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Health director withdraws candidacy for Oregon job

County investigates public health options

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Executive Director Liane Jollon has withdrawn her candidacy to be director of the health department in Benton County, Ore., amid Archuleta County looking into breaking ties with SJBPH.

On Aug. 6, Jollon sent an email to SJBPH's Board of Health, which was sent to The SUN, in which she outlined her candidacy for the position in Oregon.

"I would like to let you all know that Benton County OR is recruiting me for their public health director

role. I did not initiate the interaction," she wrote.

She continued: "As you all are aware, Archuleta County has announced plans to investigate withdrawing from San Juan Basin Public Health in order to form its own county health department. Given the uncertain future of our health district, it makes sense for me to look into additional opportunities — including this chance to fulfill the duties of a public health director for a community where I have a prior professional relationship and would be very honored to serve."

■ See SJBPH A8

County receives \$1.8 million transportation grant

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

Archuleta County has been awarded about \$1.8 million from the Federal Transit Administration to build a transportation center and buy a new bus.

"We put in a grant to have a multimodal transportation facility built in Archuleta County, [in] Pagosa Springs, in addition to getting another MET [Mountain Express Transit] bus," said Matt Archuleta, who is currently overseeing transportation programs in the county.

He added the new bus will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Archuleta explained the transportation facility will be constructed in uptown Pagosa Springs, in Harman Park.

He added the facility will most likely include a bike repair station, bike racks and something to "enclose the MET buses because they're currently sitting outside at the airport ... The design we're thinking is the buses will actually be in garages, so

■ See Transportation A8

Board of Education seeking applicants for director vacancy

Map courtesy Archuleta School District
Archuleta School District is accepting applications through Aug. 27 for anyone interested in filling a board vacancy for District 1.

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) has yet to receive any applications from people interested in filling a board vacancy announced in July, with letters of intent due to ASD by Aug. 27. The vacancy followed the resign-

nation of Brooks Lindner, who served as the board president and director for District 1.

Lindner resigned effective July 7 in a letter addressed to the BOE and Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza that explains Lindner's family sold their house and he will no

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Kayson Shahan, Grand Champion Steer purchased by Bank of Colorado



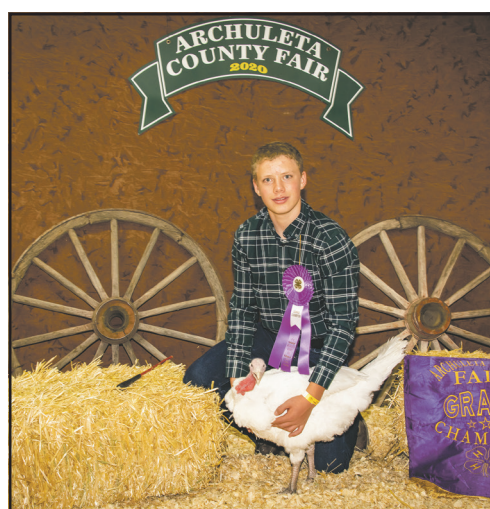
Sierra Smith, Grand Champion Swine purchased by Nerissa Whittington



Rebekah Candelaria, Grand Champion Lamb purchased by San Juan Veterinary Hospital, Inc.



Michelle Ray, Grand Champion Goat purchased by Riff Raff Brewing Co.



Donovan Galabota, Grand Champion Market Turkey purchased by The Springs Resort & Spa



Lexie Valdez, Grand Champion Market Chicken Pen purchased by Archuleta County Ironworks, Inc.

Photos courtesy Jeff Laydon

Archuleta County 4-H Junior Livestock Auction grand champion winners pose with their animals. The virtual auction was held Aug. 1. If you would like to make a financial contribution to any 4-H participant, please call the Archuleta County Extension Office by Friday at 264-5931.

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Medical Center upgrades underway

Surgery anticipated to close Sept. 10-23

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) implemented several changes in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, including creating a new area to treat patients with possible infectious conditions such as COVID-19.

Now, the PSMC is ramping up to make a number of changes to its facility, including a planned heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) renovation, a new MRI machine and more permanent areas to help the medical center treat

infectious patients.

An update on the projects was given to the board that oversees PSMC, the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, at that board's July 28 meeting, with the board also approving some of the upgrades at that meeting.

The facilities committee comprises board vice chair Matt Mees, board director Karin Daniels, PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Nursing Operator Kathee Douglas and Plant Ops Manager Adam Miller.

HVAC renovation

Construction began last week on PSMC's HVAC renovation, which will upgrade the system in the original hospital building.

PSMC Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzese wrote in December 2018, when PSMC

received grant funding to help fund the project, "... the existing HVAC is deficient in part because the original design did not adjust for the 7,200' elevation of Pagosa Springs and in part because of the growth of surgery, orthopedic surgery and oncology services in the original hospital building. Once the HVAC system is renovated, PSMC anticipates a reduction of approximately 35% for HVAC-related energy expenses due to efficiencies anticipated in the new HVAC system."

PSMC received a matching \$911,720 grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) in December 2018 to help cover the cost of the project, which was originally planned to take place in 2019.

PSMC will close its operating room in September.

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Opinion

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EDITORIAL

How has the COVID-19 pandemic changed your life?

Last week, we shared some responses from Facebook followers to the question that The SUN asked: "How has the COVID-19 pandemic changed your life?"

The following are some more of the unedited responses that we've received.

Linda Lutowski wrote, "With quarantine and the limited contact with friends and family, we have focused on creative endeavors and taken a more focused look at what really matters. Friends, health, neighbors, our environment. So lucky to live in such a wonderful place!"

Krissy Gardikis wrote, "It's made me realize how mean folks can be to one another. I suppose folks are scared of many things, but boy can they ever be mean to one another over masks etc."

Shelley Raymond added, "Made me realize how selfish and sanctimonious most people are."

Missy Losee shared, "The quarantine, while stressful, gave me quality time with my husband and daughter that I probably never have otherwise."

Sylvia McDaniel added, "I've become a hermit, but we have grown closer to our neighbors. We social distance outside once a week."

Michele Sweitzer shared, "Just changed the times of shopping, nothing I ever need is at the store. Have to go to 3 stores to find, and still nothing. So I shop elsewhere more."

DawnMarie Olson added, "How has COVID-19 changed my life? I have to remember to have a mask before I leave the house. My mask is now my new accessory to my outfit."

Sally Hovatter noted, "Waiting and waiting in line yesterday at the post office and it's like everyone is afraid to talk to each other anymore. It is sad."

Pauline Yago shared, "A ton more people especially from out of state have been coming up here and exploring things such as the ice caves and Piedra Canyon. So in return I have been exploring roads that I have never explored before to know our mountains a lot better. Going where people don't go."

Annie Stone added, "I have taken the isolation time to learn & create. I'm a weaver & I've tried & made a lot of new things. I also miss my friends sorely."

Amber Rhea wrote, "I haven't smoked a cig in 7 years..until COVID. Stress is lame but I love having my kiddos close all the time!"

Di AL shared, "I've been off of work, so I've had more quantity AND quality time with both my daughters and their growing families. It's been a real blessing."

Leah Reeves wrote, "We moved to Pagosa in December 2019. It was a random move. We wanted something new and an opportunity arose to work at an awesome local restaurant. Winter was tough, but coworkers told me summer would be awesome and I'd be able to save money to prepare for Winter 2020 and the 'off season'. In March, our restaurant had to shut down dining options. Right before spring break. This lasted till mid June. Covid-19 was the cause of the shutdown. Now I'm scrambling to work as much as possible at the restaurant as well as another part time job just to get caught up on bills and to hopefully prepare for the off season in this sleepy town. I should be resting and nurturing my body so I don't get sick. Instead, I'm picking up as many restaurant shifts as possible while also doing my part time position at a wonderful cleaning company. People come into the restaurant and argue about wearing a mask."

Glenna Sullivan added, "I'm amazed that some folks disregard medical studies and scientific facts from healthcare professionals and just simply make up their own story at the expense of the vulnerable. Wherever this virus came from and other disputed details of the pandemic are secondary to actually getting rid of the virus. Priorities are fuzzy at best. I'm amazed at our town leaders not being strong enough to protect its citizens. I've realized that as much as I'd like the world to be a better place and for people to care about each other, the population is not moving in that direction. People are holding lifestyle over life."

Tony Medrano shared, "My father in law passed away a couple months ago. We were not only unable to be there (Arizona) when it happened but to this day no funeral service has been held. He was a decorated Army Veteran (Vietnam/Persian Gulf). No one should be forgotten this way. He will soon have a Memorial Brick placed at the Veterans Memorial site. He will never be forgotten...."

Kayla Hamblin wrote, "It's shown me the good and bad of our town. We have people who will go out of their way to help others. Who selfishly put themselves out there to help. And we have people who only think about themselves and their

agendas, they will be defiant for whatever their reasoning and that's their choice. It's been a blessing for my immune compromised home to be together to teach my children. Yeah some days suck, but most days are not so bad. I am getting valuable time with myself and family to grow and learn and be apart of, we're making memories that our crazy society was rushing us past."

Michele May Rafferty shared "Because of covid 19, we had to cancel the big extended family trip, I didn't get to see my mom like I had planned, and now she's gone."

Charlotte Ballard added, "I was a bit of a hermit before so it hasn't impacted me as much as others....i am thankful to have many closets to clean out and finding many projects to finish. My biggest sacrifice is not being able to have family and friends visit."

Chris Olivarez noted, "I sleep a lot." Pamela Larson wrote, "It has given me the space to disconnect from the world and focus inward."

Danyelle Vincent Leentjes added, "I miss my family across the country, especially my mother who lives alone in Ohio. Also I am trying to raise my child to live in joy, not fear. It is challenging to find a balance between staying healthy and living a normal life."

Lisa Griffin Smith wrote, "I miss traveling and going to concerts with my girls... and I'm over peoples behaviors! So many people behaving like children!!!!"

Kim Bristow added, "It has made me more aware of stopping to take notice and embrace the joy in the simple moments of everyday life. Of connecting more with people in my everyday life - cashiers, postal workers and our UPS driver. Being thankful for the wonderful blessing of living in our small mountain town and the refuge we find being in nature in our National Forest."

Leslie Lattin wrote, "Sore ears." Karen Bartholomew added, "My mom is in Pine Ridge with dementia and haven't been able to see her for months except through a closed window. She doesn't do facetime, skype or cell phones. She's been so isolated for so long and her dementia is declining because of it."

We wish we had room to share everyone's thoughts. Thank you to everyone who responded. Stay safe.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 13, 1920

The Rt. Rev. John H. Tihen, Catholic Bishop of Denver, administered confirmation to about fifty at St. Edwards' church Monday evening. He held similar acts at the Trujillo and Lone Tree churches. It was the bishop's first visit to this city and he was much enthused over the hot spring, the people and the resort in general.

J.A. Latta, after a three years' absence from the county seat, was up from Juanita Monday to represent his precinct at the Democratic county assembly. Incidentally, it has been eight years since he came on a similar mission.

Richard Swanemyr was here from Allison Saturday as a delegate to the Republican county assembly.

Early Sunday evening someone broke into the S.H. Dickerson market via a rear window and tapped the cash register to the extent of about \$18.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 17, 1945

W.D. (Don) Yerger, of Gallup, N.M., pilot, and his passenger, Joseph, 16, of Pagosa Springs, escaped serious injury when Yerger's plane crashed into the San Juan river here 3/4 of a mile below The Spring Sunday afternoon at 4:10, in a forced landing. Yerger, owner of the Gallup Typewriter Exchange at Gallup, together with his wife, had arrived here in the plane, at 3:00 Sunday afternoon, planning to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Lynn, owners of The Spring. Yerger and Joseph Lynn planned a ride over Pagosa, but in taking off were unable to develop sufficient speed to overcome a down draft and plunged into the San Juan river about three quarters of a mile below The Spring, demolishing the propeller, undercarriage and landing gear. Moorehead's wrecking crew pulled the plane from the river, and it is now at The Spring. Yerger considers the plane a total wreck and does not plan to salvage it, feeling fortunate that he and his passenger escaped injury.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 13, 1970

Is the grizzly bear extinct in Colorado? An intensive effort by Game, Fish and Parks personnel is currently underway in the San Juan mountains to determine whether or not the "Grate White Bear," found to be so plentiful by surveyor/trapper Jacob Fowler and others in the early 1800's, still exists in Colorado.

The Rio Grande-San Juan Grizzly Bear Management Area was created in 1954 to protect the grizzly from all hunting in this area. Was it in time to save the species? Some feel there are still a few of old ursus horribilus roaming the San Juan high country. Most do not.

Although a few sightings have been made, confirmed reports of grizzly activity are non-existent since 1954. Pitifully few reports have been made since 1950. On August 3, 1950, a federal trapper took a female grizzly at the head of Pine Creek near Rio Grande Pyramid.

Unconfirmed sightings were made in August, 1964, on Turkey Creek; September, 1967, on Cold Water Creek; and May, 1968, on Confar Hill.

In 1954, grizzly tracks were reported by several parties in two locations in the San Juans. That was the last of the confirmed reports.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 17, 1995

High school soccer returns to the local fall sports scene this year, and coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason thinks a program-building season with a young team will produce short-term and long-term success. Pagosa Springs High School played varsity soccer in the mid '80s, but the program was terminated following the 1988 season due to a lack of players.

The Pagosa Sting club program was subsequently created for young local players and developed rapidly, producing teams that competed with great success against other clubs in the region. The success of the club and the emergence of quality young players led to parents requesting of the school board that a high school team be reinstated.

Forest Bramwell recently represented Colorado in the National High School Rodeo finals in Gillette, Wyoming. Forest was on a team of four Colorado High School Rodeo Champions who took the Colorado team to an awesome fourth-place overall ... out of a field of 1,400 competitors representing 38 states and three Canadian provinces.

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Should Archuleta County schools offer in-person learning this fall?

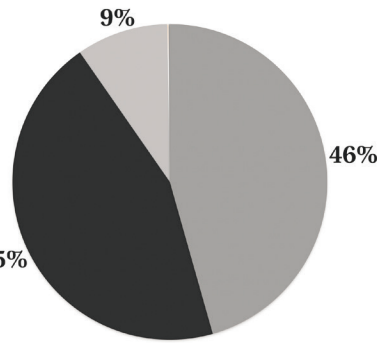
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Should there be stronger enforcement of animal control laws?

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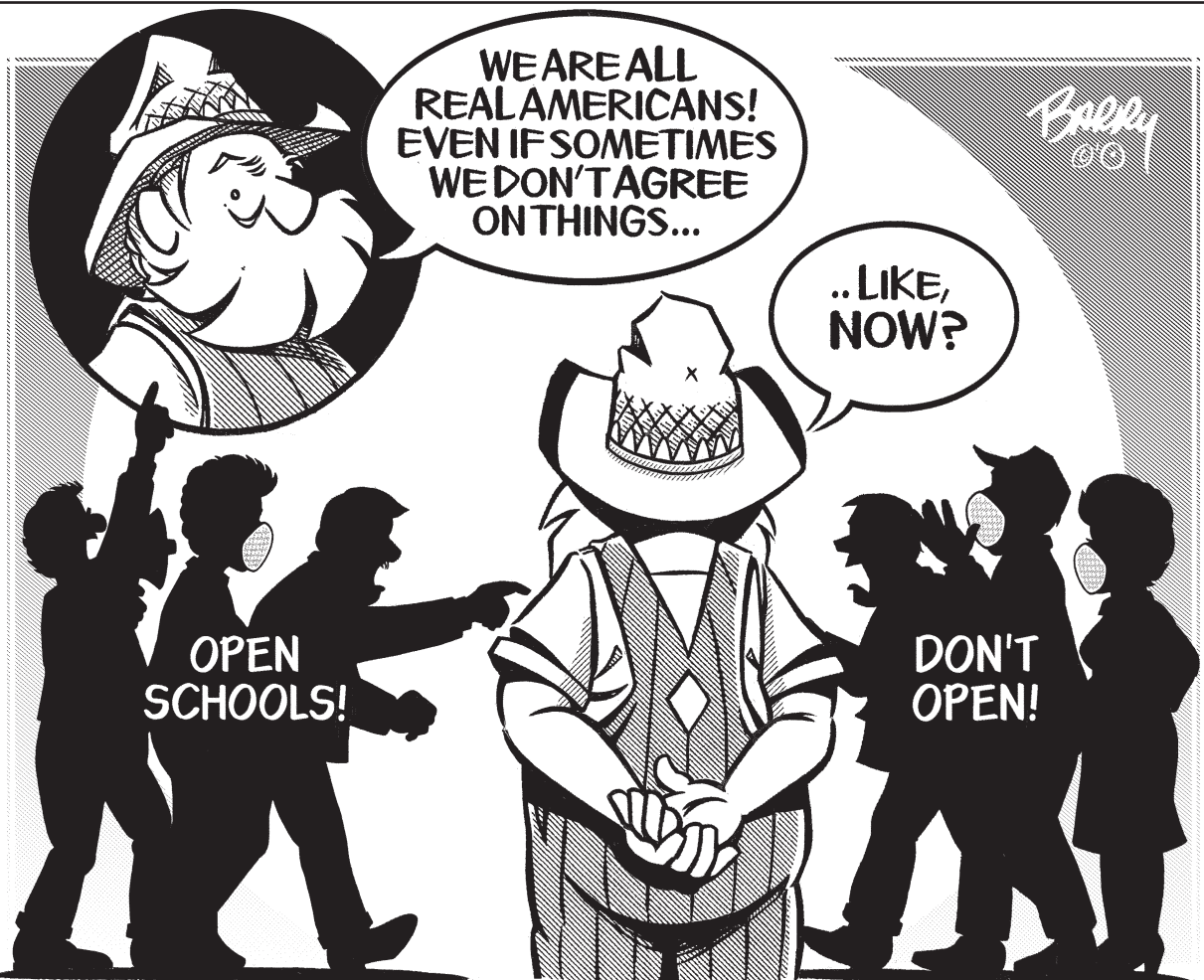
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Letters

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Vote

Dear Editor:
I like history. The battles brave souls fought in previous generations and times that shaped our "todays" and had impact; some positive, some negative, but history, none the less. I appreciate your printing John Motter's local notes and stories; names I recognize and many names still in the area. Just this week I learned some of my own history as a woman voter; that being the recent article in a local publication of women getting the right to vote 100 years ago and it almost didn't happen when it did. I was not aware that the Democratic party fought against it tooth and nail. To quote Amanda Wolfe in the article, "Voting is so much more than just a right, it is a privilege." The suffragettes fought for generations to finally win that privilege 100 years ago, and every time we cast a ballot, we honor their memories." (end quote) This is part of our history, as women, no matter which party you go with.

On the same thought, we cannot erase our history by knocking over statues. Whatever good, whatever wrong those historic military men did ... well, it was a long time ago and no one can move forward to the future till we let go of the past. Being born and raised in the south, I saw racism — on both sides and both directions. I remember once, as a small girl in my parents car, going down a Houston freeway and seeing an RV on the side with people in long white clothes and pointed white hats holding up signs for people to pull over and be new recruits in the KKK, which by the way, was begun by the southern Democratic party. History. Look it up. I worked in downtown Houston in the 60's. Black Panthers, riots, Martin L. King, bussing ... & my black co-workers were kind enough to escort me to my car when we got off work because my life was threatened more than once because of my color; so I am not ignorant of racism. America is not perfect, but it's still so damn good that no one wants to leave it. Be accountable to be part of the solution to make a better future "history". And women ... vote.

Peg Ellis

What are commissioners up to?

