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Sculpture park slated for downtown

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The downtown lots that once housed the Adobe Building will be turned into a sculpture park in the next few years.

The Adobe Building burned down in the fall of 2016.

“The plan is to put in a structure/art park as a tribute to my late husband, Mike,” said Evelyn Tennyson, who recently purchased the lots. “He enabled me to be able to do what I love with the arts.”

Tennyson said she’s starting to commission and buy sculptures for the planned park, expected to be at least partially finished sometime next year.

She’s already purchased a large sculpture, called “Wind Eagle” from artist Dustin Miller and has commissioned a piece by James Ferrari “that will be the focal point of the park,” which will be a 10- to 15-foot statue of a deer antler.

Tennyson explained the park will also feature wood carvings from local artist Chad Haspels.

“We’ll have to add vegetation

■ See Sculpture A8

Town outlines education, enforcement of public health orders

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Town of Pagosa Springs staff and Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) Chief William Rockensock outlined how they are respectively doing their part to enforce state and local health orders amid the COVID-19 pandemic at a Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting on Aug. 20.

The town initially aims to start the process by educating citizens and tourists of the state and local health orders in place, according to Town Manager Andrea Phillips.

Some of these orders include things such as the requirement to wear face coverings in indoor public places, Phillips noted.

The goal is for compliance and to get people to understand the requirements, but it can escalate from there if people are not coming into compliance, Phillips explained.

“It’s really up to county attorneys and district attorneys and that judicial district with causes of action to bring civil or criminal actions against violators of standing public health orders,” Town Attorney Clay Buchner said.

However, that does not mean that the town has not been proactive with enforcement, but it is the way of the town playing its role, Buchner noted.

“We don’t want to punish people, we don’t want to alienate our citizens and/or our visitors,” Buchner said. “The health district and the governor’s orders is that masks are to be worn. The enforcement of that becomes an issue. Where does private enforcement end and Pagosa Springs Police Department begin?”

Buchner, town staff and Rockensock worked together on a memo

■ See Enforcement A8



A young bull moose spends the day at a residence west of Pagosa Springs last week. Moose sightings are a rare but delightful experience in Pagosa Country.

Photo courtesy Penny Planeta

Domestic violence on the rise during the COVID-19 pandemic

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Domestic violence in Pagosa Springs is on the rise due to factors associated with COVID-19.

Carmen Hubbs, executive director for Rise Above Violence, a local nonprofit that assists victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, recently gave a speech to the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club outlining how the COVID-19 pandemic has sown conditions for domestic violence to increase.

“For people who are experiencing domestic violence, the mandatory stay at home orders for COVID-19 have trapped them in their homes with the very person they are most at risk of - their abusive partner,” Hubbs’ notes for the speech read, which she sent to The SUN.

The notes continue, “Historically

■ See Violence A8



Pagosa Spring artist Markus Hughes works on a new mural at the corner of U.S. 160 and 4th Street downtown. The mural will portray Pagosa Country through the four seasons and will include photo opportunities such as crossing or tubing in a stream.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

County receives proposals to sell courthouse, build new offices

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County commissioners are trying to work out a deal where they can sell the public building at 449 San Juan St. and also have the buyer build a new county building.

Currently, the Archuleta County assessor, clerk and recorder, treasurer, and Human Resources Department have offices in the downtown building the commissioners are trying to sell.

As of Tuesday, the county had

received two bids to purchase the building, both of which have proposals for the buyer to construct a new county building as terms included in the sale.

The first bid, from the Foulkrod Family Trust (FFT), proposes the following terms:

- FFT will pay \$150,000 to Archuleta County for the building at 449 San Juan St.

- Upon closing and title transfer of that building, Archuleta County shall lease the existing administra-

■ See Courthouse A8

Council approves up to \$600,000 for COVID-19 relief programs

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council authorized the expenditure of funds up to \$600,000 from the general fund for more assistance programs related to the coronavirus pandemic at a regular meeting on Aug. 20.

Both Archuleta County and the town have received relief funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, according to Town Manager Andrea Phillips.

About \$1.2 million came to Archuleta County, Phillips noted.

“It’s reimbursement only, so there are some restrictions on it. The town


and county adopted an IGA [inter-governmental agreement] where we’re going to share 50-50 in that allotment,” Phillips said.

To date, the town has spent about \$184,907 on items that it is planning to submit to the Department of Local Affairs for reimbursement, according to Phillips.

Agenda documentation notes that the town’s potential reimbursement allotment is \$601,753.50.

In a follow-up email, Phillips confirmed that the town has up to \$600,000 that it can request for eligible items. So far, the town has incurred expenses of about \$185,000

■ See Relief A8

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EDITORIAL

Dan Appenzeller's dream

What if?
The year was 1996 when Dan Appenzeller had his "what if?" moment that became the Four Corners Folk Festival.

Before COVID-19, thousands of people of all ages converged from all around the country over Labor Day weekend for live performances, workshops, campfire jams and children's programs that are the backbone of the popular, music-filled weekend that was once one man's "what if?" moment.

Twenty-five years ago on Labor Day weekend, Appenzeller's vision became reality when the grassy meadow on Reservoir Hill became known as the "festival meadow."

Sally Hameister was the director of the Chamber of Commerce at the time, and in the Sept. 5, 1996, "Chamber News" column, she wrote, "Congratulations Four Corners Folk Festival — To all those who shed blood, sweat and tears, went without sleep and sustenance for extended periods of time, lost touch with your families, friends and the real world, and lived and breathed only for the Four Corners Folk Festival, congratulations on a superb job. As a 'ticket lady,' I had the opportunity to talk to lots of people who raved about their Festival experience, and I have no doubt that they will spread the word and return time and time again."

Hameister gave props to the event director, Appenzeller: "Job well done. And, Dan Appenzeller — some people live out their lives without a dream, let alone a

dream realized.

"Congratulations on making your dream come true."

Sitting down with SUN staff before the festival a few years ago, Appenzeller explained that, while the festival may have been his notion, it would have never continued if not for his wife, Crista Munro.

"She's the reason why the festival actually exists. She was born with wisdom that I have never, ever found in anyone else," he said.

At the time, Munro was the festival's executive director. When you added her wisdom and talent to Appenzeller's dream, you came up with world-class, legendary music festivals as we have grown accustomed to here in Pagosa Country.

Thankfully, the couple didn't stop dreaming after that first festival. Nowadays, there are two such festivals held annually on Reservoir Hill. Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass is celebrated each June and the Four Corners Folk Festival each Labor Day weekend.

Munro and Appenzeller moved away from Pagosa Springs nine years ago due to health issues. Yet, they continued pouring their heart and soul into our community. The two festivals have become an impactful economic driver for our community over the years.

Munro and Appenzeller returned twice a year to the festival meadow — the same meadow where they exchanged their wedding vows just one month after they first made the 140-acre ponderosa pine forest on Reservoir Hill come alive with

the sound of music.

A few years ago, Munro wrote, "Since 1996, we've amassed a FolkWest family made up of volunteers, staff, musicians and, of course, our amazing audience. We've watched as a generation of kids has grown up and started families of their own. We've shared in the sorrow of the passing of countless friends and loved ones. Through it all, the one thing that's remained constant is the music and its power to unite, heal and create joy."

Unfortunately, it's been a few years since Appenzeller's health allowed him to come home to this altitude and join in the culmination of his dream with us, but his heart was with us all.

Munro's and Appenzeller's journey changed course when they began a new chapter of their life in Sisters, Ore., where Munro accepted a position as executive director of the Sisters Folk Festival.

We are forever grateful for that "what if?" moment, and for Appenzeller and Munro keeping the dream alive in Pagosa Springs.

On Friday morning, Appenzeller's son and greatest creation, Elias, shared that his father had "passed away peacefully in his sleep this morning. He's finally at peace, no more suffering."

We are thankful for the hours we spent visiting in our office and solving the problems of this world with Appenzeller. He definitely put a song in so many of our hearts. His legacy and dream will live on forever.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
August 27, 1920

Bill Tilghman, United States marshal for some thirty years during the halcyon days of the Oklahoma outlaws, came down from Pueblo with his family last week on a visit with his old friend Henry Born, with whom he hunted buffalo on the plains for six years. While here he presented his picture show, "The Passing of the Oklahoma Outlaws," at the Liberty theatre Sunday evening to a packed house.

J.H. Walker, for 50 years a bee keeper, has retired from active work. Mr. Walker started in keeping bees when a boy before the Civil war and after his discharge from the army continued his bee keeping with other work. When he came to Arboles he devoted his time exclusively to the bees, experiencing more than the usual vicissitudes of the bee keeper, for a large part of his apiary was washed away in the big flood. Mr. Walker has turned over his business to his son, John E. Walker, who has now one of the largest apiaries in the southwest, 600 colonies. He has a new two-story honey house, an 8-frame power extractor on the upper floor, the honey flowing through a pipe to the tanks on the first floor.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
August 31, 1945

A **business deal** was completed Monday of this week, whereby E. B. Evans of Medicine Lodge, Kansas purchased the former Sun Building and property at the corner of Fourth and Lewis Streets from K.O. Harman. The Sun will vacate the property within the next 30 days, moving into its new home at the corner of Seventh and Durango streets, overlooking the San Juan River.

Mr. Evans will remodel the building at once for a quick freeze and locker plant with a 350 unit capacity. He left Tuesday for Denver, to make arrangements for the installation of this kind for many years and the new business will undoubtedly prove profitable as well as popular.

At the **regular meeting of the Lions Club** Thursday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. Ada Davis, Rod Blacker, president of the club promised that the Forest Department would co-operate with the town of Pagosa Springs, in clearing the matured timber off Reservoir Hill. Proceeds from the timber sale will be used to build a campground similar to those operated by the Forest Department.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
August 27, 1970

Williams Creek Reservoir, northwest of Pagosa Springs, has taken its place as one of the top Division constructed lakes for productivity. According to Dave Lemons, fish biologist for the fame, Fish and Parks Division, Williams Creek Reservoir has yielded to anglers almost 15 pounds of catchable fish per acre per year at a cost of 10 1/2 cents per pound. Williams Creek Reservoir, which supports about 30,000 fishermen each summer, has given up over 600,000 pounds of catchable size trout in the past 12 years.

If there is one word for the weather this past week, it's probably damp. Rain fell in five of the seven days. Precipitation totaled .60 inches. That precipitation made the total through Tuesday of this week thus far in August 2.38 inches. Rain-fall has been received more than half of the days to date and haying has been almost brought to a halt by the wet weather.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
August 31, 1995

Bear-related calls to the DOW are averaging six per day. Division of Wildlife officer Mike Reid and fellow officer Glen Eyre have kept busy trying to manage a situation in which bears deprived of abundant natural foods are finding easy pickings in and near human populations. Reid said he and Eyre have had their bear trap in operation on a regular basis. "We're only doing it," he said "once all the food items that attracted the bear to the area have been cleaned up."

A bear recently went through an open kitchen window at a house on South Pagosa Boulevard. The animal had been attracted by freshly baked blueberry pie and bread. "Of course," said Reid, "I had several people tell me they would climb through a window, too, if they could get some fresh blueberry pie."

The bear problem in the county will continue and perhaps increase in the near future, said Reid. "They're working to put on fat," he said, "and we can expect them to continue."

LOOKING BACK



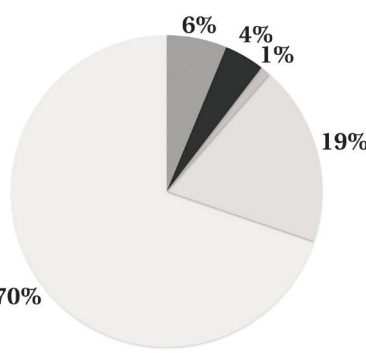
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WHADDYA THINK?

What race for the November election are you watching most closely?

Poll results (194 votes)

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Trump's supporters

Dear Editor:
"Literally Trump's supporters wouldn't recognize reality if a 1200 lb bull elk sat on their face.

So what 'facts' are his supporters not seeing: Over 50 (lifetime Republicans) former heads of various Federal security & intelligence agencies and Armed Force Generals have twice (that's two times) have issued joint public announcements that Trump is unfit for office and mentally deranged. World leaders, other than his favorite killer dictators, of other countries are laughing at him and us for electing him. Damaging books evidencing unprincipled immorality have written by Trump's fixer (Cohen), the former no. 2 in DHS who worked w/ him daily and did all his immigrant dirty work, his niece (Phd in Psych), his sister (phone call recording.. retired Federal Judge), previous GOP campaign managers..the list just grows daily. Lincoln Project are recruiting GOP conservatives joining with major GOP affiliated Newspersons and now 29 GOP Congressional members all recruiting GOP members to vote for Biden/Harris. And let's not forget Donald's tooth & nail fight over

disclosure of his taxes...why is that?

Yet, MAGA..MAGA..MAGA? Talk about twisting reality to fit their needs..whatever that maybe. Ever wonder if there is any similarity in this deaf, dumb & blind idolatry and the popular election of Hitler in the late 1930's. It seems obvious to me. If you voted for Trump in 2016, how do you escape the association with his colossus Covid-19 failure and the death of 160,000+ Americans...the same way the 30,000+ annual deaths of Americans from guns is..just collateral damage so they don't have to register guns...maybe.

To me there is no doubt his supporters will vote for him again; but what does that say about America's future..bleak is as positive as I can describe...so much for the MAGA crowd."

David Blake

True leader

Dear Editor:
As anyone having served in the military knows, the effectiveness of a unit depends on "One for All, All for One" or "No man left behind". Unit cohesiveness and effectiveness decreases or may even fail without this commitment. These concepts now apply to all of us across the United States with Covid-19. With rights and freedom come obligations and responsibilities for the common good. We all should have followed the scientific guidelines of wearing personal protection, social distancing and washing hands as recommended by epidemiologists to be able to fight the pandemic.

In contrast, South-Korea was faced with the Covid-19 pandemic several weeks before us. Their leaders immediately implemented scientific recommendations resulting by August 21st in only 324 deaths for a nation of 52 million people. Based on a population comparison between the two nations and 175,000 deaths in our country, our death rate is 85 times greater. South-Korea's rapid response allowed it to open up its economy and schools safely. In difference, with our pandemic continuing, our loss of life, school closures and damage to our economy keep piling up. This debacle is the responsibility of our President and his Republican enablers ignoring science, despite our country having the world's leading scientists.

Remember for the upcoming November election, a true leader seeks advice, admits mistakes and serves the interest of our nation, none of which President Trump is capable of.

Werner Heiber

'How I will vote'

Dear Editor:
How I will vote.
This is written to all our representatives in all branches of government both local and federal.
Please take note and take this seriously. This has been seen on social media and will soon be seen

in local newspapers. We the people are not happy with the politicization to which our representatives have subjected this nation.

In just three months, it will be over. The U.S. presidential election, I mean. Not the end of the world. But maybe the end of our nation, as we have known it.

No matter which side prevails, there will still be major issues from the other side.

I am not rallying for a personal-ity. I am not pushing a person.

At this point, I am voting for one thing and one thing only.

I am voting for the principles for which this country has stood since its founding.

I am voting for Constitutional government.

I am voting for a strong and viable military.

I am voting for a vibrant economy.

I am voting for the right to keep and bear arms.

I am voting for the freedom to worship.

I am voting for a national recognition of the founding of our nation on Biblical principles.

I am voting for the ability for anyone to rise above their circumstances and become successful.

I am voting for all children and grandchildren to be able to choose their own path in life, including how and where their children are educated.

I am voting for our borders to be open to everyone who enters under our law and closed to everyone who would circumvent or ignore the law.

I am voting for the Electoral College to remain in place, so that a few heavily populated liberal centers do not control the elections.

I am voting for a Supreme Court that interprets the Constitution rather than rewrites it.

I am voting to teach history, with all of its warts, not erase it or revise it.

I am voting for the sanctity of life from conception to birth and after.

Now, there are some things I am voting against.

I am voting against open borders.

I am voting against a rampant welfare system that enslaves its

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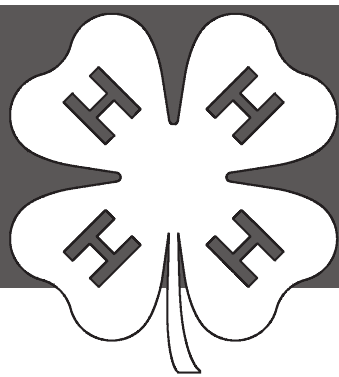


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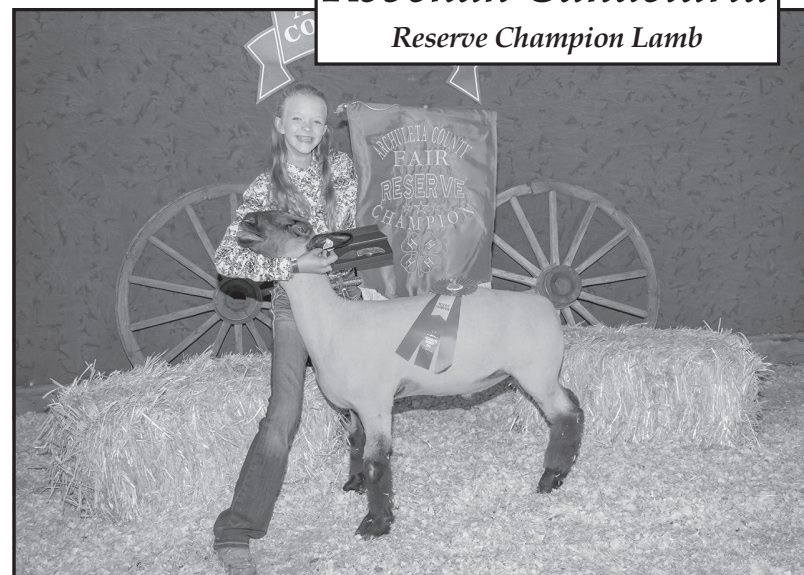
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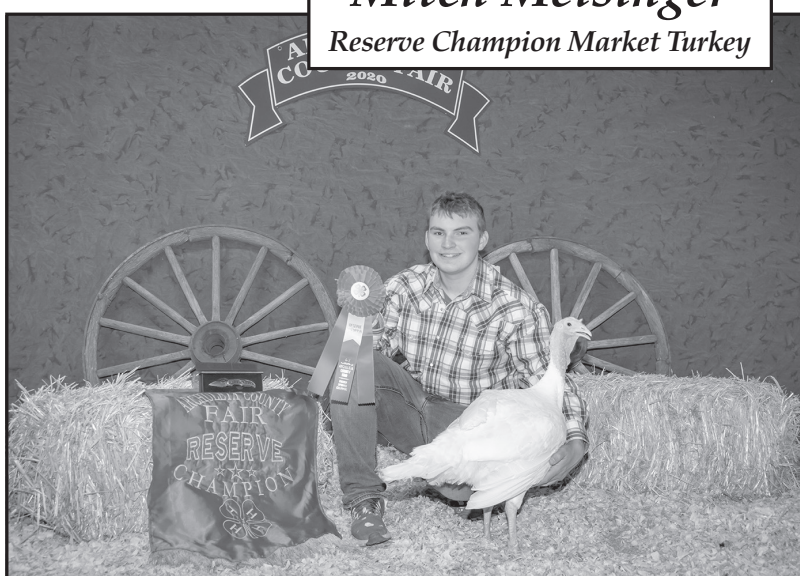
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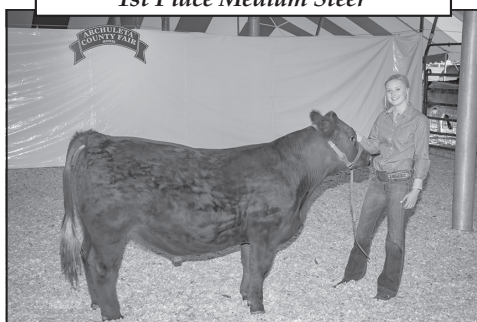
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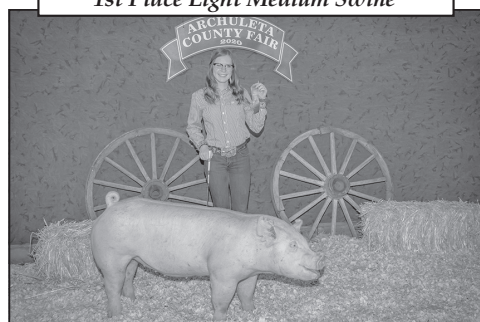
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1st Place Medium Steer



