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Fire claims life of unidentified man

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

On July 1, a house fire in Aspen Springs claimed the life of an unidentified man.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, according to Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Deputy Chief Karn Macht.

At 6:45 a.m. on July 1, an active structure fire was reported on Ute Drive in Aspen Springs 5, according to a PFPD press release.

When PFPD personnel arrived at the scene, the press release indicates, a residential structure and a detached barn were engulfed in

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Number of new COVID-19 cases causes concern

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

As COVID-19 case counts tick upward, local health officials are again urging people to help flatten the curve and slow the spread of the illness in order to not overwhelm hospital resources.

Local officials are urging the public to be vigilant about wearing a mask, social distancing and handwashing

As of midday Wednesday, Archuleta County was reported to have 13 cumulative cases among Archuleta County residents, with seven of those deemed as being recovered, according to San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC). "We are seeing in other hospitals

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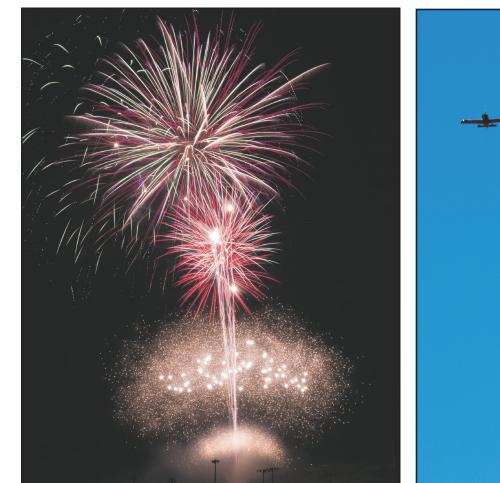
Council approves resolution in support of wearing masks

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

A resolution petitioning residents and visitors to wear face coverings and to engage in other health protection measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 was approved by the Pagosa Springs Town Council at its regular meeting on July 7. The resolution, Resolution 2020-18, outlines that the Centers for See Masks A8

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the wearing of cloth face coverings in public settings when social distancing is hard to maintain to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Following the guidance of San Juan Basin Public Health, the Colorado Department of Public Health and





Fourth of July



SUN photos/Randi Pierce and Chris Mannara



Environment and the CDC, among

Local officials oppose town ballot question

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

County and town officials publicly opposed a town ballot initiative pertaining to the local urban renewal authority (URA) at the county commissioners' work session on Tuesday morning.

Archuleta County commissioners Steve Wadley and Ron Maez, the county assessor and the mayor of Pagosa Springs all came out against the initiative during the discussion.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf explained he opposes the ballot initiative in a follow-up phone call.

Pagosa Springs Mayor DonVolger paraphrased the language of Ballot Question A, set to be voted on by town residents during a special election on July 14, at the work session.

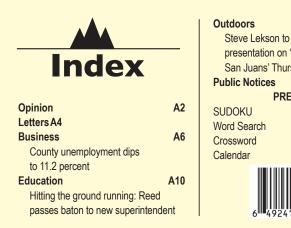
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Folk festival canceled

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Sadly, but not surprisingly, we announce the cancellation of the 25th annual Four Corners Folk Festival over Labor Day weekend. While we initially were hopeful, this decision is clearly unavoidable due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Although we won't be able to gather on Reservoir Hill to wrap up summer as we're accustomed to,



rest assured we've invited the same lineup of artists to join us next year. Until then, stay strong and folk on.

Ticket holders will be receiving an email with information about refund options. We look forward to the day we're back to singing, dancing and pickin' together as a community on Reservoir Hill.

We remain concerned about

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Proposed URA limitation is excessive

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 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."

We believe this limitation is excessive and unnecessary.

For years, community leaders have sought ways to finance the economic development of our community.

In November, the Pagosa Springs Town Council formed an urban renewal authority (URA), which provides additional economic development financing tools for our community. By passing this amendment to the town's charter, the URA would be greatly limited in working with developers of potential projects.

The 11-member URA commission was slated to consist of the seven town council members, an elected member from the school board, one person appointed by the county commissioners, one mayoral appointee and one person collectively appointed by the special districts that levy taxes within the URA boundaries.

Archuleta County Assessor Natalie Woodruff was appointed as the county representative, J.R. Ford was selected to be the special district representative and Greg Schulte was selected as the mayoral appointee. The Archuleta School District Board of Education declined to have representation on the URA commission.

The commission consists of leaders who have been elected by the voters or appointed by elected officials. We believe that these leaders have the knowledge, experience and integrity to perform the duties of the commission. These leaders are tasked with doing the work, studying the issues, reading reports and balancing the interests of those they represent, and they should be trusted with those responsibilities.

TIF financing is a source of funding that takes the new taxes generated by the improvements of a development to pay for the public infrastructure necessary for that development. It does not use any taxes that existed previously. The taxing districts will get what they've always received, plus inflationary increase.

The petition proposing the change to the charter was circulated by local citizens in an effort to stymie the use of TIF financing for public infrastructure such

Eligible voters are being asked if the with the TIF only reimbursing for the structures and we celebrate our history public infrastructure. These days \$1 million doesn't buy you

much when it comes to infrastructure. The current proposal is just too small of a cap to place on the commission.

While it sounds like a good idea to some that the voters should have the right to make the decision, we ponder, if the community doesn't trust the leaders we have, then why do we have them?

More than that, TIF financing is not decided by the URA board. That is done in agreement with each local taxing entity negotiating the amount of revenues it would allow a potential project to receive.

For those concerned, under current law, the school district would be 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 revenues by a school district and there will be no impact to the district's finances.

We've witnessed the time and thoughtfulness our elected officials have put into researching and asking questions about forming a URA. We know that they do not take this responsibility lightly.

On Tuesday night, the URA commission passed a resolution adopting a guiding vision and development principles for the URA. Those items are consistent with the Pagosa Springs Comprehensive Plan.

The commissioners for the URA agreed on a guiding vision: "Pagosa Springs desires to promote and sustain an authentic Colorado mountain experience in a culturally rich, economically diverse town set in a vibrant, healthy environment. The very existence of the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority and its efforts should be in support of this vision."

They also established a mission statement: "The PSURA's mission is to facilitate public and private investment in underutilized areas to address community priorities and create thriving places.

The Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority adopted the development principles to guide its efforts and resources. Some of those principles are:

• "Pagosa Springs endeavors to offer a diversity of business, education and job opportunities, supporting an economically viable community, with primary job creation and economic redevelopment being twin pillars of the intent of the PSURA."

• "We value, protect, and enhance the beauty and health of our natural environment.

• "We utilize, promote, and support geothermal, biomass, solar and other alternative energy as a cornerstone of

and cultural heritage." • "The Town of Pagosa Springs offers

zoning and land use regulations that support: a balanced mix of land uses, densities, neighborhood types and commercial areas; development that adds vibrancy and density while maintaining the community's unique, authentic and small town character; and residential development and infill at an array of price points to attract and retain workers within the community.'

• "We believe it is critical to plan, build, and maintain necessary infrastructure to support the community.'

• "We affirmatively discourage the use of eminent domain for PSURĂ projects and view it as a tool of the very last resort."

As demonstrated by the thoughtfulness of the above principles, we believe the URA members have the best interests of our community in mind. We believe they will diligently work on our behalf to make important decisions.

At the same meeting where this vision and mission were approved, the new owner of the former Adobe Building property on Lewis Street inquired about working with the URA.

No project has currently been submitted to the URA commission for consideration, including the 27-acre multiuse development adjacent to The Springs Resort and Spa or the property on Lewis Street.

If any project comes before the URA commission, it would be the responsibility of the commission to examine the details of the proposal. We believe it would be unwise to put such a low limit on the size of a project that the commission can approve without an election.

There are already multiple layers of checks and balances in the URA and our taxing districts, which include the Upper San Juan Library District, San Juan Water Conservancy District, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Pagosa Fire Protection District, Upper San Juan Health Service District, Southwestern Water Conservation District and Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District.

We don't need to place additional limitations on the process. We need to let them do what they were selected to do. While many of us do not like change, we shouldn't resist new ways of doing things.

We are not big fans of unlimited growth. We do, however, believe in thoughtful and planned growth.

We do not love change, but change is going to continue to happen here in

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago Taken from SUN files of

July 9, 1920

Cars have been going over Wolf Creek pass daily since it was opened for travel last Saturday. It is not yet in the best of shape, but repair work is being continually made.

The Stockmens and Merchants bank was moved last Friday into its new quarters. As now established it is one of the neatest banking institutions in the southwest.

The Pagosa Springs band, which by the way, has no equal in the San Juan basin, delighted the townspeople last evening with a concert on the main stem. The boys will continue practicing regularly, and will not disband, as has usually been the custom following the 4th of July celebration.

R.J. Rose has purchased the former R.N. Snow property on First street and will utilize a portion of it to store coal this summer from the Rose and Nossaman mine for local distribution next winter.

75 years ago Taken from SUN files of

July 13, 1945

Worthe Crouse, recently returned here from Portland, Ore., has purchased the old depot property on Seventh Street from David Hersch. Mr. Crouse started remodeling the building this week which will be used as his residence and shop. Mr. Crouse's purchase included the depot and 2 lots.

The number of farms in Archuleta county, as shown by the preliminary count of returns of the 1945 Census of Agriculture, just completed was 283, as compared with 354 in 1940, and 391 in 1935. Average size of farms in this county was 787 acres, as compared with 804 acres in 1940 and 440 acres in 1935.

A deal was completed Tuesday of this week, whereby J.F. Thiele of Fulton, Mo., purchased the Pagosa Springs Telephone Company from Wilber Neeley. Mr. Thiele is disposing of his business interests in Missouri and he and Mrs. Thiele and their daughter, Judy, and baby son plan to return to Pagosa Springs in two weeks to take possession of their newly acquired property on August 1st.



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July 9, 1970

County commissioners had two items of more than usual interest on their agenda at the regular meeting Monday of this week.

The first such item was the announcement that the access road to Lake Navajo Recreation Area is being surfaced. This road runs from Arboles to the recreation area. Oil is being applied to this road in a cooperative project between Archuleta County and the State Highway Department. The road, too, has had one curve taken out and other improvements were made before the oiling started. This is a county road but runs only from Highway 151 at Arboles to the recreation area. The road has been in need of this improvement to handle the ever-increasing traffic into the recreation area.

In other actions, the commissioners approved and accepted for filing plats for two sub-division developments. This brings the number of active developments within the county to eight. There are several more that are semi-active, and a few that are expected to become active within a short time.

25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

July 13, 1995 A Sixth District Court Judge Timothy Patalan issued a ruling on June 27, denying an attempt by Fitzhugh Havens, of Chromo, to prevent Archuleta County

from collecting, keeping and expending revenues in excess of TABOR (Taxpayers Bill of Rights) limits. On Nov. 8, 1994, Archuleta County voters passed a measure by a count

of 1152-759. The ballot question read: "Provided that no local tax rate or mill levy shall be increased without further voter approval, shall Archuleta County be authorized to collect, retain and expend all excess revenues and other funds collected during 1994 and expiring after 1997 (4 years) without further voter approval ... notwithstanding the limitations of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado constitution?'

Havens filed an action with the district court on Jan. 6, asking the court to order the county to cease carrying out the provisions of the approved measure, and to refund all excess revenues collected by the county.

Letters

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Systemic racism Dear Editor:

A letter to the editor last week claimed that systemic racism "does not exist." Seriously? In reality, the effects of systemic racism begin at birth and continue throughout life in the United States. An African American baby is more than twice as likely to die in the first year of life than a White baby. Current infant mortality rates per thousand live births are 11.4 for African Americans and 9.4 for Native Americans, compared to just 4.9 for whites. If an African American survives that first year of life, their chance of becoming a college graduate by the time they are in their upper twenties is far less than for Whites. In this age group, 45 percent of Whites are college graduates compared to just 29 percent of African Americans and 21 percent of Hispanic Americans. An important reason for this large gap is that Whites are born into families with, on average, massively more wealth than Blacks, a condition that has been the case ever since slavery. The median net worth of a White family is \$171,000, compared to 17,150 for a Black family. This translates into being

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If necessary, only one letter in support of a political candidate able to send your children to college if you are White, but often not if you are Black. And that means massive differences by race in lifelong income, further aggravating the wealth differences across generations. This is what is meant by systemic racism.

But systemic racism does not just show up in statistics about health, education, and income. It is also evident in our society's current problems in policing. It has been shown starkly in the video of the 8 minutes and 46 seconds that a Minneapolis police officer knelt on the neck of George Floyd, choking the life out of him. It can also be seen in the photos of Aurora police officers laughing about the similar death of Elijah McClain. George Floyd's alleged offense was handing a clerk a bill that he may not have even known was counterfeit. He ended up dead. Contrast that with the time that I, a White man, accidentally tried to pay with a bill I did not know was counterfeit. I was told it was counterfeit and was asked to pay with a different bill. The difference between my experience and that of George Floyd is what is meant by White privilege or, conversely, systemic racism.

I could give many more examples. Anyone with an open mind willing to look objectively at the facts can see that systemic racism and White privilege are all too real. The first step toward solving any problem is to admit that there is a problem. If we deny a problem, as our national political leadership and too many people like the one who wrote the letter last week are doing, we cannot solve the problem. That is true whether the problem is systemic racism, CO-VID-19, or anything else. Systemic racism is real. We must admit that to deal with the problem. Black lives matter.

John Farley

Expressing support Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Archuleta County Democratic Party, I would like to express our support for and congratulate those who organized and participated in the Black Lives Matter protests here in Pagosa Springs. It took courage to do so about a topic many in the community would rather ignore. I think this movement has taught the whole country that people of color suffer from the racism by any of us who do not actively oppose unequal treatment of people of color. Congratulations to all who marched and supported the marchers, including the people in cars who shouted their agreement with car horns and waving. That drive-by boost also takes courage in our little community. Every community needs people of all political philosophies. That diversity, not

any party's domination, is what has made our Country strong.

Of course, I also thank and appreciate our law enforcement personnel who professionally kept order and ensured that political differences did not become a source of violence. The First Amendment is of little value if it can not be exercised without threats or violence.

Along with supporting the Black Lives Matter Movement, we also want to say "Science matters." The ACDP encourages following the science on COV-19 issues. We want to emphasize that we view the wearing of masks, the hand washing, and practicing social distancing are our ways of enhancing community unity by showing our respect for others. Remember that wearing a mask doesn't protect you, it protects those around you.

Becky Herman

Pass mandatory mask ordinance Dear Editor:

Listening for a bit to the Town Council's hearing last Tuesday on a proposal to require masks in town, as Durango does, I was pleasantly surprised to hear how balanced and reasonable both sides were in presenting their arguments. Good for the Council and good for us. Regardless, I come down firmly on the side of requiring masks. There are numerous laws in place to protect public health and hygiene for the greater good. You cannot spit, urinate or defecate in public. No one says it's their constitutional or God-given right to do so. These laws were largely passed to prevent tuberculosis, cholera or other diseases and they are not contested. Why is a sensible precaution of requiring masks any different? Rights used to come with duties and obligations to the common good. That seems no longer to be the case, and personal gratification masquerades as moral and legal certitude.

The fact is that right now, the states surrounding SW Colorado are all experiencing a severe spike in Covid cases and hospitalizations because they opened too early and did not take adequate measures to prevent a resurgence. Now they are

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curtailing some of that enthusiasm for unguarded re-opening. On June 19th, San Juan Basin Public Health reported 6 non-resident cases in Archuleta County who tested positive for Covid. As of 7/3 that number has gone up to 7. Yet in La Plata, where resident cases are 10 times higher, non-resident cases are at 4. Surely the lower number is at least partially attributable to Durango's mask ordinance.

The Pagosa Town Council should level the playing field among all businesses by requiring masks so that business owners do not have to risk turning tourists away if they choose to require masks at their establishment. Otherwise, the Town Council is jeopardizing locals' health by creating a magnet for those who put their personal "rights" and convenience above the greater good and the public health. David Laufer

Your health, my mask

Dear Editor:

I respect you. I care about our community. I welcome you if you are a visitor, because who would not want to be here in the most beautiful area of Colorado. I wear a mask in public to protect your health, your family, and to protect our community from any further CoVid -19 outbreak. Will you please wear one to protect me?

Do you need to be mandated to wear a mask or threaten with a fine? Don't you have respect towards humanity? Can't we work together as a team to get this pandemic under control? Must we wait until we have a severe outbreak here like Houston, Phoenix, or Miami? Can we proactively agree that we will follow the Center for Disease Control guidelines, even as they are updated? You can not tell if your neighbor has low immunity and is at higher risk. Are they diabetic? A heart condition? Pregnant? A cancer survivor? Why are you willing to risk their health because you do not wear a mask in public, or maintain social distance?

Thank you to each of you who have kept our community operating. I am so appreciative of our essential workers. Thank you to each business requiring masks for all, so I can feel comfortable shopping locally. Thank you to Pagosa Stitchers for sewing so many thousands of cloth masks to keep our community safe. This is a wonderful small town: I wear a mask for you.

There are new cases for the first time in over 2 months — new cases

dered Jews in occupied Denmark to identify themselves by wearing armbands with yellow stars, King Christian X and non-Jewish Danes thwarted the order by promising to wear the armbands themselves. When people are being violently

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bullied, shouldn't we, like the Danes, be prepared to stand up for the weak, the powerless, the oppressed? The Black Lives Matter marches are happening because calls for justice have been repeatedly ignored.

Most people agree that looting and vandalism are wrong. Can't we also agree that killing unarmed black men is wrong? If it's wrongheaded to condemn all policemen because a few abuse their power, isn't it equally wrong-headed to condemn all protestors because a few loot or vandalize?

In April, when people with assault weapons marched on a state capitol, the president didn't call them terrorists or radicals.

The Constitution, mindful of the potential of armed and established authority to become abusive or tyrannical, saw fit to grant all citizens the right to peacefully protest.

As Americans, we should draw the line when protests become violent - but let's be fair minded. Let's condemn all violence. Let's call out the bullies who sponsor or enable violence, so we can thwart their oppression. Call it the Danish Solution.

K. Muth

Racism is alive and well Dear Editor:

It must be comforting to live in an ivory tower of white privilege like Richard Bolland, who recently submitted a letter condemning Black Lives Matter. They can sit on their pedestals and look down their noses at American citizens for whom the true promises of American liberty and the U.S. Constitution have yet to be fully achieved after 250 years.

Mr. Bolland goes so far as to claim that systemic racism does not exist in our Nation. How in the world would he know, since I am sure he only watches Fox News and would never have experienced racism himself? He claims that colleges and universities are "overwhelmingly" Socialist or Communist. He rails against mayors and Governors who are "feckless liberal/Socialist." Of course, it is standard procedure for right-wing zealots like Mr. Bolland to call anything and anyone they disagree with by tionally charged labels. Mr. Bolland calls BLM a Marxist organization. He asserts that BLM and its supporters want to start a second civil war and condone "arson, theft, vandalism, violence, and murder." The goal of BLM is not equality, but revolution. As proof of his claims, he encourages people to visit the BLM website, which he insists demands the destruction of capitalism, open borders, and

the destruction of the family. I did and under "What We Believe," found the following goals, edited for space:

- We recommit to healing ourselves and each other, and to co-creating ... a culture where each person feels seen, heard, and supported.

- We acknowledge, respect, and celebrate differences and commonalities.

- We work vigorously for freedom and justice for Black people and, by extension, all people.

- We intentionally build and nurture a beloved community that is bonded together through a beautiful struggle that is restorative, not depleting.

We are unapologetically Black in our positioning. To love and desire freedom and justice for ourselves is a prerequisite for wanting the same for others.

- We are guided by the fact that all Black lives matter, regardless of actual or perceived sexual identity, gender identity, gender expression, economic status, ability, disability, religious beliefs or disbeliefs, immigration status, or location.

- We build a space that affirms Black women and is free from sexism, misogyny, and environments in which men are centered.

- We practice empathy.

- We make our spaces familyfriendly and enable parents to fully participate with their children.

- We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and "villages" that collectively care for one another ...

- We cultivate an intergenerational and communal network free from ageism.

- We embody and practice justice, liberation, and peace in our engagements with one another.

No mention of capitalism and open borders. Mr. Bolland concludes his letter with, "The slandering of Americans as fundamentally racist must stop." Well, Mr. Bolland, your letter affirms that racism is alive and well. You are on the wrong side of history.

