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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 Kam 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 hand-

washing.

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

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 Environment and the CDC, among

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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 Don Volger 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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Fourth of July

SUN photos/Randi Pierce and Chris Mannara

A flag ceremony, rifle salute, flyovers, Freedom Float and fireworks were held in celebration of the Fourth of July holiday Saturday. Social distancing was encouraged at all events due to the pandemic.





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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

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, COVID-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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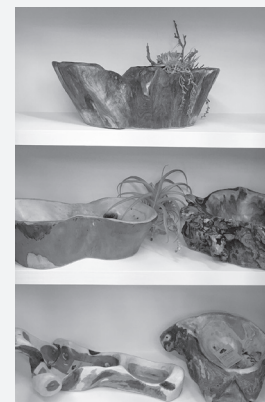
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 curtailing some of that enthusiasm for unguarded re-opening. On June 19th, San Juan Basin Public Health reported 6 non-resident cases in Archuleta County who tested positive for Covid. As of 7/3 that number has gone up to 7. Yet in La Plata, where 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 Stitches 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 from visitors. Let's stop this virus in Pagosa Springs before it is out of control. Please wear a mask when you are out in public. Maintain six feet from others. We are all in this together.

Pam McGivern

Stopping all the violence

Dear Editor:

In 1940 when the Germans or-

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 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 wrong-headed 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 such emotionally 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 family-friendly 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

Human connection

Dear Editor:

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

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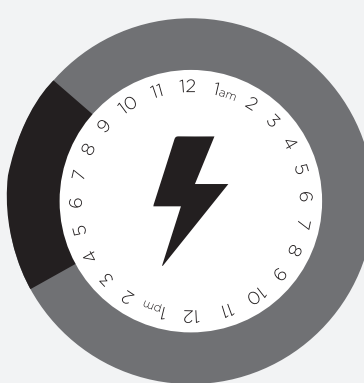
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the cake. Wonderful dedicated pilots who love America.

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 well-fitting 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-effective-is-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 Woodrow 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.

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 his 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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With this in mind, the decision has been made to hold a Virtual Livestock Auction this year.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to connecting with all of you again soon!



We welcome old and new supporters of the Livestock Auction to support our 4-H kids and their hard work. To learn more about bidding or being an add-on buyer, call Becky Jacobson or Terry Schaaf at (970) 264-5931



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 approximately half a mile below the ridgetop.

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

Tuesday proved too windy for 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

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 around the fire area. The full text and a map of the closure can be found at: <https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/closures/6790/>.

A temporary flight restriction is 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.nwccg.gov/incident/6790>.

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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 COVID-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:

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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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 long-term 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.

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Smith appointed to Pagosa Area Tourism Board

By 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 at-large 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

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 how these ideas apply locally.

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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Biz Beat



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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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, take-out 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 COVID-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-

ing businesses that helped make the Park 2 Park Artisan and Food 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 stunning products.

A particular thank you to the Vets 4 Vets who helped out with park maintenance. It was great 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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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?"

"And then from there, looking at the data and listening to people tell us, you know, what was a challenge



Linda Reed



Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza

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

tour" throughout the district, talking to teachers, students, parents, community members and business leaders, then looking at the district's framework and data in 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 so I have to keep talking to business leaders and employers throughout our community to make sure that we're doing that job well, to make sure that we are giving them the kind of workforce they need to be

successful."

She noted she also needs open lines of communication with parents for them to be able to tell her

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RECREATION NEWS

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

By Nadia Werby
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

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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.

It is generally held that Chaco did 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-, tri- and quadri-walls. Similar "outlier" bi- and tri-walls soon appeared across the countryside, presumably demarcating Aztec's region, less than one-third the size of Chaco's. North

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. Bi- and 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.

Loan program helps mitigate economic impacts to forest products businesses

By Teddy Parker-Renga
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-

cialist for the CSFS. "Our forest products 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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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 non-emergent 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: second 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.Vets4VetsPCSO.org.

- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.

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- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M.: (800) 465-8262.

- VA Health Care Emergency Notification: (844) 724-7842.