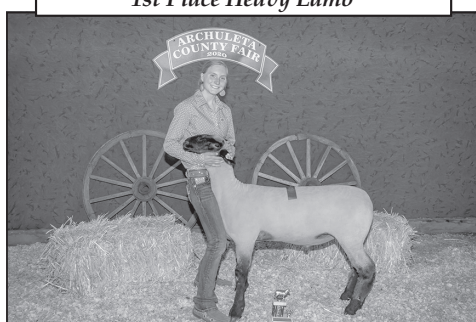
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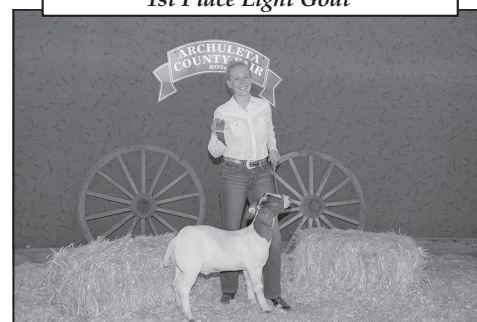
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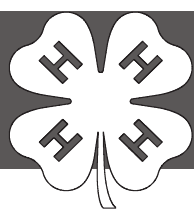
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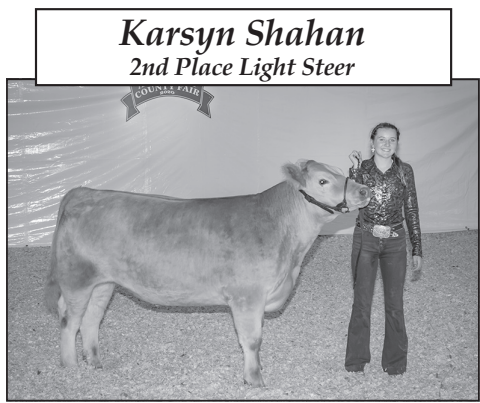
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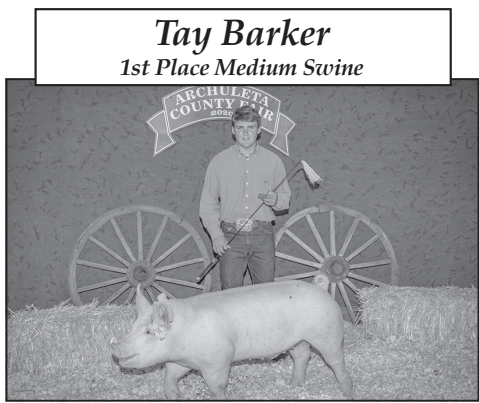


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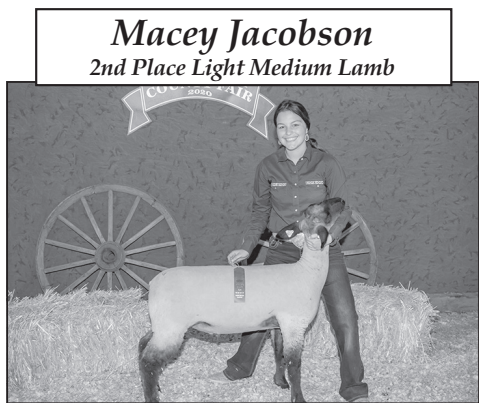
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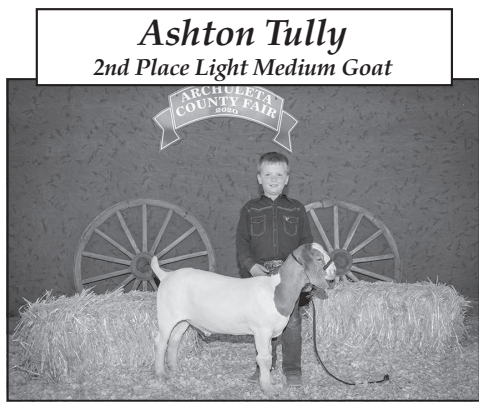
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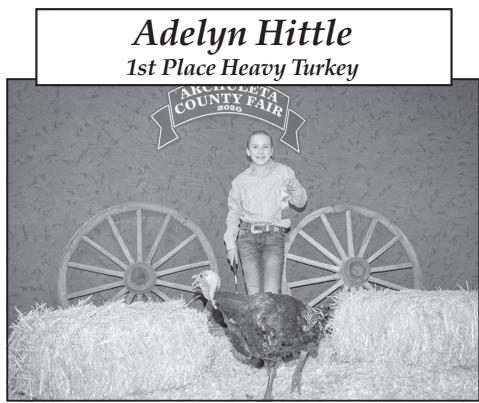
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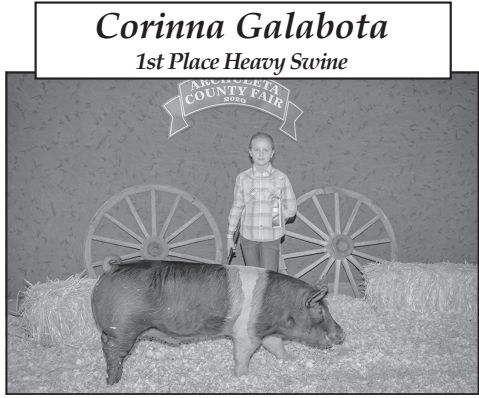
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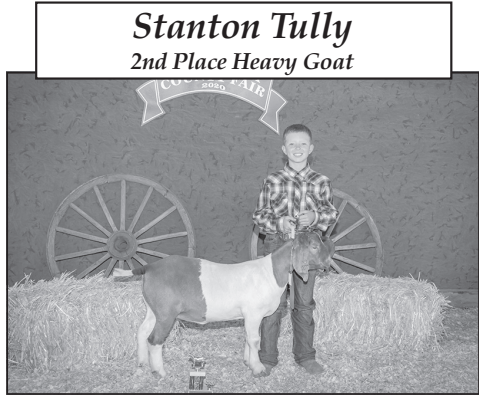
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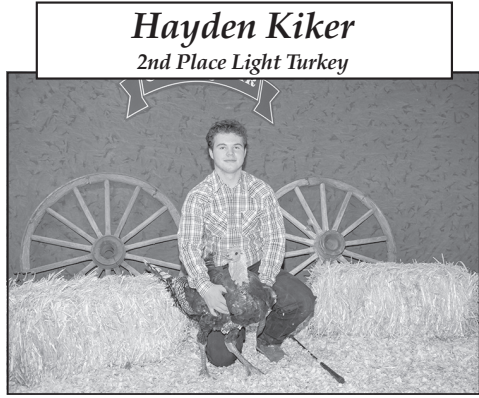
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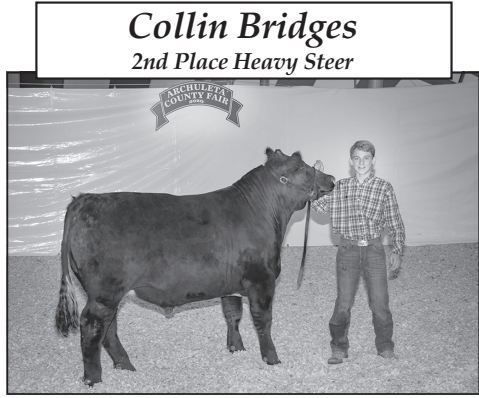
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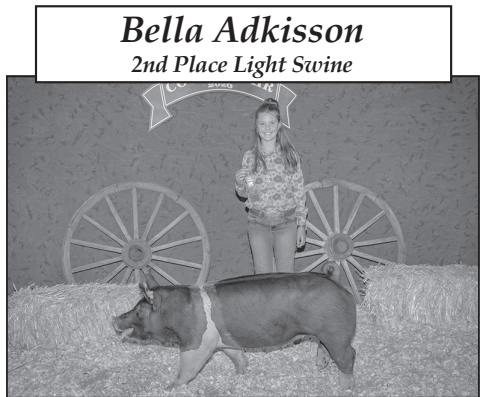
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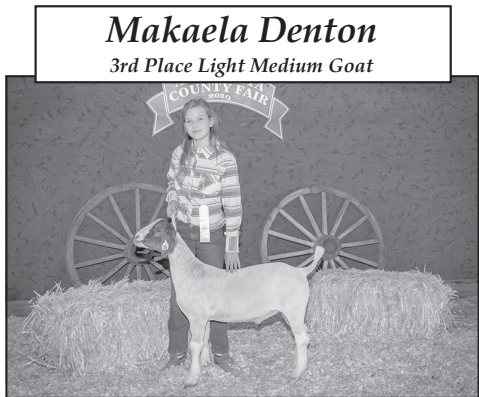
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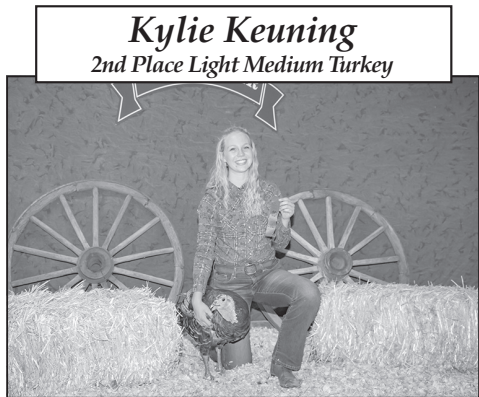
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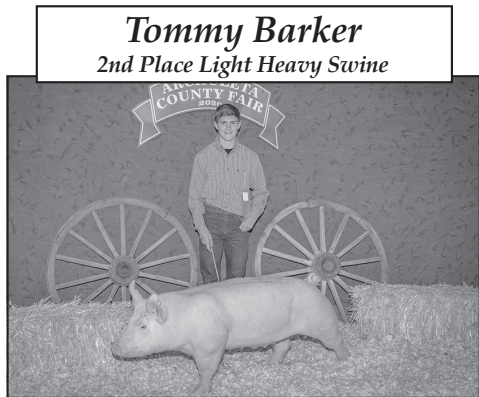
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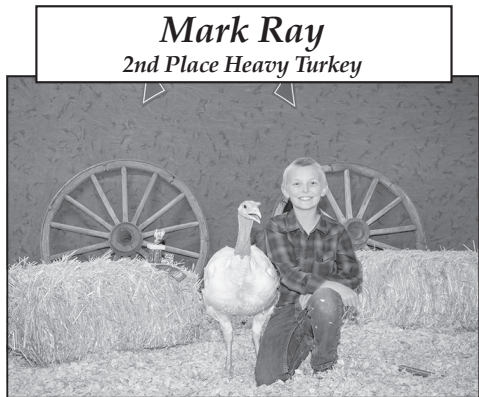
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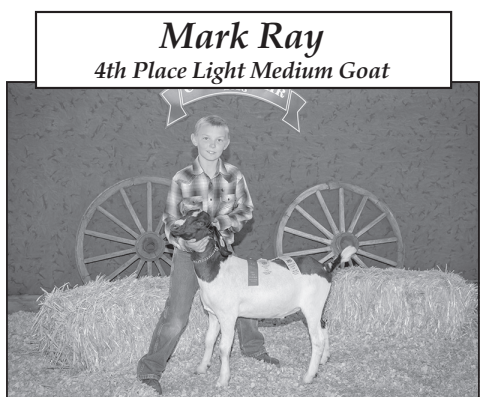
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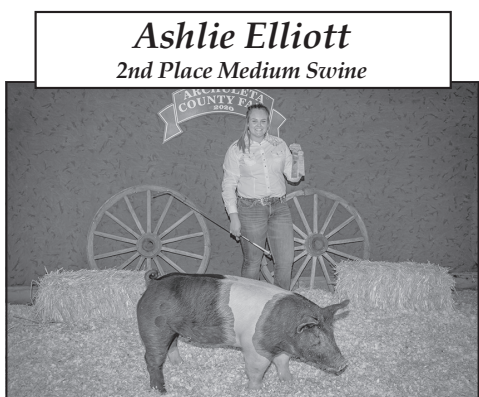
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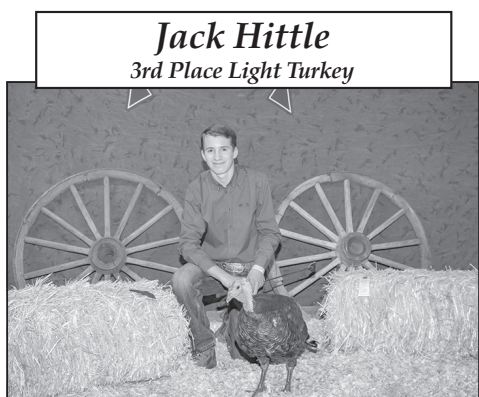
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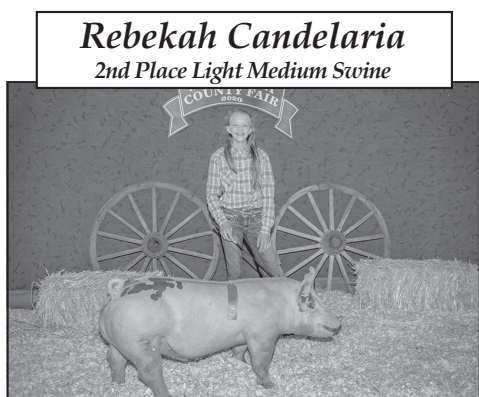
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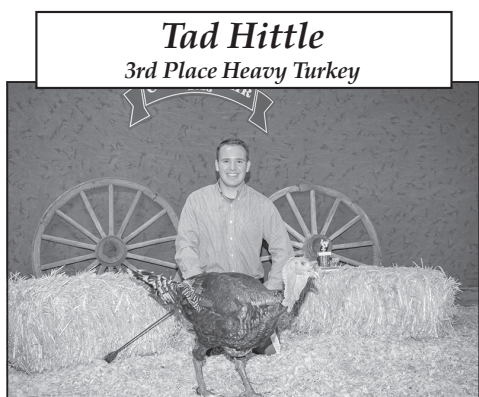
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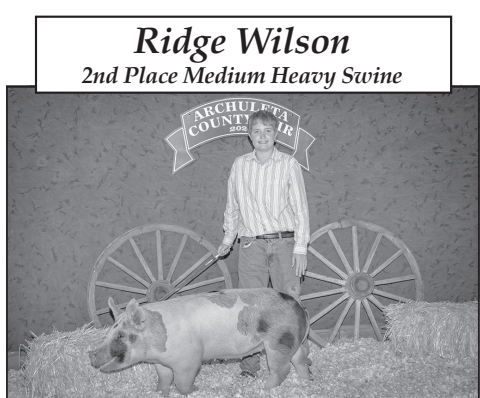
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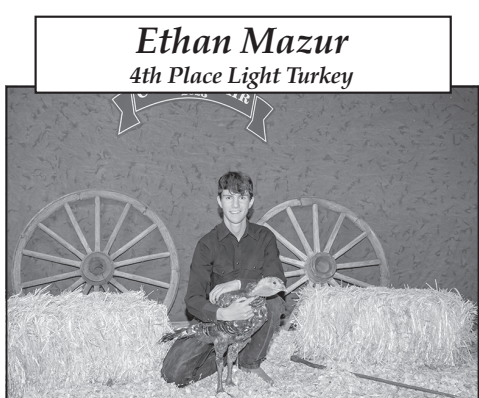
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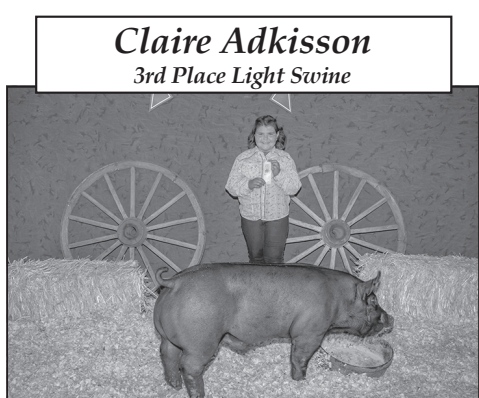
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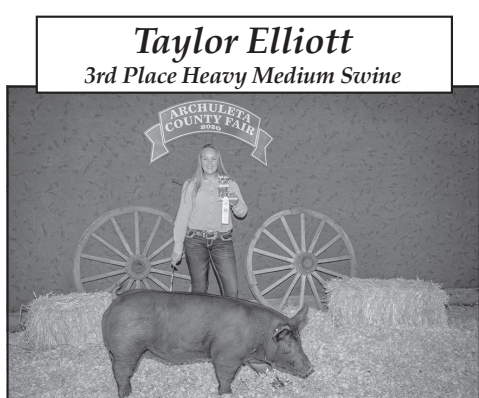
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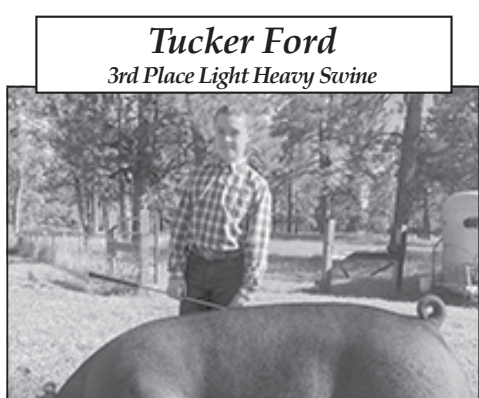
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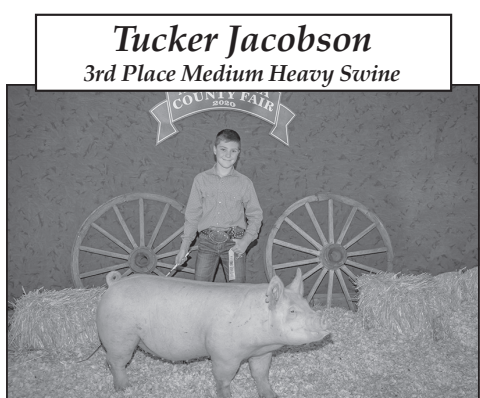
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recipients. I am voting against socialism, in all of its forms, including health care, redistribution, reparations, economics, governmental control, pedophilia, and criminal releases, etc.

