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## Sheriff, San Juan National Forest implement Stage 1 fire restrictions

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County resumed Stage 1 fire restrictions effective 12:01 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, and the San Juan National Forest will implement restrictions beginning today, Thursday, Aug. 20.

Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez announced the restrictions in a press release late Wednesday morning.

"With the current high fire danger across the State and an increase in the number of fire related inci-

dents both regionally and statewide, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office in collaboration with Pagosa Fire Protection District, hereby notifies the residents of Archuleta County that in accordance with Ordinance 18-2017 FOR THE REGULATION OF OPEN BURNING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, Archuleta County will resume Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, effective as of 12:01 Wednesday August 19, 2020," the sheriff's press release states.

■ See Fire A8

## La Plata and Archuleta counties, board of health discuss future

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County will stay with San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), at least for now.

At a joint meeting between the Archuleta and La Plata County commissioners and the SJBPH Board of Health, the three groups discussed the status of Archuleta County looking into breaking ties with SJBPH.

Over the past few months, Archuleta County commissioners Ron Maez and Alvin Schaaf have expressed support for investigating other options for the county's public health department, including forming its own district or joining a different agency.

Maez cautioned at the meeting that no decisions have been made about leaving SJBPH, and wouldn't be for awhile.

"Everybody is assuming that

we're separating. We haven't even made that decision yet," he said, adding, "I have no desire to move forward and make a decision during this [pandemic]. I don't think it'd be smart."

Schaaf explained his reasoning for wanting to investigate other health options for Archuleta County.

"I think the biggest deal is — nothing personal against San Juan Basin Health — but can we do better for our citizens with more services locally?" he said. "Can we get more services here locally where our citizens don't have to travel to La Plata County to get some services?"

Asked specifically what services he was referring to, Schaaf replied, "Just all the services they — we don't have the local — and I understand it's a budget thing, they got

■ See Health A8

## No mask, no service



Photo courtesy Kayli Postolese

The first customer of the day was turned away at Kip's Grill and Cantina Saturday morning. While the tacos are delicious, Colorado Parks and Wildlife reported that this bear was actually attempting to get in the dumpster which was, fortunately, locked. Residents are reminded that by taking some simple precautions, you can avoid human/wildlife conflicts and help to keep bears wild. Helpful 'bear aware' tips can be found on page A11.

## District announces plan for returning to school

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Archuleta School District (ASD) announced Monday that it will begin the upcoming school year on Sept. 8 under a hybrid/blended option that will see students learning in person some days and remotely the rest.

In a Monday letter to district staff and families, ASD Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza outlined that students will attend school for in-person learning two days per week and will learn remotely three days per week.

"We fully expect that we will need to transition in and out of the various models of instruction throughout the year, depending

■ See School A8

## Despite pandemic, sales tax revenues continue upward trend

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

In March, when the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the Colorado ski industry and many businesses in Pagosa Springs, local officials predicted drastic reductions in sales tax revenues in the upcoming months.

Those predictions proved to not come true, at least in the March, April and May sales tax reports, which have all reflected higher

■ See Sales A8

## Buried, abandoned vehicle found near West Fork

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

An abandoned vehicle was discovered buried under debris and logs near the West Fork Trail on the east side of Wolf Creek Pass last week.

The cause is undetermined at this time, according to the Mineral County Sheriff's Office (MCSO).

The call for the vehicle came in on the afternoon of Aug. 13 from a resident of Creede who was in the area and saw the vehicle underneath some debris, Mineral County Sheriff Fred Hosselkus explained in an interview on Tuesday.

"It was almost completely buried except for a portion of one side that you could see," he said regarding the car buried under debris and logs.

"We're still thinking that a piece of equipment might have been

■ See Buried A8



Photo courtesy Mike Le Roux

Mineral County Undersheriff Chris Snell investigates an abandoned car found buried under debris and logs near the West Fork Trail on the east side of Wolf Creek Pass last week. It is believed a piece of equipment was involved in covering up the car. The car's plates were from New Mexico.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

# Dr. Rhonda Webb: Leading during a pandemic

Among us is a modest and humble leader working tirelessly to care for our community as we face coronavirus and COVID-19, the effects of which have been unprecedented in most of our lifetimes.

Dr. Rhonda Webb has worked, and continues to work, to coordinate her staff in providing care, acquiring supplies, making adjustments to the patient flow at the hospital and clinic, educating our community, coordinating testing and looking to the future of care for our community for the coronavirus and beyond.

She is tireless in attending meetings to educate attendees about how to best protect ourselves and others by wearing face coverings, washing our hands, practicing social distancing and cleaning areas around us. This lady kindly and patiently explains "droplet protection" and the use and success of that through years in the medical profession. The hundredth time she says this is just as kind and patient as the first time.

Webb has attended town and county meetings encouraging face-covering mandates and has taken the lead in

prompting community leaders to come together with a unified message for protecting our town and county.

Under her guidance and with her support, the staff of the medical center has made changes to the way patients are directed to receive care and attend appointments to provide for the safest care possible for our community. Guidelines are carefully developed to check patients in at the clinic and the hospital, and separate those showing symptoms of this virus from others.

In a phone conversation with Webb, I learned that each day area hospitals post the availability of beds they have for taking patients. Our CEO watches these reports carefully as plans are made to determine where patients from Pagosa Springs Medical Center might be transported, should an urgent case come to the hospital.

Webb and her staff work with mask makers' coordinator Debby Donovan. In her last email of Aug. 11, Donovan shared that between March and this date, the mask-making group has produced 5,600 masks for the hospital. She also shared

that the cost of the masks that the hospital is required to use has gone up from 80 cents to over \$3 each. The effort of Webb and her staff in coordinating this sewing project has saved the hospital thousands of dollars and has also provided masks for the safety of patients and staff at the hospital during times when masks were not readily available. The work of this group continues.

But, that wasn't enough. Webb took it upon herself to make sure that the people sewing masks for the hospital received a personal note of thanks amidst all the other work she is doing.

I am grateful the board of directors of the Upper San Juan Health Service District had the foresight to hire Webb as the CEO for Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Fortunately for our community, the board is looking at extending that contract.

She is often the first to thank others for what they are doing, but this time I thank you, Dr. Rhonda Webb.

And, thank you to all of the health care workers in our community. Be safe.

Shari Pierce

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
August 20, 1920

Work on the Sparks building continues to proceed satisfactorily. The piping of the old Rochester hot water well was this week cut down in preparation for the laying of the cement floor. A small plunge has been installed in one corner of the building and here the hot water controls will be placed, as the Metropolitan hotel plunges are "fed" from this well.

The population of Archuleta county has been announced by the census bureau as 3,590, an increase over 1910 of only 288 or 8.7 per cent. This is a great disappointment to our people, as all estimates had been fixed from 4,000 to 4,500. The population of Pagosa Springs, the only incorporated town in the county, has not been announced, but it is believed that we will show a little over a fifty per cent increase over the 1910 census which was 669.

The W.B. Sisleys were the heaviest losers in the hail storm that visited Taylor canyon the last of July, it completely ruining their grain and garden besides killing not only their small chickens and turkeys but grown ones as well.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
August 24, 1945

Ranger and Mrs. John Pomeroy left last Friday for an extended pack trip over the entire lower Piedra district. Purpose of the trip was for range and timber inspection and to attend to other forest duties. Mr. Pomeroy will spend a part of his time assisting the bridge crew that is making major repairs on the suspension bridge on the stock drive way across the Piedra at the mouth of Sheep creek. This bridge has a span of 150 feet.

No one was seriously injured when Mrs. Frank Stephens, driving her Chevrolet '42 sedan, met George Springer head-on on one of the curves on the Basin road Thursday afternoon of last week about 2:30. Mrs. Stephens, her baby daughter, Carolyn Joan, and Rose Valdez, were on their way to town for supplies when the accident happened. Neither car was traveling fast, but Mrs. Stephens and the baby, both sustained bruises; the baby was thrown to the floor of the car, but seemed to be all right the next morning.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
August 20, 1970

The State Game, Fish and Parks Department's investigation into possible grizzly bear population in this area continues. To date there has been no significant evidence that the bear are around. The studies show, though that black and brown bear are very numerous in many parts of the area. The fact that there has been no significant evidence of grizzly bear does not rule out the possibility of their presence. Grizzlies are wily and avoid contact with any sign of civilization. They may have been frightened away by activity of those planting the baits, by pack outfits, or fishermen. They may also have chosen not to take advantage of the bait. The study continues but at this time there is no definite evidence of grizzly bear here.

To do what we will is natural liberty. To do what we may consistently with the interest of the community to which we belong is civil liberty. Civil liberty is the only liberty to be desired by a civilized person, natural liberty is for the ignorant and uncaring.

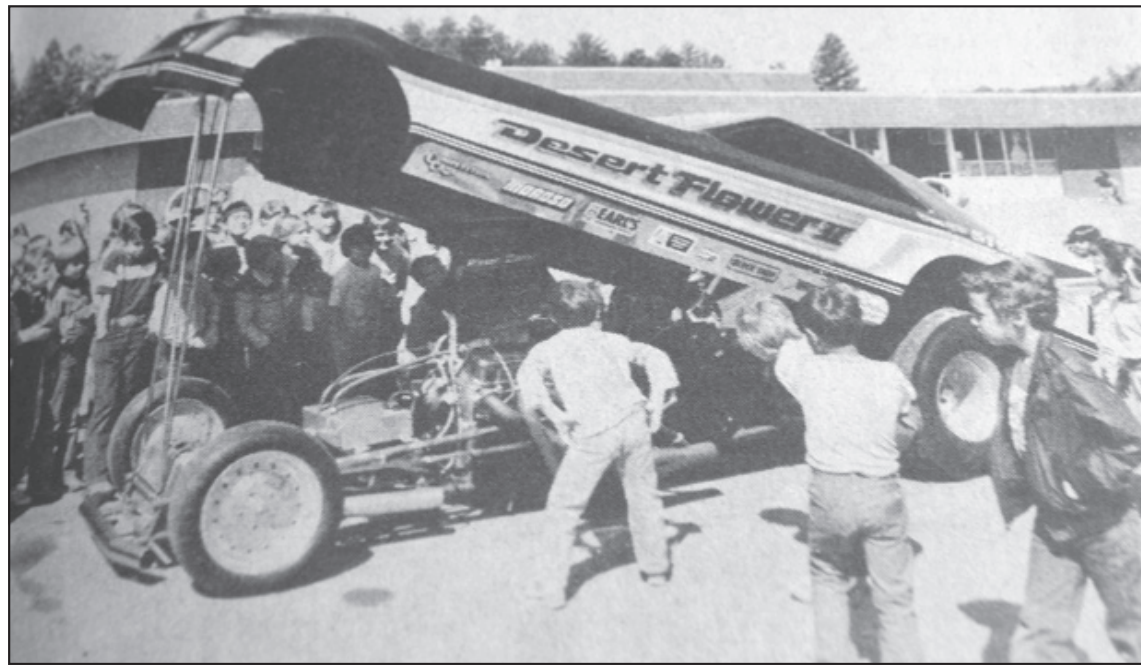
### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
August 24, 1995

A case of a horse being infected by vesicular stomatitis was confirmed in Archuleta County last week, and a quarantine on livestock within a 10-mile radius of the point of the outbreak is now in effect. Local veterinarian Dave Baker said he tended to the infected animal on Aug. 15. As per regulations, Baker reported the case to the USDA.

Assistant State Veterinarian Wayne Cunningham said Wednesday that as soon as the case of vesicular stomatitis was confirmed (by tests conducted at a USDA lab at Ames, Iowa), a livestock quarantine and other restrictions went into effect. Cunningham said the premises on which the infected animal is located is quarantined. "There can be no in-and-out activity with livestock on the property," he said. Furthermore, a "restrictive circle" of a 10-mile radius has been set around the point where the infected animal is located. "Livestock within the restricted circle are not allowed to be in gatherings," said Cunningham. The state vet said no rodeos, livestock markets or similar gatherings of livestock can be held inside the restricted circle.

## LOOKING BACK



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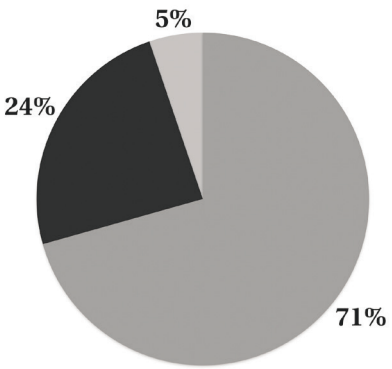
WOW — George Crouse's son-in-law Mike Rieger of Grand Junction stopped by the elementary school Monday morning to display his dragster. Rieger and his partner Ben Zamora raced the vehicle at Pueblo last weekend. The 1983 Mustang with a rebuilt Chevrolet 454 engine was clocked at 151 miles per hour.

## WHADDYA THINK?

Should there be stronger enforcement of animal control laws?

Poll results (211 votes)

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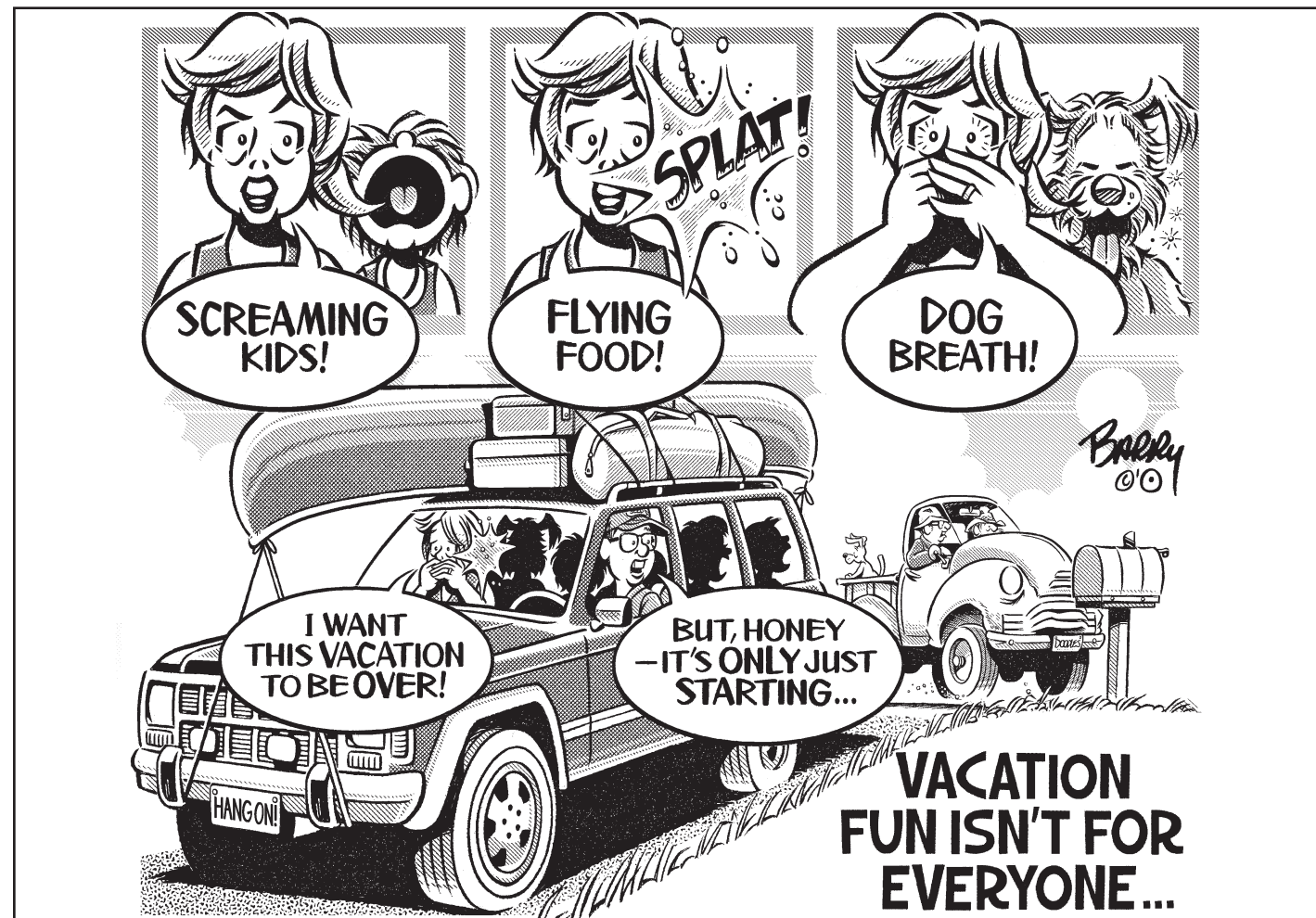
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# Letters

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## Wear masks when possible

Dear Editor:  
I wear a mask when I go out into public in almost all instances, and I encourage my fellow citizens to wear one too. Do it, however, for the right reasons, not the wrong reasons.

I do not wear a mask because the government tells me that I must. That is because the government has no right to tell me what to wear or when to wear it. (Perhaps you may recall the Nazi regime requiring Jewish people to wear the star of David.) Our Constitutional rights are not terminated because of any kind of emergency. I wear a mask because I care about my neighbors and I care about my own risk in contracting Covid-19, as I am in a higher risk category. Those alone, are the reasons that I wear a mask.

This is also why the federal government does not mandate a national mask-wearing law. The Trump administration correctly understands that it cannot exercise its authority by demanding of our citizens more than our Constitution permits them to demand. Wearing a mask because any government authority demands it of us is the wrong reason to wear one. And while such laws may be well-intentioned, they are unconstitutional. This simply gives Americans who are aware of their rights under the Constitution a reason not to wear a mask. I get that. I too am quite weary of government overreach into our lives. The more the government leaves us alone, the better I like it.

Here's the issue and the right questions to be asking with respect to wearing masks. The issue is what is good for yourself and your neighbor in the midst of a pandemic? Will wearing a mask help our nation to open up a bit sooner and get people back to work? Will wearing a mask help our local business stay in business by allowing them to operate and stay afloat financially? Will wearing a mask enable us to get out of the house more with a higher level of confidence that I will not contract Covid-19, nor be an unwitting carrier of the disease to others?

There's another aspect to this. Private businesses are private property. If the owner of a business wants to require their customers to wear a mask when they enter private property, that is their right.

They should not become targets of derision by rude customers who fail to recognize that they are on someone else's property and need to play by the owner's rules. Such folks do have an alternative — shop somewhere else if wearing a mask offends you that much. Imagine if someone came into your home and wanted to light up a cigarette even after you've asked them not to. Your home, your rules.

So, please do wear masks in public whenever possible. Do it for the right reasons.

Richard Bolland

## Abuse of office

Dear Editor:  
The President of the United States is actively, openly, and illegally attempting to limit American voters' ability to vote in the upcoming November election. Voting, of course, is a fundamental right and responsibility in our democracy. This is happening in the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote. It also comes as the U.S. attempts to deal with a pandemic, making it dangerous, if not impossible, to vote in person. It is unfortunate for all Americans that Mr. Trump is not devoting most of his energy to dealing effectively with Covid19.

The United States has a record of low voter participation in elections when compared to other democracies. We should be making it easier, not harder, for qualified voters to vote.

It is disappointing that Republicans, both citizens and elected officials, don't stand up to this tyrant currently occupying our White House. He is even willing to compromise the integrity and mission of the U.S. Post Office to continue the abuse of his office of President.

Ron Hardeman

## Out of touch with reality

Dear Editor:  
The U.S. Department of Defense is building a so-called "state of the art" high school on Ramstein AFB in Germany. The cost to taxpayers is \$98 million dollars. It is built for 1,100 students. That is about \$89,000 per student. Most classes are to be held in one enormous space with no walls between classes. This was a "new" idea way back in the 1970s, but it failed. One reason why: One history teacher in an experimental school in Dallas back then was so interesting that kids in surrounding classes listened to him all day, ignoring less interesting teachers occupying the same big space. That building was soon demolished. It had proved to be a bad idea.

The "old" Ramstein High School, built in 1981-82, for 800 students, cost \$20 million dollars. That was only about \$25,000 per student. That more traditional building was to be demolished as the new building was being constructed. Even the football stadium is being replaced. What a shameful waste of tax money, as thousands of troops are soon expected to be moved out of Germany. So, where does the buck stop? Somewhere in the Lofty Towers of Academia, D.C. DODEA Directors seem out of touch with reality.

John Penter, who spent 40 years that system

## Strategic plan doesn't secure water

Dear Editor:  
It is my considered opinion, based on calculations done by the State and PAWSD and consultant estimates made to San Juan Water Conservancy District ("the District"), demand for water will exceed supply as soon as 2024. Given the trends in the Colorado River Basin, this estimate may be generous. The Colorado River is over-appropriated, but the snowpack is going down from climate change. Interim guidelines are expiring so water users like the Colorado River Tribal Nations are actively moving

to secure wet water rather than paper water. The District's strategic plan fails to secure water for our community.

The strategic plan does not offer any concrete directives to complete a plan to build a reservoir on the drawing board since 1968. The District and PAWSD own over 600 acres for the reservoir bought with public funds. Rather, the property is only used for the benefit of one family. The Town wants a good rafting put-in location, the cross-country ski folks need more trails, the rafting industry could use more recreational water in the San Juan, and the fish need minimum stream flows to survive. Oh yeah, and we need drinking water. The District could work toward getting all of those things done immediately.

None of the foundational uses, projects, goals and aspirations that have taken years to assemble are committed to in the draft strategic plan. As a general observation, the purpose of a strategic plan is to set long range goals with short term action steps to reach those goals. If the long range goals are extended out and extensive then it is important to set interim goals to plateau the project(s) so that strategies can be adjusted to different action items. This strategic plan sets out general aspirations, but nothing more — it is hardly a strategic plan. Worse it does not advance critical public purposes.

In the bullet point, the narratives ramble on too much. A couple of them could be broken up into two or more bullet points. The board is the District — separating the board from the District only makes the board's actions less credible. This is inappropriate to the task at hand. In one bullet point, the word "we" is used, which is even more inappropriate. The board speaks with one voice and acts as a unit rather than as a group of individuals.

Finally, there is only one reference to the Colorado Water Plan. It states the District simply participated in the planning process. This general statement misrepresents the true extent to which the District is committed to the Colorado Water

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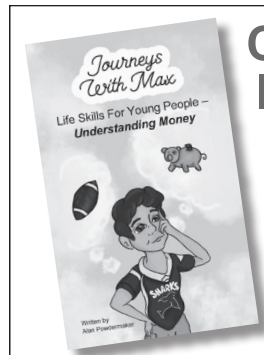
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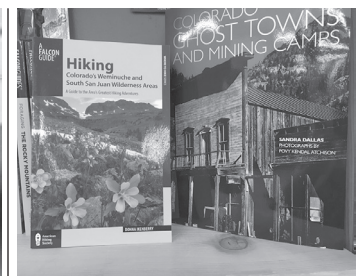
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Plan. The District's water storage project is an identified project under the Plan, approved by the Southwest water roundtable. The Colorado Water Plan was approved and endorsed for implementation by the District. It is imperative to future funding for the District's water storage project that implementation of the Colorado Water Plan continue. Continued support for the Water Plan is extremely important to the District's purpose, which is water for public purposes.

Rodney B. Proffitt

## 'Gives my vote a chance'

Dear Editor:

I have heard a rising support in the media for changing the election results from Electoral College (EC) to a simple popular vote. Using a popular vote to elect the President sounds great when you look at it without going deeper into the reasoning for using the EC. Frankly, those in power back when the EC was created were concerned that the northeastern, urban, industrial states, with their huge electorate, would always install the President, despite what the southeastern, rural, agricultural states, with their patented lesser populations, wanted. The EC was created to level the political playing field.

Even with the EC, whichever

candidate wins California and New York, with the huge number of electoral votes they wield, have, in the past, always guaranteed that candidate to win the election. But not always, as we've seen in the last few national elections. For a less complex example, with the popular vote, if Colorado was a sovereign nation, Denver and Colorado Springs would always be the ones to dictate who the country's leader would be despite the wishes of the rural counties. Actually that end result is demonstrated in who gets Colorado's electoral votes. The rural counties can vote in support of one party but where Denver goes is who will actually win. It's the same with Michigan (Detroit and surrounds), New York (New York City and surrounds), etc.

The question is quite simple. Do we want California and New York to dictate who the next President will be, or do we want the other population groups in this country to have a fair shot at doing so, despite their less concentrated populations? Me, I want to have a system in place that gives my vote a chance at being heard, despite our strictly rural status here in Pagosa Springs.