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

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 Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

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 COVID-19 among African Americans has led to this long-delayed confrontation 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

July 1. That is more than 4,447 cases per 100,000 people — a higher per-capita 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. (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 near-extirpation 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

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 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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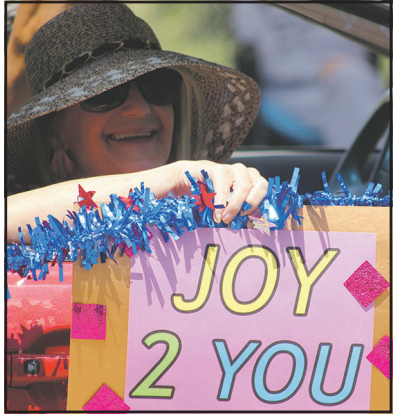
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HER Story: A place to lift each other up

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

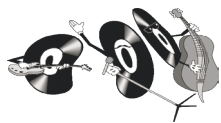
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No matter where you are in your experience, Rise advocates can help you address and navigate whatever is coming next. We are here to accompany you whether you are in the middle of your experience or it is something that happened years ago; healing 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.

Too often survivors feel alone. This group will work to alleviate some of those isolating feelings.

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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 summer months.

Renowned expert Ron Chacey covers all topics related to gardening in the Pagosa Springs area. All gardening talks are free and accessible via computer or telephone

On Wednesday, July 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 in-depth 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 pagosaspringcommunitygarden@gmail.com. For the July 15 talk, please visit

<http://www.Facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden> or email PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com for easy links to the talks.

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

An avid grower with seven decades plus of experience, Chacey is a believer in trial and error in all areas of gardening.

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

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Proverbs 14:34

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

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

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

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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the 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.weminuchaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminuchaudubon/.

Car Hop Movie Nights: A drive-in fundraiser

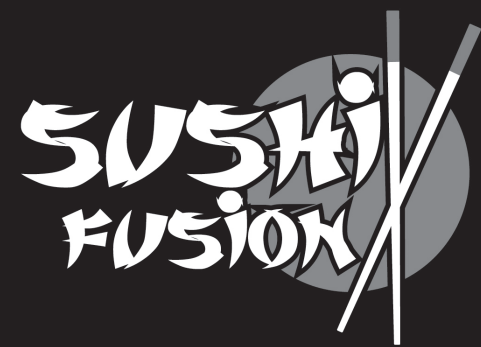
By Alison Beach
Pagosa Peak Open School

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All donations from Car Hop Movie Nights will benefit the school's capital campaign for building renovations. Pagosa Peak Open School is a tuition-free, 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-in-a-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

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



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

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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



Sally Neel and the Rev. Douglas Neel

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from a museum to a graveyard and everything in between.

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.

Readers' comments

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His support of the parish's long-time 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

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Does skin color define you?

By 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

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relationship with Christ.

Braxton is a hard worker with strong work ethics. He works harder than his peers, driven to prove his value and worth as a human being. He is up for a promotion 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 because of racial bias?

As his Nana, I wish I had answers — but I don't. My heart grieves for him. I love Braxton. I know his character and heart. He

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 11:20 (NKJV).

I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

Send your "Matter of Faith" submissions to editor@pagosasun.com.

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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.

"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

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."

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By Paulette Heber
Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various

sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, July 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.

New Thought to discuss new paradigms

By Lisa Burnson
New Thought Center
for Inspirational Living

"By each of us making a commitment to work on issues inside of our self and out in the world — and to inspire others to do the same — we are building a foundation for a new paradigm." — wanttoknow.info.

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Upcoming events

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

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Have you ever had a strong yearning that wouldn't go away? A few years ago, I had a good job at Disneyland and a nice house in a nice neighborhood in southern California. I was living the epitome of the American Dream. But, I had grown up in rural southern Oregon picking wild blackberries and