I would rather pay for prison reform then see the criminals released to repeatedly commit the same crimes.

So, although I don't give blanket approval to everything our President has done or said in the past, I do support him as our president.

I am not voting against Joe Biden, but I am voting against everything that the party backing him and propping him up stands for. It is not the Democratic Party of the past.

Jim Oliver

Attention deficit disorder

Dear Editor:

After teaching for decades, I got a chance to get a second Masters Degree with full scholarship in Special Education in Heidelberg, Germany, 50 miles from my school. On Day One, the young, attractive, charming professor gave us a written pre-test. She wrote the test on the chalk board in her own scribbly handwriting (low tech). My 23 classmates began writing, obviously focused intently on the task at hand. During the test, the professor talked non-stop, as she enthusiastically walked up and down the aisles, passing out course materials.

Meanwhile, just outside, a man with a jackhammer was destroying the sidewalk. I began to panic as I planned in my head how to get up and leave, wordlessly, to escape this frustration. I was thinking, "I want out here." "I can't do this." I almost quit on the first day. Did the

professor realize that all that noise and movement was interfering with my concentration? For once in my life, I felt the frustration children with (ADD) Attention Deficit Disorder suffer every day in every class, as they try their best to focus.

I did stick with the program, and graduated at age 70 with a second Masters Degree. It made me a better teacher for the next five years. I had developed deep compassion for kids who struggle to focus in school.

Sincerely,
John T. Penter

No 'absolute' rights

Dear Editor:

Much has been said by many about their rights not to wear COVID prevention masks. Many of those cite their "Constitutional Rights" in that regard. There are very few "absolute" Constitutional Rights, most of which are procedural in nature. They include the manner in which members of Congress and the President are elected, trial by jury, search and seizure, etc. Consequently, we do not have what many believe to be absolute rights concerning what they believe to be many important activities. For example, the right to free speech does not extend to "crying fire, falsely, in a crowded theater". We do not even have a Constitutional right to live. The Supreme Court has recently reiterated that the death penalty is Constitutional in appropriate cases. The federal and state governments have the right and obligation to establish laws and ordinances for the greater good of the population as a whole subject to very limited Constitutional limitations. "Free Speech" is limited by libel and slander laws. "Religious Freedom" is limited by laws prohibiting "religious" organizations

who physically or psychologically injure their followers from doing so. The Second Amendment does not allow one to own machine guns or rocket launchers. The general right to "do or not do what one wishes" is not one protected by the Constitution. Nor is refusing to protect others from a dangerous virus one may have.

RJ Reese

Response to coronavirus

Dear Editor:

As of August 22, 5.8 million Americans have been infected with coronavirus and over 180,000 have died. What's tragic is that we had ample warning about the pandemic and could have taken steps to contain it. Instead, the incompetence of the current administration has led to disaster.

COVID-19 first appeared in Wuhan, China mid-November. By early January, US Intelligence Agencies began issuing warnings about the virus in the President's Daily Brief.

Taiwan, just 81 miles from China, had far less warning than we did. But they acted sensibly — quarantining passengers from Wuhan, using government funds to increase mask production, and issuing daily press briefings to educate the public about coronavirus. So their outcomes were far better: of 23 million people they had only 487 cases, 7 deaths.

By contrast, Trump downplayed the danger, saying the virus would "just disappear". He failed to mobilize government resources to ramp up testing or to procure needed medical supplies. Trump divided the nation, turning the common-sense practice of wearing a mask into a political issue, and pushing to open the economy before it was safe.

The US now leads the world in

total coronavirus cases and deaths. Before the current administration, the US would have been a leader in uniting the world in fighting the virus. It's astonishing how far our global influence has shrunk in under four years. We need a leader who will take responsibility, tell the truth, and unite us in times of crisis. It's time to vote Trump out.

Philip Riffe
Hesperus

Party over country

Dear Editor:

President Lincoln believed America could not be defeated by an external enemy, only by national suicide. And President Washington had warned against the cancer of factionalism: party allegiance over love of country.

Can one truly love their country and be a devout partisan as well? Certainly, if a husband can love both his wife and a mistress. For being a committed partisan requires one to cheat. In politics, this cheating is called intellectual dishonesty; the root of hypocrisy.

Trump is repeatedly derided under the banner of "No one is above the law." While Hillary's 33,000 illegal emails, and her obstruction of justice by destroy-

ing evidence, Democrats ignore. Biden's admitted quid pro quo misuse of taxpayer funds, they dismiss. Obama's blatant misuse of the IRS against his political opponents, they poo poo. Yet, the IRS Commissioner visited the Obama White House 118 times before that scandal broke, compared to an average of none during every other presidency. And the unprecedented attempted coup of a duly elected president by the Obama/Biden administration's spying on Trump, Democrats also ignore. And I thought "equal justice" was a big Democrat issue.

Yet, put Donald Trump's name in place of what Hillary, Obama, and Biden actually did, and we'd have ex-President Trump.

Partisanship can even turn people against themselves; making one confess they're a racist when they've personally done nothing racist to anyone. But, like playing a game of Twister, if that's their party's position they'll contort their thinking to fit the party line. [One Sun letter writer even called herself a 'honkey,' a racial slur.]

The rage this Democrat cult spews against everything Trump displays emotional immaturity as well. I can understand brainwashed college students behaving like robots, but their parents and

grandparents? Both give Trump credit for nothing, while repeatedly bearing false witness against him. (One repeat Letter writer to the Sun is the poster boy for this. Which his silent fellow partisans apparently condone.)

A display of the corruptible nature of humankind was brought to the fore when Jesus knelt between a woman and a mob about to stone her. Writing in the dirt with his finger, Jesus probably wrote the name of each participant along with a sin they'd committed worthy of stoning. Convicted, their self-righteous pride deflated, one by one they scurried away.

Israel leader, Golda Meir, observed that Palestinians would only work for peaceful co-existence with Jews, "When they love their children and grandchildren more than they hate Israel." Likewise, partisan hate for Trump does not generate patriots who love their country more than they love their party. Some will say they hate Trump because they love their country. But their blatant hypocrisy belies such a claim. "No one is above the law" includes corrupt Democrats and lawless, pro-Democrat mobs.

Democrats, please clean up after your Party, rather than trashing the home we all share.

Charles Wenzel

State health officials recommend radon testing as more Coloradans stay home

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) recommends that Coloradans test their homes for radon as more Coloradans stay home for longer periods of time.

The surgeon general lists radon exposure as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United

States behind tobacco smoke.

Radon is a gas that you cannot see, smell or taste that comes naturally from the earth. It is radioactive and can easily enter homes and buildings through small openings.

In Colorado, about half of homes have radon levels higher than the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recommended action level of 4 picocuries per liter of indoor air.

More than 500 lung cancer

deaths are attributed to radon each year in Colorado.

"The best way to protect yourself against radon is to test your home. Testing your home for radon is simple and inexpensive," said Christine Kelley, radon program manager for the department. "CDPHE also has a low-income radon mitigation assistance program for homeowners that can pay for your radon mitigation system if you qualify."

Anyone with existing radon mitigation systems should retest their homes every few years to make sure the system is working properly. Through quick and inexpensive actions, Coloradans can protect their long-term health, the health of their family and the safety of their home. More information is available on the CDPHE's website, www.coloradoradon.info. Low-cost test kits are available at www.sosradon.org.

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With as much speed as the lightning storm that blew in last Thursday, Aug 20, so, too, did first responders arrive. Sincere gratitude to Emergency Operations Center, Pagosa Fire Protection District, San Juan National Forest and Sheriff Department personnel. Their capable handling of the 1-acre blaze kept it contained, preventing much worse damage.

Warren Sackman



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Town council outlines 11 other goals for the town in the coming year

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Following a strategic planning work session on July 31, the Pagosa Springs Town Council identified 21 total goals that it would like to accomplish for 2020-21 and beyond.

Of those 21 goals, 10 were highlighted as being high priority, which were addressed in last week's issue of The SUN.

The first of the other 11 goals, which will be an ongoing process, involves collaboration between the town and Archuleta County, according to a draft goals and objectives document.

"We're a small percentage of the overall community of Archuleta County and, as a county seat, it's critical that the elected officials from both the town and the county work together on joint priorities. There's so much we do that overlaps," Town Manager Andrea Phillips said in an interview on Aug. 17.

This would involve engaging with the county on once again having regular joint meetings between town council and the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners as well as identifying joint priorities and projects to work together on.

The next priority involves historic preservation and the down-

town, Phillips explained, adding that the town is looking for something that is more inclusive of the downtown area that is beyond historic preservation.

"We also want to look at other aspects of downtown. Economic activity and vitality so things like maybe a main street program might be a good thing to look into, maybe a downtown association," Phillips said, adding that priorities of those organizations could be property maintenance and beautification.

There are also potential changes to the town's historic preservation board requirements due to the group having issues recruiting and retaining members. Phillips added.

Some of the requirements that are up for possible review include the number of people who can serve on the board, different residency requirements and considering other areas of expertise, she added.

This goal has an estimated completion date of 10 years, according to documentation.

Road maintenance is also a priority for town council, with the town making sure that those road improvements are budgeted for appropriately each year, she explained.

Parking is also another goal for town council, with planning for parking requirements estimated

to be complete in about one to two years and another 10-20 years for new parking structures or parking lots, according to documentation.

"When they are building, especially in the downtown area, does it make sense for them to have the same requirements for off-street parking as it would in other parts of town?" Phillips asked, referring to developers.

Parking enforcement is also a discussion that will be held relating to the parking goal, she added later.

"I would say parking isn't an issue year-round, but it's more of a seasonal kind of problem," she said.

The future of the Pagosa Springs Sanitation and General Improvement District is also a goal for town council with budgeting and strategic planning for the district estimated to be completed over 10 years.

"We got out of the water business a long time ago," Phillips said. "That was transferred to PAWSD (Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District) many years ago."

There have been conversations between town council and the PAWSD Board of Directors about PAWSD eventually taking over the sanitation district, she added.

"We need to talk about what the future of that system is and whether it makes sense for us to just be a collection-only district," Phillips said. "PAWSD is kind of the natural entity to take it over since they're already in that business and providing sanitation services to the town in terms of treatment."

In a supporting role, the town will also be looking to develop its geothermal utility further with an estimated completion date of 10 years, according to documentation.

"We think there might be a possibility there for a public/private partnership and I don't know exactly what that looks like, but there's some potential opportunities for energy usage out of it," she said.

The town needs to make some repairs to the current geothermal

system, Phillips added later.

Land acquisition is also a goal, with the town continuing to search for land that it could purchase for any number of public developments, according to documentation.

An update to the town council chambers is also a goal, this one with an estimated completion date of two years.

"The short term is to make sure it's Zoom friendly and that we can have good audio and visual for public participation. One of the good things, I guess, to come out of the pandemic is we actually found good public participation in having remote meetings. It seems to be a lot easier for people to just click on a link and join that way versus coming down to town hall and participating," she said.

Another supporting role the town could take on is if Archuleta School District decided to do a "mega campus," to provide a collaborative role with the school district to help with that goal, Phillips explained.

"This might be something where there is collaboration around land acquisition or transferring land or something, as well as I think probably political support," Phillips said.

Town council will also look to hold "check-ins" on the strategic plan goals to make sure it is still on track, according to documentation.

Town development was listed as the 21st goal for town council in relation to customer satisfaction and the amount and types of development, Phillips explained.

"Customer satisfaction, we've heard from the community and we've heard from builders and we've heard from developers and, frankly, from town council members that we really could do better in this area," she said. "We are looking at rewriting our Land Use and Development Code to make sure it is meeting our current needs."

The vision that the town has for development should also be shared for the community, she added.
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Obituary

Daniel Joseph Appenzeller

Daniel Joseph Appenzeller, age 64, died peacefully at home from complications of cancer on Friday, Aug. 21, in Sisters, Ore.



Dan was born on July 8, 1956, in Oxnard, Calif., to Mitch (Mildred) and Bill Appenzeller. He married the love of his life, Crista Munro, on Oct. 5, 1996. One of his biggest joys in life was their son, Elias Appenzeller, 23, of Eugene, Ore.

Dan was the kind of person who could pick up any instrument and play it well, but his passion was the guitar. Not many people knew what a great musician and songwriter Dan was because he didn't often play publicly. Those who were fortunate enough to hear him perform can attest to the depth of his hidden gift. He was an avid surfer during his time in California, then found a passion for fishing, snowboarding, hiking and camping after moving to Colorado in 1991. He also collected coins and was becoming quite an accomplished crossword puzzler. After moving to Eugene, Ore., in 2011 for health reasons, Dan became a die-hard Oregon Duck fan and loved to host football parties for his friends every Saturday during the season.

In 1996, Dan and Crista put on their first music event, the Four Corners Folk Festival, in Pagosa Springs, Colo. The festival became wildly successful largely due to Dan's unique talent for discover-

ing and presenting amazing young musicians, along with seasoned professional touring acts. By the time he retired in 2019, their non-profit organization, FolkWest, was producing two annual festivals and two educational music camps a year.

Dan's family really couldn't comprehend just how much of a far-reaching impact he had on the world until after his passing, when a tidal wave of love and memories flooded their phones and social media feeds. Dan had a way of communicating with people that made them feel like they were the most important person in the world. He made it easy to get caught up in his passion for music and all the complexities of the performers on the festival stage when you saw him watching in the audience with his trademark dazzling smile lighting up his face.

Dan is survived by his wife, Crista; son Elias; siblings Rob Appenzeller, Tina McDonald, Katie Appenzeller, Victoria Appenzeller (Quincy), Shelley Appenzeller (Mike Chapman), John Appenzeller and Tom Appenzeller (Ana); and 15 nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family (and Dan) request that you exercise your right to vote in November, as if your life depends on it.

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Violence

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during times of national or worldwide crisis (natural disasters, war), domestic and sexual violence has escalated. COVID-19 has been no different. [Domestic violence] cases tripled in China in February. France saw a 30% increase. Nationally, there have been spikes upward of 30% as well, and here in Pagosa, Rise saw an unprecedented [demand for our services].”

In an interview Tuesday, Hubbs outlined how the demand for Rise’s services have increased from January to April of this year compared to January through April of 2019.

She explained that, comparatively, there has been:

- A 55 percent increase in the overall number of services provided by Rise.
- A 51 percent increase in crisis calls.

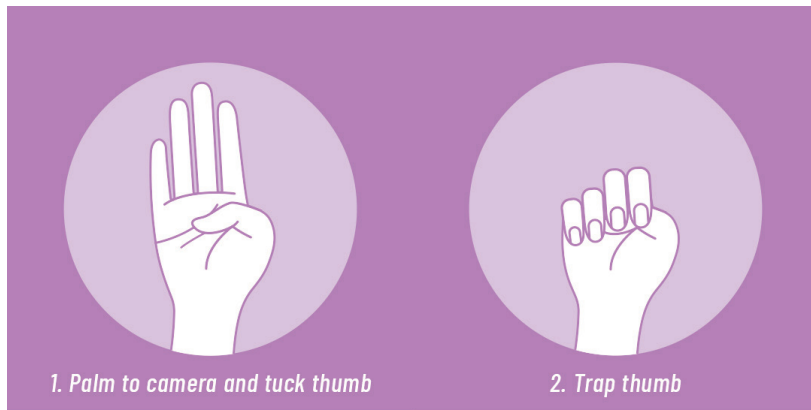
• Triple the number of counseling calls. In the first four months of 2019, Rise had 70 counseling calls. This year, it has had 190.

• A 25 percent increase in domestic violence services and an 88 percent increase in services related to sexual assault.

Hubbs contrasted crisis calls versus counseling calls in her interview.

“We define crisis as they’re in immediate danger, their safety is being compromised,” she said. “Either [their safety] has already been compromised and they just got done being assaulted or an assault feels very imminent to them.”

About counseling calls, she said, “A lot of people call and say, ‘I don’t know, I’m just not feeling safe.’ We get a lot of, ‘Is this abuse?’ So, their instincts are kicking in, but they’re not sure if it’s [domestic abuse] and then their self-doubt comes in ... So



1. Palm to camera and tuck thumb

2. Trap thumb

Illustration courtesy of Women’s Funding Network

The Signal for Help, or the Violence at Home Signal for Help, is a gesture that can be used by an individual to alert others that they feel threatened or need help in person or over a video call. It was created as a tool to combat the rise in domestic violence cases around the world.

THE VIOLENCE AT HOME SIGNAL FOR HELP

they need to process what they’re feeling.”

She added, “[We’ve had] nearly 200 counseling calls [in 2020], so people were really needing to talk. They were really needing to process what they were going through or what they were feeling, what their fears were ... So, these were people that weren’t in crisis, but they were concerned or they just needed support and someone to talk to.”

Hubbs’ speech notes further expand on the issues surrounding domestic violence and COVID-19.

“The Coronavirus has very effectively HELPED abusers,” the notes read. “While we absolutely support and understand the need to follow stay at home orders and social

distancing, for victims, it creates a nightmare.

“Isolation is one of the #1 tactics [abusive partners use to gain control]. Survivors are continuing to be separated from support systems in an already isolative situation prior to COVID-19. They are describing the use of COVID-19 as additional scare and control tactics to keep them at home. Before they were tracked and stalked, now they are at home under constant surveillance.

“Another common tactic – not allowing medical care for fear of exposure, not being allowed to use protective gear, or their partner refusing to use protective gear when out of the home, increasing fears of exposure and infection.

Courthouse

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tive offices for \$500 per month.

• FFT will provide a 50-year land lease on about .75 acres on Hot Springs Boulevard and FFT will build a 6,800-square-foot office space for the county, with a total cost not to exceed \$2.8 million.

• FFT will provide a 50-year building lease to Archuleta County for the new county building, and combined monthly lease payments for the land and building shall be \$22,700.

• Archuleta County shall vacate the courthouse premises within 30 days upon the completion of the new office building on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The second bid, signed by OGI Inc. President Jack Searle, bid \$479,000 for the building at 449 San Juan St., plus stipulations for constructing a new county building, which include:

• “... the buyer will lease-back to the County the space it currently

occupies in the Courthouse at NNN lease rate of \$0.75/sf/month for a period of up to 5 years, allowing time for the design and construction of the New County Building...”

• “Buyer owns land parcels on Hot Springs Blvd and in Harmon Park, immediately adjacent to the New County Courthouse. Both parcels are adequate for the development of a new office building and Buyer will make the land parcel available for purchase or lease at either of the two locations for the development of the New County Building.”

• “The Buyer will build a new office building for the County. The County will contribute the Net Proceeds from the sale of the Courthouse toward the design and development of the New County Building and the Buyer will pay the remaining costs associated with design, development and construction of the New County Offices, designed in collaboration with the County.”

