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Photos courtesy Josh Kurz

Josh Kurz conquered Squaretop Mountain's seemingly impenetrable fortress with help from friends.

Scaling Squaretop Mountain

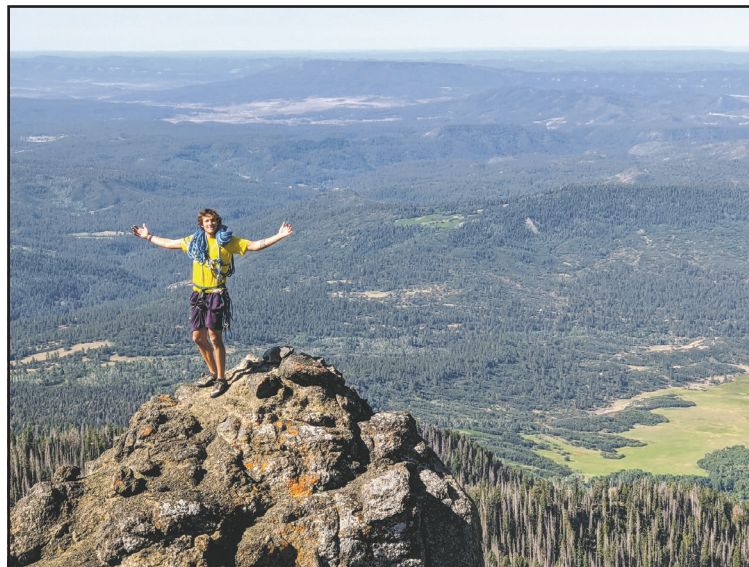
By Josh Kurz
Special to The SUN

When I see a conspicuous mountain on the skyline, I crave to view the world from its perspective and long for the awaiting adventure. In Colorado, a mountain's draw is often related to an arbitrary elevation threshold. Most of the Southern San Juans' skyline is punctuated by trail-less, nameless peaks under 14,000 feet. As a result, their slopes and summits are crowd-less and there are no parking lots to fill.

After living in the Southern San Juans for 21 years, I've answered the call of most of the anonymous peaks on our horizon, but for good reason, I had yet to see the world from the top of Squaretop Mountain. Like an impenetrable fortress, Squaretop's summit block is surrounded by a crumbling foundation of pyroclastic conglomerate and capped by an ancient lava flow. I'd heard rumors that there was a short break in the cliff band, but it was still unclimbable without a rope or a high tolerance of risk, neither of which I possess.

In June, Ryder and Kezzie (two young runner/climbers) and I set off

■ See Squaretop A8



Wolf Creek Ski Area seeking public input with reopening survey

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Wolf Creek Ski Area (WCSA) is seeking public input to plan for reopening next winter amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

WCSA sent an online survey to about 40,000 people in its database which is also available on the ski area's website.

As of Wednesday, about 3,200 people had responded.

"We are taking a survey to find out how our customers are feeling about

coming back to ski and what they can expect and the products that we can offer them," said Rosanne Pitcher, vice president of marketing and sales at WCSA.

"We're gonna make the assumption that we have a season without resolution to the COVID-19 problem," said WCSA President and CEO Davey Pitcher in a phone call Tuesday, adding, "We'd like to come up with a program — even if it's requiring us to go to a reduced

■ See Ski A8

Banded Peak Ranch: Final piece protected in Navajo River watershed

By Val Keefer
The Conservation Fund

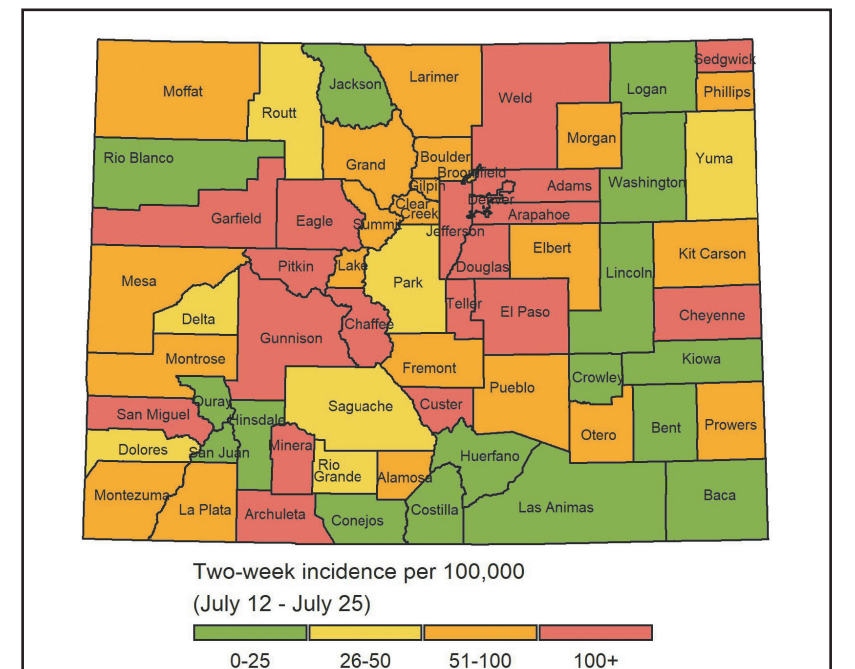
This week, The Conservation Fund, Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) and USDA Forest Service announced the permanent protection of the 16,723-acre Banded Peak Ranch in Colorado's southern San Juan Mountains.

The protected land will connect a largely undisturbed forest landscape,

prevent development in critical wildlife corridors and conserve an essential watershed that provides water to Colorado and New Mexico communities downstream.

The federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) played a critical role to permanently safeguard these private forestlands from the threat of development.

■ See Ranch A8



Map courtesy Gov. Jared Polis' office

On Tuesday, Gov. Jared Polis presented a map showing the two-week incidence rate per 100,000 of population for Colorado's counties, which revealed Archuleta County is in the highest category.

Archuleta County seeing increase in severity among COVID-19 cases

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

"There's no doubt that increased testing means increased cases, but we're seeing increased sick people with COVID, so it is not just the increased testing," Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb told the board of the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Tuesday evening.

That board oversees PSMC's operations.

Earlier in the day Tuesday, Gov. Jared Polis presented a map visualizing two-week incidence rates for Colorado's counties, with that map showing Archuleta County in the highest category — or more than 100 infections per 100,000 people (which helps adjust for population) — of new confirmed positive cases.

"And red is kind of where alarm bells should be ringing the most," he said, adding later, "And, frank-

■ See COVID-19 A8

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EDITORIAL

Public meetings in a pandemic

We've participated in what seems like a million virtual meetings since March.

We've attended trainings, award ceremonies, news briefings and reunions from the comfort of home. We've all had to learn to do new and different things during this pandemic.

For one thing, we've learned that when you are "Zooming" with the governor, you should make certain that your camera is turned off if you are shoveling your lunch into your mouth.

While in one statewide journalism meeting, we unwillingly learned about "Zoom bombing." Our screen froze and was replaced with pornographic images, which was followed by people screaming things we can't repeat here. That meeting came to a screeching halt. We cannot imagine having so little to do that one would resort to harassing people in Zoom meetings.

While in a virtual training session on Tuesday, the speaker's computer froze, leaving another host to improvise and take the lead for the group. The new host's dog then decided to take that moment to work on its voice lessons. It was a howling good time.

These virtual meetings are totally unpredictable.

Local public entities turned to the Internet back in March to conduct meetings in an effort to protect citizens from coronavirus while keeping them informed.

For the most part, those meetings have worked out well; however, some of those meetings had challenges.

The town held a Zoom meeting when it was considering a face-covering mandate. Unfortunately, the meeting was quickly at capacity and many of us found ourselves unable to login. Thankfully, town staff was able to increase the meeting capacity and nearly 150 people were able to participate virtually.

As we all know, technology is not per-

fect.

The school district scrambled and made a quick recovery a couple of weeks ago when the broadband fiber was cut during a meeting with parents. Former school board president Brooks Lindner took the wheel and capably drove the Zoom bus until staff could run to his office and log into his Wi-Fi to continue the meeting.

The school district was plagued with online issues again, when in this month's school board meeting, the Zoom link didn't work and school staff was able to correct the website to give the public access with only a short delay in starting the meeting.

Last week, the Archuleta County commissioners had technical difficulties for their work session and they kindly called our office to let a reporter know he needed to attend the meeting in person.

We do have a couple of gripes about these online meetings, though.

When a quorum of a board is present, even if the meeting hasn't been called to order, the meeting should be broadcast to the public. There should be no gathering "behind Zoom doors" waiting to go live with a public meeting.

Some Zoom meetings don't allow you to see who else is present at the meeting like you would if you were there in person. A list of attendees should always be open for public viewing.

We watched a planning commission meeting that was the worst example of an online meeting when they tried to attempt a combination of in-person and Zoom meeting. The attempt failed terribly and left one member unable to hear or understand what was being said most of the time due to technical difficulties.

We watched another meeting unfold where someone forgot to mute their microphone and another person took the unmuted attendee's comments personally. That was one awkward meeting.

We've been witness to some unfiltered public commenting in Zoom meetings by people who don't understand how to use the mute function.

To their credit, local governmental bodies have allowed the public to observe, participate and comment in these virtual meetings.

However, one SUN reader had a gripe about a local homeowners association's annual meeting. There was concern that the board continued the meeting after the online meeting format failed, which didn't allow for full participation of the association's members. There was a limit for those attending in person and some believe that the meeting didn't follow the organization's bylaws.

We understand that online meetings can't become permanent substitutes for live, in-person public meetings; however, the public has praised local boards for holding these meetings online. It is something locals have asked to have continue, even when life goes back to normal. We certainly agree with that.

Online meetings have added a new audience to the local governmental process. These meetings are more inclusive of those with scheduling issues or health and mobility limitations.

We urge officials to continue broadcasting these meetings online to make public meetings more accessible and convenient for their constituents. At the same time, always be mindful of those who have difficulties with, or don't have access to, computers or the Internet.

When it comes to public participation, always err on the side of the public's right to participate and be heard.

One thing is for certain, the mandate for government openness still stands and the public should not have to give up our rights to participate in the governmental decision-making process.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 30, 1920

Monday, August 2nd, the Style Shop will move from the Sun building to the McGirr building, now occupied by L.E. Casey, student veterinarian. Mr. Casey and Dr. H.M. Elwood, late of Los Angeles, will in turn open offices in the rooms vacated by the Style Shop.

The local forest office will shortly be moved into the Hatcher block where an office will be maintained for a time with the assistant supervisor, Chas. Mack, in charge. Supervisor H.L. Brownell will depart about August 20 for Delta to take command at that point.

Mrs. Pearl Hale on Wednesday subleased the American House to Mrs. Lillie Kenney, who will take possession on Monday.

The comptroller of currency has approved the application of the Stockmen's and Merchants bank for conversion from a state to a national banking association, and permission granted to organize "The First National Bank of Pagosa Springs."

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
August 3, 1945

Jim Casey of Durango, is here this week with a crew of state highway surveyors, who are planning on widening the highway at various points over Wolf Creek Pass.

Dr. A. Miskoweic paid a fine of \$10.00 Saturday morning, for contempt of court. He was sentenced by Evert Dunagan, county coroner, Friday, for refusing to obey a subpoena served him Wednesday by Sheriff Earl Crouse, on order of District Attorney James M. Noland of Durango.

Miskoweic refused to appear as a witness at the coroner's inquest which was to have been held on Wednesday afternoon of last week in the death of Lupita Romero. He was later arrested and appeared for his citation and the inquest which was postponed until Friday morning.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 30, 1970

The Town Board met Tuesday night to make final payment to the contractor on the water line contract, Burks and Co. The final payment was approved after the town engineers certified the project as completed.

The final payment on the water system is the end of a long story in bringing adequate, pure, clear water to the community. The project had been discussed for many years and in 1963 action was started on applications for federal funds. The next few years engineering plans were drawn and alternate methods discussed. Work was started in 1969 and completed late this spring.

The new supply system is composed of an aqueduct line from the West Fork of the San Juan River to a filter plant north of town. There is also a storage reservoir at the filter plant. During the runoff season this year the system demonstrated that local residents need no longer use muddy water.

The amount of water available has also been increased and there is no need for watering restrictions. Water pressure throughout the town has been stabilized and all areas now have much better water pressure.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
August 3, 1995

Caution about a viral disease that primarily affects horses and cattle resulted in the cancellation of the traditional "Kid's Wild and Woolly Rodeo" previously scheduled for the Archuleta County Fair on Sunday. County Extension Agent Bill Nobles said livestock competition and judging events will be run as scheduled for the county fair as will Saturday night's 4-H livestock auction. No cases of the vesicular stomatitis disease have been confirmed in Archuleta County. Nobles said the rodeo was canceled because the contractor from New Mexico who was scheduled to provide livestock for the youth rodeo said he didn't want to chance bringing his animals across the border. While the vast majority of the cases of the disease in the southwest have been identified in New Mexico, individual confirmed cases have been cited in Ignacio and Mancos.

The 44th annual Archuleta County Fair moves into its busy opening day today, Thursday, with the Taste of Pagosa being the featured event. Due to concerns about the insurance policy that covers the County Fair activities, the tethered balloon rides scheduled for Thursday have been canceled.

WHADDYA THINK?

What would you give up to end the drought?

Poll results (109 votes)

- My favorite food — 36 percent
- My left arm — 2 percent
- My firstborn child — 19 percent
- Nothing — 29 percent
- Other — 14 percent

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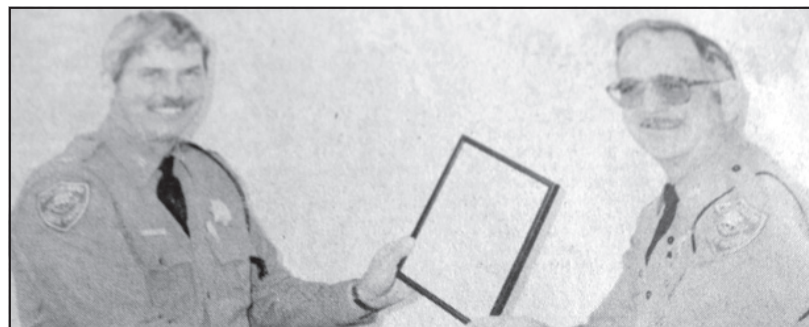
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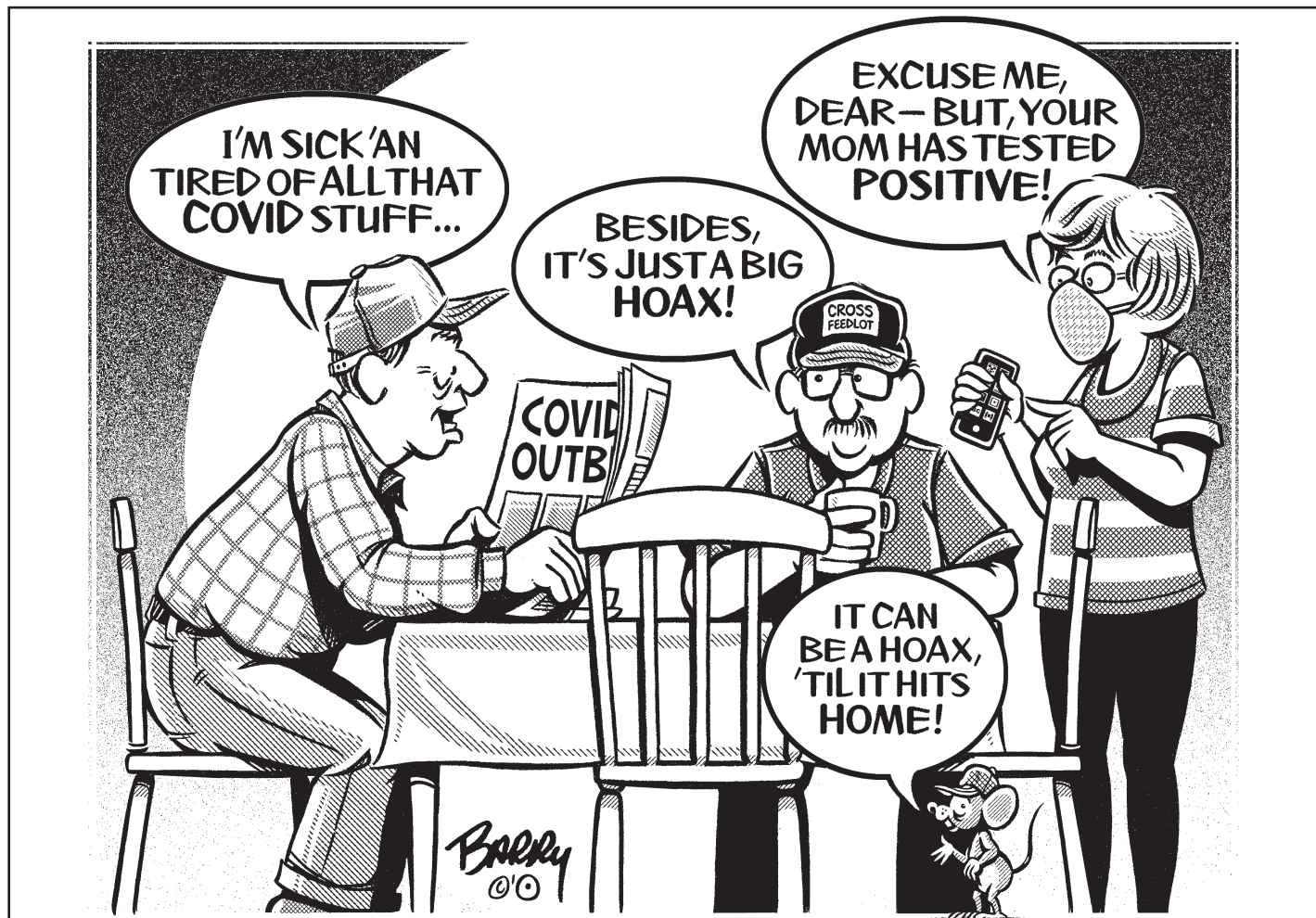
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LOOKING BACK



From the March 17, 1983, Pagosa Springs SUN. **COMMENDATION FOR TROOPER TOM RICHARDS** — Captain Marvin E. Schlageter, Branch Commander of Durango District V, presents local Colorado State Patrolman Tom Richards with a certificate commending Richards for an outstanding job above and beyond what can reasonably be expected. The recognition cites the devotion to duty, professional attitude, diplomacy and patience Richards demonstrated for ten consecutive years during his patrol assignment to the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition held in Pueblo.