Dear Editor:
As COVID-19 spreads through our community and our roads and infrastructure continue to deteriorate, what are our erstwhile County Commissioners up to now? Passing a resolution opposing Colorado's decision to participate in the National Popular Vote compact, of all things. Given their past behavior, I suppose this should not surprise me. After all, these are the same Commissioners who twice asked County voters to approve a jail bigger and more expensive than we need. And then, after We the People twice said "no," they decided to build that bigger and more expensive jail anyway. And now they are again showing their disdain for the majority will of We the People.

Two of the last three presidents gained office after more voters cast their votes for their opponent. That was because of an Electoral College that was put in place by slave-owners who did not trust the popular will of We the People to make a decision as important as electing a president. So they gave us the system that has now given us two recent presidents that We the People did not vote for. Is it any wonder, given that reality, that our nation has become hopelessly divided, acrimonious, and unable to act together with a national will on anything?

Instead of passing resolutions against majority popular votes (and going against them when we have them locally), may I suggest that our County Commissioners concentrate on keeping us safe and on maintaining the infrastructure they are responsible for? And that they show a little more respect for the will of We the People.

John Farley

Leadership

Dear Editor:
Please help me to understand why we are the greatest nation in the world, and have the most corona virus cases? We have over 5 million confirmed cases, and over 160,500 dead. We have 15 times more deaths than Europe and 25 times more deaths than Canada.

Can it be that Mr. Trump denied the pandemic since the beginning. Saying "it is what it is", "It's a hoax", and someday it will go away.

He wasted two months or more. If we had a President who immediately recognized the pandemic, and took a leadership role for the whole country to follow, we would not be in this situation. Instead, he called Dr. Brix, his advisor, "pathetic for saying the pandemic was extraordinary widespread." Dr. Fauci, who has 40 years of experience in infectious disease now has his life threatened and his family also. The white house continually has tried to discredit him. If we had a President who would have shown leadership from the beginning, the outcome would be vastly different at this point. New Zealand has not had a single case in over 100 days. So, my fellow Americans, help end this horrible pandemic. His continued down playing of the pandemic has caused far too many people to die.

So, I ask; let's all do our part. Be a responsible person, "wear a mask" until this pandemic ends. We can do better.

David Frederick

Freedom isn't free

Dear Editor:
First off, freedom is not free. Just ask any veteran.

Freedom starts with the independent business owner. If you think you have the right to tell a private business owner that "I'm not wearing a mask" or "You're restricting my freedom" or any other lame excuse your wrong and you simply don't understand the concept of freedom. Freedom loving Americans understand private property rights & shared sacrifice.

You've probably read the sign before "We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone".

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Letters

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Please respect the private property rights of business owners & wear a mask.

Jeff Greer

'Rule of law'

Dear Editor:

It is somewhat reassuring to see our county leaders agreeing to set an example and put forth a common message about not spreading the COVID19 virus. BoCC Chair Maez' decision to conduct all meetings via Zoom is a safer option. Hopefully, residents and visitors will follow this example.

I don't quite understand why the commissioners need their attorney's advice before deciding to follow the law, or why choosing whether or not to follow state law is an option. Does this same choice apply to other laws? Could I choose to drive whatever speed I like, and explain to a state trooper who pulls me over for speeding that I have chosen not to abide by the law because I don't work for the state?

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf says that he does not believe "we gotta do everything we're told" and that because he does not work for the governor, it is "not his job to enforce (laws)." Is this not the same Alvin Schaaf who was a County Sheriff Deputy just before he became a County Commissioner? Has he not sworn an oath to uphold the federal and state constitution and laws? Is he actually saying it is up to each individual person to decide whether or not to abide by the law? Are we only subject to rules our employer establishes?

I am confused when one of our local government officials tells us that following government orders is optional. Sometimes there are laws that need to be changed — that is why we had/have a civil rights movement and women's suffrage movement, among other social change movements, and now have/had a Voting Rights Act and 19th Amendment to the US Constitution allowing women to vote. Meanwhile, can each of us just choose for ourselves which laws to abide by? We have a County Commissioner who says it's personal choice whether or not to abide by the law. One of Pagosa Springs Town Councilors is a self-proclaimed anarchist. I really don't understand how or why someone who doesn't

believe in government would choose to run for government office, nor how they can ethically hold such office.

Fifteen years ago, when I was president of my homeowners' association, a fellow board member said we "did not belong to" the state act requiring open meetings. I told him we do not choose which state laws we must abide by. Ten years ago, when I was working with the Pagosa Farmers Market and the Colorado Farmers Market Association, both non-profit organizations, I spent a great deal of time researching and learning state health department regulations regarding food safety, and explaining them to market managers and vendors. I have taken food safety classes that follow Colorado state health department regulations, through our local County Extension office. Have I been mistaken all this time? Was this all a waste of time, if each of us can simply follow the rules we feel like and disregard the others?

I hope the consensus of all our local leaders proves itself in action. I hope we continue to live in a county, a state and a nation that believe the rule of law.

Lisa Jensen

'Dangerous and disrespectful'

Dear Editor:

We're all in this together, or so I've heard. Public health officials and scientists from all over the world have given us the information we need to fight Covid-19. There is evidence worldwide that following the simple steps of masks, distancing, and hand-washing works. We can make a difference in our community, and I have seen many following the mandate here in support of everyone's health and well-being. However, I was again dismayed as I saw a picture on the front page of the SUN of our community leaders meeting about Coronavirus in Pagosa. It was a teleconference meeting with Dr. Rhonda Webb on the monitor, and county leaders at a table in their office. Dr. Webb was masked; our five county officials were not masked, not socially distanced. The topic of the meeting was to put forth a "unified message about Covid-19". Colorado has a mask mandate per Governor Polis. I believe it is both dangerous and disrespectful to not follow the mandate, especially for our community leaders and their place in our town. What kind of example, what role modeling is being put forth? What matters most is that we all remain healthy and alive. I hope going forward to see our officials lead the way by wearing the masks that protect Pagosa.

Dale Johnson

Square Top Mountain

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed the article and pictures concerning Square Top Mountain. Your readers might enjoy knowing

that Square Top has been a landmark since pioneer days. Travelers bound for Pagosa Springs from New Mexico Territory could see Square Top from 50 or more miles away. The following item was in an earlier Pagosa Springs newspaper. Ada M. Amyx was born June 9, 1899, in the Blanco Basin. She taught school in Pagosa Springs, Pagosa Junction, and Tularosa, N.M. She married Rube E. Amyx in 1924, the marriage taking place near the top of Square Top Mountain.

John M. Motter

'Stupidity and insensitivity and hypocrisy'

Dear Editor:

I have been dismayed to read and hear about Americans across the country objecting to wearing masks as part of the effort to control the COVID-19 virus. When I read about individuals attacking store clerks for asking them to wear masks, I want to scream. I even heard about a recent incident in Durango where a man pulled out a gun when the business insisted that he needed to wear a mask to enter.

When people insist that their Second Amendment rights are being violated, I want to remind them that they can't smoke inside buildings, they must stop at red lights and they must wear seatbelts. This isn't to violate their rights; it's to protect them and others.

Thus when I looked at the front page of this past week's issue (August 6th) of The SUN, I absolutely couldn't believe the stupidity and insensitivity and hypocrisy of the Archuleta "community leaders" meeting to discuss their message about the virus. Not one of the five pictured men was wearing a mask. And it looked as if perhaps two of them might be social distancing.

Dr. Rhonda Webb, PSMC CEO, was wearing a mask — as could be seen on the monitor in the room. She stated that, "I think that the trend is going the wrong way in our community." She added that "wearing face coverings — has become 'very politicized' but has been used for a long time in the health care industry. This is droplet protection ... I just hate to see our community back up and have our businesses have to close down again."

Pagosa Town Council member Shari Pierce said that, "I would just like to urge all of the leadership in the community to set the example for others by following these guidelines and wearing the masks."

What is most heartbreaking to me are the pleas aired on network television from medical professionals begging Americans to wear masks. They are dead tired work-

ing to save lives. Some physicians are having to make triage life and death decisions as to what patient in their ER has the best chance of surviving the virus and thus would be admitted to their packed ICU. And what about the statements from dying patients who tell the attending doctor that they thought this was a hoax.

I'm sorry but my question is, "What planet are you living on?" Because most of the world is doing far better at controlling the virus than the U.S. It's sad when the two countries that share a border with us don't want Americans to enter.

According to Wade Davis, the University of British Columbia's Leadership Chair in Cultures and Ecosystems at Risk wrote that, "with less than four percent of the global population, the U.S. soon accounted for more than a fifth of COVID deaths. The percentage of American victims of the disease who died was six times the global average."

I pray that Pagosa's residents and tourists will realize the wisdom of wearing masks.

Tozi Rubin

Pulling out of health department

Dear Editor:

I recently read with some dismay that Archuleta County Commissioners Schaaf and Maes are considering pulling us out of the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH). San Juan Basin Public Health is unquestionably, and by every measure, an extremely well run and highly efficient organization that is our best and lowest cost way to provide critical public health services to the great people of Archuleta County and Pagosa Springs. This is not uninformed speculation. Until recently I was the County's representative on the Board of SJBPH for 6 years.

The fact is that Archuleta County's share of the entire SJBPH budget was \$120,000 in 2019. The actual costs of these services were then nearer to \$250,000 or more per year. The difference being paid by La Plata County taxpayers. In addition, the building on South 8th Street where people get these services is owned by SJBPH, not Archuleta County.

I ask, and I'm not alone, why choose to destabilize our public health provider in the middle of a public health crisis? Why intentionally put more uncertainty on the working families of Pagosa, who absolutely rely on these services, in the midst of an economic crisis? Why show such disrespect for the folks in La Plata County that have been picking up the tab for decades? Why isolate and alienate ourselves from long time regional partners when we need them most?

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Future COVID-19 pandemic relief efforts topic at council meeting

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a regular meeting on Aug. 4, the Pagosa Springs Town Council discussed various relief fund programs that provide support amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, there are several sources of funding that are being dispersed from the federal government throughout several entities to help with response and recovery to COVID-19.

Colorado received \$1.6 billion in federal funds, and \$275 million of that amount is available for units of local government, which includes special districts, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained.

"This funding is one that's being administered through the Department of Local Affairs. The Archuleta County allocation is just over \$1.2 million and that is based on population," she said.

That \$1.2 million is available for both the town and county, Phillips noted, adding that both the town and county crafted an intergovernmental agreement in June that outlined that both entities would share the potential revenues equally and that the funds would be used for eligible reimbursements under the CARES Act.

According to agenda documentation, estimated costs related to COVID-19 response totaled about \$217,287 as of Aug. 4.

"Lost revenues are not reimbursable, but any kind of expenditures that have been incurred since March 17 that were not prior budgeted with the town and that are expended by the end of this fiscal year can be reimbursed," Phillips said.

In the months of March and April, town council created some assistance programs to help individuals, businesses and nonprofits in the community that were impacted by

the pandemic, Phillips noted, adding that about \$124,000 was expended.

The town also provided assistance in deferring collections of lodging tax and other utility payments, among other things, Phillips described.

Council thoughts

Some of the programs that town council did early on in the COVID-19 pandemic were great, council member Shari Pierce noted.

However, Pierce noted that she was concerned about the local food bank situation for the fall.

"I know this summer tourism season will be mostly over by then and the fall time tends to be a little bit less tourists here, lower income for the community, so I just want to make sure that we're looking and checking with the food banks to see if they have enough food for people," Pierce said.

Additionally, Pierce suggested that town council look into expanding microgrant criteria to include local businesses that are a little larger than the original criteria of five and fewer employees.

"We do have quite a few small businesses that have between five and 25 employees," she said.

According to Pierce, Archuleta County Board of County Commissioner Chair Ron Maez noted that the county would be willing to partner with the town on some relief programs as long as the county was sure that the funds would be reimbursable.

Council member Nicole DeMarco also hinted at a partnership with Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

"They are also receiving direct funding, so we might just want to make sure that it's things that are not already being covered," Phillips noted.

The town should be proactive in protecting its businesses and work-

force as the seasons change from fall to winter, council member Madeline Bergon added.

"Rather than waiting until the fall gets here and then deciding to do it and doing it really quickly, I was hoping that we might look at it and think of things that interest us and kind of go ahead and have them in place so that if we do have a downturn of some sort, or we do see people needing food, that we can just deploy our program right away," Pierce said.

The seasonality of the Pagosa Springs workforce is something that town council needs to consider as well, council member Mat deGraaf noted.

"I think there's a big part of the workforce that's counting on that winter work that may or may not be there," he said.

One potential reimbursable expense is broadband, according to Phillips, citing things such as solutions to help with distance learning and other types of communication infrastructure on an emergency basis.

Archuleta County Co-Broadband Services Manager Jason Cox explained that some reimbursable expenses could be related to broadband and that some collaboration would be needed to see if there are some near-term projects that could be pursued.

Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Jo Coulehan noted that, in meeting with representatives from Archuleta School District, one concern was accessibility for families to have Internet at their homes for distance learning.

Coulehan noted that one project the school district is working on is having their buses be "hot spots" so that kids can be on the bus, going home and coming back, but able to access classes for their homework.

Cox added later in the meeting that he appreciates council looking into disseminating information in a clear and concise way to the business community.

"I can tell you that there are many of us in the community who aren't on top of everything going on and don't understand that these programs are even available," he said.

Pierce later suggested that a proposal could be crafted for town council approval for microgrants, broadband or any other program that would include associated costs.

"I think Andrea can see where our passions lie and I would like to give her the reins to go ahead and fund some of the projects that are in line with our policies and our beliefs as she understands them and see where that goes," deGraaf said.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Aug. 13

Archuleta County Combined Dispatch special meeting — preliminary budget review. 2:30 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7186713647?pwd=ZTdKRVBZZjFpLzRObWl0QXY0dnIrdz09> or call (346) 248-7799, meeting ID: 718 671 3647, passcode: 327129.

San Juan Water Conservancy District joint work session. 4 p.m., PAWSD administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave.

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

Tuesday, Aug. 18

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.

Wednesday, Aug. 19

Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting. Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

Upper San Juan Library District board meeting. 4 p.m., Zoom meeting. Join at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/79928556999>.

Thursday, Aug. 20

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

Obituary

Susan Marie Haney

Susan Marie Haney passed away on July 13 at the age of 74.

Susan was born to William and Evelyn Wrenn in Denver, Colo. She grew up in Sharon, Pa. She spent her freshman year at University of Nebraska in Lincoln. She met her future husband, Bill Haney, at RCA Corp in Camden, N.J., where she was an executive secretary.



Bill and Susan had two boys and the family lived in Lansdale, Pa.; Scottsdale, Ariz.; and Austin, Texas, as technology jobs created opportunities. Most of this time, Susan chose to be a homemaker and was truly grateful for the task. She excelled at creating/trying new recipes. Her childhood times at her grandparents' farm in Herman,

Neb., held fond memories for her and shaped her character.

Bill and Susan retired to Pagosa Springs in 2012 in a beautiful home that she enjoyed for eight years. They loved the mountains and the town. She loved canning fresh fruit and vegetables and scrapbooking. She focused on crafting personal cards for close friends and family for birthdays and holidays.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, William and Evelyn Wrenn, and her sister, Anne Smalley.

Susan is survived by her husband, Bill, of 51 years; her sons: Rob Haney and family, and Tony Haney and family; her brother-in-law, Fred Smalley; her cousins: Mary Jo Lutz, Deb and Lee Cozens, and many extended family and friends; she will be forever missed.

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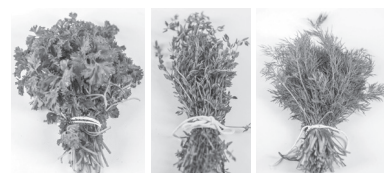
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Town council discusses land use code, development at strategic planning work session

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A discussion on development within the Town of Pagosa Springs and ways to improve the process was a topic of discussion during a strategic planning work session on July 31. During the work session, survey responses were presented to the Pagosa Springs Town Council with one question in particular being addressed first, pertaining to whether or not the town is development friendly.

According to meeting moderator Yvonne Wilcox, four survey respondents responded yes to that question, three responded no and two were "so-so."

"I think we need to stay true to our development code," Wilcox said, reading a survey response. "But we also need to support interesting business ideas. One complaint heard frequently is that you have to spend a lot of time and money before you know if your project will be approved."

Staff should encourage early discussion with developers and decision makers to avoid some of those issues, Wilcox read.

"I've heard similar things from other people and I can only imagine, especially smaller projects, where you're just trying to figure it out and you're dumping more money into something you're not really sure is going to fly would be incredibly frustrating and risky," town council member Mat deGraaf said.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips added that the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) should be streamlined and simplified so more people can read it and understand it.

"I think personal communication is really important," council member Nicole DeMarco said.

Communication is important for local businesses, but some might want special treatment or think that some things do not apply to them, Phillips noted.

Issues do come up when businesses don't want various codes enforced on their establishment, leading to calls being made to the town expecting something to be done differently that would not apply

to other businesses, Phillips added. "If business support means that it changes how we enforce our code, I think we need to really think about that," she said.

Another survey response agreed that the town is not development friendly and that the town needs to switch its mindset from "What can we get?" to "How can we help?"

Streamlining the LUDC, hearing what developers are requesting and seeing what other communities are offering to developers that come in and offer something new to a town were also part of that response.

"I think updating the land use code would be huge; also for the council to be very clear in the direction it wants to go so that staff can feel more comfortable helping with initial discussions with developers," Wilcox read.

One survey response suggested finding a balance between simplifying the LUDC and maintaining safety in the community's building code, according to Wilcox.

"Regulations in and of themselves can be confusing, especially when we live in a society where exploration of loopholes is encouraged," deGraaf said.

By simplifying the LUDC, the town can take care of some of the problems that are confusing developers, council member Shari Pierce explained.

"I don't even know if I like having wiggle room. Maybe having parameters between this and this, but I think if you're going to have a code, you're going to say this is what it needs to be," Pierce said. "If you call it wiggle room, that's where we get into trouble with interpretation."

Going through the development process and the town is easy in the beginning, but eventually it feels like "you're being used by the town as their personal piggy bank to get items done as they see fit," council member Rory Burnett explained, citing his experiences.

"We need to come in as strategic partners and that's one thing I've heard from several developers, that it hasn't felt like the town is partnering in a lot of ways," Burnett said.

Sometimes it feels like the town is relying on developers to solve its problems, council member Mad-

eline Bergon added.

Burnett also added later in the meeting that, through conversations with developers, that council should not allow "naysayers that come through in public meetings" or "the loudest voices in the room to dictate away from a comprehensive goal."

By sticking with the town's comprehensive plan and goals, it will create confidence in leadership from developers, Burnett noted.

"There has been some uncertainty and inconsistency that has happened over the years," Burnett said. "We've seen developers come and go and do nothing, and there is a very strong reason and reality to that. I think a very easy goal is to make the comprehensive plan goals our top priority."

Another factor to consider is not just the town's role with enforcing the LUDC, but the town's various advisory boards, as well, Phillips noted.

The boards play an important role, along with staff, in enforcing the LUDC, she added.

Wilcox later raised the question on whether or not, based on survey responses, costly fees were a reason why the town was not development friendly.

deGraaf highlighted that the fact that impact fees are gone now is a big step toward those costs being lowered.

Another possible factor leading people to believe the town is not development friendly, based on survey responses, could be because of "poor staff customer service or interaction," Wilcox explained.

"I don't think we have a poor staff. I've never experienced poor customer service at the town," deGraaf said, adding that it could be tied into people not liking regulations.

Some projects can be complicated, but the town should be able to clearly explain the process and expectations to developers, Phillips explained later.

"If we're using people's developments to try and leverage too much, and it's causing things to not move forward, we might want to take a look at that," Phillips said.

Getting an easement for a trail is one thing, but requiring people to build other things that aren't related to that trail could be out of line, Phil-

lips added.

