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Jail will be understaffed when it opens

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The county's new jail will be understaffed when it opens around September, according to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO).

Undersheriff Derek Woodman explained the situation to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) at a work session Tuesday.

"So, we did come before the board last year at the budget process and we did propose additional staffing numbers [for the jail]," he said. "Our proposal was 17 staff members in addition to what we already have and that included 10 additional detention officers, specifically to run the facility, and then an additional seven positions to include transportation [inaudible] and supervision. Out of that, we ended up with three [additional positions]."

The county commissioners set staffing levels for all departments in the county.

The commissioners, Woodman, and Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez discussed that now, just a few months prior to the new jail opening, the ACSO is seeking three additional detention deputy positions, even though that still has the facility opening with less-than-ideal staffing numbers.

The general plan discussed at the work session was that the ACSO will take one of its vacant administration jobs and make it into a detention deputy position, the county's Development Services Department will transfer one full-time position to the sheriff's office, and the county will find funding for another position.

Woodman noted that even with three additional positions to help run the jail, that doesn't include any dedicated staff to transport inmates from the jail in Pagosa Springs to the Archuleta County Combined Courts, which are cur-

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Above: The county's new 54-bed jail is nearly finished and set to open around September. Archuleta County inmates are currently being housed at the La Plata County Jail in Durango. Left: The Archuleta County sheriff, undersheriff and other elected county officials discuss staffing numbers for the county's new jail at the county commissioners' work session on Tuesday morning.

COVID-19 update: Seven new cases reported in single day

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

As of noon Wednesday, Archuleta County had 25 total positive cases of COVID-19 among residents, with eight cases reported as recovered by San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH).

Archuleta County had eight cases from April 17 to June 29, with cases tripling since. Seven new cases were posted on SJBPH's data dashboard for Archuleta County Wednesday, bringing the count to 25 cases among residents.

From Tuesday to Wednesday,

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Director outlines tourism climate amid COVID-19 pandemic

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

In an interview Wednesday morning, Jennifer Green, executive director of tourism for Visit Pagosa Springs, provided an update on the general tourism climate in the area amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Green explained that, prior to Gov. Jared Polis' announcement of a statewide mask mandate on July 16, she was fielding multiple calls a day from prospective tourists about if face coverings were required around Pagosa Springs.

"I can tell you that getting call after call asking if masks were required — I can tell you those were not the types of visitors that I wanted to have come to Pagosa," Green said, adding, "A statewide mandate will just discourage the type of visitors that Colorado doesn't need this summer, and that was a lot of what I saw online, people were like, 'Well

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Archuleta County man arrested after reports of shots fired

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Editor's note: Due to the nature of the incident, The SUN has opted to not identify the suspect or the others involved in the following incident. If you or anyone you know is having thoughts of suicide, help is available 24/7. Call 1(844) 493-TALK (8255), text TALK to 38255, or access chat via www.coloradocrisisservices.org.

A July 19 incident involving a firearm and multiple people resulted in one Archuleta County man being arrested on several offenses, including reckless endangerment, felony menacing and harassment.

The incident took place July 19, with a deputy from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) being dispatched by Archuleta County Combined Dispatch to a

report of someone shooting in the area of Cactus Drive at about 8:26 a.m., according to an incident report from the ACSO.

While en route, dispatch advised the deputy that a woman had called and reported that her son was in a parking lot on Buttercup Drive, "shooting off rounds and he was trying to kill himself," the report states.

The report notes the deputy was further informed by dispatch while en route that there were two people fighting at the location. A Colorado State Patrol (CSP) trooper who was also en route was able to arrive sooner, with that trooper placing one male in custody.

The report indicates that a rifle was turned over from the CSP to the ACSO, with the trooper explaining

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The memorial brick display was recently completed at Veterans Memorial Park. The display currently holds 70 engraved bricks which have been purchased throughout the past five years by supporters who want to honor a veteran, loved one, family member and/or our country. An additional 30 bricks are arriving in the next few weeks, and another order will be placed around the first of August. If you would like to purchase a brick, please go to the website www.vetsmemorialpark.org.

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Letters

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Memorial brick display

Dear Editor: An amazing creation came to fruition at the Veterans Memorial Park recently — the Memorial Brick Display. After months of planning, organizing, drilling and welding, this beautiful structure was constructed in three days by an incredibly passionate crew from the Veterans Memorial Park Board. The Memorial Brick Display currently holds 70 engraved bricks which have been purchased throughout the past five years by supporters who want to honor a veteran, loved one, family member and/or our Country. An additional 30 bricks are arriving in the next few weeks and another order will be placed around the first of August.

Kudos to board member Jim Van Lier who designed the structure and managed the project from beginning to end. The VMPAC Board also appreciates PLPOA, Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs for supporting this endeavor.

The Veterans Memorial Park is a labor of love, founded by a group of Veterans who truly believe in serving not only our Country, but our Community as well. Please come out to visit the display at any time, remembering this is hallowed ground and to treat the area with respect. Flowers are welcome but must be placed on the concrete slab. If you would like more information about the VMPAC or to purchase a brick, please go to our website www.vetsmemorialpark.org. We are so honored and grateful to be part of this community.

Karin Daniels, VMPAC

Responses to letter

Dear Editor: Judging from the number of responses to my letter on systemic racism, it looks like I stimulated some thought and discussion. That's good, but some of the responses fall well short of the mark. For example, the "personal choice" argument. I do not think very many people of any race personally choose a life of poverty and poor health. Usually, circumstances have more to do with it. A writer mentions Native Americans who "choose" not to leave home for a college education, but the reality is that many are not in a position to do so because of family responsibilities. And regarding poor health among African American mothers, it is hard to find healthy food choices when you live in a "food desert" where there are no grocery stores and you don't have a car. As to alcohol use, CDC statistics show that alcohol use, binge alcohol use, and heavy alcohol use are all more common among Whites than among either African Americans or Latino/as. So much for the writer's argument about alcohol.

And yes, I did not mention the United Negro College Fund, but I

donate to it regularly, and hope the writer does, too. But all the money that organization could raise is not enough to offset the effects of wealth disparities on access to college. Family ownership of assets is the best predictor of college attendance and completion, and continuously since slavery, White families have on average had ten times or more the wealth of Black families.

Another writer claims that racism was eliminated by the abolition of slavery in 1865 and the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Of course, between 1865 and 1964, there was Jim Crow segregation, which was very much a racist system. So from a strictly legal standpoint, it is only since the 1960s that racial discrimination has been illegal. The first Africans arrived here as slaves in 1619 — 400 years ago. So we are talking nearly 350 years of legal discrimination and a little over 50 of legal non-discrimination. But just because laws were passed, inequalities did not go away. That massive difference in wealth ownership did not disappear. Whites continued to pass wealth down to their children, and Blacks continued to be disproportionately born into poverty. Into neighborhoods with fewer hospitals and grocery stores, and poorer-quality schools.

This writer also argues that Blacks are disadvantaged because they live in "Democrat run cities" and are forced to live under a "socialist welfare system." However, since the old AFDC program was replaced by TANF (under a Democratic president), welfare dependency has been made pretty much impossible. And the statistics show it — even if you count Medicaid and SNAP (Food Stamps), the vast majority of African Americans and every other race do not receive any means-tested benefits.

The bottom line: systematic racial inequality, dating to slavery and passed from generation to generation, gives advantages in education, housing, income, safety, and wealth to Whites, and corresponding disadvantages to African Americans. And that needs to be changed.

John Farley

Check the numbers

Dear Editor:

I read the letter from Mr. Paul Groh in the July 16 edition, where he referenced numbers that show the higher percentages of covid19 deaths among older people vs. younger age groups. Immediately the thought coming to mind was this: "Wait a minute, doesn't a higher percentage of older people die from all causes, than younger age groups?" Just scanning the obituaries will answer that question. Still, being a data driven person, I turned to the internet to find some reliable data to back up this observation.

Check it for yourself... At Statista.com, I found these results:

Age 60-69: Paul Groh said roughly 6% (whatever "roughly" means). Statista reports 5.1%.

Age 70-79: Mr. Groh said "double that" (so, around 12%). Statista reports 11.6%.

Age 80-89: Mr. Groh said double that (so, around 24%). Statista reports 24%.

Over age 90: Mr. Groh said 45%. Statista's oldest group includes all ages 80 and over. For that group, they reported 39.7%.

So, for those of you who don't like or understand numbers very well, this mini-study indicates that the death rate from covid19 among older Americans is about the same as (or possibly less than) the death rate from all causes among older Americans.

For those of you who do like to chase down the numbers, be careful. The numbers referenced above are deaths per age group against total deaths. The numbers on some other websites showed death rates per age group against total US population. So the latter result in a much smaller percentage. Make sure you are comparing apples to apples.

To all of us ... We have so many numbers being thrown at us through this pandemic, some from people who have an agenda they want us to buy into. I urge you to be extremely careful. Things are not always as they seem.

Note: Not previously being familiar Statista, I checked them out on mediabiasfactcheck.com and found that on a scale from extreme left to extreme right, they are smack dab in the middle. In other words, neutral or non-biased.

Sonny Kelley Gardner, Kan.

Time to quit complaining

Dear Editor:

Over the past few months, health care workers all over the country have had to figure out how to tend large numbers of highly contagious patients, often without the space, staff, equipment, or supplies they need. The protective clothing they wear is extremely hot, especially for those working outside in places like Arizona and Texas. In addition to enduring discomfort and exhaustion, they are risking their lives. Many have been unable to go home to their families for fear of bringing infection. Hundreds of health care workers have died on the front line in this country alone.

Meanwhile, our town and county officials have wasted time — a lot of time — hemming and hawing about taking measures to slow the spread of COVID-19. Now they are complaining about the difficulty of enforcing a mask mandate.

How many times do we see folks listed along with their fines in the Police Blotter for "seat belt not used?" Officers have to look into the offenders' private vehicles, then chase and stop them, sometimes on busy roads and highways.

When they're alone in their own cars, are people who choose not to wear a seatbelt endangering others on the road?

People who choose not to wear a mask in public places are a danger to others. They may argue that they feel healthy, but according to Admiral Brett Giroir, M.D., of HHS, "Most transmission of the coronavirus is coming from people who are asymptomatic and never develop any signs of the virus." The latest estimate is that 40 percent of people infected with COVID-19 are asymptomatic. Those who choose to expose others to aerosols and droplets from their mouths and noses are endangering lives and lengthening the pandemic.

As we all know by now, more COVID-19 means more loss of work time, school time, health, and lives. It means more health professionals quietly overcoming unimaginable difficulties. And quietly dying.

It's time to quit complaining

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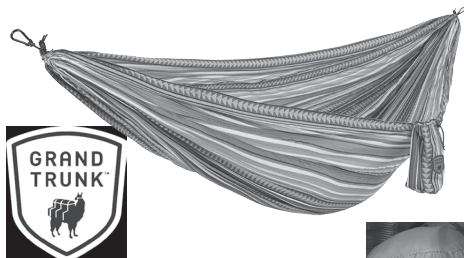
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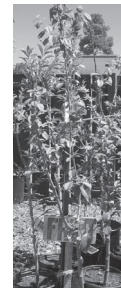


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Staff from the Archuleta County Department of Human Services (ACDHS) pose with the Archuleta County Commissioners after receiving a C-Stat Distinguished Performance Award. ACDHS has received the honor for three consecutive years.

Archuleta County Department of Human Services honored with C-Stat award for third year in a row

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) recognized the Archuleta County Department of Human Services (ACDHS) for C-Stat Distinguished Performance for the third consecutive year.

In an email to The SUN, Matthew Dodson, director of ACDHS, shared the statement he made to his staff regarding the award.

"Being an Agent of Change is often a tough badge to bear. It is rare that those we serve say 'thank you' or express their gratitude directly as many of them seeking

our support are experiencing a hardship or a difficult time in their life. Your work sometimes goes unnoticed. But the impact? Oh, the impact is very measurable!

"You keep children, families and adults moving along a path of being stable, safer, healthier, and thriving while empowering them and affecting real change.

"Today we are here to celebrate your individual and collective success. You truly are the A-TEAM and I am inspired by all you do on behalf of others.

"I am proud to 'strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward' with all of you and know the work you do is hard.