John Porco

Perspective Dear Editor:

We are now about five months into the COVID-19 virus in this Country. We have found out a lot about it. First that it is not a massive killer, similar to the Spanish flu or the Black Death, as we had feared. Only about 5% of the people that get it succumb, and most are old and/or otherwise health impaired. According to the CDC, about one third of COVID deaths are 85 or older, and some 80% are 65 or older, even though the over 65 group only accounts for 17% of our population. In other words, less than 1% of working age people that are infected, die. In all age groups, Pneumonia is a bigger killer than COVID. Worse, pneumonia kills more younger people. Since February. COVID has killed an average of 220 per day nationwide. This, compared to 7400 that die in the United States every, day from all causes. Since February, we have found that it is highly contagious, but also highly survivable. We have also found, that in difference to annual influenza, it is not fading in the warmer months, So I think its time to get our heads out of the sand and get on with life, especially for those under 65. Of course we should be careful, but not panicky. The cliché, "Better that we go to lockdown than one life be lost" is mainstream nonsense. Dick Riethmiller

No room for racism

Dear Editor: Independence Day: I was going

to put my Dad's Veteran Funeral Flag out for the 4th, as I generally do on holidays like Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, etc. (with a peace sign in white tape where the stars are). Because of the injustices toward Minorities and Indigenous peoples, I felt ashamed to put it out this year. It wasn't their Independence Day. We honkies have been so oppressive and disrespectful toward People of Color & Native Americans. I'm not very proud of us right now. We owe them a great deal of gratitude, corrections, and many apologies for what our Country has done to them. Trump is a destructive, divisive, racist fool but, he may have inadvertently unleashed positive attention to racial and minority biases of all kinds that have been simmering under the rug for a very long time. I hope the Black Lives Matter movement produces and ensures a much more just & equality-minded Nation that includes all of us. I hope the confederate-minded racist fools, who support Trump, crawl back into their backward, ignorant, racist sewer holes, where they belong. Please, promote inclusive, diverse, and healthy multi-racial communities that work for and support all of us. We are all human beings of value & worthy of consideration. There is no room in this Country for Racism. Respect & welcome Diversity. Embrace Nature. Understand Science, or at least, defer to factual Biological information and wisdom for guidance. Genetic Diversity is the reason the human species thrives. Leslie Sargeant

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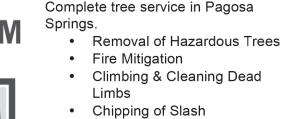
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Pam McGivern

Stopping all the violence

Dear Editor:

In 1940 when the Germans or-

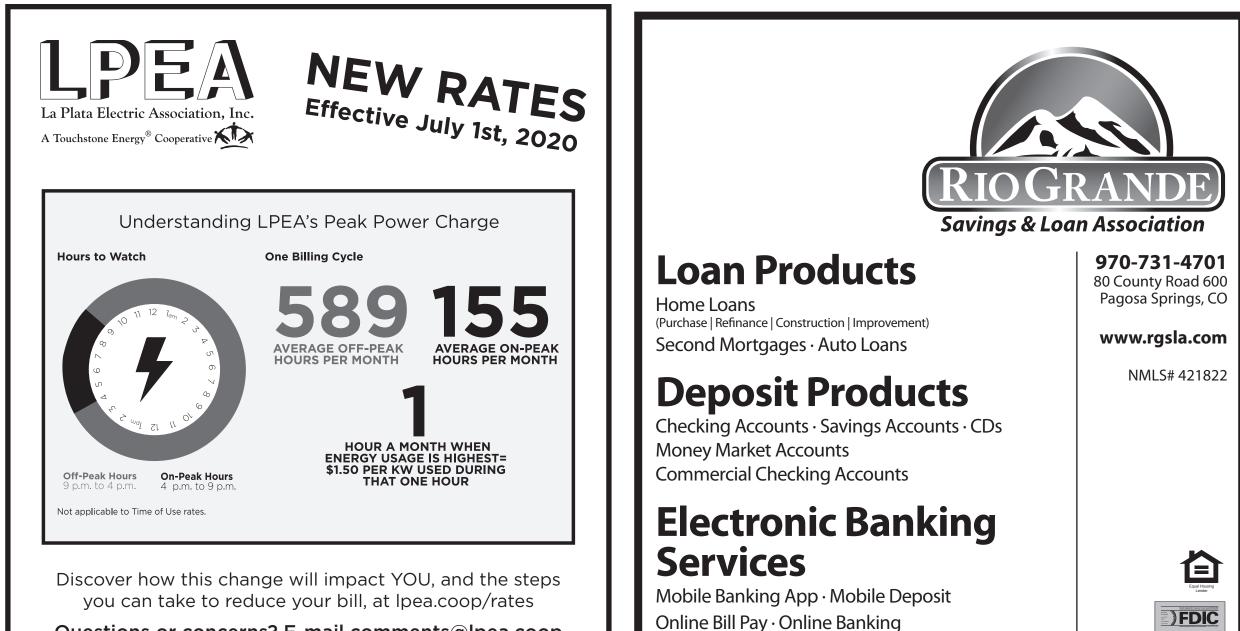
connection Dear Editor:

Human

Yesterday's "non-parade" parade was the best one I've seen in years. Thank you to whoever thought of this "Cruise Through" ... How wonderful to see so many dedicated people driving by, celebrating this wonderful country, America, and celebrating our freedom.

Having the fly over was icing on ■ See Letters A5

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the cake. Wonderful dedicated pilots who love America. Thank you to all of them.

It was a huge blessing to see people's faces while talking with one another. We have all missed the human connection — what better way, or time to experience it, on the 4th of July.

Mary Lou Sprowle

Face mask tests Dear Editor:

Brava and bravo to Bonnie Runyan and Dr. Richard Shildt for their letters talking sense about wearing masks. It is showing respect for others to not breathe one's germs on them. This virus is very contagious. If you are carrying the virus, you can make other people sick. It's that simple.

There is a recent study showing how far droplets from a cough can travel — up to 8 feet or more. With a bandana, which is thin and not close fitted, it's 3 feet. With a wellfitting mask of double-layered, quilted fabric, it's 3.5 inches. You can see the video showing the tests at https://weather.com/health/ coronavirus/video/how-effectiveis-your-face-mask . The scientific report is at https://aip.scitation. org/doi/10.1063/5.0016018.

I wish still pictures of these tests could be published in the paper and printed on posters to be posted around town. I wish we could put up banners uptown and downtown showing them.

Joan Y. Ward

Sleight of hand Dear Editor:

The racist notion that all white Americans are privileged to the detriment of African Americans, is a deceitful narrative hiding the sins of the Democrat Party.

A statue of George Washington is spray painted by a mob with "Slave Owner." And the name of the first Progressive, and dramatically racist President, Democrat Woodward Wilson, has been legally removed from Princeton University.

In contrast with our Constitution's principle of equal application of the law, the Left's zero-tolerance dismissal of others based on a perceived wrong, is only selectively applied. If consistently applied, the Democrat Party itself — the incubator of their "Death to Amerikkka" movement — would have to be disavowed and trashed.

Letters

The history of our Civil War is often called 'The North vs The South:' as if two land masses had collided. But the conflict was between the newly formed abolitionist Republican Party and the entrenched Democrat Party of slavery. The Democrat Party embodied the political spirit that had refused to ratify the Constitution if it banned slavery. Though the vast majorities of both parties were 'white,' white Republicans sought to undo systemic inequalities in the application of our laws, while white Democrats opposed any reform.

So, when America elected Republican Abraham Lincoln, not the Republicans, but the all-Democrat Confederate states, seceded. Or as current Democrat Senator, Chuck Schumer redefines it, "committed treason." By the extension of their own rules, whereby all 'whites' — both then and now — are inherently racist, that makes white Democrats treasonous racist. (Similar to Lincoln's election, Democrat 'Resistance' of Trump's presidency is the spirit of "treason lite.")

From Emancipation to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, elected white Republicans voted for the full civil rights of Blacks [13_14_15th Amendments]. While elected white Democrats voted for Jim Crow laws, protections of the KKK, and lynchings.

In the '60s, racist Democrat LBJ was President when, thanks to Republican Martin Luther King and TV, the political winds changed. The Democrat Party received full credit for the Civil Rights Act, even though for 100-years it had thwarted the Republican Party from passing such laws.

Now this same Democrat Party directs its continued racism towards white Republicans and Conservatives; dismissing both as 'white supremacists.' When the correct, historical name for what they now oppose is 'white Democrats.'

You see how their perfect crime works? Suppress, change, cover or tear down history, and re-write it with Democrats as 'good,' and Republicans as 'bad.' Yet, by consistently applying their own standards, the Democrat Party should be toppled and removed; guilty of having been "Slave Owners" and "white supremacist."

And those cities in which the Black Lives Matter movement is in open rebellion due to 'systemic racism,' have been exclusively controlled by the Democrat Party . for decades.

No need to destroy American history, it's long been forgotten.

P.S. Absurd? Yes. Just as not all Democrats are racist, neither are all whites. Let's stop being crazy, or supporting and condoning such tearing-ourselves-apart craziness. Charles Wenzel

Medical blessing Dear Editor:

I felt compelled to recognize and salute the Pagosa Springs Medical Center. I've been a resident going on 21 years now and I have seen the medical services in our community grow to what it is today. Dr James Pruitt was our family doctor and one we had the highest confidence in Besides being and accomplished physician, he really cared about is patients. I have watched the Pagosa Medical Center evolve into a first class medical facility and I so appreciate their services to the community. We've had occasion to be treated in the ER and in the hospital. It has always been a comforting and effective experience. The clinic is well staffed with professional physicians and caregivers. We enjoy the friendly atmosphere and the wonderful folks who work there. Yes, we are truly blessed for their service to our community. Too often we take the access to medical treatment for granted. I salute the folks at Pagosa Springs Medical Center and say "Thanks for being here."

Frank Zellner



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Sand Creek Fire remains at 103 acres as of Wednesday

By Esther Godson San Juan National Forest

The Sand Creek Fire remains at 103 acres, smoldering approxridgetop.

rated as extreme. Fire restrictions are in place on the San Juan National Forest and within Archuleta County and Hinsdale County.

A forest closure is in effect imately half a mile below the around the fire area. The full text and a map of the closure can be found at: https://inciweb.nwcg. gov/incident/closures/6790/. A temporary flight restriction is Tuesday proved too windy for in place over the Sand Creek Fire. 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. Additional information about the Sand Creek Fire can be found on InciWeb: https://inciweb.nwcg. gov/incident/6790. All offices on the San Juan National Forest are currently conducting business and providing services virtually. For information on the San Juan National Forest, call 247-4874.

On Monday, a Chinook helicopter delivered 11 drops of water to the hottest part of the fire.

another mission, but conditions yesterday allowed for aerial water delivery to the southwest edge of the fire, where most heat resides.

The two crews monitoring the fire will continue to collect information about weather, the fire's movement and smoke conditions to estimate the fire's potential and strategize for the future.

A Red Flag Warning was in effect Wednesday, with temperatures expected to be near 88 degrees with relative humidity dropping to the low teens. Winds gusts were expected around 25 mph in the afternoon.

Fire danger across the region is







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Business

County unemployment dips to 11.2 percent

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

The unemployment rate in Archuleta County fell to 11.2 percent in May, compared to 16.4 percent in April, according to data provided to The SUN by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE).

In May, Archuleta County had 6,659 people in the labor force and 747, or 11.2 percent claiming unemployment.

Colorado's unemployment rate in May was 10 percent, dropping from 12.2 percent in April.

Archuleta County's initial unemployment claims had been on the rise since mid-March, when state health orders temporarily closed some local businesses amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the week ending March 7, Archuleta County had 7 initial unemployment claims.

Since then, the highest number of initial unemployment claims was for the week ending on March 21, when there were 268 new claims in the county.

The following week, ending on April 4, had 224 initial unemployment claims in Archuleta County.

The weeks after demonstrated a downward trend, with 195 for the week ending April 11, then dipped into the 70s, 40s and 20s during late April and May.

Archuleta County had 13 initial unemployment claims for the week ending on June 13.

Continued unemployment claims in Archuleta County, not initial ones filed for the first time, totaled 504 for the week ending June 13 and 491 for the week ending June 20.

A June 25 press release from the CDLE outlines the unemployment situation for the state of Colorado.

The press release states that initial unemployment claims fell below 10,000 in the state for the first time in three months for the week ending June 20.

"Over the past 14 weeks, a total of 466,645 regular unemployment initial claims have been filed and a grand total of 588,988 claims, including federal PUA [Pandemic Unemployment Assistant] ben-

efits," the press release reads.

"The PUA program helps individuals who are not eligible for regular state UI [unemployment insurance] benefits and who are unemployed, partially unemployed, unable to work, or unavailable to work as a direct result of a COVID-19 related reason," states edd.ca.gov.

A chart that details "Regular **Unemployment Insurance Initial** Claims" on the CDLE's website shows that initial unemployment claims peaked statewide in the week ending on April 11 with over 100,000 new claims.

According to the chart, that was the only week during the COV-ID-19 pandemic that regular initial claims totaled above 100,000 new claims in a week.

The CDLE also announced that it has paid out approximately \$2.7 billion in unemployment benefits since March 29.

The press release also notes the "Top 10 industries with highest initial claims" for the week ending June 20, which include:

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1. Accommodation and Food Services, 1,172 claims, or 11.6 percent of claims for the week.

2. Education Services, 1,138 claims, or 11.3 percent of claims for the week.

3. Healthcare and Social Service, 1,058 claims, or 10.5 percent of claims for the week.

4. Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services, 909 claims, or 9 percent of claims for the week.

5. Retail Trade, 864 claims, 8.5 percent of claims for the week. 6. Manufacturing, 845 claims, or

8.4 percent of claims for the week. 7. Transportation and Warehousing, 670 claims, or 6.6 percent of claims for the week.

8. Construction, 510 claims, or 5 percent of claims for the week. 9. Professional and Technical

Services, 504 claims, or 5 percent of all claims for the week. 10. Arts, Entertainment and

Recreation, 454 claims, or 4.5 percent of claims for the week.

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However if men and women are

Proverbs 14:34 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?

Community Development Corporation discusses economic recovery coordinator position

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

At a work session on June 30, the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) discussed an economic recovery coordinator position.

The draft job description for the position outlines that the economic recovery coordinator would be responsible for "planning and organizing the activities of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation.'

Those duties include carrying out the CDC's mission and strategic objectives, managing economic development programs and trainings, creating positive community relations and increasing membership in the organization.

The job description also outlines "major accountabilities," which are to establish an economic development program for the area, support the creation of additional jobs and tax base, and to promote the area as a business location. "Is there some reason why we call this person an economic recovery coordinator? I'm hoping that we're intending for this to be a long-term position," CDC board member Jim Garrett said, adding that he hoped the position was not just focused on recovery. According to CDC Board President Sherry Waner, it is the intention that this position become a permanent one.

"Initially, this position is going to be for a recovery coordinator," Waner said, adding that the position will be called that from the start because of grant funds tied to the position.

Language should be added to the job description about the position eventually becoming a longterm one, Garrett suggested.

According to Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado Executive Director Laura Lewis Marchino, once the grant funding for the position is used, the CDC will have to find another funding source.

If the CDC did an hourly rate of \$30-\$40 an hour it "would be fine," Lewis Marchino explained, adding that this is a contract position, so no benefits are included.

Currently, a grant request in the amount of \$81,000 has been made for the position, Lewis Marchino noted.



According to CDC Administrator Mary Jo Coulehan, Region 9 has applied for grant funding on the CDC's behalf for the position.

"Once we have someone in position that we want to transition into permanent employment, I think it will be easier for us to seek other sources of funding to help cover the salary down the road," Waner added.

The CDC board discussed the job description and a memorandum of understanding with Region 9 at its meeting on July 8. chris@pagosasun.com

Bryan Looper was raised in Pagosa Springs graduating from Pagosa Springs High School in 1999. He graduated from Mesa State University in 2003. He is a Pagosa Pirate football coach going on 10 seasons. He has been a volunteer with Special Olympics Colorado for 20 years and is currently the local coordinator for Pagosa Springs. Bryan and his family love Pagosa and are invested in this community.

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Smith appointed to Pagosa Area Tourism Board

Bv Chris Mannara Staff Writer

Kristi Smith is the newest member of the Pagosa Area Tourism Board (PATB), after earning the board's support on June 9 to fill the open at-large seat.

Interviews were conducted by the board with Smith, Anne-Marie Sukcik and Kari Preuit to determine the best candidate for the vacant seat

Following the interviews, PATB member Madeline Bergon made a formal motion that Smith be recommended to the Pagosa Springs Town Council and Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners for appointment to the vacant atlarge seat on the PATB.

That motion passed unanimously by the PATB board.

In an email to The SUN, Smith explained that she is pleased to serve on the PATB, adding that this has been an opportunity she



Kristi Smith

had been keeping an eye on for several years.

Smith described the tourism industry in Pagosa Springs as being "vital" to her businesses.

"I have so much pride for this sweet mountain community and

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I feel the position aligns with the passion I have in getting the word out about Pagosa and telling others why it is the best little town in Colorado," Smith wrote.

Smith added that she is eager to learn from the PATB and gain new insight on what it has accomplished, as well as what it hopes to.

"I'd love to be able to use my background in Event Planning and Vacation Rental Ownership to provide input to perhaps help generate new ideas or contribute a fresh perspective to enhance the groundwork that has been laid out so far," Smith wrote.

Topics that are of interest to Smith are following travel trends, ecotourism, millennial travel preferences and food tourism. Smith added that she would like to see

Other ideas of interest to Smith are creating unique destination experiences and researching solutions for future year-round space

for retreats, events and conferences.

"Ultimately, I take the Board's Mission Statement as my main goal - which would be to raise awareness of Pagosa Springs as a vacation destination and improve visitor experience so that the result is a solid, growing tourism industry that generates economic prosperity for the residents of Pagosa," she wrote.

The PATB's recommendation to appoint Smith to the board was later approved by the Pagosa Springs Town Council on June 18 and the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on July 7.

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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

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how these ideas apply locally.



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ing businesses that helped make

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Market a success. The significant

changes that were made taught us

some positive lessons which we will

take with us in the years to come.

Without the use of the town athletic

field, this "spacing" would not have

been possible. We welcomed many

new vendors this year with stun-

Vets 4 Vets who helped out with

park maintenance. It was great

A particular thank you to the

ning products.

Returning this year with a new twist, the Park 2 Park Artisan and Food Market made its return for the 40th time to Pagosa Springs July 3-5. Vendors used vacant space at the athletic field across the street from Town Park, as well as Town Park and Mary Fisher Park to help spread the event out and promote distancing.

Chamber has face coverings available

By Mary Jo Coulehan Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

To mask or not to mask. As indicated by last week's town council meeting, mask requirement is a very polarized issue. Face coverings alone aren't going to protect you, so other safety protocols such as frequent handwashing, not touching your face and distancing is encouraged.

Although not required, face covering in Pagosa is encouraged. If your business requires face covering, are your employees trained on what they might say to encourage people to wear a mask in your establishment? San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) has put out some guidelines to assist businesses with this potentially "touchy" subject.

If someone enters your business, greeters or staff could ask if they have a face covering to put on? If they do, great. If not, does your business have one they could offer? The Chamber still has a variety of masks that are available for free to businesses to keep for their staff or to hand out to patrons. If the person doesn't have a mask and does not want to wear

one, does your business have options to service your client: seating outdoors, curbside service, takeout service? Many people cannot wear a mask due to a disability. Businesses should honor that disability and make every effort to accommodate the client.

As mentioned, in addition to face coverings, does your business have sanitation protocols in place? How often are you wiping down or sanitizing door handles, light switches, merchandise? Do you have your area marked out for social distancing: people waiting in line, table arrangement, merchandise displays?

There is not one silver bullet to tackling this pandemic. In general, we should always be following sanitation protocols - before CO-VID-19 and since. Ensure that your business is the healthiest it can be for your employees and those who patronize your establishment.

Positive case numbers are increasing in Archuleta County after a very long period of no recorded cases. These records include both residents and nonresidents. SJBPH has these statistics on its dashboard: https://sjbpublichealth. org/sjbph-data-dashboard/.

Everyone wants to keep our community safe and we must all participate in this effort. If your business would like some masks, contact the Chamber at 264-2360 and we will have some delivered to you. In addition, the Visitor Center has Pagosa Springs bandannas that are also available for distribution. Contact them at 585-1200 to request some.

Park 2 Park Artisan and Food Market

We would like to thank all the vendors, shoppers and contribut-

having them there promoting their Rise and Recover Together Pagosa shirts, caps and other vet merchandise. We appreciate some of our local businesses branching out to try this market venue. We also appreciate all the work of the Town Parks and Recreation Department and all its support helping us to prepare for this Fourth of July

tradition. We'll see what next year brings us, especially with the actual Fourth of July day falling on Sunday.



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\$90,000 for Food Security Purchased food to be distributed via food pantries in SW Colorado

\$10,000 for Save the Food, Feed the People Paid out-of-work chefs to prepare 600 meals per week for our food insecure neighbors

\$10,000 for No-Touch Thermometers Partnered with the Bank of Colorado to distribute 200 digital thermometers to businesses and nonprofits

\$10,000 for SWCODA.org Launched a resource website for businesses, nonprofits and individuals as well as a locally-designed Rise & Recover Together logo.

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Masks

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others, the town desires to "facilitate safe re-opening of businesses in the community in a manner that reduces the risk of increasing the local infection rate," according to the resolution.

The resolution states that town council finds that wearing face coverings within the town limits will help protect the community from the spread of COVID-19.

Additionally, by adopting the resolution, town council believes it is necessary for the promotion of health and "suppression of disease."

The resolution also states that town council "desires to promote a culture of respect and empathy for

that they are starting to have fewer

ICU beds available," PSMC CEO Dr.

area will surge beyond the capacity

of PSMC and hospitals such as Mercy

PSMC transfers patients needing a

other area hospitals do. I have con-

cerns with the number of cases that

are increasing so quickly in our area

over the last few weeks," Webb said.

positive results in 13 cases, with 10 of

those patients not being residents of

(SJBPH) count of nonresident cases

in Archuleta County sat at seven at

the end of the day Tuesday, though

PSMC reported another nonresident

positive after SJBPH reported its

SJBPH's notes that its nonresident

case count, which includes cases

from June 1 and after, does not in-

clude all of the nonresident cases in

the county, stating, "This will include

any cases that are reported to SJBPH

and were tracked or investigated

by the team. This will not include

cases who live in La Plata county but

sought medical care in Archuleta.

This data should be interpreted

By the end of Tuesday, PSMC had

San Juan Basin Public Health's

Webb noted she is concerned the

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higher level of care.

Archuleta County.

daily data.