• “Lease. The Parties would enter into a long-term triple-net lease agreement in which the County would lease the New County Building from the Buyer at an annual lease rate of 8.00% of total development costs, less the Sale Proceeds contributed by the County ... Further, the Build-to-Suit Lease would provide the County with the ability to buy-out the lease at an agreed upon price in the future, if the County so desired.”

The proposal also asks for \$150,000 in fee waivers for dumping costs at the Archuleta County landfill and a waiver or abatement of the county’s portion of property taxes on the “Courthouse property” for 15 years.

In a phone call Wednesday, Commissioner Steve Wadley commented on the two proposals.

“I understand that it has to pencil for business people to make decisions, and I think in some ways they’re fair proposals, but the county cannot afford to do it,” he said. “And I knew this goin’ in and I certainly — nothing derogatory towards the people that put the proposals together, they were well thought out — but I don’t see any way the county can afford this.”

The Archuleta County commissioners are expected to discuss the proposals during executive session in the upcoming weeks.

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Archuleta County COVID-19 case count

The following information was current as of press time Wednesday.

San Juan Basin Public Health data:

Residents: 46 (up 2 from last week)

Residents recovered: 18 (up 3 from last week)

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“Alcohol Abuse - They are describing an increase in alcohol use by their abusive partners, making them feel more unsafe,” the notes read.

“The one thing that we always want to be really clear about is that alcohol doesn’t cause the violence, but what it does is it inhibits people’s abilities to be more reasonable,” said Hubbs, adding, “Their inhibitions then are lessened, therefore our clients consistently say, ‘Once [my partner is] on beer three, I’m scared, and because I know that if they keep drinking my risk continues to increase.’”

Hubbs also explained there is a misconception about Rise that the organization always advocates for victims to leave their partners, but stressed safety is always the main priority.

“We don’t advocate for divorce, we don’t advocate for splitting families up, we just advocate for safety and what safety looks like,” she said. “Whether you remain in a relationship or out of a relationship, we consistently plan around what safety looks like, whatever that choice may be.”

Hubbs noted that financial abuse is common, and that abusive part-

ners rationalize their behaviors by saying “I’m just trying to take care of you.”

“[Financial abuse] comes off very subtly as, ‘I just want to take care of you,’ is what an abusive partner comes off initially as saying, but then when abuse starts, then a survivor realizes, ‘I don’t have a single credit card in my name, none of the cars are in my name,’ and an abusive partner will say, ‘If you try to leave in my car I will call the police,’” she said, adding “(When victims) don’t have access to credit cards or to money, the prospect of trying to leave immediately to go to a hotel to be safe is impossible ... That’s the typical way is that it comes off as, ‘I just want to support you, I don’t want you to have to worry about money. I take care of the bills, I do all of this,’ but when the abuse starts, then they very effectively feel very trapped financially if they don’t have access to funds.”

Hubbs explained that 80 to 92 percent of the time a domestic violence victim is female, but that Rise has “served and will always serve whoever the victim is: male, female, transgender, any ethnicity, any race, any socioeconomic class.”

Hubbs also commented on ways

that victims can ask for help, even in close proximity to their abusive partners.

One way is by saying “Mask-19” to pharmacists or Rise advocates, who should be trained to recognize that phrasing as a request for help.

Another is by using the “Violence at Home Signal for Help” hand gesture, which can be used on video chats or in person to alert others that they feel threatened or need help.

Some of the services Rise provides, available in English or Spanish, include:

• Immediate crisis intervention available 24 hours a day by calling 264-9075.

• An online chat feature available on the group’s website, riseaboveviolence.org.

• A personalized safety plan that’s unique to every individual and situation.

• A court advocate to explain the criminal justice system and assist with civil restraining orders.

• Emergency transportation to a safe shelter.

More information about all of Rise’s free and confidential services can be found at riseaboveviolence.org.

Sculpture

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with some local variety plants, walking paths, and then into individual sculptures,” said Tennyson. “We also want to set aside the front part going towards where the parking areas are, put a grassy area so we can host events there. Maybe small musical events or art shows.”

Tennyson suggested this is one piece of the puzzle in bringing more art to Pagosa Springs.

“The town honestly needs more public art and we don’t have much,” she said. “I hope it’s going to be the start of really being able to move forward. Pagosa needs to be a destination and you’ve got towns like Boulder and Montrose, they’re implementing public art and there are a lot of people that follow public art and I think if we have it, hopefully it’ll bring more people into town just to see the sculptures. It

will be something else that’s downtown for people to enjoy.”

Preliminary work like installing a sprinkler system will hopefully take place before the snow flies this year, explained Tennyson.

She noted the landscaping will begin next year and that the park “will be an ongoing project” for the next three years.

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Relief

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that it believes are eligible under the program, leaving \$415,000 left that the town could ask for.

According to Phillips during the meeting, the town is still looking to implement more programs to assist with the pandemic.

The town is looking to put \$50,000 toward various food banks that are helping people who have been impacted by COVID-19, according to Phillips.

Additionally, the town could assist Archuleta School District (ASD) in providing students with their own supplies as students transition away from communal supplies for classes such as art, Phillips noted.

“This is definitely tied to COVID and this could be a way that we could assist the school district,” she said.

According to Phillips, a \$50,000 placeholder has been put in place to approach a local Internet service provider to see if the town could help subsidize the cost for families who have struggles connecting to the Internet for their kids’ distance learning.

This would be mostly for families who qualify for the free and reduced lunch program through ASD, Phillips noted.

The town will also see additional

expenditures through the remainder of the year to upgrade technology equipment to provide better access to online meetings for the public, she added.

Additionally, the town will look to spend about \$10,000 to purchase masks and hand sanitizer for the community, Phillips explained.

A business transition program worth \$50,000 is also something the town is considering, Phillips explained.

Restaurants and businesses have had to reduce the number of tables that they can serve due to the pandemic and social distancing recommendations, Phillips explained, adding that the business transition program would help.

One item that Phillips was not sure if it would be an eligible expense is assisting the hospital district, which could cost about \$100,000 each from both the town and county.

“As you know, the hospital is in need of upgrading its oxygen delivery system within the hospital. They do have limited capability currently to provide oxygen for people, but it is not piped into the building like it would be at other hospitals,” Phillips said.

Another program would be an assistance program for nonprofits

that could cost about \$45,000, Phillips noted.

According to Phillips, the town was seeking more feedback from town council and an authorization of expenditure because these items are unbudgeted expenditures.

Council member Shari Pierce noted that she wants to make sure that the business assistance program also be directed toward any business and not just restaurants, highlighting retail establishments as an example.

According to Phillips, if council were to approve an authorization of expenditure up to \$600,000, that money can be moved around the various programs.

“The challenging thing about it is, we have to spend it at the end of the year. So we’ve got to quickly deploy it and kind of make up the programs as we’re going along,” Phillips said. “We can certainly rearrange things in there based on need.”

Following more discussion, council member Madeline Bergon made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$600,000 for reimbursable expenditures related to COVID-19 for the programs discussed.

That motion was approved unanimously by the council.

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Enforcement

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that outlines the town’s enforcement procedure to answer some of town council’s questions.

“We do care about the violations and we do care about the community. We’re going to follow the public health order because it’s required and it’s the right thing to do, but also because we care about the community and these public health orders are for the safety of our community and our visitors,” Buchner said.

If the town gets a report or an observance of a violation then the first step is to educate, Buchner described.

“It would be very hard to argue that someone is unaware that there is a mask order,” Buchner said.

The next step after a warning is the creation of a “docket” on people who are systemically violating the public health order even after they have been educated, he described.

“After that has happened, the chief, by and through their internal process, is going to report up to the county and or the health district, because that’s what the statute requires,” Buchner said, citing Colorado Revised Statute 25-1-514.

At that point, it puts the issue into the county’s and health district’s hands for the prosecution of the violations of public health orders, Buchner described.

“At this time, the process is that after a written warning, we will not

be issuing civil or criminal citations to violators after education,” he said. “We’re going to be sending those consistent violators up to the county or health district level for prosecution appropriately pursuant to the revised statute.”

According to Rockensock, as of April 7, the PSPD has seen 69 complaints through the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJPBH) portal.

Of those 69 complaints, 10 of them were in unincorporated Archuleta County, Rockensock explained.

“Most of those complaints were, initially prior to the mandatory mask order, were social distancing complaints, restaurants not wearing their masks or not having social distancing between people and that sort of thing,” he said. “After the mask order on July 16, we’ve received 37 complaints. Of those 37 complaints, I would say about 60-40 of those complaints, percentage-wise, 40 percent being employees at businesses and/or restaurants, the employees themselves not wearing masks.”

The remainder of those complaints are primarily patrons of businesses not wearing masks, Rockensock said.

Two restaurants account for 14 of those complaints, with one restaurant in particular receiving nine complaints while the other has received five, Rockensock noted, add-

ing that the PSPD has been working with SJPBH and the restaurants to fix the problem.

“Unfortunately, there have been a lot of complaints that don’t provide enough information,” Rockensock said. “People put in a lot of anonymous complaints or make up names when they register these complaints online.”

About nine complaints have been received that were described by Rockensock as “complete misunderstandings of the actual order” leading to those being unfounded.

“We’re doing the best with what we can with it,” he said.

The PSPD has received various responses from business owners on enforcement of the public health orders, Rockensock noted, adding that some issue has been taken with business owners putting signage up in their establishment.

Rockensock noted that responses have varied.

According to Rockensock, the PSPD is trying to address complaints as soon as possible, adding that there have been “very few” ongoing problems.

“I think the education piece is out there now,” Rockensock said. “All the information is available to anyone and we do as much education as anyone. I’m not sure there’s any more, quote unquote, education to be done with it.”

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LEGISLATURE

Economic development bill geared to get rural Colorado on road to recovery

This year's legislative session was unlike any other. A global pandemic, an economic crisis and an interrupted session made my colleagues and I have to think on our feet and shift our priorities to meet the changing and unprecedented needs of our state.

In January, my Democratic colleagues and I began the session focused on creating an economy that works for all and protecting the Colorado way of life. We had bold plans to lower the cost of health care, boost rural economies and ensure as many people as possible could live out the Colorado dream.

Once the pandemic reached our state and the economic consequences it dealt became clear, we reorganized and strategized around the best ways to help Colorado recover. When the legislature took a two-month-long hiatus for public health reasons, I returned to my district and took stock of the blow to our economy had been dealt. I returned to the legislature in May more motivated than ever to fight for rural Colorado and my neighbors,

who are too often looked over when policy decisions are made in Denver.

My Democratic colleagues and I crafted an ambitious legislative package that included 14 bills designed to help hardworking Coloradans make ends meet and keep our small businesses afloat. We invested tens of millions of dollars into direct rental and mortgage assistance, provided grants and loans for Colorado's small businesses, including those who had been overlooked by the federal government's response, and passed laws that will help Coloradans pay their utilities and keep food on the table.

Some of the solutions we implemented were innovative and tailor-made to meet the moment brought on by COVID-19. We passed laws to



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outlaw price gouging during emergencies, preventing bad actors from charging exorbitant amounts for ventilators, masks and pulse oximeters, for example. We also passed a law to protect whistleblowers, ensuring that workers who fear that their employers aren't taking the health and safety of their employees and the public seriously can speak out without fear of losing their jobs.

In many other cases, we did not have to reinvent the wheel to help Colorado get back on track. In fact, some of the bills that we had been working on long before the pandemic began became more important than ever. We passed robust, commonsense bills that will guarantee that workers have access to both an earned sick leave policy and a flexible retirement savings system without putting an undue burden on businesses.

Another bill that became even more relevant after COVID-19, and one that I'm particularly proud of, was my bill to boost Colorado's rural economies. SB20-002, which I was proud to sponsor, was one of

the very first pieces of legislation introduced by Democrats in January. Simply put, the bill strengthens a successful existing program, the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI), to ensure that it continues to spur rural economies and support job creation in the parts of our state that need it most.

Communities and economies like ours were struggling before the pandemic even began. Now, with tourism dollars dwindling and town budgets being decimated by the pandemic, a bad situation has been made worse. Thankfully, Gov. Jared Polis signed my economic development bill into law in late June. The REDI program has a track record of success and bolstering it will go a long way toward getting rural Colorado back on its feet and on the road to recovery.

This was, without a doubt, the most winding and difficult year of my legislative career. But I'm proud of the work my colleagues and I did to meet the moment and govern responsibly when our state needed it most.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Aug. 27

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

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

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

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

Wednesday, Sept. 2

Community Development Corporation strategic planning work session. 4 p.m. Zoom call, see www.pagosapringescdc.org for log in information.

Thursday, Sept. 3

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

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting. Noon, Boss Hogg's, 157 Navajo Trail Drive. Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

Archuleta School District Board of Education meeting. 5:30 p.m., virtual meeting. See the agenda on the district website for participation information.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Community Development Corporation regular meeting. 5:30 p.m. Zoom call, see www.pagosapringescdc.org for log in information.

Thursday, Sept. 10

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

Monday, Sept. 14

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 16

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

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

Thursday, Sept. 17

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

Tuesday, Sept. 22

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.

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Business

Questions about town charter amendment addressed at URA meeting

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a meeting of the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority (PSURA) on Aug. 20, legal questions were answered concerning a recently approved ballot measure that revised the Town of Pagosa Springs' home rule charter.

Ballot Question A passed on July 14 with 257 yes votes and 89 no votes, with the ballot question specifically asking voters if the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter should be amended, as set forth by Ordinance No. 932, by the addition of the following provision: "Any proposal by the Town Council or by the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority to use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) must be first be approved by the Town electors whenever the total TIF revenues are expected to exceed \$1 million (\$1,000,000) over the life of the project."

A total of 1,050 ballots were sent to registered town voters for the special election.

The PSURA commission previously discussed the results of the election at a regular meeting on July 23.

According to PSURA Executive Director Andrea Phillips at the July 23 meeting, the ballot measure does not solely focus on TIF projects the PSURA might be considering, but any other TIF-financed project in the future that the town may put forward via another vehicle.

TIF utilizes the "incremental growth" in the taxes that are generated by the project itself, Phillips explained, adding that it's not new taxes that someone is voting or an increase to the tax rate.

"The districts and the entities will always get what they've always gotten plus an inflationary amount. The increment is what is the tax-increment financing," she said during the July 23 meeting. "That can be negotiated in terms of how much that can apply to a project and then

it goes back into the project itself to fund public improvements and infrastructure."

Following the results of the election, PSURA commissioner Greg Schulte had various questions during the July 23 meeting on the ballot language itself and whether or not it would even have standing if the PSURA were to seek a declaratory judgment.

According to Phillips, a declaratory judgment is asking the courts to make a declaration, offer an opinion, settle a controversy or make a decree on a question with the goal to resolve legal uncertainty.

Town Attorney Clayton Buchner drafted a memo answering these questions and presented that memo during the Aug. 20 meeting of the PSURA.

The first question addressed by Buchner within his memorandum addresses whether or not it is within the Pagosa Springs Town Council's purview to initiate a filing for a declaratory judgment on the legality of the language in Ballot Question A and whether or not there has to be a plaintiff.

According to Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) 13-51-106, "Any person ... whose rights, status, or other legal relations are affected by a statute, municipal ordinance, contract, or franchise may have determined any question of construction or validity arising under the instrument, statute, ordinance, contract, or franchise and obtain a declaration of rights, status, or other legal relations thereunder."

Any person whose rights or status is affected by any municipal ordinance does have standing to request a declaratory judgment, Buchner noted.

In regard to needing a plaintiff, Buchner described this as being more of a "yes or no question."

"Yes, there must be a moving party usually labeled as 'plaintiff' or otherwise as 'petitioner.' However, it isn't always necessary that there be a

plaintiff/petitioner moving against an adverse defendant/respondent, but there must be a resolvable controversy," Buchner's memo reads.

PSURA commissioner Shari Pierce raised a question on how long the process would take if the PSURA were to seek a declaratory judgment.

"That's really hard to put a number on," Buchner said. "The timeline has to do with the court and what other cases are on the docket and when it's filed, how it's filed."

This is a niche area of law, Buchner explained, adding that there would need to be an expert in the area of Urban Renewal Authority (URA) law who would be the one doing the work if a declaratory judgment was sought after.

"I can tell you, however, that a declaratory judgment action is going to be far less cumbersome, expensive and as long as a civil lawsuit would be," Buchner said.

One question addressed in Buchner's memo was, because the issue is now a question related to the validity of an amendment to the town's home rule charter, about whether or not the PSURA has any standing to pursue a declaratory judgment and whether or not that responsibility lies with town council.

According to Buchner's memo, the PSURA has standing as a body corporate and politic of the state and can also claim an interest in a declaratory judgment action.

"No. If Town Council were the moving party for a declaratory judgment action concerning Article 9, Section 9.19, it would effectively establish the Town Council as both Plaintiff and Defendant," Buchner's memo reads.

Colorado Rule of Civil Procedure (CRCP) subsection 57(j) notes, "When declaratory relief is sought, all persons shall be made parties who have or claim any interest which would be affected by the declaration, and no declaration shall prejudice the rights of persons not parties to the proceeding. In any proceeding

which involves the validity of a municipal ordinance or franchise, such municipality shall be made a party and is entitled to be heard, and, if the statute, ordinance, or franchise is alleged to be unconstitutional, the attorney general of the state shall also be served with a copy of the proceeding and be entitled to be heard."

"The town council or URA board does have standing. If one or the other were to move, the other would be joined anyway in the action because the rules of civil procedure require it," Buchner said.

Another question raised by Schulte was where in the process the vote takes place for TIF.

If the PSURA goes forward with an urban renewal plan (URP) and the current home rule charter amendment stays in place, then the PSURA will have to determine when and where the vote takes place on the TIF portion of whatever project they are considering, Buchner explained.

"We still have the possibility of using URA funding going forward. We just have to take the vote," he said.

According to Buchner, the vote would take place when town council approves the URP in phase two, step seven of the PSURA's redevelopment process.

"Until you approve the plan, you don't start the next phase, which is the agreement and implementation, and that's where the TIF piece would trigger, if you will, under the charter amendment, because the charter amendment states that the tax-increment financing must first

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Get counted: Archuleta County census update

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

Archuleta County has inched up the ranks and has just slightly passed the 40 percent response rate for the 2020 census. This is an increase of about 4 percentage points in the past couple of weeks. However, Archuleta County is behind even the 2010 response rate, which was 42.7 percent. The state response rate is at 67.6 percent.

Currently, the census is scheduled to end Oct. 31. In recent actions, multiple national organizations including the National Association of Regional Councils, National Association of Development Organizations and Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations have partnered regarding the recent announcement to move up the Oct. 31 to Sept. 30.

Southwest Colorado tends to be undercounted and with a shorter time frame the potential of undercounting is significantly higher, leading to less funding allocations from the federal government. It is critical that Archuleta County residents complete the 2020 census either online or respond to the enumerators that are currently out in the field knocking on doors requesting people to complete the census.

Census workers will also be out and about in the next couple of weeks at various locations encouraging and assisting people in completing the census. What can you do as an individual or even as an employer? First off, the easiest way to complete the census is

online. Visit www.2020census.gov.