"Our county is a better place because of you."

"C-Stat is a performance management tool that allows CDHS to better focus on and improve performance outcomes that enhance people's lives. The Distinguished Performance Award recognizes counties that are timely, safe and accurate in work and meeting goals. Counties that meet their goals are more likely to be meeting the needs of individuals and families in their community, and more likely to have higher completion rates of applications," a press release from CDHS notes.

"... the A-TEAM met or exceeded performance measured across

the board and more importantly means that our service delivery met the needs of citizens and our community," Dodson's statement reads. "Not just numbers, people!!! And, a reflection of our commitment to supporting others with a hand up." john@pagosasun.com

Memorial

Sherry Meyer

There will be a memorial service for Sherry Meyer this Saturday, July 25, at 11 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 56 Meadows Drive.

Letters

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about how hard it is to enforce mask use. Figure it out. It is now a Colorado mandate. Levy a hefty fine, as other counties have done. Write citations: "Mask not used." People will get the message. In print.

Then we can finally see an end to all of this.

Jessica and Pete Peterson

Where's the leadership?

Dear Editor:

I have been trying for weeks to get the County Commissioners to understand the seriousness of this pandemic and move forward with

a mandate to wear masks in public indoor spaces.

Our County Commissioners and Pagosa Town Council should look at how they handled the COVID 19 pandemic and ask themselves: "could we have shown more leadership and done a better job?"

Unfortunately the best they could do is request that masks be worn. They hid behind the excuses so they did not have to make the tough decision. Excuse #1: We can't enforce the mandate to wear masks. Excuse #2: Half the people won't like us. In difficult times, leaders have to make difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions.

At a recent work session, a commissioner was quoted "at what

point did it become the government's responsibility to tell people what to do when it comes to health and safety". When I spoke to one of the commissioners, his concern was the ability to enforce the mandate. Commissioners — where have you been the last several decades when second hand smoking and seat belts became public health and safety issues? Our governments, (state and local) passed laws: 1) wear seat belts. 2) no smoking in public buildings, airplanes, hospitals, etc. There is no one walking around to specially enforce these laws but there can be monetary citation consequences for disobeying these laws. If a law enforcement officer just happens to see a person inside a public space

without a mask they could write a citation for \$100 fine. Fines would get the public's attention and make it clear that this pandemic is serious and that masks are necessary to slow and eventually stop it.

Finally, our state government came to understand the scientific data and seriousness surrounding the pandemic and passed the law requiring people to wear masks when in public spaces. Sorry to say our County Commissioners and Town Council could have shown real leadership weeks ago but unfortunately they did not have the courage to make the tough decisions which would protect you and me.

Richard Shildt, M.D.

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Business

New COVID guidelines for businesses

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

The state of Colorado and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) have issued some new guidelines for businesses in regards to the new sick time regulations allowed to an employee for the remainder of 2020 and into 2021.

The other guidelines are for businesses that may have had an employee exposed to COVID-19. The full reports are listed at www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-employee-paid-leave and www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-questions.

It is important that businesses know what these new expectations are and plan for them if possible — both financially and physically.

Healthy Families and Workplaces Act

The Healthy Families and Workplaces Act replaces the HELP rules which just expired. A quick synopsis of the new guidelines: This is a multi-part act. Some of the guidelines go into effect immediately and others not until 2021 and 2022.

This new rule applies to all businesses regardless of size until Dec. 31. In 2021, it applies to businesses with more than 15 employees and then in 2022 applies to all employ-

ers regardless of size. If employers already provide comparable paid sick leave and allow their employees to use their sick leave as permitted under this act, they are not required to provide additional sick leave. Up until Dec. 31, an employer must pay up to 80 hours of paid sick time if the employee can demonstrate need in one of the following categories: has COVID systems and is seeking a medical diagnosis; is being ordered by a government agency or is being advised by a health provider to quarantine or isolate due to COVID-19 symptoms; or is taking care of an individual ordered to quarantine or isolate or has a child whose school or place of child care has been ordered closed by a public health official.

In 2021, the required number of paid sick time hours is reduced to 48 paid sick leave hours. This equates to one hour paid for every 30 hours worked up to 48 hours. Employees may use the sick leave for new reasons including mental or physical injury or health condition, sexual assault or domestic violence, or a public health emergency where the business or place of child care has been ordered closed by a public health official.

Employees become eligible on the first day of work and if an employee is released and reinstated within six months, the earned cred-

its must also be reinstated. Employers can pay the sick time in a lump sum, and associated records need to be retained for at least two years. Employers may request documentation when an employee is out for four or more days; i.e., doctor's or counselor's note. Employers will be required to keep records of the sick time allocated either through their payroll system or other timekeeping method.

We are working on providing a webinar in September to address these upcoming payroll changes and will inform the public when that webinar will be available.

Possible business exposure to COVID-19

With the increasing number of COVID-19 cases rising in our community from both resident and nonresident exposure, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is very busy conducting contact tracing. This term reflects trying to identify people and places that may have been affected by someone having been diagnosed with COVID-19 systems.

Does this mean if my business has been exposed that it is automatically shut down? Not necessarily. SJBPH has a series of guidelines that employees and businesses should follow should exposure be traced to that business. These guidelines do include testing,

isolating or being quarantined. These guidelines also extend to employees who may have had a family member exposed or diagnosed with the virus.

It is critical that businesses continue to be vigilant in checking the health of their employees so that a reduction of staff or possible shut down is avoided. It is not difficult to be assigned as an "outbreak" center as an outbreak is considered only two incidents at the same location.

Business should continue to be vigilant in their sanitation protocols and records. Our businesses have been affected severely enough already. Don't risk your establishment losing even more business due to lack of sanitation and regulation protocols.

The Chamber of Commerce still has masks available at no charge for businesses that would like to give some out to people entering their business who do not have a facial covering. The Visitor Center also has complimentary bandannas that are available. Stop by the Visitor Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day to get your bandannas or the Chamber from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day to get your masks.

We are also still looking for individuals that would like to sew masks to contact us. The mask packets have the directions, the material already cut out and bias tape to sew onto the masks to make the ties. Any help would be appreciated.

The Chamber also has posters from the Town of Pagosa Springs indicating that masks are required to enter your establishment and the town resolution supporting this requirement. The Chamber can drop a poster off at your business, or you can stop by and pick yours up at the Chamber or town administrative offices.

Be safe, Pagosa, and let's keep these positive COVID-19 virus numbers at a minimum.



Photo courtesy Cyndy Secrist

The Pagosa Mountain Rotary club presents a check for \$1,000 to Pagosa Outreach Connection (POC). The money included matching funds from Rotary District 5470. The POC will use the funds for rent and utility assistance as needs have increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pictured, left to right: Isabel Vita, Department of Human Services; Ashley Wilson, Rise Above Violence; Leighton McNeal, Community United Methodist Church; and Cyndy Secrist, Ken Rogers and Doug Secrist, Pagosa Mountain Rotary Club.

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New cell tower on Bastille under construction

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

An AT&T cellphone tower is currently under construction on Bastille Drive, according to people involved with the project.

Late last year, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners approved a Board Conditional Use Permit for the new tower construction.

Justin Causey, land use planner for Md7, a consulting firm that handles everything up until construction for cellphone towers and was contracted for the beginning part of this project, told The SUN in November 2019 that he thought that construction on the tower would start in January or February and take about a month to complete.

On May 5, Causey provided an update to The SUN.

"AT&T has had some trouble with the power coordination through the State, but everything has been solved and the project is moving forward," Causey wrote.

On Tuesday, Causey provided an additional update and wrote, "Just got an update form [sic] the construction team. The construction has already begun and the tower should start going up in the next few weeks."

Asked how long construction will take, Causey replied, "Most likely will be on air in a couple months. This is very dependent on optimization

and other factors that go into the final construction."

According to the application submitted to the county, the tower is proposed to be 90 feet tall, and the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners granted a variance from the normal commercial zone height limit of 40 feet above grade.

Causey noted that former Archuleta County Planning Manager John Shepard suggested a higher tower with co-location opportunities to reduce the total number of towers in the county.

In addition to boosting AT&T cell coverage in the area (other cell providers have the option to co-locate equipment on the tower), it will also house equipment for the FirstNet Emergency Responders Network, a first for Archuleta County.

Causey explained to The SUN late last year that the FirstNet equipment allows emergency first responders to communicate on an entirely separate bandwidth from what regular cellphones use, so communication is perpetually intact for emergency personnel, even if the tower is bogged down with a high call volume.

"The FCC [Federal Communications Commission] released this bandwidth that only emergency responders can operate on. So, the equipment that we put up for FirstNet is solely going to be used by first responders," Causey said. "They have a separate bandwidth that only first responders would have the equipment to

operate within that, so it doesn't have to fight for that coverage ... They'll have their own network that they're operating on."

AT&T was awarded the multi-billion dollar contract to build and maintain FirstNet in 2017 and is spending about \$40 billion on the project.

FirstNet was proposed by the federal 911 Commission over a decade ago, following first responder communication failures after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman highlighted some of the other benefits of FirstNet in a phone call last year.

"If we have an event that there is no cell coverage, say we have a big fire in an isolated area and we need cell coverage up there, they are mandated to provide, within 14 hours of the call, provide a cell tower on wheels, a portable cell tower ... That's part of the federal mandate and they have to abide by it," explained Woodman.

Woodman also explained that a Push-To-Talk feature of FirstNet allows emergency personnel to communicate even with limited to no cellphone coverage.

"It acts more like a walkie-talkie than it does a cellphone," Causey said of Push-To-Talk in a phone call, noting that it doesn't need sustained coverage to keep a communication channel open.

The AT&T tower is expected to be operational in the upcoming months.
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A villager with a purpose: Sanya Peterson takes part in LDS film

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Sanya Peterson has been a nurse, a fencing instructor, a party-goer, a Colorado tourist and more — as an extra in TV shows and movies.

But no film work has meant as much as her most recent stint as a Lamanite villager in an LDS Motion Picture Studios production of Ammon, a story within the Book of Mormon.

"It was really amazing," she said, adding, "It was really fun."

Peterson started doing extra work when "Hostiles" filmed in the area in 2016 and a number of area residents went to Chama to work as extras.

"I always like dressing up and such," Peterson said, noting she also read something Angelina Jolie wrote once that referenced the actress being paid to dress up. "And I thought, I want to do that."

After working as an extra on "Hostiles," which had put out a casting call for extras in Pagosa Springs, Peterson found out there is a lot of filming in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, N.M., and a lot of opportunity to work as an extra.

"I pretty much jumped on the Facebook pages that are requesting casting, and so I've been in a couple different things," she said.

Peterson also served as Mother Hubbard in a local stage production of "Shrek" in 2014 — something else on her bucket list.

"That was kind of my first kick-off. I remember my family would be like, ... 'We think it's great that you're doing things you're not really good at,'" she laughed, noting she loved it.

But none of the work has meant as much as being a Lamanite villager, someone in the land of Ishmael, in a series about the Book of Mormon.

That, she explained, is because the recently produced videos will serve as a teaching tool on the Book of Mormon for decades to come, and they gave her a chance to take part in sharing what brings her peace.

Peterson noted that a friend had told her she would be a good Lamanite, and she signed up with the LDS Motion Picture Studios to receive notices if they were doing productions again.

That opportunity came when the studio began filming stories from the Book of Mormon.

Peterson noted there are already short movies about several Bible stories — Noah and the Ark, Moses and more.

The Book of Mormon, Peterson explained, is another witness of Jesus Christ and confirms the truth found in the Bible, and is the records and recordings of the people in the Americas.

"We, as a missionary tool, wanted to create films — and most of them are like 15- to 30-minute films — that kind of recount the whole Book of Mormon so that we can teach others," she said, noting the films will be used for probably the next 20 years.

Though Peterson didn't even apply for a speaking role, her preparation began a year before production.

A year before production, they told her to start growing her hair out and stop having it trimmed. Then, closer to the production, they told her to stop plucking her eyebrows, and closer still they told

her to stop if she was doing anything to whiten her teeth.

Then, two weeks before the production, Peterson found out she was selected for a particular film and was given the dates to be at the production studio in Utah.