Doug Roberts

## Advice from Dad

Dear Editor:

My generation was "old" for age — Children of the Great Depression, followed by the sacrifices of WWII. We grew up when sacrifice

was the norm. During the first nine years of marriage, cancer took both of my parents at the young ages of 52 and 55. Our three little ones were born during that time. During my Dad's final days, he gave me the following advice, which Bob and I took to heart: "Whatever you do, be sure that your children get a good education and never allow your lifestyle to become greater than what you can afford when you retire, or you will be miserable". We heeded my father's advice. When the oldest started school, I told her "Daddy has his job, I have my job and your job is doing good in school." The other two followed. All were honor students, all received scholarships to college, and all worked summer jobs to supplement the little we were able to provide. Encouragement was the only "thing" we had plenty of. Yes, all made us proud.

Another important aspect of a successful marriage is respect, encouragement and support for each other's interests. Of course, the first years were spent raising our family with each taking care of our part of the "deal". When the children were settled into their lives, we were free to be kids again. So, what to do? Well, we built our little 2-BR cabin in the mountains as a start and moved up to begin our new life.

Those "dreams" that had been stored on a shelf, began to call our attention. Over those final 30 plus years, we began to take them off the shelf, with each enjoying the adventuresome things that excited us and we enjoyed sharing our experiences at the end of each day. Yes, Dad's advice many years ago rang true. Keeping it simple, we were able to enjoy many travels around this magnificent country over the years. Always, with our faith strong, God's guidance showed us the way. We did it all, ending up in beautiful Pagosa.

True love endures.

Patty Tillerson

## 'Moratorium on new towers'

Dear Editor:

Is "majority rules" always the wisest decision making strategy? In the case of Covid-19 the first doctors in China were silenced because what they were observing and reporting was not taken seriously. (There could have been other reasons, as well).

Power as well might not be wisest tool. I will refrain from using present day political examples as we already know about Hitler's power and its inhumane consequence.

When, here in Pagosa I talked with a county commissioner I was impressed by his listening skills and the time he spent talking to me about the new AT&T cell tower off of Bastille Drive. He told me that it was not a microwave tower but a macrowave tower and that both waves go through our bodies. He told me that only two people had showed up for the meeting to voice their concerns, for the danger of erecting a tower so close to people. He also told me that it was a done deal and that it wouldn't be moved to a safer location (my request was to re-locate it to Reservoir Hill). He also informed me that 5 more towers were in the works for discussion.

When I spoke to neighbors and local friends about my concern they all had the same response, "The county commissioners do whatever they want. You are waisting your time talking with them". Ouche. That's not what I voted for.

Personally I'd rather have a moratorium on new towers. "Progress" is moving towards satellites, anyway. France for example has dismantled cell towers near inhabited areas because of the physical harmful effects that the waves have on people and animals.

Please read up on the dangers of cell towers and let our commissioners know to keep them away from us. Let's be wise and healthy. Prevention has value.

Thank you.  
County Administration # is: 264-8300 ext. 1.

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# Governor extends face-covering order

Gov. Jared Polis' office

Last week, Gov. Jared Polis extended and amended an executive order requiring Coloradans to wear face coverings.

The amendment clarifies that individuals performing life rites are exempt from the face-covering mandate while a life rite is being performed. Life rites include wedding ceremonies, graduations, funeral services, baptisms, bris ceremonies and other religious ceremonies. The executive order expires 30 days from Aug. 14.

# El Pomar Foundation approves \$140,000 to nonprofits in the southwest region

El Pomar Foundation

Grant funding of \$140,000 will support the work of nonprofits in the southwest region. El Pomar Foundation trustees approved grant allocations to nine nonprofit organizations in the southwest region at the foundation's July trustees meeting.

Through the foundation's grant making process, the following local organizations were awarded grants:

- Archuleta County of Pagosa Springs — \$30,000 for a school counseling program; Regional Council.
- United Way of Southwest Colorado of Durango — \$5,000 for the Pagosa Outreach Con-

nection; Regional Merit.

Founded by Spencer and Julie Penrose in 1937, El Pomar Foundation has an established legacy of general purpose grant making throughout the state of Colorado. The competitive process remains the foundation's primary vehicle for organizations to receive funding, which accepts applications on a rolling basis. Additionally, over the last 80 years, El Pomar has either developed or been entrusted with the stewardship of a number of other funds, as well as presenting Trustee and Regional Council merit grants.

Since 2003, El Pomar's regional partnerships program has also provided invaluable support to 11 regions statewide, representing all 64

counties, led by more than 70 community leaders on regional councils, in an effort to increase impact and establish connections across the entire state. Each of the foundation's 11 regional councils advises El Pomar trustees and recommends grants to help support its communities. The Southwest Regional Council recommends grants in Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties. Council members are regional leaders in the business, nonprofit and public sectors and provide firsthand information about current needs in their own communities.

To view a full listing of El Pomar's funds and grant-making areas, please visit our website at <https://www.elpomar.org/grant-making/>.

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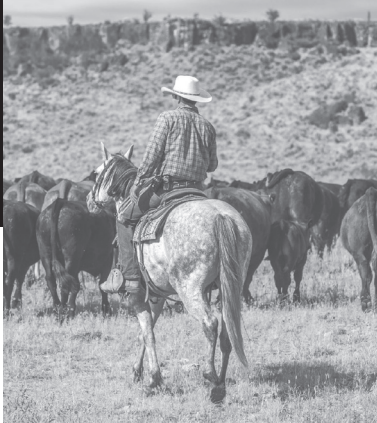
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# Business

## County unemployment stays flat at 11.3 percent in June

By John Finebrock  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County's unemployment rate was 11.3 percent in June, staying flat from 11.3 percent in May, according to information released by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE).

Archuleta County's unemployment rate in June 2019 was 3.4 percent.

In June, Archuleta County had 7,260 people in the labor force and 814, or 11.3 percent, claiming unemployment.

Colorado's unemployment rate was 10.7 percent in June, with 3,189,798 people in the labor force and 340,422 claiming unemployment.

A handful of counties in the state had unemployment rates higher than 15 percent in June, which include:

- Gilpin County at 19.7 percent.
- San Miguel County at 17.1 percent.
- Summit County at 16.6 percent.
- Pitkin County at 16 percent.
- Eagle County at 15.7 percent.

In an Aug. 13 press release, the CDLE offered data for statewide unemployment claims that are more up to date than county-specific information.

The press release notes that:  
• The CDLE has paid out more than \$4.5 billion in unemployment benefits since March 29.  
• "... 6,187 regular initial unem-

ployment claims were filed the week ending August 8th. There were also 9,048 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims filed for the same week. Since mid-March, a total of 523,390 regular unemployment initial claims have been filed and a grand total of 694,490 claims, including federal PUA (Pandemic Unemployment Assistance) benefits," the press release states.

According to the CDLE's data, the top 10 industries with the highest initial unemployment claims for the week ending Aug. 1 are:

1. Accommodation and Food Services: 826, or 13.2 percent of claims for the week.
2. Retail Trade: 681, or 10.9 percent of claims for the week.
3. Healthcare and Social Assistance: 678, or 10.8 percent of claims for the week.
4. Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services: 628, or 10.0 percent of claims for the week.
5. Manufacturing: 560, or 9 percent of claims for the week.
6. Construction: 494, or 7.9 percent of claims for the week.
7. Professional and Technical Services: 433, or 6.9 percent of claims for the week.
8. Education Services: 287, or 4.6 percent of claims for the week.
9. Wholesale Trade: 269, or 4.3 percent of claims for the week.
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## Restaurants and retail: Plan now for fall and winter

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
Chamber of Commerce

With COVID-19 cases still occurring, there is good chance that restrictions will not be lifted much in the upcoming months. Restaurants and retail, who have had to make significant changes to their businesses, should be prepared to continue operating with these adjustments.

As the weather cools down and outdoor seating becomes scarcer, restaurants should be planning their indoor seating capacity and waiting areas. The Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Department will be looking at temporary variances to accommodate outdoor winter waiting and seating capacities. Just like in the summer, when restaurants were able to put up tents,

expand into parking lot areas and modify signage.

The town will look at variances for the winter months as well, should alternative arrangements be necessary. This includes areas for seating, tents and adjustments to deflect snow loads so that outdoor seating and waiting areas can be accommodated. The business needs to draw up a plan and present the variance to the town on how the tents or areas will be kept clear of snow and can accommodate exits and social distancing. Other businesses may also need waiting areas and can submit a variance plan to the town for their review.

Businesses should not wait until the weather has turned and it is too cold to work or too late to make any temporary modifications. Start planning now and submit your

temporary plan to the town's Planning Department.

### Modified Chamber hours

Due to reduced staffing levels, the Chamber offices will need to adjust its hours when we are open to the public. We are proud to say that we have been open our regular hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday even through the pandemic and even with reduced staffing. However, with no events in our near future, we have had to make even more cuts.

Our offices will still be open Monday through Friday, but instead of closing at 5 p.m., our offices will now close at 4 p.m. Staff may still be on hand after 4 p.m., but due to the inconsistency of availability, lunches and meeting schedules, the public should just plan for the

offices to only be open until 4 p.m.

Should you need anything special after that time, please contact us and we will try and make arrangements to accommodate you. Remember that the Chamber offices are still open for copies, bulk mailing and pick up of masks and posters, as well as membership or business consultations.

To facilitate less contact, if you have a printing job, just email Rick Artis, membership coordinator, at info@pagosachamber.com with your project and instructions. We can have your job ready for you for easy pick up. We can arrange business consultations and assistance during this difficult time at the Chamber or at your place of business. If you have questions concerning your business future, schedule an appointment with Mary Jo at 264-2360.

## Downtown parking topic at planning commission meeting

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Further discussion on downtown parking was had by the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission at a work session on Aug. 11.

Planning Director James Dickhoff noted that the town still needs to engage the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD), the Public Works Department and the town manager about ideas and possible solutions for downtown parking.

Additionally, these stakeholders want to be engaged on what should be implemented in a possible survey that would be distributed to the public, Dickhoff noted.

"We really want to make sure that we understand, from the police department's perspective, is the enforcement side of things," Dickhoff explained.

A video is also planned for what is being considered for downtown parking solutions, according to Dickhoff.

Dickhoff added that he hopes that the process will take place at the end of August and into September.

The downtown area that is being considered goes from 1st through

8th streets, along the main street corridor, a small section of South 6th Street and Lewis Street, Dickhoff described.

Visual data from peak lunch and dinner periods have been collected from staff in order to get an idea of what the percentage of spaces is that are being used, Dickhoff explained.

"There is certainly an opportunity down 2nd Street and some of our other side streets as far as maximizing the amount of parking spaces we can accommodate on our current right of ways without needing to purchase property," Dickhoff explained.

Parking garages would be costly, with estimated costs of \$25,000 to \$35,000 per space, Dickhoff described.

In regard to in-lieu-of fees, business owners want to ensure that if they are paying that fee, that their customers can use the space to walk to their establishment, Dickhoff noted.

"If we say we're going to eliminate in-lieu fees, then that means the public, meaning taxes are going to pay for it, and that might change somebody's opinion on a survey," planning commissioner Jeff Posey explained.

A big part of the process is figuring out what sections of town need parking improvements the most, noted planning commissioner Chris Pitcher.

"Part of that is identifying locations where you can have an improvement," Pitcher said, adding that there is a chance for projects in each section of town.

Signage is also very important as part of this process, Posey added.

In regard to enforcement, Pitcher explained that he hoped the town would not ask the PSPD to handle parking enforcement.

"We hear a lot from main street businesses that they really want to see that enforcement come back because what they're seeing is people parking in those spaces for hours and hours and some days all day long," Dickhoff said. "They feel like that's compromising their customers to park directly in front of their store or in direct proximity as they drive by."

Planning commissioner Peter Hurley noted that he has seen a parking problem on the east side of town.

"I think obviously town council would be the ultimate decider on where those funds are expended. The intent would be, in my view, those fees would go into a specific public parking fund dedicated for downtown parking needs," Dickhoff said in regard to in-lieu-of fees.

The idea of downtown parking is

still preliminary in nature, Dickhoff explained, adding that the town still wants to get public input before it moves forward.

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## Thousands receive SNAP benefit notice in error

Colorado Department of Human Services

More than 17,000 Colorado households that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits may have received a notice that they received zero benefits for the month of August in error.

SNAP benefits were issued to 276,588 Colorado households in August. All households were eligible for and received the maximum allotment (or emergency allotment) benefit due to a federal waiver the state received related to the COVID-19

pandemic.

However, 17,381 were notified in error on Aug. 3 that they were allotted zero benefits for the month. Separate notices were also sent indicating households were receiving the max allotment. The two notices may have caused confusion.

SNAP clients can verify their balance either by logging into their account at [www.ebtEDGE.com](http://www.ebtEDGE.com), checking the bottom of their most recent receipt, or by calling EBT customer service at (888) 328-2656 or (800) 659-2656.

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Progress is being made on the town's consolidated maintenance facility located on South 5th Street near the high school.

## Economic Development Administration awards Region 9 two grants totaling \$743,000

By **Stephani Burditt**  
Region 9 Economic Development  
District of Southwest Colorado

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado announced that it will receive \$743,000 through two awards from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA).

The Rise and Recover Together COVID recovery funds will support the recovery efforts in the five-county area (Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan, as well as the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Indian reservations).

Loan funding of \$440,000 will help support qualifying businesses'

ability to reopen and recover. This COVID-EDA-RLF will supplement traditional funding sources by providing gap financing, but also work to diversify and strengthen each community's unique economies. The hope is that post-COVID businesses will be able to expand and create jobs long-term.

"EDA-RLF funding will grow our available capital to lend which will enable us to better serve local businesses and to help them get through the COVID crisis," said Jenny Stollar, business loan officer with Region 9.

Additionally, Region 9 was awarded \$303,000 to assist communities impacted by the COVID crisis through the Rise and Recover

Together initiative. This program will support recovery efforts in the five-county area by providing a recovery coordinator in Archuleta County, support for the SWCODA website and other services to respond to recovery efforts over the next two years.

"These funds will provide part

of the foundation so that community spirit, community voices and community talent can begin to build their futures, beyond COVID," said Heather Otter, economic development project manager.

For more information, please contact Region 9 at 247-9621 or at [www.scan.org](http://www.scan.org).

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, Aug. 20

**Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting and Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority meeting.** 5 p.m. See town website for participation information.

### Tuesday, Aug. 25

**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.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission meeting and work session.** 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information.

**Upper San Juan Health Service District regular board meeting.** 5:30 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96904926293>, meeting ID: 969 0492 6293. Phone in using: (346) 248-7799.

## Additional 13 weeks of state extended unemployment benefits now available

Colorado Department of  
Labor and Employment

This week, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment announced the availability of up to 13 weeks of state extended unemployment benefits (SEB) for those Coloradans who exhaust both their allotted 26 weeks of regular state unemployment benefits, as well as the additional 13 weeks provided by the federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program.

Claimants do not have to take any action to access the state

extended benefits. The Division of Unemployment Insurance will review claims to determine SEB eligibility and notify claimants accordingly. If approved for extended benefits, a claimant's weekly benefit amount under the extended benefits program will remain unchanged.

Colorado law provides for the 13 weeks of extended unemployment benefits when the state's total unemployment rate reaches certain sustained thresholds. The SEB program is 100 percent federally funded. More information: [coloradoui.gov](http://coloradoui.gov).

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# Fire

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The press release indicates that the matter will be considered at an upcoming BoCC meeting for the board to either confirm or rescind the restrictions.

“With minimal monsoon moisture received this year, Fire Managers on the San Juan National Forest are implementing Stage 1 Fire Restrictions (order) on all National Forest System lands within the San Juan National Forest, including wilderness beginning at 12:01 a.m. on August 20, 2020,” a press release from the U.S. Forest Service states. “Fire restrictions are designed to protect people, property and the area’s natural resources, and are in response to the drought in Southwest Colorado and continuing hot dry weather forecasts.”

That press release further states that neighboring jurisdictions and agencies with wildland fire responsibility are also discussing entering fire restrictions “as part of continued collaboration in community and resource protection.”

The press release explains, “We work closely with our partners to support our shared interest in fire prevention and reducing the risk of human-caused wildfires across the landscape. Visit the Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center fire restrictions page and know before you go.”

Temporary restrictions on the national forest will remain in place until further notice and may be increased or reduced at any time due to changes in weather and fire danger.

On Tuesday, Gov. Jared Polis announced he would take executive action Wednesday to reduce

fire risk across the state, with that order slated to be effective Thursday morning.

As of 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, that order had not been released.

Archuleta County’s fire restrictions will remain in effect until amended or rescinded by the sheriff or Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

## County fire restrictions

The following acts are prohibited under the Archuleta County Stage 1 Fire Restriction until further notice, according to the press release:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, coal- or wood-burning stove, any type of charcoal-fueled broiler, or open fire of any type in undeveloped areas.

The fire restrictions do not include charcoal fires in suitable containers or gas grills for barbecues at private residences or fires within designated campground pits with protective grates. However, such fires should not be left unattended and should be fully extinguished after use.

The fire restriction also does not include camp stoves, grills, or lights fueled by bottled gas, or pressurized liquid fuel, specifically designed for the purpose of camp cooking or illumination “which shall not be left unattended and shall be fully extinguished after use.”

- Agricultural burning of crop land, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning and weed burning are prohibited.

- “Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, in a

developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable vegetation.”

- “Using explosive material (i.e., fireworks, blasting caps, or any incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable material). The fire restrictions do not include local community fireworks displays that have been, or may be, approved and permitted by the Archuleta County Sheriff.”

- “Operating or using any internal combustion engine is prohibited unless it is equipped with a working spark-arresting device. The device must be properly installed, maintained and must meet either:

- “i. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or

- “ii. Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J355(b) and J350(a)”

- “The following requirements apply to all welding and cutting operations. Firefighting hand tools shall be readily available. During welding, a combination of fire extinguishers with a combined capacity of 40 lbs or a pressurized water supply shall be immediately accessible. When welding or cutting in an area that a fire may ignite, a person shall be designated as a fire watch. The area surrounding the work shall be inspected at least one (1) hour after the hot work is completed.”

- “Oil and gas operations are required to comply with the requirements of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Rules for Fire Prevention and Protection, Rule 606A.”

- “Any gas escaping from a well during drilling operations shall be, so far as practical, conducted to a safe distance from the well site and flammable vegetation, and burned.”

Operators are also required to notify Archuleta County Combined Dispatch at 731-2160 in advance of any flaring when it is anticipated, and in all other cases as soon as possible, but no more than two hours after the flaring has occurred.

The county’s press release notes that the sheriff may grant written permission to allow open fires upon request, “provided that it is proven to their satisfaction that such exception to the fire restrictions does not constitute a high danger of forest, grass, or other wildland fire ...”

## San Juan National Forest fire restrictions

The following acts are prohibited

# School

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upon the health conditions and potential cases of COVID that could arise,” the letter states. “However, based on the number of cases we have in our community, the Colorado Department of Education and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment guidance and the overwhelming belief of our families and our staff that it is in our students’ best interest to return to school, we will begin our school year on September 8 utilizing our Hybrid/Blended Learning model.”

## Blended/hybrid learning model

Under the hybrid/blended learning model, students will be grouped into two cohort groups, groups A and B, a press release from the district explains.

Group A (last names A-L) will attend school in person Monday and Tuesday and complete at-home remote learning Wednesday through Friday.

Group B (last names M-Z) will attend in-person school on Wednesday and Thursday and complete at-home remote learning Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

“We will ensure that students from the same families, regardless of last name, will stay together,” LeBlanc-Esparza’s letter states.

ASD also created a Web page about what the in-person and

ited under on the San Juan National Forest until further notice, according to the press release:

- Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire “(including fires fueled by charcoal or briquettes) outside of a permanent metal or concrete fire pit or grate that the Forest Service has installed and maintained at its developed recreation sites (campgrounds and picnic areas).”

Excepted is the “use of a stove or grill solely fueled by liquid petroleum fuels, or a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove with a chimney at least five feet in length and a mesh screen spark arrester with a screen opening of ¼ inch or less.”

- Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

- Operating a chain saw “without an effective and properly installed USDA- or Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)- approved spark arrester, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a minimum 8 oz. capacity and rating of 2A) kept with the operator, and a round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available for use.”

- Blasting, welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame without being in a cleared area of at least 10 feet in diameter and keeping a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a minimum 8 oz. capacity and rating of 2A) with the operator.

- Using an explosive. “This includes but is not limited to fuses, blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets, tracers, and incendiary ammunition.”

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online days would look like for each school and what guidance is in place. That resource is available at: [https://www.mypagosaschools.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=1806966&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1985341](https://www.mypagosaschools.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1806966&type=d&pREC_ID=1985341)

“I assure you that no part of this decision was taken lightly and we commit to doing all we can to provide the necessary resources, tools and systems to support safe environments for students and staff,” the letter states. “We will also continue to communicate openly with staff about what they feel they need to do their jobs successfully.”

Following the announcement to the district’s families and staff, LeBlanc-Esparza reported to The SUN that the district had received pretty balanced feedback, with some wishing the district had opted for fully online, others being happy with the district’s decision and others criticizing the district for not returning to full-time in-person education.

“I really haven’t seen it swing in one way or another, it has been pretty evenly distributed in all three areas. This also reinforces our survey data,” she wrote in an email.

## Online-only option

Regardless what model ASD schools are using for educating students, families can choose a 100

percent online education model and remain part of the district.

The letter outlines that ASD will work with families who desire for their students to learn fully online through a partnership with Colorado Digital Learning Solutions (CDLS).

CDLS, LeBlanc-Esparza previously stated, is partnering with 160 of the state’s 178 school districts to provide a fully online option.

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

LeBlanc-Esparza reported to The SUN Tuesday that ASD students are registering for the online option, and ASD is watching to see how many.

“Our survey data indicated that about 15 percent would choose online, so we are watching to see if that bears out in the registration numbers,” she wrote, adding that CDLS is working to hire more teachers to meet demand across the state.

## More information

More information on the district’s reopening plan, including the various models of education, what school days will look like for each school, health and safety, frequently asked questions and more, visit [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com).

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# Health

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more people in La Plata County, so they’re going to put more services there, I totally understand that, but that’s all we were wanting to do, can we do better for our county and keep stuff local rather than putting the burden on our citizens, if they have to travel for anything, not any specific service.”

In an email to The SUN, SJBPH Environmental Director Brian Devine outlined SJBPH’s programs that are available in La Plata and Archuleta Counties, and the ones that are only offered in La Plata.

Devine wrote that:

- Twenty-five programs are offered in both counties, which include the Nurse Family Partnership, early childhood interventions, regional epidemiologist, substance abuse prevention and others.

- Fifteen of the programs have staff that travel between both counties.

- The other 10 programs have staff housed in both counties.

Devine explained the programs offered only in La Plata County are the water lab, where samples must be dropped off in-person, the Parents Plus nursing assistance program and that SJBPH’s suicide prevention staff currently only work in La Plata County.

Commissioner Steve Wadley, who has expressed he wants Archuleta County to stay with SJBPH, suggested one of the main reasons Archuleta County residents are frustrated with the health department is because of the high cost of septic systems.

“I think some of the rub in Archuleta County isn’t so much with kinda the public health side, it has to do with the wastewater treatment. And, that’s where we’re hearing a lot of the rub and maybe we need to look into that and see what’s strictly mandated by the state, because people don’t understand it,” Wadley said, adding, “Building costs are very high and it’s hard for people to get into a home here. If you look at what’s goin’ for \$300,000, it’s nothin’ anymore and I know [it’s] the same thing in La Plata County.”

He continued, “Working folks are having a hard time getting a roof over their head and that’s something that the three of us [commissioners] here in Archuleta County and the three of you down

in La Plata recommended trying to help people with, so let’s take a look at some of those things and see where we can get some relief.”

“I agree with Steve on that,” Maez said. “There’s been a lot of questions about the septic systems, how they’re designed, how much they cost, and I’m sure that’s something we could have more discussion internally, maybe at a little later date — not during the pandemic right now — but we need to move forward with that.”

Onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS), or septic systems, are governed by Colorado State Regulation 43.

Wadley explained that there may not be a whole lot local county commissioners or health agencies can do to change the state’s requirements, noting that “... if you don’t have local control over it, you can’t complain about it. You just have to roll over.”

In an email, Liane Jollon, executive director for SJBPH, outlined how the current septic regulations came to be written, and noted her answers were at least partially written by her staff.