Rhonda Webb said Tuesday.

individuals holding opposing opinions about the issue.

The request itself outlines, "All persons visiting or residing within the Town limits of Pagosa Springs are urged to actively participate in actions proven to decrease the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a face covering in public, practicing social distancing, frequent hand washing, sanitizing surfaces, and to respect each other's individual space."

Additionally, town council will provide notices of support to businesses requiring masks and supports the businesses' right to refuse service to patrons, according to the resolution.

Town council will also post signs

for travelers at gateways to town limits on U.S. 160 and U.S. 84 notifying visitors and locals of the resolution.

"The Town Council urges individuals to refrain from personal criticism or ridicule of others who wear or do not wear masks or face coverings," the resolution notes.

Council thoughts

Before the formal approval of the resolution, council member Shari Pierce suggested that town council require face coverings.

"The reason is, a lot has happened in the last week in our community," Pierce said, citing the increase of cases locally.

Additionally, a number of busi-

a test for a specific reason, such as

PSMC is now able to provide lim-

Testing also continues to be avail-

each agency having different testing

protocol and requirements, such as

appointments or walk-in availability.

Regional cumulative case

As of 4 p.m. on Tuesday, La Plata

County was reported as having 138

cases (with 62 recovered and one

death among cases), Conejos County

having 15, Rio Grande County log-

ging 80 (with two deaths), Min-

County tallying three.

returning to school or work.

nesses have asked town council to support them with a face mask order, Pierce added.

Gov. Jared Polis noted that face masks are required for people in public places in his most recent roadmap for the next phase of reopening entitled Protect Our Neighbors, Pierce noted.

Council member Rory Burnett noted he did not believe it was council's role to "dictate something like this for businesses."

Burnett noted he is in favor of supporting businesses in educational methods.

One question raised by Town Manager Andrea Phillips regarding a mandate on wearing masks was about enforcement.

Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) ChiefWilliam Rockensock explained that his department has been trying to educate people who are violating the governor's orders.

"After that, if we get any more complaints about it, we take those reports and they get forwarded to the health department and to the county," Rockensock said. "We believe that those are how those need to be handled. A criminal filing, it would come from a violation of those. It would have to be done by the district attorney through San Juan Basin Health or through the county through their attorney."

Most people are complying with the governor's orders, Rockensock noted, adding that it has not been overwhelming, but there are concerns

"Unfortunately, one of the things

URAs and urban renewal laws

that we're finding is that we're seeing an increased dissension between the police and public when we're trying to educate or enforce some of the orders that are currently in place," Rockensock said. "If we go ahead and decide to require masks, we're going to have that challenge enforcing it."

The PSPD has a lack of resources to enforce a possible mandate, and Rockensock added that there might be a "constitutional challenge somewhere down the line."

Additionally, another struggle is medical exceptions, Rockensock added.

"All somebody has to do is claim that they have a medical condition, that they don't have to wear one and there's really no way for us to make that determination as to whether they're telling us the truth or not," he said.

Town Attorney Clayton Buchner added that one major concern is that the state has been already been challenged through lawsuits for constitutional violations through enforcing public health orders.

Laws already in place give authority to the governor and the state to issue enforcement orders and to enforce those orders however they see fit, Buchner noted.

As a home rule municipality, the town also has the authority, if it chooses, to create an ordinance that requires enforcement, he added.

"The legality of it is there," he said, adding that there would still be some constitutional issues. "Obviously there's no case law on this and that's where our liability and where our risk would be."

However, Buchner added that it would be a "low risk" because the law would support the town's decision.

"It's part of our jobs to look out for the health and safety of our constituents and our town, our visitors to our town," Pierce said.

If the town were to make a mandate without enforcement, the town is really just making a request, council member Matt DeGuise noted.

'I think a mandate would bring out more vocal dissension as opposed to passive dissension if we were just to make a request," De-Guise said.

Following more discussion, De-Guise made a formal motion to approve Resolution 2020-18.

That motion passed via a 5-1 vote with Pierce voting against.

Other business

Later in the meeting, council approved a purchase of two variable message boards in the amount of \$28,386 to disseminate COVID-19 information.

That purchase may be reimbursable through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, according to agenda documentation.

Additionally, council approved an agreement for the use of Reservoir Hill with KUTE Inc., DBA KSUT for folk festivals and changed the impact fee to 3 percent for ticket charges.

Council also approved Ordinance 933 on second reading, assigning temporary historic preservation development review to the town planning commission. chris@pagosasun.com

cases that SJBPH was notified of and ited on-site test processing, though performed a case investigation in orthe document explains, "Priority of der to prevent spread of COVID-19. testing will be hospitalized patients, vented ED patients, employees." These cases will be included in the Regional Medical Center, where case counts for the location of their permanent residence.' able elsewhere in the community Webb noted that the increase in at Archuleta Integrated Healthcare, "I have concerns, and I know that confirmed cases is due to the ill-Pagosa Medical Group and through other programs with SJBPH, with

carefully because it does not in-

clude ALL cases who are visiting the

jurisdiction, this only includes the

ness being more widespread, not increased testing. "We are all concerned about the

quick increase in numbers," she said. Right now, Webb reported, PSMC

has adequate testing supplies (and is working with SJBPH to obtain more testing supplies) and levels of personal protective equipment (PPE).

She noted that if PSMC continues to use up its PPE at the rate it currently is due to the increased spread of the virus, PSMC could face needing to again close down its surgery services.

"That is a fact," Webb said.

As of Tuesday afternoon, PSMC had conducted 387 COVID-19 tests, according to a document provided by Webb. Of those, 13 had come back positive and results were pending for 35.

Webb said the majority of the tests have been for symptomatic patients, though some have been for asymptomatic people needing

40 recovered and one death), and San Juan County, N.M., listed 2,594 cases (with 1,438 recovered and 165 deaths) as of Tuesday afternoon. The Jicarilla Apache Nation,

counts

which largely falls within Rio Arriba County, had announced 59 cases as of July 8, with 35 recovered.

How does contact tracing work?

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

In recent weeks, Gov. Jared Polis has discussed the importance of public health agencies' abilities to test, track and trace cases of COVID-19 to help contain and prevent outbreaks and surges, and those tenets are part of how counties and regions will qualify to move forward in reopening under Colorado's Protect Our Neighbors plan over time.

high risk contacts, either at home or in hospital."

The website further states, "Contact tracing by this method protects the privacy rights of patients in accordance with federal law, and details of the individuals' whereabouts or contacts during the presumed infectious period will not be publicly shared by SJBPH. Individuals who are believed to have had contact with an infected person will be directly contacted by SJBPH staff."

antine or isolation is required for mild ones. If any attendees become symptomatic they are encouraged to seek testing and contact tracing is conducted.

She added, "Outbreaks associated with specific locations where exposure may have occurred over a specific period of time, are evaluat-

Ballot

for a petition that says that if the development is a million dollars or more than it has to go to a vote of the people," Volger said. "If it goes through a vote of the people, that's gonna be additional time, additional cost, additional effort and it's gonna be very, very cumbersome. Personally, I don't know how the URA can function at all if the ballot language is passed. So, if you support reasonable development, vote against this

county representative on the URA commission, suggested if the measure is passed it could hamper the board's ability to do its job.

"The urban renewal authority is already formed, that's already in place. What's happening with the ballot is something that's going to restrict the ability of the URA to do its job, and not only could it restrict the URA from doing its job, but it could result in lawsuits that the town then would have to foot the bill for," Woodruffsaid, adding, "I understand where the people are coming from because basically what you're saying then is you don't trust the people you've elected to do the job you've elected them to do."

"The bottom line is that if we want reasonable development in town, this is a great tool to use to encourage and support developers," Volger said, adding, "If people would like to see reasonable development that is a cooperative effort between public and private, between taxing entities and developers — we have a vehicle through the URA that will bring all those people together to put together a project that meets some of the plans that we've had forever.'

it is not true. These business people are putting their money where their mouth is and hoping to get paid back through the increase of the property tax and it's their money. We're not putting up the money. So quit just saying 'no' to everything and look at a great opportunity and embrace it. If you don't understand it, spend some time until you do, but you just don't have to be against anything that somebody else is doin'. This is a great idea for this community."

Maez encouraged locals to do their own research about the ballot initiative instead of going by, "Oh, so and so said this.'

"It's gonna take outside money to make this community great, it really will," Wadley said, adding, "Government doesn't have the money to do this. We're never gonna have it. We have an opportunity here and I hate to see it go by the wayside 'cause there's not many more of them com-

eral County having 13 and Hinsdale Continued from front "What it reads is that you're voting Neighboring and near Archuleta County to the south, Rio Arriba County, N.M., listed 119 cases (with

ballot language."

URAs, according to a Colorado Municipal League publication on the topic, are "independent singlepurpose statutory bodies 'corporate and politic' authorized to carry out urban renewal projects and regional tourism projects under the Colorado

Urban Renewal Law" "allow municipal governments to

But what is contact tracing and how does it work?

Contact tracing, according to San Juan Basin Public Health's (SJBPH) website, includes:

"• Identifying contacts of the individual by asking about the person's activities and the activities of the people around them since the onset of the infectious period.

"• All known contacts are identified and informed of their contact status, and the importance of receiving early care if they develop symptoms.

• Contacts will also be provided information about prevention of the disease. In some cases, quar-

What if someone went to somewhere like an event or arocerv store while infectious?

According to an email from SJBPH Communications Director Claire Ninde, "If a positive case is associated with an event, under certain circumstances, those who are able to be identified as attendees may be notified, usually by email of the potential exposure. All are encouraged to limited activity outside the home and asked to monitor for any symptoms, even

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ed by SJBPH EPI team to determine the risk of exposure to the community. If deemed appropriate, a media release is issued to notify the community of this risk and testing is encouraged."

Does contact tracing compromise my privacy?

According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's website:

• All contact tracers are trained in how to manage health and other sensitive information in order to protect your privacy.

"• The public health worker who contacts you will state their name and their organization. They should provide you a number to call back to verify their identity and contact information for their supervisor when the caller requests it.

"• Public health will never ask for your social security number or financial information. If a caller asks for this information, do not give it.

"• Currently, public health will not be going 'door to door' to conduct contact tracing. For the foreseeable future, all contact tracing for COVID-19 will be over the phone or through secure online forms

"• Only certain people at your local public health agency and the state health department can see your information. It is only used to reach out to your contacts with important information about testing and next steps. Public health will not share your information with other entities or outside organizations.

• Public health does not share your health or personal identifying information without your permission.

"• Public health stores records securely.'

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engage in urban renewal projects as a means to improve blighted areas," according to a Colorado Legislative Council Staff issue brief by Katie Ruedebusch.

A project approved by the local URA could be funded through taxincrement financing (TIF). TIF financing is a funding mechanism that takes the new taxes generated by the improvements of a development in a URA project to pay for the public infrastructure necessary for that project.

Ballot Question A reads, "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 Increment 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.'?"

Archuleta County Assessor Natalie Woodruff, who serves as the

Festival

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the financial well-being of the artists, who depend on touring, especially during the summer festival season. We admire the creative ways they've been performing

Continued from front

flames, with fire starting to spread to

surrounding vegetation and one additional structure being threatened. The fire was contained in approximately one hour and PFPD remained on the scene for approximately 10 hours, according to the press release.

Both structures were lost in the fire, but it did not reach the third structure that was threatened, according to Macht.

The press release notes that PFPD staff, along with Archuleta County Sheriff's Office investigators, are cur-

Wadley and Woodruff explained there are misconceptions about the URA and the ballot initiative.

"It doesn't physically take any money out of somebody's pocket that was already there," Woodruff said. "It just is a method by which a developer can be repaid for his investment costs.

"People's objection to this is that they just don't understand it. If they spend five minutes lookin' at it, they realize these people are fronting their own money and only use the increased value of the property tax to get paid back what they already paid; and if the money doesn't come in, they're the ones that are out," Wadley said. "This is something that benefits the community, that the private sector is paying for and when I hear about corporate welfare,

ing in our lifetimes.

Ballots have already been mailed for the special election on July 14, for which Ballot Question A will be the only item on the ballot.

The election is an independent mail ballot election, with ballots mailed to eligible electors of the Town of Pagosa Springs on June 22.

The location to drop off ballots or receive replacement ballots is Town Hall, located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. Town Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, July 14.

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.

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rently investigating the fire.

The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms personnel are also investigating.

Macht reported there was one fatality in the fire.

In a statement to The SUN, Archuleta County Coroner Brandon Bishop wrote that the cause of death is smoke inhalation and the identity of the deceased is still unknown.

He added that DNA was collected to confirm the identity, and that process could take several weeks.

Macht explained that the time of day and lack of wind were some of the factors in being able to extinguish the fire before it spread up a neighboring hillside.

'Being that it was in the early morning when it finally broke out of the structure, we still had some good relative humidity, lower temperatures, not a lot of heavy wind moving upslope. Which that plays into it, but if nothing would have been done, it would have chewed up the hillside and turned into a big fire that nobody would want."

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PSMC's finances rebound 'a little bit' in May

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) continued to fall under budget in several areas in May, according to a report given to the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors on June 23.

"For the month of May we rebounded a little bit," Chief Finance Officer Chelle Keplinger told the board in beginning her monthly financial report.

PSMC ended the month of April with a total net income \$65,994.

PSMC ended the month of May with a total net income of \$486,204, again thanks to stimulus funding related to coronavirus.

Gross revenues for May totaled \$4,486,650, which is under the budgeted amount of \$5,151,272 and below the May 2019 figure of \$4.745.724.

"So, we were still significantly under that by about 12 percent," Keplinger said.

Year-to-date gross revenues for the medical center total \$23,326,305 - below the budgeted amount of \$24,848,548 and below last year's figure of \$23,864,256.

Net patient revenue, Keplinger noted, was significantly down, with May's net patient revenue totaling \$1,892,329 — more than 28 percent below budget and more than 25 percent below the same month in 2019.

Year to date, net patient revenue for PSMC sits at \$11,379,685, which is below the budgeted amount of \$12,744,077 and below last year's \$12,667,191.

indicated, continue to be stable. In May, PSMC's expenses were

\$2,928,313 — 3.08 percent below budget and 0.38 percent below last year's figure for May.

PSMC is also under budget in terms of expenses year to date, by 2.09 percent.

"In May, in-person outpatient visits and surgeries resumed, but resuming operations from the Stay At Home Order resulted in a slower May than budgeted; hence, gross revenues were almost 13% below budget," a written financial report states. "PSMC continued to do a very good job managing expenses with May expenses being about 3% below budget. PSMC managed to keep expenses under budget while, at the same time, continuing to incur unbudgeted supply expense to bring its reserve of most COVID-19 supplies to 90-days on hand. PSMC's days of cash on hand held steady at 65 days from its own operations, and with the application of stimulus funds to the shortfall, PSMC increased the overall days cash on hand to 78.9. The Business Office continues to focus its efforts on collection of older accounts and exceeded its cash collection goal. The entire staff at PSMC continues to work very hard to serve the community and mitigate the financial impacts of COVID-19."

The written report further explains that PSMC has received federal stimulus funding, as well as an advance on its Medicare funds.

"During May, PSMC received CARESAct stimulus of \$3,807,968.19 that has been applied to PSMC's gross revenue shortfall at the Medi-PSMC's expenses, Keplinger care reimbursement rate. The re-

mainder of the unapplied funds are on the balance sheet as a payable. This process is consistent with the limited guidance available on the use of the funds. PSMC and the auditor continue to track guidance on this," the report states.

The report further explains, "The Finance Committee discussed the advance PSMC received from Medicare in April - the advance is essentially a loan against the future sums Medicare expects to owe the hospital for delivery of care. In May, staff reported that the advance of \$4,225,031.95 must be paid back within the 60-day grace period of receipt or incur interest of 10.35%. Since that time, Medicare changed this payback and currently states that future Medicare payments owed to PSMC for services will be deducted from this advance rather than PSMC returning the funds. PSMC and our auditor continue to track the changing rules on this."

Those factors together leave PSMC with a net income of \$486,204 for May, above the budgeted figure of \$303,506 and the prior year's \$67,206.

Year to date, PSMC's net income sat at \$398,695 at the end of May, well below the budgeted \$741,653 and above last year's deficit of \$75,027.

The written report later states "The Finance Committee was reminded of the future economic uncertainties for PSMC including an anticipated substantial increase in Medicaid patients (due to the overall economic climate in the country), an anticipated cut in reimbursement for Medicaid services (due to the State of Colorado's budget issues), a possible cut from Medicare, and overall decreased revenue due to some lingering patient discomfort in seeking inperson healthcare services."

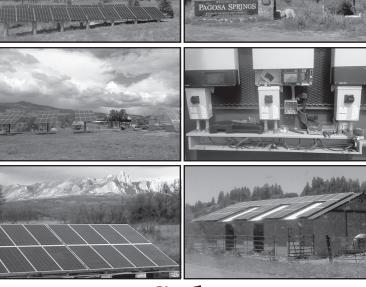
An operations report from Chief Operating Officer/Chief Nursing Officer Kathee Douglas shows PSMC was down in May (compared to May of 2019) in several categories, including lab tests and patient volume, Emergency Department volume, Emergency Department admissions and transfers, inpatient admission, diagnostic imaging procedures and patients, Rural Health Clinic encounters, surgery cases, and more.

The report further notes that the Finance Committee "continues to be very satisfied with staff's efforts to minimize expenses where possible, to pursue stimulus opportunities and to position PSMC to remain open to serve the community during the uncertain times ahead."

MRI machine purchase

The written financial report also indicates that, while the district's board previously approved a contract for a new MRI machine, the purchase of a machine is still in progress.

"The Finance Committee discussed that the MRI lease/purchase was approved by the Board in May 2020. However, after the Board's approval, the vendor changed its MRI quote apologizing that it had made several errors. PSMC is obtaining follow-up quotes and bids and will report on the results of this in July," the written report states. randi@pagosasun.com



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Health department reminds local businesses, workplaces and events to self-certify

By Claire Ninde San Juan Basin Public Health

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) reminds all businesses, workplaces and events that to demonstrate that they are meeting the state-required public health orders to control the spread of COVID-19, they are encouraged to complete self-certification.

To date, SJBPH has received 1,180 self-certifications, 147 of which are restaurants in Archuleta and La Plata counties. Go to: https://datastudio.google.com/ reporting/656d55dc-455a-453e-b4fa-8761b2ae18f9/page/ EOaQB?s=ocNkJnThuN8 to see which businesses have self-certified, and to: https://datastudio.google. com/u/0/reporting/27ad4455-5dac-4f86-a615-18832a4bbf2d/ page/EOaQB to see which restaurants have self-certified.

Benefits of self-certification

• Local businesses that have completed the self-certification have found it to be a useful tool that helped identify strengths and weaknesses of their operational plan for COVID prevention.

· Self-certification provides a sense of security for employees by demonstrating an employer's commitment to providing a safe and healthy workplace.

• Self-certification allows consumers to inform and protect themselves when patronizing a business/industry.

Self-certification

written documentation of compliance with requirements potentially protecting a business from litigation if an outbreak is connected to a specific business operation.

As more industries reopen and expanding operations continue, SJBPH reminds businesses and workplaces to self-certify and then re-self-certify as operations and guidance changes.

SJBPH does not review, approve, or deny disease control plans in advance of self-certification.

As part of its commitment to keep the communities it serves safe and healthy, SIBPH reminds

businesses begin to lift restrictions

• Avoid close contact with others.

• Keep at least 6 feet from other people. • Remember that some people

without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. • Wear face coverings when

around others. • Stay home if you are sick.

• Wash hands frequently or use hand sanitizer if unable to wash hands. • Clean and disinfect frequent-

ly touched surfaces daily. • Monitor your health.

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the rate of disease control throughout the community mitigating disease exposure and potentially allows continued lessening of restrictions.

• Self-certification provides from other locations and local

everyone to continue to adhere for fever, cough, shortness of to the following public health guidelines to slow the spread of the virus, especially as the region experiences an influx of visitors

breath or other symptoms of COVID-19.

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

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District receives clean audit for 2019

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) received an unmodified opinion for its 2019 financial statements at its regular meeting on June 25.

According to the district's auditing firm, Rfarmer LLC, PAWSD's net positions totaled \$78,892,146, which is an increase of \$1,482,901 from the previous year.

Additionally, PAWSD had operating expenses of \$8,751,133, which exceeded operating revenues of \$7,513,805 by \$1,218,428.

PAWSD's general revenues totaled \$2,701,248.

PAWSD's general fund net position increased by \$22,453, from \$961,047 to \$983,500.

The water fund net position for PAWSD increased \$170,883 from \$53,746,727.

PAWSD's wastewater fund net position decreased \$309,222 from \$26,466,273.

However, PAWSD finished the year at or under budget in all funds with no amendment necessary, according to the audit.

Additionally, PAWSD invested about \$951,549 in capital projects, including the addition of UV disinfection equipment to the San Juan water treatment plant and the purchase of critical spare pumps.

"The Districts overall cash position has shown improvement over the previous year. If this trend continues, it could lessen the need for outside financing when construction begins on the new Snowball Water Treatment Plant in 2023," PAWSD Director of Business Service Aaron Burns

Wednesday.

"All in all, it was a good year. We remained on budget," Burns said in an interview on Wednesday. "We

noted in an email to The SUN on had a few unexpected events in that we had a pipe break in the San Juan water treatment plant that was not budgeted for and it was a pretty significant expense to overcome."