"They also told me to tan, but I didn't tan enough," she said, and they put coloring on everyone serving as villagers.

The story, she explained, is in the book of Elma. Sons of a king, instead of becoming king, had an experience and chose to be missionaries traveling the land.

One, Ammon, a Nephite and follower of Christ, ended up in the land of Ishmael, a land of ferocious people with no religious concept, she explained.

Ammon was captured by Lamanites and became a servant to the king, befriending him and eventually converting the king's household and the kingdom.

Peterson noted the testament is about bringing God's love to others, making us better people, that we're not alone, the purpose of life and more, and is prophets who recorded their history.

"We can use it to our friends to teach them what we feel is the gospel," she said, adding, "These little movies will be used throughout our church for quite some time, so it was a really big thing to be a part of. ... I really had a blast."

Peterson further noted that the production is one of her favorites she's done so far, with everyone being kind.

She also noted that taking part in something she believes so deeply in was big.

"It was monumental, actually. It's hard ... I'm not out there to just convert my friends ... and I think that sometimes people think that of us. But it's more of sharing — it's sharing what has brought you peace, it's sharing why ... I have peace, is because I feel I know the purpose of life. I know that we're here to serve others, I know that we're here to ... give others what we feel, ... I guess that gives us peace and makes us comforted, and kind of knowing that we can return to him."

While other movies and series she's taken part in have been fun, they served different purposes.

"This one was more of helping others feel God's love for them, you know, which is what I feel a lot of people need nowadays. They need to know that they're loved, that they deserve love, that ... they have that in this life. I think that's what gets them through, honestly," she said.

She noted it also shows you can repent and that there's mercy for things they're beating themselves up for and a way to move forward in this life with peace.

"It was a very spiritual experience," she said of the production.

Peterson plans to take part in more filming with the studio, though filming was put on hold due to COVID-19.

She also has plans to continue working as an extra elsewhere in the area when filming resumes and hopes to take part in a "highly dramatic" music video when able.

"I really enjoy it," she said. "I really do."
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Photo courtesy Sanya Peterson

Sanya Peterson was transformed into a Lamanite villager for a recent production about the story of Ammon from the Book of Mormon. Peterson noted being part of the film was "monumental."

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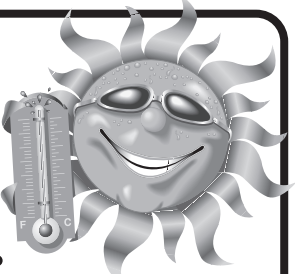
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Comet NEOWISE as photographed by Spence Scott from his Fourmile Road vantage point on July 19. Stargazers can view the comet as it streaks across the evening sky for the rest of July, weather permitting. According to NASA, once it disappears from view, the comet will not be visible for in Earth's skies for 6,800 years.

The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

- Calls for service over two weeks: 415.
- July 6 — All other thefts, U.S. 160.
- July 6 — Information only, Monument Avenue.
- July 6 — Disorderly conduct-misdemeanor, Jan's Court.
- July 6 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, careless driving, failed to drive in a single lane (weaving), failed to display lights when visibility less than 1,000 feet, U.S. 160/Vista Boulevard.
- July 7 — Information only, Brookhill Drive.
- July 7 — Criminal mischief, County Road 302/USFS 665.
- July 8 — Driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, expired license plates, vehicle with defective or no stop lights, County Road 600/Back Swing Drive.
- July 8 — Violation of restraining order, domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, Surrey Drive.
- July 8 — Reckless endangerment, prohibited use of weapons, Navajo Trail Drive.
- July 9 — Information only, Canyon Circle.
- July 9 — Fraud by check-other method, computer crime-misdemeanor, all other thefts, South Driver Court.
- July 9 — Criminal mischief, U.S. 84.
- July 9 — Agency assist, North 3rd

- Street/Pagosa Street.
- July 9 — Vicious dog with injury, South Pagosa Boulevard.
- July 10 — Under investigation, County Road 119.
- July 10 — Gathering identity information by deception, Bull Elk Place.
- July 10 — Failed to appear (bench warrants), Sunset Trail.
- July 10 — Violation of restraining order, Sunset Trail.
- July 10 — Information only, Highland Avenue.
- July 10 — Violation of restraining order, Fireside Street.
- July 11 — Violation of restraining order, Hurt Drive.
- July 11 — Fourth-degree arson-misdemeanor, Butzke Court.
- July 11 — State warrant, missing children, Caballo Place.
- July 11 — Information only, County Road 166/U.S. 160.
- July 12 — Information only, U.S. 160.
- July 12 — Under investigation, Columbine Court.
- July 13 — Marijuana public display, consumption or use, Fish Cove Court.
- July 14 — All other thefts, Eagles Loft Circle.
- July 14 — Criminal mischief, County Road 302/USFS 665.
- July 14 — Information only, Periwinkle Drive.
- July 14 — Found property, USFS/U.S. 160.
- July 14 — Violation of restraining order, Driftwood Drive.
- July 15 — Failed to observe or disregard traffic control device, drove vehicle when license suspended, expired license plates, Block Bastille.
- July 15 — Missing person reports, Easy Street.

- July 15 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.
 - July 15 — Harassment calls repeatedly, County Road 600.
 - July 15 — Littering of public or private property, defacing public/private property, Martinez Place.
 - July 16 — Information only, Periwinkle Drive.
 - July 16 — Trespass warning, Echo Lane.
 - July 16 — Under investigation, Shenandoah Drive.
 - July 16 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, warrant arrest, Navajo Trail Drive.
 - July 16 — Drove vehicle when BAC .08 or more, open container in a motor vehicle, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), operated a vehicle with defective head lamps, U.S. 160/Aspen Village Drive.
 - July 17 — Defacing public/private property, Sugarloaf Drive.
 - July 17 — Driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, improper registration, drove vehicle without valid driver's license, Harman Park/U.S. 160.
 - July 18 — Criminal mischief, Cimmarrona Circle.
 - July 18 — County warrant, USFS 923/USFS 629.
 - July 18 — Harassment by phone or computer threaten bodily injury, Peninsula Place.
 - July 18 — Reckless endangerment, menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, third-degree assault-simple assault, prohibited use of weapons, harassment- strikes/shoves/kicks, prohibited use of weapons, domestic violence, Buttercup Drive.
 - July 19 — All other thefts, Navajo Trail Drive.
- Pagosa Springs Police Department**

- July 10 — Guillermo Fontanez Garcia, failed to stop at stop sign, total fines and costs — \$107.50.
 - July 10 — Caleb P. Whims, speeding 5-9 over limit, total fines and costs — \$127.50.
 - July 14 — Nels Robert Toivonen, hunting without license-not big game, total fines and costs — \$287.06.
 - July 15 — John Carlos Oppermann, speeding 5-9 over, total fines and costs — \$192.50.
 - July 15 — Benjamin W. Williams, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.
 - July 15 — Corey Dewayne Whitlock, failure to obey traffic control device, total fines and costs — \$202.50.
 - July 15 — Samuel W. Prutsman, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.
 - July 15 — David A. Montoya, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.
 - July 15 — Tiara M. Blackshire, following too closely, total fines and costs — \$137.50.
 - July 15 — Taylor D. Larocco, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$198.50.
 - July 15 — Julio M. Mirto, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$198.50.
 - July 15 — Jude Paul Lindberg, spot/auxiliary lamp violation, total fines and costs — \$63.50.
 - July 15 — Nicholas A. Manning, driving under the influence, 25 days jail, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 12 months probation, total fines and costs — \$1,320.50.
 - July 15 — Isai L. Mariscal-Gonzalez, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 12 months probation, total fines and costs — \$776.50.
 - July 15 — Luis Enrique Velez Reyez, registration-unregistered vehicle, total fines and costs — \$138.50.
- 6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**
- July 6 — Nathan Patrick Diver, sexual assault-victim incapable of appraising conduct, 12 months Department of Corrections, credit for time served 164 days, credit for time served 142 days, must register as a sex offender, total fines and costs — \$6,616.50.
 - July 7 — Christopher Blaine Abramson, violation of bail bond conditions-felony, violation of bail bond conditions-felony, violation p/o-criminal, violation p/o-criminal, three years probation, three years probation, three years probation, three years probation, total fines and costs — \$3,735.78.
- Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**
- July 6 — Marlon V. Carranza, speeding 1-4 over limit, total fines and costs — \$83.50.
 - July 7 — Daniel Frank Musgrove, license plates-expired, registration-unregistered vehicle, total fines and costs — \$220.50.
 - July 9 — William C. Lopez, driving under the influence, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, total fines and costs — \$1,340.50.
 - July 9 — Jaesse Anderson, resisting arrest, 12 months jail, six months jail suspended imposition, total fines and costs — \$258.50.
 - July 9 — Jaesse Anderson, false reporting-false identification, 12 months jail, six months jail suspended imposition, total fines and costs — \$258.50.
 - July 9 — Jaesse Anderson, criminal mischief-\$300-\$750, six months jail, total fines and costs — \$286.50.
 - July 9 — Joshua D. Chavez, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$210.50.

Multiple crashes reported locally last week

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Colorado State Patrol (CSP) responded to several local accidents last week.

On July 12, the CSP responded to a motorcycle accident on U.S. 160 near mile marker 136, according to CSP Trooper Josh Lewis.

The motorcycle, a 2004 Kawasaki, was traveling eastbound in the left lane, made a lane change and ended up going off the right side of the roadway and ejected both the driver and passenger of the motorcycle.

The driver, Steven Marple, 65, of Bayfield, sustained serious injuries, while the passenger, a 65-year-old woman from Bayfield, sustained moderate injuries, according to Lewis.

Speed was a possible factor in the crash, Lewis noted.

Marple was cited for careless

driving, according to Lewis.

Cat Creek rollover

Also on July 12, the CSP responded to a rollover accident on County Road 700 and Cat Creek Road around 8:30 p.m. involving a 1988 Ford pickup truck.

"It was northbound on Archuleta County Road 700; left-hand curve and it ended up going off the left side of the roadway. Over-corrected to the right and ultimately rolled at least two times," Lewis said. "It ended up staying off the left side of the roadway and the driver was believed to be ejected, but was actually up and walking prior to our arriving on the scene."

The driver of the vehicle, Seth Chavez, 21, of Pagosa Springs, sustained "moderate to serious injuries," Lewis noted.

No other parties were involved in the accident, according to Lewis. Chavez was charged with care-

less driving, driving without a safety belt in use, DUI, failure to obtain registration within 60 days and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle, Lewis explained.

Forest Service road rollover

On July 13, the CSP responded to another rollover on U.S. Forest Service Road 631 near mile marker 18 around 6:45 a.m., Lewis noted.

A 2016 GMC truck, driven by Donald Potter, 80, of New Mexico, went off the left side of the roadway and rolled onto the side of the vehicle.

"It did have a trailer hitch attached, which became disconnected during the rollover," Lewis said.

Potter sustained minor to moderate injuries and was cited with careless driving, according to Lewis.

Birth



Taylor and Bryan Hill, of Cortez, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Ann Hill, born May 22 at 6 pounds, 1 ounce and 19.5 inches long. Charlotte is the second grandchild of Lori and Floyd McKee, and second great-grandchild of Randy and Shirley Eoff, Rusty McKee and Judy Smith, all of Pagosa Springs. She is the fifth grandchild of Kevin and Theresa Hill, of Ignacio.

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WRITERS ON THE RANGE

The bomb and me, 75 years later

By Paul Krza
SUN Columnist

It's been a decade since I reflected on radiation, both the kind emitted by nuclear tests and the radium inserted up my nose to shrink swollen adenoids.

The nuclear bomb and I became senior citizens in 2010. But this summer's 75th anniversary of this country's first exploded atomic bomb — dubbed Trinity — has been overshadowed by a virus that's even pushed nukes aside.

To recap: Trinity was detonated into the atmosphere of New Mexico in the early morning of July 16, 1945, mere hours after I entered life the day before, in Rock Springs, Wyo. Trinity fallout probably dusted my baby body, blown north by southwest summer winds.

Several years later, my personal relationship with radioactivity took another turn. In the early 1950s, my parents traveled to Salt Lake City to visit Dr. David Dolowitz. He offered

cutting-edge technology — “nasopharyngeal radium irradiation” — what the Saturday Evening Post called an “amazing” treatment to shrink swollen adenoids.