"Developers are not magicians," Burnett said. "If this was just an easy game you could make a ton of money at, everyone would be doing it."

Survey responses also addressed the amount and type of development within the town, Wilcox noted. Some responses encouraged the town to do more infill and mixed-use areas to encourage neighborhoods, Wilcox explained.

Other comments highlight respecting the historic portions of downtown Pagosa Springs as well as protecting businesses.

"We want to try and have an open mind," Phillips said in a follow-up interview on Aug. 11 in regard to the town and development, noting that the town might do a survey of the development community.

The town as a whole wants to have better communication with the development industry and have a clear and concise process for those who want to submit or proceed with development applications, Phillips explained.

"It shouldn't be a mystery as to what people need to do if they want to develop their property," she said.

Phillips again highlighted the process of rewriting the town's LUDC and noted the town is in the process of writing a request for proposals for a consultant to help with the job.

"The land use code is really important because it sets that vision for how we want to develop as a community and it should be tied into the comprehensive plan that we've adopted plus our other master plan," she said. "It's really important that it be clear and easy to understand for people who are wanting to make changes on their property."

The town wants to be consistent with its comprehensive plan goals, Phillips reiterated.

"Our advisory boards are important, as well. Just making sure that our advisory boards understand the goals of the comprehensive plan and town council's goals and initiatives and that they are making sure that when developments are coming forward that they are reviewing those in light of those goals and also with the Land Use and Development Code," she said. *chris@pagosasun.com*



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Support local nonprofit events virtually

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

Many of us are missing the events that occur in our community throughout the summer. The nonprofit organizations miss the support and, of course, the fun that goes along with hosting an event. The event-goers miss the fun, interaction and knowledge that they are helping out an organization for which they have a passion. There are a few events coming up that you can still support and have fun at — just virtually.

The first event to mention is the annual Auction for the Animals, hosted by the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs. This event will take place on Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m. In addition to the usual auction, there will also be a pet fashion show. Does your pet have what it takes to strut their stuff — even your bird? Send a picture of you and

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The other upcoming major event that happens around this time of year, and just a month after the Humane Society Auction, is the Seeds of Learning's Dancing with the Pagosa Stars. This popular event will also be virtual this year and will be held on Sept. 26, beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event may be purchased at <http://growingseeds.org/go/dance2020/> for \$55. Stars this year include Dr.

Jonathan Bonham, Jonathan Dobson, Blue Haas, Quinlan Quiros, Theresa Snyder and the youngest participant, Gabe Heraty (a former Seeds student). Once you purchase a ticket, you will be given a login code to view the event and also bid. You can cast your votes for your favorite dancer in advance or online the night of the event.

Here are a couple of things to remember when participating in these events. Many events rely heavily on sponsorships. Just because the event is virtual does not mean that you should not sponsor. With the event being virtual, you may get even more exposure through online presence. Contact either organization to find out about their sponsorship packages. An event sponsorship at this time of year may be a great marketing avenue for your business.

Don't watch the event alone. This is a great time to gather the family for some entertainment in

the comfort of your home. Another way to enjoy the event is gather a small group of people that you have been interacting with and host an at-home party. Virtual attendees can still enjoy company, laughter, food and beverages — just in smaller, safer groups. Have a contest within your group and see who could raise the most money for one of the stars or pool your resources and purchase a great item at the auction. There are lots of creative things you could do to still help out these organizations. Be a part of the creativity and support for these nonprofit agencies that are the fabric of our community and need your help more than ever now.

Visit their websites for more information about tickets or sponsorships, or donating an auction item or call their offices. This is the time to get creative, supportive and engaged in some community events.

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Town council to serve as fiscal sponsor for Pagosa Innovation Center

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council will serve as the fiscal sponsor for the Pagosa Innovation Center (PIC) following a presentation by one of its co-founders at a regular meeting on Aug. 4.

The PIC is seeking funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in order to renovate the old Powerhouse building, according to Town Manager Andrea Phillips.

The Powerhouse building will be renovated to establish co-working space locally as well as to house different startup organizations, among other things, Phillips described.

Phillips noted that Michael Whiting and his partners were planning on applying for a U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant.

"The project needs to be related to resiliency and response to the coronavirus pandemic, and

I think there is quite an interesting approach with this innovation center," Phillips said. "They are seeking \$2 million in federal funding. The total cost of the project is \$2.5 million."

During the meeting on Aug. 4, Whiting explained that the PIC is dedicated to multiple things regarding economic development in the community.

"The innovation center downtown is really three components. It's conference, training, and meeting and maker space," Whiting said. "The core purposes are to generate a culture of entrepreneurship in Archuleta County, a culture of business collaboration and competition as they say and also the exchange of knowledge between businesses."

The project was described by Whiting as an "infrastructure project" and designed to take advantage of the Powerhouse building's proximity to Town Park.

Whiting noted that he is excited to bring dis-

tinguished speakers to the building once the project is finished.

"Once the dust settles, we can start looking at small corporate retreats and conferences as a way to aggregate out of town businesses here so that we can entice them to relocate," Whiting said.

Whiting added later that the PIC will not apply for the grant until the organization is "pretty sure we've got a solid application."

It is very competitive for grant funding, Whiting explained, adding that there is \$150 million in requests and only \$90 million in funding available.

"We would know really rapidly because this is emergency recovery money. Most of the process has been compressed so the dollars can be deployed," Whiting said.

The motion for town council to serve as the fiscal sponsor for the PIC's pending grant application to the EDA was approved unanimously.

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SAN JUAN BASIN AREA AGENCY ON AGING NEWS

The Alzheimer's Association supported these bills signed into law

By Kay Kaylor
SUN 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.

Although the Colorado General Assembly's legislative session was delayed until mid-May and lawmakers dealt with a \$3.3 billion budget shortfall due to the pandemic, they passed several bills that support people living with Alzheimer's or other dementias and their caregivers. The Alzheimer's Association (AA) credits the State Champions, volunteers who com-

municate with their legislators, for making a difference.

Due to the House Bill titled Equity in Access to Clinical Trials in Medicaid, Medicaid will join Medicare and private insurance in covering routine costs associated with participating in approved clinical trials. Clinical trials research new tests and treatments. The routine costs are for medically necessary services normally covered by Medicaid, such as physician visits or lab tests. Thus, limited income will not be a barrier to participating in such trials.

Another House Bill closes existing loopholes in a program that requires a Colorado Adult Protective Services (CAPS) check before hiring direct care workers. The CAPS check searches for claims with evidence of mistreatment of an at-risk adult. To close one loophole, the bill adds penalties for employers who knowingly request a CAPS check inap-

propriately, such as on a potential long-term care resident rather than a volunteer or job applicant, or who provide false information. It also creates a new category of prohibited behavior against an at-risk adult to cover harmful actions not in the current law.

The bill further requires sending a positive CAPS check to the employer and parent company or oversight agency if the employer requesting it is also an employee. If an employer received a CAPS check and does not want to hire a person until later, the employer must request a new check. Finally, the bill requires cooperation with the department of human services investigating allegations of mistreatment.

A new Senate bill provides steps for people living with cognitive impairments, such as a traumatic brain injury or dementia, to "untangle themselves from the

criminal justice system," as the AA summary describes it. Depending on the charges, a case might be dismissed or a bond hearing held.

Another Senate bill requires Medicaid to reimburse rural health clinics and federal Indian and qualified health centers for telemedicine services at the same rate as in-person services. Telemedicine allows private electronic communication between a person and provider, such as by video. The bill also requires state-regulated health insurance plans to cover telehealth services. Some Medicaid covered telemedicine services include home health care, physical therapy and hospice care.

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.

VETERAN'S CORNER

The VA publishes final regulation for its Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

By Raymond Taylor
Archuleta County Veterans Service Office

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently published its final regulation to improve and expand the VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC), with the final regulation going into effect on Oct. 1.

Under the final regulation, PCAFC will include eligible veterans that have a single or combined service-connected disability rating by the VA of 70 percent or higher, regardless of whether it resulted from an injury, illness or disease.

This is a notable change to the definition of serious injury from the current regulations, among other improvements aimed at standardizing the PCAFC and improving transparency in the program.

Expansion of the VA's PCAFC to eligible veterans of earlier eras will occur in two phases. The first phase will begin October 2020 and will include eligible veterans who incurred or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty in the active, military, naval or air service on or before May 7, 1975. Phase two will go into effect two years later and include eligible veterans of all eras.

"The expanded regulation addresses the complexity and expense of keeping veterans at home with

their families who provide personalized care," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "This will allow our most vulnerable veterans to stay with their loved ones for as long as possible. Expanding the program and eligibility for the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers ensures we can continue to meet the changing needs of America's veterans and their caregivers."

Additionally, the new regulation will change the PCAFC stipend payment methodology, define new procedures for revocation and discharge, and include certain advance notice requirements aimed at improving communication between the VA and PCAFC participants, as well as include information for current program participants. The VA is also standardizing operating procedures for the Caregiver Support Program, providing new training for staff and caregivers, and boosting operational capacity by hiring additional staff. With this expansion, primary family caregivers in PCAFC will also have access to financial planning and legal services. The VA is also working to fully implement the new information technology system required by the VA MISSION Act of 2018 by October 2020.

The VA's Caregiver Support Program offers support services for caregivers including training, peer

mentoring, respite care, a telephone support line, and self-care courses for caregivers of covered veterans enrolled in VA health care who need personal care services.

Caregivers can visit the VA caregiver support website or call the Caregiver Support Line at (855) 260-3274 for questions.

If necessary, search for RIN 2900-AQ48, Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Improvements and Amendments under the VA MISSION Act of 2018.

Vets4Vets grant

The Vets4Vets has received a grant from the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This is to support veterans in our community through the following assistance: housing, utilities, mental health counseling, dental services, travel assistance, automobile repairs, gas and food cards and emergency veteran assistance.

Contact Vets4Vets at (970) 799-VETS or www.Vets4VetsPCSO.org.

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.



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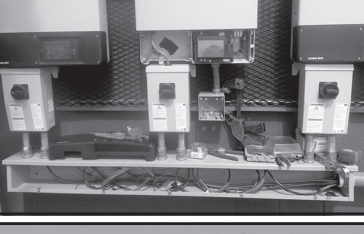


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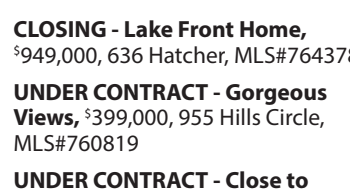
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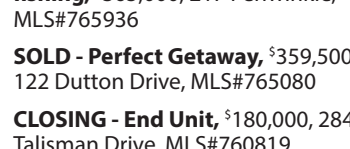
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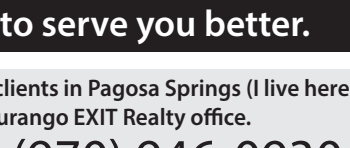
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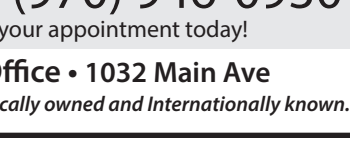
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The Board of Education of Archuleta School District 50 JT announces the vacancy of School Board Director District One (1). Candidates must live within the boundaries of Director District One (1). Legal descriptions of the Director Districts are available at mypagosaschools.com under the "School Board" tab, or by contacting Robyn Bennett at 970-264-2228 x 5401. A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

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?

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

Medical

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ber to accommodate the work.

PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb told The SUN Monday that while procedures such as colonoscopy and other gastrointestinal procedures, epidural and other injections will be able to continue in the procedure rooms, PSMC will not be doing either elective or nonelective surgery between Sept. 10 and 23.

Patients needing any surgeries urgently or emergently will be transferred to other facilities during that

time, Webb explained.

Infection control upgrades

PSMC is also moving forward with upgrades related to infection control in its Emergency Department (ED), outpatient clinic and front entrance vestibule.

According to the facilities report, "Staff recommends that to improve infection control at PSMC and to establish appropriate infection management for an infectious patient on a vent, PSMC should renovate Trauma 1 and 2 in the ED to negative

air pressure."

The anticipated cost of that work is \$119,035, according to the report, which notes PSMC is pursuing a DOLA grant opportunity available to special districts to reimburse for certain things related to COVID-19 to help with the project.

Following the report, the board unanimously approved the infection control renovation costs.

PSMC is also looking to create a direct entrance and two infection control outpatient treatment rooms

in the outpatient clinic.

"The scope includes mostly HVAC work, replace carpet with vinyl, doors, sidewalk. The quote is \$87,083," the report states, noting that the facilities committee approved proceeding with the project, which does not require board approval since it is less than \$100,000.

The report also discusses infection control changes for the front entrance vestibule that would allow the tent screening staff to move into the vestibule by the time the cold fall weather comes.

"The design maintains the front door entrance as it is but adds an 'air curtain' and a desk on southern end. An additional exit door would be added to the south side of the vestibule," the report notes.

Mees told his fellow board members on July 28 that the estimate for the vestibule was received that day and was for \$99,500, which was primarily for the HVAC work.

MRI

Despite previously approving the purchase of a new MRI machine in May, PSMC had to ask for new bids this summer after it was discovered the previously selected vendor had made an error in its estimate.

Staff then brought forward new quotes to the board on July 28, as well as a recommendation for the purchase of a Siemens Magentom

Altea MRI and modular building.

The resolution approving the purchase outlines the reasoning behind the purchase:

- That is financially responsible and the additional monthly cost can be covered by two additional studies per month, with the new MRI also providing new service capabilities. Further, purchasing the MRI machine will not have continuous lease payments and will pay off the machine at the end of 72 months.

- The platform is a 2020 model and should serve PSMC's needs for the next 20 years.

- "The MRI has enhanced orthopedic and neuro images with dedicated coil for each body part (whereas some options do not have specific dedicated coils);"

- The MRI will be able to serve larger patients (up to 550 pounds instead of the current 350 pounds), will have additional imaging capabilities, and will have a larger opening and music to reduce claustrophobia.

The machine comes with a monthly payment including service contract of \$28,958.80 and a purchase price of \$2,085,033.60.

The facilities report lists the following "Issue to resolve": additional power capability, water, a canopy, a lift/ramp and fire protection.

Mees suggested during the meeting that the additional work to house the MRI would cost less than

\$50,000.

Oxygen system

The facilities report also discusses PSMC's oxygen system and "Issue of needing a long-term solution for additional oxygen supply."

The report notes that PSMC is considering bulk storage or oxygen generation and would like a consultant to advise on regulatory and other issues associated with oxygen generation.

"If we went with oxygen generation, we would be the first in continental US to do this (this is used in Alaska, Hawaii and Guam). In terms of location one option is zircon with plumbing," the report states.

The report further notes that the facilities committee approved retaining a consultant, with Douglas stating that consultant would cost about \$10,000.

During the meeting, Douglas noted another benefit of oxygen generation could be the ability to fill tanks in the event of an emergency or pandemic.

She noted the technology has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration, but is not readily used, though she knows of another hospital also looking into it.

Mees noted it would take 45-60 days for the consultant to see if PSMC is a candidate and what the budget would be.

SJBPH

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On Tuesday, after Jollon had traveled to Oregon to interview for the position, she sent an update to her board via email.

"While I appreciated the opportunity to explore the role of public health director for Benton County, OR, I withdrew my candidacy this morning," she wrote.

"I've lived in southwest Colorado, I've been part of this community for two decades," said Jollon in an interview Wednesday when asked about her reasons for withdrawing her candidacy. "I've been with San Juan Basin Public Health for 10 years, and you know — it was flattering and wonderful to check out another community, but ultimately, I have deep roots and a long-standing commitment to this home."

Archuleta County considers breaking ties

For the past few months, Archuleta County commissioners Ron Maez and Alvin Schaaf have expressed they want to investigate either forming an Archuleta County health department or joining a different agency.

Commissioner Steve Wadley has expressed he believes Archuleta County is getting a good deal in what it pays SJBPH.

Archuleta County gives \$132,924 annually to SJBPH, according to Claire Ninde, communications director for SJBPH.

Ninde wrote in an email to The SUN in June that La Plata and Archuleta counties each pay \$9.67 per capita, while the state average is about \$20 per capita.

In a phone call Wednesday, Maez outlined his main concerns with

SJBPH, which include:

- His desire for more local control of health issues in Archuleta County.
- Reducing the high cost of septic systems.

- That he takes issue with the Board of Health's decision to adopt "Transfer of Title Inspections," which is not mandated by state law and requires septic systems to be inspected prior to the sale of most homes.

Schaaf did not respond to a SUN request for comment by press time Wednesday.

In her interview Wednesday, Jollon explained she has not received any information from the Archuleta County commissioners about their concerns with the health department, besides what she's read in The SUN.

At their work session on Tuesday, the Archuleta County commissioners discussed that they are directing county staff to form a committee to investigate establishing a county public health agency.

Maez noted a list of five "possible committee members" has been identified, though no one has committed to serving.

Maez also outlined the goals for the committee, which include:

- "Investigate the feasibility of creating an independent county public health agency vs. joining another health district vs. remaining with San Juan Basin Public Health," and
- "Determine the financial viability and service improvements to each option..."

Maez explained the group is expected to review SJBPH's bylaws, rules and regulations, fee schedules, revenues and expenditures, staffing levels in Archuleta County and the

communication the agency has with emergency managers and elected officials.

It is unclear when the committee members will be finalized or when the group will meet.

"We also need someone looking at the financial end of it to take a hard look at what housing the new agency would cost, vehicles, the infrastructure. Because if San Juan Basin leaves, they take everything with them," Wadley said.

In a phone call Tuesday, Maez stressed that the county is still in the beginning stages of investigating what to do regarding the health department and that no decisions have been made yet, and probably won't be for awhile.

SJBPH board meeting

At the SJBPH Board of Health meeting on July 30, the board passed Resolution 2020-06, "Requesting a Joint Meeting of the La Plata and Archuleta County Commissioners, Board of Health and Respective Counsel to Discuss the Future of the Health District."

That resolution reads, "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH:

"The Board of Health for San Juan Basin Public Health respectfully requests a joint meeting with the La Plata County Board of Commissioners, the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners and their respective counsel to discuss the future of the Health District."

In a phone call Wednesday, Maez explained that all groups are proposing times to meet, but that no date or time has been agreed upon.

"As of today, a time for that meeting is not set," wrote SJBPH Board of Health President Ann Bruzese in an email to The SUN on Wednesday morning.

Correction

In the Aug. 6 edition of the The SUN, in the article "Public health director finalist for position in Washington State," it was mistakenly reported that Liane Jollon was a finalist for a job in Benton County, Wash.

In fact, Jollon was a finalist for a position in Benton County, Ore. The SUN regrets the error.

Transportation

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they'll be enclosed and out of the elements."

Archuleta noted the transportation facility will "sit at the center" of the Town to Pagosa Lakes Trail system and Pagosa Springs Planning Director James Dickhoff told The SUN Wednesday that, hopefully, within one to three years, Harman Park and the transportation building will be connected via trail to both downtown Pagosa Springs and to the trail system in Pagosa Lakes.

In an email, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Southwest Regional Communications Manager Lisa Schwantes commented on the grant money.

"CDOT is excited about this positive move forward for the residents

of Archuleta County and Pagosa Springs. The successful grant will allow for increased and more reliable bus service for local residents to access needed healthcare and other critical services in neighboring communities where those services are available," she wrote.

Archuleta explained that construction on the transportation facility is expected to begin in 2022 or 2023.

He added that Archuleta County is required to put up about \$190,000 as a match for the grant, but may be able to use the property it already owns at Harman Park, where the transportation center will be built, as the match.

Bus to Durango

Separate from the grant for the

new bus and transportation facility, Archuleta also commented on a proposed bus route between Pagosa Springs and Durango.