Letters



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True protection

Dear Editor:

Because we are a small town and the big cities may seem so far away, do you really think our freedom cannot slip away, too? I understand the mainstream media are not really showing how bad it really is in these cities controlled by democrat governors and democrat mayors. It looks like a war zone in cities like Portland & Chicago, absolutely anything but, America in Seattle. Kudos to Pres. Trump who is sending "law & order" in, whether these corrupt elected want it or not. The erupting violence, chaos, carnage, death, babies & children being murdered in their yards & strollers are being supported by these evil leaders. They are defunding the police, injuring & killing them as they are doing their job protecting us. One bad cop put that knee on that neck. Defending your home when the gate has been broken down and a rioting mob is threatening to kill you, occupy or destroy your home and the police can't come. Instead, the McCrosky family did what real Americans are supposed to have the second amendment to do. Bring out their guns. Now they are being charged and these terrorist rioters are being called peaceful protesters. Lying and defying our Constitution is Democrat-controlled America now. Their goal ... destroy America as we know it.

Here's our Colorado governor who states "you are a selfish bast ... (curse word) if you don't wear a mask". Who is this guy and who

is he really working for? He should be reprimanded. Christians like ourselves are offended and this elected leader is given a liberal pass. There have definitely been ups & downs, pros & cons & differences about mask-wearing. The Laura Ingraham program, July 16, 2020, had the best fact-filled scientific presentation by renowned experts presenting the facts on masks. Scientific facts, not probably opinions. So masks are mandated & freedom of choice is eliminated. They are not giving us the real masks that would be of real effect. Make no mistake, that cotton covering or bandana is like putting up a chain-link fence to keep out the mosquitos. And, where is our Lysol spray supply, 99.9 0/0 kills the virus, haven't seen on the shelves since February. Found some hand sanitizer, guess what ...made in China. Really, they made the virus, sure don't trust that to clean me.

Oh yes, lock our family members living in facilities away for months to protect them, so they can die of broken hearts..freedom of choice, risks may be ok for some people and they have that right.

Rev. Billy Graham preached on "signs of the times" as revealed in books of the Bible and how we should view things. Summed up: watch, wait, walk, work, and wake up. Powerful evangelical prayer will defeat the enemies and put powerful God-appointed leaders in place. That is our true protection to keep America, real safe, real free America.

Jan and Tom Carnley

To the people of Pagosa

Dear Editor:

From my heart to the people of Pagosa Springs

In September 2004 my husband and I began a journey to look for a place to live out our "retiring" years.

We got in our truck, the dogs in the backseat and hit the road. Meandered through many towns in Arizona, Williams looked good, Flagstaff was nice but we continued on down the road.

A small quiet town came upon us ... Pagosa Springs. What was different here? Could it have been that just about every person you drove by waved. Could it have been the quaint feeling of small-town America? Could it have been the incredible scenery? Whatever the it was, Pagosa Springs made us stop dead in our tracks.

We purchased our home that weekend, the rest as they say is history. Our love of this land and the people who live here became imbedded in the very deepest part of our souls. I took a job at the Chamber of Commerce and found out pretty dog on quick how giving this community is. I admire and thank our small businesses for their continuing dedication to our community. My husband began what was later to become the fulfillment of a lifelong dream riding and "cowing" with Donnie Shahan and the Shahan crew. Donnie and Fern Shahan will live in our hearts forever.

There are so many people who have impacted our lives here in

Pagosa. To even begin naming names would be impossible. But ... 2 years ago Bobby was airlifted to Colorado Springs for emergency bypass surgery. Marcus, Glenn you boys drove all the way up to check on your friend.

John H. you are the neighbor every person hopes and prays for. God bless you.

My friends of the cabin with the purple door. I love you.

What has made us leave ... In September 2019 I suffered a traumatic brain injury. As much as we love this postcard in which we live. We find it necessary to be near family.

We will always hold the time we have lived here dear in our hearts and souls. Be well Pagosa. Stay true to your friendly heritage. The Kirby's wish everyone the well.

Stacy Kirby

Wrong direction

Dear Editor:

Ignoring objections from state and local officials, the president deployed his dedicated border patrol to Portland to tear-gas moms and drag protestors away in unmarked cars. The anonymous soldiers were violating international law by gassing non-violent demonstrators.

The same anonymous soldiers beat an unarmed Navy veteran. The image of this man, who stood unmoving against an unidentified army of unaccountable soldiers, is a symbol of courage against abusive power.

The deployment of Trump's personal army is political theater, deliberately calculated to incite greater turmoil (maybe even violence if he's lucky) with cameras rolling. These are the reckless tactics of a desperate man, behind in the polls, lacking a viable plan, and hoping to look tough in the wrong arena. Policing within the US is a local responsibility. Unless specifically requested by a Governor, federal troops have no business being in our cities.

Our country is being driven into crisis by the persistent abuse of presidential power. No wonder that 80% of recently polled Americans believe this country is headed in the wrong direction.

Please let your representatives

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Official election results announced for June 30 primary

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The official election results have been announced for the June 30 primary election in Archuleta County.

Not all primaries held had candidates for every office.

Following are the official vote totals for all races in the June 30 primary, provided to The SUN by the Archuleta County Election's Office.

The vote totals reflect only

Archuleta County voters.

A total of 4,770 ballots were cast in the county and there was approximately a 50 percent voter turnout, according to the Archuleta County Election's Office.

County offices

Archuleta County commissioner, District 1 — Republican

- Warren M. Brown: 1,631
- June E. Marquez: 595

• Nate Berman: 469

Archuleta County commissioner, District 2 — Republican

- Ronnie Maez: 2,228

Archuleta County surveyor

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

State offices

State Board of Education member, Congressional

District 3 — Democratic

- Mayling Simpson: 1,541

State Board of Education member, Congressional District 3 — Republican

- Joyce Rankin: 2,131

State representative, District 59 — Democratic

- Barbara McLachlan: 1,607

State representative, District 59 — Republican

- Marilyn Harris: 2,168

District attorney, 6th Judicial District — Democratic

- Christian Champagne: 1,538

Federal offices

United States senator — Democratic

- Andrew Romanoff: 592
- John W. Hickenlooper: 1,355

United States senator — Republican

- Cory Gardner: 2,400

United States senator — Libertarian

- Gaylon Kent: 4
- Raymon Anthony Doane: 12

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

- James Iacino: 711
- Diane E. Mitsch Bush: 1,133

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

- Lauren Boebert: 1,054
- Scott R. Tipton: 1,574

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Photo courtesy Richard Walker

Officer Tyler Leewitt, Detective Boyd Neagle and Police Chief William Rockensock (left to right) all hold Vets-4Vets mugs for an official "mugshot" at the June breakfast meeting of Archuleta County Veterans for Veterans. The officers also received a certificate of appreciation from the organization for their contribution to the community.

Letters

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know that, as Americans, we deserve an election based on ideas and policies, and not on made-for-TV drama.

Sincerely,
K. Muth

Protecting innocent people

Dear Editor:

On July 19th, a group of people gathered across from the capitol to honor the police as they had done for the last 4 years. They had permission to hold the rally at Civic Center Park and were peacefully participating when a huge mob of younger anti-police protestors descended on them and began beating people up. One woman was pushed down the stone steps and ended up at the feet of a policeman. She quickly looked up and asked for help. To her astonishment he looked down at her and said "I can't help you." A friend helped her leave and drove her to the hospital. She is trying to recuperate from her injuries.

What obviously happened is the police were told to stand down and not interfere with the mob that was attacking this peaceful rally. The question is where was our governor during all this. After all he said on April 17, 2019 "Together we can thank law enforcement for their swift and diligent actions over the past 24 hours to keep Coloradans safe, and we will continue to be vigilant against threats to our community." If an attack on a peaceful rally in Civic Center Park is not a threat to our community, what is? As we see major cities all over the country erupting in violence, do we want Denver to become another Portland or Seattle. There is only

one way to stop this insanity and that is to protect innocent citizens from assault. I call upon Governor Polis to fulfill his obligation to the people of Colorado by protecting innocent people from being assaulted by mobs.

Charles Newton
Highlands Ranch

Cleaning up trash

Dear Editor:

In a time in all of our lives with such turmoil I'd just like to take a moment to give thanks to people in our community who are making a difference for all who travel through our sweet town.

Some of you I may know, but most I'm sure I don't. Who am I talking about? All of the people you see

picking up trash on the roadways we all travel. I'd like to think that all of this stuff has just blown out of garbage trucks ... we all know that's not true. It's not likely to see these trucks travelling down roads through our national forest.

Who are these people who think our forest is their private trash can? It makes me sick. And yes, I'm out there picking it up in my "backyard". Gee, what a novel idea ... shooting skeet in the San Juans up 8 mile. Are you kidding me? Someone has to clean this stuff up, spent shell casings, plastic from the shotgun shells ... oh and news flash, that bright orange colored clay, Mother Nature doesn't have a private house cleaner combing the forest picking this crap up, along with water bottles, cans, and your toilet paper. Probably not neces-

sary to go into the other items we've picked up.

So here's my point of writing this little note, not only to thank all of you volunteers I've seen along the roads beautifying our area for all of us, but to encourage all of you with spare time on your hands right now to get out there and hike or travel where you can by atv ... and bring a few trash bags with you. Not only are you going to get to take in the beauty of where we live but you might just feel really good about the accomplishment ...

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A person who desires to be considered for the vacant school director position needs to submit a letter of interest by 3 pm on August 27, 2020, to the District Office at 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs; by email, rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us; or by mail to: Executive Assistant Robyn Bennett, PO Box 1498, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. The letter of intent should address the following: 1. Why do you want to be on the Board? 2. Do you plan on running for the position once your term expires in November of 2021? 3. What is your philosophy of education as it relates to serving on the Board?

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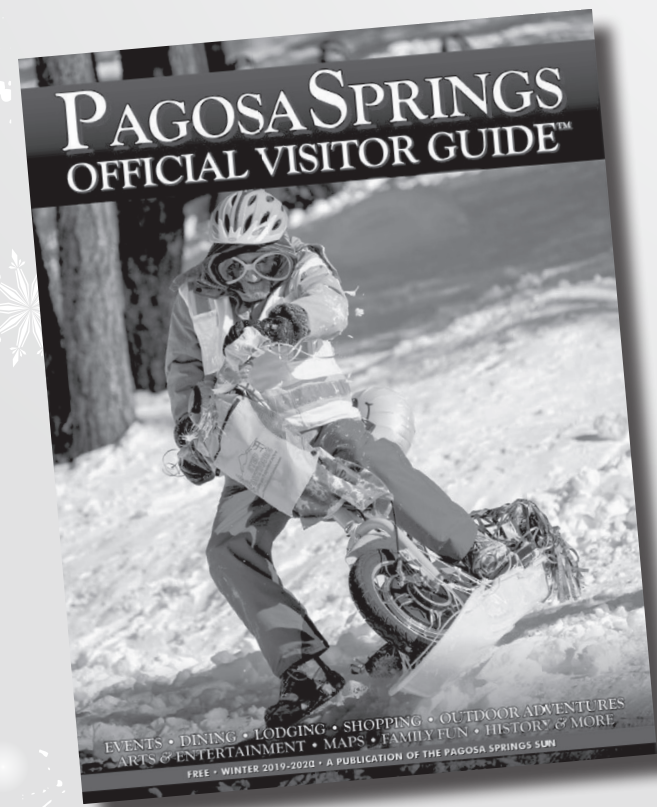
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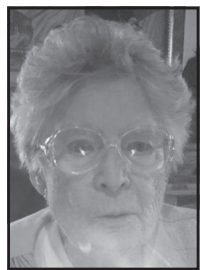
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Obituaries

Lorraine Ruth Hindman

(Known as Rene)

We said our goodbyes to Rene, who passed away surrounded by her loved ones on July 24. She was one of 11 children born to Charles and Naomi Pope in Nowata, Okla., Sept. 11, 1929.



Rene was married to her husband, Bill, for 52 years before his passing in Pagosa Springs in 2000. They lived in many states due to his business, but their main homes were in Bridgeport, Calif.; Golden Valley, Ariz.; and

Pagosa Springs, Colo.

She has always taken great pleasure in listening to her classic country music. In her earlier years, she loved to dance, enjoyed traveling, ceramics, sewing and fishing.

She is survived by five siblings: John Pope, Wanda Sue Hudson, Opel Miller, Donna Mae and Jerry Pope; three daughters: Karen Fillmore, Sandra Anacker and Billie Tracy; five grandchildren: Sheila Soares, Carrie Espinosa, Tonya Fisher; and 10 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Per her wishes no services will be held.

God bless — We will miss her with all our hearts.

Bernard Jaramillo

June 18, 1948-July 6

Bernie was born into a houseful of music, laughter, hard work and eventually eight sisters. Pueblo, Colo., in 1948 was predominately a steel mill town and his father, Ben, produced steel by day and toured as a musician by night.

By the age of 15, Bernie was already an accomplished drummer and began traveling the state with his dad's band playing gigs and earning money to buy, what would become a life-long passion, cool cars. The best music gig in Pueblo was at a place called the Anchor Lounge, a massive multi dance floor night spot that could pack 600 people in on the weekends. By 1967, Bernie's band became the Anchor Lounge house band and along with that honor, all the trappings of rock star status. It is then, he met a young groupie named Margaret who starstruck friends dragged onto the dance floor. Bernie noticed Marie and in between sets, introduced himself to her friends — Margaret and Bernie would be together for the next 53 years.

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Richard Allan 'Rick' Shahan

Richard Allan "Rick" Shahan departed this life Wednesday, July 15, mainly, we suspect, to spare himself the agony of watching another losing season of his beloved Dallas Cowboys.



Rick grew up in Colorado and attended Pagosa Springs High School where his classmates dubbed him the honor of "The Pirate" his senior year. He relocated to Oklahoma where he received his BA in finance from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. He went on to enjoy a long career with State Farm Insurance as an estimator, claim representative and team manager.

Rick loved fly fishing in Alaska, The Eagles, Tombstone (I'll be your huckleberry) and his 2002 Ford F250 pickup truck. He absolutely hated cell phones and texting. He

proudly boasted he had no working knowledge of TicToc, SnapChat, Twitter or Instagram, but dabbled with FaceBook from time to time. Whatever he lacked technologically, he compensated with an over abundance of charm, charisma and generosity.

Rick took fashion advice from no one. His trademark ensemble was the latest couture plain white T-shirt from the fashion house Fruit of The Loom, under a plain white button down polo, khaki slacks (or shorts) and fishing sandals.

Rick is survived by his favorite son, Ryan Shahan, Plano, Texas; his former spouse, Teresina Shahan, Plano, Texas; parents Joe and Aggie Shahan, Bartlesville, Okla.; sister Kathy (Scott) Roby, Oklahoma City, Okla.; brother Jody (Dawn), Bartlesville, Okla.; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Rick was the life of the party; we miss him already.

A memorial service will be held at a later date once the COVID-19 restrictions have been relaxed.

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In Memoriam

Vimmie Ray

In loving memory of Vimmie Ray Abraham Lincoln said, "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count; it's the life in your years." My mom, Vimmie Ray, lived life to the fullest, finding joy in all that she did and she thoroughly enjoyed showering that joy upon others. Almost a year ago, God called her to join him in heaven, as she knew he would one day. Every time the song "I Can Only Imagine" came on, she would smile and say, "I like to imagine what heaven will be like and although I'm in no hurry to get there, because I know

your dad needs me, I look forward to seeing what Jesus actually looks like and to being there surrounded by his magnificence and glory."