Into each nostril went a small, radium-filled rod, left there for 10-15 minutes. More sessions followed and, altogether, my face received about a hundred times more radiation than Japanese nuke bomb survivors or the equivalent of several thousand dental X-rays. Musician Frank Zappa was among the estimated half million to 2 million children who were treated this way.

More radiation wafted my way throughout my early life in Rock Springs, from the more than 100 above-ground tests in Nevada. Along with another 900 underground tests, the site earned the nickname, “the most bombed place on earth.”

Then, in 1999, my family moved from Casper, Wyo., to Socorro, N.M., only 45 miles from Trinity's

ground zero. Over the next 15 years, we learned much from locals about the test, vividly recalled by many as “the day of the double sunrise.”

A few years later, a piece of “Jumbo” bomb casing from the Trinity site was installed at the city plaza, a few blocks from our new home.

Six years ago, we moved to Albuquerque, not far from Los Alamos, where the bomb was developed. To the south, stored in the Manzano Mountains, are a couple of thousand nuclear warheads, part of this country's 6,000-plus nukes. The rest can be launched in minutes from missile silos in Wyoming, Montana and North Dakota, as well as from submarines and bombers.

Nearby, we hear about the lingering radiation effects on Navajo and New Mexican uranium miners, as well as their families living next to radioactive dumps. The Tularosa Basin “downwinders,” doused with Trinity's radiation, continue to press for federal compensation

for cancers and other diseases. And the subsequent Nevada testing also carried radiation downwind to residents of Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Nukes are scattered about the world — Russia, with about 6,500 warheads — and another thousand-plus in seven other countries, from France to North Korea. In the USA, trillions of dollars are spent to maintain and “refurbish” the bombs. The Trump administration plans to buy 100 brand-new bombers for about \$600 billion each.

Alas, unlike the modernized bomb, my body ages with childhood radiation lurking, sort of a “Nagasaki up the nose.” So far, I've avoided maladies attributed to radium irradiation — throat cancers, neck tumors or teeth falling out.

Yet I haven't escaped unscathed: my ground-down teeth have all been crowned and I live with persistent nasal sores I suspect, but can't prove, came from close brushes with radioactive rods. Last year, an ear, nose and throat doctor said all nasal passages looked fine. He also said he'd never heard of nasopharyngeal radium irradiation, which these days sounds like a bizarre treatment.

But, so far, so good: I cross my fingers.

The atomic “doomsday clock,” maintained by nuclear scientists, ticks in 2020 “closer than ever ... 100 seconds to midnight.”

“Any belief that the threat of nuclear war has been vanquished is a mirage,” the scientists said. The Trump administration dumped the Iran nuclear deal, tore up or plans to withdraw from warhead reduction treaties and has discussed resuming nuclear tests.

These days, though, worries about nukes have been overshadowed by virus fears. Just south of Trinity, a private federal prison in New Mexico's Otero County is a COVID-19 hotspot, with nearly all 500-plus inmates testing positive. But while masks and social isolation efforts may have replaced duck and cover and bomb shelters, both viral disease and nuclear war remain threats that are insidious and deadly.

Paul Krza is a contributor to *Writers on the Range* (writersontherange.org), a nonprofit devoted to lively conversation about the West. He is a writer in New Mexico.



Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

A fawn tries to blend in to avoid being seen while napping near Chromo recently. Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds residents and visitors to be wary of mother deer and fawns this time of year. They are very protective when their fawns are vulnerable to predators or other perceived threats. Do not approach a fawn, and never pick one up. Does often stash their youngsters while they're off feeding, but they do not abandon fawns.

County hiring freeze lifted

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

At their regular meeting Tuesday, the Archuleta County commissioners lifted the county hiring freeze that had been in place since April.

County officials and staff noted over the past few months that they were anticipating a large decline in sales tax amid the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore expected some reduction in the county's budget, but Tuesday's agenda item about lifting the hiring freeze reads that “revenue from sales tax and other avenues have not been as detrimental as anticipated.”

In an email to The SUN on June 25, Archuleta County Assessor Natalie Woodruff suggested that the county commissioners weigh in on certain things relating to other elected officials' departments and stay out of other issues.

“The BOCC seems to, at times, have varying opinions on letting

the electeds run their offices as they see fit,” Woodruff wrote. “When [County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta], [County Treasurer Elsa White] and [I] asked about triggers for closing the courthouse to the public at the beginning of covid, we got little to no recommendations or opinions on what they were going to do with the departments that they over saw. ‘you do what you believe is best’ was the answer, and yet, when we are trying to do what we think is best for our staffing needs within the already approved budget, they seem to know what is best.”

Other elected county officials expressed frustration toward the county commissioners during the hiring freeze because they couldn't hire for open positions unless they picked from employees already employed by the county, as mandated by the freeze.

The Archuleta County commissioners voted unanimously to lift the hiring freeze on Tuesday.

LEAP application period closing July 31

By Jane Dvorak
Low-income Energy Assistance Program

Colorado LEAP (Low-income Energy Assistance Program) will accept applications through July 31 as the annual benefit program begins to wind down the 2019-2020 funding period. LEAP is normally available Nov. 1 to April 30. This year, the application deadline was extended because of the increased need created by COVID-19.

“These benefits are often the difference between buying groceries and needed prescriptions or having your heat bill go unpaid,” Kullen said. “We partner with other organizations to assist with additional emergencies like repairs and replacement.”

LEAP provides onetime heating assistance to individuals, families

and older adults to help cover the cost of utility bills. Residents with an annual income up to 60 percent of the State Median Income and an individual household monthly income not exceeding \$2,371/month or \$4,561/month for a family of four may be eligible for benefits.

Applicants must also pay home heating costs to a landlord or utility company, meet the gross income limits, be residents of Colorado, and contain at least one United States citizen or permanent legal resident of the U.S.

Applications are available through the end of July at Colorado PEAK or at Colorado LEAP. The website provides details about the application process and eligibility information.

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Habitat Hero Garden

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site on the Riverwalk in Centennial Park



Photo courtesy Will Stuart

July 23, 2020

Pagosa Springs Habitat Hero Garden underway

By Jean Zirnelt
Weminuche Audubon Society

This month, we are planting a Habitat Hero demonstration garden at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) site on the Riverwalk in Centennial Park.

According to Audubon Rockies, “Birds need native plants to survive. By planting a bird-friendly garden, you can help reverse one of the biggest threats birds face: habitat loss. Native gardens not only provide food and shelter for birds, they conserve water and eliminate chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Filled with color and life, they make our communities healthier and more beautiful. Finally, bird-friendly gardens are places to connect to nature.”

This week, members of the Southwest Conservation Corps are working at the site to install protective fencing and ready the garden for planting. This effort is made possible through a GOCO grant submitted through the Town of Pagosa Springs by the GGP, and through funds contributed by the GGP and Weminuche Audubon Society.

Next week, we have several exciting events planned to learn the importance of native plants for birds and people. On Monday, July 27, Jamie Weiss, Audubon Rockies’ Habitat Hero coordinator, will demonstrate the importance of restoring our communities, one garden patch at a time, in a free online Habitat Hero workshop. This event takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. and advance registration is required.



Photo courtesy Parker Seibold

Native plants await their new home in an Audubon Habitat Hero Garden. The Weminuche Audubon Society and Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) are planting a native garden on GGP’s site in Centennial Park.

You will also have the chance to hear from representatives of local

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partners in the project, GGP, Weminuche Audubon Society (WAS),

Audubon Rockies, CSU Extension Master Gardeners and Mountain High Garden Club. Community volunteers will be placing plants in the garden on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (July 28, 29 and 30).

We will be working in small groups and following safe practices as directed by the state of Colorado. Advance registration to participate in the plantings is required.

The plants have been purchased using grant funds awarded to the WAS through the National Audubon Society by the Coleman and Susan Burke Center for Native Plants. This effort is just the beginning of a long-term project to create a beautiful, educational garden for the enjoyment of residents and visitors of Pagosa Springs and our **See Garden on next page**

Live Performers

Thursday
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Allora Leonard, 6 p.m.

Wednesday
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Jack Ellis Band, 6 p.m.

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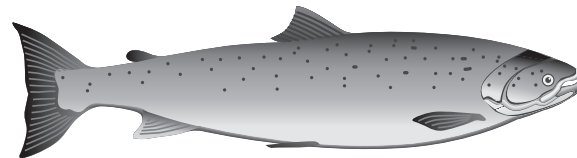
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Curtains Up Pagosa says goodbye to long-time board members

By Dale Johnson
Curtains Up Pagosa

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) has been quite busy with transitions and changes this year.

For the past six years, we have been honored and extraordinarily blessed with having Kim Moore as our president and Walt Moore as our treasurer. The Moores are well-known locals who have worked here for years, raised their family and volunteered with many, many organizations. We were thrilled when they chose CUP to give their time and hearts to.

They were not your typical board members, as in addition to their officer roles and responsibilities, you could find Kim Moore baking her signature cookies and

cupcakes for show concessions, coming to rehearsal to give some love to our cast or helping with productions at the bus barn. Walt Moore was always running some show errand, hanging a sign at the library or picking up something at the store, again.

We will always appreciate the endless hours of work and, more importantly, their belief in CUP's music, and their service to kids and community. They gave their love and hearts freely. We will miss the meetings in front of the fire, with the dogs at our feet, talking and listening and dreaming and creating.

Yes, the Moores have stepped down from their official roles, but will still continue to work with, support and believe in Curtains Up as volunteers.

Garden

■ continued from previous page pollinator friends.

WAS members are excited to honor the memory of Mrs. Terry Hershey with this garden. She was instrumental in the formation of our local Audubon chapter in 2007.

Many local students have experienced environmental education field trips to her beautiful Fourmile Ranch due to her generosity in supporting youth education. She was an active voice in the conservation movement both here and in Texas.

We will wrap up the week's activities with a free online movie.

You won't want to miss "Hometown Habitat" on Thursday evening, July 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. The movie features renowned entomologist Dr. Douglas Tallamy, whose research, books and lectures on the use of non-native plants in landscaping, sound the alarm about habitat and species loss. Advance registration is required for this movie.

Further information and registration links are available on the Events tabs on our website, www.weminucheaudubon.org. Questions may be directed to weminuche.audubon@gmail.com.

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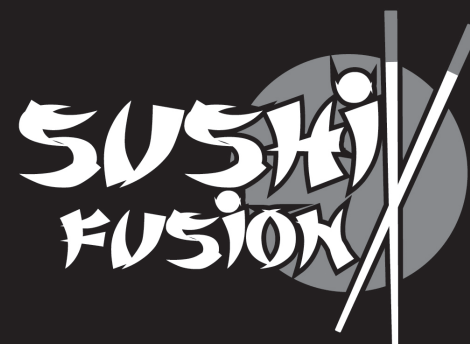
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Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

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Meet this year's Pagosa stars who are dancing for your votes

By Gabrielle Dorr
Seeds of Learning

Seeds of Learning is honored to announce the 2020 dancers who will be winning your hearts in our annual Dancing with the Pagosa Stars event. We selected these "Stars" for their community leadership, personality, and a belief in Seed's education.

If you have been following this event since April, then you will notice that our lineup of "Stars" and coaches has changed. Currently, our talented female "Stars" are Quinlan Quiros and Theresa Snyder. Our respected male "Stars" are Gabriel Heraty, Blue Haas, Jonathan Dobson and Robert Bonham. Due to safety precautions, we will be streaming this year's Dancing with the Pagosa Stars online on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.

Our incredibly generous stars have agreed to be paired with this year's professional coaches including Ashley Butcher, Sharina Ramsay-Adams, Alora Pelligrino, Haley Hudson, Nolan King and John Gilliam. Our stars learn a dance routine choreographed just for them and then perform for your votes now through our broadcast on Sept. 26. It will be a magical night for everyone joining in and witnessing these stars performing their dance of a lifetime.

Right now, you can go to the Seeds website at growingseeds.org/dwtps-stars/ to see the biography of each star who is competing for your votes. Voting is now open and each \$1 vote moves a star closer to winning the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy and bragging rights as the winner of this year's event. More importantly, all the proceeds go to sustaining the important work that Seeds of Learning does to prepare preschoolers for their successful future both in school and in life.