Archuleta explained that while nothing has been finalized, Archuleta County has received funding to initially plan out the specifics of the route.

"We have been awarded the planning budget to see how that would work," he said.

He said he's currently working with different consulting firms to do the planning, but "that's not set in stone yet."

More information about the county's transportation programs can be found at www.archuleta-county.org/520/Transportation.

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Archuleta County COVID-19 case count

The following information was current as of press time Wednesday.

San Juan Basin Public Health data:

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Residents recovered: 12
Nonresidents: 34

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Vacancy

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longer have a residence in District 1.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my seven years on school board," Lindner wrote. "I learned a lot, forged friendships and professional relationships, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have had an impact on the education of the children in our community. I certainly would have preferred to serve out my second term, but the sale of our house is a necessity in my family's life right now. I am committed to continuing to serve our district in whatever capacity I can as a community member."

Lindner was elected to the board in November 2013.

At its July meeting, the BOE approved a resolution accepting Lindner's resignation and announcing the vacancy, which it notes must be filled by appointment within 60 days.

According to the approved resolution, anyone interested is invited to send a letter to the board with a statement of interest and qualifications by Aug. 27.

Those letters should be delivered to the district office at 309 Lewis St.; sent by email to rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us; or sent by mail to: Executive Assistant Robyn Bennett, P.O. 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?

The board will then interview prospective candidates at a 5 p.m. public meeting on Sept. 8. The appointee will serve until the board's next regular biennial election in November 2021.

District 1 eligibility

To be eligible to fill the vacancy, a candidate must be a registered elector of the school district and a resident of director District 1.

Citizens who are interested in applying but who are unsure of what director district they reside in can go to govotecolorado.gov, then to "Find my registration" to find out which school board precinct they reside in, which is located under the "County & District Information" tab.

The district explains the boundaries of District 1 as: "Beginning at the intersection of Hwy 160 and County Rd (CR) 600, the boundary line of Director District #1 shall run

North along CR 600 to the intersection of Steven's Lake Rd, thence

Northerly along Steven's Lake Rd to the intersection of Dutton Creek, thence North along Dutton Creek to the intersection of US Forest Service Rd (USFS RD) 661, thence Northeast along USFS RD 661 to the intersection of CR 400, thence

North along CR 400 to the Archuleta/Mineral County line, thence West along the Archuleta/Mineral County line, thence North along the Archuleta/Mineral County line to the Archuleta/Hinsdale County line, thence continuing North along the Mineral/Hinsdale County line to the Continental Divide, thence West

along the Continental Divide to the East line of La Plata County, thence South along the common boundary of the La Plata/Hinsdale County line to the Northwest boundary of Archuleta County, thence East along the common boundary of Archuleta/Hinsdale County to CR 600, thence

Southerly along CR 600 to North Pagosa Blvd, thence South along North Pagosa Blvd to the intersection of Hwy 160, thence East along Hwy 160 to the beginning point where Hwy 160 intersects with CR 600."

A map is also available on ASD's website.

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Reynolds Ash + Associates promotes architect

Reynolds Ash + Associates Architecture & Engineering, Durango and Pagosa Springs, has promoted Elizabeth Boone to Principal.

Elizabeth was recently awarded Graduate of the Last Decade from her alma mater Ball State University's College of Architecture and Planning.

Elizabeth graduated with a Masters of Architecture in 2010, became a licensed architect in 2013 and is RA+A's USGBC LEED accredited professional.

Elizabeth joined RA+A in 2016. Elizabeth has had the opportunity to work on a wide

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Elizabeth Boone

Town manager contract extended for three years

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A new three-year employment agreement for Town Manager Andrea Phillips was approved unanimously by the Pagosa Springs Town Council at a regular meeting on Aug. 4.

Town council had originally approved a three-year employment agreement with Phillips in August of 2017 which was set to end on Aug. 16, according to agenda docu-

mentation. Phillips' original employment agreement in 2017 included a salary of \$90,000.

According to Town Clerk April Hessman, a compensation survey implemented in 2019 along with cost of living/merit



Andrea Phillips

increase have increased her pay. The new agreement extends Phillips' current base annual salary of \$102,177.67 for a period of three years, until Aug. 16, 2023, according to agenda documentation.

Recently, town council completed its yearly review with Phillips to review goals and performance. Town Clerk April Hessman explained during the meeting.

"I am looking forward to working with Andrea for another three years," Hessman said.

In a follow-up interview on Wednesday, Phillips explained that she is excited to serve the Pagosa Springs community for another three years.

"We have been working on a lot of great projects and I'm excited to move those forward. I think we have a really great team right now between the staff and the council and our district advisory boards. I'm really excited," she said.

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Town sanitation district awards project to improve lift station communication

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A project contract worth \$179,220 was awarded to Echo IT Consulting for an upgrade to the Pagosa Springs General Improvement District's (PSSGID) supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system.

According to Town Public Works Director Martin Schmidt, town staff had applied for a grant to improve communications between the PSSGID's lift stations back in 2019.

"What happens with our lift stations is they're connected through the Internet. So, anytime the Internet is down at your house, the Internet at our lift station goes down," Schmidt said. "It can severely impact our ability to pump sewage both at our large and small lift stations."

Through research, staff identi-

fied a need to create a "intranet" or connections that the PSSGID could control that was not reliant on an Internet service provider (ISP), Schmidt noted.

"Basically, what we want is a very stable communication system that isn't relying on somebody down 84 crashing into an Internet box and crashing our communication system for an unknown amount of time," Schmidt said.

According to Schmidt, a grant was applied for through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), specifically entitled the Water Quality Control Division grant.

That grant was aimed at improving the communications network between the lift stations in the PSSGID to reduce the possibility of a failure resulting in a spill of sewage, Schmidt noted.

The CDPHE awarded the PSS-

GID with a grant worth \$156,000, according to Schmidt, to which the district needs to match \$23,404 of its own funds, creating a total project cost of \$179,428.

Echo IT's bid presented two options for the PSSGID to consider, one which involved buried fiber connectivity between the district's different lift stations, Schmidt noted.

"This fiber connectivity would tie into an existing town/county-owned SCAN fiber and utilize a potential fiber swap with LPEA that's in the works currently," Schmidt said.

Fiber is the most expensive option, Schmidt explained, noting that this bid only comes "a couple hundred dollars" below the grant amount.

Another option that was described as "workable but not ideal" involves the use of cellular repeater towers with fixed ISP addresses,

Schmidt explained.

"It would give us a lot of stability, but it wouldn't give us that stand-alone intranet system," he said. "Staff really feels like Echo IT has given us options to connect every one of the lift stations either with fiber, with an ethernet radio transmitter or with a cellular transmitter and keep us below the total grant amount."

Additionally, staff feels like Echo's bid allows for the PSSGID to choose the best connectivity for each one of the different lift stations, Schmidt added.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips noted that the PSSGID had budgeted to receive the grant and for the match as well.

The motion to award the project to Echo IT for \$179,220 was approved unanimously by the PSSGID board.

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Alternative high school building and plan fees waived by town council

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Building permit and plan review fees were waived by the Pagosa Springs Town Council at a regular meeting on Aug. 4 for a modular building that will house Archuleta School District's (ASD) new alternative high school.

ASD is moving forward with a modular building to serve its students in the newly formed San Juan Mountain School, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained during the meeting.

Calculated building permit fees are about \$2,812, while the plan review fee is \$1,406,

for a total cost of \$4,218, according to agenda documentation.

"I do think that the school district is an intergovernmental partnership with the town. They are going to be expanding their programming, and I think it's an important community priority that they have put forward," Phillips said.

Council member Nicole DeMarco added that this project supports the state's objective of having alternative education opportunities.

"The school district has been a good partner for us on a lot of things," council member Mat deGraaf said. "I want to continue that re-

lationship, and \$4,200 is a small price to pay."

An alternative high school is needed in the Pagosa Springs community, deGraaf explained, adding that a lot of people will benefit from it.

Other business

Also during the Aug. 5 meeting, town council approved Ordinance 953 on second reading, which accepts land for the South 6th Street extension and town maintenance facility expansion.

Council member Shari Pierce recused herself from the discussion and vote.

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Phillips, Schultz receive professional designations in local government management and planning

Town of Pagosa Springs

Two town employees were recently notified that they have received professional certifications through two separate organizations.

Andrea Phillips, town manager of Pagosa Springs, recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA, the International City/County Management Association. Phillips is one of more than 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program and one of 50 in Colorado.

Cindy Schultz, senior planner for the Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Department, is now certified through the American Institute of Certified Planners through the American Planning Association (APA). This designation is a professional stamp of approval for planners and ensures a commitment to ethics.

"This is a big deal for both of us.

The town places a premium on continuous learning and these certifications help in upholding professional standards," said Phillips. "Cindy and I worked hard to achieve these personal and professional goals, and we believe this demonstrates our commitment to public service and to the Town of Pagosa Springs."

ICMA's mission is to advance professional local government through leadership, management, innovation and ethics, and by increasing the proficiency of appointed chief administrative officers, assistant administrators and other employees who serve local governments and regional entities around the world. The organization's 13,000 members in 27 countries also include educators, students and other local government employees.

To receive the ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related

field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

Phillips is qualified by master's degrees in public policy and management and city and regional planning and 17 years of service in the public sector, including seven years in professional local government executive experience. Prior to her appointment in August of 2017 as town manager of Pagosa Springs, she served as town administrator in Mancos, Colo.

APA's mission is "Creating Great Communities for All." The organization seeks to advance planning

through leadership in education, research, advocacy and ethical practice. To become a certified AICP planner, a combination of education and experience in the planning field is required, along with successful passage of a comprehensive exam.

Schultz holds a bachelor's degree in environmental design and is working on her master's thesis on affordable housing. She has 11 years of experience in planning. Prior to her work with the town, which began in 2017, she was the planning manager for Archuleta County and program manager at San Juan Basin Public Health.

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Education

Pirate golf set to tee off season Friday

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The first of the Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate sports is swinging into action this week, with the Pirate golf team slated to take part in a tournament in Alamosa tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 14.

Golf is the first sport to begin this year, and is one of two sports (along with cross-country) PSHS will take part in this fall under the Colorado High School Activities Association's modified season schedule.

The team was capped at 20 student-athletes this year, coach Mark Faber explained, and due to the changes in sports seasons because of COVID-19, the team is seeing student-athletes coming from other fall sports like football and soccer.

Faber noted the team looks to be led by a number of golfers with varsity experience, namely senior Taylor Cotts, who represented the team at the state tournament last year.

Cotts ended his first time at the state tournament last year in a three-way tie for 66th.

Also returning to the team with varsity experience are seniors Dylan Manzanares and Britton Peterson, junior Ethan Robel and sophomore Braylon Cotts.

Some of the team's new mem-

bers, the coach noted, have experience golfing, but not in a high school setting because they've played football and soccer.

"In general, I think we'll be competitive," Faber said.

The coach noted the team, which began practicing on Aug. 3, is ready for competition.

"We're ready to go," he said.

The teams are scheduled to tee off at 9 a.m. in Alamosa Friday.

As of Tuesday, Faber was unsure of how many Pirates would be able to travel to each tournament, with that number depending on the host courses and schools.

Despite the changes brought on by the pandemic, Faber explained he and his assistant coach are working to make things as similar to previous years as possible, but acknowledged there are differences.

"We're trying to make things as normal for the kids as possible," he said, adding, "We're actually having to practice some of them on different days so we don't have too many up there at one time. It's just different. It just makes it different."

Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of Wednesday, but is subject to change. All tournaments are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Following this week's tournament, the Pirates will be off until Aug. 27, when they head to Cortez for a tournament.

Then, on Sept. 2, the Pirates are scheduled to host their home tournament at Pagosa Springs Golf Club, which is currently slated to begin at 10:30 a.m. with tee times.

Faber noted the tee times will help to avoid crowds.

At this point, he explained, it looks like spectators will be allowed under special guidelines.

On Sept. 9, the team will head to Gunnison for the Gunnison tournament.

The team will head to Monte Vista for a tournament on Sept. 11, which will be followed by a pair of tournaments in the Durango area, at Hillcrest Golf Club and Dalton Ranch Golf Club, on Sept. 14 and 15.

The Pirates will then head to the regional tournament at Hollydot Golf Course in Colorado City on Sept. 22 and will look to earn a trip to the state tournament in Gunnison on Oct. 5 and 6.

The team also anticipates scheduling an Intermountain League tournament, Faber said.

"That's really subject to change," Faber said of the schedule. "At this point, we're attempting to follow that schedule to the best of our ability."

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Pagosa Peak Open School launches meal program

By Alison Beach
Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) has announced its new meal program for the 2020-21 school year. This program will include breakfast and lunch offerings, as well as free and reduced lunches.

Due to COVID-19, we will utilize a Meals in the Classroom program to keep students in their physical-distancing groups. Using this model, students will have a grab-and-go model for breakfast and be allowed time in class to eat. For lunch, meals will be delivered to the classroom and teachers will be filling in the role of distributing meals in class.

At the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, PPOS won't have a completed kitchen on-site to cook healthy meals, so the school is partnering with Best Western to use its kitchen. Due to its close location to the school, PPOS will be able to transport food in a safe and timely manner allowing students to enjoy fresh meals during school hours. Once we complete our kitchen and after COVID, PPOS looks forward to parent involvement serving meals.

Lexi Bernstein, formally an AmeriCorps Food Security Champion who served at PPOS in the 2019-20 school year, will be running the meal program starting in the fall.

"My passion for healthy food was rooted during my childhood," explained Bernstein, "but came to fruition when I went to college and realized many people didn't have the same upbringing I did. Gardening, composting and family-style meals were a part of my life I wanted to share with families who might struggle to provide. Our brains, bodies and emotions are linked so closely with what we eat, I feel without healthy and nutritious foods, as well as proper food education, we are unable to shine to our full potential."

Bernstein added, "I am so excited to be working at PPOS during this time and see how much we can grow and push our creative framework. Although I won't be able to interact with students as much as last year, I am hopeful we will be able to continue our nutrition education and food security awareness through the Meals in the Classroom program." The school is utilizing family-

titank12.com to keep families informed of meal choices and students' account balances. This portal is a way to keep tabs on how much money is in students' accounts and has digitized the family income paperwork for the school, which allows students to utilize a payment plan for meals. Free and reduced lunches are priced at \$0, while a full-price student breakfast is \$1.60 and a full-price student lunch is \$3.10. Adult/staff breakfast and lunch will cost \$2.10 and \$3.75, respectively.

In the spirit of PPOS's connection to food, the charter school wants to include as much local food and cooking from scratch as possible, although it will take some time to iron out bumps in the system. The school is also planning to include students in creating the meal plan in the future to increase the variety of food offered. As of now, this meal plan includes breakfast items like strawberry banana pancakes, egg and sausage burritos and yogurt parfaits. For lunch, PPOS will strive to give students some options for meals every day. Current meals include veggie or classic lasagna, pizza Fridays, tater tot casserole and more.

State immunization rate reaches important milestone: Local statistics tell a different story

By Claire Ninde
San Juan Basin Public Health

As Colorado reaches an important immunization milestone, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) urges parents not to delay important doctor visits for infants, children and adolescents.

In July, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) announced it exceeded a 2019-20 goal to have

at least 90 percent of Colorado's kindergartners vaccinated against measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR). This represents an improvement over 2018-19 when Colorado ranked last among all U.S. states with a kindergarten MMR vaccination rate of just 87.4 percent.

Childhood vaccinations help build "community immunity" (also known as "herd immunity") to protect an entire population. Commu-

nity immunity also protects people who can't be vaccinated due to age, a compromised immune system or underlying illness. In order to reach community immunity, MMR vaccine rates need to be between 93 and 95 percent.

In La Plata and Archuleta counties, however, only 88 percent of kindergartners received MMR vaccination during 2019-20. SJBPH warns that the region's already low

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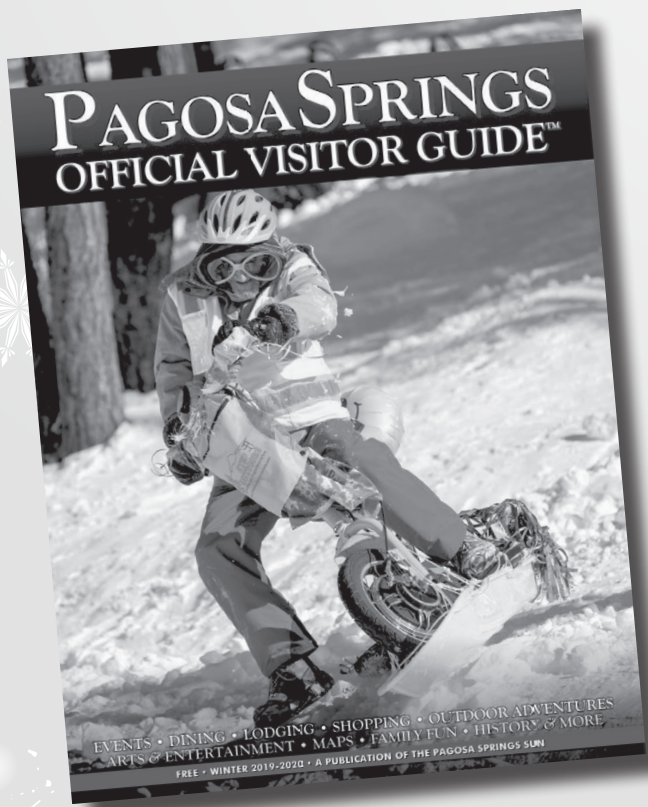
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School district to announce reopening model Monday

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Archuleta School District (ASD) anticipates announcing next Monday, Aug. 17, how students will begin the school year on Sept. 8 — either online only or a hybrid of online and in-person instruction.

“Right now, what we’re waiting on is getting close enough to time on Monday,” ASD Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza told the ASD Board of Education Tuesday. “We have a communication plan built where we will communicate out where we can begin the school year, whether it’s online or whether it’s a hybrid/blended. A hundred percent in person is not realistic because we’re not at Protect our Neighbor. We’re not there yet, so it’s going to have to be one or the other depending on what our data is telling us and what San Juan Basin Health is telling us.”

LeBlanc-Esparza updated the board on the reopening process at its meeting Tuesday evening and answered questions from the board relating to the plan.

The superintendent explained that the decision will be announced Monday because the majority of the state’s current executive orders are set to expire Aug. 15, and the district will know what is extended and what orders will likely be in place at the start of school.

It also, she noted, gives families three weeks before the start of school to plan.

In presenting the plan update, LeBlanc-Esparza outlined, among other information, survey data from two rounds of surveys sent to parents and staff (which included that a majority of respondents continue to be comfortable with face-to-face instruction), the learning models and precautions that will be in place.

She also outlined new guidance received recently concerning the reopening of schools, with those guidelines coming from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Those guidelines cover things such as social distancing, cleaning and sanitizing, daily screening, cohorting of students and the limits on the number of adults allowed in each classroom per day, face coverings, and controlling outbreaks and mitigation with isolation, quarantine and contact tracing.

Cohorting, she explained, refers to keeping groups of students

together to reduce the mixing of students and potential spread of coronavirus.

The guidance on outbreaks and mitigation, she noted, received the most pushback across the state, with some of that language later changed.

She noted later in the meeting that, in the event of a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, SJBPH would designate what groups of students would be notified, who would be held out of school and for how long.

Online learning models

LeBlanc-Esparza presented that ASD has both a parent-choice online model and a district-driven online model.

Under the parent-choice online model, for those students who will receive online-only instruction, students will still be ASD students, but they will take classes through Colorado Digital Learning Solutions (CDLS), which is working with the majority of districts in the state.