Much of the following information has already been stated, however, here are some reminders on ways to complete the 2020 Census. If you never received an invitation to complete the census in your mail or post box, you can still answer the census. Go to the website. After clicking on the respond link, just enter your physical address instead of the invitation number. That will take you to the census questions. Remember that the census is confidential. By law, the census cannot release information to anyone, including law enforcement agencies on you, your home or your business. In addition, census workers take an oath for life to protect your personal information.


Even if you are a second home owner here in Archuleta County, you can complete the census. You will be completing the number of people living in your household on your primary residence census questionnaire. For your second home, you can answer zero (0) as the number of people living at that residence. Although the community will not receive funding dollars because there are no people associated with the address, it will help with the response rate.

If you are a business, what can you do? You can contact the Archuleta Complete Count Committee and arrange to have an enumerator actually be at your place of business on a particular day and time to assist your employees in responding to the census. This is especially important for those businesses that have a high

percentage of Spanish-speaking employees. You can direct people to the library, where staff there can get them on a computer and to the correct website. They cannot assist in the completion of the survey, but the survey is in multiple languages on the website, so getting to the website is important. Public transportation goes to the library, so access is easy and the library staff knowledgeable. Encourage your employees in a staff meeting or through a paycheck stuffer to fill out the census. Put a reminder in your signature line in your email address about completing the census. There are many other tips, but do something.

If you are concerned at all about school lunches, education, roads, children, seniors, mental health, wildlife, fire protection or other services in our rural community, then your response matters. The less responses we have, the less funding we receive. Why would we hamstring our community receiving desperately needed funds?

We should be at least up to the 2010 response rate. We have at least six weeks, perhaps more if they do not shorten the time frame to complete the census. Please, Pagosa, step up and help our county get the funding it so desperately needs. In addition, these figures help shape the demographics that our county relies on for economic development. It's not too late to complete the 2020 census. Should you have any questions or would like to arrange someone to come to your business, you can contact Mary Jo Coulehan at 264-2360.



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Education



Board of Education hears year-end financial reports

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

On Aug. 11, Archuleta School District (ASD) Finance Director Mike Hodgson presented the district's quarterly investment and financial reports to the ASD Board of Education.

Those reports reflect dropping interest rates and showed preliminary figures relating to how the district lined up with its budget over the recently ended fiscal year.

Hodgson began with the investment report. Per the investment report, ASD had \$1,140,639.61 in bank accounts as of June 30, Hodgson explained the bank accounts earn little in interest but provide liquidity for the district.

As of June 30, 2019, ASD had \$798,823.49 in bank accounts.

Hodgson also explained the district has created a "ladder of CDs," with a series of two-year certificates of deposit (CDs) maturing approximately every six months.

"We had a CD mature last summer and replaced that with one that had a slightly higher interest rate, ... going from 1.5 percent to 1.65. And then this past April we had a CD mature and, unfortunately, with the rates dropping, we saw that \$200,000 CD go from 2.65 to .75.

So, that's going to be a theme that we're going to see later in this report and probably for the next several months — the interest rates are going down," he said.

The district's two highest-earning CDs, which make 3 percent and 3.05 percent, will mature in October, with Hodgson expressing doubt they would renew at a rate close to that.

Between UMB Bank and Rio Grande Savings and Loan, ASD had \$1,528,817.48 invested in CDs as of June 30.

He also pointed out that the interest rate for the investment pool at COLOTRUST, where the district has several accounts, had dropped from 2.47 percent to 0.5 percent over the course of the fiscal year.

"So, the interest that we have received for the year from our investments has gone down significantly," Hodgson said.

The finance director also pointed out that the district's total investment balances had decreased \$458,000 and explained that the district is no longer collecting funds to pay off the high school, with the high school bond payments ending in November.

That bond account decreased by about \$881,000, he noted.

"So if you eliminate that decrease from the total decrease, we actually have a \$422,000 in-

crease for the remaining funds," he said.

ASD has \$13,230,505.36 split across eight investment pool accounts.

Much of ASD's investments, Hodgson's report shows, fall within ASD's General Fund.

Across all its financial institutions, ASD received \$170,932.50 in interest over the fiscal year, according to the report.

"You'll notice that we received \$170,000 this year, but that is over a \$60,000 decrease compared to last year. And I'm afraid that this coming year, it'll decrease further," he said.

Hodgson also presented the quarterly financial report, outlining revenues, expenses and reserves for the General Fund, Food Service Fund, grant funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund, trust funds and student activity funds.

Across all funds, ASD projected receiving \$19,790,672 in revenue and actually received \$20,307,014.

ASD projected spending \$22,315,223 in the budget, but spent \$19,919,618, or 89.3 percent of budget.

ASD ended the fiscal year with a \$387,396 surplus, though the report cautions that not all audit adjustments have been made, and Hodgson outlined changes that could be made. randi@pagosasun.com

WRITERS ON THE RANGE

School + pandemic = high anxiety

By **Asta Bowen**
SUN Columnist

As a longtime teacher who has heard every complaint under the sun about how horrible school is, how boring, arbitrary, irrelevant and unfair, I find myself somewhat taken aback by the fierce pressure to return to regular classroom instruction.

Of course, those complaints were from students, and much of the pressure is from grownups concerned about little things like getting back to work or helping young ones learn and grow. Kids themselves, par for the course, aren't much asked what they think. But as of this writing, only about 15 percent of U.S. students are headed back for full-time, in-person classes, according to the latest data from Education Week, with a similar number going to a hybrid/partial model. If these proportions hold for the nation overall, it leaves the majority of our kids, almost 70 percent, to continue with remote learning.

Which leaves parents and politicians whiplashed, and rightly so, over how to get back to work and

restore some sense of normalcy to daily life, while also being troubled by the obvious risks of reopening and aware that any "social distancing" version of school will be anything but normal. Writer Christine Stevens compared it to outfitting each classroom with its own living, breathing, full-size lion.

And whatever the format, it's a mess: on-days and off-days, endless screen time, morning temperature checks and who stays home if there's a fever, uncertainty about what happens if a student or a teacher gets the virus, friends you can't even sit next to, relentless cleaning protocols, and no guarantee that this year's seniors will ever get their long-awaited walk across the stage.

Whatever the format, we'll still have standards and tests and grades and homework; in other words, everything you always hated about school, but with a lot more hand sanitizer.

Remember last spring on lockdown, when we watched in amazement as the smog cleared over Los Angeles and the murky waters of Venice ran clear? Residents of northern India even reported see-

ing the Himalayas for the first time in decades. It was a beguiling hint of possibilities that might lie beyond the grind of the 21st century machine we have come to take for granted.

So it makes me wonder: Why are we in such a hot rush to go back to a system no one liked that much in the first place? It's not just kids who think school sucks; consider the past 40-some years of reform initiatives such as A Nation at Risk, No Child Left Behind, Race to the Top, Common Core, Homeschooling, Unschooling, STEM, STEAM and STREAM.

Thanks to COVID-19, it seems the real bottom line of public schooling is not some starry ideal like equal opportunity for all, but a reliable system of taxpayer-funded child care. We have now seen how crucial school is to all families everywhere — and how vital for kids themselves. Online learning, even if it's the safest option for human beings at the moment, breaks that contract right across the knee.

I retired before the virus hit, but like my friends still in the trenches, I never stopped caring for kids. We'd soldier up for whatever crazy

initiative came down the pike, trying to maximize the benefit and somehow make it work for students. Witness the magic act teachers pulled off last spring, turning on a dime to put the entire school system online — in a matter of weeks, not decades. Polished and perfect? I'm guessing not — but neither, to say the least, was Common Core.

Now may not be the best time for this plea, but I'm making it anyway. When the pandemic is over, be it in a year or a decade, let's put a note in our planner to look not only at what society needs from schools,

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Hurricanes in Colorado?

By Josh Kurz
Special to The SUN

On Oct. 5, 1911, the San Juan River experienced the highest and most devastating flood on record. Since the flood washed out every bridge in Archuleta County, and houses were floating down the

river, measuring the streamflow was not possible nor a priority. The best estimate of the flood peak was 25,000 cubic feet per second (cfs, that's 10 times higher than our normal high water). The weather conditions capable of creating such an incredible outlier have puzzled me from my early hydrology days

and into my science teaching career — until recently.

The San Juan River is a snow-dominated watershed, which means the majority of our streamflow is generated from melting snow as opposed to rainstorms. Ninety percent of our annual peak flows occur during spring runoff in May or June. However, it's important to recognize that the top three highest flows ever recorded were caused by massive rain events in the late summer or fall.

A few years ago, I developed a hypothesis to explain the biblical event of 1911. I surmised that only a hurricane could be powerful enough to cause such a massive flood. But this is Colorado — hurricanes don't reach Colorado, right?

My hypothesis was based on two events that I witnessed while living in the area. In September 2004, we hosted the rainiest/muddiest home cross-country meet ever, thanks to Javier, a Pacific hurricane that reached the Gulf of California and generated our highest flow that year (4,300 cfs).

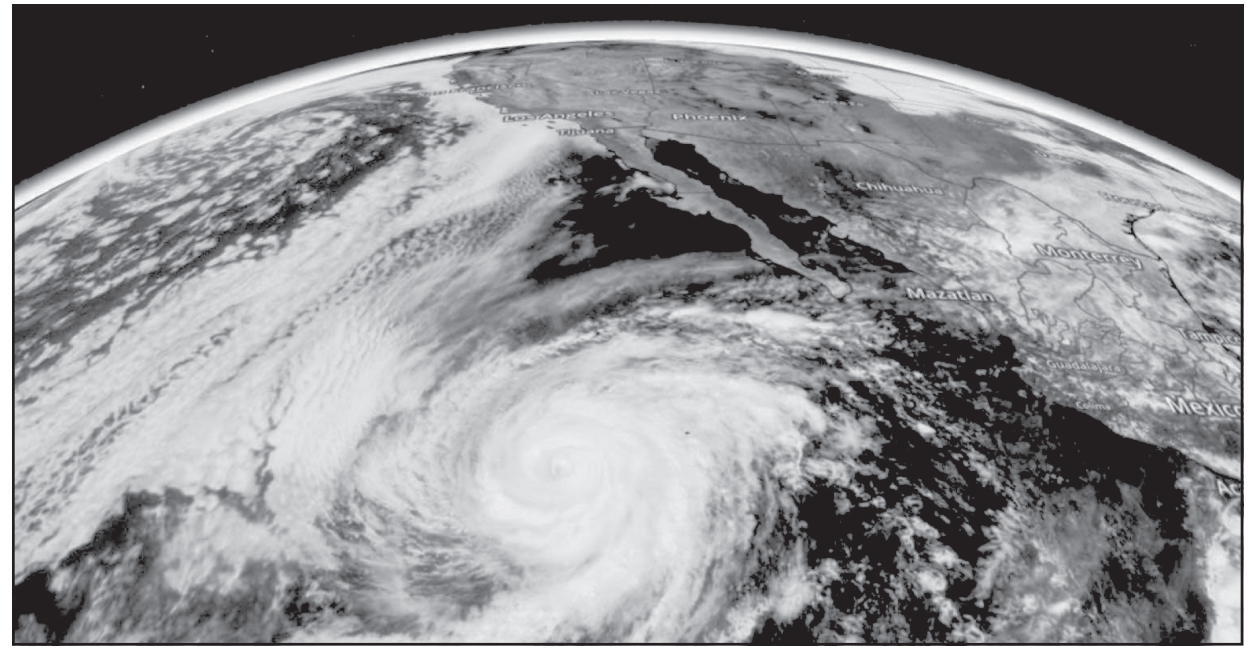
And then in 2018, the San Juan River trickled with less than 30 cfs for nearly all of August and September (it even dropped below 10 cfs). Then, on Oct. 2, moisture from Hurricane Rosa brought the river back to life with a modest but important spike of 296 cfs. Based on these two events, it seemed plausible that other autumn floods (including the 1911 flood) were related to Pacific hurricanes.

Over the years, I've begun to recognize the dependence of our weather on the ocean's temperature and circulation. For example, an anomalously warm portion of ocean off the coast of California (known as The Blob) was linked to the California drought between 2011 and 2017 and also deflected storms away from southwestern Colorado. Stubborn areas of high pressure (like the one that's been stalled overhead this summer) need a nudge. A satellite photograph helped me recognize that hurricanes churn up ocean water in their wake, and in doing so can redistribute heat and impact our weather even if they don't pass directly overhead.

To begin testing my 1911 hurricane hypothesis, I found a graphic showing the historical storm tracks of Pacific hurricanes. Most Pacific hurricanes form off the coast of southwestern Mexico drift west into the central Pacific. But, it's clear from the historical storm tracks that a few hurricanes travel north toward the U.S./Mexico border and can impact the desert southwest.

Next, I turned to a convenient, noncredible source. I was astonished as Wikipedia gave me some insight into the 1911 Pacific hurricane season:

"A 'tropical hurricane' formed southwest of Mexico on October 1. The system recurved, coming ashore on October 4 near Guaymas, accompanied by a devastating storm surge early on the morning of October 5, with some 500 reported dead. It then crossed through western Mexico, before becoming an extratropical cyclone across the American southwest on October 5. The cyclone had a long life thereafter, moving east-northeast across the United States into the western Atlantic on October 7. Racing northeast, the cyclone moved over the Polar ice cap on October



Hurricane Rosa in 2018 (NOAA).

11, arcing north of Europe, before dropping into northern Asia on October 13, then crossing through Siberia until October 21, when the low dissipated."

Maybe I was right. It appeared that the 1911 flood was related to the remnants of a Pacific hurricane. And based on the description, the storm system that caused the 1911 flood was a superstorm. The remnant low-pressure system supposedly stayed intact as it marched from Mexico to Siberia.

As I did further research, I found two great peer-reviewed journal articles that correlated the remnants of hurricanes with significant precipitation events in the Southwest. But I had a different and more specific question than the researchers. I wanted to determine the influence of Pacific hurricanes on the streamflow of the San Juan River. I would need to identify late summer and autumn floods and then determine if a hurricane could have been responsible.

There are continuous streamflow records for the San Juan River at Pagosa Springs that date back to 1936. Good Pacific hurricane records date back to the 1950s, and there are brief hurricane notes that date back to the early 1900s. Since pouring through all that data is time consuming, I decided to recruit my global science students to answer this local, relevant question and provide them an opportunity to perform some original research.

First, I had my students do some background research on hurricanes and then read the two peer-reviewed studies. We learned that the northeastern Pacific is the second most active hurricane basin and hurricanes that form there are called tropical cyclones. Researchers at the University of Arizona determined that, on average, the remnants of three tropical cyclones impact the desert southwest each year. We also learned that most tropical cyclones form in August; however, those that form in September are most likely to travel north and impact the desert southwest. Lastly, monsoon surges that have a tropical cyclone component are more likely to bring heavy rain to the Southwest.

Next, I assigned each student four years within the 84-year period of record. Their task was to identify the highest, non-snowmelt-related flow event for each of their assigned years. Then they needed to study the historical hurricane records and maps to see if any tropical cyclone moisture could have drifted into southwestern Colorado at the same time.

Just as we got started, COVID-19 appeared, and many of my students disappeared into online learning oblivion. And the ones that stayed engaged would have benefited from in-person instruction to complete the assignment. To salvage the study, I needed to make an answer key to check my remaining students' work (normally I'd quality

control their work in person). After I analyzed the whole period of record, I was able to guide my engaged students (remotely) through the process of pairing high flows with the remnants of tropical cyclones.

The results of this preliminary, superficial study revealed that about once every three years, remnants of tropical cyclones lead to high flow events on the San Juan River in the late summer and fall. In fact, on five occasions between 1936 and 2019, the highest flow of the year was associated with a remnant hurricane. Also, on eight occasions since 1936, remnant hurricane moisture increased the streamflow from low flow (less than 40 cfs) back to normal or above-normal conditions. Most notably, the third highest recorded flow (6,580 cfs) occurred on Sept. 6, 1970, and was caused by remnants of hurricane Norma. Other large hurricane-related flow events are shown in the table.

In summary, Pacific hurricanes are important but infrequent sources of moisture in the Southern San Juans. They are capable of generating the highest flow of the year and breaking droughts, but usually not until September. Other weather factors have to line up (such as a well-timed low-pressure system) in order to draw moisture into our area. Predicting when the river will flood again is impossible, but I would not be surprised if our next major flood derived moisture from a dissipating Pacific hurricane.

At the time of this writing, the

San Juan River is at drought stage and the remnants of a Pacific hurricane named Genevieve are drifting up the Mexican coastline. Hopefully, Genevieve's leftovers will bring us enough moisture to snap our drought or at least move the stubborn area of high pressure that's been responsible for our recent heatwave. Let's just hope Genevieve's impacts are not as dramatic as the anonymous hurricane of 1911. Based on the recent forecast, we'll probably get some rain, but you can leave your sandbags in storage.

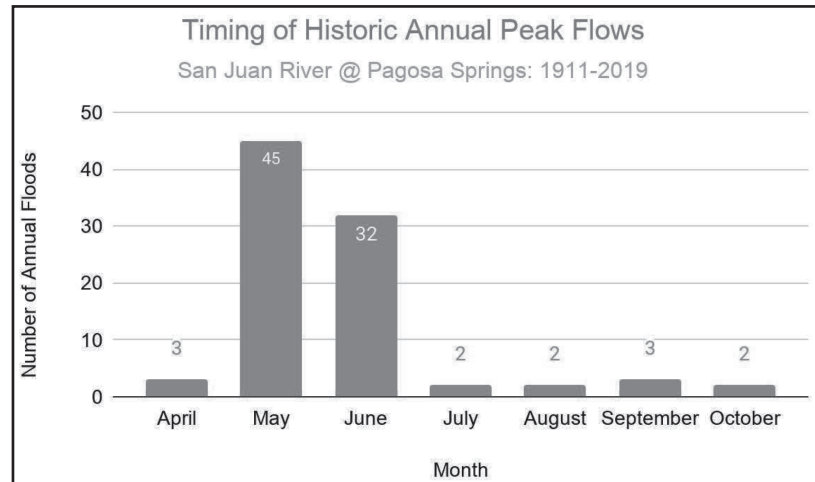
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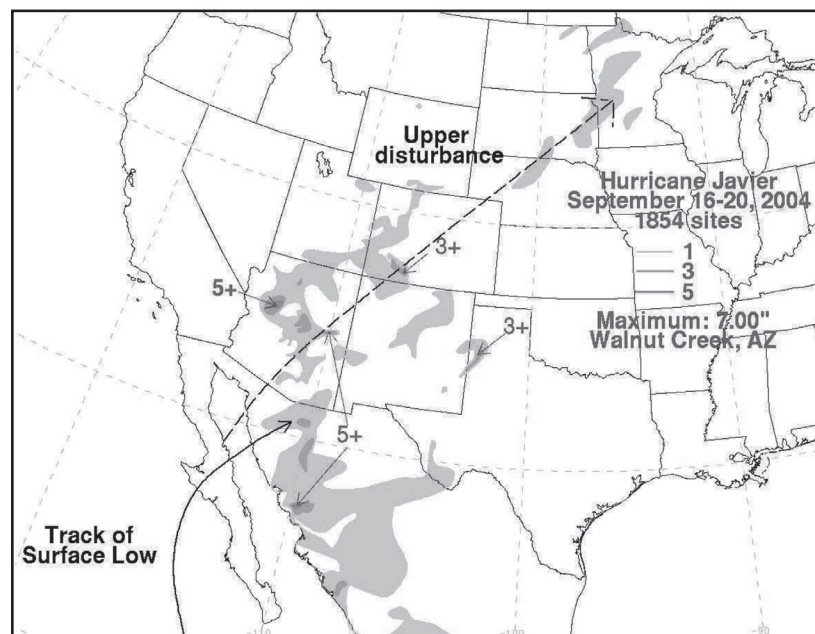
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Rank	Date	Peak Streamflow (cfs)	Moisture Source
1	10/5/1911	25000	Rain
2	6/29/1927	16000	Rain on Snow?
3	9/6/1970	6580	Rain
4	5/13/1941	5790	Snowmelt
5	6/19/1949	5420	Snowmelt
6	6/17/1995	5250	Snowmelt
7	5/26/1979	5210	Snowmelt
8	6/10/1952	4960	Snowmelt
9	7/26/1957	4910	Rain
10	5/23/2005	4890	Snowmelt

The top 10 flows recorded on the San Juan River at Pagosa Springs (1911-2019).