This year, ticket sales will open to the public in August. Watch our website and Facebook page (facebook.com/Dancingstarspagosa/) for specific instructions on ticket purchase and other important event information.

During the next few weeks we will tell you more about our Pagosa stars and why they have agreed to support

Seeds. Each has a unique story and everyone associated with Seeds feels very lucky to have their amazing support. Their commitment to raise critically needed funds to educate vulnerable at-risk preschool children is truly inspiring. When you see these folks around town, be sure to let them know how special they are, and don't forget to vote.

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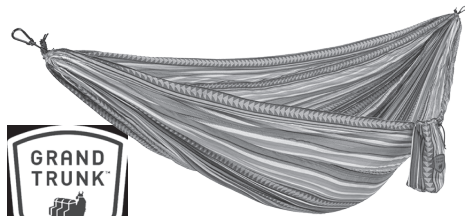
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Pagosa Farmers Market sells out early

By **Pauline Benetti**

Southwest Organization for Sustainability

The Pagosa Farmers Market closed early last Saturday. Our customers have gotten the message — arrive early for the best selection. By noon, our vendors were sold out and the crowd had disappeared, so we closed up shop and went home an hour early. Apologies to anyone who might have arrived after noon.

This year as part of our COVID-19 precautions, we have an entrance to the market, allowing us to offer hand sanitizer and masks to those who wish to take advantage of either or both. At the opening market on June 27, we gave away 50 masks, but since then we have seen a dramatic decrease and an increase in the use of hand sanitizer. For that, our vendors are grateful since they wear face coverings for the entire four hours as they greet a hundred or so customers each market.

Clearly, the population we see is increasingly more conscious of the responsibility we all share in the pandemic and thanks to the Pagosa Springs Town Council for highlighting that responsibility with increased signage and a commanding full-page ad in The Pagosa Springs SUN last week.

The market entrance also allows us to accurately count attendance with an additional breakdown —



Photo courtesy Pagosa Farmers Market
In its first four weeks of offering locally grown and produced items, the Pagosa Farmers Market had 950 attendees, and sold out early last weekend. The market runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the east end of town at the East Side Market.

locals, part-timers and visitors including home state. We hope that the brief moment it takes to answer the question does not inconvenience folks since it is extremely valuable information for market management.

The town council and the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board (PSATB) are major supporters of the Pagosa Farmers Market and both are interested in a return on

investment which we can now provide in very specific terms for the first time.

Just in these first four markets, an amazing 950 attendees have passed through the entrance with just over half being tourists, a figure of special interest to the PSATB. Of course, locals and part-timers account for the vast majority of sales, increasing local economic activity to the general benefit and sales tax collection ultimately benefiting the town.

The numbers also give market management an idea of how desirable is our product — locally grown and produced. Finally, these large numbers might possibly convince someone who is on the fence about whether to invest in growing local produce for sale or creating a local product such as jams and jellies or offering USDA-approved meat for sale, to go forward with their projects, increasing economic activity and the local food supply — both to the general benefit. The market is there waiting to be tapped. We ask for your patience then for the brief interruption as we ask “Are you local?”

We continue to accept SNAP cards and continue to hand out a \$20 value of Double up Bucks for the first \$20 SNAP purchase, essentially doubling purchasing power. In addition, we will be redeeming coupons from the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging which have been distributed to local seniors to encourage shopping at the Pagosa Farmers Market and buying nutritious, local food. These coupons are supported by funding from the CARES COVID-19 Stimulus Act. For more information, call 403-2164.

The market runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the east end of town at the East Side Market.

Hope to see you at the market Saturday — but early.

New Thought presentation: ‘Message from the Shamans’

By **Lisa Burnson**

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

“The oak trees endure the wintry storm and the summer’s heat, and — not unlike ourselves — seem to flourish by them.” — Sitting Bull.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center (NTC) this Sunday, July 26, at 10 a.m. for our presentation: “Message From The Shamans.”

A shaman is a spiritual leader in tribal traditions who is an intermediary between heaven and earth and who guides and provides healing for the human experience and the world we live in. Please join Harmony Fire Eagle, Gushikawa, Terra Raye and Shayla White Eagle for divine messages.

We will have spirited live music. Our sanctuary is sanitized and set up for social distancing.

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

Upcoming events

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

Thursday, July 23, 6 to 7:30

p.m.: Reception for traveling shamans: Harmony Fire Eagle, Gushikawa and Terra Raye at the NTC. Refreshments and insightful conversation.

Please join us for our summer series: “Courtyard Concerts,” on Aug. 6 and 20, and Sept. 3 and 17. Each evening will feature local musicians, including Bob Hemenger, The Retro Cats and Cosmic Lightfoot, and will benefit local charities, including Chimney Rock, Habitat for Humanity and Rise Above Violence. Bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic snacks and enjoy these evening events on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Outside alcohol is not allowed. Contact Shayla by texting 309-6067 for more information.

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

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

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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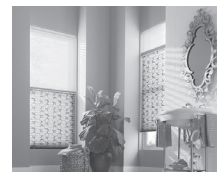
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Save the date for a virtual Auction for the Animals

By Mike Stoll
Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

Life during a pandemic throws a few curve balls.

After 25 consecutive years of hosting the live, in-person Auction for the Animals fundraiser, the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs is taking this year's auction virtual and online. Mark your calendar for the evening of Aug. 29, to tune in for an hour full of fun and entertainment supporting our local shelter animals.

The annual August auction is the Humane Society's largest and most important fundraising event of the year. Admission will be free with unlimited seating and open for everyone. Silent auction items will be available for viewing the week of the auction and the bidding will culminate during the livestreamed event. As always, the auction will be chock-full of unique items that will make great presents for yourself or awesome gifts for family and friends. Anyone need a pre-owned, well-maintained, fully loaded 4WD pickup truck?

For your entertainment and viewing pleasure, we'll be bringing you a pet costume and fashion show with contestants streaming in live from various locations. Watch some classy and cute pets don some outrageous costumes or put on their sartorial splendor in support of their cousins in the animal shelter. They'll be puttin' on the dog and dressing like the cat's meow for a good cause.

A number of local restaurants are partnering with the Humane Society for this year's virtual auction. Partner restaurants will donate a percentage of their sales the day or evening of the event to support the animal shelter. It will be a wonderful opportunity to order some takeout food from a local eatery, grab your favorite dessert and beverage, and join the auction festivities while dining and relaxing in the comfort of your own home. Watch for a list of participating restaurants in future ads.

For more information on how to donate or participate in this year's



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virtual Auction for the Animals and for additional details about auction items, visit the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs' Facebook page or our website at www.humanesociety.biz and look for articles and advertisements in The Pagosa Springs SUN during the month of August.

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs is a local private nonprofit organization that operates the only animal shelter in Archuleta County. Your local humane society does not receive funding from the Humane Society of the United States, American Humane, ASPCA or any other national animal welfare organizations. Private donations, grants and thrift store revenues cover only a portion of animal shelter operating expenses. The remainder of shelter costs must be met through fundraising events like the Auction for the Animals.

Funds raised through the auction go directly to benefit the homeless dogs and cats in our community.

Board members and volunteers donate their time and talents to handle fundraising efforts by the organization and new volunteers are always welcome. Auction items and financial sponsorships are currently being accepted.

For more information about donating or the benefits of sponsoring this year's virtual Auction for the Animals, please contact the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs administration office at 264-5549. The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization; all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By Paulette Heber
Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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

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

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

to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, July 26, our theme is attributes/virtues.

"O friends!

"Be not careless of the virtues with which ye have been endowed, neither be neglectful of your high destiny ..." — Baha'u'llah.

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.

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

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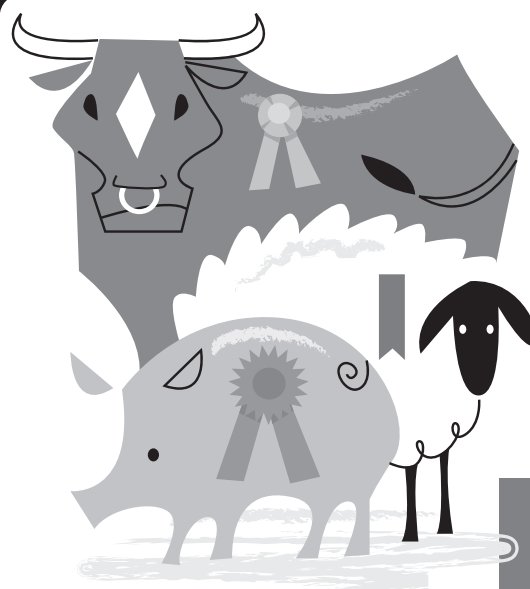
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Riding through the Weminuche wilderness

This week, I'm describin' one of my most memorable trail rides. Last week, I described how an old-time friend took me on a trail ride up Nipple Mountain. A week or so later, the same friend with the same Tennessee walking horses, took me explorin' the Weminuche country.



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

The trail was narrow and rocky and protruding branches threatened our worn but comfortable Stetsons, not fit for a dance, but great for protectin' our eyes from sun and rain.

To reach the Weminuche country, you start from Pagosa Springs by driving north on Piedra Road, and just before reaching Williams Creek Lake, you turn left on a dirt road and cross a small mountain ridge into the Weminuche Valley, where we parked at the end of the road. We entered what is now known as the Weminuche Wilderness Area. At the time of our trip, we were just riding into a wilderness known to be home to grizzly bears. The Weminuche Wilderness Area was created later.

If you share my enthusiasm for word origins, you might be wonderin' about the word "Weminuche." We learn from Wikipedia that the Weminuche were a band of Indians living in southwestern Colorado when white men first arrived. That tribe still has a reservation near Cortez. They were the last of the Four Corners Indian tribes to hang up their weapons. The meaning of the word Weminuche is unknown. The Weminuche Wilderness Area is the largest wilderness area in Colorado.

It was a steep, uphill climb as we ascended into the wilderness. The trail was narrow and rocky and protruding branches threatened our worn but comfortable Stetsons, not fit for a dance, but great for protectin' our eyes from sun and rain. The horses were accommodatin', slurpin' up drinks when we splashed through an occasional



Photo courtesy John Motter

Horses and mules did most of the back-breaking labor back when logging first started in this country. These two- and four-legged loggers pictured here were working in the Edith area.

pond or creek and ears erect and pointin' at a nearby elk showin' its unrest at our invasion of its territory with a loud snort.

We camped that first night by a small pond from which I caught a pan-sized cutthroat trout, a tasty addition to the biscuit I toasted over the camp fire. Our hobbled horses grazed in a nearby meadow, undisturbed as my compadre snored loud enough to scare off any kind of four-legged threat.

Early the next morning, we topped out over a small ridge where we could look down at the Pine River snakin' its way up to the divide. An unoccupied Forest Service log cabin on the river bank reminded us that we weren't the first to enjoy this wilderness. The sparkle of the creek was a-beckonin' and an urge to limber up my fly rod was a tantalizing temptation, but my compadre didn't care none about fishin'. He was ready to skedaddle home. I took one last look, feelin' the urge to follow the Pine to the top and cross over to Creede or Silverton. Oh, well, maybe next time?

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A serious dinner conversation

When our family gets together, we take turns telling stories that usually end up with an eruption of laughter. That is, until last Sunday's family dinner.

"Since you are all here, I'd like to read the instructions I wrote for my funeral."

They looked at me in shock and then one of them said, "Well, I guess we should hear what you have to say."

Another one asked, "Now? Is this really the most appropriate time?"

As I stood, the table groaned. I heard someone say under their breath, "I hope she makes this fast, I'm sure I have somewhere else I need to be."

I opened up our trust documents and prefaced my reading by saying, "We never know what tomorrow brings. I have given this a lot of thought. These pages reflect my last words on earth. This is a very solemn moment for me."

All dry eyes were on me as my family sat back, ready to butt in with a joke or a few one-liners.

"OK, here goes. I've titled this 'Upward Flux.'"

I had no more gotten that far into my reading when the table burst out in laughter.

"Upward Flux. You mean like acid reflux or is that gastric reflux?"

"No, an upward movement to heaven. Flux, like the action or process of moving upward — in faith."