CDLS, she explained, has K-12 availability, includes AP course options at the secondary level and is broken into semesters.

The district-driven online model would be put in place if and when a health phase “dictates a need for families and students to stay at home,” the superintendent’s presentation notes.

In that event, ASD teachers will meet the needs of students, LeBlanc-Esparza told the board.

“Teachers will have access to quality online learning instruction resources to build lessons/units of study,” the presentation reads, adding, “Technology will be used to connect with students virtually on regularly scheduled times.”

Blended/hybrid learning model

The blended/hybrid learning model would include two to four days of in-person education at school each week combined with one to three days of digital, online learning, the presentation explains.

“This model will be utilized when it is safe for students to be educated in person, but there is still a need for additional time to clean and sanitize as well as a need for additional planning in order to serve students with both in-person and digital learning,” the presentation states.

The presentation explains, “The district will assign roughly half of students to a M-T schedule and half to a W-Th schedule. We will

ensure that families are assigned to the same in-person days, if there are different last names in a family. Last names A-L will be in the Monday-Tuesday cohort and M-Z will be in the Wednesday-Thursday cohort.”

All students will learn remotely/online on Friday and teachers will use Fridays for professional development and planning.

“We also must use this time for cleaning and sanitizing schools between cohorts of students,” the presentation states.

It adds, “Students defined as at-risk and those served by an IEP will attend schools in-person on Friday to receive specialized services.”

ASD has also created a Web page about what the in-person and online days would look like for each school and what guidance is in place.

That resource is available at: tinyurl.com/y4laud7r.

Health and safety precautions

LeBlanc-Esparza’s presentation outlines a number of precautions: daily screenings, masks, hand-washing, hand sanitizer stations, cleaning and washing high-touch surfaces, one-way hall patterns of traffic, staggered lunches to limit interaction, staggered recess to limit interaction, a schedule to limit the number of adult interactions for kids, no visitors into schools, and no community use of facilities.

The district will use a health screening app for parents to input daily screening data into, the superintendent explained, and temperatures will be taken every day when students arrive at school or before they board a bus.

Later in the presentation, Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares explained that staff members who may be immunocompromised or who have concerns about returning to work are encouraged to speak with their supervisor and, if needed, submit a request for reasonable accommodation.

LeBlanc-Esparza noted that fewer than 10 percent of staff survey respondents indicated there may be issues, and the district had yet to receive any requests.

LeBlanc-Esparza noted during the meeting that the district has asked if teachers will be prioritized in testing for COVID-19.

School registration

Registration is now underway for ASD students and will continue until Sept. 18.

For more information on registering a student, visit the applicable school’s page at www.mypagosaschools.com.

On Tuesday, LeBlanc-Esparza noted that those registering students who are interested in using the online-only option through Colorado Digital Learning Solutions should note the semester runs from Aug. 26-Dec. 17.

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July Safe2Tell report shows slight increase in tips compared to 2019

Attorney General Phil Weiser’s office

July 2020 Safe2Tell tip volume increased over July 2019, according to the monthly report released today.

In July, Safe2Tell received 573 tips, a 4 percent increase in monthly tip volume compared to the same month last year. During the 2019-2020 Safe2Tell school year that ended July 31, the program received 20,822 tips, a 7 percent decrease from 2018-19 school year due to extended school closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“As parents and students are making tentative plans for a school year unlike any they’ve encountered before due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they are also facing unique challenges,” said Attorney General Phil Weiser. “We all need to be aware that students are dealing with added stressors this school year, and Safe2Tell will continue to be an available resource for reporting safety concerns.”

Suicide threats (140), welfare checks (40) and drugs (38) were the top three categories of tips reported to the program in July.

Welfare checks are usually reports that express concern about a peer. They can be suicide-related or just general concern for a peer’s safety.

False tips remain at approximately 2.5 percent of all tips submitted. False tips are those that contain untrue information and are submitted with the intent to harm, injure or bully another person.

Essi Ellis, director of Safe2Tell, said Safe2Tell will continue to be a valuable resource as parents and

children look ahead to a return to school.

“We repeatedly see evidence that Safe2Tell helps address safety concerns and protect youth in our Colorado communities,” said Ellis. “As we look ahead to an uncertain school year, Safe2Tell will continue to be available to students, parents and community members to report safety concerns in and out of school.”

In July, anonymous tips from students and other individuals successfully helped protect students’ safety. For example:

- A tip was submitted to Safe2Tell regarding an inappropriate relationship between an adult and a minor. A police investigation led to multiple charges being filed against the adult involved.

The following is an example of misuse of the Safe2Tell program:

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Immunization

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childhood vaccination rates could drop even further as parents put off doctor visits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Routine well-child visits are being postponed and some parents are avoiding going to the doctor for fear of contracting the coronavirus,” said Liane Jollon, SJBPH executive director. “However, vaccines protect against life-threatening diseases and protecting your child’s immune system are especially important this school year. Doctors’ offices practice thorough infection control and the risk of contracting the virus while at a vaccination appointment is very low. We encourage all families to continue their well-child appointments and receive the recommended vaccinations.”

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk of contracting and spreading diseases to others, including classmates and family members. Local health care providers have implemented appropriate office, cleaning and PPE procedures to make it safe for babies and children to get vaccines. Parents with concerns about in-person doctor visits should call their local health care provider to get details on safety precautions and to answer any questions they have.

Families who lack insurance or can’t afford care should contact SJBPH’s Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. The program is

federally funded to provide vaccinations to children regardless of ability to pay. Children who are 0-18 years of age qualify if they:

- are insured through Medicaid or are Medicaid eligible,
- are Native American/Native Alaskan,
- have no health insurance,
- are underinsured — meaning that their health insurance does not cover the vaccine, or
- have reached their vaccine cap.

The VFC program can be reached at 335-2015.

Parents and guardians can find out more about the required school immunizations and recommended schedule at: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/>.

Colorado also has the following tools to help parents and guardians make informed choices about vaccinating their children:

- SpreadTheVaxFacts.com guides people through information and misinformation about vaccines with advice from Colorado doctors who also are parents.
- COVax4Kids.org helps people find out if their children are eligible for low- or no-cost vaccines and helps them find a provider who gives them.
- COVaxRecords.org lets people know how to request vaccination records for their children.

For more information about SJBPH’s immunization clinic and hours, please visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/immunizations/>.

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Outdoors

Public Notices

South River Peak rockslide impacts the Continental Divide Trail

By Esther Godson
San Juan National Forest

A rockslide near South River Peak has impacted a section of the Continental Divide Trail (CDT) on the Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest.

The rockslide covered approximately 30 feet of the trail. The impacted section has significant exposure and rocks are highly unstable as the slide continues to shift.

Trail crews will not be able to fix the trail this year due to the location and expected continuing shifting and potential growth of the rockslide. Signs will be posted at common access points and trailheads to this area.

Forest recreation managers strongly advise trail users to avoid this section. The section of trail is completely impassable for stock users and very dangerous for hikers.

For more information, please contact the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268. For information on accessing the CDT from the Rio Grande National Forest side, please contact the Divide Ranger District at (719) 850-2374.

When visiting the national forest, please follow Leave No Trace principals and visit Know Before You Go: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/know-before-you-go>.

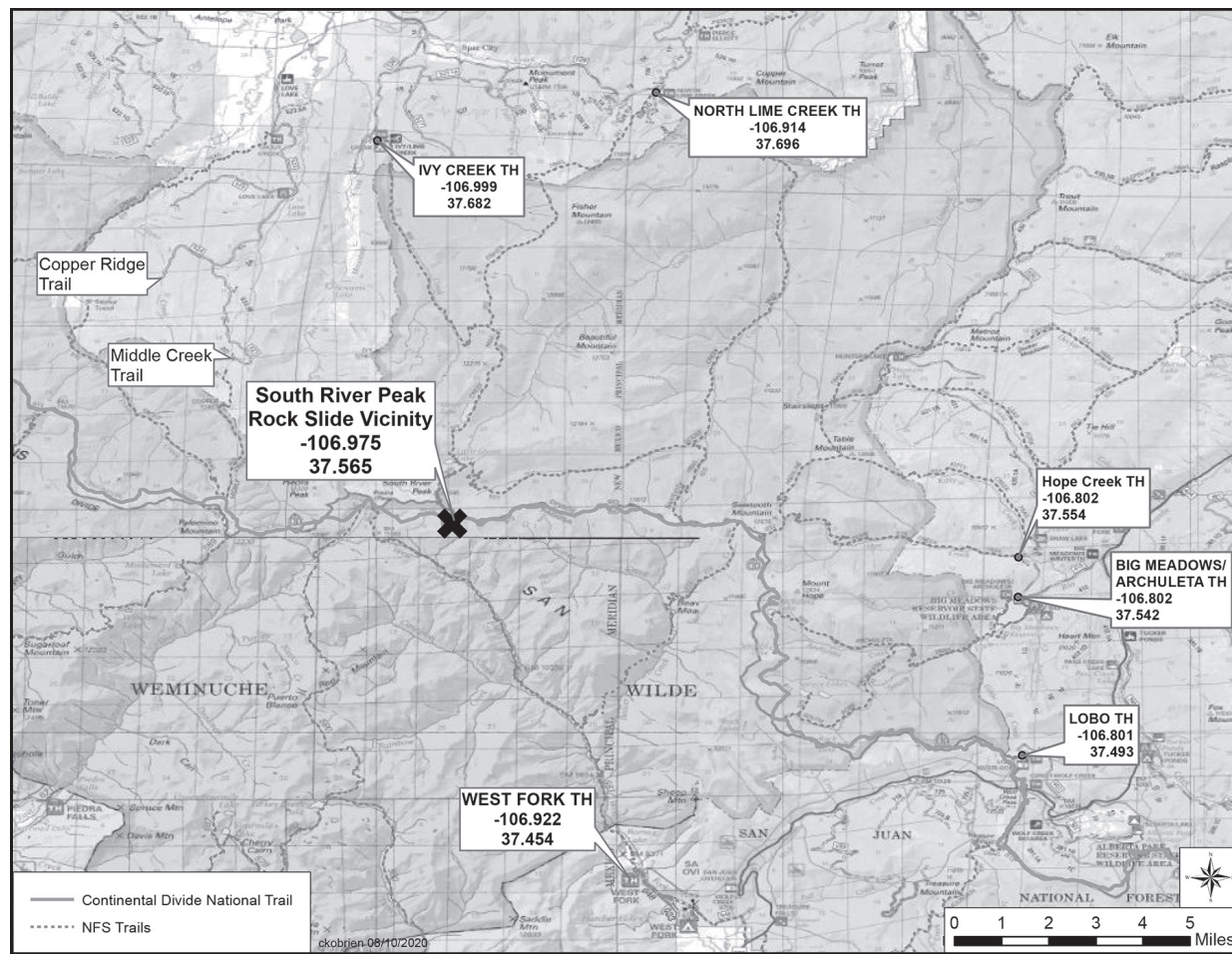


Illustration courtesy San Juan National Forest

Map of impacted trail area with common access points and trailheads identified.

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.

WRITERS ON THE RANGE

If you like birds and fish, hug a cow

By Pat and Sharon O'Toole
SUN Columnists

You don't hear this from former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt or the usual suspects whose goal is to end many water diversions from the Colorado River, but it's true. Rural landscapes and wildlife need ranching and irrigated agriculture to survive.

Without irrigation, think high desert. Without irrigation in this time of extended drought, less late water will be there for fish, birds and other riparian-dependent species. Wildlife habitat would be traded for urban growth if groups like Western Watersheds and the Center for Biological Diversity have their way.

How can this be when the drum-beat narrative says that without cattle or irrigated crops such as hay, the stressed river could recover? If you believe The Guardian newspaper, "U.S. rivers and lakes are shrinking for a surprising reason: cows." Another British publication, Nature, wrote that in the Western United States, cattle are responsible for 23 percent of water use — or 32 percent, depending on the article — and more than 50 percent in the Colorado River basin.

Reputable scientists disagree. Leonard Bull, animal science professor at North Carolina State University, said, "The question that needs answered is how much water is used? And how do you 'charge' that water use if it falls on grazing land that is not suitable for alternative food production?"

"Livestock consume water, excrete most of it, and meat has about 72 percent water in the lean portion. Does the water excreted in exhaled breath, urine and manure get a credit for recycling against consumed? This is sort of like chasing carbon," he said (from personal interview with Bull on July 9).

Irrigation is likewise under attack. In reality, irrigation in the western river valleys plays a key role in sustaining wetlands and riparian areas season-long. The green ribbons of irrigated pasture

and hay land provide important habitat connectivity for sandhill cranes and other birds on their epic annual migrations. These agriculturally sustained wetlands also provide habitat for many other wildlife species.

Migratory birds are the true canary in the "buy and dry" or just "dry" schemes proposed by the anti-cow vigilantes. Though an assessment reported in Science blames habitat reduction for the loss of nearly 3 billion birds in the last 50 years, how much more would be lost if irrigated lands become ephemeral streams?

If irrigation is eliminated, a cascade of negative events could result. Instead of flooded fields recharging underlying aquifers, a dry landscape would hold no water. No longer would groundwater feed springs and discharge water in the late season when fish and other riparian species need it most. Early water left in the river does not necessarily benefit fish, as that water flows away with the snow runoff, which climate change is bringing earlier in spring. Most of the early flows would end up in Lake Mead and Lake Powell for storage.

And that is the real point of Babbitt's proposal to buy up some irrigation rights and fallow lands primarily in western Colorado. That "new" water would go to growing cities.

Cities and industry have real needs, but agriculture should not be sacrificed for either one. Food production and food security are critical to this country, something we became very aware of during the virus pandemic.

Somehow a narrative has become accepted that if more people — especially Americans — stop eating meat, the planet will magically improve. This is a false narrative. In the Rocky Mountain West, as elsewhere, it is ranchers and farmers who hold the landscape together, who provide open space and beauty, and for wildlife, crucial habitat.

Raising cattle has value in its own right. Eighty-five percent of grazing lands — think sagebrush

steppe or high desert landscapes — are not suitable for any other type of food production. The much-maligned hay and alfalfa grown to feed beef cattle and dairy cows provide us with high-quality protein and nutritious dairy products. With inputs of grass, sunshine and water, we receive steaks, hamburgers, milk, cheese, yogurt and a long list of other byproducts.

Before you buy that meat substitute, with its lower-quality protein, remember that you might consume a weird concoction, dependent on chemicals and in-

gredients imported from China, with its own environmental costs.

Let's never forget the wisdom of ecologist Aldo Leopold: "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

Sharon and Pat O'Toole are ranchers and conservationists who are contributors to Writers on the Range (writersontherange.org). Their ranch straddles the Wyoming-Colorado border. He is president of the Family Farm Alliance; she is an award-winning writer.

DISTRICT COURT,
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street,
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Phone Number: (970) 264-8160
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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Case Number: 2020CV30054

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF ANDREW GUINN
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
HB RANCHO, LLC
JAMES R. DANOHER and EDITH L. DANOHER
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.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Robert Thomas Dorgan, Deceased
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.

Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law
190 Talsman Drive, Suite D-6
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION:
Request for Qualifications/Proposals:
Notice is hereby given that Archuleta County is soliciting Qualifications and Proposals from qualified general contractors to provide preconstruction and construction services for the new Archuleta County Combined Courts Facility. Five sets (one bound, four unbound) and one electronic file, clearly marked with "2020 Combined Courts Facility" along with the name, address and telephone number of the bidder, will be received at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, until 2:00 p.m., August 19, 2020. As soon as practical after the bid closing time, all bids shall be opened in public and read aloud. Bids received after the closing time shall be returned unopened to the bidder. A PDF version of

bidding instructions may be obtained directly from Larry Walton, Finance Director (lwalton@archuletacounty.org), or downloaded from the "Bids" page of the County website at: <http://www.archuletacounty.org/Bids.aspx>.
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Notice of Annual Meeting 2020
The annual meeting and election of directors for Western Heritage Event Center, Inc. (WHEC), also the organizer and sponsor of the annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo, will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at the WHEC Building, 344 Hwy 84.
Only registered members of record as of June 22, 2020 will be entitled to vote. Proxy votes must be in writing designating the person who is to cast the vote (who must also be a registered member of the corporation) and have the signature of member and date. Proxies must be presented at the beginning of the annual meeting at registration. The maximum number of proxies any individual can represent is five. Current board members are: Diana Talbot, President; Brian Keegan, Vice President; Pennie DeClark, Treasurer; Twine Register, Secretary; Keith Jacobson, Lynn Johnson and Lisa Scott, all Directors.
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LEGAL NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT
Upper Rito Buckles Vegetation, Fisheries, Watershed and Travel Management Project
Pagosa Ranger District, San Juan National Forest, Archuleta County, Colorado

A Draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact is available for the Upper Rito Buckles Vegetation, Fisheries, Watershed and Travel Management Project. The Responsible Official is Kevin Khung, District Ranger. It is the Responsible Officials intention to select the Proposed Action Alternative for this project. The project proposes vegetation management, fisheries, watershed improvement, and travel management projects in the Upper Rito and Buckles landscapes located east and southeast of Pagosa Springs. The Environment Assessment and the Draft Decision Notice are available on-line at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57071>. For more information about the project contact Matt Tuten at 970-264-1513.

The Upper Rito Buckles Vegetation, Fisheries, Watershed and Travel Management Project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subpart A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with §218.5(a). An objection, including attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery by appointment, express delivery, or messenger service) with the appropriate reviewing officer within 45 days of the date of publication of this legal notice. It is the objectors responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer.