I can only imagine that she is now looking down from heaven, watching us in our actions, thinking some of us need a good talkin' to and need to use our common sense; thinking many of us need to remember to think, "What would Jesus do?" and make better choices; but mostly, I think she is proud of us for picking up the pieces of our broken hearts and carrying on her good work spreading God's love and kindness that she lived by example every day.

Helen Keller once said, "That which we've deeply loved, we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us." So much of who I am today is because of her teachings and leading by example. Every day when I count my blessings, she is at the top of my list.

At the wildlife park stands a wooden cross in memory of Vimmie. We would like to invite anyone who has a special place in their hearts for Vimmie and would like to share something with the family to contact Dick Ray via email at dickray@centurytel.net.

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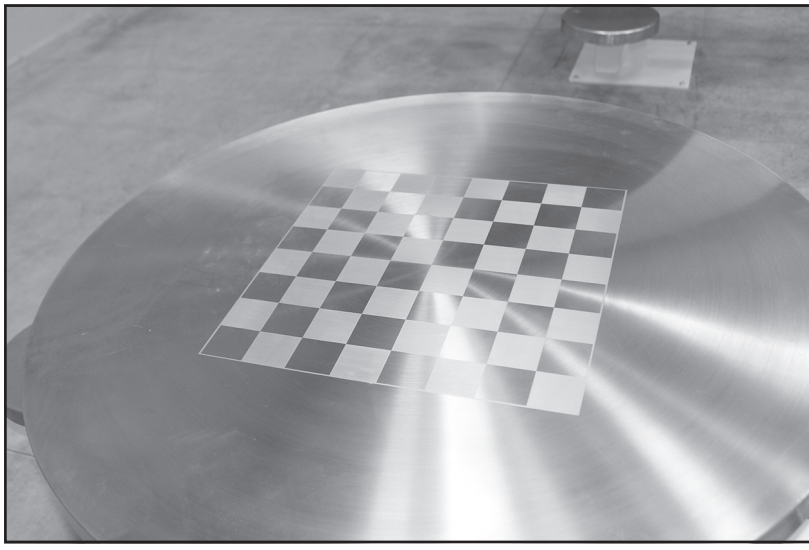
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'The new normal': Urban renewal authority discusses July 14 election results

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a July 23 regular meeting, the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority (PSURA) Commission discussed the aftermath of a special election held on July 14 in which voters approved Ballot Question A, amending the Town of Pagosa Springs' Home Rule Charter.

Ballot Question A, a question that was put forth by a petition of local residents asked: "Shall the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter be amended, as set forth in Ordinance No. 932, by the addition of the following provision: 'Any proposal by the Town Council or by the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority to use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) must first be approved by the Town electors whenever the total TIF revenues are expected to exceed \$1 million (\$1,000,000) over the life of the project?'"

The special election, held via mail ballot, saw Ballot Question A pass with 257 votes cast for yes and 89 votes cast against.

According to documentation for the July 23 meeting, 347 total votes were cast out of 1,050 ballots sent to registered town voters.

Before the PSURA Commission discussed the results of the election, two local citizens made public comments.

Community member Glenn Walsh, who helped circulate the petition, raised a question on why the discussion on the election results was taking place by the PSURA Commission and not by the Pagosa Springs Town Council.

"I hope you read the election as

the fullest and most eloquent public comment. I think three-quarters of town folk voted because they want really balanced projects," he said. "I think everyone wants balanced projects and that's fair enough."

According to community member Bill Hudson, Walsh, along with Hudson and other community members, circulated the petition because they were "disappointed in some town council decisions."

"Knocking on hundreds of doors to meet with my neighbors and to discuss the urban renewal decisions that you folks made engaged in a lot of conversation with those folks and found them to be a very thoughtful group of people," Hudson said. "I think they were overwhelmingly disappointed that the council would define a vacant property as dangerous blight."

During the petitioning process, Hudson explained that the town "lost some trust" among its voters, but added that he hopes the PSURA and town council aim to regain the trust of the voters.

According to Town Manager Andrea Phillips, this ballot measure does not solely focus on TIF projects the PSURA might be considering, but any other TIF-financed project in the future that the town may put forward via another vehicle.

To have the special election, the town spent almost \$11,000 which included attorney fees, costs to mail out the ballots and advertising, among other things, according to Phillips.

TIF utilizes the "incremental growth" in the taxes that are generated by the project itself, Phillips explained, adding that it's not new taxes that someone would be voting

on, or an increase to the tax rate.

"The districts and the entities will always get what they've always gotten, plus an inflationary amount. The increment is what is the tax-increment financing," she said. "That can be negotiated in terms of how much that can apply to a project and then it goes back into the project itself to fund public improvements and infrastructure."

PSURA commissioner Rory Burnett noted that there are questions being raised on the legality and liability surrounding the recently passed ballot issue.

"My question is, do we want to seek more and more information even towards a declaratory judgment on this situation?" Burnett asked, noting that this would be a question for legal counsel.

Given the circumstances, it will be difficult to attract any projects, according to PSURA commissioner Matt DeGuise.

"Knowing full well they are going to have to convince the town voters to approve it even before they can really do any actual construction, it makes it a costly proposal for them, legal issues not withstanding," he said.

It would be "prudent" to explore the other options within the URA itself and not just limit the PSURA to one "avenue of action," PSURA commissioner Madeline Bergon added.

"I think there are other ways that a URA can be helpful in attracting development," she said. "I think it would be good to consult with somebody who has been in a similar situation. Some of these other municipalities around Colorado."

Phillips noted that there are a couple of attorneys who specialize in URA projects who might be willing to help the PSURA if it needs more clarity.

However, PSURA commissioner Mat deGraaf explained that he did not feel like the results of the July 14 election were good or bad, rather "it just is."

"We keep hearing the phrase 'new normal' and we've all made personal adjustments to the current situation, and the URA should be no different," he said. "I can think of plenty of projects that, on face value, the community could really get behind. I think we just move forward and keep doing what

we're doing and honor the will of the people."

The PSURA does not need to continue to fight the results of the election and just go with the results, he added.

As the PSURA works on projects in the future, hopefully trust will be regained among the community, PSURA commissioner Shari Pierce noted.

There are plenty of financial incentives for a developer to go forward and work with the PSURA, but the project has to be designed in a way that benefits the community, PSURA commissioner J.R. Ford explained.

"I think developers will get creative and come up with a way that will allow them to use this," Ford said.

PSURA commissioner Greg Schulte also noted that there is a question in regard to the ballot language, and noted that in his opinion, the town's home rule charter has a "kind of a cloud over it."

"Your attorney has told you that it is more than likely invalid. There's a court judgment out there already that basically says the same thing," Schulte said.

Schulte noted that he had multiple questions for Town Attorney Clayton Buchner. One question centered around if the town needs a plaintiff to file for a declaratory judgment or if the town can seek it on its own.

"At the end of the day, there's a problem and we can't just ignore it," Schulte said. "If I'm on the council, my recommendation to you is find out, one way or the other, just find out. I would think that Bill and Glenn would want to know, too. Is this actually legal? Is this part of your charter valid? I think you need to find that out because until then, the power and the fertility of the URA is seriously diminished."

Another question Schulte had for Buchner was whether or not the PSURA can participate in any kind of declaratory-related action.

"There's a lot of work to be done," Schulte said. "I just think you've got to know."

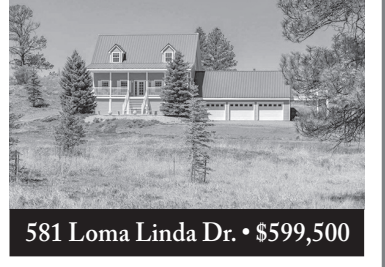
PSURA Chair Don Volger noted that he agreed with Schulte's thoughts, but the PSURA should also "do what it can."

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RECREATION NEWS

Youth soccer registration underway

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

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Ranch

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The completion of a conservation easement on Banded Peak Ranch is the final phase of a 30-year effort by The Conservation Fund in the Navajo River Watershed — protecting a total of 65,000 acres that connect wilderness ranches in the upper reaches of the watershed to conserved working ranches at lower elevations on the Navajo, Little Navajo and East Fork of the San Juan rivers. Permanent protection of these lands is the product of public-private partnerships involving 10 different ranches.

Over the years, the Navajo River Watershed project area has attracted \$37 million from federal, state and private partners, including private foundations, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), the federal Forest Legacy Program and private landowner donations.

These privately owned lands are surrounded by some of the most remote, expansive and undisturbed national forest and wilderness lands in Colorado. As the last large unprotected property in the upper Navajo River watershed, Banded Peak Ranch completes the protection of a wilderness watershed and preserves one of the most important wildlife migration corridors for mule deer and elk in the Rocky Mountain region.

“The headwaters of the Navajo River is one of the wildest and most pristine landscapes we have pro-

ected in Colorado. It is a majestic place that has inspired many others to join us in the effort,” said Tom Macy, western representative of The Conservation Fund. “If we are going to see grizzlies return to Colorado, it is likely to be here.”

The watershed has critically important benefits for downstream users in Colorado and New Mexico, providing irrigation and drinking water for 1 million people in New Mexico, including 90 percent of Albuquerque’s surface water supply. Protecting Banded Peak safeguards 33 miles of streams on the ranch, including a 5-mile stretch of the Navajo River, along with 850 acres of riparian and wetland habitat.

Banded Peak Ranch — roughly 20 miles southeast of Pagosa Springs — hosts a premier deer and elk hunting program that provides stimulus to the regional economy, while the carefully managed timber operation supports regional wood processing mills.

The ranch has been an active participant in the CSFS’s Forest Ag program for two decades and manages its forests with the guidance of a management plan written in conjunction with the agency.

“Our family has been dedicated to land conservation and land stewardship in Colorado and elsewhere for many years,” said Karin Griscom, the family’s representative. “We were privileged to partner with The Con-

servation Fund, which has diligently worked with us to protect strategic lands and wildlife corridors in the Upper Navajo River watershed over the last 20 years. We also greatly appreciate the help of the U.S. Forest Service and the Colorado State Forest Service, elected officials and especially the Wyss Foundation, that were all instrumental in the protection of this legacy ranch.”

The Continental Divide National Scenic Trail runs along the eastern border of the family’s properties for approximately 10 miles. Almost completely surrounded by 3.75 million acres of the San Juan National Forest, South San Juan Wilderness and Rio Grande National Forest, protection of the Banded Peak Ranch enhances the adjacent public lands by maintaining healthy forests, critical wetland and riparian areas, and crucial wildlife corridors. Fire modeling shows this ranch is the first line of defense in the watershed for reducing the risk and cost of wildfire.

The conservation easement on Banded Peak Ranch will be held by the CSFS. The two adjacent ranches — Catspaw and Navajo Headwaters — are owned by members of the same family and protected through a series of conservation easements held by the CSFS and Colorado Open Lands. These perpetual easements ensure that the natural richness and ruggedness of these lands will remain largely undisturbed, allowing

ranch operations to continue while eliminating future subdivision for residential or commercial development.

“We’re proud to partner with The Conservation Fund, USDA Forest Service and owners of Banded Peak Ranch to conserve the myriad of ecological values on the ranch,” said Mike Lester, state forester and director of the CSFS. “By protecting Banded Peak and its forests from future development, we’re ensuring the public benefits that these forests provide — from clean air and water to habitat for our iconic wildlife — persist in Colorado for generations to come.”

“The Forest Service is committed to sharing stewardship of all lands by working with partners in an integrated way to make decisions and take actions for the greater good,” said USDA Forest Service Acting Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region Jennifer Eberlien. “Through the Forest Legacy Program, public-private partners were able to work together to protect the Navajo River headwaters through a conservation easement. Its protection will maintain a multitude of public benefits

Squaretop

■ Continued from front

to find the break in the wall and see for ourselves whether we could scale it without climbing gear. Not knowing the exact location of the passage, we started at a gated logging road from the Mill Creek side and followed its mostly obstacle-free path to the end. Next, it was a steep bushwack through a maze of downed, beetle-killed timber to the north saddle which terminates abruptly at an intimidating rock face.

From the northern saddle, we marched around the base of the east face searching for the fabled route. The passage was definitely not on the crumbling east face.

As we traversed around the south ridge to the base of the west face, the towering cliff band transitioned into the lava flow formation that is more conducive to climbing.

Not far from the south ridge, we discovered the “orange crack,” which was guarded by a thick, prickly patch of gooseberry bushes. Ryder began scrambling up to the base of the crack until his nearly developed frontal lobe finally fired (he’s merely 24). In his assessment, there was too much exposure to make the next move safely. We bookmarked the location and saved the summit for another day.

Fast forward to last weekend, when Ryder suggested that we return to Squaretop with climbing gear. This time, we approached the peak from Blanco Basin and accessed the south ridge via an infrequently maintained outfitter trail, which ended up being a much better approach than the logging road. Since Ryder is an experienced rock climber (and I am not), he brought all the climbing gear (a lightweight 50m rope, an assortment of cams, and ATC rappel devices). Normally I’d offer to carry some gear, but since Ryder is a young

such as wildlife habitat conservation and watershed protection and maintaining scenic values.”

The protection of Banded Peak Ranch was made possible by \$7 million from the Forest Service’s Forest Legacy Program, which is funded by the LWCF. The LWCF uses offshore drilling revenue — not taxpayer dollars — to fund conservation projects across the country. The Great American Outdoors Act, a bill which has passed both the House and Senate and is on its way to the president’s desk for signature, provides full and permanent funding for the LWCF and future conservation victories like this one.

Realizing the opportunity to protect this last piece of the headwaters of the Navajo River, the Wyss Foundation provided funds to match the LWCF dollars.

“Thanks to the determination of The Conservation Fund and support from Coloradans demanding more protections for their lands and waters, Banded Peak Ranch will be preserved forever,” said Wyss Foundation President Molly McUsic. “Collectively, we must continue taking every opportunity to accelerate our

anchors for rappelling, so we walked to the northern terminus of the summit, where Ryder figured our rope had the best chances of reaching the ground. I convinced Ryder that we should anchor the rope around three dead trees that were clinging to the top of the cliff instead of just one, but when Ryder tossed the rope down, it was about 10 feet too short. Ryder hauled the rope back up. To get an extra 10 feet, we had to anchor the rope around the lowest of the three trees. After tossing the rope over the cliff, Ryder said he was pretty sure that the rope reached the ground about 75 feet below. I hooked into the rope first because I wanted Ryder to insure that I rigged the ATC device correctly.

I cautiously leaned back over the ledge and walked myself down the crumbling cliffside in non-record time and was relieved to find that the rope was almost touching the flat ground. Ryder quickly followed and, fortunately, the dead tree did not.

Now all we had left was to traverse the base of the lush northwest side back to the south ridge and then descend the mellow 4-mile trail that led to the truck. We enjoyed a leisurely descent through dense stands of aspen with a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction of seeing our backyard from a new perspective.

There are some peaks in the Southern San Juans that I’ve climbed many times, but Squaretop will probably not be one of them. From now on, when I see Squaretop on the skyline, I’ll remember rappelling off the north side from a dead tree with just barely enough rope, but it’s not something I crave to repeat. Should I catch the bug again, I’ll happily carry a longer rope.

This story was originally posted at www.southsanjuans.info.

Ski

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capacity, not only in our restaurants, but on the mountain — and have something that’s less stressful for the community and a little easier for everybody to get their head around.”

“What happens is that over Christmas, we have this huge influx of people,” Rosanne Pitcher said. “So, we’re trying to set up a reservation system so people can be planning ahead. Some people may want to plan their vacation earlier than over the Christmas period and an incentive would be some pricing. We have never before gone up in our pricing in our holiday periods, but because of what’s happening [with COVID] and to try and control the number of people up here, we may have to raise our prices over the holiday periods.”

She commented on results of the survey thus far.

“We were kinda surprised about how many people really want to ski over the holidays and weekends,” she said. “So, we’re going to have some incentive to spread people out and we probably are going to have to push the price up over the holidays because it’s a much better experience anyhow when you have to deal with less people. But the problem is everyone has off at the same time.”

On a series of questions on the survey related to “Limiting Visitation Density,” the specifics regarding capacity at WCSA are addressed.

“Our analysis shows that the capacity of WCSA is about 6,000 skiers per day (inclusive of parking and other facilities). Data from the years 2015 through 2020 indicate that this level is approached only during a few peak periods, typically around Christmas and the New Year (Dec. 20 through Jan. 3) and the spring break in mid-March ... WCSA is considering limiting visitation throughout the 2020-21 season to one-half the full capacity or 3,000 skiers/boarders per day. This level of use would provide ample space to maintain social distancing and create an uncrowded environment that most skiers/boarders would appreciate.”

Rosanne Pitcher added that one idea is to create a “loyalty pass” for previous season pass holders.