The sound of rolling eyes was deafening. "Well, I guess I need to change the title."

"No, it's perfect. Don't change it. Keep reading."

The outbreak of comic relief kept my words anything but serious. Determined to get my last wishes out, I looked down at my typed pages and continued.

"Since the Blanco River runs by our house and has always meant a lot to this family, I have decided to have my ashes placed in a nice urn and buried in a hole on the high ground next to the river. I know your dad feels the same way about his ashes."

Our son, "Precious" said, "Why don't we just toss your ashes in the river. It would be less work and you would get to see the country side."

My response was vehement. "My life has always been in an upward flux. I certainly don't want to start floating down stream now. Please, do as I ask and make sure the hole is dug deep and on high ground. You remember June of 2019? The river rose so high that it ran over the banks and flooded the lower portion of our property. There must have been a hundred prairie dogs floating across its surface. I don't want my next appearance after death to be bobbing around in a sea of rodents. And if you don't mind, please install a nice headstone and plant a few flowers. This way I have some assurance that you will come

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



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visit out of obligation for watering the flowers."

Again, with the wisecracks. "Note to self: Plastic flowers don't require watering."

"Bobbing urn and floating prairie dogs, now that's a country song that writes itself."

I don't know why I bothered, but I continued. "A small intimate memorial to remember the things that were important about me would be nice. A picnic by the Blanco River would be a special touch. I want to have a festive day full of music."

"Spring or fall would probably be a beautiful time for a little get-together, although June is full of pesky bugs and July can be so hot. Whenever the time is to be, I just want to look down at happy faces, and enjoy stories that celebrate my life. Promise me my memorial will not be marked by sad faces drenched in sweat while people swat at mosquitoes."

I gave instructions to my artistic granddaughter. "I saved all my old paintbrushes. I'd like you to decorate them with red or turquoise ribbon. I spent years holding those brushes in my hand and have a crooked middle finger on my left hand to prove it."

"Hold it up. Let us see it." Laughter again.

"You're making fun. This is serious."

"I'd like for my memorial to be by the river. Although, most of my friends are older and might not be able to make a 40-yard dash back to the bathroom in time. You better have a four-wheeler lined up and available for those who need a quick exit."

"I love my Sweet Al, but I refuse to have Whiskey ruin the day. Besides, if she digs me up, you will have no other choice but to place me on the mantle. Angel, please hold your dad's hand during the ceremony. I'm not sure what will make him cry more,

me not being there or him not having Whiskey by his side."

Final brushstroke: These conversations in life are never easy, but for family, very necessary. For me, I want to be remembered for Jesus who lives in me, who has allowed me to take the higher road, even when those around me poked fun or tried to drag me down. My children will probably do what they want and my son will probably try to see if urns float. But at least they know where my heart is and that is the greatest legacy I could ever hope to leave behind.

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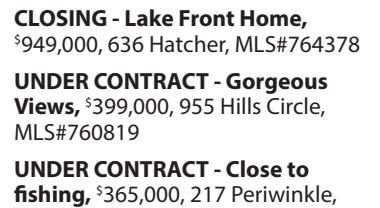
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Library reopening usage shows healthy pent-up demand

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Checkout numbers and computer uses in just the first week of your library building's reopening show a healthy pent-up demand since our closing in the middle of March.

There were 2,152 checkouts in the first week, a number that was so high that Meg Wempe, library director, felt she had to double check it to be sure it is accurate. (It is.) And there were 82 computer uses in the same period.

"It all seems to be going very well," Wempe said. "People are excited to be back inside the library — and we're happy to see them."

Here's a summary of your library's current operations:

- Up to 20 patrons at a time can come into the building 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 and check out materials like books, DVDs, CDs and periodicals.

- The first hour every weekday — from 9 to 10 a.m. — is reserved for seniors and other high-risk people.

- Eight computers are available weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., three by advance appointment and five for walk-ins. Call us at 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary.org to schedule a time. In most cases, computer usage will be limited to two hours per day. Staff will clean and disinfect the computers between uses.

- One early literacy computer is 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 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 the building Phone 264-2209 when you are in the parking lot so staff can bring the items out for you. If you put a hold on something, please wait for your usual alert (email, phone call or text) before coming to pick it up.

- Hand sanitizers are available and there will be frequent cleanings inside the building throughout the day. Please 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.

- Notary public service is available Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$5 per notary.

- Tech time, ESL and GED are available. See details below.

- You can place holds on items

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from other libraries. They 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 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 provide your login credentials. If you previously self-registered, you now can pick up your physical card after providing proof of address.

- We're 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.

Book sale canceled

Because of the coronavirus, the Friends of the Library have canceled this year's book sale, which had been scheduled for Aug. 4-6.

Fundraiser bumper stickers

Your library's foundation has

launched a small fundraiser with two different bumper stickers that can be purchased at the library for \$5 each. Both say, "I (heart symbol) my library."

HVAC installation

Our long-awaited HVAC project is well underway. We apologize for the noise and will have earplugs available at our front door greeter station.

Summer Reading Program

There are only eight more days to enjoy the free all-ages Summer Reading Program that runs until July 31.

- You receive a "choose your own adventure" booklet with fun activities and challenges. Completing them makes you eligible to win weekly prizes purchased from local businesses.

- There are adventure booklets for four groups: pre-K, K-5, teen and adult. Pick them up at the library and view them on our website.

- To sign up, call us at 264-2209, email ruby@pagosalibrary.org or register online at pagosalibrary.org/summer-reading. We 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 appears each week in this "Library News" column. Anyone who completes the challenge will be entered

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Challenge 9: What's your favorite place in Pagosa?

Our final challenge: Tell us about your favorite place to visit in or around Pagosa Springs. It could be a favorite fishing spot, a favorite park or restaurant, or another place you love. How did you first discover it? What is your favorite thing about this place? Submit a brief description to ruby@pagosalibrary.org. A photograph is welcome, but not required. All ages can participate, and everyone who submits an entry will be entered into our weekly prize drawing. Please include a name and phone number with your submission.

New young adult collection

We have added a new section to our young adult collection. Called YA Series, it consists of shorter chapter books about 100 pages or fewer with content geared toward teens. You'll find it at the beginning of the young adult fiction section.

Tech Time

Make an appointment for one of three slots available from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Brad will help one person (or one couple) at a time.

ESL

Classes are resuming Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. Please register so we can keep it to a small group in our limited open spaces. No walk-ins, as the front door will be locked.

GED and a special thank you

GED classes plus HiSet, CDL and other tutoring from Mark is available on Tuesdays from 2 to 7 p.m. by appointment for both new and returning students.

We also want to express our gratitude to La Plata Electric Association for its donation of \$700 for our GED program. We will use these funds for test scholarships, materials such as online practice tests that we purchase, and for materials aimed at further preparing students to pass.

Dungeons and Dragons via Zoom

Join us via Zoom on Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. (note new hours) for Dungeons and Dragons open to teens and young adults. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org for details on how to join.

Children's programs on Facebook

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m., join us 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. Saturday's Discovery Times — with games, art ideas, science experiments, history and more — are prerecorded.

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the upper lefthand corner of the screen. Or, contact us and we can send you a direct link.

Storywalk program for kids

Every Thursday, Josie, your early literacy librarian, posts signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up towards the elementary school detailing a new Summer Reading Storywalk for kids. The July 23-30 theme is monsters. Get outdoors and follow the pages of a book for a fun-filled healthy activity. After you finish, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library.

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Government alerts consumers about fraudulent cards

By Kay Kaylor
PREVIEW Columnist

I advocate for residents in extended care and assisted living residences as the region's lead long-term care ombudsman. I also am a Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) and State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor, all as an employee of San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA). Information on the many aging and care concerns will be included here.

The reported COVID-19 positive cases have increased among visitors and residents in Archuleta County and throughout the United States, so local and state officials, such as Gov. Jared Polis, are issuing face mask mandates for indoor public spaces. Amid the news stories comes a government warning from SMP News that repeats prior alerts.

According to the July 15 SMP News and the Department of

Area Agency on Aging

Justice (DOJ), laminated cards promoted by a group on Facebook and other social media use a misappropriated DOJ seal and give incorrect information regarding the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Eric Dreiband said that the cards and other documents bearing the seal and claiming that individuals are exempt from face mask requirements are fraudulent.

A CNN article by Paul P. Murphy, updated June 30, states that the fake "Face Mask Exempt Card" appears to come from a government agency, "Freedom to Breathe

Agency," and among multiple versions are specific card designs for Colorado and California. Another group "falsehood" is that masks limit a person's oxygen levels.

"Scientific research continues to show that mask wearing is saving lives by helping prevent the spread of COVID-19 by infected and asymptomatic people. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has urged people to wear them since early April," CNN reported.

Previously, the ADA issued an alert about the flyers and postings. For more information and technical assistance about the ADA, please contact the ADA Information Line at (800) 514-0301 (voice) and (800) 514-0383 (TTY).

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Novels

"The Ten Thousand Doors of January" by Alix E. Harrow begins with finding a book about secret doors. "Friends and Strangers" by J. Courtney Sullivan explores a complicated friendship between two women. "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett follows twins who chose to live in two different worlds, one black and one white. "The Sisters of the Winter Wood" by Rena Rossner is a fantasy. "The Book of M" by Peng Shepherd is set in a dangerous near-future world. "Circe" by Madeline Miller, a fantasy, is the follow-up to "The Song of Achilles." "Utopia Avenue" by David Mitchell tells of a band in the psychedelic London music scene in the 1960s. "Mother Daughter Widow Wife" by Robin Wasserman is a compassionate look at a woman with no money, no ID and no memory as people take advantage of her.

Books on CD

"Crooked River" by Preston and Child is a mystery that begins when dozens of shoes are washed up on a Florida beach. "Robert Ludlum's The Treadstone Resurrection" by Joshua Hood goes behind a top-secret CIA Black Ops program. "A Reasonable Doubt" by Philip Margolin begins when a magician is murdered on stage. "The Mirror and the Light" by Hilary Mantel is the third book in the Thomas Cromwell Wolf Hall trilogy. "The Warsaw Protocol" by Steve Berry is the latest in the Corton Malone weapons of Christ relics series. "Journey of the

Pharaohs" by Clive Cussler and Graham Brown is a Kurt Austin NUMA adventure. "You Are Not Alone" by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkahen is a thriller. "Blindside" by James Patterson and James O. Born is a Det. Michael Bennett thriller.

Nonfiction

"Lady Romeo" by Tana Wojczuk is the biography of Charlotte Cushman, a U.S. actress famous around the world in the mid-1870s who is almost unknown today. "Promised Land" by David Stebenne chronicles how the rise of the middle class transformed America from 1929-1968. "Countdown 1945" by Chris Wallace follows the Manhattan Project's development of the atomic bomb and the decision to drop it on Hiroshima. "Me and White Supremacy" by Layla F. Saad teaches others how to understand their white privilege and change their often unconscious behaviors. "When Truth Is All You Have"

by Jim McCloskey is a memoir of faith, justice and freedom for the wrongly convicted helped by the Centurion Ministries.

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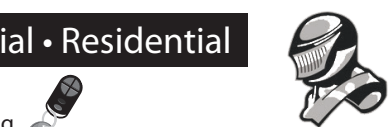


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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the orange-crowned warbler.

For a warbler, the orange-crowned is remarkably plain. Its yellow-green coloration serves to hide it well deep within the oak and shrubs where it spends its time. Distinguishing marks of this small bird include a thin, pointy bill, faint eye line and broken eye ring, and faint breast streaks. Its orangish head patch is usually concealed.

Leaving early from its winter grounds in southern California, Mexico and the Caribbean, the orange-crowned arrives here in late April. It breeds in a wide range of habitats across the western states and into Canada and Alaska. This warbler nests on or near the ground on shady hillsides, and on the steep terrain of road cuts and canyons. It will tolerate other warbler and sparrow species nesting in its territory, but chases off competing orange-crowns. Here, it is often found in the company of Virginia's warblers.

The male sings a unique, rapidly trilled song, described by a local birder as sounding like a telephone ring. Chipping sparrows and juncos sing a similar trilled song. Breeding males in adjacent territories will learn and mimic each other's song, forming song neighborhoods.