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

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

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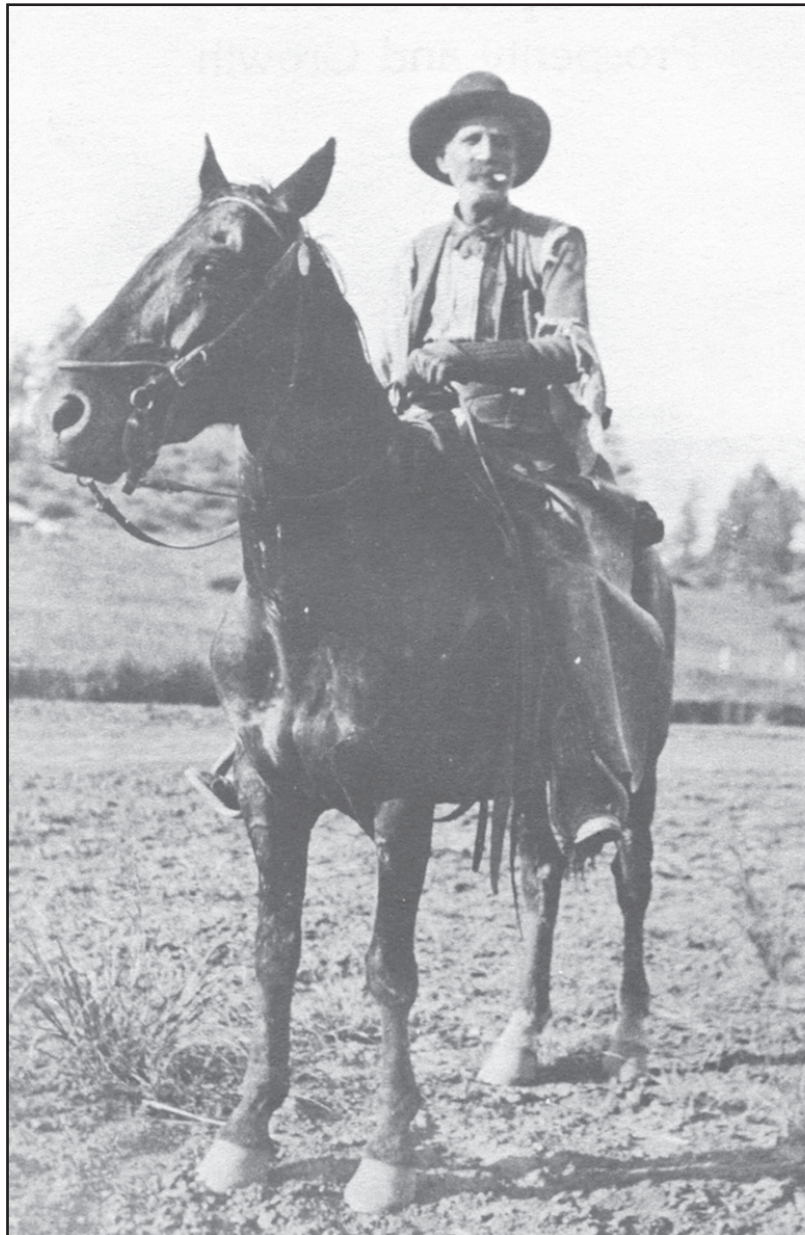


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Henry Gordon was an old-time cowboy who homesteaded on Gordon Creek in O'Neal Park. He was a bachelor who lived to an old age, raising beef on his ranch.



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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-

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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

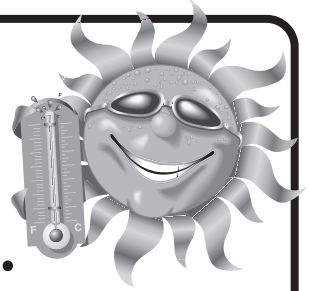
many folks were willing to burn the sweat necessary to get up there and so the stream was not fished out. No fish tastes better than a cutthroat trout cooked over a campfire. Drifting an American Beauty or mosquito fly tied on a number 22 barbed hook worked every time. Many a night, I poked a willow 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

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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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.

Dungeons and Dragons via Zoom

Go on an adventure from the

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

Family storytimes on Facebook

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

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

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Saturday's sessions continue to be prerecorded.

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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 Rolins 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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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 \$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.

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 addition to the Thursday guided tour, the labyrinth is available seven days a week.

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

Loaves and Fishes Free Community

Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Due to the COVID-19 threat, Loaves and Fishes will continue to offer meals to the community as takeout only. There will be no sit-down service. Guests should come to the front doors of the Parish Hall, where they can pick up meals to go. This practice will continue until further notice.

Friday, July 10

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

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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 screen-name/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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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, Developed 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.

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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 weminucheadubon@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 addition to the Thursday guided tour, the labyrinth is available seven days a week.

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Chimney Rock Interpretive Association 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.chimneyrockco.org/lecture. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133.

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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.”

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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 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

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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, focaccia 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.

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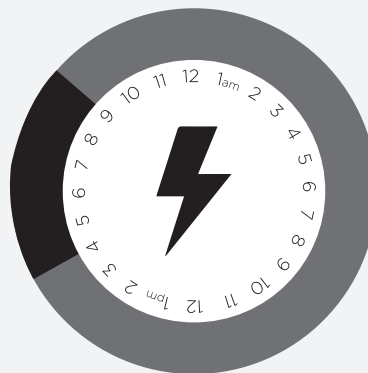
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Ground covers: a great addition to gardens and landscapes

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

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Here are a few plants that tolerate both sun and shade:

Creeping Oregon grape (*ma-honia 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 late-blooming 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.

