. We prepare to live with coronavirus until a vaccine can be created.

Here, the analogy cracks. There is no vaccine for fire. It's not only omnipresent; it's necessary. We have some say over what kinds of fire happen and what damages they might inflict. But we will have to live with fire and air filled with its smoke. Forever.

Stephen Pyne is a contributor to Writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to lively discussion about the West. His most recent books on fire include "Between Two Fires: A Fire History of Contemporary America" and "To the Last Smoke," a series of nine regional fire surveys. He lives in Queen Creek, Ariz.



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By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

My 2-year-old granddaughter, Hannah, loves animals. When she comes to our house and I take her for a walk, we have to stop and pet every cat or dog that she sees. Hannah especially loves to go out in the backyard and pet our golden retrievers. They stand as high on all fours as Hannah is tall, and she can look them right in the eyes.

One of Hannah's favorite things to do is to feed the dogs treats. I have taught my dogs to sit and not move when I hold out a treat. Then I toss the treats in the air, and the dogs jump for them. Since Hannah can't throw very far, when I let her feed the dogs, I hold her in my arms. I am afraid that she won't throw it far enough away from her, and she might get knocked down.

Besides loving animals, Hannah is very smart. It's hard to hide Easter or Christmas candy and not have her find it. More than once, she has had the telltale sweets

smear all over her face and clothes.

When you put Hannah's love for animals together with her ability to get into things, you have an interesting combination. That's why I wasn't surprised when my daughter-in-law, Janalyn, told me what Hannah had done on a visit to Janalyn's sister.

The sister had a small dog. It was a frisky little thing that jumped and danced around everyone's feet. It was friendly, and everyone loved it. But no one loved it more than Hannah. She would follow it around and play with it.

At one point, Janalyn's sister pulled a large jar out of the cupboard, took an item out of it, and dropped it in the dog's bowl. The dog immediately wolfed it down and begged for more. But the jar was put back into the cupboard, and Janalyn's sister went on to other things.

The family had dinner and then sat around visiting. Now and **■ See Energetic on next page**



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■ **continued from previous page** then, Janalyn would see Hannah drop one of the items into the dog's food dish and watch the dog gobble it down. Janalyn thought it was sweet of her sister to let Hannah feed the dog so many treats. Most people would only give one or two snacks to a pet in a day, but Hannah had been doing it all afternoon.

The dog, for his part, was enjoying the attention. Whenever Hannah would approach its food dish, it would dash over there expectantly. The dog seemed so happy to have Hannah around. In fact, Hannah's attention to it seemed to make the dog more and more excited.

"Your dog really likes Hannah," Janalyn said to her sister.

The sister smiled. "He does, doesn't he? It's probably because Hannah is more his size, and she gives him so much attention."

"He sure gets excited around her," Janalyn said.

"True that," the sister said. "Usually we just ignore him, and he settles down and is quiet. He's old, and his energy subsides quickly. I guess with someone to play with, he has more energy."

Janalyn nodded. "And it's nice of you to let Hannah feed him all of those doggy treats, too."

This time the sister stopped and stared at her. "I don't have any doggy treats."

"But didn't you feed him a treat when we first came?"

The sister laughed. "No, I just fed him a ..."

Suddenly, the sister's face went white. She jumped up and ran for the kitchen with Janalyn close behind. There, sitting on the floor,

was the big jar Janalyn thought was the treats. It was now almost empty.

"You didn't give Hannah those to feed your dog?" Janalyn asked.

The sister shook her head. Look-

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ing around and seeing a chair pulled up next to the counter, it was easy to see Hannah had retrieved them herself.

"If they aren't doggy treats," Janalyn asked, "then what are they?"

"That was a bottle of 150 hemp pills. The vet gave me a prescrip-

tion for them, and I just filled it yesterday."

"Oh, no!" Janalyn said. "Will your dog be OK?"

The sister nodded. "It's a low dose, just enough to give him a little energy. But with all of them, it might be a while before he winds down."

They put the pills away, but for the rest of the day, they had one very energetic, happy, slightly loopy dog.

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AKC GOLDEN RETRIEVERS. 1 male, 2 females left. \$1,000. Call or text (360)926-4382.

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YARD SALES

8:30A.M. SATURDAY. 63 DRIFTWOOD DR. Everything must go.

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.

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FIREWOOD \$50/ CORD. Ponderosa pine, already cut into 16" rounds and de-limbed. Ready for easy pickup and loading. Close to town. (970)264-1442 (719)849-9030.

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2018 COACHMAN PURSUIT 27' Class A motor home. 5,300 miles, 2 slideouts, king bed, Ford V10. \$69,500. (970)903-9629.

2011 KEYSTONE OUTBACK RS230 toy hauler. Set up for outside kitchen and TV mount. Very good condition, \$14,000. (760)331-3338.

2013 26' KEYSTONE COUGAR. Model 244RLS 5th wheel trailer. Excellent condition. 1/2 ton rated. \$16,500. (805)748-6348.

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88+ ACRES WITH 2,000+ feet of Piedra River frontage. Water rights, fenced and X-fenced, 4,000+ SF ranch house, 15 acres irrigated, orchard. \$849,000. Peggy Andrews Independent Broker (970)946-0473 www.peggyandrews.com.

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HOUSE ON THE LAKE. FSBO. Panoramic view, low maintenance. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, mostly furnished. 314 Beaver Circle. \$485K. (623)696-6646.

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PROPERTY

BEAUTIFUL 5 ACRES IN ECHO Lake Estates. Access to utilities, awesome mountain views, \$90,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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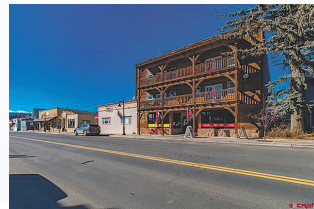
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4/3 home, walking distance to Lake Forest Lake. New flooring and paint.
MLS 766840



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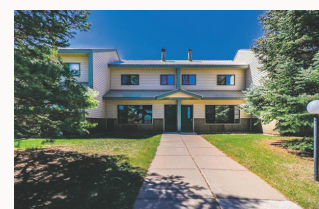
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