“Anyone who had a pass from the previous year will be able to get a small discount. I think we’ll be able to do that,” she said, adding, “We just

haven’t set any pricing yet because we’re waiting for the results of the survey.”

Some of the questions on the survey are:

- “How likely are you to purchase a season pass or pass product that is not valid during peak periods?”

- “Would you be willing to purchase insurance for your pass in case of an early closure?”

- “Please rate your level of enthusiasm about limiting visitation and instituting a reservation system: 1 being lowest, 5 being highest.”

- “Are you more likely to ski during a non-peak period if ticket prices were offered at a reduced rate?”

- “Would you be willing to refrain from removing your gloves, blowing your nose, etc. until you have exited the lift and are social distanced from all others?”

- “If after arrival to Colorado you or someone in your group were to start exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, would you be willing to cancel your trip and head home early?”

“We’re anxious to get this data in from everybody,” Davey Pitcher said. “We wanted everyone to have an opportunity to give us their input and comments and get a sense of what the community sees as appropriate, and hopefully, we can have some meaningful conversations with the state and provide a template for a winter that provides winter recreation and helps people get through the winter without a lockdown that doesn’t allow for recreation.”

He added that another idea being considered is to move the typical 8:30 a.m. opening time to 8 a.m.

Davey Pitcher also commented on some new modern technology that WCSA has bought to help clean the facility.

“[We’re using] chlorine dioxide,” he said. “What it is is an electrostatic machine that creates an ionized — it comes out as a kind of a spray/fog and it’s ionized, so it wants to bond to surfaces. It has a negative charge and all surfaces are positive charges. It wants to go underneath tables, it wants to make contact with the surface and it dries odorless and tasteless ... Once it dries, it loses one oxygen molecule and becomes less toxic to humans and we understand the cleaning procedures for the bathrooms are going to have to be

very rigorous and by the book and probably every hour.”

How local ski shops are planning for winter

Dan Park, co-owner of Alpen Haus Ski Center, commented on how he’s preparing for the upcoming ski season, even with lack of information about what exactly to expect.

“There’s not any direction coming right now out of the industry,” he said. “There’s no talk really of what’s coming. I think that Wolf Creek is doing a good job by putting out the survey and the complete nature of the questions that they’re asking — they’ve really put a lot of thought into how they would run people through the resort as evidenced by some of their questions.”

He added, “As far as our approach to it ... it’s kind of in a state of limbo, at this point. We’re in July, it’s no longer something that you can be in denial about. When [COVID] first happened in March, we all thought things would iron out, perhaps. [Now], it’s more and more evident that we have to be proactive and start deciding what it is we’re going to do.”

Park relayed a story about Arapahoe Basin Ski Area, located near Breckenridge, and how it implemented social distancing measures when opening late in the ski season this year.

He said it allowed just one person per ski lift chair to ensure social distancing, and when folks skied their run, they felt like they had the whole mountain to themselves.

He noted that when they got back down the hill, they had to wait an hour and a half in the lift line, and cautioned it probably wasn’t the best experience for skiers and boarders, and wouldn’t recommend that for Wolf Creek.

Matt Yoksh, who runs Pagosa Ski Rentals, explained he’s awaiting Wolf Creek’s opening plan to see if how, if at all, he’ll tweak his business for the upcoming season.

Bruno Peterson, who coordinates ski rentals for Ski and Bow Rack, was not available for comment on this story.

Any members of the public who wish to take WCSA’s survey can go to wolfcreekski.com and click the link toward the bottom of the page. The survey will be open until Aug. 7.

COVID-19

■ Continued from front

every county that’s seen case growth needs to take prompt and bold action to reverse that.”

Polis later noted that 15 counties in the state had been notified that if they cannot slow the trend of new cases within two weeks, their variances would be taken away.

Polis added the state is also watching those counties with high incidence rates that do not have variances — the category Archuleta County falls into.

“We want to work with counties in this critical window to get them strong and back on track,” he said.

Webb told the USJHSD board it is unclear if Archuleta County will have to revert to an earlier Safer at Home phase if it continues to be

red, with PSMC Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzese indicating it was implied.

Clarification from Polis’ office and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment was not available by press time Wednesday.

“This message that came today reflects what we’re seeing here in the hospital,” Webb said. “We are seeing an increase in symptomatic and sick patients, so we are transferring patients out who are sick, quite sick, to higher levels of care.”

Later in the meeting, Chief Nursing Officer/Chief Operating Officer Kathee Douglas noted that PSMC has had around seven hospitalized patients who were either confirmed COVID-19 positives or

presumed positives who were discharged prior to their test results coming back.

She added that PSMC transferred three people to a higher level of care Tuesday and more the previous day.

“That is concerning to us,” she said. “That has not been the trend.”

She noted that PSMC’s hospitalizations were not lengthy stays and those patients were not critically ill.

“In the last few days, we’ve seen a lot of critical illness,” she said.

Webb noted that, because of the increase in cases, PSMC has started moving some employees back to working from home.

She also stated that PSMC has

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Education

High school golf slated to begin Aug. 3

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

On July 25, the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) announced that boys' golf practice will start as scheduled on Aug. 3.

CHSAAnow.com states practices will begin as scheduled "as the sport is able to be played under the

current national, state, county and CHSAA health guidelines as they pertain to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic."

The website notes that competition is scheduled to begin on Aug. 6.

Pagosa Springs High School's (PSHS) golf schedule shows competition scheduled beginning Aug. 14.

To participate in the season,

PSHS athletes must complete all forms at PlanetHS.com prior to the first day of practice.

Athletes must also upload a current physical examination form.

More information, as well as links to the physical examination form and a medical eligibility form, is available at www.pirateathletics.com.

"Boys golf was not included in

plans submitted to the state officials for approval because the sport is able to play under the current guidelines," the website notes, also stating, "The Association is anticipating an announcement soon regarding the full calendar for all other sports and activities, once approved by state officials."

Anyone with questions is asked to call PSHS at 264-2231.

School district continues work on reopening plan

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

Archuleta School District (ASD) staff and teachers are continuing to work toward a final plan for how the 2020-2021 school year will look when it begins.

On July 21, meetings were held for teachers and parents to offer feedback on ASD's draft reopening plan, which is available on the district's website, www.mypagosaschools.com.

Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza explained on July 23 that, following meetings, she and other staff members categorized the questions and feedback received to eliminate duplications and clean up the feedback.

The biggest question received, she noted, was about the blended learning A/B model, where different groups of students go on designated days in order to decrease the number of people in the school buildings.

"That was harder to give them an answer to than it seems, and it's only because the schools all have to align and do the same thing in order for it to work for families," she said, noting the leadership team's meeting Tuesday would work toward defining that. "The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) identified seven different ways you could potentially do that, which sounds incredibly complex. ... We've got to sit down and look at what makes the most sense for our schools and our staff."

LeBlanc-Esparza noted that a

number of people also asked about masks, and if elementary school students are going to be required to wear masks.

The superintendent referenced the state's mask order currently in effect, which states that everyone above age 10 wear a mask.

"And that eliminates our elementary. That said, we're recommending it, we're just not requiring it," she said.

LeBlanc-Esparza noted the district is focusing on a positive campaign with students around keeping them safe, and added that, for those times when distancing is not possible, everyone will have a mask provided by the district.

The district also received a number of questions about what health screenings will look like, she explained.

She noted the CDE's guidance has been to work hard to partner with families to have students screened at home before they ever get on the bus or head to school.

She added that the district is looking into the possibility of having an app for parents to log health screening information before students get to the school buildings, thereby lessening the number of students who would need to be screened at that point.

To help answer those questions received during the feedback meetings, the district has created an FAQ section related to the school reopening and reopening plan. That is accessible via www.mypagosaschools.com.

chools.com.

The site includes answers, if available, to questions such as:

- "What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in a school?"

- "How and when will the schools health screen students?"

- "What are the plans for providing PPE to students and staff?"

But, she noted, the district has heard positive feedback regarding the planning process.

"Overwhelmingly, we've had board support, we've have staff express gratitude for its flexibility and our willingness to engage staff in hashing out the details," she said, noting the whole-district approach to creating the plan.

She added that parents have appreciated being able to offer their opinions and have appreciated the district's options — something she noted neighboring districts haven't offered, only offering purely online and purely in-person options.

"I don't feel like it's that simple. I believe we owe our community more than that, and I would tell you our staff believes we owe our community more than that," she said.

The district is also taking into account new guidelines released by the CDE last week that include requirements and suggestions for districts — some of which surprised educators across the state, LeBlanc-Esparza noted.

Among those things that caught educators off guard was a change that calls for distancing of 3 to 6 feet.

"Their epidemiologist started the discussion with, you know, 'We're comfortable, given the body of evidence around young people, as long as you're social distancing 3 to 6 feet. Obviously the further apart the better, but if you can only accomplish 3 feet, we're comfortable with that,'" LeBlanc-Esparza said. "And, honestly, that's where — many of the educators across the state were not overly pleased with that statement because they really didn't feel like that was a safe statement to be made."

LeBlanc-Esparza noted that the epidemiologist report reflects that, under the age of 10, kids are more at risk of getting COVID from the adults than the other way around.

Moving forward, ASD will continue to solicit feedback from its staff and families, including through another set of surveys.

Those surveys, she noted, will repeat some of the same questions surrounding comfort levels with different things related to attending school that appeared on the first survey.

The district will also hold focus groups with teachers to determine what teachers need, namely if a lot of educating is going to be digital.

Next week, principals and leaders from each of the district's schools will focus on school-specific plans.

In the last two weeks of August, LeBlanc-Esparza explained, the district will know what public health and executive orders are in place, what the trends look like, if the mask mandate is making a difference and if the tourist season slows down.

That, along with survey results, will allow the district to determine what the beginning of the school year will look like, she reported.

Trooper Tips: More added to Move Over law

By **Master Trooper Gary Cutler**
Colorado State Patrol

On Nov. 26, 2016, my friend Trooper Cody Donahue was killed by a truck that failed to move over while he was investigating a crash. This is a story we hear all too often.

Prior to that crash, there was a Move Over law already in effect. So why didn't it work in that situation or countless others? I believe there are several reasons for that. Fully knowing the law is one of them; the other is not paying attention to your surroundings.

The Move Over law is set up to assist law enforcement, fire and ambulance crews, maintenance workers and tow truck operators to be able to be safer when they are performing their duties on the side of the road.

I have always been a huge advocate of not just looking out for emergency workers, but including anyone you see on the side of the road. Whether they are changing a tire, taking a break or just making a

call (thank you for that, by the way.)

When are you required to move over? Any time you see any in that first list of people. The Move Over law requires drivers to either move over or slow down. Simply put, Move Over requires the driver to move one lane away, giving a buffer lane between you and emergency workers on the shoulder or roadway.

When moving over is not available as an option, then you are required to slow down when going by emergency workers. One problem with that has been drivers not understanding what speed they should go when in these situations. New legislation this year added a defined speed which I think will help curb this problem. The new addition to the law simply states if you are going 45 mph or faster, you should lower your speed by 20 mph. If the speed limit is less than 45 mph, then you are required to slow to 25 mph.

With an actual speed listed for these situations, it should take that guesswork out of what to do and,

hopefully, make it much safer for everyone involved. These speeds also need to take into consideration any other factors that may require the speed to be even lower.

In a lot of rural areas, you won't have two lanes going in the same direction very often, so it will come down to complying by lowering your speed.

I also want to touch on the subject of being prepared when you get to an emergency worker on the side of the road. A lot of people wait until the last moment to either move over or slow down. If this isn't done far enough in advance, it can become a hazard within itself. Make sure you are looking beyond your hood. This means always be scanning for hazards. If you see something ahead on the shoulder, start to begin speed or moving lanes prior to getting there so it doesn't have to be a quick brake or lane change. This will give others behind you a chance to react and less of a chance of a secondary crash.

As always, safe travels.

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Business

Get virtually involved in your community

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

With the majority of special events having been canceled, board meetings no longer take place in person and even families changing their communication methods, how do you stay engaged in the goings-on of work, life and community?

Most people are engaging virtually.

You'll hear many people say, "I can't do another virtual meeting"; however, virtual communication is actually an efficient and informative way to stay updated and engaged.

How can you do this locally? This coming weekend is the 69th Archuleta County Fair. The Archuleta County Fairgrounds would have been filled with tents, games, activities, a barbecue and, of course, the livestock show. Not so much this time. Remember that there is no public admission to the fair this year. However, you can virtually participate. One positive offshoot of this pandemic is that the fairgrounds will now be connected to high-speed Internet.

Taking some of the money not

being used for traditional fair infrastructure, the organization has committed this money to upgrading broadband and holding livestock events virtually. The improvements made do not affect just this year of the fair, but will improve the fair and change the way we participate in the livestock auction for years to come.

If you have traditionally gone to the 4-H barbecue, have a nice dinner at home on Aug. 1 and donate virtually. Go to <https://www.archuletacountyfair.com/>. This is the county fair website and you can participate in many ways. There are donate buttons for the 4-H barbecue, the livestock auction and youth add-ons.

The livestock shows and auction will continue. Only family members will be allowed to attend. If you spent \$20 to go to the barbecue, now just go online and make this same donation. It is critical to the continued success of the organization. The money raised sends our youth to leadership camps and competitions. No standing in line at the serving table this year — just the ability to continue to support our youth.

There is a tutorial on the website on how to participate in the live-

stock auction and how to donate to the youth add-ons. Being at the fair and seeing people that you may not have seen in months or even since the last fair is important to our being social. However, the other component is the continued support of our youth and agricultural programs. Be a part of the fair virtually and just give your friends a call and keep in touch.

Community meetings

Another virtual advantage is staying informed about community issues. There are many avenues to engage. Previously, not many people wanted to go to a boardroom and sit there for hours. Now, you can engage in community information virtually.

The Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County hold their meetings and work sessions virtually.

While preparing dinner or perhaps taking a break from your daily routine, you can plug into a government meeting. No need to worry if your makeup is on or if you're dirty, having just come in from working outside.

In the recent town mask mandate discussion, more than 100 people were able to listen in and weigh in virtually. Council members would never have accommodated that many people. Yet, the public could listen and speak — virtually.

Important topics are discussed at all of these meetings. We now have the ability to engage in the discussion and obtain the information in a more timely manner — virtually. You can sign up for town and county meeting notices through each of their websites. You will then receive a notice of the meeting invite and agenda.

Take an hour away from tradi-

tional TV and plug into community topics that shape our community.

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) has monthly meetings that are open to the public. Every month, there is a topic discussed that affects the well-being of our community. Presenters representing the monthly topic are on hand to discuss the issues, what steps are being taken to improve possible obstacles and the future of this infrastructure.

CDC meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. and are open to the public. The upcoming topics to be discussed are: August — education; September — water; October — urban renewal authority development. The CDC encourages the public to listen in and learn more about what affects economic development in Pagosa and how we can work together to make our community stronger economically. If you are interested in any of these topics, log into the CDC meeting.

Those interested can access the CDC website at www.pagosapagspringscdc.org. Navigate to the Knowledge Base tab and click on the CDC meetings and agendas from the drop down menu. The agenda will give the log-in code for that meeting.

There are more ways for people to connect to our community now. Much less driving, much less sitting in a board room, many more ways to listen in and engage. Have you tried to connect to the community virtually? Use this communication tool to also teach your children about civics and community. Virtual isn't all bad. It may become tedious, but it is also very impactful and easy to use. And think of the gas you'll save.

Mountain Chile Cha Cha canceled for 2020

By Jacque Aragon
Mountain Chile Cha Cha

In response to the increased uncertainty that COVID-19 is causing, we have decided to cancel this year's Mountain Chile Cha Cha and the Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic.

We wish we could come together in our annual celebration of local heritage, green chile, music and margaritas. The health and safety of our visitors, volunteers and community will always be our first priority. We look forward to seeing you in 2021.

Taco Bell major design review application approved

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a regular meeting on July 28, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission approved a final major design review application for a planned Taco Bell at 2911 Cornerstone Drive.

The sketch plan for the planned development was considered and approved by the town planning commission on May 26 with a variety of recommendations made in the approval motion.

According to agenda documen-

tation the proposal is to construct a 2,053-square-foot chain restaurant with a drive-thru and parking for 24 cars including two spaces that are compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The motion to approve the final major design review application for Taco Bell was approved unanimously by the planning commission, with the planning commission directing the applicant to provide the following prior to the issuance of a building permit: evidence of a neighboring property owner agreement to physically

modify their property, drainage report stamped by a state-licensed engineer, a revised exterior illumination plan, evidence of a properly sized dumpster enclosure, replacing of missing street trees at proper distances, design details on wall height and veneer finish, and verification that listed plant species are appropriate for Pagosa Springs' climate.

Other items include relocation of trees to parking lot islands and recorded shared access agreements, among other items.

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COVID-19

Continued from A8 had employees who do not have contact with patients who have tested positive, noting that PSMC employees are rigorously screened and tested.

PSMC remains open and safe, she noted.