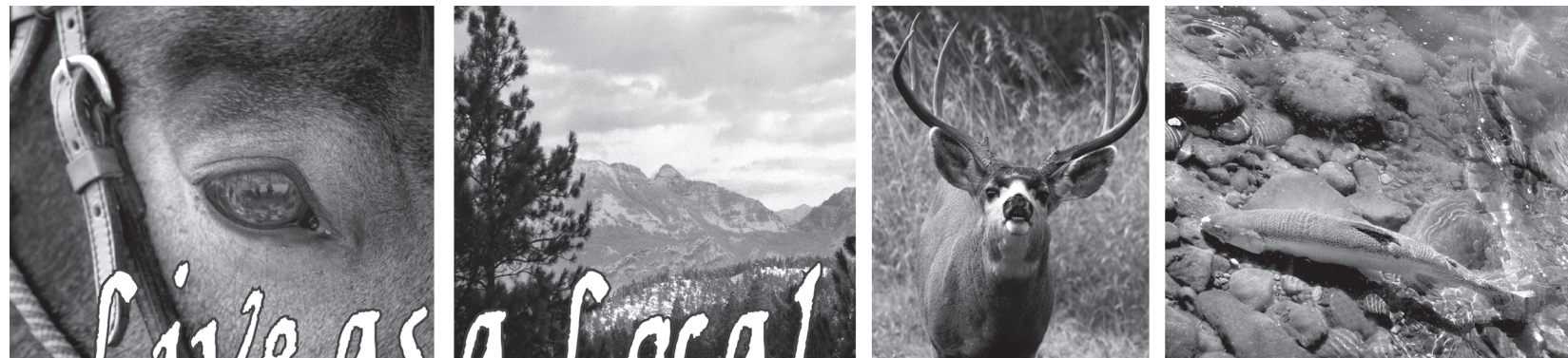
Donate to the Archuleta County 4-H program

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

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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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Horses Welcome

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Mtn views, additional water tap for 2nd build home or barn. No HOA, City Water. No horse limit. **600s**



GUN BARREL

Off Grid w/Big Mtn Views

1191 SF | 2BR | 1BA | 1GAR
Solar, WB stove, reclaimed wood floors, tile, deck. No HOA, 2.1 acres, Price Reduced! **\$200s**



CLOUD CAP

Lake/Golf Course Views

1808 SF | 3BR | 2GAR | 2BA
Updated kitchen, new wood floors, open floor plan, decks, paved road access, 1/3 Acre. Price Cut! **\$400s**



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Hobby Farm Welcome!

1377 SF | 3BR | 2BA | 2.7 ACRES
Running Creek w/ irrigation, pasture, several out buildings, new master bath. NO HOA! **\$200s**

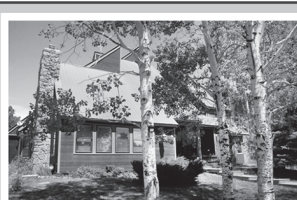


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VALLEY VIEW

Entry Investment

3BR | 1432SF | 3BA
Furnished. Wood Stove. Huge Mstr BR with private bath, Upper Guest BR Suite, 2 back decks w/mtn views. Convenient core area location. Use or short term rental it! **\$100s**



WILDWOOD

Home Sweet Townhome

1826 SF | 4BR | 3BA | 2GAR
Updated in 2018, custom tile baths, 2 Master BR suites w/ attached bath & deck on main level, cozy gas FP, Almost new appliances. Lock & Leave comfort. Price Cut! **\$200s**



LOMA LINDA

Brand New! Single Level

3757SF | 4BR | 3BA | 3GAR
Log style home on 5 acres. WB fireplace, mtn views, city water, deck w/spa, national forest access. **\$500s**



HOLIDAY

Value Priced New Build!

1582 SF | 3BR | 2BA | 2GAR
Wood floors, tile baths, open floor plan, new kitchen appliances, paved road access. Greenbelt on 2 sides. **\$300s**



JUST LISTED!

STEVENS

Wide Canyon Views

5646 SF | 5+BR | 4 BA | 2GAR
Unblocked mtn views, chef kitchen, decks, 2 WB stoves, FP, tile baths, game room, w/wet bar, spa room. In town location! **\$600s**

VALUE PRICED!



ANASAZI

Roomy & Private Retreat

3734 SF | 3+BR | 4BA | 35+ ACRES
Master Suite w/ FP, huge guest BRs, outside deck, tile baths, large kitchen, mountain views, gated community. ~~\$525,000~~ **\$399,000**

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.12 acre, paved road \$18k (PARK)
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1+ acres awaits mobile developer \$40s (BONANZA)
3+ acres, community hot springs \$80s (ARBOL)

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