These birds mainly eat invertebrates which they uncover by poking through leaf litter, probing bark, and picking over leaves and buds. They will also dine on berries, fruits, seeds and plant galls, and visit the sapwells created by sapsuckers. Food supply, not day length, triggers fall migration, and orange-crowned warblers may stay longer and farther north than other warblers before heading south for the winter.

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

Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, July 23

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 monsters. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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ANSWER:

Free weekly garden talk: ‘Harvesting and Storing, Part 1’

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 29, at 5:30 p.m., Chacey, the eminent regional vegetable grower and an original founder of the Pagosa Springs Community Garden, will present “Harvesting and Storing, Part 1.”

The evening’s format begins with photos of Chacey’s personal garden and a discussion of what

he is currently doing in his garden. An in-depth presentation on harvesting and storing vegetables will follow.

Chacey stated, “These subjects are large and will require at least two or more weeks to cover.”

Deciding when to pick each vegetable can be difficult; every vegetable exhibits unique indicators. The best methods of storage, short and long term, for each vegetable will also be discussed. If interested, viewers who have a particular vegetable that they’d appreciate Chacey discussing, are invited to email their requests to PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com. During Chacey’s talk, participants will be muted, but will be invited to send in questions on his presentation and on

any gardening topic.

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

The 5:30 p.m. free gardening talk will be held via Zoom or telephone. To join our email list and receive weekly talk information, please send an email to pagosaspringscommunitygarden@gmail.com. For the July 29 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. In 2017, the garden was rejuvenated by community volunteers with the assistance of local 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 for the Pagosa Springs Community Garden.

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden is free and open to all. Residents and town visitors are invited to stop by and enjoy the lovely space.

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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 24

HER Story. 8:30-9:30 a.m., 140 Country Center Drive, Unit 2. A women’s group providing a safe, supportive space to grow and heal as you share your story. An opportunity to meet other women in your community in a peer-supported group focused on healing from trauma, abuse or violence.

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Saturday, July 25

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.

Discovery Time. 2:30 p.m. For all ages. Join us for games, art ideas,

science experiments, history and more via prerecorded videos posted on the library’s Facebook page. If you have a Facebook account, you can log in and search for the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. If you don’t have a Facebook account, you can access the page by visiting our website and clicking the Facebook icon, or you can contact us and we can send you a link. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Monday, July 27

Audubon Rockies Virtual Native Plants Workshop. 2-4 p.m. Jamie Weiss will teach a Habitat Hero virtual orientation about the importance of bird-friendly native plants and preserving our local biodiversity. Registration is required. Go to <https://rockies.audubon.org/events/pagosa-springs-habitat-hero-project>.

Tuesday, July 28

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Hands-on Workshop. Volunteers will assist in planting the Native Plant Habitat Hero Garden on the GGP site. Registration is required. The end of the week brings a special movie, “Hometown Hero,” to be shared online.

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.

Tech Time. Noon-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Make an appointment for one of three slots available. Brad will help one person or one couple at a time. Call 264-2209 to make an appointment or for more information.

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

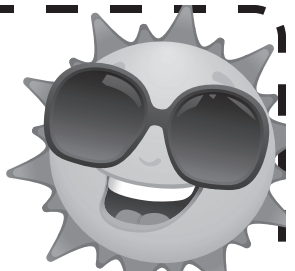
GED Classes. 2-7 p.m., Sisson

Library. GED classes plus HiSet, CDL and other tutoring from Mark is available by appointment for both new and returning students. Call 264-2209 for more information or to make an appointment.

ESL English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Please register so we can keep it to a small group in our limited open spaces. No walk-ins, as the front door will be locked. Call 264-2209 for more information and to register.

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Family Storytime. 10 a.m. For all ages. Join us for great stories and fun songs. Wednesday storytimes are on Facebook Live, so if you go to Facebook at 10 a.m., you can interact with Josie. If you have a Facebook account, you can log in and search for the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can access the page by visiting our website and clicking the Facebook icon, or you can contact us and we can send you a link. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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from your computer, iPad or mobile device. First, Chacey will talk about what's going on this week in his personal garden. You will view current photos of his plants, garden beds and hoop houses. Everyone will be muted, but also be able to submit questions or comments via chat. Then there will be a question-and-answer period.

Thursday, July 30

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Down in the dumps
- 5 Acted like
- 9 Loses color
- 14 Litter's littlest
- 15 Quaker's "you"
- 16 Say "y'all," say
- 17 Math computation
- 18 Youngster
- 19 Firing place
- 20 Many May babies
- 22 Wrongdoing
- 24 Olympic lake in NY
- 26 ___-Atlantic
- 27 Small night bird
- 29 Materials for Renoir
- 34 Like some music
- 36 Web developer's concern
- 37 Kind of sign
- 38 Playfully shy
- 39 Acrobat's attire
- 42 Phone's ABC
- 43 Anagram for "ruse"
- 45 Caesar's hello
- 46 Perfume sampler
- 48 Superfluous
- 51 Ball VIP
- 52 ___ no evil
- 53 Figure out
- 55 Field laborer of old
- 59 Maine capital
- 62 Color of honey
- 63 Right on the map?
- 65 Diving bird
- 66 Get a whiff of
- 67 Smart-___
- 68 Surrounded by
- 69 Astronaut Ride
- 70 Kin's partner
- 71 Count (on)

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- 1 Boast

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- 2 Fishing item
- 3 Out of work
- 4 Amazon, e.g.
- 5 Room at the top?
- 6 Prefix with "therapy"
- 7 Comics shriek
- 8 Consider to be
- 9 Iran, once
- 10 Finder of a magic lamp
- 11 Place to wait
- 12 Result of honing
- 13 Farmer's purchase
- 21 Birth-related
- 23 BMW, e.g.
- 25 Swell, as the abdomen
- 27 Come to pass
- 28 Which person's?
- 30 Shepherd's locale
- 31 Annoying
- 32 Spa handout
- 33 Siesta sound
- 35 Hard to lift
- 40 In vitro items
- 41 Fix, as software
- 44 Monroe's co-star in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes"
- 47 Worldly
- 49 Almost
- 50 Child's china
- 54 Like Rembrandt
- 55 Mountain route
- 56 Austen heroine
- 57 Son of Adam
- 58 Boat-building wood
- 60 Work hard
- 61 Opie's dad
- 64 Frazier foe

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Answers: A. engine B. helmet C. bike D. roadway

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to motorcycles.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 23 = e)

A. 23 3 15 2 3 23

Clue: Powers a vehicle

B. 12 23 25 13 23 20

Clue: Protective device

C. 14 2 17 23

Clue: Motorcycle

D. 16 11 19 6 24 19 5

Clue: Surface for vehicles

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Senior Center continuing take-out option

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

The Pagosa Spring Senior Center is continuing its temporary closing of the congregate dining room due to coronavirus.

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 will be available Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is a \$4 suggested donation for lunch for those age 60 and better. If you need to have your meal delivered, please call 264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area.

The cost per meal for the public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread.

Please call 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program.

Senior News

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.

Community Café menu

Thursday, July 23 — Chicken and dumplings, oven-fried green tomatoes, broccoli with butter, milk, salad and apple dessert.

Friday, July 24 — Chef salad with ham, gazpacho, cauliflower salad, focaccia bread with butter, milk, pear and chocolate dessert.

Monday, July 27 — Monte turkey sandwich, potato/leek soup, milk, salad and cookies.

Tuesday, July 28 — Beef tacos, charro beans, cilantro/lime rice,

milk, salad and dessert.

Wednesday, July 29 — Chicken enchiladas suiza, refried beans, Parmesan baked zucchini, salad and German chocolate cake.

Thursday, July 30 — Bacon, veggie and cheese omelet, chilled cucumber soup, avocado toast, milk and fruit salad in meringue nest with whipped cream.

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.

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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Saturday, Aug. 1

Archuleta County Fair Junior Livestock Auction. For more informa-

tion on how to support and bid, visit www.archuletacountyfair.com.

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.

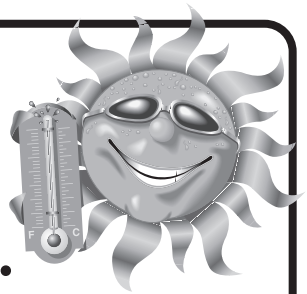
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Lessons learned from COVID-19

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

COVID-19 changed our world. Necessary adjustments altered lifestyles for the better good of mankind.

People made themselves comfortable and sheltered inside homes until the dreaded virus ran its course. Businesses, schools, churches and restaurants shut their doors. The dining room table served double duty as classroom and office. Drive-through and fast foods enjoyed an influx of business while sit-down establishments adapted to provide curbside pickup and deliveries.

Parks, theaters and museums soon followed. Entrances into areas of recreation gated and locked or heavy chains strung across the driveways. People's favorite destinations padlocked.

Individuals discovered resourceful means to network with family and friends. Time at the park turned into an evening in the backyard. A game of catch or horseshoes replaced monkey bars and arcades. Parents hung out with their children and made precious memories.

Friends helped celebrate happy occasions with drive-by weddings and baby showers. Home-cooked meals were organized and dropped off to new moms. Children left birthday presents in mailboxes or on front porches. A quick ring of a doorbell alerted families to look outside for a surprise.

People navigated around the suggested model of social distancing and figured out a way to link up. Through the power of Internet, everyone acquainted themselves with the terms Facetime, Skype and Zoom — face-to-face interaction in front of a computer screen.

As stores and restaurants began to reopen, we navigated through Phase 2 of the new norm. Customers wore masks and cashiers stood behind Plexiglas screens. Waiters positioned 6 feet from the table passed out menus on disposable paper. Each dish delivered to the table and dirty plates cleared off before the next course arrived. Waitstaff, kitchen employees and bus boys with assigned duties helped eliminate cross-contamination.

Churches and schools remained closed and held virtual services and classes. Questions needed answers in order to transition into reopening, consideration of children from nursery through grade school is a huge challenge for both of these organizations. The teacher/child ratio also required deliberate thought. Separation mandated with the removal of rows in sanctuaries and desks in schoolrooms — but maybe not warranted.

A Matter of Faith

Phase 3 brought a new list of concerns. People let their guards down and chose to loosen up a little. A few concerned citizens continued to wear masks in public, a visual reminder for everyone to be considerate of others, while the rest of the world breathed a sigh of relief and celebrated the gift of life, family and friends.

Adults soon slipped back into old habits and routines. Parents hustled kids off to day care or summer camps, then fought traffic as they hurried to work, everyone anxious to get somewhere.

Laid-back evenings at home exchanged for sporting events or gymnastics. Parents once again divided and conquered to chaperone kids from one side of town to another. Exhausted, everyone gathered at a favorite pizza parlor for designated "family time."

Weekends turned out to be hectic. Friends and neighbors squeezed in time for lunch or dinner before everyone headed off to different destinations. Maybe a movie or trip to the mall — anything to stay out of the house, all on a mission to make up for lost time.

A well-known phrase, "If I only knew then what I know now," echoes in my mind. The best lessons learned in hindsight. So, as I look back over the last few weeks and months, what practices will I choose to remember and carry forward?

As crazy as it sounds, I appreciated the slower pace. Curbside groceries and prescriptions helped simplify life and are a definite keeper.

Online services, different but good, allowed interaction through media and I stayed connected with my church family. Who says I shouldn't enjoy the best of both worlds?

Zoom opened up a new technique to stay in touch with family and friends from out of state. Families chatted online and laughed their way through the craziness. Because of Skype, I stayed in touch with my 91-year-old aunt and enjoyed our weekly chats. Through the usage of a smartphone, I shared family photos and chuckled along with her when she spotted familiar faces.

For the first time in a long time, I reunited with my writer's group in Colorado. Familiar faces and some new ones, too, popped up on the screen. I hope to build upon this experience.

God used this time of isolation to draw closer to him. I interceded for our country and leaders. I prayed for the physical healing of fellow Americans and for the hearts of mankind to be drawn closer to him. Study of the scriptures revealed there is nothing new under the sun. Diseases, famine and rumors of unrest have existed since the fall of man. I asked for wisdom to navigate through these treacherous times. In return, God gave me his peace that passes understanding and hope against all odds.