“The Colorado Water Quality Control Commission revised the statewide OWTS regulation (Regulation 43) beginning in November 2016, and formally adopted a new version on May 8, 2017. The state regulation required the local board of health to adopt a local OWTS regulation that was at least as strict as Regulation 43 within one year,” the email states.

It continues, “Cost of systems was a frequent topic of discussion at Board of Health meeting[s]. Because of concerns raised about costs, the Board declined to adopt regulatory ‘menu’ items that state suggested at this time that would be most likely increase costs of septic systems (for example, increased design flows for unfinished home areas that might be put into use in the future)...”

“The next time Regulation 43 is revised, SJBPH will remain closely involved and staff is already keeping a list of proposed changes to Regulation 43. It is unlikely, however, that the state will adopt regulations that eliminate the requirement for wastewater treatment or move away from nationwide industry standards.”

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Bruzzese clarified at the meeting that SJBPH should proceed as normal in preparing its 2021 budget, to which the Archuleta County commissioners agreed, noting a decision on whether or not the county would leave SJBPH would most likely occur in about a year, when the health department was gearing up for its 2022 budget.

## Proportional funding

The groups also discussed a resolution recently passed by the Board of Health requesting “Proportional Funding From Archuleta County To Control The COVID-19 Pandemic.”

Jollon explained that SJBPH’s expenses have gone up significantly to combat COVID-19, and that La Plata County has already pledged \$629,402 out of money received from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, according to Devine.

“The state law says when you have a district public health agency like ours, the costs beyond those paid by state, federal and grant sources are covered proportionally by the counties that participate in the district according to their population size,” Devine said in an interview Wednesday, adding, “So what we’ve done is taken the added expenses that we have, we’ve taken the added revenues — which we have received some revenues from state and federal sources ... and then we’ve taken the difference and we’ve split that by the population in each county.”

Archuleta County has a population of about 14,000 and La Plata County has a population of about 56,000 according to Jollon.

SJBPH’s Board of Health has requested \$157,350 from Archuleta County.

Maez explained in an interview Wednesday that he wants to see an itemized list of SJBPH’s expenses, to make sure that Archuleta County is able to use the money it received from the federal government to fight COVID-19 to pay SJBPH.

As of Wednesday morning, Maez reported he has not received that list, but expects to receive it and ultimately fulfill the Board of Health’s request.

Archuleta County is currently forming a task force to investigate public health options for the county.

# Buried

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used, like a Bobcat or a backhoe. There was a lot of stuff dumped on it that didn’t really look like it was done by hand,” he said.

The car was located in an area that was described by Hosselkus as being “like an old gravel pit.”

“There was a bunch of debris, timber, laying there, and according to people on the West Fork, that stuff had been there for years. It was used to cover this car up,” he said.

Upon investigation of the ve-

hicle, Hosselkus noted that the vehicle was “pretty clean.”

“We didn’t get any personal stuff out of it,” he said, adding that the car was plated out of New Mexico and that his office attempted to contact the registered owner of the vehicle via the plates.

As of Tuesday, there have been a couple of calls, but the MCSO is still in the process of reaching out to related parties to find out what happened, Hosselkus added.

There was no evidence of foul play, he noted.

# Sales

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amounts than those in 2019.

Last Friday, Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton disseminated the June sales tax revenue report to The SUN.

“The gross amount of the June 2020 sales tax was \$1,397,755.02. The Town share was \$697,786.01 and the County share was \$699,969.01,” wrote Walton in an email.

He added, “The month of June 2020 (as reported so far) is 26.6% (\$296,470) higher than June of 2019.”

Walton’s report highlights that from January to June 2020, \$418,108 came to the county coffers via collection of “remote sales tax,” paid by vendors like Amazon to the local counties where online purchases are made.

“Remote sales tax payments” are often referred to simply as “Way-fair,” referring to the lawsuit that ultimately made the payments from remote vendors mandatory.

These payments were optional starting from about December 2018 and became mandatory around June 2019, according to Walton.

“If we back out the part of sales tax revenue received from ‘remote’ sources (in both the 2019 and 2020 data), and back out the payment for ‘prior year activity’, (in just the 2020 data), the adjusted total Jan-June 2020 sales tax revenue is 12% (\$583,669) higher than 2019.

“This is probably a better measure of what changed overall in the local economy between the first half of 2019 and the first half of 2020,” wrote Walton.

Walton clarified the “prior year activity” in the email.

“... during January to June 2020, a net \$135,543 in collections were made that related to taxes due in prior years,” he wrote.

Pagosa Springs Town Manager Andrea Phillips and Archuleta County Administrator Scott Wall weighed in on recent sales tax numbers in separate emails to The SUN.

“The actual sales tax revenues are not nearly as dire as we anticipated early on in the pandemic,” Phillips wrote. “We are seeing higher numbers in part due to the Wayfair online sales tax proceeds, as well as increased local economic activity in general by residents and visitors.”

“We saw a decrease in lodging tax for March and April and we had to cancel programs like KIDS Camp, recreation programs, and community center rentals. These other revenue sources are down. Early on we predicted much lower sales tax proceeds and therefore made some early decisions—we had a hiring freeze for several months, postponed some capital projects to next year and made other budgetary cuts to training, supplies, and some programs.”

Hosselkus noted that there might not be charges handed out by the MCSO in a case like this, but the U.S. Forest Service could have some penalties.

“I just don’t understand why the owner would take the time to bury it like that. That doesn’t make sense,” he said. “It’s really rocky down there. We didn’t see tracks or anything. There was a lot of big rocks piled around it and stuff. It just seemed like a lot of work to be done by hand.”

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“My feelings were the location of Archuleta County was going to be an asset for our tourism dollars,” Wall wrote. “I know a lot of local business folks have had a challenge keeping their services flowing but have made great efforts to keep our local economy flowing. Also, the Town and County elected leaders have done a good job being pro-business and I think their efforts have made a difference.”

“I don’t think we are completely out of the woods and some economic challenges will be forthcoming.”

Walton’s report also lists the June categories of sales tax that are up or down compared to June 2019, which include:

- Retail is up 36.4 percent, or \$208,545.
- Accommodation/Food Service is up 46.1 percent, or \$93,662.
- Other services is up 56 percent, or \$8,010.
- Professional services is up 74.1 percent, or \$5,436.
- Finance/Insurance is up 12.3 percent, or \$154.
- Construction is up 1.7 percent, or \$416.
- Real Estate/Rental is down 28.9 percent, or \$10,691.
- Miscellaneous is down 2.8 percent, or \$4,740.
- Information is down 13.8 percent, or \$3,745.
- Manufacturing is down 7 percent, or \$3,577.

# Archuleta County COVID-19 case count

The following information was current as of press time Wednesday.

San Juan Basin Public Health data:  
Residents: 44  
Residents recovered: 15  
Nonresidents: 34



## PAWSD suggests implementing watering schedule to help with pressure issues

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

An idea was proposed at the most recent Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) meeting on Aug. 13 about a schedule for irrigation.

For some of the higher subdivisions that are serviced by PAWSD, for example Piedra Estates, when too many people are irrigating at the same time, PAWSD loses pressure in those areas, PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey noted.

"The only way to resolve that is booster stations or reduce the friction loss by increasing the pipe sizes, which is stupid expensive," Ramsey said. "I think if we could just get people to start watering on different schedules so they're not all watering at the same time, you would reduce that water load at that particular time."

There would be no surcharge or fee associated with this schedule, Ramsey noted, explaining that this would just get people used to a schedule.

"We're using a lot of water in a short period of time and it's causing some issues with our system," he said.

This schedule would be based on addresses and part of that schedule would include one day of no irrigation, he noted.

"The reason for that is if we did odds and evens and the odds got four days and the evens got three days there would be hell to pay," Ramsey said.

Some of the PAWSD customers turn on their water to only have it dribble out due to lack of pressure, Ramsey explained.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh proposed a schedule that did not include leaving out a day.

"I can look at days where it seems like we have the least amount of problems and allow that to be an open water day. That's fine, too. I want to keep it simple. If we change it every other month, it's going to be too complicated," Ramsey said.

Another idea is to encourage people to just irrigate at night, PAWSD board member Paul Hansen suggested.

Ramsey noted that he doesn't think this will see a reduction in water usage but rather water use will be "spread out a little bit."

"We can try it as a suggestion, but I would like to do it as a mandate," Ramsey said.

Upon further discussion, the PAWSD board

began discussing implementing this idea as more of a suggestion to start off.

"I think if we moved to where it was mandatory and it involved some kind of fines, we'd probably have to have a public hearing and get some input from folks," Walsh said. "This is a good way to start the conversation and get people aware of the issue. I think if we just voted on it today and fines were handed out next week that wouldn't go over very well."

A voluntary schedule will take a little time to get the word out and ask people to participate, Ramsey added.

"It's going to be a request for people to start watering based on odd or even days on their address," Ramsey said in a follow-up interview on Tuesday.

Ramsey noted that when the water goes down in the upper subdivisions, he receives complaints and that it has happened about four to five times this year.

However, this problem has been around since Ramsey joined the district since 2015, he noted.

"It's getting progressively worse," he said. "It's been here probably forever."

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## SJWCD continues to discuss board member responsibility resolution

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Additional discussions were held regarding a possible resolution regarding fiduciary duties of directors of the San Juan Water Conservancy District Board of Directors (SJWCD) at a regular meeting on Aug. 17.

A draft resolution explains that each director of the SJWCD must abide by his or her fiduciary duties to the district, disclose to other directors any activities that involve district business and the capacity that director is participating in those activities.

"That when a director engages in matters related to District business, the director shall disclose to the public and third parties the capacity in which the director is participating in that activity," the draft resolution reads.

The resolution also indicates a director wishing to make or publish a public statement has to consult the other board directors.

"That when a director wishes to make or publish a statement for public dissemination concerning District business in a capacity other than as a director, that director shall make clear that he or she is not speaking as a director or on behalf of the District and that his or her views do not represent those of

the District or its other directors," the draft resolution states.

This resolution was drafted by SJWCD's legal counsel Jeff Kane at a meeting on July 20, SJWCD chair Al Pfister noted.

The draft resolution outlines a situation in November of 2019 where a SJWCD board member "without notice to or conferral with the District's other directors" attended a meeting of representatives of the SJWCD; Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District; the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety; and Weber Sand & Gravel Inc. concerning a request for a full reclamation responsibility release related to a mining permit.

According to the draft resolution, SJWCD board member Bill Hudson published an article that outlined the discussions at the meeting without disclosing to the meeting participants that he was "attending the meeting in his capacity as a reporter and would be publishing an article disclosing discussions at the meeting."

At a meeting of the SJWCD on Dec. 4, 2019, SJWCD board members raised issues about Hudson attending meetings concerning SJWCD business but not disclosing or conferring with other SJWCD members about attending, disclosing the capacity in which he was attending, and subsequently

reporting on conversations concerning SJWCD business without participants knowing he would be doing so.

According to the draft resolution, each director understood and agreed that they would "consult with the Board as a whole prior to speaking or writing with regard to District matters."

The rest of the draft resolution highlights Hudson publishing editorials in May regarding local and national water policy in which he was critical of water uses, constituents and community members that the SJWCD works with and other conduct that the opposes board member fiduciary duties.

During the meeting, Hudson suggested that, along with another board member, they fix things that are wrong in the resolution and vote on the resolution at the board's next meeting.

Pfister suggested that he join with Hudson on working through the resolution as he worked with Kane to draft the initial one.

"Is it necessary in a resolution like that to identify a single board member? Or can this just be an overall resolution for all board members?" SJWCD board member Candice Kelly asked.

Hudson added that he agreed that it was "totally unnecessary" for a resolution to identify one board

member.

"Those were the events that precipitated the discussion at our last meeting that we agreed to have Jeff write the resolution," Pfister said.

What the SJWCD is trying to do is establish protocol and how it wants the board members to function and the resolution should apply to all board members, Kelly added.

"I would agree with Candice, to tell you the truth. We had the discussion about what our concerns were," SJWCD board member John Porco said. "I was a little uncomfortable, too, with singling out a board member in a resolution. I think we should recast it as a resolution that applies to everybody."

Following more discussion among the SJWCD board, the motion for Pfister and Hudson to work together to revise the resolution and present it for possible approval at the board's September meeting was approved unanimously.

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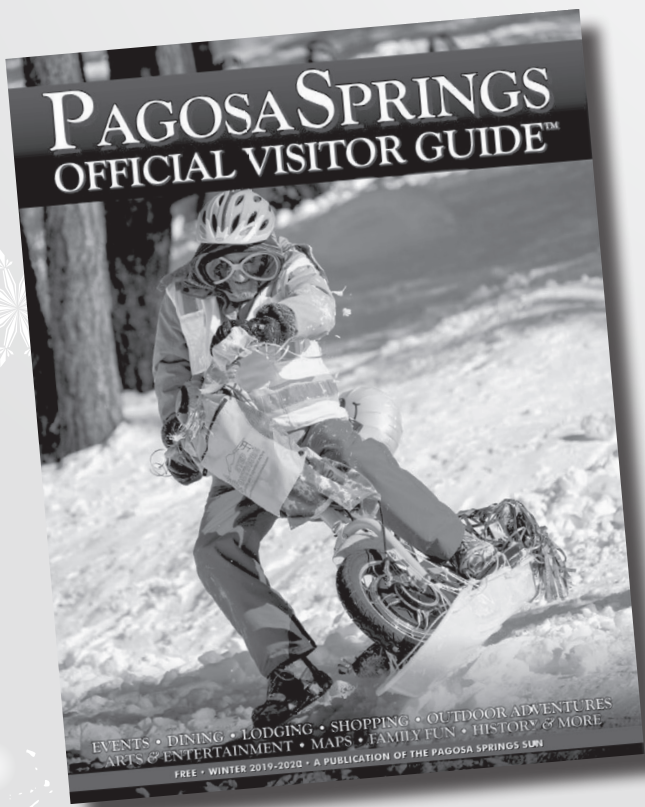
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# Outdoors

## WRITERS ON THE RANGE

### Colorado needs wolves

By Rob Edward  
SUN Columnist

Colorado voters will soon have a historic opportunity to overcome a monumental injustice. If voters choose to say “yes” to a citizens’ initiative on Nov. 3, wolves will again mingle on a continental scale, from the Arctic to Mexico. Harnessing direct democracy to instigate endangered species restoration is unprecedented, but it will revive the dynamic and healthy balance of wolves with their prey — to the benefit of future generations.

Winning this vote won’t be easy. The prejudice that drove America’s extirpation of wolves during the last century remains alive today. To counter the myths perpetuated by the oppressors of wolves, we must turn to science.

To help us separate fact from fiction, the Center for Human-Carnivore Coexistence compiled data and scientific papers on wolves from around the world, showing that ranching and big-game hunting face minimal risk from wolves. Let’s explore some of the science and data underpinning their work.

First, no wolf advocate worth their salt would tell you that wolves don’t occasionally take livestock. As the abstract from a 2009 study in Ecological Economics shows, wolf depredation on cattle and sheep in the northwest accounts for less than 1 percent of the annual gross income from livestock operations. As the research team makes clear, though wolf depredation is a small economic cost to the industry, it may be a significant cost to affected producers. With that in mind, Colorado’s ballot proposal mandates that ranchers will be paid fair market value for their losses. That is reasonable recompense.

Many Colorado ranchers are already compensated, annually and in advance, for potential depredation by wild carnivores. A quick glance at a map of land ownership in Western Colorado makes clear that the majority of the region is managed by the federal agencies. On these public allotments, ranchers graze cows and sheep at a considerable discount compared with private land. This discount acknowledges the possibility of losses to wild carnivores. No question, the occasional depredation can sting livestock operations, but Colorado’s ranchers are well placed to learn to coexist with a rekindled wolf population.

As with livestock, wolves are unlikely to deplete elk numbers. Data from state game management agencies show that elk and deer are currently at or above management objectives in Wyoming and Montana. Further, there are more deer in those states now than when wolves were reintroduced in the 1990s. Moreover, a new report published in the Journal of Animal Ecology indicates that wolves help keep big game herds and their habitat more resilient and robust, likely helping elk herds tolerate a more unstable climate.



Rob Edward

Despite the upsides and minimal downsides, some folks claim that wolf reintroduction is too costly and might deplete the Colorado Parks and Wildlife department’s limited budget. In reality, Colorado’s wolf restoration program is unlikely to significantly impact the state’s budget or hunting license-derived funding.

According to Dan Ashe, former director of the USFWS, the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Grant program could cover approximately 75 percent of the reintroduction expense, because wolves are an endangered species (Dan Ashe, personal communication). Grants from Great Outdoors Colorado, funded by lottery proceeds, could further offset costs, according to Gary Skiba, a former Colorado Parks and Wildlife biologist (Gary Skiba, personal communication).

Finally, although opponents argue that the appearance of one pack of six wolves in far northwestern Colorado means reintroduction is not needed, there is no certainty that such a small number would result in a sustainable population. It took the reintroduction of 31 wolves for Yellowstone to jumpstart recovery there, according to the Yellowstone Wolf Project.

Colorado’s upcoming vote on wolf restoration is much more than a struggle between an outmoded way of thinking about nature and a more enlightened one. Voting to restore wolves is an audacious act of hope.

We can’t put a quick end to coronavirus. We can’t snap our fingers and resolve climate change. But we can efficiently and affordably undo our ancestors’ shortsighted decision to erase wolves from America’s wild places.

Of course, Colorado’s decision will affect the future of America’s shared public lands. How resilient will those wild places be to climate change? Over millennia, wolves helped shape these wild places and that is why Colorado needs wolves roaming her wide open spaces once again.

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### Wolves and lots of people don’t mix

By Marj Perry  
SUN Columnist

I am a third-generation Colorado rancher and I don’t think it’s an exaggeration to say that it’s a terrible idea to vote Nov. 3 to bring back wolves to western Colorado.

It threatens ranchers like me as well as people’s quality of life in this half of the state. The small, iconic ranches of western Colorado are endangered themselves and Colorado risks losing them with the reintroduction of wolves.

Wolves once lived all over Colorado, not to mention New York City, and everywhere in between. But the 1800s are long gone. Colorado is riddled with highways and trails, and our private and public lands intermingle like spaghetti. Wolf proponents see western Colorado as an empty wilderness, not acknowledging the combustion engine, Interstate 70 or that our population is 10 times greater than Wyoming’s.

My family has been ranching south of Carbondale in western Colorado for 96 years. I grew up on the Mount Sopris Hereford Ranch in the 1950s. The ranch has evolved from a potato farm to a registered cattle operation raising breeding stock, to a naturally raised herd marketed to a grocery chain.

Wolves and the rapid urbanization and exploding population of Colorado could test all of us to our limits. Ranchers already deal with a more crowded world on a daily basis, moving cattle on public roads and sharing trails with bikers and hikers. Nothing will hold back the tide of people moving to the Western Slope or the recreationalists escaping the Front Range.

Adding wolves to this crowded landscape could harm elk and deer populations. Mule deer have been declining since the 1970s. There have been serious declines in the elk cow/calf ratio in southwestern Colorado, concerning Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Wolves prey on elk. As such, wolf reintroduction should not take place until studies, specific to western Colorado, can assess if deer and elk can survive the combined threats of wolves and humans, prior to a vote on reintroduction.

We have learned to coexist with bears, mountain lions and coyotes, but even with coexistence strategies, wolves will be more challenging. Over time, wolves may colonize the entire state, affecting many ranchers. Wolves could push us to the breaking point. As ranchers sell out, songbirds, raptors and small mammals lose their homes. There is less local agriculture and important wildlife corridors are lost, further stressing elk and deer.

Fortunately, our local community has supported the conservation of ranch lands because people see that these lands provide local food, food security and wildlife habitat. Increasing development pressure in our valley led us to place a conservation easement on our ranch to ensure it remains undeveloped forever.



Marj Perry

Development, though, seems inexorable. Houses have replaced winter elk habitat, and Colorado’s intense recreation industry may be affecting elk’s ability to thrive. Maroon Bells had about 320,000 visitors in 2018. There are another 23 trailheads providing access. Yet the National Park Service reports backpackers in Yellowstone see only 2.3 groups a day on the trail. This is unimaginable in Maroon Bells with an often endless stream of hikers. The surrounding BLM and national forests are also heavily used. It’s difficult to call this beautiful place wild.

Colorado is now facing a \$3.3 billion shortfall and reintroduction of wolves will require tax dollars. In his 2017 article in the Spokane Spokesman Review, reporter Rich Landers reported that Washington State budgeted \$2.9 million for management in 2017. Idaho budgeted \$800,000 for 2016 and Montana \$600,000. And that excludes funds budgeted for livestock depredation. Compensation gets tricky when cattle graze large forest permits. Washington’s Wallowa County Chieftain reports only some kills are found and fewer are confirmed and paid for because most of the remains had been eaten by scavengers, making a positive determination impossible. Wolves, like all wildlife, require management to maintain an ecological balance. Tools include hunting seasons and lethal management for problem wolves.

Because Yellowstone is more than 80 percent lodgepole pine, elk have limited areas to forage. Overgrazing was a problem prior to wolves. Western Colorado has millions of acres of aspen and scrub oak hillsides and overgrazing by elk is not an issue. Wolf proponents tout “restoring the balance,” but there is not a description of what this will look like.

The outcome of wolf reintroduction may be very different than the happy vision promoted by advocates of wolves. Wolves are intelligent; they hunt in packs and seek to dominate the landscape. The problem is that people already inhabit that role and there is no sign of Colorado’s 5.8 million people leaving.

Marj Perry is a contributor to *Writers on the Range* ([writersontherange.org](http://writersontherange.org)), a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. She ranches in western Colorado.

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# Chimney Rock National Monument special programs announced

By Nadia Werby  
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Walk in the footsteps of the fascinating and enigmatic Ancestral Puebloans at Chimney Rock National Monument. This undiscovered gem is an intimate, off-the-beaten-path archaeological site with stabilized structures and artifacts, abundant wildlife and views of the breathtaking San Juan National Forest. Chimney Rock offers monthly programs and daily self-guided tours that are fun and educational for the whole family.

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) offers two different Night Sky Archaeoastronomy Programs: Our Solar System on Friday, Aug. 21, and Sept. 25, and Stars and Galaxies on Sept. 18. Due to COVID restrictions, we have had to change the format of our Night Sky programs. We are not able to offer telescope viewing during this time and will instead gather in the new amphitheater for a special astronomy presentation. Tickets are \$16 (adults) and \$8 (children 5-12) plus booking fee, and are nonrefundable.

The new Wildlife of Chimney Rock will take place on Thursday,

Sept. 3, and Sept. 24. Southwest Colorado and the Chimney Rock area have a rich source of wildlife. Animals live here and travel through the area on their annual migrations. We'll travel through some of these animals' habitats and learn more about what animals need to survive. Bring binoculars in the event that we're lucky enough to see some of these fascinating creatures. The tour will include the Great House and requires negotiation of a steep, rough trail with exposure to heights and drop-offs. Binoculars are encouraged, but not required. The fee is \$16 for adults and \$8 for ages 5-12. Please check our website for arrival and program times.

Welcome fall at Chimney Rock on Sept. 22. Watch the sun rise over the San Juan Mountains this first morning of fall. With a 360-degree vantage point and the hush of early morning in the wilderness, the sunrise from the Great House is a marvelous experience for the eyes and the spirit, and an amazing opportunity for photography. Guests will be given the opportunity to take photos and then depart the Great House on their own or join the guide for an interpreted hike

with fascinating information about the importance this location is thought to have had for the people who lived here a thousand years ago. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for children. The program is suitable for ages 8 and above.

Self-guided tours are available to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Chimney Rock has two trails that can be experienced through self-guided tours: the Great House Pueblo Trail and the Mesa Village Trail. The Great House Pueblo Trail has awe-inspiring 360-degree views of the San Juan Mountain Range and the twin spires from the Great House Pueblo. It is a moderately challenging, unimproved trail with a 200-foot elevation gain and exposure to heights. This trail includes a multifamily dwelling, several un-excavated structures and a Chacoan Great House Pueblo (7,600-foot elevation). The Mesa Village Trail is a one-third mile paved trail with a beautiful overlook of the Piedra River Valley and Peterson Ridge. This trail includes a 44-foot excavated Great Kiva as well as an excavated pit house and other structures.

Plan on one hour for each trail so you can take in the views and

photo opportunities, plus an additional 30 minutes' drive time to and from the Visitor Center. Interpretation is available in multiple formats: printed interpretive brochure, audio device with pre-recorded interpretation or download the San Juan National Forest Explorer app before arriving.