Objections should be submitted in writing to the Reviewing Officer, Kara Chadwick, San Juan Forest Supervisor. Mail to: Kara Chadwick, San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, CO 81301. Electronically mailed objections must be submitted in an email message, plain text (.txt), Word (.doc or .docx), Portable Document Format (.pdf), or Rich Text Format (.rtf) file formats. Email to: SM.FS.r02admin-rev@usda.gov. Objections may also be faxed to: 1-833-926-2067. Hand-deliveries may be made to the Pagosa District Office at 180 Pagosa Street in Pagosa Springs, by calling (970) 264-2268 in advance and scheduling a no contact delivery Monday-Friday excluding holidays. The objection must be in writing and meet the content requirements at 36 CFR 218.6(d). All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.
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Archuleta County, Colorado
2020 Asphalt Maintenance Project
Archuleta County is in the process of finalizing the above listed project constructed by Strohecker Asphalt & Paving, Inc., 37801 Highway 160, Bayfield, Colorado, 81122. Any claims against this project by suppliers, subcontractors, or others should be delivered to the project engineering firm of Davis Engineering Service, Inc., at 188 South 8th Street, PO Box 1208, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147. All claims shall be delivered prior to August 27, 2020. Any claims received on or after August 27, 2020 shall not be considered. Claim forms can be obtained from Davis Engineering Service, Inc. (Phone 970-264-5055).
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Archuleta County Semiannual Report

Start Date	01/01/20
End Date	06/30/20

Account Name	Beginning Balance	Tax Collections	Delinquent Taxes	Specific Ownership	Miscellaneous Collections	Treasurer's Fees	Disbursements	Ending Balance
0100 County General	\$12,122,045.74	\$4,071,675.97	\$463.27	\$228,425.65	\$4,634,870.73	(\$192,040.95)	(\$6,128,490.56)	\$14,736,949.85
0201 Road & Bridge	\$7,103,027.63	\$288,933.05	\$164.43	\$27,238.68	\$2,402,429.76	(\$52,701.82)	(\$2,344,642.66)	\$7,426,449.07
0202 Social Service Fund	\$631,512.58	\$1,155,415.38	\$32.95	\$56,571.15	\$751,328.65	\$0.00	(\$955,759.42)	\$1,639,101.29
0210 Public Trustee	\$7,647.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,378.00	\$0.00	(\$5,860.40)	\$15,164.64
0216 1 A	\$35.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$35.22)	\$0.00
0217 1 A	\$73,438.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$545.78)	\$72,893.13
0219 Combined Dispatch	\$81,803.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$351,512.21	(\$2,503.32)	(\$253,112.49)	\$177,700.36
0221 Conservation Trust	\$504,370.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$48,218.26)	\$0.00	(\$32,500.00)	\$423,652.71
0230 Taylor Grazing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.33	\$0.00	(\$30.33)	\$0.00
0301 Justice System Capital	\$2,322,344.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$221,418.61)	\$0.00	(\$662,519.82)	\$1,438,406.04
0310 Fairfield Settlement	\$527,518.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,294.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$530,813.12
0501 Solid Waste	\$1,764,360.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$484,887.20	(\$4,849.17)	(\$353,522.51)	\$1,890,875.70
0504 Airport	\$373,119.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$253,852.49	(\$1,029.24)	(\$140,770.08)	\$485,172.90
0607 Fleet	\$429,236.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,191.64	(\$251.90)	\$64,784.04	\$518,960.52
1340 School District JT 50	\$56,416.41	\$6,080,552.93	\$762.00	\$350,303.45	\$443,873.85	(\$15,502.02)	(\$6,860,159.92)	\$56,246.70
1350 School District JT 50 Bond	\$161.07	\$0.00	\$119.67	\$0.00	\$6.21	\$0.00	(\$286.95)	\$0.00
1351 School District JT 50 Mill	\$13,915.38	\$1,307,884.75	\$38.06	\$77,642.83	\$25,896.23	(\$3,333.72)	(\$1,409,945.25)	\$12,098.28
1370 School District JT 10	\$91.39	\$10,530.37	\$0.00	\$627.89	\$261.92	(\$26.99)	(\$10,363.20)	\$1,121.38
1380 School District JT 10 Bond	\$80.40	\$9,102.78	\$0.00	\$544.43	\$226.41	\$0.00	(\$8,982.23)	\$971.79
1420 School District JT 11	\$3,838.83	\$176,870.03	\$0.00	\$26,134.25	\$5,142.72	(\$446.78)	(\$211,365.32)	\$173.73
1430 School District JT 11 Bond	\$0.00	\$315,154.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,389.46	\$0.00	(\$318,233.32)	\$310.31
1450 Town General	\$1,127.21	\$81,227.97	\$1.67	\$4,945.67	\$17,583.27	(\$1,643.29)	(\$88,224.72)	\$15,017.78
1470 Town of PS General Improve	\$295.67	\$33,082.79	\$0.96	\$2,106.73	\$572.88	(\$672.97)	(\$29,344.15)	\$6,041.91
1475 Town of PS General Improve	\$4.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4.07)	\$0.00
1480 Pagosa Fire District	\$16,876.47	\$2,092,619.23	\$60.78	\$118,046.14	\$42,658.70	(\$64,058.59)	(\$1,819,549.44)	\$386,653.29
1490 Pagosa Fire District Bond	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$6.00)	\$0.00
1520 General Water District 1	\$5,526.09	\$636,959.79	\$57.90	\$35,492.28	\$11,018.65	(\$19,441.30)	(\$547,148.23)	\$122,465.18
1530 General Water District 1 B	\$6,607.22	\$744,698.50	\$74.40	\$41,665.36	\$12,882.53	(\$22,729.92)	(\$640,011.93)	\$143,186.16
1550 General Water District 2	\$1,588.22	\$176,562.27	\$2.42	\$10,432.42	\$4,256.32	(\$5,424.18)	(\$155,128.88)	\$32,288.59
1560 General Water District 2 B	\$3,030.44	\$311,875.60	\$4.60	\$18,698.98	\$7,517.15	(\$9,581.05)	(\$274,511.86)	\$57,033.86
1600 Piedra Park Metro District	\$219.05	\$27,989.04	\$0.00	\$1,568.80	\$1,004.73	(\$869.82)	(\$24,250.79)	\$5,661.01
1640 Aspen Springs Metro Distri	\$59,356.90	\$191,497.22	\$0.00	\$11,646.42	\$80,993.65	(\$5,899.36)	(\$294,552.16)	\$43,042.67
1680 USJ Health Service Distric	\$9,164.10	\$1,123,354.50	\$140.76	\$63,359.02	\$22,257.62	(\$34,369.01)	(\$982,618.60)	\$201,288.39
1690 USJ Health Service Distric	\$1.97	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1.99)	\$0.00
1700 Southwestern Water Distric	\$1,046.20	\$127,675.47	\$13.69	\$7,177.11	\$2,430.93	(\$3,902.93)	(\$112,783.82)	\$21,656.65
1720 Upper San Juan Library Dis	\$3,865.31	\$474,909.18	\$54.29	\$26,657.21	\$9,036.67	(\$15,517.42)	(\$419,510.15)	\$80,495.09
1730 San Juan Water Conservancy	\$588.64	\$73,038.05	\$3.37	\$4,137.10	\$1,511.85	(\$2,236.02)	(\$63,259.74)	\$13,783.25
1810 SJRV Metro District	\$3,773.44	\$45,657.84	\$25.90	\$2,536.57	\$5,306.33	(\$1,395.85)	(\$46,125.85)	\$9,778.38
1820 Alpha / Rockridge Metro Dis	\$13,080.62	\$63,245.96	\$0.00	\$3,546.24	\$17,617.11	(\$1,930.71)	(\$80,147.16)	\$15,412.06
1920 Los Pinos Fire District	\$721.86	\$91,813.94	\$0.00	\$4,889.78	\$1,037.46	(\$2,784.97)	(\$89,231.72)	\$6,446.35
1922 Upper Pine River Fire Dist	\$39.00	\$5,284.85	\$0.00	\$276.79	\$171.16	(\$163.67)	(\$4,270.40)	\$1,337.73
1940 Colorado Timber Ridge Metr	\$17,064.52	\$84,787.05	\$0.00	\$4,586.51	\$22,126.55	(\$2,562.00)	(\$108,272.28)	\$17,730.35
1950 Loma Linda Metro District	\$12,472.95	\$50,525.07	\$0.00	\$2,780.41	\$11,997.14	(\$1,579.62)	(\$69,354.04)	\$12,841.91
1980 Town of PS Delinquent Wate	\$0.00	\$5,576.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42.87	(\$1,685.72)	(\$2,305.25)	\$1,628.09

County Funds Total: \$26,171,421.38 \$19,858,499.94 \$2,021.14 \$1,132,037.87 \$9,407,958.85 (\$470,134.31) (\$25,480,954.65) \$30,620,850.22

I, Elsa P. White, County Treasurer in and for the County of Archuleta and the State of Colorado do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and just copy of the fund balances, receipts and disbursements of my office to the best of the records of my office.

Elsa P. White, Archuleta County Treasurer
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HUD Publisher's Notice



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Community input sought on water plan

By Al Pfister
San Juan Water Conservancy District

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) was formed on Oct. 22, 1987, by decree following a majority vote of approval by electors. The SJWCD is funded through a tax on all property within the district's boundaries.

The SJWCD's primary focus since its inception has been water storage. To this end, the main project has been what was formerly referred to as the Dry Gulch Project and is now called the San Juan River Headwaters Project. This effort followed the historic drought years of 2001 and 2002 coupled with relatively rapid growth in Archuleta County from 1990 to 2010.

Until 2013, these efforts were conducted in partnership with the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD). As a result of

an agreement reached in 2013 between the Colorado Water Conservation Board, PAWSD and the SJWCD, the SJWCD assumed the lead for the project.

PAWSD is the main entity that provides water to the majority of Archuleta County residents' faucets through its water treatment and distribution systems. The SJWCD mission is to ensure a water supply for agricultural, environmental, municipal, commercial and recreational purposes. Thusly, PAWSD and the SJWCD are the two primary entities involved with the management of water in Archuleta County.

Perspectives and opinions about on the activities conducted by the SJWCD over the course of our history. For the past 18 months, the SJWCD board of directors has been drafting a strategic plan. The purpose of this draft

strategic plan is to identify water resource issues in the Upper San Juan River Basin within the SJWCD's geographical scope, evaluate the district's options for addressing those issues and outline the options selected for action. All agricultural, municipal, commercial, recreational and environmental water needs are considered. Other objectives in undertaking this planning process are to assist the board of directors in developing long-term direction for the district, relay that direction to the community, and identify measures the board can implement in the future to further that direction.

In an effort to gather input from the community, the SJWCD has posted its draft strategic plan on its website and is soliciting comments until Sept. 7. The draft strategic plan can be found at www.sjwcd.org.

Kids participate in 4 Corners Youth Fishing Derby

Four Corners Chapter Safari Club International

This summer has been difficult for everyone, especially the youngsters who've had many of their summer activities canceled.

On Aug. 8, the Four Corners Chapter of Safari Club International (SCI) hosted the second annual 4 Corners Youth Fishing Derby at Bruce Spruce Ranch R.V. Park and Campground located at the bottom of Wolf Creek Pass near Treasure Falls.

The young fishermen and women were up and at it at 7 a.m., ready to catch some fish. Social distancing measures were put into place as the families spread out around three large ponds and fished at least 6 feet apart. There were more than 15 participants from the Four Corners area.

Any angler that didn't have their own gear used fly rods and fishing poles provided by Four Corners SCI and donors. The youngsters received coaching from professional fishing guides who volunteered to teach casting techniques, proper fish handling and habitat care. Jamie Aponte, Weston Clark, Josh Curtis and Paul Dufour all taught fly-fishing and said that it was an honor to donate their time to teach the next generation.

With the help of guides, parents or other family members, the youngsters cast out into the best spots. The little ones reeled in the lines hoping for "the big one." Some of the kids had their serious faces on while others were having a dance party or celebration squeal as they felt the bites on the ends of their lines.



Photo courtesy Four Corners Chapter Safari Club International

More than 15 kids from the Four Corners area participate in the Four Corners Chapter of Safari Club International's second annual 4 Corners Youth Fishing Derby at Bruce Spruce Ranch on Aug. 8.

"What a fun day," said Eddie Crane of Healing America's Heroes. "It's amazing to see so many kids having such a good time and none of them missed or thought of an electronic device."

Crane had a grin from ear to ear as he volunteered his time to race around the ponds to measure fish as the youngsters excitedly pulled them from the water.

After their morning of fishing, the youngsters snacked on their lunches and sipped some cool water. Then prizes were awarded for first fish, smallest fish and biggest fish in the two categories of spin fishing and fly-fishing.

A tackle box, crawfish trap, minnow trap, lures, flies, fly-tying kits,

anglers tool kits, practice casting rods, a backpack and a half-day fly-fishing trip were among the prizes that were awarded to the participants.

"Who would think a hunting club would put on a Fishing Derby for kids?" said Lew Webb, Four Corners SCI board member. "Yes, SCI advocates for our hunting heritage, but we do so much more. The squeals of excitement and never ending laughter were infectious."

The Four Corners Chapter of SCI is a nonprofit organization that strives to promote good fellowship among all who love the outdoors and hunting. The group provides outreach and support to educate youth, sportsmen and the public in

the conservation of our wildlife and our forest, which is our natural heritage. SCI is proactive in leadership in a host of cooperative wildlife conservation, outdoor education and humanitarian programs. Along with the SCI Foundation and other conservation groups, research institutions and government agencies, Four Corners SCI empowers sportsmen to be contributing community members and participants in sound wildlife management and conservation.

Visit the Four Corners Chapter at www.FourCornersSCI.org or the SCI home page at www.safariclub.org/north-american-hunting, or call (520) 620-1220 for more information.

GOCO awards \$230,000 grant to Colorado Open Lands

By Lauren Lecy
Great Outdoors Colorado

The Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) board awarded a \$230,000 grant to Colorado Open Lands (COL) to merge with two land trusts and deepen its partnerships with two additional organizations. Small land trusts have seen a decrease in charitable contributions in light of COVID-19, resulting in the need to streamline operations and form new partnerships.

This grant is part of GOCO's Resilient Communities program, which helps grantee partners advance outdoor recreation, stewardship and land protection work. Funded projects will respond to onetime immediate needs or opportunities that

have emerged in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic all within the context of GOCO's five program values: resource conservation, outdoor stewardship, community vitality, equitable access and youth connections to the outdoors.

With this funding, COL will merge with Clear Creek Land Conservancy (CCLC) and Southwest Land Alliance (SLA), absorbing both organizations' conservation easements and operations. The two land trusts have been working to protect Colorado's natural areas since the 1980s and have collectively conserved more than 13,000 acres of land. Once the mergers are complete, COL will be tasked with monitoring these conserved properties with the help of dedicated stewardship funding of approximately

\$700,000 from CCLC and SLA.

COL will also use GOCO funding to enhance its partnerships with additional land trusts, including the Animas Conservancy in Durango, which faces financial constraints and is no longer able to operate. COL will monitor and steward its properties to avoid its easements becoming orphaned, or not held under a land trust, and evaluate options regarding the land trust's future.

Key to these efforts are ongoing and intentional engagement with landowners and stakeholders in each community, with the goal of preserving the knowledge and relationships that have facilitated land conservation in that area and to move those community efforts into the next phase. Streamlining organizations

and operations will provide added professional conservation capacity in those communities, and through developing new partnerships will continue with COL's mission of preserving Colorado's natural heritage.

GOCO invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers and open spaces. GOCO's independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts, and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Created when voters approved a constitutional amendment in 1992, GOCO has since funded more than 5,300 projects in all 64 counties of Colorado without any tax dollar support. Visit GOCO.org for more information.

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Pagosa Springs Medical Center to offer drive-thru COVID-19 testing on Aug. 13

By Ann Bruzese
Pagosa Springs Medical Center

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) will be offering drive-thru COVID-19 testing on Thursday, Aug. 13, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PSMC is offering this drive-thru testing for patient convenience. Drive-thru testing is open to symptomatic and asymptomatic persons who meet the criteria listed below:

- Any person who has COVID-19 symptoms; or
- Any person who has been notified of exposure by San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) or another public health agency; or
- Any person experiencing homelessness; or
- Any person employed at a workplace being monitored by public health; or
- Any person who is a resident (year-round or part time) and is

either (1) an employee in a high-risk work setting (example: first responders, detention facilities), or (2) an employee or resident of a long-term residential facility (example: Pine Ridge, Bee Hive). Key information for the Aug. 13 drive-thru testing:

- An appointment is required in order to manage traffic and distancing; please call Pagosa Springs Medical Center at 731-3700 to schedule an appointment.

The number of appointments is limited.

- No referral or doctor order is needed.
- Drive-thru testing is free of charge.
- Drive-thru testing will take place at PSMC at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Support is being provided by SJBPH and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for this drive-thru testing.

Customers falling behind on utility bills encouraged to make payment arrangements or apply for assistance

Public Utilities Commission

With the moratorium on utility disconnections no longer in effect, the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) wants consumers to be aware of their options for assistance in paying their energy bills.

To avoid disconnection, customers who have fallen behind in their payments are encouraged to contact their electric or gas utility. Information about how to contact the utility can be found on the customer's bill, the utility's website or the PUC's website at tinyurl.com/yxf7q3aj.

Most utilities will work with customers who are having difficulties in paying their bills to make payment arrangements, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. The payment arrangements can spread payments across multiple months, giving customers the opportunity to become current.

Residential customers of investor-owned utilities (Xcel Energy, Black Hills Energy, Atmos Energy, Colorado Natural Gas) also may prevent a shutoff by providing the utility company a "medical certification" from a doctor, or health practitioner acting under a doctor's supervision, stating that disconnecting service would be especially dangerous to the health or safety of the customer or a permanent resident of the customer's household.

If a medical certification is given to the company, no shut off of service will occur for up to 90 days from the date of the certificate. A medical certificate can delay a

disconnection for no more than 90 days during any consecutive 12-month period.

If customers cannot reach an agreement with their utility, they may contact the PUC consumer affairs unit for assistance at (303) 894-2070 or by filing a complaint via the PUC website.

If a customer is having difficulty paying their energy bill or receives a disconnection notice, they may be eligible for assistance from Colorado's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) or Energy Outreach Colorado. To determine eligibility or to apply online, go to the Colorado Department of Human Services website or call (866) HEAT-HELP [(866) 432-8435] to apply over the phone.

Energy Outreach Colorado, a nonprofit organization, provides payment assistance beyond that offered by the utilities and LEAP to help customers with their energy costs. For information, visit: <https://www.energyoutreach.org/programs-for-individuals/bill-payment-assistance/>.

The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over week: 208.
Aug. 3 — Information only, Fireside Street.

Aug. 3 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drove vehicle when BAC .08 or more, driver failed to yield right of way at stop sign, speeding mph over limit not listed, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), Homestead Drive/Lake Street.
Aug. 4 — Indecent exposure, Tiffany Place.

Aug. 4 — Information only, Park Avenue.

Aug. 4 — Information only, Navajo Trail Drive.

Aug. 4 — Criminal mischief, USFS 620/U.S. 160.

Aug. 5 — Information only, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Aug. 5 — Information only, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Aug. 5 — Trespass warning, Buttercup Drive.

Aug. 6 — Spilling load-no bodily harm-car/pickup, drove vehicle when license suspended, County Road 139/U.S. 160.

Aug. 6 — Information only, Capstone Circle.

Aug. 6 — All other thefts, third-degree criminal trespass, U.S. 160.

Aug. 7 — Information only, North Pagosa Boulevard/Hills Circle.

Aug. 7 — Agency assist, Park Avenue.

Aug. 8 — Violation of restraining order, Fireside Street.

Aug. 8 — First-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, all other thefts, Escobar Avenue.

Aug. 8 — Marijuana public display consumption or use, Blue Lake Drive.

Aug. 8 — Violation of restraining order, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Aug. 9 — Littering of public or private property, defacing public/private property, Park Avenue.

Aug. 9 — Second-degree burglary, Hakala Court.

Aug. 9 — Violation of restraining order, driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, Pineview Drive.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 171.

Aug. 2 — Theft from vehicle, Eagle Drive.

Aug. 3 — Warrant arrest, Eaton Drive.

Aug. 3 — Tampering with a motor vehicle, San Juan Street.

Aug. 3 — Unsafe backing/hit and run, Eagle Drive.

Aug. 4 — DUI/weaving/failed to use turn signal, Majestic Drive.

Aug. 4 — Camping prohibited in parks, Hermosa Street.

Aug. 5 — Harassment/trespass warning, Talisman Drive.

Aug. 7 — Theft, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Aug. 8 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Aug. 5 — Jeffery Bentley, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$98.50.

Aug. 5 — Evan W. Elliott, driving

under the influence, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 56 hours community service, two years probation, 25 days electronic surveillance, total fines and costs — \$2,547.75.

Aug. 5 — Derrick Matthew Grandstaff, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 24 hours community service, 12 months probation, total fines and costs — \$776.50.

Aug. 5 — Todd Starr, registration-unregistered vehicle, total fines and costs — \$191.50.

Aug. 5 — Matthew A. Simmons, speeding 1-4 over limit, total fines and costs — \$148.50.

Aug. 5 — Niall Pastuszek, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

Aug. 5 — Desiray H. Martin, seat belt not used, total fines and costs

— \$163.50.

Aug. 5 — John Kutzko, failed to stop at stop sign, total fines and costs — \$172.50.

Aug. 5 — Bruce K. Jones, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.

Aug. 5 — Sreenivasa Murthy Manoj Hebbaradi, obedience to official traffic control device, total fines and costs — \$202.50.

Aug. 5 — Perry D. Harper, seat belt not used, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$257.50.

Aug. 5 — Eric M. Godward, registration-unregistered vehicle, total fines and costs — \$191.50.