Jesus' life provides a perfect example of the significance to step back and take a deep breath. His ministry never skipped a beat after his baptism in the murky waters of Jordan. He faced his personal 40-day quarantine in the wilderness alone with Satan.

When he walked out of total isolation, he entered into a difficult season. His followers pursued him in the cities and countryside. Surrounded by wounded and lost people, he recognized the importance of solitude. Jesus found a place of privacy and fellowship with his Father. God encouraged and prepared him for the next challenge.

The last time he spent with his Father before his death, he pleaded for himself, his disciples and us. He accepted the will of his father and carried the burden of our sins to the cross. Jesus realized his disciples would suffer persecution. ■ See Faith on next page

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Lessons from a swan

By April A. Holthaus
Special to The PREVIEW

Driving 400 miles left Kate exhausted. Up ahead, a green glow in the mist promised — rooms \$70 a night. She checked in, hurried to her room and sank into welcoming king-size softness. Sleep came slowly as her thoughts focused on Matt. Moving so far from their home was a scary step, but she was sure Matt would encourage her to move on with her life.

A loaded buffet area greeted her with the aroma of a much-needed cup of coffee. The parking lot view from the breakfast area held no particular interest until she saw the edge of a lake. She carried her second cup out to investigate.

The air washed clean by last night's rain sharpened an expansive view of high mountains in the distance. Kate inhaled sharply; the lake was covered with summer waterfowl nest building and feeding — tails up. One in particular, a white trumpeter swan, caught her attention. Kate watched it glide across the lake's dark surface and suddenly realized it was alone. I thought swans stayed in pairs bonded for life. She admonished herself again, before turning to go inside. Since losing Matt, I tend to focus on seeing other's singleness everywhere.

Curious, Kate asked the desk clerk about the swan. The clerk grimaced and shared the town's tragedy. "The swans have been part of the scenery around here for years; we townies claim them as our own. People who drive by begin watching for them in the spring. So far, that's the only one to arrive this year. For as long as I can remember, they've nested and had their babies on that small island near the west shore. Sorry to say, last year two adults crossed the highway and got killed. I think foxes got their other babies. Just this one remained. Caused the whole town to grieve." She paused, "Still hurts when we see her out there all alone."

Faith

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tion because of their relationship with him. He petitioned for their strength and courage to spread the gospel. He understood Christians throughout history would face hardships and death for their faith and lobbied for the determination to run with patience the race and hold fast till his return.

If Christ sought downtime, how much more important is quiet time for us? Let's take the positive aftermaths of COVID-19 and apply them to our daily routine as we enter into the uncharted future. Remind each other it's OK to slow

The Writers' Circle

On her way to a scheduled job interview, Kate caught another glimpse of the swan perched on the small island, alone, but beautiful. Why would it come back here with no mate? Instinct? Watching her reminds me I'm swimming alone, too. How am I going to move forward? When will my grieving end?

Kate stopped by the lake that week to enjoy the lake and mountain view. As she noticed busy mallards and geese, the swan circled the edge of the lake feeding in the bulrushes on the far bank. Gracefully, she spread her majestic wings and approached the ducks and geese as if to visit. Instead, she turned away and glided toward the tiny island. Her eyes met Kate's as she climbed to the nest and resolutely tucked a long slender neck under her folded wing. This motion touched Kate's heart as it radiated a simplicity of care for herself and made Kate reflect even deeper on her own singleness. Is this lovely creature teaching me how to be alone and not be lonely?

Eventually a new job, apartment and friends in town gave Kate a sense of belonging. Group hikes, coffee breaks and a local church provided distractions from daytime memories and buried loneliness. But the long nights ...

Kate drifted off, her subconscious wrestling with thoughts of lingering grief. She imagined herself a single swan as visions of its behavior churned in her dreams. Am I waiting for my mate? Am I valuable only gliding around unable to produce little ones? Should I try to look unruffled and move on? Kate's heart hurt as she lay curled

around her pillow in the morning half-light. She hesitated to move and pulled the covers over her head. How will I make sense of these visions in the coming days? Deep down she understood her life must move on in spite of these disappointments, fears and lost dreams.

Could God be using this beautiful creature to show me the way to a new normal, without Matt or children? Kate determined to take shaky new steps of hope and faith. As she did, she envisioned God using other circumstances to lead her in the days to come. She believed He would show His love and steady her with His power for a fruitful life.

It had been a perfect summer. Now, nearby aspens were flecked with gold and bulrushes at the water's edge were tipped with autumn brown. Kate rested on the lakeside bench immersed in the beauty of a perfect fall day. The swan moved toward the end of the lake, spread her powerful wings and flew off for a warm winter climate. Kate felt at peace, grateful God led her to this place and planted life lessons in her heart from this beautiful creature.

She remembered her pastor saying, as he handed her Matt's folded American flag, "Be brave, Kate, be brave now." Kate knew she would, her future woven into this mountain town around people she'd learned to care for, especially a certain handsome gentleman. And there was a chance the swan would be back next spring.

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The Board of Education plans to conduct interviews on September 8, 2020.

Teaching scouts, part three

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Because the boys in my troop liked to stay at the farthest camp out in the woods, it wasn't uncommon for us to have problems with bears wandering into our camp. One night a bear came in search of food. Rod, my assistant, ran to the main lodge and got him and me some pepper spray we could use to drive the bear out. We kept it with us all the time after that.

One evening, as our troop was sitting down to eat, we heard growling, screaming and the most tumultuous noise come from the camp closest to ours. Before we could do anything, Steven, the scoutmaster from that camp, came running to us.

"There's a bear tearing our camp apart!" Rod and I both pulled out our pepper spray and jumped up to help, but then Steven continued. "The boys dragged an orphan cub into our camp and tied it up."

Both Rod and I stopped and turned to Steven. "You tied a cub in your camp?" I said.

Steven nodded and spoke in a fearful voice. "The boys found it and said they were sure it was orphaned. They felt sorry for it, brought it back to camp, and tied it there so they could feed it. That must have made some bear mad."

"Not just some bear," I said. "That would be its mother. Sometimes mother bears leave their cubs to forage. I'm sure she traced the scent to your camp."

"Pepper spray might not drive off an angry mother bear," Rod said.

I nodded. "We just need to make sure everyone stays out of there until the bear can free her cub." I then turned to the boys in our troop. "Mort, David, you two take the south trail to stay away from the camp and run back to the lodge and inform the camp leaders. Gordy, Devin and Dallin, you follow me around to the north of the camp to warn anyone coming from that side. I will defend against the bear there. Rod will drive the bear away if it comes this direction. The rest of you go down the south trails, warn anyone coming from that direction, and do whatever Rod tells you. Make sure no one goes near that camp!"

I took the three boys I assigned to work with me, and with Steven following close behind, we cut out

through the woods to the west to swing wide around Steven's camp. I sent each of the three boys north along different trails to warn anyone who might come from that direction. I got as close to Steven's camp as I dared and stayed there. From that point, I could hear the bear growling, ripping and smashing anything she could.

I turned to Steven. "You did get all of your boys out of there, didn't you?"

"There's a bear tearing our camp apart!" Rod and I both pulled out our pepper spray and jumped up to help, but then Steven continued. "The boys dragged an orphan cub into our camp and tied it up."

He nodded. "Everyone ran when the bear came." Then, with his face as white as ash, he asked, "What will you do if she comes at us?"

"We're not standing here to fight her," I said. "If she comes, you run, and I will try to deter her from coming down into the other camps. I don't think she will, because she will probably stay close to her cub until she can get him free. What was the cub tied with?"

"Just a bunch of rope," Steven replied.

"Hopefully, after she takes out her anger on your camp, she will rip through the rope, take her cub and leave."

After a while, the smashing stopped, and the growling faded away. I was sure the mother bear and cub were gone, but I wanted to give them plenty of time, so I waited. When the camp directors showed up, I explained the situ-

ation.

We cautiously made our way into the camp. The bears were gone, every tent was torn to shreds, and benches and tables were overturned. Almost nothing was left untouched.

The camp directors were upset. One of them turned to Steven.

"Mr. Dickson, you, your assistant, and the boys in your troop need to meet with us at the lodge right now!"

Steven nodded. "Yes, sir. I will find them, and we will be there." The camp directors left, and Steven turned to me. "Hey, thanks for taking charge. I was at a loss as to what to do."

I shrugged and smiled. "I bearly did anything."

Steven only smiled slightly. Maybe it wasn't a good time for a joke.

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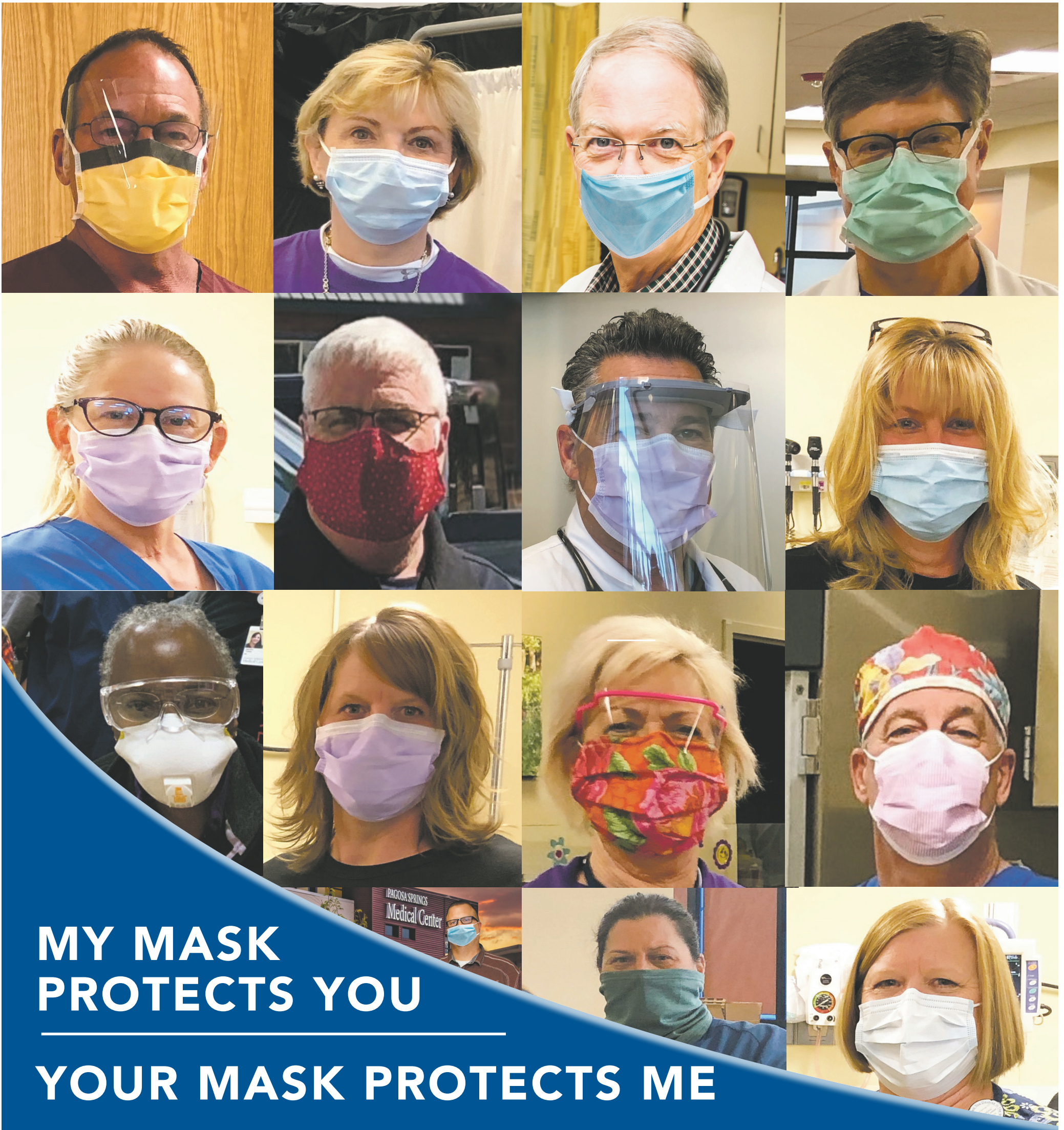
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