Chimney Rock National Monument is located 17 miles west of Pagosa Springs and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. For more information about our monthly programs and tour times, please visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center. Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for the monthly and annual programs. Most programs are at full capacity prior to the event, but we will accommodate walk-ins if space is available.

CRIA is a nonprofit organization which operates the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under a participating agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest. For more information, please visit our website at [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

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# Keep bears wild: Remember to be 'bear aware'

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) offers a reminder that by taking some simple precautions, you can avoid human/wildlife conflicts and help to keep bears wild.

Here are helpful tips to prevent conflicts:

- Keep garbage in a well-secured location.
- Only put out garbage on the morning of pickup.

- Clean garbage cans regularly to keep them odor-free.
- Use a bear-resistant trash can or dumpster; available from your trash hauler or on the Internet.
- If you don't have secure storage, put items that might become smelly into the freezer until trash day.
- Don't leave pet food or stock feed outside.
- Bird feeders are a major source of bear/human conflicts. Attract

birds naturally with flowers and water baths. Do not hang bird feeders from April 15 to Nov. 15.

• If you must have bird feeders: clean up beneath them every day, bring them in at night and hang them high so that they're completely inaccessible to bears.

• Do not attract other wildlife by feeding them, such as deer, turkeys or small mammals.

• Don't allow bears to become comfortable around your house. If you see one, yell at them, throw things at them, make noise to scare them off.

• Secure compost piles. Bears are attracted to the scent of rotting food — and they'll eat anything.

• Bears have good memories and will return to places they've found food.

• Allow grills to burn for a couple of minutes after cooking to burn off grease and to eliminate odors. Clean the grill after each use.

• Clean up thoroughly after picnics in the yard or on the deck. Don't allow food odors to linger.

• If you have fruit trees, pick fruit before it gets too ripe. Don't allow fruit to rot on the ground.

• Keep garage doors closed.

• Lock your doors when you're away from home and at night.

• Keep the bottom floor windows of your house closed when you're not at home.

• Do not keep food in your vehicle; roll up windows and lock the

doors of your vehicles.

• When car camping, secure all food and coolers in a locked vehicle after you've eaten.

• Keep a clean camp, whether you're in a campground or in the backcountry.

• When camping in the backcountry, hang food 100 feet or more from your campsite; don't bring any food into your tent.

• Cook food well away from your tent; wash dishes thoroughly.

• Talk to your neighbors and kids about being bear aware.

• If you keep small livestock, keep animals in a fully covered enclosure that is electrified. Don't store stock food outside, keep enclosures clean to minimize odors, hang rags soaked in ammonia and/or Pine-Sol around the enclosure.

• If you have beehives, install electric fencing where allowed.

For more information, go to the Living with Wildlife section on the CPW website: [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us).



Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

This bear was spotted earlier this month in the Chromo area.

# Algae blooms prompt testing from local agencies

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Last week there were reports of algae blooms at Lake Pagosa and a subsequent lack of clarity in the water, according to both the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA).

Algae bloom can occur due to high temperatures, lack of rain and nutrient load, PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey explained in an interview on Tuesday.

Both PLPOA and PAWSD have used the application of copper sulfate to get the algae bloom on the surface of the lakes under control.

Algae bloom not only relates to algae seen on the surface of the lakes, but also in the lake as well, he described.

"It's just excess vegetation growth," he said.

Typically, blue-green algae can have toxic results because it can breed bacteria, but as of Monday, the algae tested locally was not toxic, he explained.

If results had turned up positive, PLPOA would have notified residents and lake users and posted restrictions for the lakes, Ramsey noted, adding that there would be an advisory to avoid contact with the water and to not allow pets in the water.

"They were just taking precau-

tions because the blue-green algae was so bad," he said.

According to Ramsey, the copper sulfate seemed to help with the algae blooms.

An email from PLPOA Community Lifestyle and Communications Director Jen Pitcher on Aug. 17 notes that the blue-green algae samples came back negative for toxins of concern.

"Most blue-green does not contain harmful toxins, however, sometimes it may. The negative test results are very reassuring for all concerned, however we are planning to leave the advisory in place regarding no direct contact for a few more days, do not enter, wade or allow pets in the water," Pitcher's email reads. "The Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment [CDPHE] records a second test in these circumstances just as a

precaution. The lake has improved over the past several days, water clarity has improved substantially, however there is still a smaller presence of algae in the lake."

Pitcher's email notes that when a second negative confirmation test result is received that PLPOA will lift any advisories.

Additionally, fishing and boating on Lake Pagosa is open with no restrictions, and Pitcher's email notes that the CDPHE recommends rinsing any fish fillets or meat for consumption with fresh tap water before consuming.

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# Town council highlights 10 high-priority goals

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

In total, the Pagosa Springs Town Council identified 21 goals in total that it would like to accomplish in the long- and short-term for 2020-21 during an all-day strategic planning work session on July 31.

Out of the 21 goals, 10 of them were identified as being high priority, according to a draft goals and objectives document provided to The SUN.

The first goal listed as high priority involves the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) and, according to documentation, the process to craft a request for proposals has begun to hire a consultant for this project.

In an interview on Tuesday, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that this is a high-priority goal because the LUDC has not been updated for a couple of decades.

"We've made some small tweaks here and there to different policies, but we want to have a comprehensive look at it and what it means for developing out the community," Phillips said, adding that the focus of the LUDC should be to implement the town's comprehensive plan that was done a couple of years ago.

For this item, an estimated date of completion is about 18 months to fully rewrite the LUDC, according to documentation.

The community will be engaged in the process, Phillips noted.

The next item listed as a high priority involved streets, sidewalks and trails, according to documentation.

This item encompasses projects such as the Town-to-Lakes Trail, Cotton Hole/Riverwalk/Yamaguchi South and encompasses other ideas such as land acquisition for trails, development for sidewalks and trails, and traffic management through town and road connectivity.

"Connectivity is a key factor for the building out of the community

and it's taking the neighborhoods that feel a little disconnected right now and making sure they're safe and walkable to different areas of town," she said, noting that some projects might take 10 to 20 years.

Trail projects are very important to have areas for recreation and community throughout town, she added later.

"All of these projects are related to connectivity and building out safe ways to get around town," she said.

Revisiting boundaries, reengaging with the town's vision, and making sure council's goals are kept in mind are all areas of focus for the third high-priority objective, which are advisory boards, according to documentation.

Town council relies on volunteers for its advisory boards and commissions to help implement council goals and they also provide necessary feedback to town council and town staff on different focus areas, Phillips described.

"We want to engage with them about the town's vision and make sure we're on the same page about purpose and focus," she said.

Additionally, the town would like to create some ethical standards and a code of conduct for these boards.

"The purpose of that is to really set expectations around how we treat one another, how we engage with staff and how meetings are run. What the ethical standards are in terms of accepting gifts and conflict of interest, and things like that," she explained.

This goal is slated to take about two years, according to documentation.

Community communications was listed as the fourth high-priority goal, according to documentation.

"Engaging with the public has been an ongoing challenge and we want to do a better job at it, frankly. We have so many great things happening within the town that we want to make sure our citizens know about," Phillips said, adding that the

idea is to hire a part-time contractor to help do this.

That contractor would help craft press releases, host community forums, work on social media and work with the local news channels to disseminate information.

"I think it's just really important that the community knows how their tax dollars are being spent and feel like they're part of what's going on," she said.

Parks and river access, according to documentation, is listed as the fifth high-priority goal, Phillips explained, adding that the town wants to ensure that it has appropriate river put-ins for tubers and boaters.

This project is slated to take three to five years, according to documentation.

Secure one project, at a minimum, was a goal listed for the No. 6 high-priority objective involving the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority, according to documentation.

The town would like to reach out to developers, define details of what is possible and inform the community and engage outside consultants, according to documentation.

That entire process could take five to 30 years, according to the document.

The east side gateway project is slated to take 18 months of planning and 20 years to be completed, according to documentation.

"It's basically the area from 1st Street out to east of the 84/160 junction. We want to do a multimodal plan so that would address how traffic flows through there, how pedestrians can get around," Phillips said. "We want to look at river access, if that is a possibility, out there and really try to define that eastern edge of town as a more attractive and functional gateway into the community."

The town recently received a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation and the town will be hiring a consultant to help with that process, Phillips noted.

Additionally, the town would also

like to engage business owners in that area for feedback, she added.

"We want to put some intentional thought into how that functions and feels," she said.

The final three goals, broadband, affordable housing and economic development all feature the town offering a "supporting role," according to Phillips.

The town recognizes these objectives as big goals but the town cannot accomplish them by itself and the town will have to work with others to get them done, she added.

For broadband, the town wants to continue infusing public funds to build out the network and expand it, she described.

The town also wants to develop strategic partnerships with Internet service providers, she added.

"We also want to continue to get the connectivity for redundancy outside of the area. We want to try to connect up to Durango, connect up through Wolf Creek Pass and beyond," she said.

Broadband has an estimated completion of three years, according to documentation.

For affordable housing, which encompasses short-term rentals and tiny homes, among other things, Phillips explained that if the town could get more supply in the market, it would be "fantastic."

This goal will have a variety of timelines for estimated completion depending on the specific project, according to documentation.

"We are looking at potentially purchasing properties that could then be made ready for workforce housing development and partnership with the private sector," she said.

Economic development, and its encompassing goals of business support and diversification, will take about 18 months to complete, according to Phillips.

"I think it's going to be a multi-pronged approach and it's going to take several years," she said.

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## County updates dog code, doesn't adopt property maintenance code

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County commissioners unanimously voted to pass a resolution that changes the fee schedule for violations regarding nuisance dogs and vicious dogs, among other things.

At the commissioners' regular meeting on Tuesday, County Attorney Todd Weaver presented the update to the county's code pertaining to dogs and their owners, and outlined the changes that were made, noting the language hadn't been updated in almost 20 years.

"This came at the request of the sheriff's office to revise our dog ordinance, which again is rather dated," Weaver said, adding, "Really the only major changes was an update to the fines. I believe back in 2002 it was a range for the offenses and the sheriff's office wanted just a [flat] dollar amount for each offense, increasing

after each offense, and then the other change was basically requiring the clean up of feces."

"This has nothing to do with taking [dogs] in," said Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez, adding, "What this has to do with is if we have a dog at large, we can write the person a ticket. What was happening previous is the fine, penalty was scheduled between \$100 to \$1,000 and the deputy had the authorization to write a penalty assessment for \$1,000 if he wanted to. This doesn't give us that opportunity now, this sets a flat fee."

The resolution notes that, "These penalties shall be imposed with regard to the violator and not the subject Dog."

Valdez noted that this change, coupled with the dog owner's requirement to clean up feces, are the two main changes with the updated resolution and that all impoundment fees, per the sheriff's office contract with the local humane

society, have stayed the same.

"[We've added] the requirement to clean up after your dog if it defecates on public or private property, other than your own, and to make it unlawful where dog feces has accumulated so much the neighbors are starting to smell it," explained Weaver.

### International Property Maintenance Code

Up for vote at Tuesday's meeting was to adopt, or not, the 2015 version of the International Property Maintenance Code.

The International Property Maintenance Code is really what it sounds like," Weaver said. "It is about maintaining existing residential, non-residential buildings in a manner that ensures public health, safety and welfare. So, it's making sure that there's proper ventilation, that there's proper plumbing, that there's proper heating and cooling, where

applicable."

"We can't tell people how to live and we can't choose how they live either," Maez said. "So, if it's a basic person that — it's their own property, their own house, would it affect them?"

"It could," Weaver said. "Again, there's always two pieces. There's the

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Monday, Sept. 7, The Pagosa Springs SUN office  
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# School board looks to add student representatives

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Aug. 11, the Archuleta School District Board of Education (BOE) approved moving forward with the addition of nonvoting student representatives to the board.

The suggestion came from Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza, the district's new superintendent, who explained that there could be one or two student representatives who would sit with the board during BOE meetings and become part of the process.

"In my past experience seeing students serve on the board as student representatives, they have the opportunity to make comments, which really gives us a nice, first, front-row seat into their perspective of what's going well, what are they proud of, what kind of things are happening in their schools. It has been my experience that they've

had incredible insight into policy discussions and how it affects them," she said.

The other board members voiced their support for the idea, saying, "Absolutely," "Yes," and, "Fantastic idea."

Board member Michael Moore noted that their perspectives would help a lot, and board president Bruce Dryburgh pointed out the students would have to do a fair amount of work going through things and preparing for the meetings.

Board member Dana Hayward noted the board should pay close attention to the selection process and added that the position should be advertised to students with both an incentive and opportunities.

LeBlanc-Esparza explained that, in previous districts where this program has been in place, there was a brief application process in which students applied, then the

board interviewed them and made the choice.

Dryburgh suggested he would like to see more than just the top performers in the school apply, with LeBlanc-Esparza explaining that elsewhere there were about six to 12 applications each year.

In other business at the meeting: • Hayward volunteered to take former board member Brooks Lindner's seat on the board of the San Juan Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

• The board heard the first reading of a number of policies, including a policy that amends the process for adopting new policies.

The new policy, if adopted upon second reading in September, would allow the board to approve policies after only one reading if no amendments are made.

• The board approved several policies upon second reading, in-

cluding the graduation requirements for the district's new alternative high school, San Juan Mountain School.

• The board approved a request from the Town of Pagosa Springs allowing the town to use a 10-foot-wide public utility easement along the northern boundary of the district's high school property boundary (lots east of 8th Street).

That will be used to run three-phase power to the town's new maintenance facility, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained to the board, and the school district will be able to utilize the easement area.

The town's existing easement area, Phillips explained, functions as a drainage ditch and has topographical challenges.

• Approved a resolution regarding instructional time and attendance, which will allow the district to count time spent working digitally.  
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# Future leases and uses of Running Iron Ranch outlined by PAWSD and San Juan Water Conservancy District

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

In an ongoing discussion about what to do with the Running Iron Ranch property, both the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors and the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors talked about the lease on the property, among other things, at a joint meeting on Aug. 13.

The property is jointly owned by PAWSD and SJWCD, which includes an agreement from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) that includes terms that both entities have to abide by.

Terms of the agreement were reported on in the Jan. 30 issue of The SUN.

There is an ongoing 15-year lease with the Weber family; that lease expires on Jan. 3, 2023, according to PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey.

"We need to come up with a plan on what we want to do at the conclusion of that lease. Do we want to extend that lease? Do you want staff to look into what a reasonable lease to the Webers would be? Do we want to look elsewhere?" Ramsey asked.

According to Ramsey, the Running Iron Ranch is about 666 acres and was purchased for about \$10.2 million.

Additionally, Ramsey explained that there are four leases on the property. Three of the leases are for different portions of the property and one of the leases is for the mining operations on the property.

All four leases are for a \$1 per year, Ramsey noted.

About a month ago, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) toured the Weber property and Ramsey explained that the process "went well."

"I think they are open to making that area a park area where there's a wildlife refuge or a park. I think they are open to working with us on doing something with that," Ramsey said. "They weren't interested in running all of the 20 acres that would be river access. They don't mind possibly

contributing money, but they don't want to be that person in charge."

CPW thought the property could be beneficial to the state, but noted that they would like the Webers to be "fully off" the property and to not have a mining operation running while the public is using the property.

The Weber's gravel and/or grazing lease on the property can be extended, an open bid can be held for either lease, the property can be opened to be a park run by the town, county, or CPW, or nothing can be done, Ramsey described.

SJWCD legal counsel Jeff Kane further clarified that each lease on the property will terminate on Jan. 3, 2023, unless the districts and the Webers agree to extend the leases.

The districts have the option to consider leasing some or all of the parcels to different parties for different purposes, Kane noted.

"As a board member, that would be my preference, that we start those type of activities where we see what the potential avenues are now because it will take years for anything to happen," SJWCD chair Al Pfister said in reference to exploring options for what to do with the property. "My feeling is let's start moving on it now."

According to Town Manager Andrea Phillips, who was also participating in the meeting, town council is interested in partnerships to create river access points upstream outside of town boundaries.

"There is support in investigating in what could be done other than just the river access. There is certainly a pond, I believe, on that property, so there might be some fishing opportunities," Town Planning Director James Dickhoff said, adding that there could even be camping opportunities on the property as well.

According to SJWCD board member Doug Secrist, the lease notes that the Webers are required to reclaim a lot of the current property that is being mined.

"I think we're going to have to make a decision here pretty soon. I don't think doing nothing is really an

option," he said. "We really do need to consider renegotiating leases or looking for other purposes for that property. We need to make that decision fairly soon."

There has been some reclamation on the property, but it was described by Secrist as being "minimal."

"Right now, the Webers have a real sweetheart deal with what they're required to pay. I don't think extending the current leases is an option. I don't think doing nothing is an option. So, quite frankly, I think we need to look at other uses for the property," he said.

PAWSD spent \$10.2 million on that piece of property and is hoping that the SJWCD, as the project manager, will come up with a reasonable project to save PAWSD money, PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh noted.

"I was not voted onto the board to provide a \$10.2 million piece of property to support, quote unquote, the community's wishlist," Walsh said.

There is a contractual obligation for a reservoir project, Walsh added later.

The SJWCD is not giving up on the San Juan River Headwaters Project, Pfister explained, adding that the district is simply exploring alternatives for the property.

"Personally, I don't see a great deal of focus on a reasonable reservoir size. We're talking about parks and recreation and put-ins," Walsh said.

The discussions with CPW have included that there would be a reservoir constructed on the property, Secrist noted.

"Please don't think that just because we're talking about other options or other lease options means that we've abandoned the whole purpose of the project," Secrist said.

Leasing of the property could help pay for contractual agreements related to the San Juan River Headwaters Project, Pfister noted.

"I'm all for thanking the Webers and being open to being bowled over by an offer, but maybe to proceed with the state and the Forest Service

# Codes

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code itself and there's enforcement of the code, and there's always discretion to use the county's enforcement authority when it comes to applying it to certain situations or not, there is that flexibility in it. Really, it's just to make sure that living spaces and even nonresidential structures are safe."

"I'm a little hesitant with this because I would really recommend a very easy discretion with this on people because I know people want to live the way they want to live, too, and sometimes, I think other people trying to depict on how other people should live I think is not a good thing

either," Maez said.

Weaver explained that it simplifies some enforcement for the county and that instead of having to get a court order to have people comply, "this allows a faster reaction to dangerous situations."

Commissioner Steve Wadley said he didn't want to turn the county commissioners "into some kind of compliance arm for whether their house is painted the right color," but noted the welfare of children and the rights of renters were addressed in the code.

"Property owners need to have rights and we need to protect the people who can't protect them-

selves," Commissioner Alvin Schaaf said.

Schaaf said a little later, "I think I'm gonna have to abstain on this one; my heart's not in it."

"Mr. Chair, I move to adopt resolution 2020-04 adopting by reference the 2015 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code," Wadley said. "And it could die for a lack of a second [motion] I guess."

Wadley's motion was not seconded, and died.

The county had already adopted the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code, which remains in effect, according to Weaver.  
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# Sports

## GOLF

# Pirate golf takes third in opening tournament

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team took third at its first tournament of the season, the 10-team Alamosa Invitational, on Aug. 14.

Pagosa placed third behind the Lamar Savages and Swallows Charter Academy Spartans, and ahead of a pair of Intermountain League foes: the Monte Vista Pirates (sixth place) and Alamosa Mean Moose (tied for eighth).

"They actually played well. We ended up third, but only two strokes out of second and three strokes out of first as a team," coach Mark Faber said, adding,

Pagosa was led on the day by senior Taylor Cotts, who placed seventh overall with an 86 on the par-71 course.

"Taylor played well," Faber said, pointing out that Cotts struggled a bit on the front side but rebounded well on the back side.

Senior Dylan Manzanares tied for 12th on the day with an 89.

Senior Britain Peterson and sophomore Braylon Cotts were both part of a five-way tie for 16th with a score of 92, and junior Ethan Robel notched a 95 to tie for 22nd.

Sophomore Kaison Clifford finished with a 96 to take 24th, and junior Christian Kay finished tied for 46th with a 111.

"Some of the younger guys ... played pretty well, and it was a good day, it was," Faber said. "It was something to build on. I wish we had a tournament this week."

Pagosa's next tournament will be on Aug. 28 in Cortez.

Faber explained Wednesday that the team's members had already sat

down and talked about where they struggled, and the student-athletes will work on what they struggled with before the next tournament.

They will also play some golf and play some fun games, Faber explained, to keep the golfers interested.

"It's hard once you start playing not to play," he said.

Faber noted that the first tournament of the season was different in some aspects due to the modifications made to protect against coronavirus.

Those changes included not

having all the tournament's golfers gathered before or after the tournament to discuss the course or who had won, and golfers kept score electronically on their phones instead of passing around paper scorecards and pencils.

The golfers, he noted, had a choice between wearing a mask or just maintaining social distancing, with the same choice available for spectators.

"We're just trying to keep it as normal as possible for these kids," he reiterated.

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## CROSS-COUNTRY

# Pirate cross-country to open season in Dolores Friday

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The second and only other fall sport for Pagosa Springs High School will return to action tomorrow, with the Pirate cross-country teams heading to Dolores for the Boggy Draw Bear Chase.

But it, like many other sports for the upcoming school year, has been modified to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

"I think it's going to be a really good year," said Rachael Christiansen, the team's new coach, who pointed out, "Obviously it's a little crazy with COVID, but I think we have some really awesome leadership on this team, which I'm relying heavily on to get everyone through the season, from our new people and all the way up."

Last year, the Pirates took 17th at state and their Lady Pirate counterparts returned home having placed 15th, with 20 teams competing on each side.

Christiansen reported there are 30-35 people on the team right now, but that number could go up once school starts.

Of that, she explained, only three are brand new to the sport and usually play a different sport in the fall, and about a dozen returning runners have stepped into leadership roles.

"We have a lot of new freshmen coming up, too, so that's exciting," she pointed out, with several being strong runners. "I think they'll be very good runners with a little bit of time and practice."

Under the modifications made to the sport this year due to coronavirus, only five varsity runners will be able to attend meets for each team, with a total of 50 runners allowed per gender.

Additionally, each runner can

compete in seven meets, and the starting and fishing lines at meets will be different.

Those modifications, Christiansen explained, may mean the teams participate in more smaller meets to allow runners to compete, which she acknowledged separates the runners out more — something she wouldn't do if she had a choice.

Runners, she explained, will compete in time trials at practice to determine the five who will compete at that week's varsity meet.

But, despite COVID, Christiansen noted her approach is still the same.

"My philosophy as a coach is to help every single athlete on my team."

And, she shared, the team's message since the beginning has been to take nothing for granted.

"We're thankful we are able to run," she said, adding later, "Not every sport can say that right now."

## Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of Wednesday, but is subject to change.

Following this weekend's meet in Dolores, the Pirates will head to Cortez for the Ancient Trails meet on Aug. 28, with the meet beginning at 4 p.m.

On Sept. 4, the teams will participate in the Alamosa Invite at 9 a.m., and on Sept. 12 will head to the Joe Vigil Meet at Adams State University, which is slated to begin at 8 a.m.

On Sept. 19, the teams will head to Bayfield for an 8 a.m. start.

The teams will host their home meet on the Sept. 25 beginning at 3 p.m.

Regionals are set to take place Oct. 9 in Bayfield, followed by the state meet on Oct. 17 in Colorado Springs.

# Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
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.  
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Durango, CO 81301  
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580  
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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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Eggleston Kosnik LLC  
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
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Case Number: 2020CV30049  
**Plaintiff:** MARTY RYAN v. **Defendants:** ANDREW GUINN, HB RANCHO LLC, A PUERTO RICO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE, PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action.

**SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION)**  
**PLAINTIFF MARTY RYAN TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND 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 Amended Complaint to Quiet Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta County District 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 service of this summons upon you.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**  
**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:**  
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 [petition] 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: Under C.R.C.P. Rule 105 to quiet title in the real property known as:  
Surface Rights Only in: Piedro Park Subdivision 1, Block 5, Lots 10, 11 and 12, and Piedro Park Subdivision 1, Block 5, Lots 1 and 2, County of Archuleta, State of Colorado.  
A/k/a 144 & 423 Pinon Hills Circle, Arboles, Colorado.  
Dated: August 12, 2020  
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Last Publication: September 17, 2020.  
Julia Davidson Riley  
Attorney for Plaintiff

\*Rule 12(a), C.R.C.P., allows -35 days for answer or response where service of process is by publication. However, under various statutes, a different response time is set forth; e.g., §38-6-104, C.R.S. (eminent domain); §38-36-121, C.R.S. (Torrrens registration).  
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Service of this summons shall be complete on the last day of publication. A copy of the Amended Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.  
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This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:  
Lot 150-151 PT in PAGOSA TRAILS SUBDIVISION  
As known by street and number as: 142 Lassen Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Assessor's schedule or parcel number: 569930204010  
Respectfully submitted this 12th day of August, 2020.  
/s/ Daniel L. Fiedler  
Daniel L. Fiedler  
First Publication: August 20, 2020  
Last Publication: September 17, 2020  
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**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

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You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

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Witness my hand this 6th day of August 2020  
/s/ Elise P. White  
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Plaintiff,

vs.  
Rodolfo Sanchez, Jr., aka Rodolfo Sanchez aka Rudy Sanchez aka Rodolfo Sanchez aka Rodolfo Sanchez Cedillo, The Estate of Kaunditia Kay Robbins-Sanchez, Deceased, and All Others Who May Claim and Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action,  
Defendants.