Aug. 5 — Lee Grover William Godfrey, obedience to official traffic control device, total fines and costs — \$202.50.

Aug. 5 — Damian A. Delgado,

pedestrian enter traffic, total fines and costs — \$113.50.

Aug. 5 — Kevin Don Homola, hunting without license-not big game, total fines and costs — \$287.06.

Aug. 5 — John W. Hampton Jr., driver's license-driving without, no insurance-owner, registration-unregistered vehicle, total fines and costs — \$842.50.

Aug. 5 — Michael C. Kukuk, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$120.50.

Aug. 5 — Bridget Lynn Foster, speeding 10-19 over, total fines and costs — \$192.50.

Aug. 5 — Zoie Q. Condrey, improper pass-sign/markers, total fines and costs — \$137.50.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

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Buy your virtual tickets for Dancing with the Pagosa Stars starting today

By Lisa Peters
Seeds of Learning

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars is going virtual this year. The show will air Sept. 26 at 7 p.m., and viewers from anywhere in the world will be able to access the performance on their laptop, tablet or TV.

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars will feature some great new talent with creative dance routines from our local stars and their professional coaches, followed by voting and a live awards ceremony. The children at Seeds of Learning need your support more than ever this year, so show your support by purchasing a ticket.

To cover event costs, virtual tickets are available for \$55 per person and can be purchased online right now by going to <http://growingseeds.org/go/dance2020/>. No tickets will be available at Seeds of Learning. Ticket purchasers will receive an Internet link to access the

show the week prior to the event.

For assistance with the technical side of streaming the show, should you need it, we will have two technical experts available. Their contact information will be provided to you along with the Internet link.

This year, the star routines are very theatrical and they have some great surprises up their sleeves to entertain you. So, purchase your ticket now and tune in on Sept. 26 for a night of fun entertainment.

Funds from this event will enable Seeds of Learning to continue to prepare disadvantaged children for a brighter future. Thank you, Pagosa, for your unbelievable support of this fundraiser and the children at Seeds.

For additional ticketing information, go to <http://growingseeds.org> and follow us on Facebook for snippets of dance routines and updates on the event at <https://www.facebook.com/Dancingstarspagosa/>.

Free weekly garden talk: ‘Wrapping Up Your Beds for Season’s End, Part 1’

By Leslie Wustrack
Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners

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

On Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 5:30 p.m., Chacey, the eminent regional vegetable grower and an original founder of the Pagosa Springs Community Garden, will present “Wrapping Up Your Garden Beds


for Season’s End, Part 1.”

The evening’s format begins with photos of Chacey’s personal garden and a discussion of what he is currently doing in his garden. An in-depth presentation on how to prepare your garden beds for the growing season’s end will follow. This topic is particularly interesting and Chacey will offer a variety of methods and advice. Please bring your questions to the webinar.

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 pagosapringcommunitygarden@gmail.com. For the Aug. 19 talk, please visit <http://www.Facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden> or email PagosaSpringCommunityGarden@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
■ See Garden on next page



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Pagosa Brewing Company: The San Juan Mountain Boys, 5 p.m.

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Zoom lecture to focus on domestication of the Four Corners potato

By Jill Tripp
San Juan Basin Archaeological Society

The San Juan Basin Archaeological Society will present a virtual lecture via Zoom on Aug. 19 at 2:30 p.m. Lisbeth Louderback and Bruce Pavlik will present “Detecting Domestication of the Four Corners Potato.”

The common potato was domesticated over 7,000 years ago in the high Andes and is now the third most important crop in the world, comprising over 4,500 varieties.

Although domestication has occurred and been studied in hundreds of species, only a few plants native to North America were ever domesticated and none of those are from west of the Mississippi.

Recent evidence, however, suggests that a novel potato species, known as the Four Corners potato, was manipulated by ancient people sometime during the last

12,000 years. The tubers might have been an important food and energy source because of their nutritional qualities, reliable productivity and ability to persist in the soil. Furthermore, populations of this species now occupy atypical habitats among and within the great pueblos of the southwest, evidence that indigenous farming practices included this species.

Louderback is currently the curator of Archaeology at the Natural History Museum of Utah and assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Utah. Her most recent research has focused on the ecology of human diets during the Holocene at North Creek Shelter in southern Utah.

Pavlik is currently the director of conservation at Red Butte Garden and Arboretum at the University of Utah. His research has focused on the ecology and physiology of plants native to western North

America.

To join the Zoom meeting use the following: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85780706701?pwd=NIJxbUx3L09BU1Y0NCs0WTN1T0lmUT09>, meeting ID: 857 8070 6701, passcode: 578820.

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We will be offering families two options for the start of the 2020-21 school year:
Full-time Distance Learning or In-person Full-time.

On August 18 at 6:30 p.m. we will introduce our model and options to prospective families through a Virtual Open House on Zoom. We invite families to attend and participate by asking questions.

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Ella Hemenger

CUP announces Ellsmore scholarship recipient

By Dale Johnson
Curtains Up Pagosa

Juliana Ellsmore was a beautiful, brilliant and talented young woman of 19, who loved music and singing and life. Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) has created a music scholarship to honor her memory and spirit. This gift of scholarship is for students interested in studying music or vocal performance.

CUP's most recent student chosen for this gift is Ella Hemenger, a rising senior at Pagosa Springs High School. Hemenger started performing at the age of 8 in CUP's production of "Annie" and has been in just about every show produced by CUP and the high school since then.

She wants to use the scholarship gift to study voice with Venita Burch.

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Land the plane and don't lose sleep

Have you ever been so excited about something that you felt like you were flying? When it seems like the more you process a conversation, the more wind you get under your wings?

This happened the other night while talking to a friend, someone who reminds me of me. While we are different in so many ways, when it comes to how we handle life in general, we frequently mirror each other's actions and reactions.

Everyone should have a friend like mine. Her quirkiness is as delightful as her mind is sound. With a resolve for life that is infectious, it is easy to be vicarious in understanding myself: the good and the annoying.

My friend is the type who enjoys researching various topics. It is a safe bet that if there is a question to be had, she will find an answer.

But, the process of learning can fill us to overflowing. For so many of us, we feel compelled to share those things that propel us, whether or not others are up for the ride.

On the particular day that my friend called, she was looking for answers. Her head was spinning all over the map as if she had become out of sync with the world.

I heard an exhausted voice say, "What's wrong with me?"

The night before, my friend taught a Bible lesson about the Nicolaitans. I guess I didn't respond in the way she expected; either that or she didn't feel like her point was made.

She stayed up most of that night typing a two-page, single-spaced scripture reference explanation on the Nicolaitans in Revelation.

I received her document in an email the next morning. Although it was unexpected, it's not out of the norm. I receive dissertations on many topics from a host of teachers all the time.

But again, I had failed to react or respond in a way that conveyed I had understood the point that was being made.

Wondering if I was on board, my friend called as if making a flyover.

"I read your email" I said, "And even found it interesting."

I didn't want to hurt her feelings, but didn't feel the topic or the document was anything to lose sleep over.

I had to laugh with her while on the phone. How many times have I raced to put my thoughts out in front, only to get frustrated by a lack of reception? Thankfully, people have indulged me for years.

My friend and I share a need for cognition. We both go to great lengths to understand things, even finding the process enjoyable. Unfortunately, that personality trait shares a common platform. We don't always understand the

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Betty Slade



self-efficacy of others.

She is at least 20 years younger than I am. Since I've been there and done that, I wanted to share with her, lessons from my own life's

travel. As if from any starting gate, I know to push-back with care.

The most thoughtful response can steer a person off course. Pity will only create turbulence in a relationship, and misguided encouragement can cause one to overshoot the runway.

I've learned the depth of my study isn't for everyone. In fact, I have chosen to be selective with whom I share my deepest and

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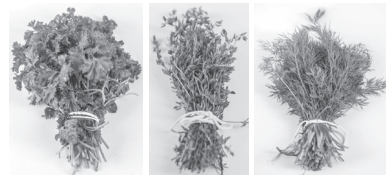
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Priceless memories because of love

Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

The First Pentecostal Church in Okmulgee was my childhood church and stood at the end of Main Street. A prominent life-size oil painting of Christ with open, nail-scarred hands greeted visitors and members as they walked through the doors.

Raised in a dysfunctional family, my childhood appeared perfect on the surface, but reality painted a different picture. Yet, throughout my life, Christ never left me — always near — in the hearts of pastors, teachers, evangelists and so many others who encouraged, and showed me the love of Jesus.

A small house of worship on the wrong side of the tracks didn't draw a lot of positive attention from the community. Unsophisticated, common people who worshiped Jesus and appreciated loud music and louder sermons occupied the pews and made up the membership of this little group of believers.

Ministers never paid attention to time limits and services often ran past noon on Sundays and long after bedtime in the evening. All ages remained in the sanctuary. Parents ushered rowdy kids outside where discipline was swift and effective. Guided back inside, they stayed quiet and still.

Some of my best memories took place in the Sunday school class. I sat in a small wooden chair behind a long table with friends and

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listened to my favorite teacher, Miss Ruby Evans. She told Bible lessons with the assistance of felt characters on a flannel board. She loved Jesus, kids and teaching. She never married and dedicated her life to education. Without children of her own, she adopted all of us, and we thrived because of her gracious love.

One of my fondest remembrances — the Patriarch, Sister Cornell, as she led other worshippers in a "Jericho March." When nudged by the Holy Spirit, she didn't care if she disrupted the praise and worship or the sermon. With her white handkerchief in hand, she slipped out of her "self-proclaimed" reserved seat and walked to the front. She marched with her hankie held high above her head, until every male, female and child in the congregation joined the line. Some waved tissue, several held Bibles high in the air, while others clapped hands to the beat of cords pounded out on the old piano. After three or four trips around, she made her way back to her spot and sat down. On cue, the progression ended and everyone hurried back to their designated places. Nothing stopped Sister

Cornell and I admired her tenacity. The best evangelists passed through those plate-glass doors. One of my favorites, Jerry B. Walker, enjoyed theatrics and wore a black cape lined with red satin. He saluted, shook hands and acknowledged folks as he made his way down the center aisle. He strolled to the old baby grand and threw his cloak off as he ceremoniously sat down on the bench.

With grandeur and passion, he shared his testimony — years earlier, he rose from an altar of prayer, where he received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Still under the anointing of the spirit, Jerry B. made his way to the ivory keys and without any prior lessons, began to play with perfection.

This single experience became his signature billing and established him as a desired motivational speaker. As a young child, his flair and enthusiasm reminded me of Liberace, minus the large pieces of jewelry and gold candelabras.

When Jerry B. came to town, people crowded onto extra seats arranged in the sanctuary, while others paid close attention from parked cars or front porches. Music and messages drifted out into the night air through the open stained-glassed windows. Weary souls received the undiluted Word of God and chose Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Many other spiritual leaders impacted my life. Great men and

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■ continued from previous page most exhaustive learnings. Why? Because, just like a garbled message over a loud speaker it can be misunderstood, or even too inaudible to have any value.

Final brushstroke: It's important that we know what's on each other's radar. It's not, however, important that we land each other's plane. My best advice: buckle up, then wheels up. Otherwise, the only bags you

will be collecting once you land are the ones under your eyes.

Readers' comments

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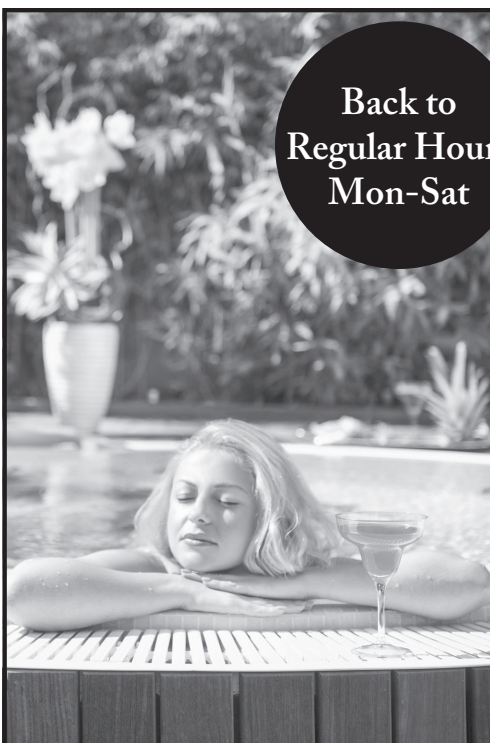


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New Thought's annual picnic announced

By Lisa Burnson
New Thought Center
for Inspirational Living

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for its fifth annual outdoor picnic and membership Sunday, Aug. 16. Service will begin at 10 a.m. with a potluck brunch following.

Participants are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and potluck dish. We will have a special blessing by Grandmother Harmony Fire Eagle. There will be live music by the Retro Cats. For location and directions, please call 309-6067.

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

Upcoming events

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

Thursday, Aug. 20, 6 to 8 p.m. at Best Western Lodge: Come to the Courtyard Concert to benefit Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, which is dedicated to education and preservation of this archaeological site. There will be music by the Cosmic Lightfoot. The

concert will happen rain or shine. Please bring lawn chair or blanket and picnic snacks. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are available at the door or call 309-6067.

Future Courtyard Concerts,

Sept. 3 and 17, will feature Bob Hemenger and the Retro Cats and will benefit Habitat for Humanity and Rise Above Violence. Outside alcohol is not allowed. Text 309-6067 for more information.

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women of God who taught the full gospel message and added a little fire and brimstone in for good measure.

In addition, I grew up under the influence of the greatest front-runners of evangelism in the 20th century. Oral Roberts' and Billy Graham's ministries flourished in the 1960s.

Summertime experiences of vacation Bible schools, tent revivals, camp meetings and youth conferences were part of a solid foundation of faith and a vital part of my moral fiber. These teachers, pastors and evangelists rallied around me when the way seemed dark and I felt lost and forgotten. They provided hope through the despair of abuse and helped me to function in a world filled with turmoil and chaos.

"They shall utter the memory of your great goodness and shall sing of your righteousness." — Psalms 145:7 (NKJV)

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Where is the Overland car today?

By **Betty Slade**
Special to The PREVIEW

This is my story. I am a famous Overland car, yet I didn't end up in the Motor Club Hall of Fame. I never even belonged to the Overland Motor Club. Does anyone wonder where I am today? Does anyone care? I did come to the end



Photo courtesy Betty Slade

The Overland car, which was the first car to come over Wolf Creek Pass.

The Writers' Circle

of the road, but not to the end of my journey.

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Choral Society's annual Christmas concerts canceled

By **Richard Bolland**
Pagosa Springs Choral Society

It is with deep regret the board of directors of the Pagosa Springs Choral Society wishes to inform the community that this year's annual community Christmas concert series has been canceled. This is due to concerns respecting the COVID-19 pandemic.

Also, Pagosa Springs High School's facilities are not

available for public use during the 2020-21 school year for choir rehearsals or performances.

The safety of our choir members and our audience is our primary concern and has prompted this cancellation.

We look forward to the September 2021 beginning of rehearsals and next year's performances.

Despite the cancellation, we wish everyone in Archuleta County a blessed 2020 Christmas season.

Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By **Paulette Heber**
Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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

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

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, Aug. 16, our theme is tests.

"Grief and sorrow do not come to us by chance, they are sent to us by the Divine Mercy for our own perfecting ..." — Abdu'l Baha.

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In my younger days, I ran with the high society of Pagosa and enjoyed the company of guests, who rode in the elite comfort of my cab.

There have been many stories written about me and printed on occasion in The Pagosa Springs SUN. Stories about previous owners and the first time any motor vehicle dared to cross the deadly Wolf Creek Pass.

The year 1916, someone snapped a quick photo of me, which has been admired by many over the years. I was losing traction on the muddy rough terrain and came very close going over the side of the 10,000-foot mountain pass.

While women cried out and fainted, strong men worked tirelessly under my wheels to bring me to safety. Whew! It was a close call. I still shake when I think of my life cut short before I enjoyed it.

When I was young and foolish, and life was easy and less complicated, no pass was too high for me to cross, too dangerous I couldn't handle. Not one loose screw or bolt nor one rattle could be heard in my chassis. My black shiny coat shimmered in the Colorado sun.

A group of motorcars planned to cross over Wolf Creek Pass. We would be the first motorcars to caravan across the dreaded pass. Food packed with great care and even a tent for an overnight rendezvous were stuffed deep in my trunk.

I hit the country dirt road early. With grinding tires and brakes to the floor, we arrived at the summit known as the Great Divide.

Oh, it was a day. A picnic lunch of fried chicken, homemade bread and soda pop was packed in a basket and placed carefully in my trunk. We broke up the 41-mile trip and found the idyllic place with the perfect view so I could park and rest my tired wheels. It was a hot day and the needed stop next to a fresh spring where my radiator could be topped off with clean

mountain spring water was a nice reprieve.

Everyone exhibited exuberance and excitement. In the clean thin air so high up, only a whiff or two of mothballs lingered from my guests' Sunday go-meetin' clothes. Big brim hats with bows, feathers and ribbons shaded the ladies' faces from the bright sun.

The sounds of laughing, chatting and shouting were heard as we drove to the top of the 10,857-foot summit of the San Juan Mountains. Even close calls next to the edge added to the thrill of the adventure. I didn't mind the scary edges as my new tires clung to the road. After all, what could go wrong on this beautiful day?

The top of Wolf Creek was breathtaking with all the aspens and pines and the red rocks stretching into the heavens. We crossed the Continental Divide where the water ran two different directions. We descended down the steep incline on the west side of the pass and headed towards the little town of Pagosa Springs. Plans were made to spend the night there, where guests would enjoy one of the bathhouses and a good hot meal at a local restaurant.

Merrily bouncing along the road, without warning, the cribbing that supported the road gave way. I found myself, along with my passengers, dangling precariously over the edge. From laughter to anxiousness, there were slang words blasting out against the grand mountain. In that moment, everything changed from fun to frantic.

Before we were rescued, the infamous photograph was taken as a reminder of this day. We continued on with a different expectancy than when we left that morning. We were more concerned about getting to the bottom of the pass than enjoying the adventure.

A lot of detours have come along the bumpy roads of life. I never thought one day I would be

abandoned on a hilltop overlooking Snowball Road, but that's just what happened to me. I knew it was the end of my journey as little by little I started to rust through the harsh winters when heavy snow covered me for months. The only way I survived was remembering those days gone by.

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Senior Center continues take-out hot meals

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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

In order to continue providing meals, we are offering take-out hot meals and a salad with a drive-up option under the portico at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

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

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

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

There will be no games, classes, or presentations during this time. The

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staff will be available by phone. If you need to speak to a staff member, please call 264-2167.

The Community Café menu

Thursday, Aug. 13 — Avocado egg salad sandwich, broccoli salad, milk, salad and magic cookie bar.

Friday, Aug. 14 — Crab cakes with remoulade sauce, corn on the cob with butter, hush puppies, salad, milk and lemon bar.

Monday, Aug. 17 — Chicken and dumplings, roasted carrots, simmered greens, salad, milk and brownie.

Tuesday, Aug. 18 — Beef cottage pie, honey/garlic green beans, cornbread with butter, salad, milk and lemon poppyseed cake.

Wednesday, Aug. 19 — Ham steak

with pineapple sauce, whipped sweet potatoes, corn on the cob with butter, salad, milk and sugar cookie fruit bar.

Thursday, Aug. 20 — Mediterranean tuna salad sandwich, quinoa salad, deviled egg, salad, milk 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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Then my fate changed; I found myself in an auction with a variety of other old stuff. A bid of \$25 was made and accepted. I felt humiliated that my life meant so little to everyone and my true value didn't count. After all, I carried some important people to various places and always delivered them to their destinations.