Tracking community activity

As part of its efforts, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is using phone data to track what is going on in the communities it covers.

SJBPH Director of Communications Claire Ninde wrote in an email to The SUN Wednesday that, as of the most recent data, 23 percent of Archuleta County's activity was of Archuleta County origin.

Another 29 percent was of Texas origin, she noted.

"Not all of the 77% of activity that is non-Archuleta County are tourists - some are non-resident workers, accessing services, seeking medical care, etc.," she wrote.

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COVID-19 case counts

The following information was current as of press time.

Archuleta County

Residents: 34
Residents recovered: 8
Nonresidents: 30

La Plata County: 192
Conejos County: 21
Rio Grande County: 87
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VETERAN'S CORNER

Study shows VA surgical care better than or equal to non-VA hospitals

By Raymond Taylor
Archuleta County Veterans Service Office

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently announced VA hospitals outperform or match neighboring non-VA hospitals in surgical quality and overall patient safety satisfaction.

The finding comes from a study conducted by the VA and university researchers that was published June 26 in the Journal of Surgical Research.

"The prospect of having surgery can be stressful," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "For veterans, who often have choices in where they receive care, it is in their best interest to make fully informed health care decisions. This study provides valuable information when faced with such an important choice."

Researchers at the White River Junction VA Medical Center in Vermont and the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire completed the study. They identified VA medical centers with at least one non-VA hospital within 25 miles in three U.S. regions: West-Southwest, New England and Deep South.

With a sample of 34 VA facilities and 319 neighboring non-VA hospitals, the researchers used benchmarks created by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. They also used scores from the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems. The results showed VA facilities performed better or as good as non-VA hospitals in overall patient safety indicators (PSIs), which measure potential hospital complications and adverse events following surgeries and other procedures. VA hospitals performed much better in surgery-specific PSIs.

The researchers also found VA and non-VA hospitals were about equal in patient satisfaction with overall hospital experience.

The data was collected from Hospital Compare, a publicly available database that helps consumers decide where to seek health care. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services runs the database.

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Vets4Vets has received a grant from the state of Colorado Department of Military and Veteran

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Contact information

Veterans: Thank you for your service. Welcome home.

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

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

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

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

Important information

- 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org.
 - Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.
 - Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.
 - VAMC Albuquerque, N.M.: (800) 465-8262.
 - VA Health Care Emergency Notification: (844) 724-7842.
- The Veterans Crisis Line offers free, confidential support to veterans in crisis, as well as their family and friends 24/7/365. Call (800) 273-8255, chat online or text 838255.

Town reports sales tax, lodgers' tax and overall finances in good shape

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

May 2020 sales tax collections were 21.5 percent higher than May 2019 sales tax collections, according to a report given to the Pagosa Springs Town Council at a regular meeting on July 23.

Between both the town and Archuleta County, the total sales tax collection for May 2020 was \$1,029,961.12, according to Town Manager Andrea Phillips, adding that the town's share of that total is \$514,666.06.

Not only is May's sales tax collection higher than May of 2019's, but it is also 32.4 percent higher than May of 2018's numbers and 34.4 percent higher than May of 2017's numbers, according to agenda documentation.

Year to date, the town's receipts for sales tax for each of its funds that receive sales tax revenue are \$141,476 above the town's projections, she added.

"We have had some strong months so far despite the business closures and other economic impacts here in the community," Phillips said.

Initially, the town was looking at a much more serious situation in regard to its revenues, but that has not come to fruition, Phillips explained.

"It's anyone's guess as to what happens with the virus in the coming months and what that looks like for our local economy," she said.

The town has seen impacts to its lodging tax and other programs such as recreation programs it collects revenues from, Phillips noted.

Estimated sales tax revenues for May of 2020 were projected to be \$217,861, while actual totals were \$257,333, according to agenda documentation.

In the agenda documentation, June of 2020 is estimated to have a sales tax collection of \$284,671.

Lodgers' tax report

Also during the meeting on July 23, Tourism Director Jennie Green provided an update on the lodgers' tax information.

Green noted that she was unsure

if any more payments for the months of March, April and May will be received and that most of June's collections have not been received, with payments being due on July 20.

According to agenda documentation, current monthly lodgers' tax collections for June 2020 are listed at \$6,734.

"By all accounts, June is actually going to be up over last year," Green said. "The entire region is seeing an influx of visitors. It's certainly not just Pagosa. This is statewide, really."

In a follow-up interview on July 28, Green provided the most recent lodgers' tax figures for June 2020.

Total collections as of July 28 for June 2020 were \$71,141, according to Green.

"We're still missing a couple of payments, so it will be slightly higher than that," Green said.

Second quarter financial review

Later in the July 23 meeting, Phillips explained that, overall, financially, the town is "looking better" than it anticipated for its second quarter.

Agenda documentation notes that the 2020 budget for the general fund was \$1,889,626, with the 2020 year-end estimate being \$1,982,340.

The 2020 general fund budget for the town noted revenues of \$3,749,983, as of July, revenues were at \$1,551,862. The year-end estimate for general fund revenues is projected to be \$3,561,506.

General fund expenditures for the 2020 budget were listed at \$3,714,564, as of July, expenditures were at \$1,873,969. The year-end estimate for general fund expenditures is \$3,588,438.

Ending cash reserve for the 2020 budget was listed at \$1,889,626. As of July, that number is \$1,687,165.

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The year-end estimate for that line item is projected to be \$1,982,340.

Capital fund revenues were set in the 2020 budget at \$7,344,272, according to agenda documentation. As of July, revenues were \$1,854,540. The year-end estimate for capital fund revenues was projected at \$7,326,203.

For capital fund expenditures, the 2020 budget projected \$7,755,774. As of July, expenditures were only at \$2,214,165. Year-end estimates for capital fund expenditures are expected to be \$7,270,739.

The capital fund's ending cash reserve was listed in the 2020 budget at \$788,430. As of July, that total was \$1,224,005. The year-end estimate for that line item is \$1,639,094.

Tourism fund revenues were projected to be \$985,000. As of July, they are listed at \$305,813. The year-end estimate for tourism fund revenues is \$488,038.

Tourism fund expenditures were listed in the 2020 budget at

\$989,289. As of July, they were \$394,363. The year-end estimate for tourism fund expenditures is listed at \$936,319.

The ending cash reserve for the tourism fund was listed in the 2020 budget at \$584,445. According to agenda documentation, as of July, that total is \$578,519. The year-end estimate for the ending cash reserve is projected to be \$218,788.

Collectively, the town has implemented a lot of measures in "areas of saving," according to Phillips citing cuts to travel and training, among other things.

Additionally, the town postponed some big capital projects in order to save funds, she added, citing the Rumbaugh Creek phase two restoration project and the Hermosa Riverwalk trail project.

"That will give us some cushion so that we can insure that this year we are comfortable coming on budget so that we are not overextending ourselves," she said.

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Outdoors

New tour offered at Chimney Rock National Monument

By Nadia Werby

Chimney Rock Interpretative Association

How can there be anything new at a place that is over a thousand years old? Well, Chimney Rock Interpretative Association (CRIA), in conjunction with the San Juan National Forest, is presenting a new tour this year.

The tour travels up to the two pinnacles and examines the variety of flora observable on the way up to the top. Over 26 different plants — all useful to the ancient people who lived there — are available in the short 1/3 of a mile hike. Each plant is examined for its usefulness to the

various tribes whose ancestors called Chimney Rock home.

These plants were used as food, as medicine and to make useful items around their homes such as tools, rope, clothing and baskets. For example, did you know that the mountain mahogany bush was used to stuff mattresses as prevention against bedbugs? This bush, plus many other plants, are on the trail.

The Flora of Chimney Rock Tour is being offered on Aug. 6. To register for this special program, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call cen-

ter. Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for this program, but we will accommodate walk-ins if space is available.

Chimney Rock National Monument is located 17 miles west of Pagosa Springs and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive programs at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest. For more information about CRIA, as well as how to volunteer for this organization, go to our website, www.chimneyrockco.org, or call us at 731-7133.

Water production drops while rainfall increases

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

From July 17 through July 23 of this year, water production totaled 17.27 million gallons, more than 3 million gallons less than that same timeframe last year.

According to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey, contributing to the water production for this week, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 4.48 million gallons, the Hatcher water treatment plant

produced 7.14 million gallons and the San Juan water treatment plant produced 5.65 million gallons.

In that same timeframe last year, water production was listed at 20.34 million gallons.

From July 10 through July 16 of this year, total water production was listed at 21.07 million gallons.

Ramsey noted in an interview on Wednesday that the drop in water production could be due to the amount of rain seen locally recently.

Two local lakes remain full this week, while the others have all

seen changes in their respective levels, according to Ramsey's press release.

Both Lake Pagosa and Village Lake remain full this week, Ramsey's press release notes.

Hatcher Lake went from being 19 inches from full to being 20 inches from full, or 93.83 percent full, this week.

Stevens Lake is 23.3 inches from full this week, or 92.56 percent full. Last week, it was 12 inches from full.

Lake Forest was 10 inches from full last week; however, this week, it is 7 inches from full, or 94.70 percent full.

Total diversion flows remain at 4.3 cubic feet per second (cfs). The West Fork diversion is still adding

3 cfs and the San Juan diversion is still adding another 1.3 cfs.

River report

As of Wednesday, the San Juan River had a reported flow of 110 cfs, according to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

That flow is below the average for July 29, which is 206 cfs, the USGS notes.

The highest reported flow total for July 29, based on 84 water years of record, came in 1957 when the San Juan River had a reported flow of 1,660 cfs.

The lowest reported flow total came in 2002 when the San Juan River had a reported flow of just 15.9 cfs.

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Fire restrictions lifted on San Juan National Forest

By Lorena Williams
San Juan National Forest

With the onset of monsoon season and the majority of the San Juan National Forest receiving measurable rainfall, fire danger has moderated. Fire restrictions on the San Juan National Forest will be rescinded today, July 30. This means that beginning today, visitors to the forest may have a campfire.

In spite of the rain and increased humidity, San Juan National Forest officials remind visitors to always practice fire safety.

"Fire danger is now moderate, but forest visitors still need to take actions to prevent unwanted fire," said Richard Bustamante, fire staff officer for the San

Juan National Forest. "Fire safety is everyone's responsibility."

Visitors are encouraged to practice these principles of outdoor fire safety:

- Clear all flammable material within 3 feet of campfire rings.
- Make a fire only if you have a shovel and sufficient water to put it out.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Keep fires small and manageable.
- Extinguish fires completely.

If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave. Every campfire should be put dead out before leaving it. For information on the San Juan National Forest, call 247-4874, visit the forest website or follow us on social media (Twitter and Facebook).

Colorado Parks and Wildlife leftover license sales to begin Aug. 4

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Leftover licenses for Colorado's big game seasons will go on sale online, by phone and at Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) offices at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 4. A list of the licenses remaining will be available on the CPW website on Monday.

CPW officials explained that there is no advantage for hunters to go to wildlife offices to buy licenses. For convenience and for COVID-19 safety, hunters are asked to go on-

line at cpwshop.com or call (800) 244-5613.

Hunters will need a driver's license/ID card, proof of hunter education and a list of hunt codes they are interested in. If you are purchasing a license for someone else, please have a clear copy of that person's driver's license and hunter education certificate along with a list of preferred hunt codes.

For more information, contact the Durango wildlife office at 247-0855.

Grass seed available for landowners


By Cynthia Purcell
San Juan Conservation District

The San Juan Conservation District (SJCD) is offering local landowners the opportunity to purchase a variety of seed mixtures for different conservation uses such as erosion control, weed suppression and grazing land improvement. These mixtures have been specially developed to provide a ground cover that requires very little watering. Consider these mixes for estab-

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Orders are being taken until Oct. 1. The seed will be available to pick up on Oct. 15.

Need an order form? Please contact the SJCD at 731-3615 or stop by our office at 505A County Road 600.



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

If you wish to object to the inclusion of any water right on the Division Engineer's abandonment list, you must file a written statement of objection with the Division Engineer by July 1, 2021. We request that objections be submitted using DWR's Abandonment Objection Form, which can be obtained on the DWR website (search keyword "Abandonment 2020") or from any DWR office. The Abandonment List, with any revisions made as a result of written statements of objection, will be filed with the Water Court by December 31, 2021. Once the list is adjudged by the entry of a decree by the Water Court, such decree will be conclusive as to the abandonment of the water right.

In the following table, U indicates units of either C=cfs or A=acre-ft. The uses being abandoned are either 'All Uses' indicating all decreed uses of the water right, or the individual uses listed, such as Irr-Irrigation. If any aspect of the decreed place of use is being abandoned, that is indicated by 'Yes' in the Place column.

Structure Name	Water Source	Decreed Amount	Aband Amount	Remain Amount	U	Abandoned	Place
CHAMA ROAD DITCH	Navajo River	5.0000	5.0000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
CROWLEY NO 1 PUMPING STA	Navajo River	0.0530	0.0530	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
CROWLEY NO 2 PUMPING STA	Navajo River	0.0750	0.0750	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
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EUGENE MARTINEZ NO 1 D	Navajo River	1.5000	1.5000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
EUGENE MARTINEZ NO 2 D	Navajo River	1.5000	1.3000	0.2000	C	All Uses	No
JOE HERSCH DITCH NO 1	San Juan River	2.0000 (AP)	2.0000	0.0000	C	FIS	No
JOE HERSCH DITCH NO 1	San Juan River	2.0000	1.0000	1.0000	C	IRR,STK	No
O'CONNELL AND KING DITCH	McCaabe Creek	3.0000	2.5000	0.5000	C	All Uses	No
PERINIO DITCH	Sambrito Creek	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
POMA WELL NO 1	San Juan River	0.2000	0.2000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
POMA WELL NO 2	San Juan River	0.1000	0.1000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
RIEPEL DITCH	Sambrito Creek	0.2500	0.2500	0.0000	C	All Uses	No

WATER DIVISION 7 ABANDONMENT LIST MINERAL COUNTY

Structure Name	Water Source	Decreed Amount	Aband Amount	Remain Amount	U	Abandoned	Place
BIG ROCK SPRING	West Fork San Juan River	0.1000	0.1000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
CHAPSON AND HOWE DITCH	West Fork San Juan River	15.8000	10.0000	5.8000	C	All Uses	Yes

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Account Number: R015785
Schedule Number: 589316408018
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03805

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to CALUM R. MCNEIL.

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015.

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of TONY RUIZ for said year 2015.

That said CALUM R. MCNEIL on the 18th day of June 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to CALUM R. MCNEIL.

On the 2nd day of December 2020, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 6th day of July 2020

/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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The Town of Pagosa Springs is offering an invitation to bid for a roof extension on the Ross Aragon Community Center building. Please visit the town website: www.pagosasprings.co.gov for details on the project. Published July 23 and 30, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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Plaintiff:
ANDREW GUINN v.
Defendants:
HB RANCHO, LLC; JAMES R. DANOHER and EDITH L. DANOHER; PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.

Submitting Attorney:
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

PLAINTIFF ANDREW GUINN
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
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ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

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This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
Lot 366 in Pagosa Highlands Estates, according to the plat thereof filed for record February 7, 1972, as

Reception No. 75409, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.
and
Lot 173, Pagosa Trails, according to the plat thereof filed for record September 13, 1971 as Reception No. 74885. Respectfully Submitted this 23rd day of July, 2020.
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Case No. 2020 PR 30024

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before November 23, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

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Lightning strikes local residence

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Two lightning strikes that both took place on Monday ended with a lucky resident having a story to tell future generations and a not-so-lucky tree.

Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) received the first page for a residence struck by lightning on Monday around 4:13 p.m., according to Deputy Chief Karn Macht.

PFPD personnel arrived on scene around 4:20 p.m., according to Macht.

"It appears that the lightning hit somewhere on the roof and traveled down and blew out a chunk of drywall above the kitchen stove and cut the power. But luckily, no smoke, fire or any charring," Macht said in an interview on Tuesday.

One of the homeowners was inside the home at the time of the strike and was actually cooking

on the stove at the time of the strike, according to Macht.

"She was completely freaked out. She was not hurt, thank goodness," Macht said. "It looked like it traveled through and hit a nail and pushed the nail out through the drywall. It happened about 4 feet above her head."

No other homes or any of the surrounding area were affected, according to Macht.

PFPD personnel cleared the scene around 4:52 p.m., Macht noted.

According to Macht, it is uncommon to not have any smoke or fire after a lightning strike hits a residence.

"Unfortunately, when we do get a lightning strike on a house, it's not good news because it puts little bits of fire everywhere," he said. "The couple homes that we have had hit have started fires and were almost complete losses."

Around 4:20 p.m., the PFPD received another

call that lightning struck a tree on a ridge in the Deer Trail area, according to Macht.

The PFPD arrived on scene at 4:32 p.m., Macht noted.

"We had that lightning storm that went through and dropped a little lightning on the ridge, hit the tree and was burning midline in the tree," he said. "We were able to get a hose line up to the tree and knock it down."