Despite the unexpected events that were not budgeted for, PAWSD was able to maintain its budget, Burns explained. chris@pagosasun.com



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Education

Hitting the ground running: Reed passes baton to new superintendent

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

When Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza officially took the reins from Linda Reed and began serving as Archuleta School District's new superintendent on July 1, she had already been connecting, learning, listening and preparing for several weeks.

After having been a superintendent elsewhere for six years, LeBlanc-Esparza noted the importance of building connections throughout the community and the need to become a contributing member of the community to know what the community is about and its values to help ensure kids are receiving what they need to be successful.

"Linda has really been great about including me in all the different meetings, the Zoom meetings with the, you know, commissioner of education and the governor's office and our rural alliance and some of those folks so that I have the context I need as we move forward," LeBlanc-Esparza explained on June 22.

At that time, the then-incoming superintendent was also meeting one-on-one with the district's administrators and board members — something she aimed to have done before she officially began on July 1 so she could hit the ground running.

But hitting the ground running, she indicated, includes doing a lot of listening.

"I'm doing a lot of listening and a lot of learning," she said, adding, "I'm incredibly grateful for the selection process that this district went through because there were so many stakeholder groups involved that I was really able to get a lot of insight from these really large committees and people sharing what they felt like the district did really well and what they felt like they wanted to see going forward."

That, she explained, has given her the opportunity to frame questions and to ask: "What do we do really well? What are we most proud of? What do we want to make sure continues? What are the core values you want to be sure are part of ... our K-12 system here in our school district?"



going through school? What was a challenge for your child? What is it that you feel like we could do better? And that will help me put together sort of big-picture think-

LeBlanc-Esparza is also taking over as superintendent at a unique time — in the midst of the **COVID-19** pandemic and schools across the country working to determine what education will look like when the new school year starts in the fall.

ing around themes," she said, indicating those themes are what the district needs to make sure it keeps doing and what it needs to ask more questions about to improve. LeBlanc-Esparza noted she intends to do a "pretty big listening kind of workforce they need to be

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ing to teachers, students, parents, community members and busilines of communication with parness leaders, then looking at the ents for them to be able to tell her district's framework and data in See Running A11 order to make recommendations to the board and leadership team

moving forward. "I feel like I'm responsible for ensuring that our school district reflects the community values and goals that we have, so I have a responsibility to make sure that I'm asking the hard questions around what works and what doesn't, I'm looking at data, I'm working in partnership with our school board to make sure that we're using our resources wisely to ensure we're getting the best outcomes for kids," she said. "I have to create open lines of communications so that we're ensuring that when kids graduate from our system, they are prepared to take on their future - whether that's college, whether that's career, whether that's military, whether that's the world of work. You know, we owe it to this community to ensure that our students are ready for their future, and

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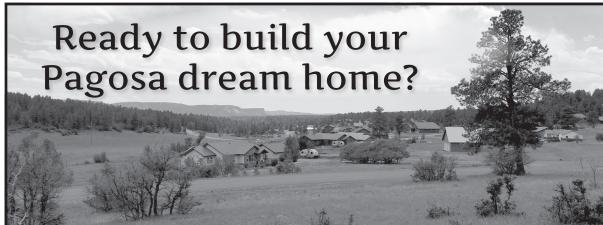
for ages 5-6 underway By Darren Lewis SUN Columnist

The Recreation Department is accepting tee-ball registrations through Aug. 3.

The cost is \$35 includes hat and jersey. Tee-ball season will be held during August.

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School district seeking parent feedback on returning to school

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

In its effort to determine what school will look like in the fall, Archuleta School District (ASD) sent out surveys to families and staff last week, and has scheduled upcoming meetings to garner additional feedback.

According to ASD Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza, one survey was sent to families and another to staff on July 1.

"Our best hope is to get feedback from our families as well as our staff on how we return to school in the fall," she wrote in an email to The SUN, explaining later, "As we began to write our draft plan for returning students to school, we felt it was important to hear from families and from our staff, specifically around their comfort level and support for returning to in-person

versus online-only learning. Obviously, we will follow the local health authority guidance as well as the governor's office executive orders. However, it is also important that we hear from staff and families."

The survey sent to families asks about:

• Remote learning experiences last school year.

• If parents plan to have their children return to school buildings if public health officials believe it is safe to allow in-person instruction.

• What learning model best meets the needs of children and families given current health and safety conditions - in-person instruction, remote learning or a hybrid.

• Comfort levels with things such as transportation, daily health screenings, face masks, movement through hallways, eating in class-

learning versus blended learning rooms, keeping students together in one classroom and more.

 If children would require child care for the days they are not in school if ASD were directed to adhere to remote learning or a hybrid model.

• Transportation needs. The survey also asks for addi-

tional feedback. Those survey responses, she explained, are guiding the leadership team developing the district's draft plan for the fall.

As of Monday evening, LeBlanc-Esparza reported, the district had received more than 400 family responses and more than 100 staff responses so far.

"Once we develop the plan, we will share it with our Board of Education for their input and feedback. We have also invited staff to provide feedback, ask questions and suggest edits via meetings we

have set next week," she explained, adding, "We are currently taking RSVPs for both staff and family meetings. Our overall goal is to create a plan through a collaborative, transparent process, but one that also adheres to health and safety guidelines.'

ASD is advertising that the parent meetings will be held on Tuesday, July 21, and a draft plan for opening schools this fall is slated to be presented.

The meetings will be held at 5:30 and 7 p.m., with both meetings a change from what the district previously announced.

Those looking to attend either meeting are required to RSVP to Robyn Bennett at rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us or by calling 264-2228, ext. 5401 to obtain access information.

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their goals for their children and to be sure kids are building the skill sets and experiences needed for after high school.

"I just have to be sure that the pathways we create in our system, K-12, gives kids the kind of experiences that they can walk away from their high school educational experience confident that they will be successful," she said.

LeBlanc-Esparza is also taking over as superintendent at a unique time — in the midst of the COV-ID-19 pandemic and schools across the country working to determine what education will look like when the new school year starts in the fall.

"I've been very grateful that I'm not a rookie superintendent," she said. "I would say having experience has certainly given me a little more peace of mind. That said, you know, all of us are working from the same ... playbook in terms of state guidance and CDC guidance and local public health authority. So that's all stuff that, frankly, none

of us really trained for. So that's new, but having worked most of my career, honestly, in Colorado, I'm grateful for the fact that I have lots and lots of network connections that I'm able to reach out to other colleagues in other districts all around the state to just ask folks to share with me what they are putting together with their team to kind of give me perspective and certainly give me insight as to what other folks are doing.

Here, thanks to Reed, Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares and others at ASD, LeBlanc-Esparza connected with San Juan Basin Public Health before July 1 to begin to "process and synthesize."

"Everybody keeps using the word 'unprecedented,' and I feel like it kind of is getting overused, but at the same time, you have to keep acknowledging the fact that none of us have done this before, you know, the way we're doing this now," she said.

Her first goal, she noted, is to get kids back in school.

"To be able to structure school

Search and rescue missions help two individuals

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

Two search and rescue missions were accomplished over the last week by local agencies to assist hikers with injured ankles.

this time on the Piedra Falls trail. The OEM received the page around 12:45 p.m. with personnel from OEM, Upper San Juan Search and Rescue and PSMC EMS arriv-

ing on scene around 1:40 p.m. This ankle injury was also dein a way that we can assure families that we are being very thoughtful about keeping their kids safe, but we're getting them back in school to where kids can learn — that is truly my No. 1 priority right now," she said.

She also noted the importance of giving kids as big of a sense of normal as possible, even with COVID-19 and budget challenges.

"She's going to be great," Reed said of LeBlanc-Esparza.

Reed departed the district on June 30 after serving 11 years locally, including four years as assistant superintendent the remainder as superintendent, drawing to a close a career in education that spanned three states.

"I would say it's bittersweet," Reed said before her retirement. "I've loved, loved my time with the district and feel like we've done some good things, so it's bittersweet. But on the other hand, ... I'll be 67 in September and I'm not ashamed to say that, so I think it's time.'

Reed explained her husband officially retired in January.

"I think we're ready to have some fun," she said, noting she's worked for 45 years.

She was a teacher in Ohio for 10 years, then worked with a California school district for 16 years as a special education teacher and principal, then spent eight years as a consultant with the state of California and the Los Angeles County Office of Education working with underperforming schools and districts

move on to the next chapter of their lives, and hoping that I've had some sort of an impact on the kids," Reed said of her time with the district.

She also noted that she will remember things like the celebrations at the different schools, the kindergarten Christmas program and interacting with the students fondly.

Reed indicated she counts the people the district hired during her tenure as one of her best things.

"I think we've been able to recruit some awesome educators and leaders and it's been fun seeing the district get some systems in place that may not have been there or may not have been as strong as they needed to be," she said, citing on the focus on the whole child, the new alternative high school and Pagosa Family School as examples.

She added that she believes the mill levy override approved by voters is "huge" for the community.

"I just think at the end of the day, I think our kids are in a pretty good place. I think they're getting an excellent education. I think we've done steady improvement in our learning," she said.

Reed also admitted retirement would be a new experience for her. "I've never really had time off,"

Reed said, noting that it would be an adjustment for her.

In lieu of working, Reed had a laundry list of potential things to keep her busy in retirement (as each thing is safe to do): traveling, camping, boating, spending time with family, a cross-county camper trip, projects around the house, gardening, cooking, baking, reading, exercising, breathing and relaxing.



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On June 29 around 1:30 p.m., the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) received a page that there was a female subject who suffered an ankle injury on the Treasure Falls trail.

Deputy of Emergency Operations Wes Laverty described this hiker's injury as an "unstable" ankle injury.

"It was definitely deformed and swollen," he said.

Laverty noted he did not know exactly how the female hurt her ankle, but assumed "she tripped and fell."

OEM personnel, as well as representatives from Upper San Juan Search and Rescue and Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) EMS, hiked up to the patient and delivered her to the ambulance around 2:40 p.m., Laverty described.

On July 5, another female hiker was reported with an ankle injury,

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scribed by Laverty as "unstable."

The female hiker was delivered to the ambulance by 3:21 p.m., Laverty noted.

According to Laverty, the female twisted her ankle while hiking. chris@pagosasun.com

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She then moved to Colorado and

began working with ASD in 2009. "What I will remember most fondly is every graduation that we've done and watching a class

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Outdoors

Steve Lekson to give virtual presentation on 'Chaco, North of the San Juans' Thursday, July 16

By Nadia Werby

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) hosts a free lecture series five times a year to offer the opportunity for the public and CRIA volunteers to gather and enjoy a speaker whose topic typically relates to southwest archaeology, archaeoastronomy and/or Chacoan culture.

Experts in the field travel sometimes from far distances to Pagosa Springs to present at this free series, but this month's lecture series is now happening live and online for all to enjoy from the comforts of your home.

Join us on Thursday, July 16, as Steven H. Lekson discusses "Chaco, North of the San Juans." Space is limited to 500 people. To join this special Zoom presentation online at 7 p.m., you will need the Zoom link and meeting ID located on www. chimneyrockco.org/lecture.

not move north of the San Juan River until 1075. At several key sites - including Chimney Rock and Far View House — there are hints of earlier Chacoan structures by 1020. Through the last quarter of the 11th century, Chaco outliers north of the San Juan of Chaco Canyon numbered over 75, including small great houses at the future sites of Salmon and Aztec Ruins.

After 1090, Salmon and Aztec became the main focus of development — some of the largest construction projects in Chacoan history — as Aztec Ruins replaced Chaco Canyon as the preeminent regional center. Aztec's architectural icon was enigmatic bi- and tri-walled structures; the new capital was planned around bi-, triand quadri-walls. Similar "outlier" bi- and tri-walls soon appeared across the countryside, presumably demarking Aztec's region, less than one-third the size of Chaco's. North

It is generally held that Chaco did of the San Juan, bi- and tri-walls extended as far west as Montezuma Creek in southeastern Utah — encompassing Mesa Verde and most of the Great Sage Plain — and as far as Genado-Gallup. Aztec Ruins marks the easternmost, along with single example at Chaco Canyon, built and then razed in what must have been an ideological/political action. Biand tri-walls vanished, along with many other iconic Chacoan forms, after 1300.

Lekson was curator of archaeology at the Museum of Natural History, University of Colorado, Boulder. He received his Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico in 1988 and held research, curatorial or administrative positions with University of Tennessee, Eastern New Mexico University, National Park Service, Arizona State Museum, Museum of New Mexico and Crow Canyon Archaeological Center.

Lekson directed more than 20 archaeological projects throughout the southwest. He was editor of the journal Kiva (2006-2011) and continues as contributing editor for Archaeology magazine (2003-present). Lekson's publications include a dozen books, chapters in many edited volumes and articles in journals and magazines. His most recent books are "A History of the Ancient Southwest" (2009), "Chaco Meridian" (2015) and "A Study of Southwestern Archaeology" (2018). He curated a half-dozen exhibits, most recently "A History of the Ancient Southwest" (2014) at the CU Museum of Natural History. He retired in 2018.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at Chimney Rock National monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest. For more information, see the CRIA website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133.



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Colorado State Forest Service

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) and its economic development partners with the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments are providing loans to Colorado's forest products businesses affected by the coronavirus.

Authorized by the Colorado State General Assembly in 2009, the Forest Business Loan Fund has provided \$5 million in loans to date to small forestry and wood products businesses in Colorado. In recent months, it has offered critical support to businesses affected by the coronavirus that may not qualify or have access to traditional sources of financing.

"Since the onset of the pandemic, we've received over a million dollars in new requests for financing through the loan program from businesses in northern and southwestern Colorado," said Tim Reader, wood utilization and marketing spe-

ucts and hazardous fuels mitigation businesses continue to operate, and the financing they receive through the program is helping them employ recently unemployed workers, purchase new timber harvesting or manufacturing equipment, develop new products and meet other working capital needs."

Reader said that, for example, one applicant is seeking to hire new workers and purchase new logging equipment in order to continue to provide, economically, a supply of wood to another sawmill facility in southwestern Colorado.

"Due to COVID-19, some of our forest product companies here in Colorado have seen a drastic reduction in demand and pricing for traditional wood products," said Molly Pitts, executive director of the Colorado Timber Industry Association. "It is super helpful that the Colorado State Forest Service and the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Govern-

ments have a loan program in place that these businesses can utilize, especially during this difficult time."

Alternative source of funds

The Forest Business Loan Fund supports companies that may not qualify for loans with traditional lenders, so it does not compete with commercial lending institutions, Reader said. The loan program can, however, leverage additional lending capital for businesses, since forestry experts with the CSFS review and approve all loan applications.

"Through the fund, we help bridge the gap between the wood products industry and lenders to increase capacity for forest management in Colorado," Reader said. "The Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments brings their lending and business expertise, while we bring our wood products harvesting, manufacturing and market expertise, for a collaborative-based lending approach."

The fund helps the CSFS meet its mission of forest stewardship in Colorado by supporting the forest products industry. Businesses that receive a loan must use beetle-killed and other timber from forest health projects, such as those that reduce wildfire risk.

Reader said that this, in turn, results in healthier forests, communities and local economies, which is especially important during this challenging time.

"It's a win-win," Reader said. "We're building capacity to implement forest health projects while helping to maintain or create jobs that bolster small businesses and our local communities.'

For more information on the Forest Business Loan Fund, including qualifications and an application, please contact Reader at 247-5250, or visit csfs.colostate.edu/cowood/ forest-business-loan-fund/.

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Local man killed after attempted burglary in Durango

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

The man who died in an officerinvolved shooting July 1 in Durango has been identified by the Durango Police Department (DPD) as Jason Noble Snow, of Pagosa Springs.

The shooting took place early the morning of July 1 following the attempted break-in of a Durango business.

According to a news release from the DPD, officers were dispatched to a business alarm around 4:30 a.m.

Upon arriving on scene, a DPD officer noticed an open door at the rear of the business and confronted a white male subject inside the business, according to the DPD news release.

The subject then reportedly retreated into the business and ran to the front, where another DPD officer was located, the DPD news release stated.

"Initial reports indicate the male subject was armed with a handgun and began shooting at a Durango Police Officer in front of the store through the businesses

glass doors," the DPD news release reads, adding that the DPD officer returned fire and killed the subject. DPD officers on scene were not

injured, the DPD release notes. Later that day, the male subject

was identified as Snow, 34. In June of 2010, Snow was found

guilty of first-degree assault, leaving the scene of an accident resulting in serious bodily injury and tampering with physical evidence.

The charges stemmed from an incident that took place on Aug. 23, 2009, that began as a verbal altercation and ended in a traffic incident, an attempted assault with a motor vehicle and serious injuries to another Pagosa Springs resident.

In July of 2010, Snow and another inmate escaped from the Archuleta County Detention Center after assaulting two jail guards. Snow and the other inmate stole a vehicle, and Snow was eventually caught in New Mexico.

According to Sixth Judicial District Deputy Attorney Alex Lowe, Snow had previously been scheduled to serve a 70-year sentence at the Colorado Department of

Corrections between his two cases, but an agreement was reached and Snow's sentence was reduced to a total of 16 years in prison.

However, Snow was paroled from the Colorado Department of Corrections "sometime in 2019," according to Lowe.

Another news release by the DPD on July 3 provided more details on the incident that occurred on the morning of July 1.

According to the follow-up news release, DPD officers Padraic Ingle, Cole Murch and Pete Malberg were close to the area when the call was dispatched.

Murch reportedly observed a vehicle in the alley of the business with a female driver as well as the open door in the rear of the business where he saw Snow, the news release states.

As Snow retreated toward the front of the business, Ingle saw Snow armed with a handgun and ordered him to drop the weapon, according to the news release.

"Snow fired a shot toward Officer Ingle through the glass main entry door of the business. Snow's shot shattered the door glass ap-

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a little bit of information from the

document that the Durango URA

put together," Schulte said during

the meeting. "I think it encapsu-

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proximately three feet from Officer Ingle. Officer Ingle returned fire while continuing commands directed at Snow," the news release reads.

The female in the vehicle in the alleyway was identified as Terrianne Paige Hiehle, 23, of Durango, and was reportedly acting as a lookout and getaway driver for Snow, according to the DPD.

"They were attempting to steal a safe from inside the business," DPD Cmdr. Ray Shupe said in an interview on Tuesday.

After initially leaving the scene on July 1, Hiehle was arrested on July 6 following a traffic stop and a short foot pursuit, according to Shupe.

"The sheriff's office received a tip that she was possibly staying at a place and when they went to investigate it they wound up contacting a vehicle that was leaving the area that matched the description of what she was possibly in," Shupe said. "They made a traffic stop on that vehicle and Paige ran from the stop and was subsequently apprehended and arrested out of that."

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Urban Renewal Authority approves guiding vision and development principles

I heard."

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority (URA) Commission approved a resolution adopting the guiding vision and development principles for the organization at a regular meeting on July 7.

The initial draft of the documents were made by URA commissioners Mat deGraaf and Greg Schulte, according to agenda documentation.

According to Resolution 2020-03, the URA finds and declares that both the guiding vision and development principles should be consistent with the Town of Pagosa Springs Comprehensive Plan and a

study completed by Smart Growth a lot of the verbiage and inspiration America.

The guiding vision for the URA reads as follows: "Pagosa Springs desires to promote and sustain an authentic Colorado mountain experience in a culturally rich, economically diverse town set in a vibrant, healthy environment. The very existence of the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority and its efforts should be in support of this vision."

The mission statement for the URA notes that the organization's mission is to "facilitate public and private investment in underutilized areas to address community priorities and create thriving places." "I have to fully admit that I took

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change

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 Coun-

Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

Upper San Juan Library District board meeting. 4 p.m., Zoom meeting. Join us at https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/79928556999.

Tuesday, July 21 Archuleta County Board of County

Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information. Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting. 1:30 p.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information. **C-STAT Distinguished Perfor**mance Award by state of Colorado to Archuleta County Department of Human Services team. 3 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. and via Google online. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the

for the URA to use as a guide.

These efforts include but are not limited to: offering a diversity of business, education and job opportunities, protecting the natural environment, embracing historic landmarks, offering a mix of housing choices and encouraging connectivity through efficient multimodal transportation options.

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County extends declaration of local disaster

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners extended its "Declaration of Local Disaster" until Aug. 4.

Archuleta County Administrator Scott Wall explained that the declaration simply allows the county

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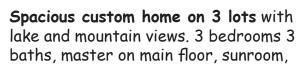
to be eligible for reimbursement funds for anything they spend to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

'This just allows us for reimbursement [for money that is] expended to the COVID-19. It's not another emergency added to the one we have," said Commissioner Ron Maez the last time the commissioners extended the declaration.

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ty 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.
- **Town of Pagosa Springs Planning** Commission. 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information.
- **Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting and Board of Trustees of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Fire**men's Pension Fund regular meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, July 15

Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting.

login information. 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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The 1.5-hour session with Sen. Don Coram and Rep. Barbara McLachlan, to be held on July 11, at 10 a.m., will focus on the highlights of the 72nd Colorado General Assembly.