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Case No. 2020CV30068

**SUMMONS**  
**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**  
**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:**  
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

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A/k/a 144 & 423 Pinon Hills Circle, Arboles, Colorado.  
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Julia Davidson Riley  
Attorney for Plaintiff

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# Dehydrated and lost hiker leads to rescue mission

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

A rescue mission was conducted by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) on Aug. 12 for a lost hiker with no water on the West Fork Trail.

OEM personnel received the call for assistance at 5:24 p.m., according to OEM Deputy Director Christina Kraetsch.

"I called the subject, who surprisingly had cell service, to see if he could give me his coordinates off of his phone. After the coordinates were plotted, we noticed he was about 5.5 miles on the wrong trail," Kraetsch wrote in an email to The SUN, noting that the subject was plotting near the West Fork trail instead.

According to Kraetsch, the lost hiker was in "disbelief" that he was that far from the West Fork Trail.

OEM decided to have Flight For Life do a flyover the next morning due to the time of day and the fact that he was in good health, she added later.

Around 8:35 a.m. the next morning, Flight For Life found the missing hiker on a cliff band where his phone coordinates plotted him, Kraetsch explained.

Medics were offloaded, who then began a mile-long hike to the hiker in steep and difficult terrain, she described.

Crews made contact with the lost hiker around 10 a.m. and the hiker was given water and had a patient assessment conducted on him, she described.

"Because the subject was weak and dehydrated, the hike to the helicopter was extremely slow for



Photo courtesy Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Office of Emergency Management

Representatives from Flight for Life and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Office of Emergency Management pose with a rescued hiker who had gotten lost and had no water on the South Fork trail on Aug. 12. Rescue crews were able to find and rescue the hiker on Aug. 13 thanks to the hiker providing rescue crews with his coordinates.

his safety," she wrote, adding that it took about four and a half hours to hike to the helicopter.

The hiker was given IV fluids on the trail and was given more water at the helicopter and subsequently taken to Mercy Regional Medical Center in Durango, and he was released later that day, she explained.

"The hiker had a phone with

extra battery to charge and a National Geographic topo map. He was looking at his map and thought he was on the 'right' trail the whole time but ended up on a cliff [bank]. That's when he decided to call for help. Luckily, he had service and plenty of battery. His phone knew where he was and that was a game changer for the rescue," she wrote.

"Having some sort of electronic mapping or app is a great resource as long as you have enough of a charge to use it. Also, if possible try to get higher (unless there are thunderstorms in the area) You will have a better chance of cell service plus its easier for rescue team to see you from the air."

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## The Blotter

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

### Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over week: 209.

Aug. 10 — Second-degree assault-aggravated assault, stalking, harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, Park Avenue.

Aug. 10 — Improper registration, drove vehicle when license suspended, expired license plates, Pinon Causeway.

Aug. 10 — Information only, USFS 649.

Aug. 11 — Missing person reports, U.S. 160.

Aug. 11 — Warrant arrest, East Golf

### Place.

Aug. 11 — Information only, U.S. 84.  
Aug. 11 — Violation of restraining order, Pagosa Street.

Aug. 11 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.  
Aug. 12 — Stalking, domestic violence, harassment-repeated communications invade, East Golf Place.

Aug. 12 — Marijuana public display consumption or use, County Road 600.

Aug. 13 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, Summit Trail.

Aug. 13 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

Aug. 14 — Third-degree criminal trespass, false reporting to authorities, Hurt Drive.

Aug. 16 — Under investigation, Driftwood Drive.

### Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 163.

Aug. 9 — Forgery, East Pagosa Street.

Aug. 9 — Theft from vehicle, San Juan Street.

Aug. 9 — Trespass warning, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Aug. 11 — Menacing/careless driving/failed to notify police of accident/failed to give information and or aid after damaging another vehicle, Talisman Drive.

Aug. 12 — Criminal mischief, South 5th Street.

Aug. 13 — Warrant arrest, Pinon Causeway.

Aug. 13 — Theft, Cornerstone Drive.

Aug. 13 — Resisting arrest/violation of restraining order/third-degree assault, South 6th Street.

Aug. 14 — Failed to give information and or aid after damaging another vehicle, Talisman Drive.

Aug. 14 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

Aug. 15 — Hit and run, North 8th Street.

### Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay.

Aug. 13 — Roland Smith Jr., driving under restraint, total fines and costs — \$219.50.

Aug. 13 — Jordan Jones Garcia, driving under the influence, two years probation, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 75 days jail, 48 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$2,540.50.

Aug. 13 — Michael Daniel Collins, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, 24 months probation, total fines and costs — \$1,522.50

### Sixth Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey Raymond Wilson.

No report.

### Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Aug. 10 — Karen Babcock, following too closely, four points off, total fines and costs — \$146.

Aug. 10 — Steven Schmiesing, changed lanes when unsafe, three points off, total fines and costs — \$146.

Aug. 10 — Justin Baxstrom, failed to obey traffic control signal, four points off, total fines and costs — \$146.

Aug. 10 — Pamela Giffin, following too closely, four points off, total fines and costs — \$146.

Aug. 10 — Mack Newman, failed to yield to oncoming traffic when making left turn, three points off, total fines and costs — \$116.

Aug. 10 — James Caldwell, parked on wrong side of roadway, total fines and costs — \$50.

Aug. 11 — Elias Madrid, consume or possess an open container of alcohol in public, total fines and costs — \$135.

Aug. 11 — Kenneth Miller II, animal running at large prohibited, total fines and costs — \$60.



SUN photo/John Finefrock

A car rests just short of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library after driving up a retaining wall and onto the hillside near the building last week. The Pagosa Springs Police Department reported that the driver's flip-flop contributed to her losing control of the vehicle.



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## Habitat Hero demonstration garden

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

In late July, Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP), Weminuche Audubon Society and Southwest Conservation Corps members and volunteers began creating a Habitat Hero demonstration garden at the GGP site on the Riverwalk in Centennial Park.



## First human case of West Nile virus reported in Colorado this year

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is reporting the first human case of West Nile virus in Colorado this year.

The case, reported to CDPHE on Aug. 12, presented in a person who resides in Delta County. West Nile virus is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito.

Weekly mosquito testing for West Nile virus began statewide in June. Counties or municipalities trap adult mosquitoes and labs test them, providing an estimate of the number that are infected. The results help pinpoint the risk to humans in the area.

This year, West Nile virus-positive mosquitoes have been found in Larimer, Delta and Weld counties. Not all counties and municipalities test mosquitoes, so it's important for all Coloradans to take steps to protect themselves throughout the summer.

Most human West Nile virus cases are reported in August and September. In 2019, Colorado had 122 reported human cases of West Nile virus, including eight deaths.

Most people infected with West Nile virus don't have symptoms. About 20 percent of infected people will have flu-like symptoms and fewer than 1 percent develop a serious, potentially deadly illness. People over age 60 and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk of serious illness. See a health care provider if you develop severe headaches or confusion.

### To protect yourself

- Use insect repellents when you go outdoors. Repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535 and some oil of lemon eucalyptus, and para-methane-diol products provide the best protection. Follow label instructions.

- Limit outdoor activities at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus are most active.

- Wear protective clothing (long pants, long-sleeved shirts and socks) in areas where mosquitoes are active. Spray clothes with insect repellent for extra protection.

### To mosquito-proof your home

- Drain standing water around your house often. Empty water from tires, cans, flowerpots, clogged gutters, rain barrels, birdbaths, toys and puddles.
- Install or repair screens on windows and doors.

For more information, visit the department's West Nile virus Web page: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/west-nile-virus>.



## Protect Yourself & Others

### 1. Monitor For Symptoms

Fever · Headache · Cough · Breathing Problems  
Sore Throat · Nausea/Diarrhea · Runny Nose

### 2. Get Tested If You Are Symptomatic

### 3. Stay Home If You Are Sick

Leave only for medical care until all symptoms subside.  
Call your provider to direct your care.

## Local COVID-19 Test Sites

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- Pagosa Medical Group  
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- Archuleta Integrated Healthcare  
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# Masks 4 Mission Project

United Methodist Women







Photos courtesy United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women of Pagosa Springs have launched a new program to provide affordable protective masks to the community. All proceeds from the Masks 4 Mission Project go to programs that improve the lives of women, children and families, both locally and around the world.

## United Methodist Women launch Masks 4 Mission Project

By Sarah Riehm  
United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women (UMW) of Pagosa Springs have launched a new program to provide affordable protective masks to the community. All proceeds from the Masks 4 Mission Project go to programs that improve the lives of women, children and families, both locally and around the world.

The suggested donation for each mask is \$5 for local pick up or delivery, or \$6 if mailed. All the fabric for this project has been donated, which keeps the cost low. Our local mask makers offer a variety of fabrics that are comfortable, durable and washable. The masks are available in sizes for men, women or youth. You

can order either a pleated or fitted mask style. When you order, specify your choice of elastic fastener: ear loops or head loops.

There is a basket on display of the different sizes and styles in the front lobby of the Community United Methodist Church, located downtown at 434 Lewis St. If you can't get to the display or would like to see the fabric before ordering, contact Laura Lunsford (below). She can email you photos of sample fabrics based on your preference.

Order yours today by calling Lunsford, UMW president, at 398-1183 or lunsford303@gmail.com. When you order, please specify any color or seasonal preference. Toward the holidays, the masks will be available in a variety of festive holiday fabrics.

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# Rory O'Malley, Elliot Knight star in Pagosa Springs graduate's short film in Los Angeles film festival

By Clay Marshall Pruitt  
Special to The PREVIEW

A new short film, "Our Place Together," starring Tony-nominee Rory O'Malley ("Book of Mormon," "Hamilton") and Elliot Knight of "How To Get Away With Murder," is set for its North American premiere at this year's online presentation of Outfest Los Angeles LGBTQ Film Festival on Monday, Aug. 24, as part of the "Heart to Break" shorts program via the Outfest Now platform.

The film tells the story of two young husbands' retreat to their favorite camping spot to confront a recent diagnosis and the ramifications it will have on their marriage and their future together.

The film's writer/director, Clay Marshall Pruitt, grew up in Pagosa Springs and graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 2003.

*The film tells the story of two young husbands' retreat to their favorite camping spot ...*

He said about the genesis of the film, "Reflecting on both of my parents' cancer diagnoses and corresponding struggles, I began to think about my 'genetic baggage' and how that would affect any potential desire to have biological children. 'Our Place Together' is an expression of this personal existential journey."

On working with the two accomplished lead actors, Pruitt said, "Rory and Elliot are both successful, openly gay actors which was incredibly important to me. Authentic representation is absolutely essential in storytelling and both men brought so much real life emotional depth to their roles, it was a true gift to work with them."

In addition to filmmaking, Pruitt serves as the head of programming at a film-centric crowdfunding platform and spearheaded an early effort to support film festivals needing to move online as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic by creating the 2020 Film Festival Survival Pledge. To date, 200-plus festivals have signed.

"I firmly believe in the importance of sharing independent film right now and clearing a path for organizations to do so," he said. "As independent creators, we owe our support to the festivals that have showcased our work and our peers' work throughout the years. I am thrilled that audiences around

the world will be able to connect with the incredible work of the folks behind this film and all the films it plays alongside."

The film program will be available for 72 hours starting on Aug. 24 if you've purchased an All-Access

Pass from the festival website (outfest.org/outfestla2020/). The film is also available as part of the on-demand Shorts Package. Viewing is possible on Desktop, iOS, Android, Roku, Amazon Fire, Apple TV and Android TV.

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## Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

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The 2020 Pagosa stars are excited to strap on their dancing shoes this summer for the Dancing with the Pagosa Stars fundraiser for Seeds of Learning. Pictured from left to right, top row: Quinlan Quiros, Theresa Snyder and Blue Haas; bottom row: Jonathan Dobson, Gabriel Heraty and Dr. Robert Bonham.

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# Introducing the Pagosa stars for Seeds of Learning

By Lilli Peters  
Seeds of Learning

The amazing stars of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars are preparing for the third annual dance competition to support Pagosa's Seeds of Learning.

This competition has taken a cool 2020 twist by utilizing a virtual platform allowing viewers to watch the night of fun from their very own living room. These stars have been matched with a dance coach who will lead them through the process to hopefully win the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy. The six super stars are Quinlan Quiros, Theresa Snyder, Blue Haas, Jonathan Dobson, Gabriel Heraty and Dr. Robert Bonham.

Quiros grew up on a ranch in Laredo, Texas, before attending Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. She later grew her interest in construction while building a vacation home development called Villas del Mar in Cabo San Jose. After her husband's passing, she returned to Texas and built a home in Austin. A woman of many talents, Quiros is a rancher, home builder, interior designer and now dancer. As a mother of three and grandmother of 10, Quiros is excited to support a cause focused on helping children.

Snyder and her husband moved to Pagosa Springs 16 years ago and have never looked back. They have thoroughly enjoyed the outdoor attractions like running, biking, and RVing. Snyder also works as a personal fitness trainer. She was born in a rural town in upstate New York and has four brothers and one sister. She said she is really excited to help support the kids at Seeds because she "was one of those at-risk children that Seeds tries to help. If not for the intervention of caring adults, my life would have been much different. Please vote for me so that we could give the children the support that they deserve to become great adults."

A Pagosa Springs-based artist and performer, Haas has been a part of the community since 1991. Haas loves to support local charities and, in the last few years, has taken roles in numerous fundraisers around town. Haas is especially excited to support Seeds of Learning as his son has been a student for the last two years.

Jonathan Dobson grew up in the New York suburbs. He graduated from Georgetown University in 1996 with a double major in history and theology. A true fan of traveling, Jonathan has spent time in more than 20 countries and visited every state except for Alabama. He is the owner/operator of a solar power company in town which is 14 years old. Despite his professional and adventurous accomplishments, Dobson is most proud of his 9-year-old son, Jonah, and is excited to help all the children of the community by dancing for Seeds of Learning.

Heraty is our first-ever star that attended Seeds of Learning and he is now a senior at Pagosa Springs High School. He loves to run and participates in cross-country and track at his school. This year, Heraty has worked on his stage fright by

playing guitar and singing in the Americana program at the high school. On top of school and his extracurriculars, Heraty has also worked at a local baking company since he was 14. His parents, Mike ■ See Stars on next page

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# Final free garden talk of the season set for Aug. 26

By Leslie Wustrack  
Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden's free educational series on gardening will conclude for the season on Aug. 26. Throughout the spring and summer months, renowned expert Ron Chacey has covered all topics related to gardening in the Pagosa Springs area.

On Wednesday, Aug. 26, 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 2."

The evening begins with photos of Chacey's personal garden and a discussion of what he is currently doing in his garden. The talk will then shift to an informal format. Chacey will allow all participants to

ask questions and he'll lead a group discussion about experiences and best practices. 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 [pagosaspringcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:pagosaspringcommunitygarden@gmail.com). For the Aug. 26 talk, please visit <http://www.Facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden> or email [PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com](mailto:PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com) for easy links to the talks.

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden is located at the end of 5th

Street on the San Juan River in downtown Pagosa Springs. Decades old, the garden is on land owned by the Town of Pagosa Springs, and plots are granted to the town's citizens free of charge. In 2017, the garden was rejuvenated by community volunteers with the assistance of local Pagosa Springs businesses. Raised beds and deer-out fencing were constructed with donated lumber. Soil amendments, fertilizers, seeds, plant starts, tools, hoses and other necessary items are all provided through the generosity of Pagosa Springs businesses. The Town of Pagosa Springs provides free water for the Pagosa Springs Community Garden.

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

## Stars

■ continued from previous page and Lauri Heraty, own a local real estate agency and they are very encouraging of his dancing for Seeds of Learning.

Bonham first moved to Colorado to complete an internship at Denver General Hospital. Though he later returned to Dallas, Texas, for his residency, Bonham couldn't stay away from the Rocky Mountains forever. After residency, Bonham was recruited by the U.S. Army to run the 95th evac hospital in DaNang. He eventually returned to Dallas and started a private practice in the specialty of ear, nose, and throat — head and neck surgery from which

he retired in 2009. He has served on many hospital boards and was even recruited as a medical advisor for George W. Bush. Since retirement, he and his wife, Brenda, spend as much time as possible at their cabin in Pagosa Springs. They return to their home in Dallas to spend time with Bonham's daughter, son-in-law and two lively grandchildren. He hopes his participation with Seeds of Learning will help improve the social and health environment for the children in the community.

These six super stars are working hard for your votes to win the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy. To tune into their amazing performances,

purchase a virtual ticket for \$55 at <http://growingseeds.org/go/dance2020/>. Ticket purchasers will receive the Internet link for access to the show the week prior to the event.

You can also support your favorite dancer by visiting Seeds' website at [www.growingseeds.org](http://www.growingseeds.org) and voting for your favorites. Each \$1 vote moves a star closer to winning the fabulous trophy and bragging rights for the next year. But, more importantly, all the proceeds go to sustaining Seeds of Learning, where preschoolers are expertly prepared for school and for life. After this crazy year, these kids need your help more than ever.



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# Virtual Auction for the Animals right around the corner

By Mike Stoll  
Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs' (HSPS) first-ever virtual fundraiser is set to take place Saturday, Aug. 29, at 6:30 p.m. After 25 years of hosting our live Auction for the Animals, this year's version will be online, socially distanced and accessible from the comfort of your own home. Detailed information on this virtual event can be found at [www.hspagosa.org](http://www.hspagosa.org).

The auction is our most important annual fundraiser. Each year, more than 600 lost, abandoned or homeless dogs and cats enter our shelter. The purchases, donations and sponsorships from this event help us deliver the quality care that each and every shelter animal deserves. This year more than ever before, the success of our auction will play an essential role in our ability to provide a safe haven for every animal in need.

2020 has been challenging for our community and the world, like no other year in recent memory. This has been true for the HSPS animal shelter as well. Our thrift store, which generates the lion's share of funding for the shelter, was closed for more than two months this spring due to Colorado's Safer-At-Home order. That extended closure has created a significant shortfall in operating revenue for the animal shelter, which lends added importance to this month's fundraiser.

The silent online auction is chock-full of great stuff, including a large selection of beautiful jewelry, original and reproduction works of art, gift baskets galore, gift certificates to local businesses, trips to regional and international locations, and much more. Unique auction items include a set for four traditional pedestal drums, a very competitively priced African photo safari trip with a 24-month expiration window and a Ford F150 four-wheel-drive pickup truck. Auction bidding starts Friday, Aug. 21, and continues until Aug. 31.

Log in to [www.hspagosa.org](http://www.hspagosa.org) to either preview items or start your bidding. Silent auction items may also be previewed in person next week at the Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive, on Monday from noon to 4 p.m., Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

If you'd rather not bid on silent auction items, there are still ways to participate in the virtual fundraiser and help the animals. You

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*2020 has been challenging for our community and the world, like no other year in recent memory.*

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can make a dedicated donation to help cover specific shelter costs like spay surgeries, vaccines and emergency medical care, or you can make a general donation to be used wherever the shelter needs it most. You can also join the virtual event on Aug. 29 and buy votes to help your favorite pet fashion show participants win prizes for their spectacular efforts — this is one time when buying votes is legal. Go to [www.hspagosa.org](http://www.hspagosa.org) to find all the ways you can contribute to the well-being of the shelter animals.

Our restaurant partners who will be donating a portion of their food sales for Aug. 29. Visit [www.hspagosa.org](http://www.hspagosa.org) for sponsor infor-

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HSPS is a local private nonprofit organization that operates the only animal shelter in Archuleta County. Your local humane society does not receive funding from any national animal welfare organizations. Private donations, grants and thrift store revenues cover only a portion of animal shelter operating expenses. The remainder of shelter costs must be met through fundraising events like the virtual Auction for the Animals. HSPS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization; all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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# Whiskey goes for a sleepover

The phone rang. The voice on the other end said, “How are you doing?”

“I guess OK. The doctor called a few minutes ago and said Reyna, Stephen’s dog, is scheduled to be spayed. My Sweet’s Al’s dog, Whiskey, has been straining all day with hemorrhoids and Angel’s dog, Daisy, is barking outside the front door.”

As for me, I’m about to have a meltdown. I need a break from the dogs. I want to take a bubble bath and dream, “Calgon, take me away.” Unfortunately, that won’t make any of this, or them, go away.

My friend called to say that she wanted to come to Pagosa for a visit. I just about jumped up and down with glee. I needed a respite and time with my friend was the perfect break. There is only one problem, she has dog issues, too. That means that if she comes to stay in the guest house, Whiskey will have to go stay at our youngest daughter’s house.

If you have been reading my column for any length of time, you know that there is only one thing that causes my Sweet Al to dig in his heels: Whiskey. The truth is, it takes more than a crowbar and a bit of effort to pry the two apart.

“She doesn’t like to go on vacation without me,” Al said. “There is no one for her to talk to.”

“Your dog is big and loud and is undisciplined. It’s not going to hurt for you two to be apart for a week.”

For Al, it’s separation anxiety at the highest level. For me, a day at the spa.

Before my friend arrived, my Sweet Al packed Whiskey’s overnight bag and off she went. Our daughter said that Whiskey cried all night long. Apparently, she has separation anxiety, too.

I remember when Al and Whiskey first met. She was only 5 weeks old at the time. I begged him not to

## Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



*Why? Maybe it’s because it is easier to focus on what we think others should be doing to avoid taking responsibility for ourselves.*

bring her home, but he insisted, and so became the momma dog feeding her milk from an eyedropper.

I reminded him, “You know this is your fault. You ruined your dog.”

“Don’t throw stones. She isn’t ruined. She is just a little broken on the inside without me.”

Around 7 p.m. the next night, Al came into the room and said, “Whiskey needs me.” Next thing I knew, his overnight bag was packed and off he went.

I read a statement from one of

my favorite Bible teachers, “It is the brokenness of someone else that helps us to see our faults and mistakes. We will pick up a stone and see that same failure in ourselves.”

Being questioned by the Pharisees and Scribes who were ready to cast their stones, God the Son stooped down to write in the dirt. And as he wrote, one by one, those same Pharisees and Scribes who stood in judgment disappeared into the crowd.

Who was broken? The one with the stone in hand or the one with the broken soul? I’d answer both.

When we stand in judgment, it is no different than if we toss a stone in someone’s direction. We can do more damage, even if only in thought, by our self-centered ways. As for the broken, some are splintered, while others are snapped.

So, how do we deal with things that are broken? We can’t. Much in the same way that we can’t fix ourselves. But we can pray and ask God to intercede. Only then can hearts truly be changed.

Final brushstroke: It is easier to judge others or where their head is than to accept situations that are out of our control. Why? Maybe it’s because it is easier to focus on what we think others should be doing to avoid taking responsibility for ourselves. It is important to remember that before we call out the splinter in someone else’s eye, we need to take the plank out of our own.

### Readers’ comments

Send your comments to [betty@bettyslade.com](mailto:betty@bettyslade.com).

# 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. 23, our theme is God.

“Regard thou the one true God as One Who is apart from, and immeasurably exalted above, all created things. The whole universe reflecteth His glory, while He is Himself independent of, and transcendeth His creatures ... All existence is dependent upon Him, and from Him is derived the source of the sustenance of all things.”—Baha’u’llah.