PFPD personnel found out that the tree was actually on U.S. Forest Service (USFS) property, which led to USFS personnel taking over the fire, Macht described.

"They had to cut down the tree the next day because there was still smoldering where the water couldn't hit," he said.

No other trees or the surrounding area were in danger of being affected, Macht noted.

The fire was controlled at 5:24 p.m. and the PFPD cleared the scene at 5:52 p.m.

Two search and rescue missions completed last week

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Two search and rescue missions were completed by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) on July 21.

The first call for assistance came around 12:32 p.m. for an injured female hiker in her mid-50s on the Fourmile Falls trail who reportedly had a broken ankle, according to OEM Director Mike Le Roux.

OEM, Pagosa Springs Medical

Center EMS, and Upper San Juan Search and Rescue were already doing training at the time, Le Roux noted.

"We had plenty of resources," Le Roux said, adding that the Pagosa Fire Protection District assisted as well.

Once the team arrived on scene and made contact with the patient, a second call came in around 1:40 p.m. for a female with a broken leg from a horse accident on the Piedra River Trail.

From there, the team was split

into two and OEM Deputy Director Christina Kraetsch took command of half the team, Le Roux described.

"I was able to request assistance from the Forest Service and they had resources in the area," Le Roux said.

According to Le Roux, the woman was not too far into the trail and that the injury stemmed from the horse getting scared.

"I think the horse was coming out of a box canyon, got spooked, bucked her, and she ended up off the trail, probably about 30 or 40

feet off the trail, down about a 20 degree slope," he said.

A ropes team was sent in to rescue the woman, which featured members of the U.S. Forest Service and OEM personnel, Le Roux noted.

"My understanding was it was a pretty bad break," Le Roux said of the woman's injury.

Between two missions, OEM personnel were on scene from 12:30 to 5 p.m. on July 21, Le Roux added later.

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Renew your Gray Wolves membership for ski pass discount

By Simon Fuger
Gray Wolves Ski Club

Current and prospective Gray Wolves Ski Club members are reminded that the deadline to renew your membership and be eligible for the discount on your Wolf Creek Ski Pass is Aug. 15. There can be no exceptions or extensions.

The terms and conditions for the 2020 season pass have not been finalized by Wolf Creek Ski Area because of potential changes due to COVID-19. In previous years, in order to receive the full discount from the ski area, you had to purchase your season pass

from the ski area between the end of September and the first week in October and you had to be a Gray Wolves member as of Aug. 15.

For more information on the Gray Wolves Ski Club and to download the application form, please access our website at graywolveskiclub.com. Application forms and payment can be submitted electronically through the website. Application forms and a check for \$15 per person can also be submitted by mail to Gray Wolves Ski Club, P.O. Box 2394, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. The application form and check must also be received before Aug. 15.

Sand Creek Fire area closure lifted

By Lorena Williams
San Juan National Forest

A lightning storm on the afternoon of June 13 ignited the Sand Creek Fire on the San Juan National Forest's Pagosa Ranger District.

The Sand Creek Fire (107 acres) is 21 miles northwest of Pagosa Springs and is burning in the 2012 Little Sand fire perimeter in the Piedra Special Management Area.

After assessing the fire from the ground, the decision was made not to engage due to a high density of hazardous snags, heavy fuel loads and difficult terrain.

A forest closure went into effect on June 25 for the area surrounding the Sand Creek Fire. This closure

included the Sand Creek Trail (593), North Ridge Trail (594) and the Mosca road (NSFR 631). The forest closure was lifted July 27, and all roads and trails are open.

The Sand Creek Fire has received significant moisture and more is predicted. The fire is now at 60 percent containment. The fire will not be called out until fire managers are certain no heat remains.

The Pagosa fire management staff will provide additional fire updates if there is an increase in fire activity.

All offices on the San Juan National Forest are conducting business and providing visitor services virtually. For information on the San Juan National Forest, call 247-4874 or visit the forest website.

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The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, July 30
Pagosa Springs Town Council special meeting. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information.

Friday, July 31
Pagosa Springs Town Council work session. 8 a.m. See town website for participation information.

Monday, Aug. 3
Archuleta County Board of Equalization petition hearings. 9 a.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. Possible Zoom meeting.

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

Tuesday, Aug. 4
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to

two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

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

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

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

Thursday, Aug. 6
Town of Pagosa Springs Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information.

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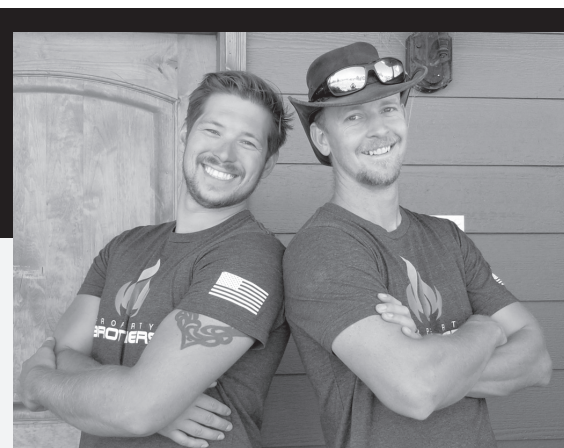
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July 30, 2020

Archuleta County Fair goes virtual

By Shelly Cox
Archuleta County Fair Board

The 2020 Archuleta County Fair was not completely canceled by the Archuleta County Fair Board. In its resolution to cancel the fair, the board specified that it would deploy every resource it could to help the 4-H youth program and Livestock Committee run a successful 2020 fair focused on participants in 4-H projects and the Junior Livestock Sale.

The fair board facilitated running fiber on the fairgrounds to ensure the 4-H leaders could stream the live events on Thursday and Friday to allow the general public to view and participate in the projects.

The Livestock Kids have worked hard on their

projects in the hopes of being able to provide a buyer with quality raised meat, and the Archuleta County Livestock Committee is dedicated to providing a venue in which these hardworking kids can showcase and sell their projects, a venue that ensures the safety of the kids, buyers and volunteers.

The committee will be holding the Junior Livestock Auction online on Aug. 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. Join us on Saturday and bid on that grand champion turkey, rabbit, steer or whatever is your favorite and show your support for these kids who have raised these animals through this difficult year.

For details on how to preregister as a buyer, complete add-ons or to see show schedule, visit www.archuletacountyfair.com or call the Extension Office at 264-5931.

Poisonous plants and grazing livestock

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

Having given presentations on poisonous plants three times, it seemed only appropriate to write an article, as well. Many livestock producers and owners understand that, for the most part, their animals understand what to eat and what to steer clear of. Which begs the question, why do animals die every year from plant poisoning?

Events such as fall and spring storms may cover desirable forage and leave toxic plants more readily accessible, such as ponderosa needles. Other plants' toxicity decreases and palatability increases, leaving a window in which most poisonings occur.

Mismanagement of pastures and overgrazing can also lead to an infestation of toxic weeds such as Russian knapweed. Animals know not to eat that plant, but when faced with starvation, they will select anything green to eat. Plant poisoning can occur throughout the year and even dur-

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ing the winter. Certain plants like houndstongue are unpalatable while green, but become more appealing when dried and retain their poisonous characteristics. For this reason, it is extremely important to know where your hay is coming from — if you can buy weed-free forage, it will have a higher quality than noncertified hay.

Some of the most poisonous plants in our area include: larkspur, hemlock, death camas, milkweeds, houndstongue and Russian knapweed. The last two species are 'noxious,' which should not be confused with "toxic." The term noxious denotes that the species is non-native and either have no benefits or their negative properties outweigh the good. Not all poisonous plants need to be treated with

chemicals — and the ones that do should be done so with care.

Some herbicides cause plants to accumulate sugars, making them more palatable and can lead to poisoning. By grazing carefully, livestock producers can limit the exposure of their animals to poisonous plants by moving them to new pastures when they are likely to consume toxic plants. In the case of larkspur, the toxicity diminishes (but does not entirely go away) by the seed pod stage, which is typically midsummer. By keeping cattle out of areas with larkspur until midsummer, poisoning can be avoided.

Every year, plant poisoning causes a loss of \$340 million annually. This cost is incurred by death of livestock, veterinarian costs, loss of pasture, additional feed and care, and treatment of poisonous plants.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.

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

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Ricardo and Nora Martinez, the new president and treasurer, respectively, for Curtains Up Pagosa.

Curtains Up Pagosa welcomes new president and treasurer

By Dale Johnson
 Curtains Up Pagosa

In the fall of 2018 during auditions for Curtains Up Pagosa's (CUP) "Nutcracker the Musical," we were delighted to meet a young newcomer to Pagosa, Sophie Martinez, who stole our hearts with her song and dance, and kindness. Little did we know then how big a part she and her family would play in our organization.

So, this year when Kim and Walt Moore announced they would be stepping back from their board roles and we were pondering who might fill their shoes, I went straight to Ricardo and Nora Martinez, Sophie's parents. They had already been active in volunteering with CUP since they moved here, helping out with every aspect of productions. We had already observed their kindness and support with our cast, especially our young actors. We were beyond excited and very grateful when they accepted taking on the responsibilities of Ricardo as president and Nora as treasurer.

The Martinez family came to us from Laredo, Texas, where they both worked in public health. They actually learned about Pagosa from

an article in Cowboys and Indians Magazine. They came to Pagosa initially to escape the Texas heat and then, like so many of us, fell in love with the mountains, the beauty, the peace of this place. Ricardo and Nora Martinez also were touched and impressed with Pagosa's hospitality and the kindness of its people.

Ricardo Martinez is the clinic director at Archuleta Integrated Healthcare, part of the Axis Health System, while Nora Martinez is the director of Head Start locally. Sophie Martinez will enter sixth grade in the fall.

When I asked Ricardo Martinez why he would be willing to take on this challenging role, he said that while watching many rehearsals and being part of CUP productions that he had "been touched and inspired to see kids of all ages, from 9-90, give so much of themselves, for the love of performing and music and dance and theater."

Watching them interact, mentor and support each other, seeing self-confidence grow, and watching personal transformations had a big impact on both Ricardo and Nora Martinez. CUP is wrapping its arms in a virtual hug around the Martinez family as they step into CUP.

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Archuleta County Fair

Archuleta County Fair will host the 4-H livestock shows and general projects only this year and limit participation to 4-H youth and their immediate families. There is no public admittance. The Livestock Auction will be virtual.

Please go to <https://www.archuletacountyfair.com/> to learn how you can stream the shows and participate in the virtual auction.

Donate to the Archuleta County 4-H program

The Archuleta County 4-H pro-

gram boasts a membership of more than 150 members annually. Often, these programs rely on fundraisers to help offset the costs of the program, such awards, supplies and, most importantly, leadership opportunities. Members can attend various leadership camps and conferences statewide and even nationally.

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Thingamajig's Perry Davis Harper wins best actor

By Carole Howard
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Perry Davis Harper, star of Thingamajig Theatre Company's summer 2019 production of "Jekyll and Hyde," won best actor in a musical from the Denver-based Henry Awards, known informally among actors as Colorado's Tony Awards.

Winners of these distinguished annual awards normally are honored at a gala event in Denver. Because of COVID-19, however, this year's celebration was a virtual ceremony streamed live on YouTube on Sunday, July 26, that was available for viewing by thousands of friends and family of the nominees and fans of theaters throughout the state.

Thanks to gremlins in cyberspace, however, Harper almost missed seeing the announcement of his win when the Internet went down at his new home in Charleston, Mo., just as his honor was being broadcast. He quickly reached for his phone, where he and his family watched the exciting news on its small screen.

Reactions from Moore and Harper

"We are incredibly proud to have Perry honored with this award," said Tim Moore, producing artistic director and co-founder of the theater with his wife, Laura. "When I first auditioned Perry in 2014, I knew he was something extraordinary. Not only is he a once-in-a-lifetime vocalist, but more important, he was actively seeking 'community' and meaningful artistic endeavors.

"Perry is one of those unique performers you meet who you instantly want on your theatrical team. He inspires greatness with his commitment to excellence, is an amazing collaborative partner, and cares deeply about the work and the people he's surrounded by."

Said Harper, "I am deeply hum-



Photo courtesy Carole Howard

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bled by this win. 'Jekyll and Hyde' was one of the most exciting and rewarding shows I have ever been a part of. I am so grateful to Tim and Laura for the opportunity, and to Melissa Firlit for her brilliant direction."

Harper became a local favorite when he first came to Pagosa in 2014 to play Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables." Since then, he has performed in a variety of roles in six more Thingamajig productions, including "A Very Perry Christmas" and "Grand Night for Singing" over the holidays last December. Had the coronavirus not made Thingamajig

go dark, Harper would have been on its stage this summer in the lead role of "Sweeney Todd," another production that is an ideal platform for his amazing voice.

Other Thingamajig nominations

This year, the prestigious Henry
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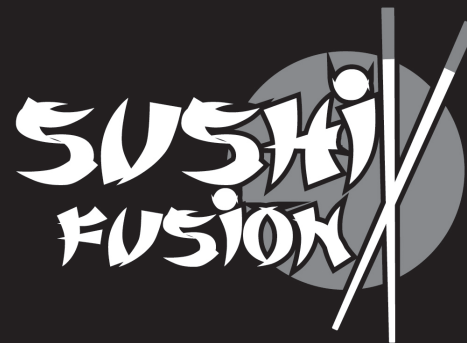
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As well, Kathleen ("Kat") Macari was nominated last year for outstanding actress in a musical for her performance in the lead role in "Thoroughly Modern Millie," directed by Dennis Elkins, during the summer 2018 season.

Nominations for the Henry Awards are determined through a judging process conducted by a panel of more than 100 statewide peer professionals, academics/educators and other theater lovers.

"Jekyll and Hyde" is a horror thriller musical loosely based on the Robert Louis Stevenson novella. It was part of Thingamajig's highly successful Broadway in the Mountains 2019 summer musicals season that also included "Ring of Fire," "The Who's Tommy," "Mamma Mia!" and "Alice in Wonderland."

Henry Awards background

Established in 2006, the annual Henry Awards showcase outstanding achievements among members of the Colorado Theatre Guild, the largest not-for-profit theater organization in the U.S.

Thingamajig competes in Tier 1 of the Henry rankings against prominent theaters with stellar reputations in Colorado. They include Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Creede Repertory Theatre, Arvada Center, Cherry Creek Theatre, Vintage Theatre and more.

Normally, the Henry Awards season runs from June 1 through May 31 of the following year. Because of the shortened theater season due to COVID-19, this year the awards season closed on March 31. In the 2018-2019 season, judges saw 206 shows in Colorado. Because of the shortened season, judges saw only 157 shows for 2019-2020. About 40 shows were either canceled or postponed across the state because of the coronavirus.

More about Thingamajig

Thingamajig is an award-winning professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Its talented actors, directors and designers come from across the U.S. and around the world to produce musicals, comedies and dramas year-round. The theater closed in March because of public health directives relating to the coronavirus pandemic just as it

was about to begin its 10th season.

Thingamajig's mission is to provide high-quality theater experiences at a low cost to our community, thereby making art accessible, as well as providing a major economic driver for our tourist industry. They also provide youth, many of whom are recipients of scholarships, with low-cost, hands-on educational opportunities to see and participate in professional productions of important plays.

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Who's thinking anyways

By **Betty Slade**
PREVIEW Columnist

Are we being conditioned or conformed by what we are hearing and seeing? I'd like to know. Are we beating the air, asking the wrong questions, taking things at face value? Maybe it's time to flip the script and ask God what he thinks.

In the '70s, there was a night-club that catered to thousands of young people. The successful hot spot was called the Mind Bender; a drug den by no better name. I wondered if those who frequented the place knew their minds were being altered. Similar to how I view things today, it certainly makes me wonder if the narrative of today's media is doing the same.

A Facebook post caught my attention: "God, do my thinking for me." Now that is one sound-minded statement.

Look around. It seems as if people are beating the air in every conceivable direction. Each new day is about as scattered as the direction of the wind.

What does God think about what is happening in the world today?

The Bible tells us that in the last days, things will be altered, even unrecognizable. Is that what's happening? Did we move from what we once called normal, into isolation, now the unknown, all without reason or thought?

As we come out of hiding with our faces covered, are we asking the right questions, even more so, holding steadfast for answers?

I went to Durango to have some car repairs done. A distant voice shouted with great emotion, "It's a city ordinance, you must wear a mask." Within seconds, I had made an enemy. I didn't mean to. I wanted to ask why I had to wear

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Betty Slade



a mask if alone and in my own car, but didn't push for the answers I was seeking.

I can respect an "ordinance," but the unwelcoming voice was different than what I had heard before. It was shrouded in fear and judgment, all because I didn't know the new rules. Now, understanding the science behind the mask, I know that what I had heard was a dictate of social behavior, not an explanation of the line to toe.

Yes, we need to be mindful and purposeful with our words and actions when it comes to the environment that we are in. We also need to ensure that we never lose sight of our destiny and the path that leads us there.