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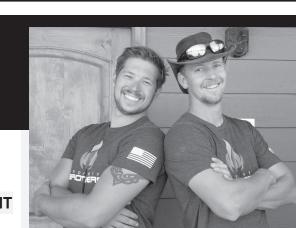


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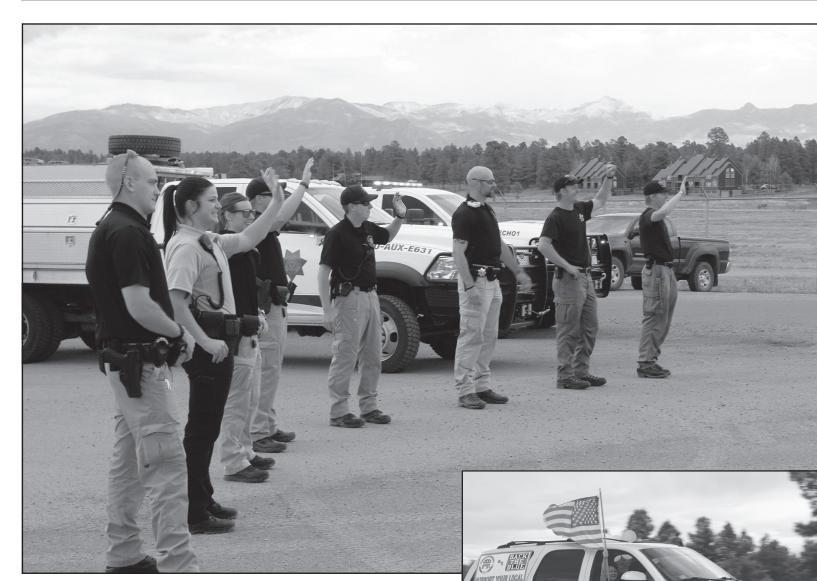
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Back the Blues Cruise

SUN photos/Chris Mannara

Decorated vehicles cruise to show support for local law enforcement in the Back the Blues Cruise on July 3. One portion of the event passed the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, where staff showed appreciation for the recognition. Routes also passed the Colorado State Patrol Office and Pagosa Springs Police Department.

Sheriff's office discusses jail staffing, inmate health insurance

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO)discussed inmate health insurance, staffing at the county's new detention center and the county commissioners questioned the undersheriff about a payment request the ACSO made for BB guns that will be gifts for those involved with getting the new jail constructed.

Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez told the county commissioners at a work session Tuesday morning that the ACSO received bids from three different medical providers to provide services to Archuleta County inmates once the new jail opens in a few months.

He said the best bid was from Turn Key Health, for services seven days a week for eight hours a day, which costs \$88,000 for six months

county commissioners in the upcoming days, according to the ACSO.

Jail staffing

Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman also discussed staffing needs at the county's new jail, set to open around September.

"Last year during the budget process, we did provide some additional requests for staffing," Woodman said to the commissioners. "We were authorized three additional positions at the time and that was a detention commander, a kitchen manager, which we filled, and an admin assistant, which we filled that internally. So those positions are filled, however the discussion was we know that there is more likely than not additional staff needs as we move in to opening up the facility."

Woodman said additional staffing at the jail "comes back to an officer

contract that will be voted on by the currently being run out of Durango, or for relief if a staff member is on vacation or calls in sick.

Woodman explained that even with a kitchen manager hired for 40 hours a week, somebody else needs to be hired to supervise "trustee" inmates in the kitchen during the manager's days off.

'Trustees" are sentenced inmates who meet a certain set of criteria related to their behavior and charges, and can help aid in the preparation of meals, according to Woodman.

Commissioner Steve Wadley asked if it was possible for the trustees to prepare meals without supervision.

"You just can't throw the inmates in the kitchen and say, 'Here's a sharp knife. Go for it.' There needs to be oversight," Woodman said.

It is unclear if the BoCC will approve additional ACSO staff members to help run the jail.

also including staff, for the commemorative opening of that facility," Woodman said.

"Derek, I'm kinda caught in a tough spot," Wadley said. "I understand that once you guys have the budget, it's yours to spend, but the flip side is these things come before us for a review and I feel like I'm held accountable to the taxpayers and it's \$1,300 that you know, we've got a county full of potholes and a lotta needs in a lotta areas. I mean I just - I question it and I wondered what your thoughts are on it."

"Well, it's a \$25-per-unit piece that goes to many different individuals, initially to you folks as well, and it's a once-in-a-lifetime thing and that was the justification for it," said Woodman.

Woodman added later, "If this is something you guys don't wish to approve, then please remove it from the request and the sheriff and I will personally pay for it and we'll take care of it.'



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Public Notices

equest 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 mandatory pre-bid conference will be held July 10 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

be held on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 5:00 p the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall at 551 Ho Springs Blvd or by Zoom meeting. All people wishing to comment should be present at that meeting or have written comments in the office of the Town Clerk no late than 5:00 p.m. on July 20, 2020. Published July 9, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Published Public Notice

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the public hearing.

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Published Public Notice

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for the "SKETCH Major Design Review" for the construction of two additional 4.500 square foot storage buildings in two phases, among the seven existing buildings, located at 193A Rob Snow Road. The Design Review Board will consider the "SKETCH Major Design Review" application at the public hearing scheduled or

551 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information and anyone

wishing to provide comments, please contact the Town

Planning -> Pending Land Use Development Projects

Public comments will be accepted at the public hearing

If you have questions, you may contact Planning a

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application

for the "Final Major Design Review" for the construction

of a 2.530 square foot restaurant with a drive-thru facility

proposed at 2911 Cornerstone Drive. The Design Review

Board will consider the "Final Major Design Review

application at the public hearing scheduled on Tuesday

July 28, 2020 at 5:30pm in Town Hall, located at 551 Ho

Springs Blvd. For more information and anyone wishing to provide comments, please contact the Town Planning

Department at cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov or attend

To comply with the current social distancing suggestion

the agenda will include instructions on how to join the meeting via video conference and/or telephone.

To access the meeting agenda, staff report and proposed development application, click the Meetings and Agendas

tab on the left-hand side on the Town's website home page at pagosasprings.co.gov. You may also view the application on our website under Departments ->

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day, July 28, 2020 at 5:30pm in Town Hall, located a

which will be prorated down to a five-month premium.

"Our recommendation, after looking at all these is definitely Turn Key. [They meet] all the needs that we are requesting," said Valdez, adding, "Turn Key also has a little bit better mental health program [compared to the other bids].'

Valdez said that Turn Key currently has one other contract in Colorado, with Weld County.

"Which is one of the good things because they — you know, we're dealing with all this COVID stuff and they've already been right in the middle of that with Weld County," he said.

Valdez reported that none of the local health providers in Pagosa Springs responded to ACSO's solicitation of bids to be the medical provider for the new county jail.

Turn Key is currently preparing a

safety [thing] as well as a functionality issue."

He noted he understands the county is currently under financial constraints, but the jail has crucial operational needs.

In a phone call Wednesday, Woodman explained that, currently, ACSO has been authorized by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) for 10 personnel to staff the jail, plus two supervisors who are on duty for most shifts.

Woodman noted that with 10, the number of personnel would fluctuate between two and three people, plus the supervisors.

Woodman said the jail "cannot physically operate" with just two staffers plus the supervisors.

He noted that the allocated 10 staffers doesn't include enough personnel for transport, to take inmates to the Archuleta County Courts

BB quns At the commissioners' regular

meeting on Tuesday afternoon, Wadley took issue with one payment request made by the ACSO that was in the commissioners' accounts payable agenda item.

The ACSO had made a \$1,385 payment request for 60 BB guns, which the ACSO planned to give out as gifts when the county's new jail opens in a few months.

"I just wanted to get some explanation on 60 Red Ryder BB guns for a total of \$1,385 and there may be a very just reason to buy 'em, but I'm wondering if we could hear what the reason is," said Wadley.

"Under the sheriff's approved budget, he thought there would be a very appropriate, as honoria for the opening of the new detention facility, to honor some specific individuals,

"Derek, I'd be happy to kick in, personally. I'll offer you \$200 out of my own pocket, and please understand, I'm not trying to be a tough guy with this or try to make an issue out of it, but these things get reported and I feel like I've gotta stand to account on money that we spend. And I get it that we need it, it's an event and if it's a pen or a patch or something I wouldn't care, but it just seems like a sizable amount, and if you're looking for donors I'd be happy to contribute personally." Commissioners Maez and Schaaf

also offered to pitch in \$200 each.

The three county commissioners voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable agenda item with the exception of the invoice for the BB guns.

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nent, 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 Published July 2 and 9, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs

Repair

and/or replacement of concrete sidewalks, curb and gutter, and trail sections this year. Interested parties need to be able to perform removal, possible grade repair, and concrete work associated with the bid documents Bid specifics and forms are available online at http:// www.pagosasprings.co.gov through the "Invitation to Bid" link or contact the Town Public Works Department

Published July 2 and 9, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

> TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS N. 8th St Safe Routes to School CDOT Project Number: MO16-033 CDOT Project: 21504

The Town of Pagosa Springs is in the process of finalizing the above-mentioned project constructed by U-Can Afford Landscaping, Inc. P.O. Box 4247 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Any claims against this project by suppliers, subcontractors, or others should be delivered to the project owner, The Town of Pagosa Springs at 551 Hot Springs Boulevard P.O. Box 1859 Pagosa Springs at 55 CO 81147. All claims shall be delivered before July 27th, 2020. Any claims received after July 27th, 2020 will not be considered. Call the Pagosa Springs Public Works Department with any questions: 970-264-4151 x 251. Published July 9 and 16, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs

The Town Council for the Town of Pagosa Springs will be holding a public hearing for a new Hotel & Restaurant

previously have not been adjudged to have been abandoned.

A complete list of water rights that have been abandoned, in the opinion of the Division Engineer, may be found of the Division of Water Resources (DWR) website https://www.colorado.gov/water.

If you wish to object to the inclusion of any water right on the Division Engineer's abandonment list, you must file a vritten statement of objection with the Division Engineer by July 1, 2021. We request that objections be submitted entry of a decree by the Water Court, such decree will be conclusive as to the abandonment of the water right. In the following table, U indicates units of either C=cfs or A=acre-ft. The uses being abandoned are either 'All Uses

indicating all decreed uses of the water right, or the individual uses listed, such as Irr=Irrigation. If any aspect of the decreed place of use is being abandoned, that is indicated by 'Yes' in the Place column. WATER DIVISION 7 ABANDONMENT LIST ARCULETA COUNTY

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	CROWLEY NO 2 PUMPING STA	Navajo River	0.0750	0.0750	0.0000	С	All Uses	No
er,	EAKLOR NO 1 PUMPING STA	Navajo River	3.0000	3.0000	0.0000	С	All Uses	No
nd	EUGENE MARTINEZ NO 1 D	Navajo River	1.5000	1.5000	0.0000	С	All Uses	No
	EUGENE MARTINEZ NO 2 D	Navajo River	1.5000	1.3000	0.2000	С	All Uses	No
	JOE HERSCH DITCH NO 1	San Juan River	2.0000 (AP)	2.0000	0.0000	С	FIS	No
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The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Calls for service over week: 232.

June 29 - Agency assist, County Road 982.

June 30 — Indecent exposure, Nebo Court

July 1 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, improper registration, Homestead Drive.

July 2 - All other thefts, Pines Club Place.

July 3 - Under investigation, Midiron Avenue

July 3 - Trespass warning, U.S. 160.

- Found property, County July 3 Road 600.

July 3 Trespass warning, Blue Jay Circle.

July 3 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Great West Avenue.

July 4 - Harassment-strikes/ shoves/kicks, U.S. 160.

July 4 — Found property, County

July 4 — Drove vehicle while under

Road 600.

the influence of alcohol, drove vehicle when BAC .08 or more, open container in a motor vehicle, Trails Boulevard/U.S. 160

July 5 – Violation of restraining order, County Road 113.

July 5 - Warrant arrest, Tonto Court.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 109. June 29 - Criminal mischief/tres-

pass warning, Talisman Drive. June 30 - Warrant arrest, Pagosa Street

June 30 - Criminal mischief/harassment, South 6th Street.

July 1 — Obtaining control over thing of value, San Juan Street.

July 2 - Drove vehicle when license suspended/failed to display valid registration, Great West Avenue.

July 3 - Menacing, Pinon Causeway.

July 3 — Identity theft, Eaton Drive. July 3 — Littering/unauthorized use of dumpster, San Juan Street.

July 3 - Harassment, Hermosa Street.

July 3 - Criminal trespass, U.S. 160.

July 4 — Animal running at large, San Juan Street.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

July 1 - Preston M. Kanyon, seat belt not used, total fines and costs -\$98.50

July 1 — Beverley A. Michaud, seat belt not used, total fines and costs -\$163.50

July 1 - Jamison S. McMaster, speeding 20-24 over limit, total fines and costs - \$344.50.

July 1 - Martin Perea, tail lamp violation, total fines and costs — \$48.50. July 1 - Micki Wootton, registrationunregistered vehicle, total fines and costs - \$126.50.

July 1 — Eric T. Shelnutt, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs - \$198.50.

July 1 — Kara S. Short, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 24 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, total fines and costs - \$852.39.

July 1 - Clayton Boyd Guthrie, driving under the influence, 25 days jail

suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision. 10 days electronic surveillance, total fines and costs - \$1,320.50.

July 1 - Melinda L. McGowan, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs - \$263.50

July 1 - Jessie M. Elledge, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs \$263.50.

July 1 — Madonna L. Delanders, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs - \$263.50.

July 1 — Maria O. Baltazar, seat belt not used, total fines and costs

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\$198.50 July 1 - Christopher L. Tressle

license plates-expired, total fines ar costs - \$185.50. July 1 - Linda M. Spargo, drivir

under restraint-outstanding judgmer total fines and costs - \$111.50.

July 1 – Jason T. Siros, licens plates-expired, total fines and costs \$185.50.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Cour Judge Justin P. Fay No report.

SUN. PUBLIC HEARING

> liquor license application for The Lustre Group LLC dba Aqua Sol Cafe located at 358 East Pagosa Stree in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The public hearing wil

The Division Engineer, in accordance with §37-92-401, Colorado Revised Statutes (2019), has compiled the list of absolute water rights that he or she "has determined to have been abandoned in whole or in part and which

using DWR's Abandonment Objection Form, which can be obtained on the DWR website (search keyword "Abandonment 2020") or from any DWR office. The Abandonment List, with any revisions made as a result of written statements of objection, will be filed with the Water Court by December 31, 2021. Once the list is adjudged by the

CONCERNING THE ABANDONMENT LIST OF WATER RIGHTS IN ARCHULETA & MINERAL COUNTIES

Planning Department at cschultz@pagosasprings.co.go or attend the public hearing. To comply with the current social distancing suggestions the agenda will include instructions on how to join the meeting via video conference and/or telephone

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The Town of Pagosa Springs is accepting bids for repair at 970-264-4151 x251

VETERAN'S CORNER

VA reinstates in-person services at medical facilities

By Raymond Taylor SUN Columnist

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced, as of mid-June, more than 100 VA medical facilities and medical centers (VAMCs) have reinstated at least one in-person service within their direct health care delivery system after certain services were temporarily on hold or reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

VA leadership reviews and considers many factors daily, including community infection rates, to determine when it is safe for a facility to expand services.

"We will continue to provide a safe environment for both veterans and employees," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "VA will also ensure the safety of patients and employees are a priority when implementing which Veterans Health Administration facilities move forward with expanding in-person services."

The department's focus has been to provide in-person care to veterans who have the greatest clinical need during the pandemic — while VAMCs remain open for urgent and emergency care services. For nonemergent care, telehealth appoint-

ments have been a valuable link between the VA and veterans during this challenging time; however, veterans should not delay contacting their care team to make an appointment if they have a medical concern.

The VA continues to increase telehealth appointments for veterans not in need of in-person services, which has now seen more than a 1,000 percent increase — totaling more telehealth visits in March 2020 than in all of 2019.

The VA will continue to use and expand innovative personalized telehealth options, phone consults and wellness checks regardless of a veteran's geographic location. For information on which VAMCs are providing in-person services, contact the local VAMC directly.

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.

For further information, please contact the Veteran Services Office (VSO).

The office of Archuleta County veterans service officer provides assistance to qualified military veterans, and their families, or a veteran's survivors, in applying to and in obtaining VA program assistance, benefits and claims. This assistance is provided within the guidelines, policies and procedures established by the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This is a mandated program of the state of Colorado.

Contact information

Veterans: Thank you for your service. Welcome home.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County VSO, located at the Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The office: 264-4013, fax number: 264-4014, and email is raytaylor@ 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.

The following veterans groups

meet in Pagosa Springs: • American Legion Post 108: sec-

ond Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

• 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.

Important information

 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsPSCO. org.

• Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.

• Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.

•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.



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SHORT ROLL

Water production again over 20 million gallons

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

From June 26 through July 2 of this year, total water production again reached over 20 million gallons, according to a press release from Pagosa AreaWater and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsev

Contributing to that total, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 5.28 million gallons, the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 7.47 million gallons and the San Juan water treatment plant produced 7.59 million gallons.

In that same time period last year, water production totaled 19.08 million gallons.

From June 19 through June 25 of this year, total

water production was recorded at 20.09 million gallons.

This week, Village Lake is the lone local lake to be full, according to Ramsey's press release.

Hatcher Lake is 11 inches from full, or 96.60 percent full. Last week, Hatcher Lake was 8 inches from full.

This week, Stevens Lake is 8 inches from full, or 97.62 percent full. Last week, it was 2 inches from full.

Lake Pagosa is 5 inches from full this week, or 98.19 percent full. Last week, it was 4 inches from full.

This week, Lake Forest is 7 inches from full, or 94.70 percent full. Last week, Lake Forest was 6 inches from full.

Total diversion flows remain at 4.3 cubic feet per second (cfs) this week, with the West Fork diversion adding 3 cfs and the San Juan diversion adding another 1.3 cfs.

River report

As of Wednesday, the San Juan River had a flow of 51.5 cfs. This total is well below the average for July 8, which is 466 cfs, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The highest reported flow total for the San Juan River came in 1995 when the river had a reported flow of 2,200 cfs.

The lowest flow total for the San Juan River came in 2002 when the river had a reported flow of just 18.6 cfs.

WRITERS ON THE RANGE

We either lie about them or omit them

By Rich Wandschneider SUN Columnist

Finally, "Black Lives Matter" gains traction. Showing videos and telling stories that bring attention to the large numbers of deaths by police and the cases and deaths by CO-VID-19 among African Americans has led to this long-delayed confron-

per 100,000 people — a higher percapita rate than anywhere in the United States.

For comparison, New York is at 2,150 cases per 100,000 people. Put another way, at the Navajo Nation rate, my state of Oregon would have over 184,000 COVID-19 cases and 8,970 deaths instead of 208 deaths.

July 1. That is more than 4,447 cases white populations. And, according to Indian friends, there are strong tribal memories of the devastating 1918 flu. That generational memory has some living in fear today as COVID-19 marches across America.

Historian Alvin Josephy said that when we are not lying about American Indians in our history we are omitting them. A recent instance of omission: Politico reports that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has turned down tribal epidemiologists' requests for data about the virus that it's making freely available to states. For Euro-Americans, it's been a harsh road traveled over and around American Indians. Most of it has had to do with land: They had it and white people wanted it. Disease killed off Squanto's people, and when the Puritans arrived they were saved by caches of food remaining in what seemed like an empty landscape. Combat with superior numbers and firepower grabbed more land from native Americans. When war didn't work, treaties - and a continued rewriting or abandoning them - snatched more land. After disease and war and treaty making, there was government policy: The Indian Removal Act of 1830 sent tribes to "unsettled" lands across the Mississippi. The Dawes

Allotment Act of 1887 tried to divide remaining Indian lands into parcels for individual Indians to farm, selling the "surplus" unallotted lands to settlers. The Termination Act of 1953 tried finally to do away with all treaty and contractual relations and obligations with the federal government — freeing up more land to be purchased by Weyerhaeuser Timber

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tation with our prejudiced society. What we see with our own eyes can no longer be ignored, which makes this seem a historic moment that could bring about real change.

The press has gone some way towards reporting the heavy impact of the disease on the working poor. Solid reporting has brought out the disproportionate number of black and brown people working as house cleaners, health care aides, and in food processing plants, public transportation and other occupations that put them at greater risk of contagion. Poor neighborhoods, poor water and crowded living conditions have also been exposed as furthering the spread of the virus.

What may not have registered is that the worldwide epidemic has also hit American Indians particularly hard. With a population of just 173,667, the Navajo Nation had 7,549 confirmed cases and 363 deaths attributed to the virus as of

(Source: Worldometer). Yet, the press has devoted little space to the virus having its way in Indian country.

The history of disease among tribes is in a word — terrible. Epidemic diseases killed more indigenous people in the Americas at the start of European colonialism than all the Indian wars. Measles, smallpox and tuberculosis devastated the misnamed Indians, from fishermen-borne diseases brought to tribes along the Atlantic coast in the 16th century to the nearextirpation of the Cayuse in the 1840s. These diseases, unfamiliar to the native Americans, continued to damage tribes through the 20th century.

Charles Mann argues strongly in "1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus" that disease attacks on Indians had a genetic component, meaning that indigenous Americans were far more susceptible to viral diseases than and white farmers and ranchers.

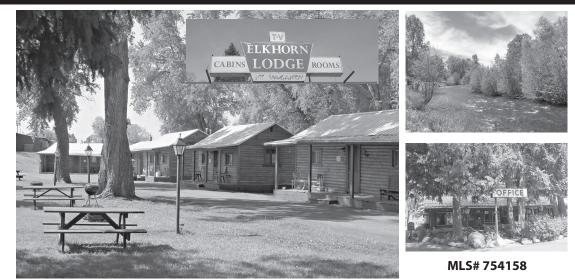
There are complex histories of the relationships between today's Latino and Indian, and among African Americans and American Indians. But what can always be said of native Americans, who remain invisible to many, is that they have defied deliberate attempts to eradicate them. Against all odds, against massive disease outbreaks and repeated injustices, they persevere. Black lives matter, Indian lives

matter, and COVID-19 is teaching us more about the history of both. Any true telling of today's pandemic and past ones, of our country's history and vision of our future, must include the original native Americans.