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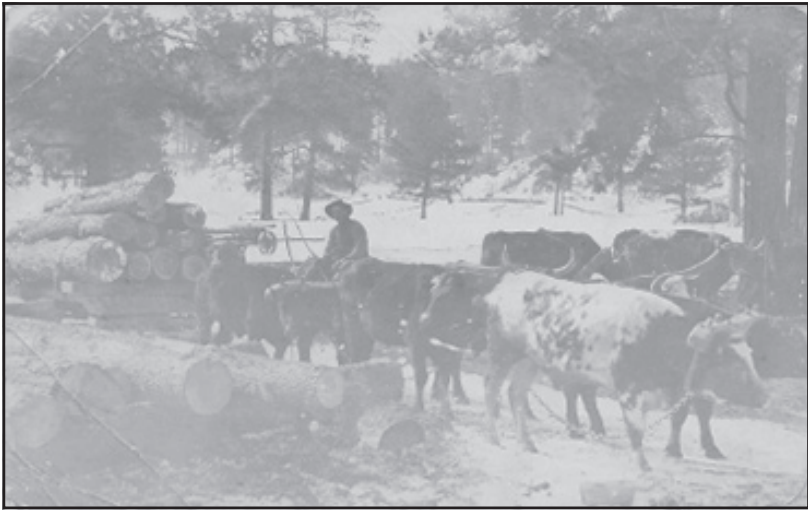


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## The Sheepmen's Cattlemens' War, part three

Once back in Pagosa Springs, Kern bedded his wounded prisoner down at Ma Cade's Hotel on San Juan Street below Reservoir Hill. He knew the flimsy county jail was not a place in which he could protect his prisoner.

During the night, someone had taken the message across the San Juans to Juan de Dios Montoya's family in Monte Vista that Juan was in trouble, had been shot and was being held in the custody of those gringos led by the Archuleta County sheriff. All through the night, Kern and his deputies sat with a tin cup of Ma Cade's coffee in one hand and loaded guns at the ready.

Outside, the steady clomp of horse hooves through the night echoed off of Roubidoux Hill, the sound of Montoya's family and hired hands riding in to protect their compadre. Meanwhile, Ma Cade patched up the wounded man and spoon-fed him soup.

Roubidoux was a trapper/trader from the beaver trapping days of Rocky Mountain history. Today's Reservoir Hill used to be named for this trapper who often visited the hot springs. In 1892, the time of our story, Pagosa Springs' drinking water was gathered by bucket from the river, hopefully above the point where community's wastes were dumped in the river.

And so, come first light, Kern and his posse saddled up, strapped their prisoner onto his horse and headed for Durango and the Sixth Judicial District offices where Montoya would stand trial. Montoya's watchdogs rode along behind Sheriff Kern's party, making sure



### Pagosa's Past

**John M. Motter**

that Montoya reached Durango (not be lynched) and received a fair trial.

Our readers, who rightfully expect the storyteller to tell the truth, might be interested in this aside connected with researching this story. Records of crimes and trials are normally kept in the county courthouse for the county in which the crime was committed or the trial was held. A good reporter reads those records before publishing his story. I found the record of Montoya's arrest in the Archuleta County courthouse. Since the trial was held in Durango, those records should have been in the La Plata County Courthouse. After several trips to Durango and rummaging around in the basement, I finally located the trial records in a box of old records stashed in the basement. Lo and behold, I couldn't read them. I took them to Fort Lewis College seeking expert help. The expert told me, "You can't read that because it's Pittman shorthand. Pittman hasn't been used for years and years. I don't know who you'll get to transcribe it."

After searching unsuccessfully for a transcriber, I gave up and relied on newspaper stories. I read an account of the shooting in the Del Norte newspaper, a Silverton newspaper, two Durango newspapers, the Pagosa Springs newspaper, an Alamosa newspaper and a Denver newspaper.

The story of the trial results reported in the Durango newspaper said Montoya was exonerated for having acted in self-defense and concluded with "and these delighted sons of southern climes celebrated their victory by retiring for a steak dinner at Del Monico's."

I'll have another sheepman-cattlemans' shoot-out story next week.

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# Curtains Up reschedules ‘Cinderella,’ offering ‘Stayin’ Alive’ concert series

By Dale Johnson  
Curtains Up Pagosa

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) had planned for and was in preproduction for its 2020 summer show, “Cinderella” (Broadway version), when everything was shut down for COVID-19.

We miss our CUP family of performers, musicians and techies. We miss the camaraderie, the hard work, the music, the dance, the hugs. We miss our stage and the acting and our collective love and passion for theater. CUP has rescheduled “Cinderella” for summer 2021. With great hope that we will all be able to gather once again in celebration of the performing arts.

During this down time, Dale Johnson and Dale Scrivener have continued to work on plans for next summer, but also on their current project of “Stayin’ Alive,” an online concert series that can be found on CUP’s Facebook page.

Additionally, CUP is in development for an original Broadway revue production called “Moving Mountains, The Power of Music” to be pre-



Photo courtesy Dale Johnson

**Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) has rescheduled its production of “Cinderella” until 2021. The group last did the show in 2012. CUP is currently offering its online “Stayin’ Alive” concert series.**

sented live as time and safety allow. Please consider a donation to CUP, now in its 31st year, to keep

the organization going and alive until they are able to sparkle and shine on stage once more.

## New Thought topic: ‘Creating Sacred Spaces’

By Lisa Burnson  
New Thought Center  
for Inspirational Living

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living on Sunday, Aug. 23, at 10 a.m.

Dr. Susan Fay will speak on “Creating Sacred Space.” She is the author of “Sacred Spaces” and teaches interspecies communications.

### Upcoming events

Meditation Circle is held each

Wednesday at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Thursday, Aug. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Best Western Lodge, come to the Courtyard Concert to benefit Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, which is dedicated to education and preservation of this archeological site. Music will be by the Cosmic Lightfoot. Rain or shine. Please bring lawn chair or blanket and picnic snacks. There will be a cash bar available. Tickets are available at the door, or call 309-6067.

Future Courtyard Concerts on 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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“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.

*II Corinthians 5:20-21*

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# I need help and I need it now

By Jan Davis  
Special to The PREVIEW

“Must we discuss this topic every time I come over? For just once, let’s talk about the kids, neighbors, anything but ‘End Time’ junk.” Abby threw up her hands in aggravation. Her mother lived and breathed prophecy and was convinced of Jesus’ imminent return.

“I realize you don’t want to listen, but I love you and am concerned about your eternity.” Her mother tried to calm the tense emotions this discussion always stirred up in her only child.

“My life is in shambles right now without worrying about where I may or may not spend eternity.”

Abby jumped up and quickly grabbed the barstool before it tipped over. She slid the seat back into place at the island and crossed her arms in stubborn defiance, determined to hold her ground.

“My whole world turned upside down when David came home from a fishing trip with his buddies and announced he didn’t want to be married anymore. At least not to me.”

Her parents’ marriage resembled a fairy tale, where everyone lives happily ever after. “You have no idea the depth of betrayal someone experiences when their spouse walks out.”

“Trust me Abby, my life isn’t picture-perfect like you imagine. I’m not sure an ideal marriage is possible in this crazy, mixed-up world.” Her mom tried to soothe her daughter’s bruised identity.

“I’m tired of being David’s ex, alone and the mother of two preschoolers. Cory and Penny are precious, but I can’t do this by myself. I need help now, in the present, not in fifty years, when I die.”

Abby sat back down at her parents’ kitchen island. She rested her face on the cool granite counter-top, too exhausted to argue.

“Your dad and I love to help anyway we can. But some things are out of our hands. We can’t repair the damage David caused ... but Jesus can. All you need to do is ask,” her Mom coaxed.

A deep sigh resonated from Abby as her mom’s voice began to penetrate into her weary soul like a soothing bubble bath. She began to

## A Matter of Faith

relax. “If only matters of the heart were that straightforward.”

“All Jesus requires is a sincere heart and contrite spirit. God takes the shattered pieces of our lives and molds them into a beautiful masterpiece. His love, mercy, and peace exist today. No one needs to wait until everything is right-side-up. He takes the wreckage of divorce and builds a new life from the damaged pieces.” Her mom hesitated for a brief moment.

Abby could almost hear her mom’s silent prayer. Whenever she didn’t know the right words to say, she prayed.

Abby raised her head. “What does all this have to do with prophetic events?” She needed to distract her mom from the direction this conversation had taken. This type of back and forth left her with more questions than answers. At least prophecy didn’t require much thought or participation from Abby. A casual nod kept her mom on task.

“Everything. Someday Jesus will return. I happen to be of the persuasion his return is sooner than we care to believe. I don’t want you to miss the rapture and be stuck here to endure the horrific hardships of the tribulation period. The stage is set, the characters are about to take their position and as the events begin to unfold, the death toll will rise.”

Abby looked in time to see one single tear roll down her mom’s cheek.

Why is it every time she talks about Jesus, she cries?

“But, the greater question,” her mom paused, “is why wait to enjoy a relationship with Jesus? It’s available now. He wants to heal your broken heart. Give your life purpose and help lay out a plan for your future. One you can’t even envision.”

“Why? I don’t deserve his kindness,” Abby questioned.

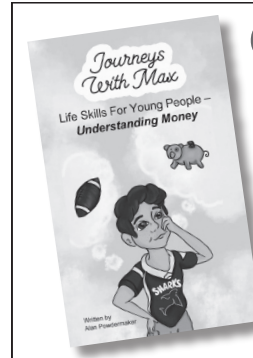
“That’s the beauty of salvation. He loves you unconditionally. He never leaves or gives up on you. He longs for you to love him the same way,” Mom said in a gentle whisper.

“That easy, huh?”

“That easy.”

Abby hesitated. “OK, let’s do

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# Joy in the time of corona

By Hank Slikker  
Special to The PREVIEW

What kind of a moment did I wander into?

I'm visiting a Rocky Mountain box-canyon town, encircled by steep high cliffs dotted here and there with clusters of pine trees. I'm strolling with my companion down the narrow deserted main street lined with small empty shops, their name signs swinging in the wind.

Suddenly, an old, white four-door sedan with rolled-down windows pulled to a stop in the middle of the street.

With the car engine still running, an older gentleman with ruffled hair stepped out of the driver's seat, walked towards us and began to sing. I had difficulty hearing the lyrics because his smile covered so much of his face. I understood maybe two or three of the words: something about an "arm" and maybe something about "time."

When he finished, my lady friend impulsively curtsied a ballerina-type grande reverance, while I smiled and said, "Thank you," and, "What's this all about?"

Thinking he probably serenaded strangers for dollars, I offered some cash, but he refused. He told us he was a retired fireman and that his cousin was the sheriff.

"So, why the song?"

He did not give us the title, but he told us he stopped to sing

## The Writers' Circle

*Suddenly, an old, white four-door sedan with rolled-down windows pulled to a stop in the middle of the street.*

because, "I noticed you walking arm in arm looking through a shop window. I made up the song as I sang what I felt."

We both half-bowed as he walked back to his car and drove off.

For several days, the singing stranger kept returning to my thoughts. I'd been around street performers at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco and on Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley, but his performance left me charmed and puzzled at the same time. I thought, "What triggered his sudden song?"

So, I looked at it from another

angle. I pretended I saw the scene in a silent western stage play.

In a deserted, corona-afflicted town, three strangers intersect, one abruptly emerges from his car and animatedly mimes a song to a man and a woman walking arm in arm. The lady bows formally while the man pulls money from his pocket and extends his hand towards the singer. The singer then abruptly gets into his car and drives off.

Still puzzled, I reconsidered the singing. Maybe he's reliving a special time. Or maybe our arm-in-arm image conjured a carbon-copy of himself and his favorite woman browsing shop windows in years past? Or maybe he just loved Norman Rockwell?

I've heard of "crib song," when solitary infants spontaneously sing their emotions to themselves, and I've heard of singing in the shower. I also read somewhere that composers don't always "make" music, but often music "comes" to them, and then they write it for us to hear, too.

This is probably what happened to the singer.

In the middle of a corona shut-down-town, what he saw turned into music.

It reminds me of something Jesus said: that sometimes you can't put a lid on the heart.

He said, "Out of the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks." (Matthew 12:34); or, in the street singer's case, the mouth sings.

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■ continued from previous page this. Right now, right here. Just you, me and Jesus."

Mother and daughter held hands and bowed their heads, as Abby's mom led her in a prayer of forgiveness and acceptance. For-

giveness for her sins. Acceptance of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as her Lord and Savior.

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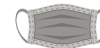
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## Thursday, Aug. 20

**Storywalk for Kids: 'Imagine Your Story.'** Sisson Library. Get outdoors and follow the pages of the book to enjoy a story as you stroll along. After you finish, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library during curbside hours. Josie will post signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up toward the elementary school detailing a new storywalk every other week. This week's theme as school starts is new beginnings. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Cardboard Car Race.** Sisson Library. Aug. 20 is the last day to participate in our 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. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

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

## Friday, Aug. 21

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

**Night Sky: Our Solar System.** 7:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is timed for when the moon is present in the sky but not fully illuminated. This enables us to enjoy the night sky unimpeded by artificial lighting or the brightness of a full moon and see many of the brighter objects

that are visible. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**Pagosa Peak Open School Fund-raiser: Car Hop Movie Nights.** 8 p.m., 7 Parelli Way. Looking for something fun to do this summer? Swing by and catch a movie in your car. All summer long we will host drive-in style showings in our parking lot. Entrance is by donation. Concessions will be available for purchase. Email [movies@ppos.co](mailto:movies@ppos.co) for movie information, showtimes and to reserve your spot.

## Saturday, Aug. 22

**Pagosa Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. Fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables and locally produced meats, breads, honey, herbal products, seedlings and more. Visit <http://sospagosa.org> for more information.

**Discovery Time.** 2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us for games, art ideas, science experiments, history and more via prerecorded videos posted on the library's Facebook page. If you have a Facebook account, you can log in and search for the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can access the page by visiting our website and clicking the Facebook icon, or you can contact us and we can send you a link. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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## Tuesday, Aug. 25

**Women Helping in Pagosa Springs.** 11:30 a.m., The Ole Miner's Steak and Chop House. There will be a special menu for \$12. Evites will be sent out or you must RSVP to 946-1895. All women are welcome.

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

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

## Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

6	7	4	3	8	1	2	5	9
3	1	9	2	7	5	8	4	6
5	8	2	9	6	4	3	1	7
4	3	8	1	2	6	9	7	5
9	6	7	5	3	8	1	2	4
2	5	1	4	9	7	6	3	8
8	2	6	7	4	3	5	9	1
1	4	3	6	5	9	7	8	2
7	9	5	8	1	2	4	6	3

ANSWER:



# Preview Calendar

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gram is open to teens and young adults. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto: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.

**Pagosa Peak Open School Fund-raiser: Car Hop Movie Nights.**

8 p.m., 7 Parelli Way. Looking for something fun to do this summer? Swing by and catch a movie in your car. All summer long we will host drive-in style showings in our parking lot. Entrance is by donation. Concessions will be available for purchase. Email [movies@ppos.co](mailto:movies@ppos.co) for movie information, showtimes and to reserve your spot.

**Wednesday, Aug. 26**

**Family Storytime.**

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

**Tech Time.**

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

**Garden Talks with Ron Chacey.**

5:30 p.m. This week's topic will be "Wrapping Up Your Garden Beds for Season's End, Part 2". Just tune in

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

**Thursday, Aug. 27**

**Storywalk for Kids: 'Imagine Your Story.'**

Sisson Library. Get outdoors and follow the pages of the book to enjoy a story as you stroll along. After you finish, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library during curbside hours. Josie will post signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up toward the elementary school detailing a new storywalk every other week. This week's theme as school starts is new beginnings. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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**Outdoor Labyrinth Guided Walk.**

10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal

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

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.**

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

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**Special Census Event.**

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Submit your calendar items to [editor@pagosasun.com](mailto:editor@pagosasun.com); mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.

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# Bird of the Week



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

Both the scientific name, *passerina amoena* (meaning beautiful sparrow), and the common name, lazuli bunting (referring to the gemstone lapis lazuli), celebrate the striking plumage of this small bird.

In breeding season, the male is a brilliant blue color above with a pumpkin-colored breast and white belly. Black lores give a mask-like effect to the eyes and two broad, white bars mark the wings. Females and immatures are grayish brown above and pale cinnamon on the breast, with blue tints only on the wings and tail.

These birds inhabit brushy hillsides, often near streams, wooded valleys, thickets and hedges. In summer, lazulis breed across the north western quarter of the U.S. and in parts of southern Canada. They are early migrants, arriving here in April and leaving by the end of August.

Males perch on a shrub and sing a sweet, high-pitched, fast-paced warbling song to establish a breeding territory. During breeding season, these buntings are generally found alone or in pairs, but otherwise are gregarious and found with sparrows, finches and other bunting species. Eating insects, spiders, berries and seeds, they will come to bird feeders.

Lazuli buntings practice an unusual pattern of molting in stages. The first stage occurs after breeding when they shed some feathers. In July, they begin forming traveling flocks before heading to molting hot spots in southwestern U.S. and northwestern Mexico, where they spend one-to-two months and complete the replacement of their feathers. From there, they head into western Mexico to spend the winter.

The departure of many of our colorful summer birds will occur all too soon.

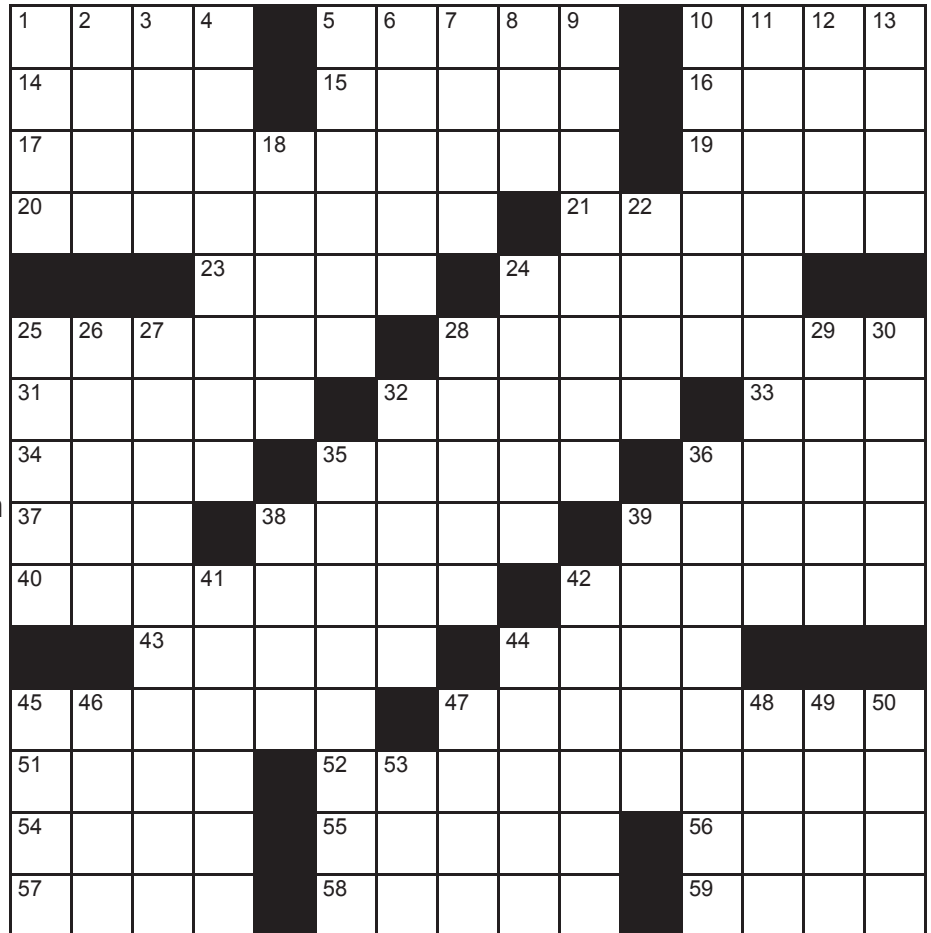
For information on future events, visit [www.weminuchaudubon.org](http://www.weminuchaudubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminuchaudubon/](https://www.facebook.com/weminuchaudubon/).

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 5 Needed a massage
- 10 Going rate
- 14 Yellow Brick Road traveler
- 15 2% alternative
- 16 Comply with
- 17 Random inspections
- 19 High-five sound
- 20 Cellphone button
- 21 Lacking nothing
- 23 Pleasant tune
- 24 October handout
- 25 Turn into
- 28 Supporting structure
- 31 Run off together
- 32 "\_\_\_ in Toyland"
- 33 Gavel action
- 34 Up for the job
- 35 One you might not want to meet



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- 36 Circle overhead?
- 37 Fa follower
- 38 Discourage
- 39 Chopper spinner
- 40 Like most arguments
- 42 Sing the blues
- 43 Dennis in the 2019 film "Midway"
- 44 Wished, as a farewell
- 45 Trinket
- 47 Brought to an end
- 51 Rainless
- 52 Early bicycle
- 54 Steady guy
- 55 Cartoon art
- 56 Implore
- 57 Harvard rival
- 58 Biblical outcast
- 59 Grant basis

- 2 Loose ones sink ships
- 3 Ransack
- 4 Range animal
- 5 For some time
- 6 Pirate's box
- 7 Take to the pawn shop
- 8 Caribou kin
- 9 Military no-show
- 10 Share top billing
- 11 Wipe out
- 12 Burn a bit
- 13 Blood classification
- 18 Rap sheet entry
- 22 Fishing gear
- 24 Potato, for one
- 25 Beauty's beloved
- 26 Macaroni shape
- 27 Informal, as of language
- 28 Kind of bean
- 29 Beauty parlor
- 30 Squash, for one

- 32 Held back, as breath
- 35 From the age of chivalry
- 36 Unsophisticated
- 38 Radio feature
- 39 Circle measurements
- 41 Overpower
- 42 Mitsubishi model

- 44 Ecosystem
- 45 Bundle of joy
- 46 Square feet, eg.
- 47 Toss, like a coin
- 48 \_\_\_ and now
- 49 Leg up
- 50 Monopoly card
- 53 OH to MA direction

### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

T	R	I	P		C	A	D	E	T		P	R	O	M	
A	O	N	E		O	R	A	T	E		R	O	V	E	
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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to water quality. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 1 = T)

**A. 1 22 20 15 23**

Clue: Poison

**B. 9 2 25 16 15 1 12**

Clue: Standard of something

**C. 1 6 18 1 15 23 21**

Clue: Measures performance

**D. 26 25 14 1 15 8 2 16 25 1 6**

Clue: Minute separate particles

Answers: A. toxin B. quality C. testing D. particulate

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# Breakfast in a Balloon to benefit Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

By Sally High  
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) continues to develop the west end of Centennial Park. Despite the greenhouses being closed due to COVID-19, there have been recent additions to the Riverwalk site including a Native Plants Garden and an active solar array.

The GGP is “growing food and community with local energy!”

With ColorFest and Breakfast with Balloons being canceled this year, what does a creative non-profit do? A virtual Breakfast in a Balloon.

A short video, “Breakfast IN a Balloon,” launches on Thursday, Sept. 3. The fun and information-packed film will send viewers to Pagosagreen.org/breakfast-in-a-balloon to purchase a scrumptious gourmet breakfast and support the GGP’s operations and educational programming. The film takes place in a hot air balloon and features young Pagosans enjoying their delicious breakfasts.

Breakfasts will be served the four mornings that would have been Pagosa’s ColorFest weekend, Thursday, Sept. 17, through Sunday, Sept. 20. It’s easy to support the GGP and celebrate a special breakfast morning with family or properly social-distanced friends.

Here’s how it works. A GGP supporter buys a breakfast, or several breakfasts, from the GGP website. Your receipt is your ticket that you give to Pagosa Baking Company (PBC) when you pick up your special breakfast box. The GGP will



Photo courtesy Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

**With ColorFest and Breakfast with the Balloons canceled this year, the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership will be hosting the virtual Breakfast in a Balloon event.**

provide a list of purchasers to PBC for each day.

Tickets are only \$40 and include an annual GGP membership, along with a box of savory and sweet breakfast delights, and a fresh long-stem flower. Your annual membership allows Pagosa’s remarkable environmental education site to cover operational expenses until the GGP’s greenhouses can again serve the community.

As the school year begins, the GGP is planning virtual lessons about growing food year-round, solar and geothermal energy, birds and biodiversity, and the importance of native plants. The GGP is volunteer- and donor-driven. Join us and enjoy a fancy breakfast with us.

To learn more about the virtual Breakfast in a Balloon, like the GGP on Facebook or follow us on Instagram, @geogreenhouse. Visit Pagosagreen.org for details and to purchase your breakfasts.

# Backyard Club for Kids set for Aug. 24-27

By Connie Porter  
Child Evangelism Fellowship of Colorado

Summer is for outside fun for kids. We have scheduled four days of fun in our big yard at 114 Holiday Drive, near Holiday Acres. The program will be outside for great games, songs, crafts, snacks and inside for an exciting missionary story and a presentation from the Bible. The club is free and is ideal for children ages 5-12.