Paul was just as perplexed as some today when he wrote these words to the church of Corinth: "Run in such a way that you may obtain the prize. I run thus, not with uncertainty. Thus I fight, not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest I become disqualified."

Evidently, Paul saw something similar to today, in his day. People were running around beating the air without regard for where they should place their focus. The mask of the present Christian community? Prophetic interpretation. So much man-made noise causing us to take our eyes off of the prize.

Unfortunately, as in Paul's day, the lack of focus on sound biblical doctrine caused people to

turn away from the faith. We have become so focused on that which masks, that we have forgotten basic hygienic principles.

In the book of Hebrews 13:8-9, the writer says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace ..."

Like wearing a mask, I believe in the prophetic. However, the mask is not going to cure us, just as the prophetic is not going to save us. These things need to come with truth labeling.

We are told in 2 Corinthians 2:17, "For we are not as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ." (NKJV)

Final brushstroke: As Christians, we know we are in a race, running on a track that is rough and constantly changing. While we have to be aware of the hurdles and detours, we don't want to be thrown off course. One thing we can be sure of is that God will complete what he started. He even knows how all of this will end. So, the next time you just don't get it or need wisdom, ask God to do the thinking for you. It's a safe bet he knows exactly how to keep you on track.

New column: The Writers' Circle

A call to all writers in the community: A new column is coming

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Romans 3:9-10

I want to live righteously; to do right and be right with God. I try but my mind tells me I fail so often.

How can I make it right when I fail? Give money. Do good deeds. Say I am sorry enough times. All the things I try fall short. I need forgiveness.

Jesus went to the cross for my failings. He took my place and punishment so I might find forgiveness and become righteous. I need a Savior.

Do you find yourself with the same thoughts; needing forgiveness and a Savior? Will you join me in becoming the righteousness of God in Him?

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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Free weekly garden talk: ‘Harvesting and Storing, Part 2’

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, Aug. 5, at 5:30 p.m., Chacey, the eminent regional vegetable grower and a founder of the Pagosa Springs Community Garden, will present “Harvesting and Storing, Part 2.”

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 have a particular vegetable that they’d appreciate Chacey discussing, all 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 Aug. 5 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.

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Summer Reading Program extended through August

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

The free all-ages Summer Reading Program at your library has been extended through the end of August, a decision that came from a desire to bring continued learning and fun to our community throughout the summer, according to Meg Wempe, director.

"It also provides more opportunity for us to purchase gift certificates from local businesses for our prizes to do our small part to help economic recovery," she said.

If you haven't already signed up, we hope you'll take this opportunity to join us now. You will 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.

Details of our partial reopening

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, pick up tax forms 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.

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- 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 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 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."

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 noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Brad will help one person (or one couple) at a time.

ESL

In-person classes take place 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 other tutoring

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

Dungeons and Dragons via Zoom

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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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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 30-Aug. 6 theme is invention. Get outdoors and follow the pages of a book as you stroll along. After you finish, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library.

Archuleta census response needs your help

As of July 20, only 38.7 percent of Archuleta County households had completed the census — and we need your help. There is still time to complete this important questionnaire. The deadline to complete the census online or by telephone has been extended to Oct. 31.

Census workers will also be visiting homes that have not responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted. The last day census workers have to visit your home is also Oct. 31. Please contact Brad or Josie at the library if you have any census-related questions or visit 2020census.gov for more information.

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fects hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding for the next 10 years for local and regional agencies and projects like health clinics, fire departments, schools, social services like Medicaid, even roads and highways. Archuleta County needs your participation to get our fair share of these federal dollars.

When you respond to the census, your answers are kept anonymous. The law ensures that your private information is never published and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

Nonfiction

“Too Much and Never Enough” by Mary Trump is a memoir of Donald Trump’s family by his niece. “14 Miles” by DW Gibson tells of building the border wall in San Diego. “The Lost Art of Dying” by physician and professor L.S. Dugale is a guide to preparing for a good death. “Why Be Happy?” by psychologist Scott Hass explores the Japanese principle of acceptance, slowing down and de-stressing. “Taking a Knee, Taking a Stand” by Devin McCourty explores the history of African American athletes’ fight for social justice going back to Jackie Robinson and Mohammed Ali. “Becoming Duchess Glodblatt” is a memoir of a real-life writer who created a beautiful fictional social media character out of loneliness.

“Riding with a Ghost” by Justin Taylor is a memoir relates how many deals with his troubled father. “The Power of Choice” by Melissa Stockwell is a memoir of the author’s journey from wounded warrior to Paralympic world champion.

Large print

“The Dilemma” by B.A. Paris begins with a family secret about to be shared at a 40th birthday party. “Frontier America” by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a Preacher and MacCallister western. “The Black Swan of Paris” by Karen Rodars tells of a celebrated singer who is a resistance fighter in Paris

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Direct care workers, often the unsung heroes

By Kay Kaylor
PREVIEW Columnist

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

Direct care workers are essential, especially as frontline heroes who take risks during the pandemic and in the future as the aging population increases.

According to Robert Espinoza,

Area Agency on Aging

vice president of policy at Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute (PHI), 4.5 million direct care workers serve aging Americans and people with disabilities and one-fourth of them are immigrants. PHI is a nonprofit based in New York City that “offers a range of services that help providers attract quality workers, promote excellent care, reduce turnover, and achieve cost efficiencies,” as stated on its website.

Espinoza is interviewed on a July 16 American Society on Aging recording titled “Advancing Racial and Social Justice for Direct Care Workers,” the season two opener of its Future-Proof: Equity and Justice broadcast program. For years, advocates have been seeking better wages and benefits for direct care workers who help people age in place at home and those living in group settings, such as nursing and assisted-living homes. Current proposed legislation attempts to address some caregiving issues.

Adults age 55 and older make up one-fourth of direct care workers, Espinoza said, offering “years of work experience and fam-

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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.

Senior News

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

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

The Community Café menu

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

nest with whipped cream.

Friday, July 31 — Crunchy baked catfish with tartar sauce, new potatoes with green beans, yellow squash casserole, milk, salad and dessert.

Monday, Aug. 3 — Oven-fried chicken, green bean casserole, baked polenta with herbs and cheese, salad, milk and brownie.

Tuesday, Aug. 4 — Beef meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll, salad, milk and lemon poppyseed muffin.

Wednesday, Aug. 5 — Pork sausage with red beans and rice, roasted okra with sun-dried tomatoes, cornbread with butter, milk, salad and sugar cookie fruit bar.

Thursday, Aug. 6 — Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich with avocado, potato salad, deviled egg, milk, salad and magic cookie bar.

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.

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

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ily caregiving experience to these jobs.”

He praised the “wisdom and character” of these older workers and mentioned their unique concerns.

“Quality jobs equal quality care,” Espinoza noted.

State and federal Medicaid public health insurance funds government long-term care programs, such as Home and Community Based Services, which helps people remain in their homes, and pays for more than half the residents in nursing homes. During the pandemic, some states have cut or

discussed cutting Medicaid.

One idea to deal with ongoing direct-care issues, Espinoza said, is a public social insurance program for long-term care, which some states are starting to create. Developed countries such as Germany and Japan use social insurance, and Washington state passed a variation of social insurance based on a payroll tax that begins in January 2022.

SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare. For further information, please call or text 403-2165 or send an email to leadombudsman@sjbaaa.org.

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Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

Back in the late 1800s, when Pagosa Country was first being settled, cattle were introduced into a land that had known sheep for decades. The cattlemen soon tried to drive out the sheepmen, resulting in a few shootings and creating a lot of material for Hollywood movies. In truth, sheep were much more profitable than cattle. Sheep produce two cash crops a year: mutton and wool.

Sheep were encouraged to graze as they munched from pasture to pasture. The herders, with time to spare while the sheep grazed, used much of that time carving names, initials and dates into the bark of aspen trees. Reading their carved creations intrigued me, explaining my interest in exploring sheepherder trails. It's called "Shepherd Art."

My first introduction to sheep in Pagosa Country took place down near Tiffany in the southwestern part of the county. I was driving along, singing to myself. I'm a "Cool Water," Sons of the Pioneers fan. If nobody is around to hear me, I even try yodeling.

Suddenly, the road in front of me was blocked from the fence line on the left to the fence line on the right by a moving, bleating wool factory. A couple of men on horseback were riding through the herd, keeping it moving and making sure the bleaters didn't go through a fence into a nearby field of alfalfa.

Slowly, I moved down the road following the herd, frequently stealing a look at my wrist watch and telling myself don't get mad, don't get mad. I think you get the picture if you've ever waited for a slow stoplight to turn green.

The nearest caballero, clad in a faded red shirt and jeans, and swinging a rope from one sheep to



Photo courtesy John Motter

County Judge J.T. Martinez looks on as a hired hand shears a sheep long ago.

the next, glanced back and waved, urging me to follow him through the herd down the left side of the highway. From his mouth came a steady stream of whistling and other noises the sheep seemed to recognize as an order to get out of the way and obediently complied.

That was my introduction to sheep and sheepherders. Since then, I watched a man who had worked with sheep all of his life shear sheep after sheep in preparation for moving the herd up to the mountains. He used hand shears

with amazing dexterity and skill.

I've had many mugs of coffee and burritos smothered with chile verde while an ancient sheepherder pointed to this mountain and that mountain explaining where the trails and grass and water were and where he and his dog had confronted a wolf or grizzly bear.

I even learned how to make sheepherder coffee by dumping the grounds into a coffee can and warming it on the campfire each morning while using the same grounds over and over.

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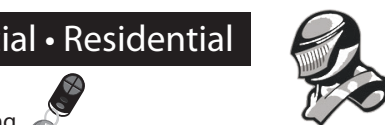
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Bird of the Week



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The male blue grosbeak (*passerina caerulea*) is a large, vibrantly blue bunting with an enormous silver-colored thick bill and chestnut wing bars. Similar to, but larger than, an indigo bunting, the blue grosbeak measures 5.5 to 7.5 inches in length with a wingspan ranging from 10 to 11 inches.

They are uncommon, but widespread, across most of the southern United States and northern Mexico, where they nest after migrating, primarily from Central America. The blue grosbeak may arrive to nest as late as July. The male mates with the cinnamon-colored female to often raise two broods in a season.

They build nests low in small trees, shrubs, and tangles of vines and briars, but like to be close to open areas or roads. Their compact nest is cup-shaped, woven with whatever is available: twigs, bark, rootlets, cotton rags, newspaper, string, snakeskin, leaves and grass. Their nests are heavily parasitized by cowbirds, who lay eggs in their nests.

The male sings a rich, warbling song which often alerts you to his presence before he is seen. These birds forage on the ground, in shrubs and in trees for seeds, insects, snails, spiders, grains and wild fruits.

Blue grosbeaks thrive in abandoned agricultural land and avoid suburban habitat. Here, they are most commonly seen in June and July in the Navajo Lake area. Their overall population is stable.

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

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.

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ANSWER:

Virtual Sunday Night Unplugged offered

By Sally Neel
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

One of the many downsides of being sequestered by COVID-19 has been the hiatus of Sunday Night Unplugged, a monthly service of music and meditation at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Though the church is offering limited-attendance Sunday morning services of morning prayer (no communion), the meditation service has not yet resumed.

However, Fr. Doug Neel, retiring rector of St. Patrick's, determined that it was important to have a videoed documentation of the service before leaving his post.

"Although there are no guarantees as to the direction the parish will go with new leadership, it is the hope that Sunday Night Unplugged will remain a part of the church's ministry," Neel said. "The service has reached many in our community that do not attend regular church services or who attend church elsewhere."

Sunday Night Unplugged is designed as a non-denominational service. It includes beautiful music, scriptural and secular readings, and prayers. The entire service is punctuated by periods of silence. The altar area is adorned with candles and other visual designs that offer a focal point of peace and an aid in prayer. Candles are also available to be lit by those who attend to symbolize specific prayers.

The video includes music provided by violinist

Heidi Tanner and pianist Sally Neel, two friends and musical colleagues who have played together for many years.

"It is only fitting that I conclude my music ministry at St. Patrick's with my friend, Heidi, who has so willingly offered her talents to us, both in our church services on Sunday mornings and at Sunday Night Unplugged. She is a wonderful artist and a special friend," said Sally Neel, retiring music minister of St. Patrick's.

Sally Neel and Tanner are part of NightSong Trio that includes the very talented flutist Jessica Peterson. Due to the pandemic, the trio has not been able to play together over the past months, but they hope to resume their weekly rehearsals and occasional concerts as soon as it is possible to do so.

"We hope the community will enjoy the recording of Sunday Night Unplugged," Doug Neel said. "I would recommend that when you listen to it, that you find a quiet place where you can enjoy it without interruptions. There are spaces for silence on the video that are indicated by a bell. If you want to create your own time span for silence, I suggest you pause the video and resume whenever you choose. Though doing the service online is experimental, I feel it is a successful attempt. I hope that during this time of pandemic that you will refer to it whenever you feel the need or desire."

The video is posted on the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Facebook page and on the website www.stpatrickspagosa.org.

How community protects us

By Gregg Heid
Special to The PREVIEW

We can learn from nature how a community is there to protect us. Take the sequoia trees. They are the largest living organisms in the world and yet they need community. One sequoia weighs more than 900 blue whales. Some have diameters wide enough to drive a car through and branches that spread like a giant's umbrella. Sequoias can reach heights of a 25-story building, yet their roots only go down 5 feet into the soil.

These huge trees reach their incredible size with the help of surrounding trees. A lone sequoia has a difficult time growing to maximum height — it needs support and shelter from surrounding trees. Scientists have found that the interrelations of a tree with its immediate neighbors induce higher productivity and stability of the entire tree community.

In Ephesians chapter six, the Apostle Paul tells us that we are protected by the armor of God. This armor allows us to stand firm against the schemes and lies of the devil and stay strong in the Lord. Yet there is one part of our body that is not protected — our backs. Just like a giant sequoia needs companion trees to reach maximum height, we need others to protect our backs and help us reach the heights of God's kingdom. We can't do it alone.

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baptized me and a friend shared the gospel with me when I was in my 20s. I have matured in my Christian walk due to Bible studies and a church community to nurture my faith. The prayers and council of friends kept me in Christ when I strayed down rabbit trails of sin and disobedience.

I couldn't thrive without the fellowship of other believers and the sacraments of the church. I couldn't baptize myself or perform my own marriage. And we all need someone to bury us in the end. I couldn't get through the hard times and sadness of losing a son without support from the body of Christ.

I wouldn't be alive if it weren't for an older friend who saved my life when I was 12 years old. The wind blew me into the street in downtown Denver. He reached out and yanked me back on the sidewalk as a bus whizzed by.

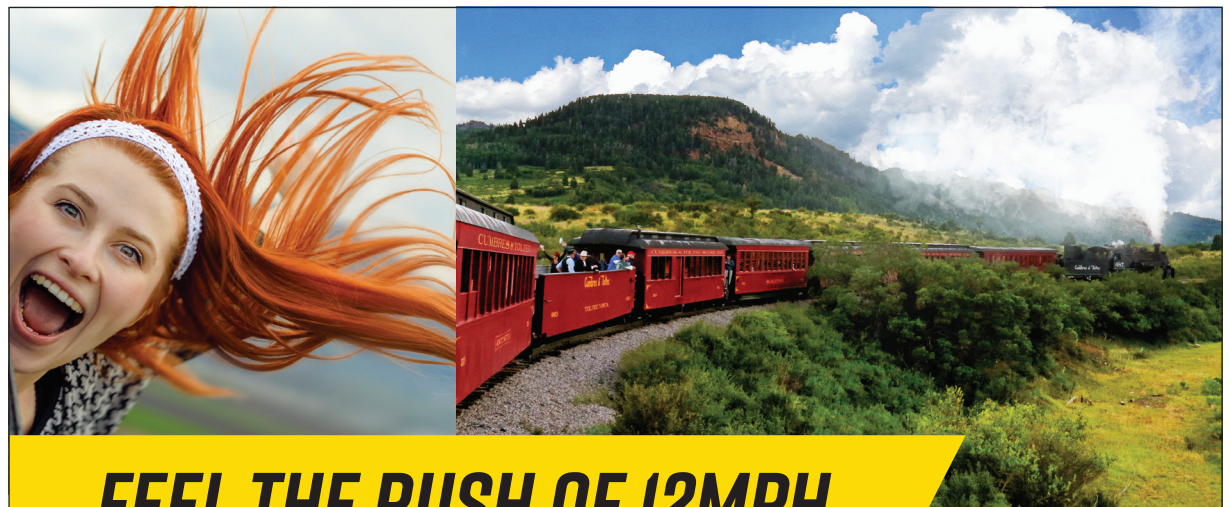
Or when two of my fellow wilderness rangers led me down off the mountain in a sleet storm, gave me tea and put me in my sleeping bag to stave off the shakes from hypothermia. Or when Dad and a companion rescued my brother Mike and me stuck in our Jeep over night in a blinding snowstorm on top of Cold Springs Mountain.