Rich Wandschneider is a contributor to Writers on the Range (writersontherange.org), a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively discussion of the West. At the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph, Ore., he is developing the Josephy Library.



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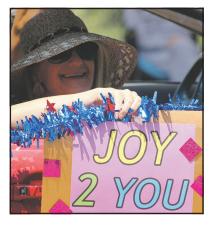
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HER Story: A place to lift each other up

By Ashley Wilson Rise Above Violence

Experiencing violence in your life at any age can leave you with a sense of helplessness, sorrow, anger and many other wide-ranging emotions. It can be difficult to know with whom and how to share that part of you. HER Story Women's Group provides a safe, supportive space to grow and heal as you share your story: an opportunity to meet with other women in your community in a peer-supported group focused on healing from trauma, abuse or violence.

HER Story meets every Friday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Pagosa Massage and BodyWork, 140 Country Center Drive, Unit 2.

The Mayo Clinic touts the many benefits of attending support groups, from reducing anxiety, depression and fatigue to improving skills to cope with challenges, while gaining a sense of empowerment, control and hope.

Very often, people going to their first group say they were surprised of how many people share the same problems. Too often survivors feel alone. This group will work to alleviate some of those isolating feelings.

Dr. David Susman is also an avid

supporter of groups, stating, "It's very powerful when you see others in the group who are further along their road to recovery and who have made great strides towards having happier and healthier lives."

Support groups can renew your hope for the future and very obviously witness in others that healing is obtainable. You will also likely see a notable change in your overall distress when attending support groups where you feel supported and aligned with fellow peers.

Stefanie Rolston, the group facilitator, shared her hopes for this group: "This women's group is a place where we can work through any issues we may be struggling with that stem from trauma or violence, in a safe and inclusive environment. My intent is to create a space where we can be comfortable not only

opening up about whatever it is we're going through, but to also offer support to each other. We'll have topics each week that we'll discuss as a group, with opportunities to reflect and go inward to facilitate growth and healing. I'm passionate about helping other women and am excited to facilitate this group with Rise. I hope you'll join me for this positive, uplifting group on Friday mornings for coffee."

Rise Above Violence sponsors this group, but you do not have to be receiving services from Rise to attend. It is free and open to the public. Peer-support groups are one way to navigate trauma and healing. Rise provides many services free of charge to

victims and survivors of domestic violence and

sexual assault. We recognize that domestic violence is a repeating pattern and that recovery from domestic violence, sexual assault or childhood violence can be a lengthy process. While our advocates are not professional counselors, they do understand. They are trained to assess your needs identify and discuss your options, access available services and provide information and referrals to other agencies available to help with your long-term issues. Rise also has a court advocate on staff to explain and assist

with the legal process, including help with filing of restraining orders.

No matter where you are in your experience, Rise advocates can help you address and navigate whatever is coming next. We are here to accompany you whether you are in the middle of your experience or it is something that happened years ago; healing is a journey. There is help 24 hours a day through our hotline at 264-9075. You are not alone; there is help, hope and healing.

If you are looking for ways to get involved, Rise has many opportunities to volunteer. You can volunteer for events, be a volunteer crisis advocate or be on the board of directors. Rise also has fundraising events to help provide services free of charge to victims and survivors.





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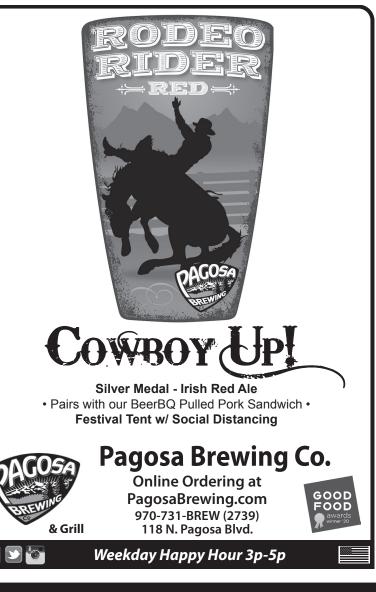
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Free weekly garden talk: successive sowing and garden planning

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 sum-

mer 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 15, at 5:30 p.m., Chacey, the eminent regional vegetable grower and an original founder of the Pagosa Springs Community Garden, will discuss extending your growing season with successive sowing coupled with garden planning.

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 indepth presentation on best practices of garden planning and the type of vegetables appropriate for mid-summer successive sowing for a vegetable garden will follow. All participants will be muted, but will invited to send in questions on his presentation and on any gardening topic.

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

The 5:30 p.m. free gardening talk will be held via Zoom or telephone. To join our email list and receive weekly talk information, please send an email to pagosaspringscommunitygarden@gmail.com. For the July 15 talk, please visit

http://www.Facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden or email PagosaSpringsCommunity-Garden@gmail.com for easy links to the talks.

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

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nity Garden is free and open to all. Residents and town visitors are invited to stop by and enjoy the lovely space.

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

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

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

Proverbs 14:34 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?

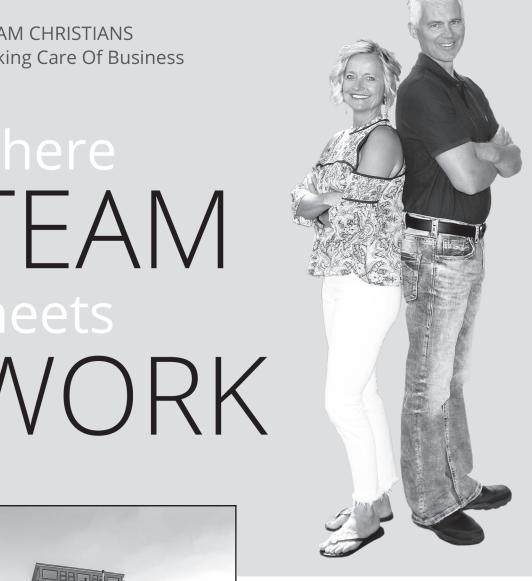
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Bird of the Week



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the ash-throated flycatcher.

This flycatcher, myiarchus cinerascens, is a passerine, the largest order of birds, all of which are accommodated by three toes forward and one back for perching. This songbird is identified by its slight, slender build, long brown tail with rust-colored underside, pale gray head and face, yellow to brownish-olive belly and a noticeable peaked crest on its large head. The bill is dark and slim, and two whitish wing bars mark the wing.

Its habitat is desert scrub and riparian, oak and coniferous woodlands. Spring migration occurs from mid-March to mid-May to breeding areas from the western United States to central Mexico, but they can wander beyond, often to the east coast of North America. In fall, migration occurs from August to mid-September to winter grounds from central Mexico to Honduras.

Known as an insectivore, it feeds on insects from the ground or in foliage undergrowth and has also been known to kill small reptiles or mammals by banging them against hard objects. In winter, when insects are scarce, it will consume fruit. As with other desert animals, this flycatcher doesn't need to drink water, but obtains it through the food it consumes.

Ash-throated flycatchers nest in unusual places — fence posts, clotheslines, pipes and under house eaves — when holes in trees, possibly woodpecker holes, are not available. Nests built by both sexes occur 2-25 feet above ground and have four or five brown and lavender-colored eggs. Both parents gather food and continue to feed the young several days after they fledge.

This songbird population is stable at present.

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

Car Hop Movie Nights: A drive-in fundraiser

By Alison Beach Pagosa Peak Open School

Looking for something fun to do this summer? Swing by the charter school and catch a movie in your car. It's the perfect social distancing night out.

Pagosa Peak Open School is proud to present Car Hop Movie Nights. All summer long, we will host showings in the style of a drivein in our parking lot at 7 Parelli Way. Movie showings are on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights starting at 8:30 p.m. (or dusk). Entrance is by donation. Concessions will be available for purchase.

Email movies@ppos.co for movie information,showtimes and to reserve your spot.

All donations from Car Hop Movie Nights will benefit the school's capital campaign for building renovations. Pagosa Peak Open School is a tuitionfree,public charter school serving Archuleta County dedicated to creating a community of empowered lifelong learners by providing a multiage learning environment designed to foster confidence, high academic achievement and the joy of learning through original and meaningful work.

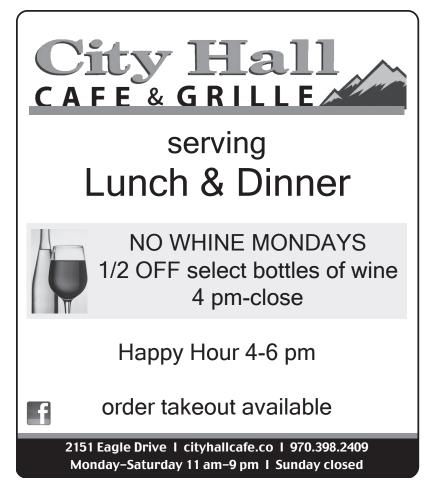


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Family trip on a shoestring

Each year, our family comes from out of town to visit. We tell stories and bring up memories we've made together. One of the stories that surfaced this year was our trip to Hawaii — on a shoestring.

Our youngest daughter lived in Albuquerque at the time and worked at a travel agency. Needless to say, she had access to some amazing discounts. She said to my Sweet Al and me, "The family is planning a vacation. It will only cost you \$500 each, which will include airfare and hotel."

We will go to Hawaii for 10 days and travel from island to island. We will stay at the King Ranch on Molokai, then go to the southern point of the Big Island and see a live volcano. We will walk through the rain forest and travel between islands on small planes or a ferry. We will even get to visit a pineapple farm, feast at a luau with real hula dancers and place a lei on the statue of a famous swimmer.

Snorkeling in the ocean and walks on a black sand beach? It all sounded so wonderful. I should have known better when I realized my children wanted to travel on comp passes, determined to see how much fun they could have as they made a game out of traveling on a shoestring.

Our son was in the Philippines and couldn't get away, so three sisters, my Sweet Al and I packed our bags and headed out for this "trip of a lifetime."

No more had I kicked off my shoes and thrown myself on a five-star hotel bed when I found the first clue of the mystery that was to unravel. Traveling on comp passes meant all five of us would stay in one room together and only for one or two nights at each location.

"It will be cozy and fun," my middle daughter said. "Besides, we get unlimited chi chis served poolside."

"And food?"

"Meals aren't included, but we have it all figured out. We have an extra-large suitcase packed with snacks, instant oatmeal, rice-ina-bag, peanut butter, instant coffee and a hot plate. There is also a Costco on one of the islands where we will shop. We will eat in the room and take picnic lunches with us when we travel."

I was too exhausted to think about what I had gotten myself into. Certainly, there were things I couldn't deny once we headed to the airport on day two for our first island transfer. Would you believe that an extra-large suitcase full of food weighed 75 pounds? I know this because it was over the limit. The only way we could board the plane was to evenly distribute our daily snack rations into the other



nine suitcases. I told one of our daughters that I didn't even want to know how much the airline charged for over-weight baggage. Her response, "Don't worry, we will eat as we go, which will lighten the load."

To our children, our vacation on a shoestring was the ultimate family adventure. They would spring for a rental car and move us from one tourist attraction to another. We visited everything See Lane on next page



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St. Patrick's announces retirement of rector

By Heidi Tanner St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Douglas Neel, rector of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, has announced that he and his wife, Sally Neel (minister of music), will retire from their ministry effective July 31. Their last Sunday at St. Patrick's will be on July 26.

Doug Neel came to St. Patrick's in September of 2008 as the priest in charge and in 2009 became rector of the parish. His nearly 12 years of ministry at the church has allowed the church to grow both in membership and in ministry to the community.

His focus on beautiful worship, Christian education, spirituality and outreach ministries has broadened the church's mission to seek

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Sally Neel and the Rev. Douglas Neel

Lane

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When we needed to switch hotels, the five of us and our 10 suitcases piled in the car, my Sweet Al bungeed the hatch and off we went. Picture the opening credits of the Beverly Hillbillies if you want to relive that moment.

A trip to Costco would supply us with everything we needed to make burritos. And how would we cook the hamburger meat? In the coffee pot, of course.

It was about this time that I had enough of "the fun." And then the fire alarm went off and there was a knock at the door. My Sweet Al and my three daughters scrambled for cover. Two in the bathroom, the other two out on the balcony.

"Get the door, Mother. See who it is."

I opened the door and there stood a security guard, a retired

policeman from Chicago. "Ma'am, there is no smoking in

the room." "Trust me, none of us were smoking." I couldn't bring myself to tell him how we were cooking our dinner, but I think he figured it out. The whiff of Hatch green chile surely gave us away.

Every activity was like a roll of the dice, including a ride on one of the deadliest roads in the world, Kahekill Highway. It is unforgivably known as the "death highway of Maui." The road was not in any condition for travel, but we went on it anyway. It was one of our daughters' birthdays and she insisted on seeing the sunset at the end of the road.

We scraped the bottom and tore off the tailpipe on the rental car. Back at our five-star hotel, in the valet parking area, my Sweet Al asked a construction worker for some wire. He lay under the car and tied up the parts to hide the evidence. I just looked the other way in complete disbelief.

After 10 days of hopping from one place to another, I told my family, "My nerves are frayed." They couldn't believe I felt that way. For them, the experience was nothing short of playing with a barrel of monkeys.

Final brushstroke: Counting cost is different to each person. For some, the adventure of tripping on a shoe string is worth more than paying full price to someone else. But, when it comes to telling stories and laughing with family, the cost of being part of an experience is invaluable. While I am certain I will question my decision, if asked by my children to "do it again," count me in.

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continued from previous page and serve Christ in all persons. He initiated such programs as Theology on Tap, a discussion group that meets in a local brewery, to discuss a variety of topics relating to the faith. Sunday Night Unplugged, a monthly music and meditation service, has drawn a strong community following, providing a beautiful setting to reflect, meditate and pray.

His support of the parish's longtime service projects such as the annual clothing giveaway, the church's weekly food box ministry, serving hot lunches at Loaves and Fishes, the annual Christmas tea, the Irish Festival and other fundraisers to support local nonprofits has provided a strong outreach service to the community.

Doug Neel is well-known for his willingness to give back to the community. He has served on the boards of numerous community service organizations, such as Loaves and Fishes, Rise Above Violence, Social Services oversight board, Pagosa Outreach Connection and Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP). He also is a past member of the Noon Rotary Club.

He has been active in the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado, serving on the Standing Committee (the bishop's board of directors), and as Regional Missioner for the Western Slope (the bishop's overseer for churches in the western region of Colorado). He was appointed by the bishop to be the diocesan liturgist for four years, planning and implementing worship for the diocesan annual conventions.

While living here, Doug Neel finished and had his first book published, "The Food and Feasts of Jesus." The book describes the food and culinary culture of Palestine at the time of Jesus and includes menus and recipes authentic to the time of Jesus. He has a second book that is almost completed. In past years, he enjoyed working "for fun" at a local restaurant on Fridays, helping his son and a friend with morning prep work. While there, he developed a recipe for the Italian muffaletta sandwich which was named for him, El Padre's Muffaletta.

His wife, Sally, provided an extra bonus when they moved to Pagosa Springs. Her training as a professional organist and choir director was immediately utilized and appreciated by both the church and in the community. Since the church did not have an organist when they arrived, Sally Neel filled that position and took over directing the church choir.

She has been responsible for bringing in other musicians to the church as well. In 2011, she founded the Nightsong Trio, made up of herself on piano, Heidi Tanner (violin) and Jessica Peterson (flute). This musical ensemble has served

to assist in worship and performed concerts for the general public.

Sally Neel has developed a long list of local musicians who have generously assisted with the monthly Sunday Night Unplugged services at the church and, along with her husband, has assisted in developing and producing beautiful and unique times for

meditation.

Sally Neel has also been very active in the community, serving on the Music in the Mountains Steering Committee in 2008-2010, as well as musical director for CUP from 2008-2017. While serving on the board of CUP, she was the instigator behind establishing See Retirement on next page

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Braxton is a hard worker with

strong work ethics. He works

harder than his peers, driven to

prove his value and worth as a hu-

man being. He is up for a promo-

relationship with Christ.

Bv Jan Davis Special to The PREVIEW

Braxton, our oldest grandson, called me for one of our usual long conversations, but this phone call was different. He was worried about the racial unrest in our world today.

You see, Braxton is mixed.

Over the years, he faced discrimination because of the color of his skin. People judged him and drew their own opinions without giving him a chance. Racial slurs and hurtful stares were a common occurrence.

When he became a teenager, girls told him to keep their friendship a secret. Their parents would never allow them to date a biracial guy. Fathers cursed him and slammed doors in his face. His heart crushed over and over because he was brown.

It broke my heart as he opened up and shared the pain, hurt and shame he has carried.

Braxton is a young man with high moral integrity. He loves his family and Jesus. He is an active member of his church and helps lead young people to a deeper

Retirement

continued from previous page our local community band, which is now under the guidance of the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society (PSIMS).

Sally Neel has brought in numerous artists that have performed concerts at St. Patrick's, including the Austin Piazzola Quintet, a trio of piano artists, choral ensembles and a variety of solo artists. The annual Heralds of Christmas, a greatly anticipated and well-attended Christmas concert at St. Patrick's, was the brainchild of Sally Neel and trumpeter Karen Mesikapp of PSIMS.

Doug and Sally Neel plan to continue to reside in Pagosa Springs, though they have hopes

of traveling once the pandemic is under control.

swers — but I don't. My heart

grieves for him. I love Braxton. I

know his character and heart. He

because of racial bias?

'We love Pagosa Springs and are happy to continue to call it home. However, since full-time church ministry has not been conducive to a great deal of free time, we look forward to traveling and seeing the U.S. and other countries as well," said Doug Neel.

"It is very difficult to say goodbye to this amazing congregation," he said. "St. Patrick's has been our church family and our dearest friends for almost 12 years. The members of St. Patrick's commitment to our Lord and to service in his name is incredibly inspiring. They truly understand the mandates of Christ to be his hands

has kept quiet for so long. But, finds himself in a place where he feels compelled to speak up and defend his son.

God says we are created equal. The world discriminates. His Word says he knew Braxton before conception. The world says abortion is a better choice. God's word says he is fearfully and wonderfully made, yet the world declares he's too dark. God calls him his child; the world shouts he's a nobody. God promises him a plan and future, but the world writes him off.

So, who is right, the world or God?

The world may continue to close doors, but God provides open doors no man can shut. Doors of safety, opportunity and prosperity. Braxton's future is one of hope and unconditional love because of Jesus.

"Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the Lord. But the blameless in their ways are His delight." — Proverbs

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tion and his supervisor told him, "Braxton, I'm ashamed to say this, but if you get the job, you will be the first black person to ever hold this position in our company. Why did he need to talk to me now? In a few weeks, Braxton becomes a father and is concerned about Maverick's future. Will the

present turmoil and chaos make this a better world? Will he face the same hatred as his dad? Will people slam doors in his face and possibilities thrown by the wayside 11:20 (NKJV). As his Nana, I wish I had an-

more

missions to editor@pagosasun.com.

and feet in the world, serving each other and those who are in need. Sally and I leave our friends in this parish knowing that they will continue to thrive in this capacity, being a beacon of light to all who

are searching for the love of God."

Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

Bv Paulette Heber

Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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

Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/884668836?pwd=bk dEeVlaSWN0bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09, 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 12, our theme is forgiveness. The Baha'i Faith is a world religion whose purpose

is to unite all people of the world in one universal cause, one common faith.

"If someone commits an error and wrong toward you, you must instantly forgive him." — Abdu'l Baha. To learn more about the Baha'i Faith, please visit

the official international website of the Baha'i Faith at www.bahai.org Our local contact is archuletabahais@ gmail.com.

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New Thought to discuss new paradigms

By Lisa Burnson New Thought Center

for Inspirational Living

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A paradigm is described as a set of beliefs that replaces another set of beliefs that is believed to no longer apply. It is a new way of thinking or doing things that replaces the old ways.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, July 12, at 10 a.m. for our presentation: "New Paradigms: New Times, New Thoughts." 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.

Thursday, July 30, 6 p.m.: Outdoor concert in the courtyard. More information to follow.

About us

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exploring wilderness trails. The yearning to move back to the country wouldn't go away; you could say the yearnin' kept'a yankin'.

I had the start of a young family with its attendant responsibilities. I knew jobs in the country were scarce and low paying. Flash! My solution was to enroll in and complete correspondence courses in wildlife management and parks management.

Shortly after I completed the courses, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Management Department announced their intent to hire managers for about a dozen state parks. Along with several hundred other applicants, mostly with college degrees, I underwent oral and written testing for the positions. I finished eighth and chose to go to newly opened Navajo Lake State Park. You didn't ask, but that's how I got here.

As I settled into my new job at Arboles, I couldn't help yearning, staring eastward at the long range See Past on next page



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Library building partially reopened, plus new Tall Tale contest

By Carole Howard PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

It is with great pleasure that we announce that your library building has now partially reopened for the first time since the middle of March, albeit with some limitations. Here's what services are currently available:

• Up to 20 patrons at a time are now welcome to come into the building from Monday through



Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to return books, browse, register for a new library card, make copies, send faxes, pick up tax forms and check out materials like books, DVDs, CDs and periodicals.

• The first hour of that time frame every weekday from 9 to 10 a.m. is reserved for seniors and other high-risk people.

• Eight computers are now available weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., three by appointment arranged in advance and five for walk-ins. To make a computer appointment, call the library at 264-

Past

continued from previous page of mountains making up the Continental Divide. One of the part-time employees told me how to find the trail following the East Fork of the Piedra into those mountains. My first adventures into the mountains were into that East Fork canyon. It was a tough hike starting with a steep climb. I carried a 40-pound pack. Once the trail leveled off beside a spectacular waterfall, there was a tin cup, hanging from a tree beside Tin Cup Creek. The sparkling creek supplied a better drink than any bar anywhere.