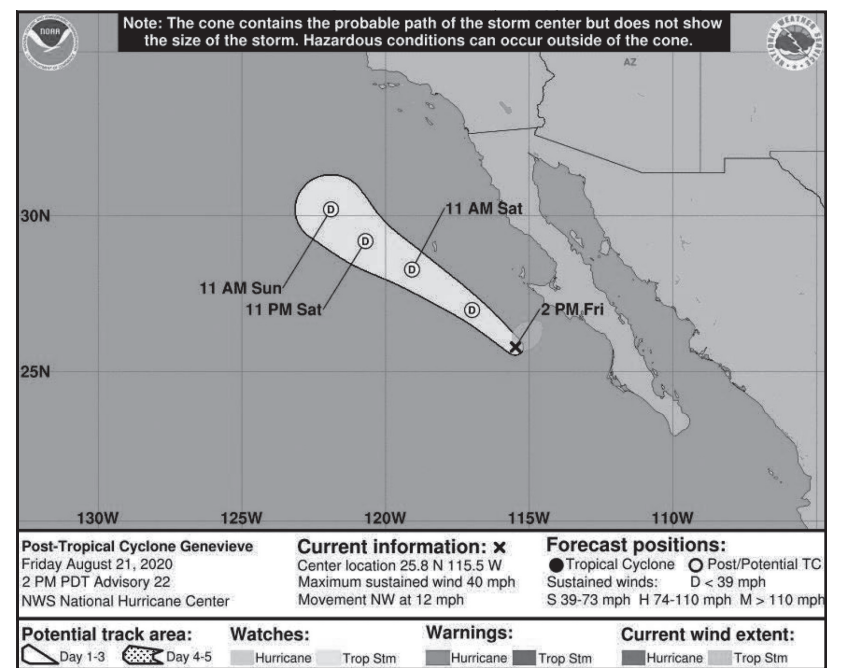
The track and resulting precipitation from the remnants of Hurricane Javier, 2004 (NOAA).



The predicted track of Hurricane Rosa, 2018 (NOAA).

Rank	Date	Rain-Generated Flow (cfs)	Storm Name	Higher than the spring runoff?	Broke Drought?
1	9/6/1970	6580	Norma	Yes	No
2	9/20/2004	4300	Javier	Yes	Yes (33cfs)
3	8/24/1992	3500	Lester	Yes	No
4	8/29/1993	2640	Hillary	No	No
5	9/23/2013	2230	Manuel	Yes	No
6	8/18/1977	1150	Doreen	Yes	Yes (39cfs)
7	9/12/1938	1100	Unnamed	No	No
8	10/1/1983	1030	Octave	No	No
9	10/1/1971	774	Olivia	No	Yes (39cfs)
10	10/8/1972	723	Joanna	No	Yes (33cfs)

The top 10 highest flows related to remnant hurricane moisture.



Writers

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but also at what the young truly need from us.

Just because you and I had to live through what felt boring and irrelevant in school doesn't mean our kids and grandkids should. Trust me, it doesn't actually seem to improve character all that much.

Meanwhile, one more request. Before opening those classrooms to the lion that lurks inside, let's

ask ourselves one last time: Who else is it worth? Because until this virus is finally under control with the right mix of prevention, testing and treatment, it's all kind of a big experiment.

A Nation at Risk, indeed. *Asta Bowen is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. She writes in Montana.*

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Sports

CROSS-COUNTRY

Heraty nabs first at Boggy Draw Bear Chase

Pirate teams take second, third in season opener

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams started the season off with a bang at the Boggy Draw Bear Chase last Friday in Dolores, with Gabe Heraty placing first to lead his team to a third-place finish and three Lady Pirates finishing in the top 10 to lead their team to a second-place finish.

"It was hot, smoky, and dusty, but I am impressed with the work each pirate put in. They had a great showing for the first race of the season and it left me excited and optimistic for the rest of the season," coach Rachael Christiansen wrote in the team's newsletter.

"I was really proud of them for what they accomplished out there," Christiansen added in an interview with The SUN Tuesday.

The boys finished third at the six-team event, one point behind the 4A Durango Demons.

"I think we were lucky with the boys group because the fastest boys were in our wave," Christiansen explained.

Heraty, a senior, took first among the 40 runners at the event with a time of 17 minutes, 59 seconds — 22 seconds ahead of the next runner.

"I'm very proud of Gabe for what he did," Christiansen said.

She explained that Heraty's plan before the race was to go for the win, but that it was a tough field of runners that included the likes of Bayfield's Zeb Shields.

"So I was really proud of Gabe to get out in front of him, and the plan was to get out in front of him and stay out in front of him, and he did. So it was awesome."

The first-place finish was the first for the Pirates since Sierra Liv-
erett took first at the teams' home

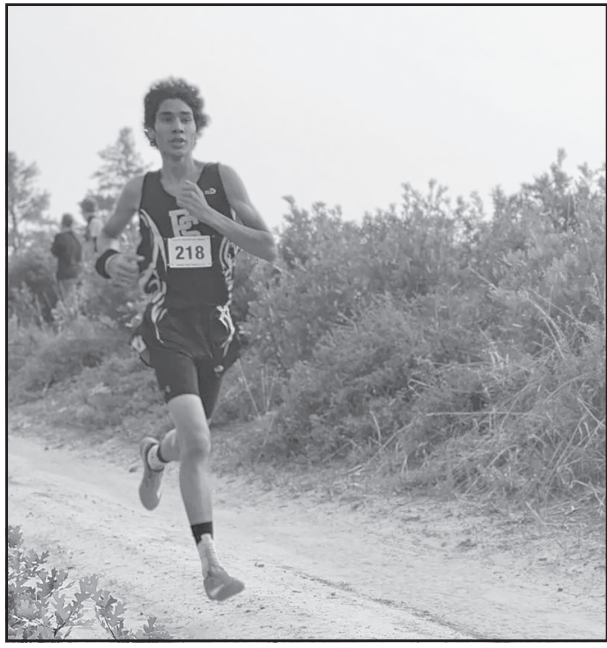


Photo courtesy Rachael Christiansen

Pirate senior Gabe Heraty runs en route to his first first-place finish at last week's Boggy Draw Bear Chase in Dolores. The Pirates finished third at the event.



Photo courtesy Rachael Christiansen

Lady Pirate RuthAnn Morehouse, a freshman, takes part in the Boggy Draw Bear Chase in Dolores on Aug. 21. Morehouse's 24th-place finished helped her team take second on the day.

meet in 2018, Christiansen relayed, and the first for the boys' team in several years.

Junior David Morehouse followed in 16th with a time of 22:04, and was followed by freshman Levi Hinger in 18th with a time of 22:34.

Sophomore Andrew Bowles finished in 22nd in 22:54, and senior Clayton Cayard finished 24th with a time of 24:27.

The girls' squad finished second at the event behind Durango, who ran in a different wave than the Lady Pirates, with the top five runners in the race being from the two schools.

Junior Michelle Saucedo led the Lady Pirates on the day, finishing third out of 39 runners with a time of 23:05.

Christiansen highlights Saucedo for coming out strong this year.

"I'm super proud of what she has been able to do over the summer," the coach said.

Junior Nell Taylor followed in fifth with a time of 24:52, and senior Megan Greenly took seventh in a flat 25 minutes.

"I think Michelle and Nell both

had a really good race, but I think it was a little bit more challenging for them because they didn't have that pressure from behind, they only had people in front to kind of pick off," Christiansen said, adding,

She explained that Heraty's plan before the race was to go for the win, but that it was a tough field of runners that included the likes of Bayfield's Zeb Shields.

"The message was ... we're going to have to run every race as hard as we can and we cannot ... get complacent with our position."

She further noted that first in your wave does not mean first overall, so cross-country runners are having to get used to running

for both time and place, instead of just place.

Freshman RuthAnn Morehouse crossed the line 24th in 29:39, and junior Samy Owen finished 32nd with a time of 33:27.

The coach also highlighted Hinger and RuthAnn Morehouse for completing their first high school races.

"I think he did phenomenally for his first race and I'm excited to see what he's going to do," she said of Hinger, adding, "I expect both of them to be a big part of this season."

This week, the teams will take part in the Ancient Trails meet in Cortez, with that meet slated to kick off at 5 p.m. Friday.

"I really want the boys to get that one point back from Durango," the coach said of the boys' goal.

The girls' squad, she noted, will look to see how they match up with Alamosa, who is now in Pagosa's league and who the Lady Pirates will likely see a lot this season.

"They're going to be a big competition for us throughout the year," Christiansen said.

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GOLF

Pirate golfers back in action, will host tournament Wednesday

By Randi Pierce
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The Pagosa Springs High School golf team is back on the links today for a tournament in Cortez — one of three competitions for the team over the next week.

Those include two trips to Cortez and the team's annual home tournament.

The return to competition follows a weeklong hiatus in which the golfers worked on problem areas.

"It really went well," coach Mark Faber said of the time without competition. "We were able to look at some of the places that we were not

as strong at and be able to play on those. ... It's not as fun as working, but it was a productive week."

Today, the Pirates are taking part in a tournament at Conquistador Golf Course in Cortez, and on Monday, Pagosa will be back in Cortez for a head-to-head competition.

While today's tournament action, which began at 9 a.m., was slated to feature the same limited lineup as in Alamosa last week, Faber explained that Cortez is allowing Pagosa to bring 10 golfers Monday.

"We'll actually get 10 kids on Monday, which is very nice of them to let us ... let some of the guys that haven't had a chance to play

yet, give them a chance to play," Faber said.

Today, Faber explained, the team is looking to be competitive, as well as to show improvement from the tournament at Alamosa.

The coach indicated the team will have similar goals Monday.

"Monday, we'll be competitive there, too, because it's a lot more fun when you have a chance to compete with someone," he said. "But, we'll be looking at improvement and areas to work on."

Monday's action is slated to begin at 2 p.m.

Then, next Wednesday, the Pirates will host their home tourna-

ment, with tee times beginning at 10:30 a.m.

"At this point ... we encourage people to come, but there definitely has to be social distancing, masks if you're inside the clubhouse or in a group of people at all," Faber outlined.

At the end of Wednesday's tournament, the team will have played about half of its regular-season schedule.

"I'm glad to take them to some tournaments and, you know, giving them something that's a little more fun than just working all the time," Faber said.

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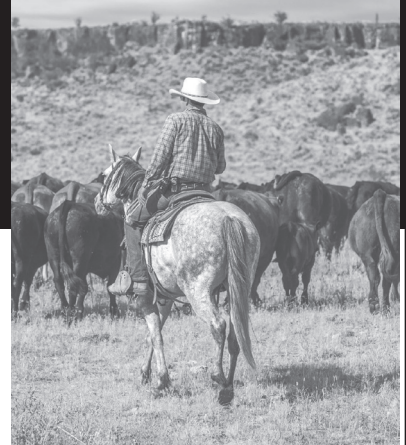
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Lightning sparks two fires

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Local agencies responded to two small fires in the Devil Mountain and Keyah Grande areas on Aug. 21 and 22, Godson explained, adding that there were about 16 firefighters working the fire with a Type 2 helicopter providing support with water drops.

Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD), Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) crews worked together to prevent fire growth.

USFS personnel responded to a fire located on Devil Mountain on Aug. 20 around 4:30 p.m., accord-

ing to an email from USFS Public Affairs Officer Esther Godson.

The fire was caused by lightning and was declared contained on Aug. 21 and officially out on Aug. 22, Godson explained, adding that there were about 16 firefighters working the fire with a Type 2 helicopter providing support with water drops.

That fire was about .5 acres, according to Godson.

"It burned primarily in grass, oak and pine. No structures were threatened," she wrote, adding that it was a pretty typical lightning fire.

PFPD personnel also responded to a .9 acre fire caused by lightning on Aug. 20 at Keyah Grande around 4:06 p.m., according to PFPD Deputy Chief Karn Macht in a Wednesday interview.

According to Macht, the lightning struck a tree and caused a ground fire.

The fire was contained around 8:30 p.m. that same day and was declared out on Aug. 24, according to Macht.

No wildlife or structures were at risk, Macht noted.
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Semi rollover leaves driver with serious injuries

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A semi truck driver sustained serious injuries after rolling his vehicle on County Road 648, near Wolf Creek Pass, on the evening of Aug. 24 around 6 p.m.

According to Colorado State Patrol Trooper Josh Lewis, the vehicle, driven by Jessy Duarte, 34, of California, was westbound on U.S. 160 and ended up crossing into the other lanes and rolled one-quarter time onto its driver side.

"It struck a couple of delineator posts and another sign to the en-

trance to the Treasure Falls parking area," Lewis said in an interview on Tuesday. "During its slide, it ended up hitting an embankment."

The roadway was closed due to the accident, according to the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Only the semi truck, and its accompanying trailer, were involved in the accident, Lewis noted.

Drugs or alcohol do not seem to be a factor in the accident, Lewis added, noting that no charges or citations have been given to Duarte.

Duarte was transported via he-

licopter to St. Anthony's Hospital in Lakewood, Lewis explained.

According to Lewis, the semi was extremely damaged.

"The biggest thing when it comes down to driving on mountain passes is take your time. Be aware that curves on roadway, especially going up or down hill, you need to slow down," Lewis said. "No matter what you're driving, speed can be a danger, so be prepared to slow down and take those curves and everything a little bit slower than you may normally on a flatter area."

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County fire restrictions clarified

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) clarified this week that recreational fires at private residences are currently not permitted under the county's Stage 1 fire restrictions.

The county implemented the fire restrictions on Aug. 19, following Gov. Jared Polis' announcement that he would sign an executive order banning open fires for the next 30 days, with that order taking effect on Aug. 20.

In a phone call Wednesday, Pagosa Fire Protection District Chief Randy Larson confirmed the governor's order had limits identical to Stage 1 fire restrictions, which Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez implemented on Aug. 19.

Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver explained in an email Tuesday how the county is now under new fire restrictions without a vote from the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

"This is a rather unique situation," he wrote. "The fire restrictions the County is putting in place are identical to those in the Governor's Executive Order implementing a state-wide fire ban. The Governor's state-wide fire ban is already in place and enforceable by the Sheriff as the fire warden for the County."

"While the BoCC must normally vote and approve local fire restrictions, those restrictions are already in place and enforceable due to the Governor's Executive Order. Local fire restrictions will be voted on by the BoCC next week so that these fire restrictions (if approved) can remain in force if the Governor decides to rescind his executive order," wrote Weaver.

Other local agencies have also implemented fire restrictions recently:

• On Aug. 19, the San Juan National Forest went into Stage 1 fire restrictions.

• On Aug. 21, Stage 1 fire restrictions went into effect for the Rio Grande National Forest.

• On Aug. 20, the Southern Ute Indian Reservation implemented Stage 1 fire restrictions "due to

minimal monsoon moisture, current high temperatures" and other reasons.

County fire restrictions

The following acts are prohibited in unincorporated Archuleta County under the Archuleta County Stage 1 Fire Restriction until further notice, according to an Aug. 19 press release from the ACSO:

• 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.

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U.S. Postal Service launches new election mail website

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As part of its ongoing effort to ensure that voters and election officials have the information they need to successfully use the U.S. Mail to vote in the November general elections, the U.S. Postal Service has launched a new election mail website.

The website, which provides clear and concise information about voting by mail, is available 24/7 by going to: usps.com/votinginfo.

The Postal Service recognizes that many states are choosing to expand mail-in voting options in the upcoming elections and that there will likely be a significant increase in demand among postal customers to participate in those elections by using the mail. In response, the Postal Service has updated its website to serve both voting customers seeking information on how to use the mail to vote and election officials seeking resources to help make their administration of the upcoming elections a success.

For domestic voters, the website provides direct links to federal election resources as well as links to state-specific resources. For overseas and military voters, the new site provides additional information, including links to resources supporting their election participation.

The site also highlights what the Postal Service views as the most critical information for voters who opt to vote through the U.S. Mail: that, in requesting or casting a mail-in ballot, they not only must comply with their local jurisdictions' requirements, but also

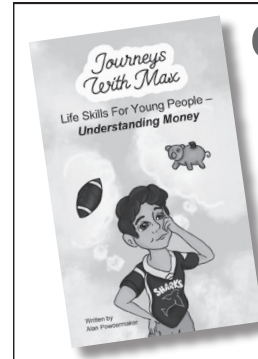
should start the process early. To allow sufficient time for voters to receive, complete and return ballots via the mail, the Postal Service strongly recommends that voters request ballots at the earliest point allowable, but no later than 15 days prior to the election date. The Postal Service also recommends that voters mail their ballots at least one week prior to their states' due dates to allow for timely receipt by election officials. Voters should contact their local election officials for further information about deadlines and other requirements.

In addition, the site provides resources to state and local election officials as part of the Postal Service's ongoing efforts to partner with such officials to make the elections a success. The site guides election officials in contacting Postal Service personnel to discuss how they can design their mailings in a manner that comports with postal regulations, improves mail piece visibility and ensures efficient processing as well as timely delivery. The site also provides links to information, such as the official 2020 Official Election Mail Kit (Kit 600) and the State and Local Election Officials User's Guide

(Publication 632), both of which were distributed to 11,500 election officials earlier this year.

The U.S. Postal Service remains fully committed to fulfilling its role in the electoral process when policymakers choose to use our services in administering elections. The Postal Service can fully handle and deliver the anticipated increase in Election Mail volume and is continuing to coordinate with state and local election officials through November. Election officials and voters are being asked to be mindful of the Postal Service's established delivery standards and consider how the mail actually works, so that voters have adequate time to request, receive, complete and send their mail-in ballots. The Postal Service will continue to do everything in its power to efficiently handle and deliver election mail, including ballots, in a manner consistent with the proven processes and procedures that have been relied upon for years.