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of nowhere and had to walk for miles without water to get to a dirt road. We walked for another mile before a man and his wife picked us up and drove us to the small town of Maybell, Colo. First thing we did was drink six sodas among the three of us, then we called Dad to come get us.

Christ uses each of us to sup-

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Thursday, July 30

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 invention. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

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

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Saturday, Aug. 1

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Tuesday, Aug. 4

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.

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Dungeons and Dragons via Zoom. 3-5 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.

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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Garden Talks with Ron Chacey. 5:30 p.m. This year you will be able to attend from the comfort of your own home. Just tune in via Zoom from your computer, iPad or mobile device. First, Chacey will talk about what's going on 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, Aug. 6

Flora of Chimney Rock. 8:45 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. A thousand years ago, the people who lived at Chimney Rock depended on the plants around them for food, fuel, tools, housing, clothing, medicine and art. At this program, visitors will receive an introduction to some of the plant species that grow at Chimney Rock and their uses by ancestral Puebloan people. The 1.5-hour guided tour will include the Great House and requires negotiation of a steep, rough trail with exposure to heights and drop-offs. Visitors must arrive for check-in at 8:45 a.m. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 per child (5-12). Space is limited to nine visitors. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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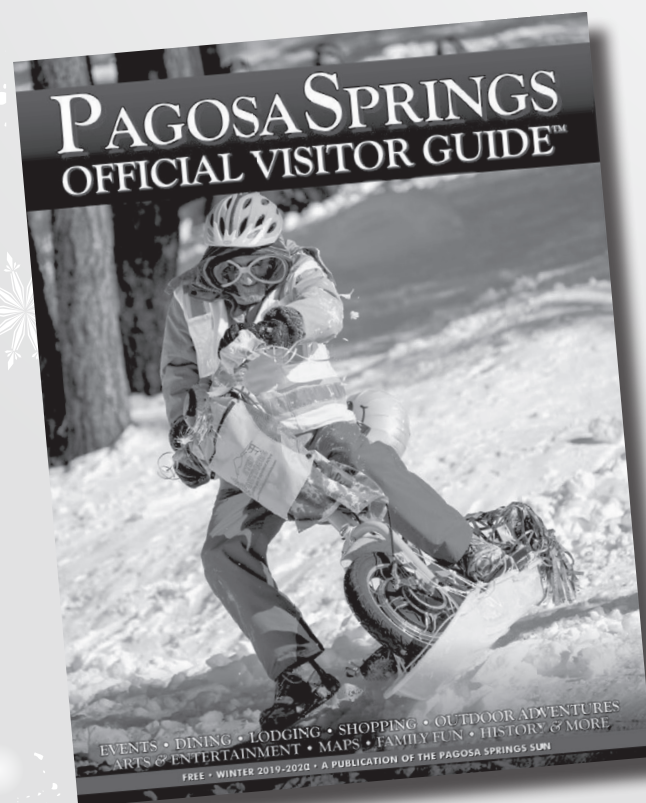
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A log, a lake and a bet

By James Van Liere
Special to The PREVIEW

In summer of 1958, the old Bureau of Public Roads, sometimes referred to as the Bureau of Parallel Ruts, employed me as construction surveyor. As an engineering student, I found the work fascinating and challenging, but also dirty and dusty at times.

One day a few us went out to the north side of Hebgen Reservoir to swim. Washed up next to the shoreline was an old, partially waterlogged tree. It was at least 20 feet long and 16 or 18 inches in diameter at the tip and 20 to 24 inches in diameter at the trunk. The trunk had three or four roots 2 or 3 feet long still attached to it.

Not having anything else to do, we just pushed the log slightly off shore and tried climbing onto it. Somehow the subject came up about pushing the log across the lake and, before I knew it, I had a \$20 bet going that I could do it, with the understanding that I would be picked up on the other side of the lake.

Even though it was about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, I was sure I could make the other side well before dark. Being a strong swimmer and knowing that once the log started moving, it would be easy to keep it moving, it was just a matter of hanging on and kicking. In addition, if I got tired or needed to rest I could just stop kicking and hang onto to the log. As near as I could estimate, it was a mile to a mile and a half across the lake.

After some 30 minutes, with the sun sinking in the west, and knowing that even with the sun below the horizon, I figured I would still have plenty of twilight to finish crossing the lake. As I thought, once the log starting moving, it did not take much energy to keep

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it moving.

I estimate that I was halfway across the lake with the log easily moving along when, all of a sudden, I heard this loud, booming voice say, "Where are your running lights, son?"

Holy smokes, I had no idea that there was anyone even near me, let alone 6 feet behind me. I looked behind me and there was the bow of an aluminum boat and standing in it was this huge man in a tan uniform who was obviously some type of wildlife official. He stood over 6-foot tall and must have weighed more than 250 pounds, not including the equipment he had hanging on his waist. I think if he had fallen in the lake, he would have sunk like a rock. In the back of the boat was another uniformed officer, who was smiling from ear to ear.

I think these two officers were quite proud of themselves for having quietly slipped up behind me without my knowing it. At any rate, the officer in front of the boat was

actually quite friendly and asked what I was doing. I explained to him that I had a \$20 bet that I could push this log clear across the lake.

"Well," he said, "you know it's against the law in Montana to operate any type of vessel without running lights on Montana waters after sunset, and I don't see any running lights on your vessel."

All I could think of to say was, "I didn't know that."

"So," he said, "we'll just have to tow you back to shore." When I explained to him that I might lose my bet, he said, "I'll take care of that for you. Here, tie this line on to your vessel and hop on, and we'll give you a free ride."

I did what he said and climbed up on the log for a ride back to shore. When we got there, he was kind enough to tell everyone that I was making good headway and probably would have made the far shore, but I did not have any running lights, which was against the law. He also told them that the only fair thing to do was call off the bet, which we did.

I always felt a little disappointed that I did not complete the crossing because I was sure that I could have made it. However, I can understand Montana's law and reasoning that without running lights, there was always the danger that someone in a boat would miss seeing the log and possibly hit it. To be sure, my log-pushing career was over; but in the end, I think that everyone respected my swimming ability.

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

Teaching scouts, part four

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Because Steven, a scoutmaster from another troop, had let his boys tie up what they thought was an orphaned bear cub, their troop got in big trouble. After its mother tore up their camp, they were summoned to a meeting. My troop had just finished eating when Steven came by.

“How did it go?” I asked. He shrugged. “They asked us to leave because they said we endangered all the troops here. It’s probably for the best, anyway. The bear tore apart everything we have, so there are no tents or sleeping bags.”

“I’ll come help you,” I said. As we walked along, I could tell he was discouraged. When we got to their camp, I joined in the cleanup. It was a big job. Many of my young men voluntarily came to help, as did others. As we worked, Steven expressed his love for scouting and how he had looked forward to being a scoutmaster.

“But I guess I’m just not cut out for it,” he said.

“I think you’re wrong,” I replied. “You have the three main things it takes. You love the boys, you’re willing to learn and you know you’re not perfect. With your willingness to learn, you’re going to be a great scoutmaster.”

He looked at me briefly, then spoke with new resolve. “Would it be OK if I came back tomorrow and watched your boys compete in the conclave games? If I’m going to learn, I should start right away.”

“We’d love to have you join us,” I said.

The next evening, Steven showed up just as our troop was finishing dinner. We offered him some food, and he settled on a plate of Dutch oven cobbler.

I gathered the boys around. “We have a big troop and have been allowed to form two teams.”

I then assigned the teams with a team leader and members according to abilities. I chose the best two fire builders and put one on each team. I did the same with the bridge-building and other events. I tried to

keep the teams as equal as possible. I told them the boy I assigned for each event was in charge of that event, and the others were to help him and follow his direction. I had Rod, my assistant, go with one group, and I went with the other. Steven came with me. It was fun to watch my boys excel at most of the events.

Steven expressed his amazement. “Your boys are incredible. How did they get so good?”

“It’s important to know your weaknesses and strengths,” I replied. “I teach them where I am strong, I have Rod teach where he has more

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expertise, and I’m not afraid to ask someone else if needed.”

“How do you get them to behave so well?” Steven asked.

“You remember how I told you my boys set their own rules under my direction? That’s critical. It’s hard for them to complain if they had a hand in setting the rules.”

Just then, Gordy came running up. “Daris, we need you.”

I ran after him and soon found myself at a wrestling challenge. A large, muscular boy stood there.

“I’ve beaten everyone who has challenged me all summer,” he bragged. “Boys and leaders.”

I turned to Gordy. “I don’t think this is a good idea.”

The muscular boy smirked. “It’s worth team points. But we all understand. You’re old and out of shape.”

I handed Gordy my water bottle. “I think we could use some more team points.”

It was three falls out of five. The muscular boy’s smile faded when, after the whistle, I deftly picked him

up in a fireman’s carry and laid him on his back.

“I bet you can’t do that again,” the boy said.

On the second time, he shot in, I blocked him, pushed his head down, spun behind him, and locked a death grip around his waist until he could hardly breathe. When I put him on the mat, he panted, “I think two is enough.”

As we gathered for the awards, the other troops yelled to show spirit, and my boys rolled their eyes and were quiet. But when the awards were announced, my troop won both first and second in almost every event. We also had the only points for the wrestling challenge.

When I came back from getting the wrestling-challenge award, Steven smiled. “I think the main thing I learned this week is that there’s a lot more to learn about being a scoutmaster than what comes from a book.”

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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for **Nutritional Service Workers** to prepare and cook food for hospital patients, staff, and visitors. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits including, paid time off, medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement and flexible schedule. Scheduled hours between 6:30a.m. to 6:30p.m. Applications may be picked up at the hospital front tent, or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a **Registration Clerk.** The Registration Clerk provides administrative support initiating patient encounters. The clerk will courteously greet all patients in person and on the phone in a timely manner. The Clerk is responsible for efficiently and accurately entering and verifying required patient demographic and insurance information in the electronic health record. The Clerk is responsible for verifying insurance eligibility, collecting and posting insurance co-payments and patient payments. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration or human resources office or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to Mitzi. bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EOE.

WE ARE SEEKING a versatile individual who can help us with chairside dental assisting and front office administration. No experience necessary; will train the right candidate. Please send resume to denprac@yahoo.com.

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MASTERCORP- A RESORT HOSPITALITY leader is looking for local talent to join our staff of Housekeepers to join our beautiful resort: Wyndham Pagosa. We provide: weekly pay based on performance (average \$16/ hour). Paid training. People proud culture team environment. Advancement opportunities. To apply visit www.applymc.com or contact Daniel (760)613-8852.

CHOW DOWN PET SUPPLIES is looking for someone to join our team this summer. Full-time help is needed immediately. Applicants must have excellent customer service skills, be self-motivated and have a strong love for animals and their well being. Pick up application in person. 100 County Center Drive.

LEAD & LINE COOKS. Pagosa Brewing seeks kitchen team members for Line and Lead Cooks. Apply at 118 North Pagosa Blvd. and Facebook. No phone calls.

LOST CAJUN: HIRING FOR a part-time FOH Server and Experienced Kitchen Staff. Multiple shifts are available. Must apply within the store. Pay is depending on experience for the kitchen openings.

THE JUNCTION RESTAURANT is now hiring line cooks. Please apply in person. 264-5729.

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LOCAL LANDSCAPING COMPANY is seeking seasonal workers for landscaping and irrigation installations. Experience is a plus! Must have reliable transportation. Call Buck Frisbee Landscaping at (970)946-0996.

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN. We are looking for a 3/4 time Veterinary Technician to join our team. Animal care experience required. Veterinary experience preferred but will train qualified person. Please bring resumes to Pagosa Veterinary Clinic at 101 County Road 411. No phone calls please.

HUMANE SOCIETY THRIFT STORE of Pagosa Springs, now hiring Tuesday through Saturday. Process incoming donations, price, tag and display inventory; cashier and customer service; must be able to lift repetitively and may help with pickups and deliveries; must be a team player and adhere to COVID-19 safety protocols (includes wearing mask and frequent cleaning); reliable transportation, valid driver's license, social security card and background check required. Pick up application and apply in person at the Humane Society Thrift Store, 279 Pagosa Street/ Hwy. 160 E between 10a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

TAX PREPARER: Immediate need for a year-round tax preparer to work 30-40 hours per week. Other tax related admin duties will be required. Flexible schedule. Please send resume and salary requirements by fax to (970)264-4451 or by email to jjas@jjaccountingsvc.com.

GOOD EARTH MEDS (Recreational Cannabis) is seeking a person for sales and prep work. Computer and basic math skills are a plus. MED badge is required before starting. Send resume to: "bdelany@centurytel.net".

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Must be able to work weekends and holidays. Full or part time.

Please apply in person Monday through Thursday.



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

JOURNALIST - THE PAGOSA SPRINGS SUN is seeking qualified candidates for a reporter position. Must demonstrate aptitude for, and commitment to community newspaper journalism. Candidates must be prepared to handle deadlines, cover breaking news, report on sports and government and write features. Position is 30 hours a week. Send cover letter including salary expectations, resume, references and clips to Reporter Position, The Pagosa Springs SUN, PO Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or hand-deliver them to the paper at 457 Lewis St. Emailed submissions are acceptable (helpwanted@pagosahun.com). The Pagosa Springs SUN, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

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ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosaschools.com under the "Job Postings" icon. Opening for 20-21 school year: Bus Driver; Part-time Bus Aide; Middle School Paraprofessional; Middle School Custodian; Part-time Assistant Cook; and Elementary School Paraprofessional. For more information contact Laura Mijares at lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

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GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, 8a.m.-1p.m. Fully furnished condo plus clothes and more. Everything must go. Most items 1/2 price after 11:30a.m. 69 Ace Ct.

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE. Dirt bike, tools, household, books, cowboy hats, boots, LG TV, leather couch, queen bedroom set, kayak, boat with trailer, building materials. Saturday 8/1, 7:30a.m.-1p.m. 149 Falcon Place near Hatcher.

RIVER CENTER RUMMAGE SALE. Saturday, August 1. 8a.m.-noon. Multi business and family rummage sale. Lots of diverse items.

FAMILY YARD SALE. Lots of goodies. Come see. 410 S. 10th St. August 1, 8a.m.

RUMMAGE SALE! RIVER CENTER by the Malt Shoppe. Many businesses having a sale. Pagosa Brokers multi family yard sale. 9a.m.-12p.m. Saturday, August 1st.

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

MULTI FAMILY. PRESCHOOL and cricket plus supplies, dining sets, kitchen, baby clothes and furniture, beds, bedding, kids and adult clothes and bags, tools, camping, so much more. 419 4th St. Saturday- Sunday, 8/1-2, 7:30a.m.-4p.m.

SUMMER BLOWOUT SALE at Pagosa Funky Trunk. Wednesday- Saturday. 50% off hundreds of items. Located next to Cafe Colorado. Where locals support locals! (970)731-6040.

MOVING SALE. TOOLS, SNOWBLOWER, refrigerator, power washer, grow lights. 231 Pines Club Pl. Saturday and Sunday, 9a.m.-5p.m.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. CONSULTING SERVICES TO STUDY ALTERNATIVE USES FOR WEST FORK RESERVOIR AND CANAL WATER RIGHTS. SAN JUAN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT. The District is in need of a contractor/consulting firm to develop and analyze a range of alternatives that enable the SJWCD to partially fulfill its charge and meet its court settlement obligations for the West Fork Reservoir and Canal water rights. Full RFP can be found on our website at www.sjwcd.org.

PAGOSA BAKING COMPANY is seeking organized, positive, and hard working individuals who are eager to learn and willing to cross-train. Must work weekends. Looking for team players. Will train on espresso. Application at www.pagosabakingcompany.com/opportunities and on our Facebook Page.

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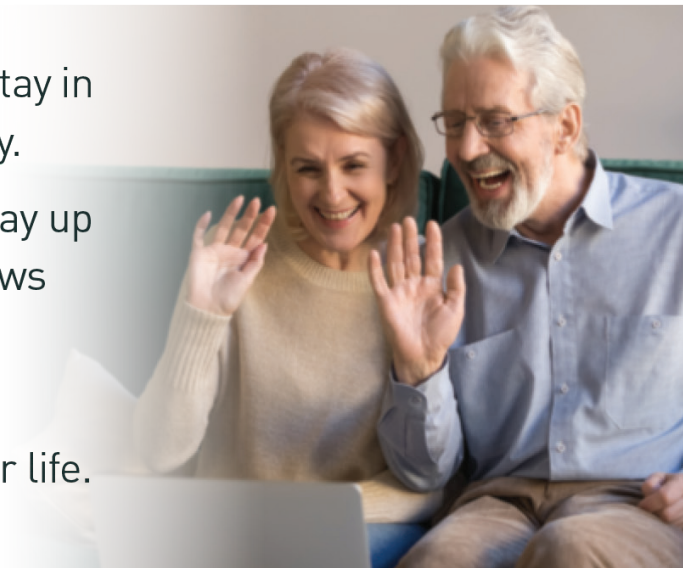
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