Fishing was great because not

many folks were willing to burn the sweat necessary to get up there and so the stream was not fished out. No fish tastes better than a cutthroat trout cooked over a campfire. Drifting an American Beauty or mosquito fly tied on a number 22 barbed hook worked every time. Many a night, I poked a willow stick into a biscuit, balanced a frying pan on a rock at the edge of the campfire, feasted and then climbed into my sleeping bag.

An owl hooted and coyotes barked as I dozed off, stretched out on my back watching for shooting stars in the night sky. I woke at first light, fried eggs and bacon, washed the dishes, put out the fire and did some exploring. Rumor had it that a cache of gold had been hidden in that canyon. I never found it, but enjoyed looking at the wildflowers, rocks, etc. I did find a flint arrowhead which someone told me was the kind used by Pueblo Indians to hunt birds.

As time went by, I ascended, fished in and slept beside all of the rivers in this area. I fished the lakes as well, but without much success. Even today, when this old man daydreams, fishing up the Piedra East Forks tops the list.





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2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary. org to schedule a time. With some possible exceptions, computer usage will be limited to two hours per day. Staff will continue to clean and disinfect the computers between uses

• As well, one early literacy computer will be available for youngsters on a walk-in basis Monday through Saturday.

• Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for building entry and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for computer use.

• Curbside service outside the front door continues Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for those not comfortable coming into a public building at this time. Phone the library at 264-2209 when you are in the parking lot so that staff can bring the items out for you. If you put a hold on something from home, please wait for your usual alert (email, phone call or text) before coming to pick it up.

• For safety's sake, hand sanitizers will be available and there will be frequent cleanings inside the building throughout the day. Also, we're asking everyone to practice social distancing and wear facial coverings while you are in the building. If you don't have a mask, we are happy to give one to you.

• We have resumed providing a notary public service for anyone who needs something notarized. The cost is \$5 per notary. This service is available Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• You now are able to place holds on items from other libraries. Libraries are in different stages of courier service and reopening, so items may take longer than usual.

• If you do not have a library card but want to use our online resources, you now can self-register. From

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our website, click "My Account" in the top right. It is the usual login page for current patrons, and it now has (in blue) an option to "Register for a new Library Card." There's a short form and then staff will get back in touch with you to give you your login credentials. If you previously self-registered, you now can pick up your physical card after providing proof of address.

• We're also happy to provide tech help over the phone for our online resources.

• Please note we are not accepting meeting room reservations or hosting any large in-person programming at this time. We hope you will join us for some of our virtual programs outlined in these "Library News" columns. We will be resuming small one-on-one classes such as GED, ESL and Tech Time. Please contact the library for information.

'We are so pleased to be starting the reopening process and providing more services to our patrons," said Meg Wempe, library director. "We want everyone to enjoy a safe, productive and happy visit when you come to your library. But we ask you to avoid hanging out inside for too long so that we can serve more people throughout the day and help keep everyone safe."

We are putting together a short video to share some of the changes in the library to help you know what to expect when you return. It will be posted on our Facebook page as well as on our website.

New Tall Tale contest

Calling storytellers of all ages and abilities - your library is hosting a Tall Tale contest. Do you have an extravagant story to tell? If so, we want to hear from you. Submit your entries between Monday, July 13, and Friday, July 17, by 5 p.m. Winners will be announced on July 20.

Submissions should be original stories, but can use already existing characters. Both written entries and audio recordings will be accepted. Please do not send video entries.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Pre-Writers, Emerging Writers, Developed Writers-Children, Developed Writers-Teens, Developed Writers-Adults and Judge's Choice. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit the library website at pagosalibrary.org or call us at 264-2209.

Email your tale to ruby@pagosalibrary.org or deliver a hard copy to the library. All entries should be clearly labeled as entries to the Tall Tale contest and include the author's name, age and contact information. You do not need to have a library card to participate.

Book sale canceled

Because of the coronavirus, the Friends of the Library have decided to cancel this year's sale, which had been scheduled for Aug. 4-6. Questions or concerns that the public may have can be directed to friends@pagosalibrary.org, which is the Friends' email address.

Fundraiser bumper stickers

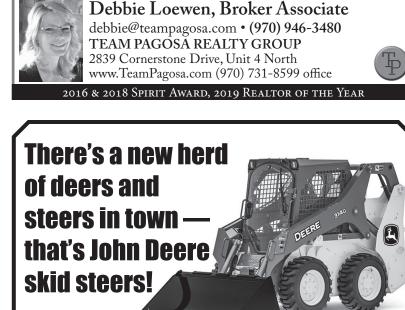
Your library's foundation has launched a small fundraiser with two different bumper stickers that cost \$5 each. Both say, "I (heart symbol) my library." If you want to purchase one to show your support, they are available during curbside hours.

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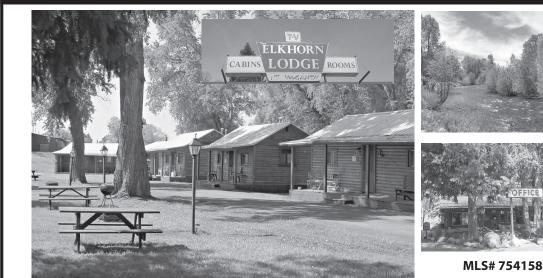
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Our long-awaited HVAC project has started and should take another month to complete. We apologize for the noise, particularly in the next week with the continued dismantling/demolition of the old system. We will have earplugs available at our front door greeter station.

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 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? 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.

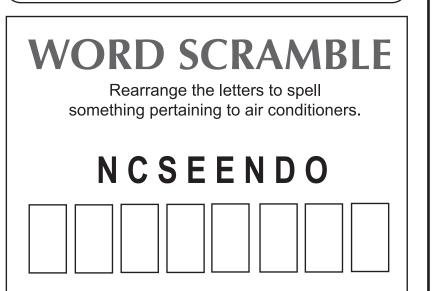
Challenge 7: Blackout poetry

Create a piece of blackout poetry using the "Library News" column or another article found in The Pagosa Springs SUN newspaper. A blackout poem is created when you blackout or redact the words in the article that you don't want, leaving behind the words you want to use in your poem. Take a picture of your poem and email it to the library at ruby@pagosalibrary.org, drop it off during curbside hours Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., post it on the library's Facebook page, or call in to 264-2209 and tell us your poem. Everyone can participate and entries will be entered into a weekly prize drawing.

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Family storytimes on Facebook

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m., join us for great stories and fun songs on the library's Facebook page.

Wednesday storytimes are now on Facebook Live, so if you go to Facebook at 10 a.m. you can interact with Josie — and she is eager to have a live audience.

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Storywalk program for kids

Every Thursday, Josie, your early literacy librarian, will post "signs' outside the library that follow the sidewalk up toward the elementary school detailing a new Summer Reading Storywalk for kids. The July 9-16 theme is adventure. Get outdoors and follow the pages of a book to enjoy a fun-filled exploration of new places. After you finish, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library during curbside hours Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

DVDs

"101 Dalmatians" is the Walt Disney animated film. "Queen and Slim" is a romantic drama. "Onward" is a Disney Pixar animated film.

CDs

"The Last Odyssey" by James Rollins is a Sigma Force adventure. "The Glass Hotel" by Emily St. John Mandel is a story of greed and guilt, love and delusion. "Revenge" by James Patterson and Andrew Holmes is a murder mystery featuring an SAS soldier. "Redhead by the Side of the Road" by Anne Tyler is a story of second chances and misperceptions.

Mysteries and thrillers

"Death in Her Hands" by Ottessa Moshfegh is a horror suspense tale of an elderly widow whose life is overturned after she finds an ominous note in the woods. "Ghosts of Harvard" by Francesca Seritella follows a woman investigating her brother's suicide on campus. "The Summer House" by James Patterson and Brandan DuBois is set in a house that once was the scene of a nighttime mass murder. "The Persuasion" by Iris Johansen focuses on forensic sculptor Eve Duncan when her daughter becomes a killer's target.

Other novels

"Gideon the Ninth" by Tamsun Muir is the first book in the new Locked Tomb science fantasy trilogy. "28 Summers" by Elin Hilderbrand is a romance story inspired by "Same Time Next Year." "Daddy's Girls" by Danielle Steel follows three daughters living on a California ranch after their father dies. "Home Before Dark" by Riley Sager is the story of a house with long-buried secrets.

"Dance with Me" by Susan Elizabeth Phillips features two solitary people and is set in Tennessee. "Eliza Starts a Rumor" by Jane L. Rosen centers on two competing bulletin boards. "American Demon" by Kim Harrison is the latest in the Hollows urban fantasy series.

Nonfiction

"The Art of Her Deal" by Pulitzer Prize winner Mary Jordan is a biography of First Lady Melania Trump. "Be An Antiracist" by National Book Award winner Ibram X. Kendi is a new look at understanding and uprooting racism and inequality in our society. "Five Days" by Rhodes Scholar Wes Moore and Erica L. Green reviews the uprising that overtook Baltimore in 2015 when Freddie Gray was arrested and died in police custody. "White Fragility" by educator Robin Diangelo looks at why it is so hard for white people to

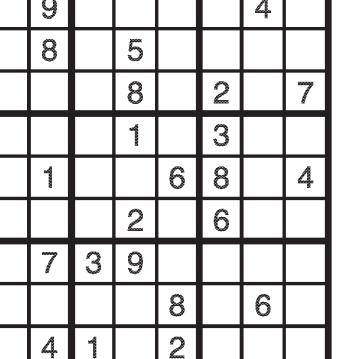
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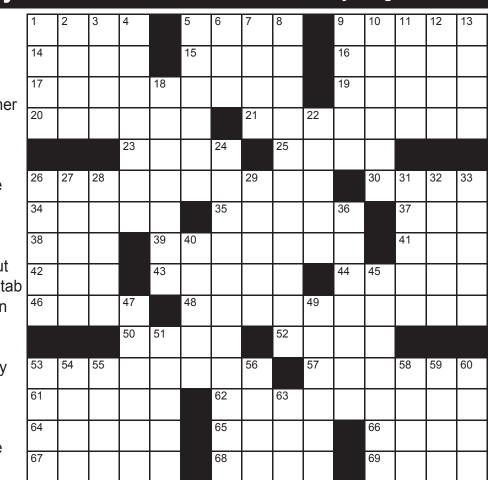
The Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Whale groups
- 5 They may be loaded
- 9 Razor sharpener
- 14 Grand tale
- **15** Corner pieces
- 16 TV teaser
- 17 Disney's Willie
- 19 Varnish
- ingredient
- 20 Horse handler
- 21 Nearly wipe out
- 23 Picked up the tab
- **25** For that reason
- 26 Wheelchairfriendly
- **30** Indian dignitary
- **34** Carpentry tool
- 35 Web address
- punctuation 37 Napkin's place 38 Fizzled
- firecracker
- 39 Champion, as a cause
- 41 Little devil
- 42 Suffix with legal
- 43 Home addition?
- 44 Record company
- 46 "Nebraska" actor Bruce
- 48 Kirk's ship
- **50** Big galoots
- 52 Motel offering
- 53 Scottish castle
- 57 Shelled slow-
- mover
- 61 First sign of spring
- 62 Two-sided
- 64 Path to the altar
- 65 Unwanted look
- 66 Virus in 2003
- news
- 67 Mythical goatman
- 68 Nervous
- 69 Sitter's charge

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55 Lean to one side

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- 56 Served up a
- whopper
- 58 Carhop's load
- 59 Carefree adventure
- 60 Ultimatum ender
- 63 Journey segment

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:



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- 54 Soprano solo grp. 7 Outfitted 8 Big name in beauty products 9 Bit of parsley
- 10 Shake

2 Chooses, with

3 South Beach,

5 Remains of a

6 U.N. workers'

4 Surgeon's blade

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for one

wreck

- **11** Santa ____, Calif.
- **12** Skip over
- **13** Southern side?
- **18** Childhood illness
- 22 Mustard family plant
- 24 Non-essential
- 26 Stated further
- 27 Small jar
- 28 Autumn drink
- 29 Swell up
- 31 Suspect's out
- 32 Bond-Bond link?
- 33 Eden fruit

47 That is to say 49 Old-school

36 Lend a hand

45 Recliner part

40 Take the helm

- phone
- 51 Phony

- **53** Pastoral sounds

Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, July 9

- Storywalk for Kids: 'Imagine Your Story.' Get outdoors and follow the pages of the book to enjoy a story as you stroll along. After you finish, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library during curbside hours. Josie will post signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up toward the elementary school detailing a new Storywalk. This week's theme is adventure. Call 264-2209 for more information.
- 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 is \$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.
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- Virtual Pro Se Clinic Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m. Despite the CO-VID-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. landlordtenant law, veteran's benefits and civil protection orders. Call 264-2209 for more information.
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Saturday, July 11

- Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. Available for purchase will be essential products only. For more information, contact Pauline Benetti at 264-5232.
- League of Women voters: Virtual Colorado Legislative Lowdown. 10-11:30 a.m. State Sen. Don Coram and state Rep. Barbara McLachlan will present an overview of the session and answer questions. To attend the webinar: https:// us02web.zoom.us/j/87483697988. Advance registration is not required. Zoom will ask for a screenname/email when you join. There will be a Q-and-A in written form during the meeting, or send a ques-
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COMMUNITY UPDATE

CERF: Covid-19

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\$201,000 in Grant Rounds 1 & 2

Supported nonprofits on the frontlines serving our vulnerable populations

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\$90,000 for Food Security

Purchased food to be distributed via food pantries in SW Colorado



\$10,000 for Save the Food, Feed the People Paid out-of-work chefs to prepare 600 meals per week for our food insecure neighbors



\$10,000 for No-Touch Thermometers Partnered with the Bank of Colorado to distribute

200 digital thermometers to businesses and nonprofits



\$10,000 for SWCODA.org

Launched a resource website for businesses, nonprofits and individuals as well as a locally-designed Rise & Recover Together logo.

The need continues...

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Monday, July 13

Tall Tale Contest. Calling storytellers of all ages and abilities. Do you have an extravagant story to tell? If so, we want to hear from you. Submit your entries between Monday, July 13, and Friday, July 17, by 5 p.m. Submissions should be original stories, but can use already existing characters. Both written entries and audio recordings will be accepted. Please do not send video entries. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Pre-Writers, Emerging Writers, Developed Writers-Children, Developded Writers-Teens, Developed Writers-Adults, and Judges Choice. Winners will be announced on July 20. Email your tale to ruby@ pagosalibrary.org or hand deliver a hard copy to the library. All entries should be labeled as entries to the Tall Tale contest and include the author's name, age and contact information.For more information and submission guidelines, visit

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Tuesday, July 14

- **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.
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Wednesday, July 15

- Weminuche Audubon Presents Summer Native Plant Walks. 9:30 a.m.-noon, Lobo Overlook Road. Join Lake McCullough in exploring subalpine wildflowers, herbs and edible plants of the Continental Divide. Discover the identities and uses of those plants. To enable safe social distancing, the number of participants will be limited, and advance registration is required. Please leave dogs at home. For more information and to register, email weminucheaudubon@gmail. com.
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Garden Talks with Ron Chacey. 5:30 p.m. This week Chacey will discuss "Extending Your Growing Season with Successive Sowing Coupled with Garden Planning." This year you will be able to attend from the comfort of your own home. Just tune in via Zoom from your computer, iPad or mobile device. First, Chacey will talk about what's going on this week in his personal garden. You will view current photos of his plants, garden beds and hoop houses. Everyone will be muted, but also be able to submit questions or comments via chat. Then there will be a Q-and-A period. Email pagosaspringscommunitygarden@ gmail.com for an easy link and a call-in phone number.

Thursday, July 16

- Outdoor Labyrinth Guided Walk. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., the wooden cross behind the parking lot. Docents provide information and inspiration regarding the Chartres-designed labyrinth. It is a path of releasing, receiving and renewal. We encourage social distancing and wearing a mask in the presence of others. In addtion to the Thursday guided tour, the labyrinth is available seven days a week.
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- **Chimney Rock Interpretive Asso**ciation Lecture Series: 'Chaco, North of the San Juans.' 7 p.m. Steven H. Lekson will be discussing the Zoom presentation online. To join this meeting, you can obtain the Zoom link and meeting ID located on www.chimnevrockco. org/lecture. For more information, visit www.chimnevrockco.org or call 731-7133.



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Saturday, July 18

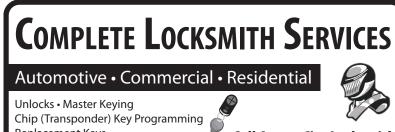
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Defective wood and teaching scouts

By Daris Howard

Special to The PREVIEW

One of my scouts came into camp, shaking his head. "You know that troop next to us? I don't think they know anything."

"What do you mean?" I asked. "Oh, I don't know," my scout replied. "It's just everything about them. They're over there trying to build a fire, and I think about the only thing they're going to burn is themselves.'

"Maybe I should pay them a visit," I said.

I wandered down the trail. The other troop wasn't really right next to us. My boys liked to be as far out from the center as camp as possible and always voted on the last camp on the edge of the Forest Service land. We had two unoccupied camps between the next troop and us.

As I stepped into the other troop's camp, I could see what my scout was talking about. In the fire circle they had big logs. The scoutmaster, along with a few other boys, were down on their knees trying to light the big logs on fire with matches. The matches kept burning out long before the log caught on fire. A couple of the boys lit paper, but it quickly burned up while only singeing the logs.

I walked right up to the group. "Hi. I'm from the camp farther up the trail.'

The scoutmaster stood, smiled, and spoke somewhat coolly. "Aren't you the group that never wears scout uniforms?'

I smiled and nodded. "That would be us."

I looked around the group gathered there. The scoutmaster and every boy had on a perfectly ironed scout uniform.

The scoutmaster smirked and said, "Don't you think it's strange that you're the only troop not wearing scout uniforms at scout camp?"

"Not really," I said. "To me, scouting is about skills more than it is about ceremony." I then pointed at their pile of singed logs. "Been camping much?"

The smirk disappeared from his face as he shook his head. "No. We live deep in the city, and it's impossible to find any place to camp without driving for hours. That's why the boys have been looking forward to this one."

"Mind if I take a shot at your fire?" I asked.

The scoutmaster shrugged. "Go ahead and try. But be forewarned, I think we must have defective wood.'

I asked them if they had a hatchet or an ax, but they didn't. I asked one of the boys to grab me some paper towels. I pulled out my knife and took one of the roughest logs. I whittled off some shavings and long splinters. Once I had a good pile, I put the paper towels in a pile, then

piled on the small pieces of wood. I also directed the boys to bring me small branches and pine needles from the surrounding forest. I broke the branches and laid them with the pine needles on top. Soon I had a good pile. Finally, I placed three of their big logs in a triangle against each other over the other wood.

I lit the paper, and almost immediately, the whole pile started to burn. Soon the big logs caught fire, and it wasn't long before a roaring fire was blazing in the fire ring.

'Well, I'll be," the scoutmaster said. "I thought something was wrong with our wood."

"You've got to start out small and build it up," I said. "I suppose we all have our talents. I wouldn't know much about living in a city. My boys and I aren't much at wearing uniforms. But we do a lot with survival skills.'

I held out my hand. "The name is Daris "

He smiled a much friendlier smile. "Steven," he replied. "If you need anything, you know

where I am," I said.

Steven nodded. "If I do, I will definitely come find you.' To be continued.

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Medical alert monitoring systems available for seniors

By Cheryl Wilkinson PREVIEW Columnist

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Senior shopping assistance program

The Pagosa 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.

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 public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The



meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread. Please call 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program. We are now including breakfast for the next morning with lunch at the drive-through and Meals on Wheels.

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

The Community Café menu

Thursday, July 9 — Turkey with 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.

Friday, July 10 — Beef Frito pie, steamed asparagus with lemon, steamed asparagus, salad and banana cream pie.

Monday, July 13 — Pork Italian sausage with grapes over polenta, sautéed spinach with mushrooms, Italian chopped salad, milk, foccacia bread with butter and strawberries with honey and whipped cream.

Tuesday, July 14 — Baked cod under dill souffle, roasted zucchini with tomatoes and onion, creamed

peas and onions, milk, green salad with grapes and pears, and cookies. Wednesday, July 15 — Turkey Rachel sandwich, broccoli with garlic and butter, roasted carrots, milk, salad and dessert.

Thursday, July 16 — Beef brisket, macaroni and cheese, green beans, milk, salad and dessert.

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

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

Due to COVID-19, food supplies have been affected. Substitutions will be made accordingly.



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Understanding LPEA's Peak Power Charge **Hours to Watch One Billing Cycle** AVERAGE OFF-PEAK HOURS PER MONTH AVERAGE ON-PEAK HOURS PER MONTH HOUR A MONTH WHEN ENERGY USAGE IS HIGHEST= \$1.50 PER KW USED DURING THAT ONE HOUR

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Farmington, Colorado Springs — Anywhere in Colorado and border state approved cities for Medicaid insured rides to and from Medicaid providers Pre-approval and 24-hour notice required. Call for details.

Wilderness Journeys Pagosa, Inc Call **970-731-4081** for scheduling PUC # 16400, DOT# 2842985, MCT# 0021

Community news. **The Pagosa Springs SUN** 264-2100



Humane Society 731-4771.



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SERVICES

BRUSH/ CONSTRUCTION, CLEAN UP and hauling, fire mitigation, lawn care, landscaping, tree pruning. Reasonable, reliable, insured, safety conscious. CC accepted. Call now to schedule (970)946-3923.