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VETERAN'S CORNER

VA awarding \$279 million to community organizations with Grant Per Diem program

By Raymond Taylor
Archuleta County Veterans Service Office

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it will award more than 425 grants to community organizations totaling approximately \$279 million under the Grant Per Diem (GPD) program.

The GPD program provides funding to community organizations that provide transitional housing and supportive services for homeless veterans, with the goal of helping homeless veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and income and obtain greater self-determination.

"The GPD program is one component of VA's multifaceted continuum of services and resources to help veterans exit homelessness," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "No veteran should ever have to worry whether they will have stable housing and these grants put us one step closer to ensuring all veterans are living in a safe and supportive environment."

The award period begins Oct. 1 to support three different types of grants to address the unique needs of veterans who are homeless:

- Per Diem only grants are used to provide transitional housing beds and operate service centers for veterans experiencing homelessness. These grants provide funding in the form of per diem

payments to reimburse grantees for the cost of care provided to veterans during the award period. A total of 369 grants to organizations will be awarded to provide 12,138 beds and 18 service centers totaling approximately \$221 million.

- Special Need grants provide funding to organizations that incur additional operational costs to help veterans with special needs who are experiencing homelessness, including women, individuals with chronic mental illnesses and veterans who care for minor dependents. A total of 11 grants to organizations will be awarded totaling approximately \$2.4 million.

- Transition in Place grants provide funding to community agencies that place veterans experiencing homelessness in transitional housing while providing them with supportive services. These services are designed to help veterans become more stable and independent, with the ultimate goal of veterans assuming full responsibility for the lease or other housing agreement. When that goal has been achieved, the transitional residence becomes the veteran's permanent residence and supportive services come to an end. A total of 46 grants to organizations will be awarded to provide 723 beds totaling \$55.3 million.

The GPD program has provided veterans who are homeless with community-based transitional

housing and supportive services since 1994. The number of veterans experiencing homelessness in the U.S. has declined by 50 percent since 2010 — resulting from the GPD program and other VA efforts.

Please note: The GPD program is operated through Volunteers of America Durango, 247-0831.

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The office: 264-4013, fax number: 264-4014, and email is raytaylor@archuletacounty.org. Bring your DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs

or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO. Always leave a message and phone number to contact you.

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

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

Important information

- 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org.
- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.
- Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.
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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
Calls for service over week: 260.

Aug. 17 — All other thefts, third-degree criminal trespass, Oakwood Circle.

Aug. 17 — Second-degree criminal trespass, Escobar Avenue.

Aug. 17 — Information only, Navajo Trail Drive.

Aug. 17 — Warrant arrest, North 8th Street/Florida Street.

Aug. 17 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

Aug. 17 — Reckless endangerment,

criminal mischief, prohibited use of weapons, U.S. 84.

Aug. 18 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.

Aug. 18 — Information only, County Road 600/Cloman Boulevard.

Aug. 18 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Aug. 19 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, North 6th Street/Florida Street.

Aug. 19 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.

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Aug. 19 — All other thefts, Alamosa Place.

Aug. 19 — Disorderly conduct-misde-meanor, County Road 335.

Aug. 19 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Aug. 19 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Woodsman Drive.

Aug. 20 — Under investigation, reckless driving, Ruby Court.

Aug. 21 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, failed to display valid registration, owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, Hurt Drive/Stollsteimer Road.

Aug. 22 — Driving while ability impaired by alcohol, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), Cloud Cap Avenue/County Road 600.

Aug. 22 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, criminal mischief, first-degree criminal trespass other intent, Oak Drive/U.S. 160.

Aug. 22 — Trespass warning, Solomon Drive.

Aug. 22 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, criminal mischief, domestic violence, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, Prospect Boulevard.

Aug. 22 — All other thefts, County Road 975.

Aug. 23 — County warrant, County Road 600.

Aug. 23 — Found property, First Fork Forest Service Road.

Pagosa Springs Police Department
Calls for service over week: 169.

Aug. 16 — Failed to drive in single lane/drove vehicle without valid driver's license, San Juan Street.

Aug. 18 — Owner operator failed to present evidence of insurance, San Juan Street.

Aug. 18 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

Aug. 21 — Harassment, San Juan Street.

Aug. 22 — Trespass warning, East Pagosa Street.

Aug. 22 — Harassment, Aspen Village Drive.

Aug. 22 — Violation of restraining order, San Juan Street.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

Aug. 17 — Francis Christopher Ulatowski, burglary 2-of dwelling, 24 days jail, three years probation, total fines and costs — \$2,273.50.

Aug. 17 — Dylan Brent Sanchez,

controlled substance-possession schedule 1/2/fl/kt, two years probation, total fines and costs — \$3,208.50.

Aug. 17 — James L. Sanchez Jr., at-risk assault 3, violation, p/o-criminal, four years deferred sentence, four years probation, total fines and costs — \$3,191.50.

Aug. 18 — Christopher Francis Ulatowski, theft-\$300-\$750, three years probation updated sentence, total fines and costs — \$2,078.50.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay.

Aug. 14 — Hunter Joseph Mattingly, theft-\$750-\$2,000, 12 months probation, total fines and costs — \$903.50.

Aug. 17 — Kayleigh Ann White, failed to stop at stop sign, total fines and costs — \$107.50.

Aug. 18 — Lanny D. Purcell, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$98.50.

Aug. 19 — Lillian Sarnowski, license plates expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.

Aug. 19 — Charlotte C. Lopez Castellanes, speeding 5-9 over, total fines and costs — \$192.50.

Aug. 19 — Gavin W. Evans, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$120.50.

Aug. 19 — Austin Drake, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

Aug. 19 — Caryn Adrian, speeding 20-24 over limit, total fines and costs — \$279.50.

Aug. 19 — Amanda S. Vigil, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 24 hours community service, 12 months probation, total fines and costs — \$776.50.

Aug. 19 — Travis R. Vigue, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$98.50.

Aug. 19 — Andrew S. Dustin, speeding 20-24 over limit, total fines and costs — \$279.50.

Aug. 19 — Robert Ewing, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 12 months probation, total fines and costs — \$771.50.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

No report.

The Blotter

Trooper tips: Always know where you're going

By Master Trooper Gary Cutler
Colorado State Patrol

Our vehicles today seem to have everything we can possibly want in them. We can connect to the Internet, talk on our phones through the vehicle's system and, of course, use our GPS. Doesn't seem as if there is anything else we could possibly need for a road trip. But should we give absolute faith in those devices?

Being given road information through the GPS navigation system has helped drivers in finding their way around the globe. But what happens when your intended route is altered or completely closed due to some unforeseen problem such as road construction, rock slides, fires or other items that may arise? Well, one thing is your GPS can give you alternate routes. That's good, isn't it?

Recently I saw a story about where navigation systems have taken travelers considered by GPS to be a good alternate route to get around a closed road, but wasn't really the case. Travelers found themselves being mired on roads unfit for two-wheel-drive vehicles. Sometimes the road looks as if it is more fit for an armored personnel carrier than the family car. Unfortunately, these stories have been around ever since GPS first came into existence and will probably still be around for a long time to come.

I caution travelers not to have blind faith in GPS when given alternate routes. Do your research first, just as you would anything else you are unfamiliar with. If the road starts off as a dirt road, this may be the first indicator that GPS may not have your best interest in mind.

This is also a good time again to talk about being prepared when you travel. Even though you may not think you would ever need a shovel to visit grandma, the video I saw of drivers going through rivers seems to show otherwise. I'm not saying every trip will require a shovel, but it's nice to know you have items to help out when necessary.

So along with a shovel, keep blankets, food, water, flares and anything else you think may come up on a trip. Also, before you go on an alternate route that you may be unfamiliar with, check that gas gauge and make sure you are topped off with fuel.

So, remember, as Mulchur Lim stated: "Difficult roads can lead to beautiful destinations."

Just make sure you're prepared when someone, or a GPS, sends you on that journey.

As always, safe travels.



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LIBRARY NEWS

Best back-to-school gift, census event today and suffrage posters display

By Carole Howard
SUN Columnist, and the library staff

Do you know the value of a home library for your youngsters? Research shows that kids who have books in their home have improved vocabulary and overall reading performance; do better in math, science and social studies; perform better on standardized tests; and are more likely to go to college.

Those are impressive skills for your child to cultivate — and they are especially relevant now that Archuleta County kids are returning to school amid all the uncertainties and potential academic losses of the COVID-19 coronavirus environment.

Another valuable tip to help your youngster be successful in school and in life — reading aloud. You are stimulating language and literacy skills, as well as building motivation, curiosity and memory.

The free storytimes at your library can help build a love of reading in your children. Family storytimes for kids of all ages happen on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. on Facebook Live and on Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. on Facebook. Storytime is a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

As we start the new school year, this may be a good time for parents, grandparents and other caregivers to make a personal resolution to help build home libraries for your loved ones.

Census event today

Today, Thursday, Aug. 27 from noon to 3 p.m., representatives from the Census Bureau are 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 40.3 percent — compared to the much higher rate of 67.5 percent for the state of Colorado. 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.

It takes only 10 minutes to respond to the census online or by telephone — and 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 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 enumerators need to visit and will help ensure a more accurate count.

Births

The following are the June births with parents from Pagosa Springs as reported by Mercy Regional Medical Center:

Quynlyn Grace, Jessica and Daniel Valdez, 4 pounds, 13 ounces, 1:40 p.m. June 6.

Margaret Iola Myrtle, Abey and Nathan Nelson, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, 10:09 p.m. June 10.

Simeon Enoch, Kelly and Nathanael Ward, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, 8:34 p.m. June 29.

Parents are invited to submit photos of their baby and an official announcement to editor@pagosasan.com to be printed in the newspaper.

Suffrage poster display

We hope you'll stop by the library to view a display of 10 suffrage posters celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment. Titled "Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence," the exhibition is a joint effort of the Smithsonian Museum and the National Portrait Gallery. The crusade for women's suffrage was one of the longest reform movements in U.S. history. The posters will be on display until Sept. 22 on the maroon wall behind the computers, on the other side of the checkout desk.

Community art project today

We hope you will join us for a collaborative creations project starting today, Aug. 27, and continuing through 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.

Details of our partial reopening

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

- Up to 30 patrons at a time can come into the building Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The first hour every weekday — from 9 to 10 a.m. — is reserved for seniors and other high-risk people.
- Hand sanitizers are available and there will be frequent cleanings inside the building throughout the day. Please practice social distancing and wear facial coverings while you are in the building. If you don't have a mask, we are happy to give one to you.
- Nine computers, up from eight, 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 noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Brad will help one person (or one couple) at a time.

ESL

Free in-person classes take place Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. by appointment. 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.

Adult learning

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.

New day and time for Dungeons and Dragons

Join us via Zoom on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. for Dungeons and Dragons, free for teens and young adults. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org for details on how to join. Note the day and time change from Tuesdays.

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. 3 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.

Nonfiction

"The Genius Life" by health and science journalist Max Lugavere is a lifestyle program for resetting your brain and body. "The Organ Thieves" by Chip Jones is the shocking story of the first heart transplant in the segregated south. "Migraines Be Gone" by Kelsie Kenefick offers seven steps to taking control of your migraine headaches. "How to Thrive in Spite of Mess, Stress and Less!" by Patti Fralix provides techniques to help you find your passion, productivity and prosperity.

"The Fallacy Detective" by Nathaniel and Hans Bluedorn for ages 12 through adult offers 38 lessons on how to recognize bad reasoning and includes a game. "The Islam Book" is a DK guide to the world's fastest-growing religion. "What's Your Enneatype?" by Liz Carver and John Green describes nine personality types for personal growth. "Separated" by award-winning journalist Jacob Soboroff is a first-hand report of the separation of migrant families at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Large print

"The Girl From Widow Hills" by Megan Miranda is a mystery. "Yes, I Do" by Janet Dailey contains two romances. "Deadlock" by Catherine Coulter is an FBI thriller. "The Friendship List" by Susan Mallery features a single mom. "Near Dark" by Brad Thor is a Scot Harvath thriller. "Choppy Water" by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington mystery. "Hi Five" by Joe Ide is an Isaiah Quintabe mystery.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Atomic Love" by Jennie Fields centers on a Manhattan Project scientist suspected of being a Russian spy. "The Less Dead" by Denise Mina begins with a search for a birth mother.

Other novels

"Beneath a Scarlet Sky" by Mark Sullivan features a young Italian man who becomes Hitler's personal driver and a spy. "Memoirs and Misinformation" is a semi-autobiographical comedic novel by Jim Carrey and Dana Vachon. "Royal" by Danielle Steel follows an English princess sent to the countryside for safety during World War II.

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Quotable quote

"Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative." — Oscar Wilde (1854-1900), Irish poet and playwright.

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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

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.
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 date 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.

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

If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Amended Complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be entered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint without further notice. This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
Lot 150-814 TWINCREEK VILLAGE 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
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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 DARRRELL K. AND RONDA K. ODOM the following described property situated in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 150-814 TWINCREEK VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD NOVEMBER 5, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 78739
Account Number: R005291
Schedule Number: 569930201007
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03630
said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to DARRRELL K. AND RONDA K. ODOM

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property and special assessment taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of THE AUCTION APP LLC for said year 2015.
That said DARRRELL K. AND RONDA K. ODOM on the 20th day of July 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property.
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to DARRRELL K. AND RONDA K. ODOM
On the 30th day of December 2020, unless the same has been redeemed.
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Witness my hand this 6th day of August 2020
/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado
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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.

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.
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Julia Davidson Riley
Attorney for Plaintiff

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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 CASTLE CARE LLP the following described property situated in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 738 IN PAGOSA HIGHLAND ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD FEBRUARY 7, 1972 AS RECEPTION NO. 75409.
Account Number: R002099
Schedule Number: 558336311002
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03831
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to CASTLE CARE LLP
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of AUCTION APP LLC % ARISTOTLE KARAS for said year 2015
That said CASTLE CARE LLP on the 27th day of July 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property.
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to CASTLE CARE LLP
On the 6th day of January 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Witness my hand this 18th day of August 2020
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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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:
JEFFREY L. SMITH
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LOT 479 IN PAGOSA HIGHLAND ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD FEBRUARY 7, 1972 AS RECEPTION NO. 75409.
Account Number: R001163
Schedule Number: 558325306002
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2012-02388
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to DEREK & JEANETTE KLINKENBORG
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of JEFFREY L. SMITH for said year 2011.
That said DEREK & JEANETTE KLINKENBORG on the 22nd day of July 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property.
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to DEREK & JEANETTE KLINKENBORG
On the 30th day of December 2020, unless the same has been redeemed.
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Witness my hand this 7th day of August 2020
/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2020CV030014 DIVISION NO. MG
COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
Plaintiff, PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
v.
Defendants, VICTORIAS LEGEND, INC. D/B/A STERLING CUSTOM HOMES; YOLANDA B. PARKER; DAVID J. PARKER; as ARCHULETA Public Trustee
SHERIFF SALE NUMBER 2020-01

This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated June 1, 2020, and C.R.S. § 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on October 3, 2014 at reception no. 21405742, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, recorded on June 24, 1970 at reception no. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association.
Description of property to be foreclosed:
PAGOSA VISTALOT: Lot 365, Pagosa Vista, according to the plat thereof filed September 13, 1971, as Reception No. 74884, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.
Also known as: 78 Greenway Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

NOTICE OF SALE
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice:
You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the above referenced property is to be conducted by the Sheriff's Department of the County of Boulder, State of Colorado at 10 o'clock A.M., on October 16, 2020, at 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs CO 81147, phone number 970-264-8438. At which sale, the above described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.
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The name, address and telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of the debt is as follows:
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Denver CO 80202
Date: July 24, 2020.
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ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
By: /s/ Lorena Medina
Lorena Medina, Office Manager
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Marnie Ruth Lynch aka Marnie R. Lynch aka Marnie Lynch aka Marnie R. Ruth Holder aka Marnie R. Holder aka Marnie Holder, Deceased
Case No. 20PR30029
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before December 28, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.
Erin Johnson Attorney at Law LLC
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Rico, CO 81332
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Fredrica Scholsohn Ciardo, Deceased
Case No. 2020PR30028
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Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law
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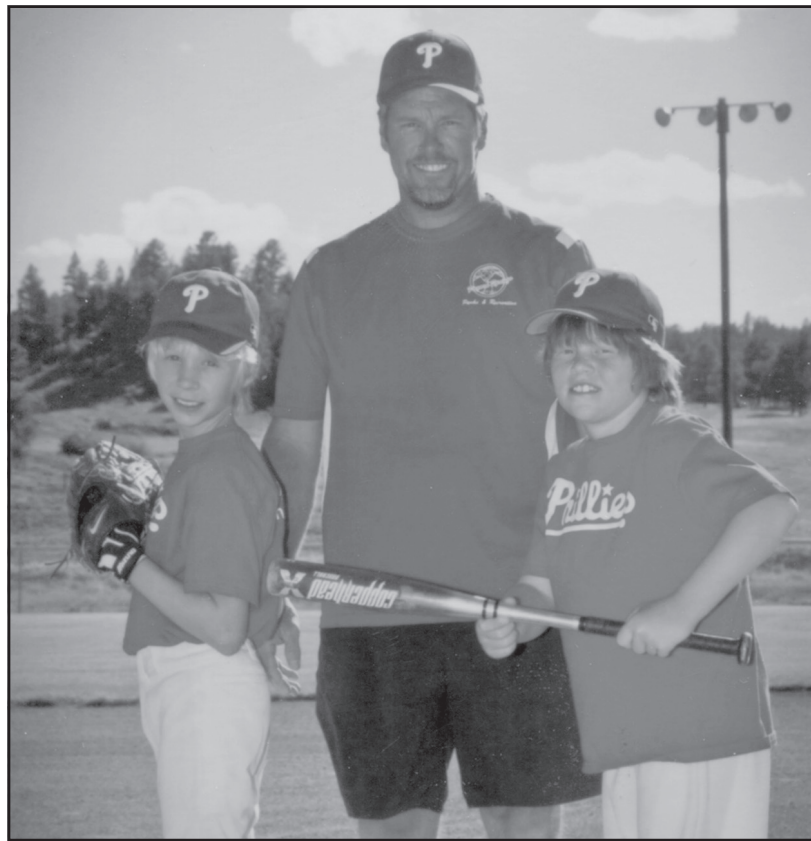
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Photos courtesy Darren Lewis

Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Department Director Darren Lewis poses with his three sons at various stages of their baseball careers. Lewis moved to Pagosa Springs from Kansas City, Mo., and got his start with the town's Parks and Rec Department coaching and umpiring baseball and softball games.

'My home is Pagosa Springs': Darren Lewis' path from police officer to the parks department

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

When Darren Lewis was settling into a career as a law enforcement official in Kansas City, Mo., he never predicted that he'd end up as the director of parks and recreation for the Town of Pagosa Springs.

Lewis grew up in Kansas City and was a star baseball player in his formative years.