The club is scheduled for: Monday through Thursday, Aug. 24-27. You can attend the club in the morning from 10 a.m. to noon, or you can attend the club in the afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m.

Choose the club that works best for your kids. Encourage them to bring their friends. All who attend must register by emailing the Por-

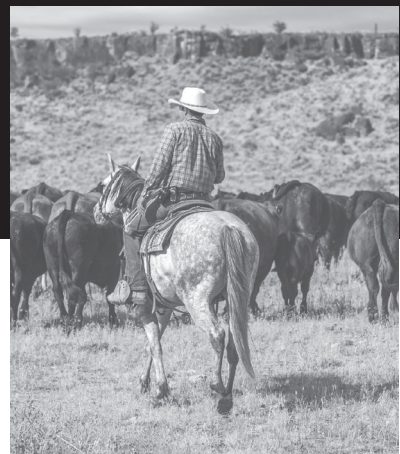
ters at ceflittlekids@gmail.com or calling 507-7096.

We are encouraging everyone to bring a mask to wear when we are inside for the teaching time.

These parties are sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship of Colorado, a Bible-centered ministry. All teachers are trained and screened to ensure your child’s safety. Parents are welcome to attend. For more information, call or email Frank and Connie Porter, (303) 901-5290 or email at ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

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# Special census event and community art project planned

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Next Thursday, Aug. 27, from noon to 3 p.m., representatives from the Census Bureau will be at the library hosting a Mobile Questionnaire Assistance Station to help anyone who has not completed the census to do so and to answer questions about the census. This assistance station will be outside near the front entrance of the library. Our computers and a public phone inside the building will also be available to anyone needing to complete the census.

This special event comes at a perfect time to help you respond easily and conveniently to the census because Archuleta County's response rate so far is not good — only 39.8 percent — compared to the much higher rate of 66.9 percent for the state of Colorado and 63.5 percent for the U.S. overall. If this poor showing continues, we will not get our fair share of hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds over 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.

Adding to the concern about our low participation is the fact that 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.

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 [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) for more information. And please take advantage of this special event if you have not filled out your census form. Responding now will help decrease the number of homes census

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enumerators need to visit and will help ensure a more accurate count.

### Community art project

We hope you will join us for a collaborative creations project from Aug. 27 to Sept. 4 as we create temporary community art projects together. Three to five projects will be set up outside the library with instructions encouraging everyone to add to the art projects that will include a chalk drawing, stained glass creation, add-a-scale dragon and more.

Creations and instructions on how to add to them will be up for a week, weather permitting. Community members of all ages are invited to participate.

### Cardboard car race

Today, Aug. 20, is the last day to participate in our 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.

### Summer Reading Program

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.

Call us at 264-2209, email [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org) or register online at [pagosalibrary.org/summer-reading](http://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-5, teen and adult.

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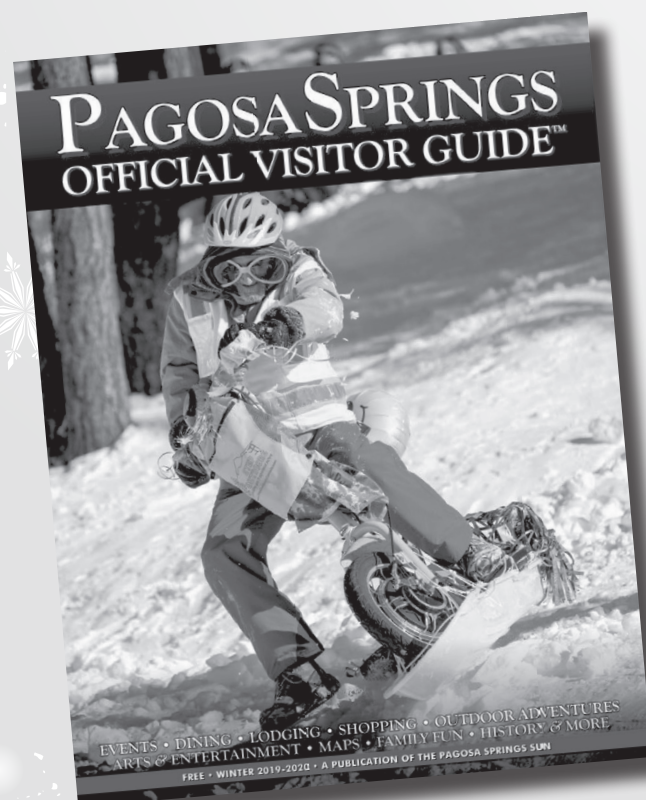
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## Details of our partial reopening

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- 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 9-10 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 allowed for three hours per day, up from two. 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. No donations in the City Market box, please.
- 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 in-person 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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**ESL**

Free in-person classes take place Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. by ap-

pointment. Please register so we can keep it to a small group in our limited open spaces. No walk-ins, as the front door will be locked.

## GED and other tutoring

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

## Dungeons and Dragons via Zoom

Join us via Zoom on Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. for Dungeons and Dragons free for teens and young adults. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) for details on how to join.

## Children's programs on Facebook

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m., join us on the library's Facebook page 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. 20-Sept. 4 theme as school starts is new beginnings.

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.

## Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

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## Other novels

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## Books on CD

"Credible Threat" by J.A. Jance is an Ali Reynolds mystery. "The Lies That Bind" by Emily Giffin is about the search for a man who goes missing after 9/11. "A Week at the Shore" by Barbara Delinsky follows a woman reuniting with her estranged family. "On Ocean Boulevard" by Mary Alice Monroe is a family saga on the Isle of Palms. "Hideaway" by Nora Roberts is set on a family ranch in Big Sur. "Lucky's Beach" by Shelley Noble begins when an elderly surfer goes missing. "The Simple Shift" by Chris Helder is a guide to "useful thinking."

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# A fair deal and a big Ferris wheel

By **Daris Howard**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Ken took his 7-year-old grandson, David, to the fair. It was a big fair, and there were lots of things to see and do. There were the animal barns, the homemaking displays, and, of course, the carnival rides. Both Ken and David loved the big draft horses. David enjoyed the fancy chicken breeds, while Ken felt they were somewhat useless. But when it came to the rides, Ken was not so keen on them at all.

“Come on, Grandpa,” David said. “Let’s go on the big Ferris wheel.”

That didn’t even sound fun to Ken, especially since they had just eaten. First off, he was afraid of heights, and second, he could envision himself throwing up on all the people below.

“Well, what if I go, and you just wait for me?” David said.

Ken shook his head. “I know how young people are. A person can’t trust them out of their sight for an instant. They do things they shouldn’t do, acting like daredevils and risking their necks. You’re not going on it alone, and I’m not inclined to go with you.”

Ken suggested instead they try their hand at throwing the balls at the pins in one booth. David was disappointed, but he agreed to that. A little while later, with \$20 less and a toy a person could buy for a dime, they gave up on that activity.

“Hey, look, Grandpa,” David said. “How about the octopus ride? That one doesn’t go too high.”

Ken asked the ride operator, and the ride operator assured him that none of the chairs went more than 10 feet off the ground. Ken decided that was a ride they could take.

Ken paid the money, and he and David got themselves buckled into one of the chairs. But what Ken quickly learned when the ride started was that it didn’t just go in a circle like a merry-go-round. Each chair also spun around. By the time the ride finally came to a stop, Ken was not only feeling nauseous, but he desperately needed to find a bathroom.

They hurried around the fairgrounds to the bathroom building and found a line snaking back and forth among chains for about 50 yards. Ken considered the situation and then knew what to do. They had been at the fair for a long time, and it was pretty much time to go home.

David balked at leaving, but he was good to do what he was told, and soon they had walked back to their car. Ken knew he couldn’t make it all the way home, so he stopped at the first place he found that he knew would have a bathroom — a Walmart.

Ken rushed in as fast as he could go without garnering too much attention, keeping David in tow. When they got to the bathrooms, Ken dropped David’s hand.

“You stay right here, and I’ll be back in a minute,” Ken said.

He hurried into the bathroom and located an empty stall. Soon he was feeling much better. But when he stepped out, to his horror, two women were standing there washing their hands. That was when he realized he must have gone into the wrong bathroom.

One woman started screaming when she saw Ken. She also yelled for security, and everything Ken did just made it worse. Then, suddenly, David appeared.

David came over and took Ken by the hand. “Come on, Grandpa, we need to get you back home.”

The lady stopped screaming and spoke kindly to David. “This is your grandpa?”

David nodded. “I’m so sorry about the problem. You know how old people are. A person can’t trust them out of their sight for an instant. They do things they shouldn’t do. I’ll take him out of here now.”

The lady smiled. “You are a good grandson.”

The fact that David had used Ken’s words from by the Ferris wheel didn’t go unnoticed to Ken. And once David had led Ken by the hand out of the store, Ken stopped and looked at his grandson.

“You know, David, I think you’re responsible enough to ride the Ferris wheel on your own. Let’s go back to the fair and let you ride.”

And that’s just what they did.

## Library

■ continued from previous page eight. “Stranger Things” follows the people in a mall one summer. “The Good Karma Hospital” is series three. “This is Us” is the first season.

### Nonfiction

“Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents” by Pulitzer Prize-winner Isabel Wilkerson examines the unspoken caste system in the U.S. “Make Change” by Shaun King looks at social moments that have shaped the life of this Black Lives Matter leader. “What Are the Odds?” by Mike Lindell is the memoir of a man who went from crack addict to CEO with the help of God. “I Have Something to Say” by John Bowe is a guide to public speaking in an age of disconnection.

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### Quotable quote

“I’m glad I studied philosophy. I think that a philosophical outlook will help you no matter what you are doing ... in terms of acknowledging some sense of perspective in your life and in the world around you. I have always tried to approach life with what I call the ‘reasonable-man attitude.’ If you have some sense of perspective, you are not likely to get too high or too low.” — “Jeopardy!” host Alex Trebek in his autobiography, “The Answer Is ... Reflections on My Life,” which is in the Sisson Library collection.

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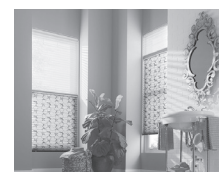


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# VA partners with OnStar to improve access to suicide prevention services

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced recently it is partnering with OnStar's emergency services to improve access to suicide prevention resources for veterans.

This partnership will offer veterans in crisis the opportunity to be transferred to around-the-clock, confidential support via the VA's Veterans Crisis Line (VCL) when they use the emergency services button in an OnStar-equipped vehicle or OnStar Guardian smart-phone app.

"The VA-OnStar partnership aims to promote suicide prevention and reduce deaths by suicide by providing additional resources to veterans," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "This partnership will help veterans access suicide prevention support services and assistance directly and immediately. More than 400 VA suicide prevention coordinators and their teams, located at every VA medical center, connect veterans with care and educate the community about suicide prevention programs and resources daily."

An average of 20 veterans die by suicide each day. Through this partnership, VA and OnStar, a wholly owned subsidiary of General Motors, will collaborate to provide education and training to VA clinicians and OnStar call center staff to facilitate suicide prevention efforts for veterans. Additionally, the VA will provide resources and education to OnStar about military culture and how to determine if a caller is a veteran.

"OnStar services are designed to help our customers go out into the world feeling safer and we recognize that for many people, and in particular veterans, a crisis can start from within," said Catherine Bishop, senior global emergency services manager for OnStar. "This partnership with VA allows our emergency-certified advisors to better serve the heroes who have served us."

Suicide prevention is a top priority, and the VA has made great strides in veteran suicide prevention, especially in crisis intervention. Partnerships such as this are coordinated by the Veterans Health Administration's Office of Community Engagement.

## VA decreases mail processing time for claims intake

The VA announced the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) has improved procedures by incorporating an artificial intelligence (AI) solution to reduce the time it takes to process incoming mail from 10 days to just one day.

The software reads the mail doc-

## Veterans Corner

Raymond Taylor



ument contents and automatically routes it to VA employees working the next step of the claims process, which means faster processing of the information veterans send to VBA in support of their claims.

"Moving past manual mail processes to automation puts the emphasis on veterans," said Wilkie. "This new capability allows VA to process veterans' claims quickly and efficiently."

On average, the VBA receives more than 550,000 pieces of mail per month related to benefits and services. The volume of mail comes from submissions by veterans, surviving spouses, service agencies, attorneys and claims agents. This mail is often the starting point to initiate a claim or provide supportive documentation for potential benefits and services they may be eligible for, in addition to general inquires.

## Vets4Vets grant

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 799-VETS or [www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org](http://www.Vets4VetsPSCO.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 num-

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

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

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

## Important information

- 799-VETS, [www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org](http://www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org).
- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.
- Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.
- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M.: (800) 465-8262.
- VA Health Care Emergency Notification: (844) 724-7842.

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# Are you aging and feeling lonely?

By Kay Kaylor  
PREVIEW Columnist

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

The media lately has reported on the public health issues of social isolation and loneliness, which the pandemic has compounded by the need for older adults and people with disabilities to stay at home as much as possible. Already a problem for between one-fourth and one-half of people older than age 60, social isolation and loneliness these days are especially of concern for those living in nursing and other group homes, caregivers, those who do not have Internet

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access, and anyone who experiences limited or no family or other visitors.

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) website (acl.gov) notes that research indicates harmful health outcomes from isolation and loneliness, such as increased risk for hospitalizations, dementia, heart failure and strokes.

In one effort to solve the problem, in addition to regular ACL webinars and resources, the ACL and other agencies created a Mobilizing and Empowering the Nation and Technology to Address Loneliness and social isolation (MENTAL) Health Innovation Challenge, with phases scheduled for the next four

months.

The Institute on Aging's national Friendship Line, (800) 971-0016, offers 24-hour toll-free support for people age 60 and older and adults living with disabilities. On the line, trained volunteers offer to converse with those who are isolated, depressed, anxious or bereaved. Begun in 1973, the Friendship services include emotional and grief support, regular outreach and well-being calls, elder abuse reporting, active suicide intervention, and information and referrals.

If you are an isolated older adult and feeling the need to talk locally, in addition to using crisis lines, feel free to call the number below.

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.

# How to be safe in the sun

Special to The PREVIEW

A relaxing day outdoors soaking up some of the sun's rays is how many people prefer to spend their free time when the weather allows. While the very vision of a warm summer afternoon spent outdoors can invoke positive feelings, it's important that people take protective measures before going outside and continue to do so while they're out there.

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), most skin cancers are the result of exposure to ultraviolet rays in sunlight. UV rays are a type of radiation that do not have enough energy to penetrate deeply into the body. As a result, they primarily affect the skin. Overexposure to these rays can lead to skin cancer.

## Protection from UV rays

The ACS notes that there are no safe UV rays, so it's imperative that people take UV protection seriously. The following are some of the many ways to protect yourself while still enjoying sunny days outdoors.

- Go out at the right times of day. The ACS notes that UV rays are at their strongest in the middle of the day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., so staying inside during these hours can protect your skin. This is especially important in the spring and summer, as the ACS says UV rays are stronger during these seasons than other times of year.

- Employ the shadow test when going outside. It may not seem es-

pecially scientific, but the shadow test is a simple way for anyone to gauge how strong UV rays from the sun are at any given moment. According to the ACS, if your shadow is shorter than you, that means the sun's rays are at their strongest. This simple test can help people immediately determine how strong the sun's rays are, compelling them to be extra cautious if necessary.

- Apply sunscreen early and reapply often. The ACS recommends using sunscreens with broad spectrum protection that protect the skin from both UVA and UVB rays, and applying them before leaving the house and reapplying often while outdoors. When choosing a sunscreen, choose one with a minimum sun protection factor, or SPF, of 30. Understanding SPF can help people recognize the importance of reapplication. When an SPF 30 product is applied correctly, a person gets the equivalent of one minute of UVB ray exposure for each 30 minutes he or she spends in the sun. So one hour in the sun wearing SPF 30 sunscreen is the same as spending two minutes totally unprotected. Reapplying SPF 30 sunscreen often can ensure you are protected at all times.

- Wear a hat. Hats with a brim that is at least 2 to 3 inches all around protects vulnerable areas such as the eyes, forehead, nose, ears and scalp. Choose a hat with a dark, non-reflective underside, as such a hat can lower the amount of UV rays that reach the face from reflective surfaces such as water.

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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.

## Senior News

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 staff will be available by phone. If you need to speak to a staff mem-

ber, please call 264-2167.

## The Community Café menu

Thursday, Aug. 20 — Mediterranean tuna salad sandwich, quinoa salad, deviled egg, salad, milk and magic cookie bar.

Friday, Aug. 21 — Shrimp and grits, fried green tomatoes with remoulade sauce, yellow squash casserole, milk and lemon bar.

Monday, Aug. 24 — King ranch chicken, charro beans, roasted zucchini, tomatoes and onions, milk, salad and brownie.

Tuesday, Aug. 25 — Beef stroganoff with buttered noodles, broccoli, dinner roll with butter, milk salad and lemon poppyseed muffin.

Wednesday, Aug. 26 — Pork chop with mustard sauce, German potato salad, sauerkraut, milk, salad and sugar cookie fruit bar.

Thursday, Aug. 27 — Curry chicken salad sandwich, pasta salad, chilled cucumber soup, milk, salad and magic cookie bar.

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.

# Celebrate summer with desserts that refresh

Special to The PREVIEW

Ice cream is a go-to dessert in warm weather. Creamy, cold and refreshing, ice cream makes for the perfect complement to a hot afternoon. Ice cream can be served in various ways, including in a cup, on a cone, in sundae form accompanied by a bevy of favorite toppings, or mounded on a hot waffle. This cool treat is also stupendous in shakes or as the a la mode when served alongside pies and cakes. There's just no end to the ways ice cream can be enjoyed.

While it's perfectly acceptable to head to the nearest supermarket freezer section for a pint or two of the cold stuff, many people overestimate how much work goes into making ice cream at home. Anyone can whip up their own custom flavors and keep the freezer stocked with fresh desserts.

Start with base ingredients for basic vanilla ice cream, courtesy of the Food Network, and then customize with creativity.

## Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream

- Yields 1 quart
- 3 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup whole milk
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
- Kosher salt
- 5 large egg yolks

Whisk the cream, milk, sugar, vanilla, and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a medium saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Beat the egg yolks in a medium bowl. Slowly whisk 1 cup of the hot cream mixture into the beaten yolks, then pour back into the saucepan, whisking, and return to medium heat. Cook, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until the mixture thickens, coats the spoon and reaches 180

Fahrenheit on a thermometer, 6 to 8 minutes. Remove from the heat and strain the custard through a fine-mesh sieve into a large bowl or measuring cup; discard the solids. Stir often until the mixture cools to room temperature. Lightly press plastic wrap directly against the surface of the custard to prevent a skin from forming. Chill until cold, about 3 hours.

Freeze the mixture in an ice cream machine according to the manufacturer's instructions. Place the ice cream in the freezer to set up for at least 1 hour.

Now comes the fun part — choosing flavors. Here are some flavor combinations to try.

1. Add in crumbled bits of pretzels and peanut butter for a sweet and salty favorite.
2. Stir in bits of oatmeal cookie and cooked-down apple bits for an apple pie-inspired flavor.
3. Transform vanilla into peach ice cream with the addition of canned peaches.

4. Hazelnut flavors are all the rage, so be sure to mix in creamy Nutella and some chocolate cookie chunks for a cookies and cream variety that wins.

5. Evoke the taste of cheesecake with the addition of a little cream cheese, graham cracker pieces and blueberry compote.

6. Add freshly brewed coffee to your ice cream base and some caramel sauce for a dessert that's straight off a coffee shop menu.

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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](mailto: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.



## Noxious weed of the month: perennial pepperweed

By Ethan Proud  
PREVIEW Columnist

Perennial pepperweed is also known as tall or giant whitetop, and if you read the article on whitetop, you know what to expect. The inflorescences or flowers look much the same, though perennial pepperweed is much taller, growing from 3 to 6 feet tall and has spoon-shaped leaves.

It is in the mustard family (brassicaceae) and can be identified by scent similar to broccoli if the leaves are crushed. Like whitetop, this plant may be toxic and grazing is not a recommended control.

It spreads both by seeds and rhizomes and, as such, digging the plant will result in many more shoots emerging from the infesta-

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tion. While pepperweed plants can produce thousands of seeds, their main mode of reproduction is through a creeping root system. The roots of this plant can be found deeper than 2 feet in the soil. Root fragments as small as half an inch can resprout a new plant.

Seeds produced by perennial pepperweed are often not viable, though laboratory tests indicate that seeds may remain dormant for up to two years before germinating.

Perennial pepperweed is a versatile plant that can thrive in riparian areas as well as extremely dry soils and can be found along Mill Creek and in Arboles. Treatment with selective herbicides is recommended and prolonged spring flooding can kill new growth.

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

### Donate to the Archuleta County 4-H program

The Archuleta County 4-H program boasts a membership of more than 150 members annually. Often, these programs rely on fundraisers to help offset the costs of the program, such as awards, supplies and, most importantly, leadership opportunities. Members can attend various leadership camps and conferences statewide and even nationally.

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## Why the water matters to novice kayakers

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Kayaking is a fun way to spend an afternoon, particularly in summertime. If smiles on the faces of kayakers aren't enough to convince you just how fun this sport can be, perhaps statistics can convince you how enjoyable it is to paddle away in a kayak.

According to the Physical Activity Council, which each year conducts the largest single-source research study of sports, recreation and leisure activity participation in the United States, recreational kayaking is the most popular paddlesport in the United States, attracting more than 11 million participants each year.

People who have never before been in a kayak may be intrigued by those statistics and tempted to follow the example set by millions of kayakers who take to the water every day when the weather permits. Safety should be a top priority for all kayakers, and especially for novices. A kayaking course can be a great way for novices to familiarize themselves with the basics of kayaking, including the best practices in regard to staying safe on the water. Local watersports retailers and recreational organizations that take watersports enthusiasts out on the water may offer safety courses, and these courses can be great resources while also helping people get their feet wet before paddling away.

When kayaking for the first time, it's important that novices choose the right type of water for their experience level. Rough, choppy waters can prove challenging to even the most skilled kayakers, and these same waters can be deadly for novices. The following are some characteristics novice kayakers should look for in a body

of water before pushing themselves and their kayakers into the current.

- **Size:** Novices should avoid vast bodies of water, such as oceans, rivers or large lakes, until they gain more experience. Large ponds and small lakes can be great places to gain some experience and familiarize oneself with the nuances of paddling.

- **Demeanor:** Demeanor might not be a trait one normally associates with water, but looking at a body of water in this way can be a great way to determine if it's the right place for a novice. If a body of water is raging, with choppy waters and rapid waves, then steer clear. If the water is calm, then it's likely a safe spot for novices.

- **Traffic:** Novices may be intimidated by crowds, but other kayakers can serve as something of a safety net for novices. Kayaking is a fun group activity, and novice paddlers should never go it alone.

- **Variety:** Novices should steer clear of waters that allow power boats. Such vessels can alter paddling conditions quickly, and that can put novices in potentially precarious positions. Stick to waters that allow only canoes or other boats that won't affect water conditions.

- **Access:** Until they get more comfortable in their kayaks, novice kayakers should stay close to shorelines so they have quick and simple access to land should they struggle to get acclimate to the water and being in a kayak.

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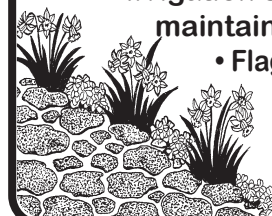
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**ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT** has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosaschools.com under the "Job Postings" icon. Opening for 20-21 school year: Bus Driver; Part-time Bus Aide; Part-time Cafeteria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

## HELP WANTED

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

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

**MOUNTAIN SPIRITS WINE AND LIQUOR** hiring part-time clerk. Nights and weekends required. Apply at store. (970)731-5039.

**NOW HIRING! LOOKING FOR** an incredible career in a great place to live? Centura Health is now hiring for a Business Support II in Pagosa Springs. Enjoy highly-competitive pay, low-cost comprehensive benefits, generous paid time off and more! Learn more and apply at: <https://bit.ly/2EteqGN>.

**NORTH PAGOSA SHELL HIRING** for Deli position. Enjoy a Monday through Friday, 5a.m. to 1p.m. shift, cooking breakfast and preparing "to go" food items. Please apply at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**CAREGIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY.** No experience necessary. Must be caring and compassionate. Visit us at [www.peoplecarehs.com](http://www.peoplecarehs.com). Contact Deandra at [dberes@peoplecarehs.com](mailto:dberes@peoplecarehs.com) or (970)399-8257.