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HANDY ANDY MAINTENANCE. Painting, window cleaning, plumbing, deck repair. VIP maintenance. (830)220-4883.

IS YOUR DRIVEWAY A MUDDY mess? Driveway gravel delivered and spread. Top soil available also. Free estimates: Call Randy, 769-2755.

SKIDSTEER WORK- POST HOLES, grading, back filling garages, decks, remodels, additions, snow removal and more! (970)903-7567, Steve.

HANDYMAN SERVICES. SMALL PROJECTS. Honey do lists. Carpentry. Honest and reliable. Call Manny at (228)355-1628.

I STAIN/ PAINT HOUSES cheap. A.P.C. LLC. 20 years experience. (970)903-5485.

JUNK IN YOUR YARD? Construction cleanup and hauling off debris. Call Eric 946-2061.

NEWMARK LANDSCAPE AND STONE. Custom design and installation, creative stonework including fireplaces, patios and walls. 16 years experience in Pagosa. We respond promptly to requests. Contact J.D. Deilgat (970)903-3701 jddeilgat@gmail.com.

KRITTER GITTERS, SKUNK AND BAT Busters. We specialize in capturing and removing unwanted rodents and varmints. We don't trap pigs. 50 years experience, lifetime resident. Dan Snow, (719)849-8873.

RIVERSTONE CARPET CLEANING. 25 cents/ sq. ft. and \$3 per stair. No hidden charges. Owner/ operator 20 years experience. Professional, trustworthy and punctual. 100% eco-friendly. Call Mike at (970)403-9222. Credit cards accepted.

CUSTOM PICTURE FRAMING. Reasonable prices. Linda Lerno, 731-5173.

LAWN MAINTENANCE. Reliable, affordable, professional mowing, weed-eating and lawn care services. RuddCo (970)398-0640.

GET YOUR PAINTING, STAINING done on your house, barn, garage and deck. Have references. Call Rick or John (970)946-1737.

PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANERS. Pristine View specializes in window and screen cleaning. Insured. Licensed. Free estimates. Jon (970)235-0001. https://www.facebook.com/ pristineviewcleaners.

LANDSCAPING/ YARD MAINTENANCE/ YARD CLEANUP. Mowing, trimming, raking and tree trimming. Tractor available for planting and landscaping. 946-2061.

LOCAL MOVING SERVICES. Reasonable and reliable. 946-2061.

HEALTH SERVICES

DEEP RELAXATION- 1:1 session with vibrational sound therapist. Feel the vibrations, bowls placed directly on body for deep healing/ relaxation. (970)335-9225.

HOT SPRINGS HEALERS Wellness Center. Chiropractic, acupuncture, craniosacral, massage, water therapy in the hot springs. Auto and sports injuries. 1/2 hour \$60 and 1 hour \$120 treatment. (971)221-4797, hotspringshealers.com. Home visits. Durango hours on Wednesday.

HELP WANTED

PAGOSA SPRINGS GOLF CLUB is seeking employees in the following departments at the golf course. Candidates must apply in person. Golf Maintenance, full and part time. Early morning start time. Golf Cart and Pro Shop Staff. Flexible schedules. Bartenders, mid mornings to late afternoons. For more information, call (970)731-4755. Located at 1 Pines Club Place, Pagosa Springs.

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

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

NEXT GEN EXCAVATION LOOKING for well-rounded person with a class A CDL license to drive truck, operate equipment, and perform general labor. Pay starts at \$16/ hour. Call (970)946-7303.

LEAD & LINE COOKS. Pagosa Brewing seeks kitchen team members for Line and Lead Cooks. Apply at 118 North Pagosa Blvd. and Facebook. No phone calls.

COLORADO DREAM HOMES is hiring for a full-time office assistant. Seeking a personable, detail oriented self starter. Responsibilities include answering phones, purchasing, assisting the office manager and filing. The position includes paid time off. Please send resume and inquiries to coloradodream-homesinc@gmail.com, call (970)731-3071 or stop by our office at 2283 Eagle Dr. for an application.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a Part-time Patient Registration Clerk. The Clerk provides administrative support. The clerk will courteously greet all patients in person and on the phone in a timely manner. They are responsible for the accurate and efficient entering of patient information into the Electronic Health Record through the Registration Conversation. They will enter, update or verify patient demographics, insurance and copayments for every encounter. They are responsible for verifying insurance eligibility. They are responsible for collecting and posting insurance copayments and patient payments. Applications may be picked up at the hospital front registration desk, the human resources office, or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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

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Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

CAREGIVER NEEDED FOR 94 year old woman. Preferably a live in caregiver but can do two shifts: 6p.m. to 9a.m. and 11a.m. to 4p.m. Some experience would be good but not required. References will be needed. Call (970)731-2846.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR CITY Hall Cafe and Coyote Moon Bar and Grill. All positions. Apply within or call (970)398-0355.

LOOKING FOR A CAREER OPPORTUNITY and being a part of your local community? 1st SouthWest Bank is hiring a Teller, offering a strong benefit package and career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to https://www.fswb. bank/who-we-are/careers/ for more details and to apply.

JOURNALIST - THE PAGOSA SPRINGS SUN is seeking qualified candidates for a reporter position. Must demonstrate aptitude for, and commitment to community newspaper journalism. Candidates must be prepared to handle deadlines, cover breaking news, report on sports and government and write features. Position is 30 hours a week. Send cover letter including salary expectations, resume, references and clips to Reporter Position, The Pagosa Springs SUN, PO Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or hand-deliver them to the paper at 457 Lewis St. Emailed submissions are acceptable (helpwanted@ pagosasun.com). The Pagosa Springs SUN, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

PEAK DELI HIRING IMMEDIATELY for skilled line cook with multitasking abilities and customer service skills. NO CALLS. Stop in for application.

EXPERIENCED CONSTRUCTION HELP NEEDED. Reliable transportation required. Excellent pay based on experience . Please call (970)403 5119 .

CLEANERS NEEDED FOR BUSY local company. \$15/ hour for employees, \$18-\$20/ hour for 1099 contractors. Flexible scheduling. Please contact us at cleanPSCO@gmail.com.

CAREGIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY. No experience necessary. Must be caring and compassionate. Visit us at www.peoplecarehs.com. Contact Deandra at dberes@ peoplecarehs.com or (970)399-8257.

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

FRONT DESK/ RECEPTIONIST POSITION. Experience in Microsoft Office. Strong customer service, and organizational skills required. Team player needed for a busy and positive outpatient clinic. 8a.m.-5p.m. Monday- Thursday. Email letter of interest and resume, with references included, to admin.inbalancept@ centurytel.net. No phone calls or walk ins.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for Nutritional Service Workers to prepare and cook food for hospital patients, staff, and visitors. Must have a flexible schedule and willing to work nights and weekends. Applications may be picked up at the hospital front registration desk, the human resources office, or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

HELP WANTED

PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND GREEN-HOUSE PAGOSA are looking for happy, enthusiastic people to join our budding business. We are willing to train the right candidate if you're committed to being a part of this continually growing industry. Please send a copy of your resume to employment@jandjinc.net along with a copy of your Colorado M.E.D. Badge.

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

PAGOSA LIQUOR HIRING FULL- TIME cashier. Please apply at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a Pre-Certification Patient Account Representative. The Rep follows up on assigned accounts after claim submission. Responsible for accurately and timely collection of claims billed to third-party payers as both primary, secondary, tertiary. Etc. Required to maintain AR at the departmental goal as well as other departmental goals: Cash collections. AR Days, aging of accounts receivable greater than 90 days, etc. Responsible for obtaining authorizations for order services on assigned accounts, timely and accurately, to ensure reimbursement for services. Responsible for providing complete documentation of clinical information to payers in support of healthcare service to be authorized. Applications may be picked up at the hospital front registration desk, the human resources office, or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE, LOUNGE & PATIO. Part-time Housekeeper. 3-4 mornings a week. Must be reliable and work when scheduled. Please apply in person. Monday- Friday 9a.m. to 3p.m.

DENTAL ASSISTANT. San Juan Dental is seeking a dental assistant and wellness coordinator. Please email resume in pdf form to drericmsmithdds@aol.com. Work in a great office with arguably the best dental staff in the country. Pay commensurate with experience.

ROOF LABORER NEEDED. MUST have some metal experience. \$15-\$20 per hour depending on experience. Call San Juan Roofing, (970)749-0830.

MOTEL SOCO IS NOW HIRING! We are definitely the coolest place to work in town, just ask any of our staff! Opportunities for growth within the company are available. Seeking fun and energetic people to fill the positions of full-time and part-time room attendants (housekeeping), and a morning cafe/ kitchen person. Mornings, weekends and holidays are a MUST for these positions. Please submit resume to info@motelsoco.com, stop by Monday- Thursday from 11a.m.-3p.m., or call anytime to schedule a meet and greet with a Manager.

FULL-TIME SERVER/ BARTENDER POSI-TION available at The Buck Stops Here Market & Eatery. Must have positive customer service skills and reliable. Please apply in person. NOW HIRING COOKS- BREAKFAST, lunch

and dinner. Boss Hogg's. Apply within.

EXPERIENCED EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TO work in Chama, New Mexico for logging company. Call (970)507-0876.

HELP WANTED

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WE ARE SEEKING a versatile individual who can help us with chairside dental assisting and front office administration. No experience necessary; will train the right candidate. Please send resume to denprac@yahoo.com.

FULL TIME HOURS. With possible 2 bedroom, 1/1-2 bath rental available. Storage facility plus Uhaul rentals. Must have good customer service skills, computer skills, some lifting and outdoor work. If interested, please call office 264-5958 during regular business hours. M-F, 9a.m.-5p.m. or email me at allpurposestorage193@ gmail.com.

LANDSCAPING LABOR NEEDED. Looking for individuals to perform general landscaping projects in beautiful outdoor Colorado. Call Charlie at (970)264-0913.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for Nutritional Service Workers to prepare and cook food for hospital patients, staff, and visitors. We offer full benefit package to our full-time employees including health insurance, retirement and paid time off. Applications may be picked up at the hospital front registration desk, the human resources office, or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter. org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

CAREGIVER POSITION for elderly woman with dementia. Part-time or full-time hours available, \$15/ hour. Background check and experience required. (970)946-7970.

OFFICE MANAGER. San Juan Dental is seeking a caring and compassionate new team member for our growing boutique practice. Dental experience a plus. Please email resume to drericmsmithdds@aol.com or stop by 101 Pagosa St.

MOUNTAIN PIZZA & TAPROOM is a fast growing, successful Pizza Brand. Are you looking for a career opportunity and not just a job? We are looking for full- and part-time people. Amazing opportunity for career progression. Wonderful teams- ain't no Family like a Pizza Family. Apply in person at 175 Pagosa Street. Pagosa Springs, CO.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE, LOUNGE AND PA-TIO. Seeks motivated and dedicated bartenders. Most work nights and weekends and holidays. Seeks experienced grill and line cooks and a Day Kitchen Manager. Seeks a part-time pastry cook. Must work Sunday and Monday mornings and fill in as needed. See Chef Travis and Chef Erika. You can send your resume to: Contact@ alleyhousegrille.com.

NOW HIRING FULL-TIME FRONT COUNTER associate with positive customer service skills. Job includes waiting on customers with their meat and seafood needs, packaging meat, taking phone orders, cash register sales. Must be able to multi task and be friendly. Customer service experience preferred. Please apply in person with Kevin at The Buck Stops Here Market & Eatery.

WILSON, REA, BECKEL & ASSOCIATES is now accepting applications for a permanent parttime receptionist with the possibility of leading to full time. Hours will be from 8a.m. to 12 noon. The position will start Monday, August 3. Job responsibility includes: greeting clients, answering the phone, computer skills, knowledge of Word and Excel, assembly of tax returns. Submit resume and references to jolene@wrbcpas.com or fax to (970)731-1041. FULL-TIME CARPENTER AND LABORER needed. Must have transportation. (970)946-0720.

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

DISHWASHER NEEDED 4 DAYS a week at The Rose, 408 Main Street. Apply in person or call Steve (970)946-6529.

CNA CLASS STARTING SOON. Full-time positions available. Alternating weekends off. Competitive wages and benefit package. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa.

FULL-TIME DRIVER NEEDED. Must have Class B CDL with hazmat endorsement as well as current health card, be able to pass random drug and alcohol screenings, willing to work some overtime, altering weekends and on call shifts during winter. Basic computer skills are preferred. Call 264-5823 for an application or pick one up in person at 1040 E. Hwy. 160.

PART-TIME FRONT DESK HELP, evenings and weekends. Colorado licensed/ insured Massage Therapists, weekdays. Come by with resume at 140 Country Center Drive or email pagosamassageandbodywork@gmail.com.

CONSTRUCTION HELP NEEDED. Equipment operator and labor help. Driver's license required. Start immediately. Many different phases of work. Please reply to (970)946-1169 or to donaldford51@hotmail.com.

POSITION NOW OPEN FOR barista. Boulder Coffee Cafe is looking for team players to become a part of a great team serving Pagosa Springs. Apply at 643 San Juan St.

GENERAL LABORER. Help wanted- full time. Please call (970)264-5000. Pagosa Cattle Company.

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

POSITION OPEN- PART-TIME HELP needed M-F at Navajo Trail Laundry. Please apply in person, 75 Navajo Trail Dr.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for Housekeepers. Must be willing to work nights and some weekends. Looking for full or part time. We offer full benefit package to our fulltime employees including health insurance, retirement and paid time off. Applications may be picked up at the human resources office, or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

USE YOUR CAREGIVING TALENTS to help others stay in their home. Training and flexible schedule. LifeCare (970)516-1234.

SATURDAY LABOR, 4 HOURS per week. Mow, dig, haul, paint, miscellaneous labor. \$19/ hour. Call (505)980-3782.

SUSHI FUSION FULL -TIME KITCHEN and server positions. Immediate opening. Excellent pay plus tips in both positions. Apply in person or text (316)461-9613.

HELP WANTED

HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED. APPLY at the High Country Lodge or call (970)264-4181.

FULL-TIME KITCHEN LINE COOK needed at The Buck Stops Here. Must be reliable and dependable. Apply with Kevin.

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

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

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

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a yard associate/ driver. Lumber experience is a plus. Duties include helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks, and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and medical and dental insurance for full time employees. Please apply in person or contact Darrin at (970)731-4111.

SMOKE RINGS IS NOW taking applications for budtenders. Bring your resume by 266 E. Pagosa St.

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

CLEANERS, UP TO \$15/ hour. Must be detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable and committed. Text Pagosa Sparkles, LLC, (970)946-6446. ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www. mypagosaschoools.com under the "Job Postings" icon. Opening for 20-21 school year: Bus Driver; Middle School Evening Custodian; and Middle School Paraprofessional. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at Imijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS AVAILABLE full time. Flexible schedules and competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr.

HELP WANTED

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Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

NOW HIRING:

Terry's Colorado Home Supply and Ace Hardware

is currently accepting applications for a sales associate in our paint department.

We are looking for high energy positive applicants who enjoy working with people in a fast-paced environment and take pride in doing an excellent job. Knowledge of paint products is preferred but will train the right person.

Must be able to work weekends and holidays. This is a full time position. Please apply in person.



PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a Check-in Receptionist. The receptionist is responsible to welcome and greet all patients, family members, visitors, and vendors of Pagosa Springs Medical Center in a friendly, professional, courteous, and helpful manner, providing excellent customer service. Responsible for maintaining the patient check-in log to ensure all patients are checked-in and registered for services at PSMC to ensure services are provided in a timely and efficient manner. Coordinates with the Volunteer Desk for any patient needs, e.g., wheelchairs, guided direction to appropriate areas of the clinic and hospital. Applications may be picked up at the hospital front registration desk, the human resources office, or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

PART-TIME HIRED HAND. Responsible, ranch work, horse care, yard and snow work. Self motivated, attention to detail and thoroughness. 731-1957.

KITCHEN HELP, MORNING AND afternoon shifts. No experience necessary. Flexible schedule and competitive wages. Apply in person, Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs. EOE.

FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

RIFF RAFF BREWING SEEKS someone with a positive attitude that is willing to learn. Following positions are available: prep cook, line cook and a food runner. Pick up application at 274 Pagosa St.

LOST & FOUND

FOUND PHONE ON FOUR MILE ROAD. July 1. Email editor@pagosasun.com to identify.

FOUND: 2019 PAGOSA SPRINGS High School class ring on June 30. Call to identify (970)553-9334.

PERSONALS

IT CAN STOP! Let us help. 24-hour domestic violence or sexual assault hotline. Confidential. 264-9075.

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Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

PETS

HAVE YOU EVER WISHED you owned an AKC, ASDR Miniature Australian Shepherd? AKC, ASDR puppies are expected to be born July 20th, 2020. Now taking names and phone numbers of those serious buyers who want to be on our waitlist. Call guick! Add your name to the WAITLIST in order to pick your puppy of choice. Deposit of \$300 due when puppies are born. Vet checks, genetic testing completely BEFORE your puppy goes home at 10 weeks. Prices range \$1,750-\$2,000. (\$500 additional if you are interested in breeding rights). See www.aussietales.org for more information and pictures of our Dam and Sire. We are local. All dogs that we own are our beloved pets. Call (719)510-8034, ask for Nita.

ADOPT FROM THE Humane Society. Stop by or call 731-4771. You'll be amazed at what we have to offer. www.humanesociety.biz

DOGGY DAY CARE 81147.COM. Open 365 days of the year! Full day and half day doggy day care and overnight boarding. Conveniently located just 1 mile from downtown Pagosa, Call (970)264-9111

LIVESTOCK

HORSE BOARDING AVAILABLE, UP to 2 horses. Stall and running stream through 10 acre fenced pasture. \$100 per month. (970)883-2600. BARN STORED GRASS HAY, \$5/ bail, 946-4067, 946-0019.

WANTED

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

YARD SALES

YARD SALE SATURDAY, JULY 11TH, from 8a.m. to 2p.m. FishCat pontoon boat, 2 new twin box springs and mattresses, ski and camping gear, household items. 841 Big Sky Pl.

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 FRFF items

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

FOR SALE

TWO FUEL TANKS- 365 gallon. \$600 each, you haul. (970)731-0168

CRAFT FACED INSULATION: 10 R38C 10-1/4x23x48, \$93 each, 5 R30 10x23x48, \$71 each. 18 R19 5-1/2x15x93, \$43 each. 34 R11 3-1/2x15x40, \$25 each. OSB 7/16x4x8, \$10 each. (970)946-2888.

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

GENUINE ARIZONA LEATHER RED leather sofa with two reclining footrests, \$399. Matching swivel/ rocker recliner, \$100. Will sell separately or as a set for \$475. (970)903-1872.

SELL OR TRADE YOUR GUNS. We buy for cash or trade it. No hassle, Licensed, bonded, insured. San Juan Trading Post, 635 San Juan St. 731-PAWN (7296).

FOR SALE

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2 cord minimum. Jeff (970)903-2997. VINTAGE REGULATION SIZE SHUFFLE-**BOARD** table, 22 feet long, \$1,500 OBO. Connelly pool table, \$1,000 OBO. Large collection of Coors mirrors, neons and lights for sale. Call Jolene at (970)946-8542 for appointment.

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Ground covers: a great addition to gardens and landscapes

By Robin Young PREVIEW Columnist

Ground covers are a great addition to gardens and landscapes. When properly selected and planted, they provide visual interest (often in hard-to-grow areas), inhibit weeds, and reduce water needs by shading the underlying soil. Like all plants, they have specific needs in terms of sun, water and soil, and thrive when grown in appropriate areas.

Here are a few plants that tolerate both sun and shade:

Creeping Oregon grape (mahonia repens) — A native growing along popular trails, this plant's holly-shaped leaves turn various shades of red. Early bright yellow flowers are followed by blue berries. It can grow beside and under shrubs.

Common periwinkle (vinca minor) — Shiny green leaves appear as the snow melts, followed by small purple flowers. Occasional watering prevents wilting where it grows in sunnier areas.

Candytuft (iberis sempervirens) — This early-blooming plant produces early white blooms and summer-long green and somewhat woody foliage.

Dragon's blood sedum (sedum spurium "Dragon's Blood") — With green succulent leaves and a lateblooming flower, this plant can spread beautifully between rocks and into bare spots.

Pussytoes (antennaria dioica) -This native plant is mat-forming and produces tiny pink flowers in spring. The foliage is a distinctive silver-blue color.

Some ground covers that may be too aggressive include the following

Bugleweed (ajuga reptans) — This plant can out-compete grass; not recommended to plant near lawns or other grassy areas. Control can be challenging.

Creeping potentilla (potentilla neumanniana) — This plant can co-mingle with other plants and can spread in a weed-like fashion.

Snow on the mountain (aegopodium podagraria) — This is a shade-loving plant, but grows fast and can be invasive. It does not like sun and will wilt.

Archuleta County Fair

The Archuleta County Fair will host the 4-H livestock shows and general projects only this year and limit participation to 4-H youth and their immediate families. The livestock auction will be virtual. Please check back for more details to learn how to participate.

Donate to the Archuleta County 4-H program

The Archuleta County 4-H program boasts a membership of more than 150 members annually. Often, these programs rely on fundraisers to help offset the costs of the



program, such awards, supplies and, most importantly, leadership opportunities. Members can attend various leadership camps and conferences statewide and even nationally. To help our program continue to support our members, we appreciate any contribution you make. To pay online, visit https://client.pointandpay.net/ web/ArchuletaCo4H/ and select Contributions and Donations.





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