Now I found myself lifted up into the air by a forklift onto a trailer, which would cart me to a home on the Lower Blanco. I strained my ears as I listened to plans the new owner shared as she excitedly rambled on and on about me. The man on the tractor, known as Sweet Al, wrapped a chain around my

bumper and pulled me off with a big yank. Oh, the pain I felt as my bones creaked and my steel frame bent and stretched.

Now, 104 years later, I realize my journey has just begun. As visitors come down the driveway of the Blanco Dove Retreat Center, I am the first thing they see. Oh, there is always talk about me. I've kept some of my parts that readily identified me as the brave car that made the first trip over Wolf Creek.

Very few have seen an Overland car and they curiously look at me with awe. Now painted in a beautiful shade of aqua, I pose with pride as parents take pictures and inquisitive children ask endless

questions. My owner tells my story from my point of view as if she sat in the front seat that day in 1916. Visitors even talk of an Overland Club that would pay big money for some of my parts or all of me, but my owner says she loves me and there is "no parting of ways."

As my days are once again quiet and carefree in a place where love and peace covers the grounds, I sit in the yard with flowers and vines growing up and around me as guests laughingly and lovingly call me a flower box. I don't mind, because I know I am loved. So this is my story for those who remember me and those who wonder where I ended up.



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“What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; as it is written, “There is none righteous, not even one;”

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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Billy Kern, in his later years, delivered milk in Pueblo using this same horse to pull the milk wagon. Kern and his horse will be the subject of a later story.

The Sheepmens' Cattlemens' War, part two

We've been writing about the Montoya-Howe Sheepmens' Cattlemens' War, a true story from Pagosa's past. We closed last week with a description of the shootout which left cattleman William Howe dead and sheepman Juan de Dios Montoya wounded.

When our story picks up, night has fallen. Pagosa Sheriff Billy Kern is riding up the East Fork of the San Juan River in search of the Montoya bunch. Old Joe Mann is riding along with the sheriff, shotgun butt balanced against his saddle on the right side, ready for action.

The Montoya bunch has stopped to treat Juan. The bullet wound in his side has been dripping blood, messing up his saddle and jeans. The worried brothers built a campfire and warmed some water, hoping to staunch the bleeding wound.

Kern could see the shadows from the campfire dancing along the rimrock of the canyon. He expected the Montoyas to have a guard posted and decided to tether the horses so the clip-clop of the horse hooves would not betray their presence. Carefully, they slipped up on the night guard and persuaded him to take them into the camp.

Kern's quick thinking prevented a further tragedy when, with a quick swing of his arm, he grabbed the shotgun Old Joe Mann's itchy trigger finger was about to unload into the Montoya crowd. Kern was no stranger to tragedy. A few years earlier while carrying the mail through this same canyon on a snow-packed winter day, he'd frozen his right hand. When he checked into the Cade Hotel in Pagosa with the mail, Ma Cade



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gave him a double shot of whiskey, had him clench a bullet between his teeth, slapped him sharply on the arm and removed the already deadened trigger finger from his right hand. The loss didn't hurt Kern's effectiveness as a sheriff: He just removed the trigger from his Colt 45 and learned to fan the pistol unbelievable effectiveness.

When the Montoya brothers appeared to disagree with the sheriff's plan to take their wounded brother into town and more trouble threatened, he soon convinced them that Juan would get needed medical treatment in town and would also be safer because he and his deputies would provide protection from the lynch mob that was certain to show up.

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Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. Available for purchase will be essential products only. For more information, contact Pauline Benetti at 264-5232.

Weminuche Audubon Presents Summer Native Plant Walks. 9:30 a.m.-noon, Fourmile Trail. Join Lake McCullough as she leads a walk on the Fourmile Trail to find medicinal plants and wild edibles. Discover the identities and uses of those plants. To enable safe social distancing, the number of participants will be limited, and advance registration is required. Please leave dogs at home. For more information and to register, email weminucheaudubon@gmail.com.

Discovery Time. 2:30 p.m. For all ages. Join us for games, art ideas, science experiments, history and more via prerecorded videos posted on the library's Facebook page. If you have a Facebook account, you can log in and search for the

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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the common nighthawk.

An almost haunting, sharp and nasal "peent" call may signal that a nighthawk is close by. However, their cryptic plumage may leave you wondering just where nearby. A cousin of the camouflaged eastern whip-poor-will, this medium-sized brown, white and sometimes gray bird remains largely unseen during daylight hours, roosting in low-profile tree branches. Most active by their dawn and dusk feeding routines, this nightjar species is a unique one in flight. Their relatively long and narrow wings allow them to swoop in circles fairly erratically over grasslands, open shrub country or clearings in the forest. In flight, look for distinct white stripes that radiate laterally from below where their wing bends (wrists) carrying across their primary flight feathers. Also, males and females have a white patch on their chin, noticeable from below.

During nesting season, novel sounds are associated with aerial stunts when males dive during courtship displays, only to pull up short before their targets (competition, females and even humans), changing their wing shape and allowing air to move over their wings producing a sonic boom some compare to a race car buzzing by. These birds are ground nesters, with little to no prep, and are oftentimes documented laying two-three mottled white and brown eggs on bare soil, pine duff, shallow gravel or otherwise flat surfaces. They subsist on aerial insects (moths, mosquitoes, flies, beetles, grasshoppers, etc.) and are equipped with a wide, open flytrap of a mouth surrounded by hair-like feathers known as rictal bristles. When closed, their beak is otherwise small and inconspicuous.

This species is a long-distance migrant and predominantly winters in South America. From the mid-1960s to the creation of the State of the Birds report in 2014, the North American Breeding Bird Survey documented an overall common nighthawk decline of 61 percent. In order to secure a healthier future for this species, retaining and creating habitat and reducing pesticide use will ensure a more promising path forward.

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

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GED Classes. 2-7 p.m., Sisson Library. GED classes plus HiSet, CDL and other tutoring from Mark is available by appointment for both new and returning students. Call 264-2209 for more information or to make an appointment.

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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Census deadline moved up, plus virtual movie-making course

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

The deadline to respond to the census has been moved forward to Sept. 30, so you do not have much time to participate if you have not already done so.

Sadly, our local response rate so far is not good. Archuleta County's current response rate is 39.5 percent — a very low number that is even more concerning with the new shorter time to respond. It compares with the much higher rate of 66.4 percent for the state of Colorado overall.

Your participation directly affects 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.

Our county needs your participation to get our fair share of these federal dollars. If you have not already completed this important questionnaire, please do so at your earliest convenience.

When you respond to the census online or by telephone, 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.

Please contact Brad or Josie at the library if you have any census-related questions, or visit 2020cen-

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Cardboard car race

Aug. 13-20, we're hosting a free all-ages cardboard car race. Pick up the materials to make your own cardboard car and then return to race on the track set up outside the library.

Costume contest

If you love to dress up or create costumes, select a character

and deck yourself out like your character for this free "cosplay" contest, a term used for dressing up as a way of expressing something that matters to you and expressing your character in mannerisms or speech.

By tomorrow, Aug. 14, submit a picture of yourself in your cosplay to ruby@pagosalibrary.org or drop by the library as we will take a picture of you. Winners will be announced Aug. 15 and prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories including superheroes, fantasy, animated characters, anime/manga and more.

Please be respectful of other people and cultures in your cosplay. As the library is a public venue, we ask that costumes be appropriate for all audiences to view. We reserve the right not to display any photos that do not meet the criteria.

Legal clinic tomorrow

The free legal clinic previously held at your library each month is now by appointment and is happening tomorrow, Aug. 14, from 2 to 3 p.m. Instead of patrons coming in to the library, the volunteer attorney will phone you directly.

To be added to the sign-up sheet for these calls, send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic" with your first name and phone number to ruby@pagosalibrary.org, or phone or stop by the library. The volunteer attorney's time is limited,

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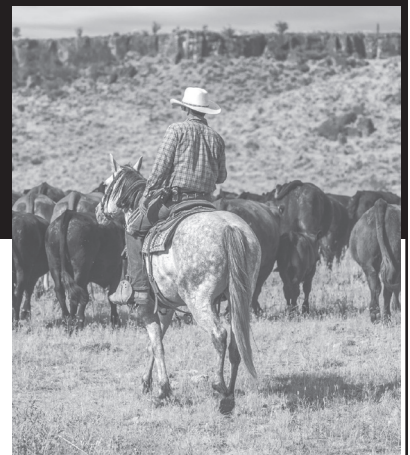


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A person who desires to be considered for the vacant school director position needs to submit a letter of interest by 3 pm on August 27, 2020, to the District Office at 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs; by email, rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us; or by mail 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?

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

Library

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Summer Reading Program extended

It's not too late to sign up for the free all-ages Summer Reading Program, which is 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, 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.

You will receive a "choose your own adventure" booklet with fun activities and challenges. Completing them makes you eligible to win weekly prizes. There are adventure booklets for four groups: pre-K-K, K-5, teen and adult.

Details of our partial reopening

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

- Up to 30 patrons at a time can come into the building Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

- 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.

- Eight computers are available weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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 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.

- Our courier service has resumed, so you now can drop your returns of books, CDs and DVDs in the drop box at City Market, as well as in the drop box at the library.

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

- 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.

- 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.

Tech Time

Make a 15- or 30-minute appointment for one of three free slots available between noon and 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Brad will help one person (or one couple) at a time.

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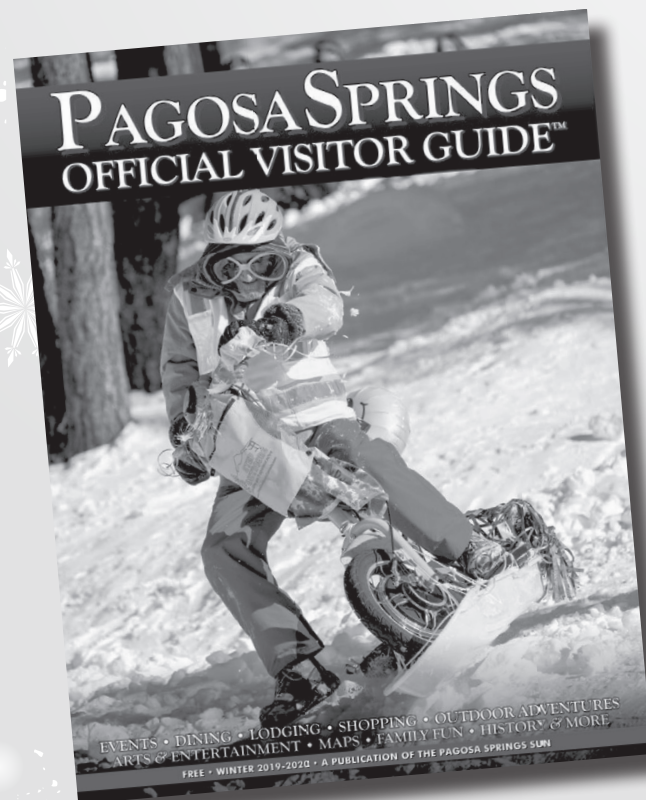
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Children's programs on Facebook

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m., join us on the library's Facebook page for free children's programs.

Wednesday storytimes are 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.

If you have a Facebook account, log in to Facebook and search for the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. If you don't have a Facebook account, access the page by visiting our website and clicking the Facebook icon (a lowercase f) in the upper left hand corner of the screen. Or, contact us and we can send you a direct link.

Storywalks for kids

Every other Thursday, Josie, your early literacy librarian, posts signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up towards the elementary school detailing a new free Summer Reading Storywalk for kids. The Aug. 6-20 theme is glow-in-the-dark adventures. 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. By popular demand, Storywalks will continue until the snow makes it too difficult to proceed.

Books on CD

"This is How I Lied" by Heather Gudekauf follows a cold case reopened. "Sorry For Your Trouble" by Pulitzer Prize-winner Richard Ford is a new collection of stories. "Code Name Madeleine" by Arthur J. Magida is a Sufi Spy story in Nazi-occupied Paris. "How to Know the Birds" by Ted Floyd focuses on 200 top species. "All the Way to the Tigers" by Mary Morris is a travel memoir. "Outsider" by Linda Castillo is a thriller about a woman hiding among the Amish. "If It Bleeds" by Stephen King contains four new short stories. "Desolation Road" by Christine Feehan is a Torpedo Ink Motorcycle Club romance.

DVDs

"Trolls World Tour" is a Dreamworks musical adventure. "Seven Worlds One Planet" is a BBC documentary. "The Good Place" is a comedy. "William Shakespeare's Great Comedies" includes "Twelfth Night," "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "The Taming of the Shrew."

Nonfiction

"Bunker" by Bradley Garrett explores how people on four continents

prepare for a possible apocalypse. "My Time to Speak" by Ilia Calderon is a memoir by the first Afro-Latina high-profile TV broadcast. "To Start a War" by Robert Draper explores the U.S. decision to invade Iraq. "Break the Good Girl Myth" by Majo Molfino identifies five self-sabotaging tendencies that keep women back. "True Crimes and Misdemeanors" by Jeffrey Toobin explores why the Mueller investigation into Donald Trump failed. "The Monk of Mokha" by Dave Eggers follows a young Yemeni Armenian from San Francisco who dreams of resurrecting the ancient art of Yemeni coffee. "The Art of a Successful Life" by Rainer Zitelmann is a collection of wise quotes from Confucius to Steve Jobs.

Large print

"Our Wild Calling" by Richard Louv explores how connecting with animals can transform our lives and save theirs. "The American Story" by David M. Rubenstein contains conversations from master historians. "How to Make Your Money Last — Completely Updated for Planning Today" by Jane Bryant Quinn is a new retirement guide. "Because Internet" by linguist Gretchen McCulloch describes evolving language on social media.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"1st Case" by James Patterson features a 19-year-old intern at the FBI. "His and Hers" by Alice Feeney features a BBC newscaster. "Living Dead" by George A. Romero and Daniel Kraus is about dead people who won't stay dead. "The Silent Wife" by Karin Slaughter follows a serial killer on the loose. "True Story" by Kate Reed Petty is a psychological thriller. "The Lions of Fifth Avenue" by Fiona Davis is set in the New York Public Library over two generations.

Other novels

"The Geometry of Holding Hands" by Alexander McCall Smith is an Isabel Dalhousie novel. "Harrow the Ninth" by Tamsyn Muir is book two of the Locked Tomb sci-fi trilogy. "Migrations" by Charlotte McConaghy follows a woman obsessed with following Arctic terns.

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"You won't skid if you stay in a rut." — Frank McKinney Hubbard (1868-1930), American cartoonist, humorist and journalist.

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Sandy, a kitten in a field

By Daris Howard
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There are world-famous sand dunes near where we live. Though they are about a mile away, on Labor Day and Memorial Day weekends, the amount of noise late into the night is so loud we have to close our windows to get some sleep.

I never take my family there on those weekends. The hills look like giant ant colonies, with every ant riding a four-wheeler. We don't ride all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), and even though there are specific rules about those who do staying away from other people, a person takes their life in their hands to be out there at those times. It reminds me of when I tried to cross the streets of New York at rush hour.

But on weeks outside of holidays, and on a weekday and not on a weekend, I might take my family out there to play on the sands. The children liked to run and jump off the hills, flying down the steep embankment until they landed in a soft sand cloud.

On one such outing, we had been out there all evening and were on our way back home. The children were tired and were sipping ice water. They were looking forward to popsicles at home, another family tradition. But on the way home, my youngest daughter, Elli, suddenly called out to me.

"Dad, look. It's a small kitten, and it's alone."

As we drove by, I caught a glimpse of the kitten in the corner of a field.

"Please," Elli said. "Can we go back and get it?"

"Sweetie, it's probably wild," I said. "Either it would run away if you tried to get close, or it would claw at you."

"But it looks abandoned and afraid," Elli replied.

Elli has a big heart, and I knew that if we didn't go back and check on the kitten, she would worry about it. I also knew that sometimes people who tire of their pets drive into the countryside and leave them. These animals, not knowing

Elli walked slowly toward the kitten, and suddenly it ran at her.

how to fend for themselves, usually starve or grow mean and are killed. I turned the van around, and we went back.

When we stopped, the kitten cried loudly at us. I didn't know if it was crying for help or as a threat, so when Elli approached the kitten, I stood by in case it turned on her.

Elli walked slowly toward the kitten, and suddenly it ran at her. I had seen even small animals that were wild and vicious, so I ran to protect Elli. But the kitten clawed its way up her pants, and before I got there, it had climbed into Elli's arms and buried its frightened head into the crook of her arm. Elli petted it, and it kept its head against her as it

continued its sad cry.

Once in the van, the other children wanted to see it, but it kept itself tightly in its position of safety. When we got home, I got my first close look at it. It was tiny, skin and bones, and its coat was mangy. It must have been out there for some time. I was surprised a coyote hadn't gotten it.

Elli named the kitten Sandy because we found her on the way back from the sand hills. We gave Sandy some milk, and she devoured it. But she was so near starvation that she immediately threw it up. We struggled to save her. For more than a week, we fed her many times per day, but only small amounts. She often still couldn't keep the food down. But finally, she was eating full meals and having no problem.

But then we had another complication. Our other cats, all drop-offs like Sandy, refused to accept her. Though it was sad for Elli, we convinced her that Sandy would do better in another home. So, Donna, my wife, found a lady looking for a kitten for a companion.

Elli, Donna, and I took Sandy to meet the lady. The lady immediately fell in love with her. Though it was hard for Elli to say goodbye, we promised she could come back and visit. A few months later, we did take Elli back. Sandy was a beautiful, sleek, playful juvenile cat. She immediately seemed to recognize Elli and climbed into her lap, curled up and purred herself to sleep.

And as Elli petted Sandy, we all knew we had done the right thing in going back to rescue a lonely, lost kitten.



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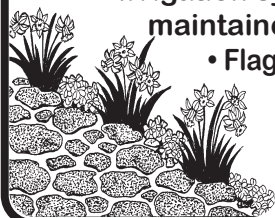
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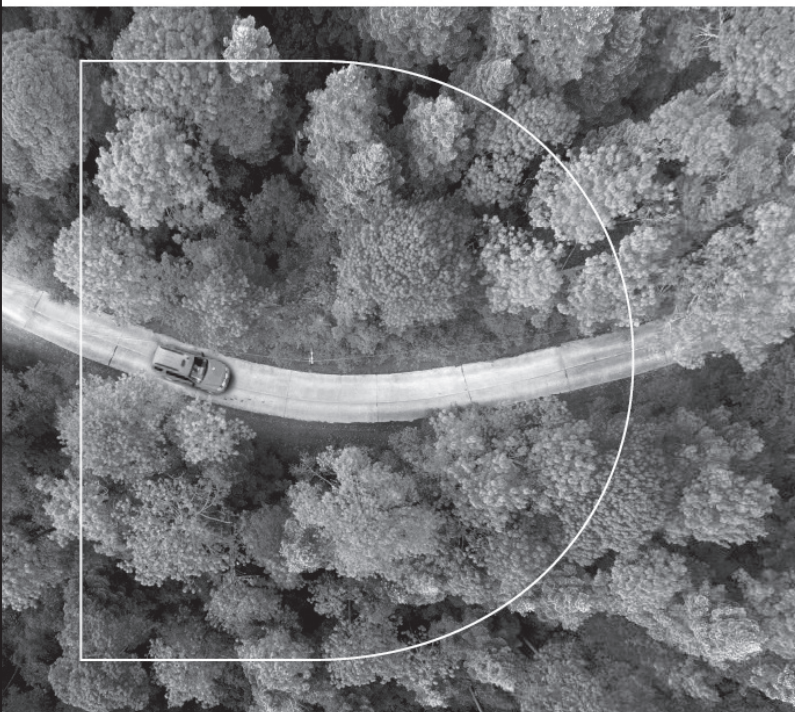
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