**REALTOR/ BROKER CONSULTING SERVICES.** The Town of Pagosa Springs is soliciting proposals from qualified firms and/or individuals to serve on an as needed basis as a Realtor/ Broker on behalf of the Town to assist in acquiring, negotiating, and selling or buying land. Information on submitting a proposal and deadline can be found on the Town's website at [www.pagosasprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov).

**SAN JUAN LIFESTYLE/SWEETS & Treats** is seeking a full-time retail manager. Retail and customer service experience needed. Apply or bring resume to 424 Pagosa St.

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL** is taking applications for a Pre-K aide from 7:30a.m.-1p.m. Monday through Friday. If you are interested, please call Anette at (970)903-4217.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for **Medical Assistants/LPN/LVN.** The MA/LPN/LVN assists the Provider in delivering high quality patient care. Accurately document all necessary information within the patient's chart. Perform in-house lab tests, EKG's, and assist with basic procedures. Administer and document medications and vaccinations appropriately. Follow-up with all outstanding patient orders and referrals. Openings for both full time and part time. Applications may be picked up at the human resources office or downloaded from [www.pagosamed.org](http://www.pagosamed.org). Applications and resumes must be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

## HELP WANTED

**PEAK DELI HIRING IMMEDIATELY** for skilled line cook with multitasking abilities and customer service skills; counter help also needed. NO CALLS. Stop in for application.

**TEMPORARY HOUSEHOLD HELP NEEDED,** excellent pay. I need domestic help for the next 2 months. Either 3x/ week for 3 hours/day or 2x/ week, 4 hours per day. I am currently working long hours and taking care of an elderly parent. I need someone to clean, cook and do some limited caregiving. Must be a nonsmoker, a fabulous DETAIL CLEANER and not juggling an outside job where you are exposed to a lot of people. You will need to wear a mask around my mom. I am willing to pay a high wage for the right person. Please know, there is a Covid vulnerable person in the house. Only apply if you are not overly exposed to others. Email me about yourself at: [lauriheraty@gmail.com](mailto:lauriheraty@gmail.com).

**HILLSIDE INN IS LOOKING** for a team player to join our housekeeping staff. Housekeeper responsibilities include (but not limited to): performing a variety of cleaning activities (bathrooms, rooms, hallways), make beds, ensure all rooms are cared for and inspected according to standards, etc. Must be able to work on weekends and holidays. Please send your resume to [hillsideinnpagosa@gmail.com](mailto:hillsideinnpagosa@gmail.com) or stop by the hotel to pick up an application.

**CAREGIVER TO PROVIDE IN-HOME CARE** for female in her mid nineties living in Pagosa Springs. Prefer someone that has experience working with the elderly that need assistance with daily living. Job would involve various requirements such as: cooking, laundry, bathing, light cleaning and provide some basic companionship and interactions to mitigate loneliness. While on duty, work for another via telework is acceptable. Please call (970)731-2846.

**CNA CLASS STARTING SOON.** Full-time positions available. Alternating weekends off. Competitive wages and benefit package. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa.

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

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is accepting applications for a Pre-Admission Testing RN. The PAT RN is responsible for the planning, coordination, screening, and pre-procedure education for all of the patients undergoing a planned surgical/procedural event. Must have Colorado RN license. Applications may be picked up at the human resources office, or downloaded from [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org). Applications and resumes may be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION** at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

**3RD GRADE TEACHER NEEDED** at Del Norte Elementary School. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at [aduda@urtigers.co](mailto:aduda@urtigers.co) or contact Amy at (719)657-4030. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: [dncsd.org](http://dncsd.org).

## HELP WANTED

**CARPENTER/ CARPENTER'S HELPER.** Looking for someone to work side by side with retired custom home builder to finish his personal home. Call Rob (970)846-8584.

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

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

**BOULDER COFFEE CAFE IS** offering to a highly motivated, creative and enthusiastic person, the opportunity to assist in everyday duties as well as evening events. Must have food and managerial experience, self operate evenings and work weekends. Apply at 643 San Juan St. or call (970)585-1019.

**USE YOUR CAREGIVING TALENTS** to help others stay in their home. Training and flexible schedule. LifeCare (970)516-1234.

**KITCHEN HELP, MORNING AND** afternoon shifts. No experience necessary. Flexible schedule and competitive wages. Apply in person, Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs. EOE.

**PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND GREENHOUSE PAGOSA** are looking for happy, enthusiastic people to join our budding business. We are willing to train the right candidate if you're committed to being a part of this continually growing industry. Please send a copy of your resume to [employment@jandjinc.net](mailto:employment@jandjinc.net) along with a copy of your **Colorado M.E.D. Badge.**

**EXPERIENCED CONSTRUCTION HELP NEEDED.** Reliable transportation required. Excellent pay based on experience. Please call (970)403 5119.

**METHODIST THRIFT STORE** is hiring for a part-time employee, \$12 hour. Pick up an application and resume at 427 Lewis Street.

**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE,** 214 Pagosa St. Experienced Kitchen Staff- starting pay \$15 an hour- increases upon performance reviews. Come work in our professional kitchen. Be a part of Chef Travis's team. Apply Wednesday-Friday in person, 1p.m.-4p.m.

**PART-TIME BUS DRIVER.** Archuleta County Mountain Express is accepting applications for a part-time bus driver, no CDL required. For job description and wage details and submit application and resume, visit [www.archuletacounty.org](http://www.archuletacounty.org). Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## HELP WANTED

**TRI-COUNTY HEAD START** is seeking a Pre-school Floater/ Cook Assistant. This position will assist with the preparation of breakfast and lunch; both are catered; responsibilities include delivering to classrooms and cleaning up after both breakfast and lunch. This position floats to all classrooms to provide breaks to teachers and aides along with stepping in to sub as needed. Minimum requirements are a Child Development Associates (CDA) or HS/GED and willingness to obtain CDA. Tri-County Head Start will assist you in obtaining the training and experience needed to obtain the CDA requirement. Apply online at [www.tchs4c.org](http://www.tchs4c.org); on our Careers page. Equal Opportunity Employer.

**PART-TIME SALES ASSOCIATE NEEDED.** We're looking for a positive friendly and self motivated person who is willing to work weekends. Stop by and pick up an application at Goodman's Department Store.

**ROOF LABORER NEEDED. MUST** have some metal experience. \$15-\$20 per hour depending on experience. Call San Juan Roofing, (970)749-0830.

**PREP COOK. PREPARE COOKING** ingredients by washing and chopping vegetables, cutting meat etc. Undertake basic cooking duties such as reducing sauces, parboiling food, etc. Prepare simple dishes such as salads, entrees, etc. Maintain a clean and orderly kitchen by washing dishes, sanitizing surfaces, taking out trash, etc. Please contact [charlie@psseniors.org](mailto:charlie@psseniors.org).

**FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR** wanted. Must be experienced and have a wide variety of skills, needs to pass background check and have a valid driver's license. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

**AMERICA'S AUTO CARE & TIRE** is currently hiring for a tire/ lube tech, experienced mechanic and service advisor/ assistant store manager. We are a family owned and operated auto repair and tire store. Submit apps online at [americasautocare.com/careers](http://americasautocare.com/careers) or call Cody at (970)394-0639.

**BEST OF PAGOSA SPRINGS** is now hiring for a licensed Real Estate Agent. The right candidate will be a dedicated, organized, outgoing individual with strong communication skills both written and oral. Flexible schedule and fun work environment make this a great opportunity for the right person! [bestofpagosasprings@gmail.com](mailto:bestofpagosasprings@gmail.com).

**LOOKING FOR A CAREER OPPORTUNITY** and being a part of your local community? 1st SouthWest Bank is hiring a Teller, offering a strong benefit package and career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to <https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/> for more details and to apply.

**HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS AVAILABLE** full time. Flexible schedules and competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr.

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

**SEEKING SERVERS AND BARTENDERS-** Pagosa Brewing & Grill seeks part- and full-time serving team members. Applications at 118 North Pagosa Blvd. and Facebook. No phone calls.



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# Classifieds

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Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

## HELP WANTED

**RETAIL LIQUOR STORE** needs reliable, dependable sales clerk. Raise after training. Some lifting required. Must have good attendance record. PU app at PLAZA LIQUOR downtown.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.** The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire an Administrative Assistant to work in the Clerk's Office. Pay is \$36,152 annual DOE. This is a full-time position with benefits. Information on the position description, application and deadline can be found on the Town's website at [www.pagosasprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov).

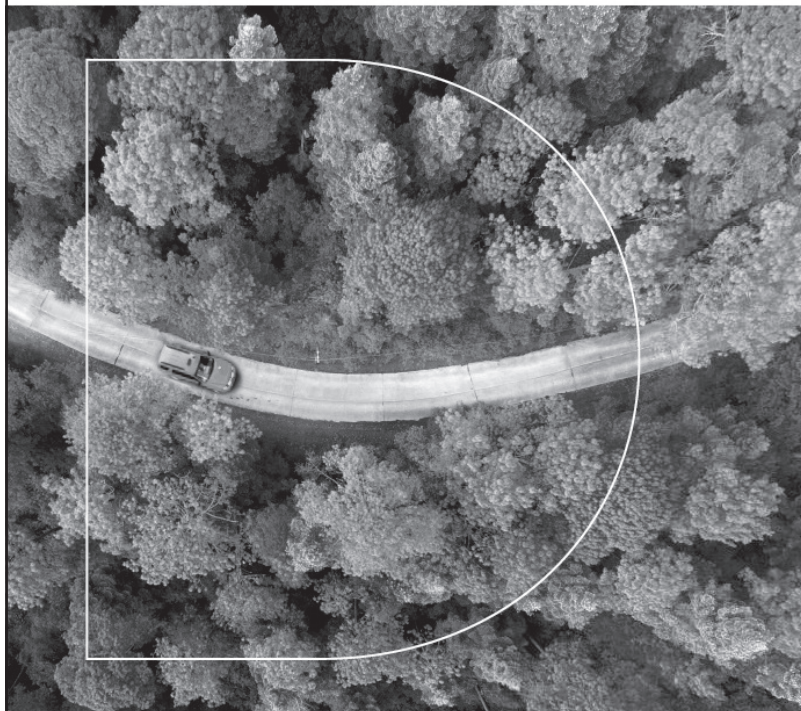
**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for a Clinic Triage/Float RN. This position provides nursing triage services and health advice to patients over the phone. Performs a detailed evaluation of patient symptoms and provides appropriate medical advice on treating symptoms and/or recommendations for escalating treatment through scheduling a clinic appointment or recommending emergency treatment. Follows established procedures and protocols, and documents calls as required within the patient's electronic health record. Other duties may include but not limited to: clinic opening/closing procedures, returning patient messages, relaying testing results and provider recommendations, perform in-house lab tests, EKGs, and assist with basic procedures. Manage after hours messaging system, follow up with patient and provider as needed. Administer and document medications and vaccinations appropriately. Two or more years of relevant nursing and triage experience preferred. Applications may be picked up at PSMC registration or downloaded from [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org). Applications and resumes must be submitted to [mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org) or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**NOW HIRING HOUSEKEEPERS-** Part or full time. MasterCorp is seeking Time Share Housekeepers for immediate hire in beautiful Pagosa Springs, CO! WHAT WE OFFER: Weekly pay; year-round work; well-established company- in business over 35 years; fun work environment; opportunities for advancement. Housekeepers, no experience necessary. Training pay is \$12 per hour (training is up to 2 weeks) and after training, you are paid per unit cleaned (we call this a piece rate). We have a great training program that each of our housekeepers will go through. During this training, we teach you the most efficient way to clean the timeshare unit so you can get the most out of our piece rate. Our sites' housekeepers average \$16-\$22 per hour but can make much more! REQUIREMENTS: positive attitude; desire to provide great customer service; availability to work weekends and holidays; no experience necessary- we will train you! Are you ready to earn and learn with THE hospitality housekeeping industry leader? Please visit [applymc.com](http://applymc.com), select housekeeping jobs, and select location Pagosa Springs, CO, or Text MASTERCORP to Daniel at (760)613-8852.

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

## HELP WANTED

We believe in finding your perfect place.



Current openings available at Club Wyndham Pagosa in beautiful Pagosa Springs, Colorado!!

We are looking for friendly, energetic people who have a genuine desire for Hospitality.

Please visit our website for current openings --> [wyndcareers.com](http://wyndcareers.com)  
Part-time and Full-time positions available in Resort Operations.

Competitive Pay and Benefits including, Medical, Vision, Dental, 401K Retirement, Paid Time Off and Travel Discounts!

If you are interested or have any questions, please call Meghan at 970-398-1835

Apply now at [wyndcareers.com](http://wyndcareers.com)

**WYNDHAM**  
•DESTINATIONS

**ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT** is currently training and hiring SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS. Possibility to work part time. You will make a difference in the lives of students. You start with a \$600/\$625 bonus upon completion of CDL license. You receive "behind the wheel" training. You are an essential part of the team at ASD. For more information, locate the job description on our website, [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com) under the "Job Postings" icon. Or contact Laura Mijares at [lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us).

**JONES MECHANICAL. EXPERIENCE PREFERRED** but will train right person. Excellent opportunity to learn the HVAC trade. (970)731-3046.

**PARA-EDUCATOR NEEDED** at Del Norte Elementary School. Applicants must have a high school diploma. Please submit your application to Amy Duda, DNES Principal at 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO 81132; [aduda@urtigers.co](mailto:aduda@urtigers.co); or call at (719)657-4030. The position will be opened until filled. You can pick up an application at the District Office or on-line at [dncsd.org](http://dncsd.org).

**NOW HIRING BARTENDERS, SERVERS,** line cooks, prep cooks, seasonal meat wrappers and front counter sales staff at The Buck Stops Here Market & Eatery. Come join our team. Please apply in person at 19 Navajo Trail Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

**COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER-CONSULTANT SERVICES.** The Town of Pagosa Springs is soliciting proposals from qualified firms and/or individuals to serve on an as needed basis as a Communications Manager to assist in a wide variety of communications efforts on behalf of the Town. Information on submitting a proposal and deadline can be found on the Town's website at [www.pagosasprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov).

**MOUNTAIN PIZZA & TAPROOM** is a fast growing, successful Pizza Brand. Are you looking for a career opportunity and not just a job? We are looking for full- and part-time people. Amazing opportunity for career progression. Wonderful teams- ain't no Family like a Pizza Family. Apply in person at 175 Pagosa Street. Pagosa Springs, CO.

## PETS



Is your dog ready to beat the summer heat?

We've added a NEW SHOP groomer at our Pagosa Springs location!

Serving the Pagosa Springs region for over 18 years, we provide full grooming services one on one with your pet including bath and brush, complete haircuts, blowouts, nail trims, and shave downs.

Call for an appointment & quote!

Shop: Kelly at 303-819-2015

Mobile: Barb at 970-903-1290

## HELP WANTED

**SMOKE RINGS IS NOW** taking applications for budtenders. Bring your resume by 266 E. Pagosa St.

**TIM BROWN CUSTOM HOMES** is looking for a few high quality, detail oriented craftsmen to help in the framing, interior finishing and painting of our custom homes. We have been building homes in Pagosa Springs for 23 years. Work year around with us and enjoy top pay, paid holidays, paid vacation and a retirement plan. Please call (970)731-7071 or stop by the office at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B16.

**EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I.** The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire an Equipment Operator I to work in the Streets Department. Pay is \$37,799 annual DOE. This is a full-time position with benefits. Information on the position description, application and deadline can be found on the Town's website at [www.pagosasprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov).

**FIRST INN IS SEEKING** housekeepers and front desk personnel with great personality and customer service experience. Call (970)507-7118 or inquire within.

**THE JUNCTION RESTAURANT AND** Wolf Creek Gifts. The Junction Restaurant is now hiring for part-time dishwasher and server. Wolf Creek Gifts is hiring for part-time sales associate. Please apply in person. 264-5729.

**PART-TIME HELP FOR LANDSCAPING WORK.** Must be experienced with mowing, weed eating, trimming. Call Eric, 946-2061.

**7TH/8TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER** needed at Del Norte Jr/Sr High School. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License with a secondary Language Arts endorsement. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Aaron Horrocks, DNHS Principal at [ahorrocks@urtigers.co](mailto:ahorrocks@urtigers.co) or contact Aaron at (719)657-4020. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at [www.dncsd.org](http://www.dncsd.org).

## YARD SALES

**YARD SALE TO BENEFIT** Our Savior Lutheran School. August 21 and August 22 from 8a.m.-1p.m. 56 Meadows Drive. Park in the back parking lot and enter the gym.

## PETS

## YARD SALES

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

**YARD SALE SATURDAY, AUGUST 22.** 8a.m.-noon. 214 E. Golf Place.

**WASHER, FREEZER, REFRIGERATOR,** entertainment center, clothing. Thursday-Sunday. 712 Midiron.

**319 TWINCREEK CIRCLE, 8A.M.-4P.M.** Friday, August 21 and Saturday, August 22. 3 car garage plus driveway packed full of goodies. Quality and quantity in one stop. Tools, furniture, hardware, clothing, decor and more.

**9A.M. SALE AT 239 DRIFTWOOD DRIVE.** Kitchen, catering, clothing, bar stools, bunk bed or 2 twin beds, linens, 2 futons, shoes 8-1/2. Men's size large and XL, ladies size 8 to 14. (970)398-0023.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 8A.M.-1P.M.** No early birds. 64 Juniper Ct., off N. Pagosa and Capitan. Household items, bike and more.

**MOVING SALE SATURDAY, 8/22/20,** 2066 Meadows Dr., Pagosa. 9a.m.-2p.m. Previews available by appointment; text (602)757-4565. No sales until 8/22/20. For a detailed list of items with photos, please email [public@betsyclaire.com](mailto:public@betsyclaire.com) and request "moving sale detail sheet." Furniture, beds and bedding, 3-wheel Mobo Cruiser, BBQ, equipment, much more. Furniture: oak/ leather office swivel chair, oversized chairs, glass/ leather coffee and end table, glass/ metal end table, lamps, (2) queen and (1) Cal King mattress/ box spring, mirrors, night stands, fabric ottoman, dark wood trestle table, dining table/ 6 chairs, outdoor dining table/ 4 chairs, TV stands, credenza/ buffet, faux leather reclining couch and chair. Equipment: Steamer, pressure washer, deck sprayer, 8' ladder, 25' extension ladder, indoor heater, wet/ dry shop vac, tree trimmer, portable solar panel, weed whackers, leaf blowers, huge blue tarp, gardening tools, BBQ. Miscellaneous: Stuffed red fox and raccoon, queen comforter sets, Mobo Cruiser, ping pong table, Total Gym, small box freezer and much more.

**MULTI FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD SALE.** Capstone Development. Between Park and N. Pagosa, on Lakeside. Tools, saddles, furniture, electrical and plumbing supplies, kitchen gadgets, camping gear. Saturday, August 22, only 8a.m. to 11a.m. No early birds. Gate opens at 8a.m.



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Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

## PERSONALS

**IT CAN STOP!** Let us help. 24-hour domestic violence or sexual assault hotline. Confidential. 264-9075.

**PagosaSUN.com**

## PETS

**ADOPT FROM THE** Humane Society. Stop by or call 731-4771. You'll be amazed at what we have to offer. [www.humanesociety.biz](http://www.humanesociety.biz).

**DOGGY DAY CARE 81147.COM.** Open 365 days of the year! Full day and half day doggy day care and overnight boarding. Conveniently located just 1 mile from downtown Pagosa. Call (970)264-9111.

## LIVESTOCK

**HAY, TIMOTHY, BROME, ORCHARD** grass, alfalfa mix, 65# bales. Stacked and covered. \$8/ bale, #800 bales. Call or text (970)903-3049.

**GRASS HAY, SMALL BALES,** \$7/ bale or \$6/ bale for 100+. Call Shad at (970)946-2972.

**HORSE BOARDING AVAILABLE, UP** to 2 horses. Stall and running stream through 10 acre fenced pasture. \$100 per month. (970)883-2600.

**HORSE PASTURE IN THE** Arboles/ Allison area, \$65/ month paid upfront for 6 months, October 1 through April 1. Call Shad at (970)946-2972.

## FOR SALE

**TWO LARGE AREA RUGS,** both red and blue pattern with white fringe border. Older expensive rugs, no stains or tears. From dog free home. Sizes 8'x10' and 9'x14'. \$400 each. (512)627-2495.

**ATTENTION CONTRACTORS AND HOME-OWNERS.** Are you remodeling or tearing down? Call Durango Salvage, we buy and sell building materials. Tom, (970)749-2271, Mark, 749-8235.

**HP 4-1 COLOR PRINTER.** L7580 model, \$125. Works great, prints great color! Call for questions or pictures (970)731-9333, Susan or Stephen.

**(2) CRAWL SPACE DEHUMIDIFIERS,** model Santa Fe, large capacity, never used, brand new out of box with all accessories to hook up. \$700 each. 26" Gary Fisher mountain bike, \$125. (305)491-9323.

**FIREWOOD. 2 CORDS SPLIT, \$350** delivered. 2 cord minimum. Jeff (970)903-2997.

**INVISIBLE DOG FENCE, PETSAFE.** Never used, for large dog, \$150. (970)309-6067.

**NEED FIREWOOD?** Get a HUGE dump truck load delivered for \$400! The wood is a Pine mix. Loads are GUARANTEED to be full cords. Contact Dan with FIRE&ICE at (970)582-0006.

## FOR SALE

*Enjoy the Health Benefits of  
Colorado 100% Angus*  
**Grass Fed Beef**  
*Gently raised on sunshine and high-altitude  
grass pastures on Ventana De Dios Ranch here  
in Pagosa Springs.*  
Customize a Beef Package to  
Meet the Needs of Your Family!!  
**Call 970-731-1103**  
or send email to [Ventanadiosranch@gmail.com](mailto:Ventanadiosranch@gmail.com)  
for pricing and delivery details.

**SEASONED FIREWOOD FOR SALE.** \$220/ cord. Delivered. Pine, spruce, aspen mix. Also have bundles for \$10. (970)661-3888.

**24 INCH FLAT TV** with Sauder stand, like new condition, \$150; heavy duty programmable treadmill, \$200 (970)731 2791.

**EARTH STOVE, 100 SERIES.** 4 sections, triple wall, cap and supp box. \$400. (970)403-9921.

**SELL OR TRADE YOUR GUNS.** We buy for cash or trade it. No hassle. Licensed, bonded, insured. San Juan Trading Post, 635 San Juan St. 731-PAWN (7296).

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN INFRARED SAUNA.** Immune support. Durango model, 2-3 person. New condition. Asking \$2,500. 264-2088.

**HANGAR B1 40'X50' AT STEVENS** Field Pagosa airport. End hangar near FBO and fuel pump. Asking \$95K. (816)589-8459.

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE. NICE** dry mix. Split and delivered. Very reasonably priced. (970)317-4933.

**CRAFT FACED INSULATION:** 10 R38C 10-1/4x23x48, \$93 each. 5 R30 10x23x48, \$71 each. 18 R19 5-1/2x15x93, \$43 each. 34 R11 3-1/2x15x40, \$25 each. OSB 7/16x4x8, \$10 each. (970)946-2888.

**FOOSBALL TABLE. GOOD LOOKING,** in excellent condition. All complete, fun times. \$100 OBO. (512)627-8288.

**WHOLE HOUSE BRICK LINED** wood burning stove, \$100. Windows- assortment of sizes. (970)398-9136.

**1986 HONDA MAGNA 700** motorcycle. Great condition, runs great, \$1,800. (970)903-8531.

**REMODELING: HAVE 8 FT. X 8 FT.** slider doors with screen. One available now, second one in 8 weeks. Great doors. Might be 5 years old. \$260. (817)691-8888.

**GRASSROOTS MEATS NOW ACCEPTING** orders for fall delivery of quarters, halves, and whole 100% grass finished beef, ground beef packages, half and whole grass finished lambs and pastured pigs, and bulk packs of organic chicken. Call Lois at (970)582-0166 or order online at [www.grassrootsmeats.com](http://www.grassrootsmeats.com).

**SEASONED FIREWOOD FOR SALE.** \$175 per cord. (970)317-3120.

**OLYMPIA STEEL BUILDING.** 25 ft. x 40 ft. New, still in crate with plans. Garage door 12' x 12'H, 1 steel man door. Snow Load 93 psf. Asking \$14,500. (970)946-1593.

**12 YARDS FILL DIRT,** \$125. 12 yards top soil, \$400. Delivered in core area. (970)946-6262.

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