Throughout high school, he was a member of the Winnetonka High School Dukes baseball team, which won the Missouri state championship with Lewis in 1985.

Lewis received a full baseball scholarship to attend Missouri Western University, where he played on the baseball team all four years, first as a shortstop and then as a third baseman.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice, and then started his law enforcement career with the Kansas City Police Department in 1990.

Lewis was a patrol officer for three years and then moved to the SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team.

"At that time in my life I thought I found my calling and that's what I was gonna be doing for the rest of my life," said Lewis of working in law enforcement. "Some family issues came up, health wise, with some members of my family, and it forced me into a situation where I had to leave the department and move to Des Moines, Iowa — and that was in 1997."

Once in Iowa, Lewis jumped careers, something that he'd do a few more times in his life.

"I knew I was only going to be [in Des Moines] for a few years, taking care of a family member. I actually learned a different trade, got into construction, started my family ... My first son was born in the year 2000, and then by 2001, I was moving back to Kansas City," he said.

He continued, "At that time, I was planning on going back to the Kansas City, Mo., police department because I had left on very good terms, but my dad actually gave me a proposal into going into business with him — purchasing a couple smaller security companies. So, that's the route I took."

Lewis purchased two security firms with his father and ran those for about four years. He explained that he had stationary security as well as people patrolling in marked security cars that would monitor apartment complexes.

In that time frame, Lewis also had two more children.

"So, I have three boys," he said, adding, "Fatherhood for me was an adventure, as it is just being a parent in general ... They're all just so different, but it's so rewarding to watch them grow and turn into young men and make mistakes — as they do. As a parent, you always hope there's no major mistakes,



Darren Lewis

but I'm just so proud of each of 'em."

Lewis sold his security company in 2005. The company had about eight employees when he initially took over, and by the time he sold it, the staff had grown to 80.

Lewis took a few years off to spend time with his family and decide what his next chapter in life would be.

"It was amazing to be able to have that time to spend with my boys," he said.

His "next chapter" was ultimately influenced by a family getaway in 2007.

In his interview, Lewis reiterated a story that many Pagosans have either experienced firsthand, or have heard over and over again from other people.

"We vacationed out here in Pagosa and we loved it," he said. "We moved to Pagosa on July 3, 2007."

After moving to Pagosa Springs, Lewis said he got involved with the Parks Department gradually, after inquiring about sports options for his kids, who were 7, 5 and 3 at the time.

"I contacted the rec department here in Pagosa ... Tom Carosello was parks and rec director, got some information from him and I started coaching," Lewis said. "I ended up starting to umpire in some men's and coed softball leagues and it really just kinda progressed from there. I moved into a part-time position with the rec department and [then] went into a full-time position, and then ultimately I got in my current position as the parks and rec director

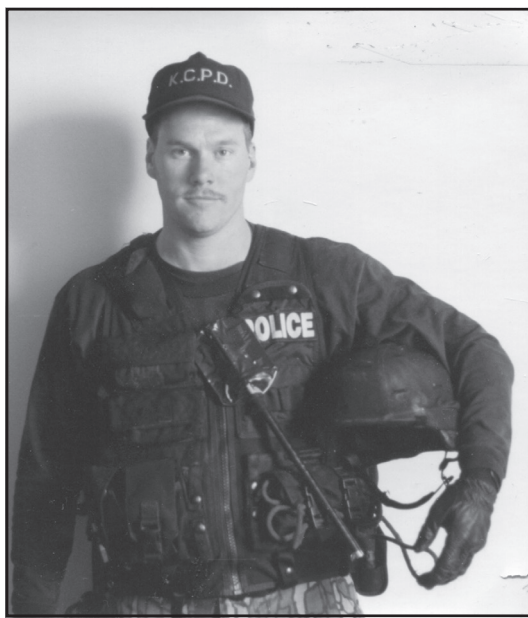


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Darren Lewis, pictured in uniform during his time on the Kansas City Police Department's SWAT team.

when Tom decided to move on to Estes Park." Lewis explained that he's received a lot of support from town staff.

"Since I've taken over as director, I've had tremendous support from the two town managers that I've worked under. The first one was Greg Schulte and now currently Andrea Phillips — and they both supported parks and rec."

"I think we've come long ways in all of our parks," he said. "There's still a long ways to go. We're always going to strive to make those better."

Super Bowl victory

Lewis has been a lifelong fan of the Kansas City Chiefs. In February, the Chiefs won their second Super Bowl as a franchise, but the first in Lewis' lifetime.

"To watch my team finally win a Super Bowl, it was, to be honest with you, it was very emotional for me," he said. "I had lost my best friend to cancer last year and him and I had season tickets ... It was just pretty special and it's amazing how sports can have an effect on you like that. When it's more than about the team, it's about the experience that you've had with friends and family in regards to it."

He added that he's "hoping for a few more" championships in the next few years and that the rest of the staff at the Parks Department are Broncos fans.

"It's kind of fun to rib each other back and forth," he said.

Now, Lewis has settled into his role in town and in life, and looks forward to the future as his youngest kids creep toward college age.

"I really appreciate the opportunity that I'm having raising my family and enjoying others in the community, as well as being a small part of making the community better through my current position," he said. "It's very rewarding. I enjoy waking up every morning knowing my home is Pagosa Springs."

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URA

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be approved by the town electors whenever the total revenues are expected to exceed \$1 million over the life of any project," Buchner said.

Following more discussion, Schulte explained that it would be a "significant amount of time" to invest in a project and move through the phasing process to come up short.

"That injects incredible uncertainty into a project and is, in my judgment, a significant disincentive to want to do it," he said.

Concerns were later raised by PSURA commissioner Madeline Bergon on when a developer could get standing to file a lawsuit against the town for the home rule charter language.

This could take place around the time the vote of the town electors would take place or need to take place, Buchner explained, noting that not all developers would seek a lawsuit.

"I think there's a possibility that the developer says, 'Hey, yeah let's go to a vote. I would love for a town to vote on it,'" Buchner said. "It's not an incentive at all for a developer to get to this point in the process and then wait for a vote and then possibly have a project shut down that they have put a lot of time and energy and resources into up to this point."

Following more discussion, Schulte explained that there are multiple questions that arise from this particular situation.

"You're looking at this the wrong way. Fundamentally, this thing is not right. The proponents of the ballot measure put something to the good citizens of Pagosa Springs that they weren't entitled to do. It's not legally valid," Schulte said. "We're trying to look at all of these different things on how we accommodate something that isn't valid in the first place."

URAs can have "transformative powers," according to Schulte, but "so much misinformation and deception" has caused the PSURA and the town council to become "stuck."

The ballot initiative, according to Schulte, should have never gone to the ballot in the first place.

"This is just not valid. I believe that you need to find that out. I'm sorry about that, but this conversations just illustrates the uncertainty and how you go about

doing," Schulte said. "There are 64 other URAs in this state and they don't do it this way. It's not a weird or strange thing. They do it all over the country."

Schulte acknowledged that citizens would like to have input and to vote on these sorts of things adding, "that's not what the law is."

There have been "significant handcuffs" placed on the PSURA regarding TIF financing through Ballot Question A, he added later.

"I'd be spending my money on my attorney, having him try to figure out how I align myself with my taxpayers way more than I'd be spending my money on my attorney to try and figure out how I should get around my taxpayers," PSURA commissioner J.R. Ford said.

Ford explained that he knows the \$1 million threshold is an obstacle, but the PSURA can negotiate and work with developers.

"I think we're making more out of this than what it is," Ford said. "If I was a town council member, I would be more worried with how to align myself legally and fix the URA to be legal with what the wishes are of the taxpayers."

PSURA commissioner Matt De-Guise noted that he agreed with Ford, adding that he hopes the PSURA can find a project with a broad community benefit.

"I would suggest for the URA to continue along with just getting organized and seeing what we can offer," PSURA Chair Don Volger said. "Probably the best option is to wait and see and see if somebody does take this to the court just for the reasons that Clay explained."

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SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Representatives from the Town of Pagosa Springs, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership and others gathered at Centennial Park Friday to test the town's new electric vehicle charging stations, installed as part of a grant initiative focusing on the state's main corridors. LPEA Board vice president Bob Lynch provided his vehicle for the test charge.

Water production stays below 20 million gallons

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

From Aug. 14 through Aug. 20, total water production was listed at 18.10 million gallons, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

The Snowball water treatment plant produced 4.64 million gallons in that time frame, the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 7.26 million gallons and the San Juan water treatment plant produced another 6.20 million gallons, according to Ramsey's press release.

In that same time period last year, water production was listed at 16.75 million gallons.

From Aug. 7 through Aug. 13 of this year, water production was listed at 19.16 million gallons.

This week, Hatcher Lake is 34 inches from full, or 89.51 percent full. Last week, it was 31 inches from full.

Stevens Lake went from being 34 inches from full to being 36 inches from full, or 89.29 percent full, this week.

Lake Pagosa remains 4 inches from full, or 98.55 percent full.

Village Lake dropped from 5 inches from full to 10 inches from full, or 95.37 percent full, this week.

Lake Forest also saw a drop from last week, going from 4 inches from full to 6 inches from full, or 95.47 percent full, this week.

Total diversion flows have stayed at 4.3 cubic feet per second (cfs), with the West Fork still adding 3 cfs and the San Juan adding another 1.3 cfs.

River report

As of Wednesday, the San Juan River had a reported flow of 28 cfs, which falls below the 164 cfs average for Aug. 26, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The highest reported flow total for Aug. 26, based on 84 water years of record, came in 1982, when the San Juan had a reported flow of 938 cfs. The lowest flow total came in 2002, when the San Juan River had a flow of 8.85 cfs.

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This year's Auction for the Animals may have a different format this year, but the event will still feature a wide variety of auction items to help raise funds for the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs.



Auction for the Animals coming to a screen near you Saturday

By Mike Stoll
Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

We'll remember 2020 as the year we brought the auction home. To the comfort of your home, that is. After 25 consecutive years of hosting a live, in-person fundraiser, this year's version of our annual

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■ See Auction on next page

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Pagosa Brewing Company: Ukulele Jam, 5:30 p.m.

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

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The Auction for the Animals is our most important annual fundraiser. The success of our auction makes a huge difference each year in our ability to create a safe haven and deliver the quality care that lost, abandoned and homeless animals need and truly deserve. This year more than ever before, the success of our auction can help us continue to provide shelter, food, vaccines and medical care for nearly 700 animals that will call the shelter home, at least until a family and a forever home can be found for them.

The silent auction is loaded with a wide variety of items — there's bound to be something to appeal to just about everyone. This is a great opportunity to do some shopping for family and friends and treat yourself, too. Bidding on silent auction items isn't the only way to help the shelter animals. You can make donations to buy treats and food, pay for a pre-adoption spay surgery or help cover the cost of emergency veterinary care. You can also make general donations that the shelter can use wherever the need is greatest. Any amount, from small to substantial, makes a difference in the lives of the homeless dogs and cats in our care. To bid in the silent auction or to make a donation, simply go to www.hspagosa.org and follow the easy to use prompts.

Headlining this year's silent auction is a 2010 silver Ford F150 crew cab 5.4L V8 four-wheel-drive pickup truck. This is a one-owner vehicle with fewer than 77,000 original miles, kept in a garage. Regularly serviced, with a new pristine windshield, no damage or accidents, with a Carfax report available. June 2020 service included new tires, oil change and filters, multipoint inspection, and service to battery terminals and cables. Truck has XM radio and is equipped with sync, power door locks, cruise control, tow hitch

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■ continued from previous page commemorative serigraph, and original paintings from Tracy Miller, Edward Lis and Joseph Nash (1808-1878), among others. For the music fan, we have a framed photo of Aerosmith autographed by the band members, with certificate of authenticity. The auction also includes numerous home décor and kitchen items, pet products, and a huge selection of gift baskets featuring beverages and accessories from coffee to wine, and much more. There are clothing items from shawls to handbags, to colorful dresses for youngsters. Not sure what to get for a gift? Choose from a number of gift certificates from local restaurants, businesses and professional services.

If you're looking for something unique and special, check out these auction items: four ceremonial Native American log drums, a brand new Starcaster electric guitar, a Lyman 58 caliber black powder replica rifle and a Jukar Kentucky 45 caliber black powder replica. If modes of transportation involving saddles appeal to you, choose from a gorgeous, very gently used 3910 western saddle or a very cool classic refurbished bicycle built for two, or even a unique vintage carousel horse on stand, complete with brass pole and horse hair tail.

If you are looking forward to traveling again in the future, we have an awesome selection of domestic and foreign trips with extended travel times available. Looking for a once-in-a-lifetime trip at a reasonable price? Check

out the seven-day, six-night African photo safari trip with a 24-month expiration window. Have visitors coming to town who need a place to stay? Take a look at the Pagosa getaway that features a two-night stay in a luxurious condo and includes a wine gift basket and gift certificates.

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Since there is no live auction this year, we can't offer to serve you a delicious catered dinner. But good food is still on the menu. We've partnered with seven local restaurants and eateries who will be donating a percentage of their food sales on the day of the virtual event to support the shelter animals. Buy

breakfast, lunch and/or dinner on Aug. 29 from any of our participating partners and they will donate money to the animal shelter. Go to www.hspagosa.org for a list of our partners or look for their logos in our advertising. Get some good eats for a good cause.

We are very aware that this year has been challenging for our community members and local businesses. We've experienced economic hardships and financial shortfalls at the animal shelter, too. It's a tough year to ask for help because for some folks, there simply isn't anything extra to give and we understand that. If you're a pet owner who is struggling, please contact us about our pet food bank and other support programs. For those of you who can afford to give, your support for our silent auction and donations for the shelter are truly needed and most sincerely appreciated.

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

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Peace and chocolate

I can't believe it. I never saw myself as that kind of a person. I never even thought I could be enticed that way. Before, when my Sweet Al took pleasure in it, I was critical. Sorry to say, I have fallen headfirst into this feverish addiction.

In this crazy and chaotic world, only heaven knows what's going on beyond what we see and hear. But it's that, like a box of chocolate dumped out on the table, the headlines, a mix of temptation vying for my attention. As any good closet eater does, I've become void of discipline. I can't wait to try every random taste and texture that lays in wait.

I knew I was in trouble when one of my children said, "Why are you snapping at me?" Then another, "You used to be so peaceful, what's wrong?"

Used to be peaceful? When did I snap at anyone? I think I'm a fairly happy person, but, apparently, I'm not. To be honest, there is only one thing that I can attribute any change in attitude — the delicacy, or better yet, the dismay of the day.

Yes, I am on edge and addicted to the news. In the beginning, there were little nuggets wrapped in curious packaging that baited me. Now, it seems as if I want to savor every nut and tooth-decaying commentary that comes my way.

How could anyone look forward to the decadence of the day, a mix of hate, violence and chaos?

Every day you hear of another attempt to undermine the constitution. On the heels of that, you see gleeful expressions on the faces of those who want to burn our flag. Recently, there were day-long discussions over replacing the national anthem, then someone suggested we place hand in pledge on the Quran and not on the Bible.

Last night, I saw someone roundhouse kick a man unconscious, who had just been pushed to the ground by another passerby.

My heart and mind are becoming completely unraveled. Surely someone will stand and draw the line.

I shudder to think how much of the airwaves I have consumed. One thing for certain, it is enough to make me sick. Yet, like eating from that box of chocolate, what started as a simple seduction has taken me

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



from inquisitive to compulsion. One bite at a time.

Realizing how others see me, I turned to the only place where I know that I can find peace. The Bible. Much like today, the disciples of Christ felt confused and helpless when their own world was turned upside down. I can't even begin to imagine how they must have felt when they saw the only one they believed in, left to die on a tree, a death by exhaustion and asphyxiation reserved only for the worst of the condemned.

Fortunately, the news of that day didn't end after a review of morning headlines. Three days later, Jesus appeared to his followers with a news story that only he could tell. Mankind's darkest hour was eclipsed not once, but twice, by the declaration, "Shalom Aleichem." Peace I give to you. Far greater than the achievement of any journal citation came a message of shalom — peace, fullness, rest, wholeness, welfare, completion, well-being and safety.

My box of chocolates is the overwhelming message coming from the television. For others, it is the mixed message received from their church or community leaders. Regardless, there seems to be no shortage of confectioneries to sample, layers upon layers void of anything that resembles wholeness or well-being.

Final brushstroke: Fortunately, God's wisdom is greater than the variety of bite-sized indulgences we encounter each day. While

those will only leave us sick to our stomach, his message is one of total control. A message of peace, power and wisdom, the only one we can trust.

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Pagosa Outreach Connection offers help with financial hardship, energy bills

By Michelle Huck
Community United Methodist Church

The Pagosa Outreach Connection (POC) is a collaborative, multi-sector group of concerned citizens including nonprofit, business, faith-based and governmental agencies who gather weekly to screen, advocate and provide financial assistance to residents in need.

Typically, the POC service is provided as a onetime intervention to support residents who are experiencing a financial hardship or crisis. The goal of POC is to assist an individual and/or family in moving forward toward greater self-sufficiency and to alleviate an immediate financial hardship or financial crisis.

Residents in need will be asked to fill out a POC application, which can be picked up and dropped off outside at 434 Lewis St. The application is then screened, applicant will be interviewed via phone appointment and then each application is dealt with on a case-by-case basis each Thursday morning.

If an award is granted, payments are made directly to the service provider, never the applicant. If you know someone affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, please let them know there is help available. Qualifying needs are rent/mortgage assistance, emergency

medical/dental assistance, car payments and car repairs, and other emergent needs are considered and evaluated per case.

If you like to support this program with donations, they can be sent to P.O. Box 300, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Questions can be sent to secretary@cumcps.org or 264-5508.

Energy Outreach Colorado

Energy Outreach Colorado is an organization that helps with your energy needs. This bill payment assistance grant helps low-income individuals and families afford their home energy costs through a network of assistance agencies. Payments are made directly to energy vendors on behalf of the customers. The qualifying sources are electricity, natural gas, firewood, propane and pellets.

All applicants must be directly responsible for the energy bill, provide a copy of the bill and obtain a valid Colorado license or ID, and an application. Applications can be picked up and dropped off at 434 Lewis St.

This grant is only available to Archuleta County residents. Your energy bill must be at least one day past due to qualify for this grant program. Questions can be sent to secretary@cumcps.org or 264-5508.

Senior Center continuing pick-up meals

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Community Café menu

Thursday, Aug. 27 — Curry chicken salad sandwich, pasta salad, chilled cucumber soup, milk, salad and dessert.

Friday, Aug. 28 — Baked white fish, sun-dried tomato polenta, broccoli with butter, milk, salad and dessert.

Monday, Aug. 31 — Chicken Parmesan with buttered noodles,

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squash medley, focaccia bread with butter, salad, milk and dessert.

Tuesday, Sept. 1 — Beef meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll, salad, milk and peach cobbler.

Wednesday, Sept. 2 — Pork sausage with red beans and rice, simmered greens, cornbread with butter, milk, salad and oatmeal raisin cookies.

Thursday, Sept. 3 — Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich with avocado, potato salad, milk, salad and blueberry pie

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on

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A man named Buck and a dog named Jack

By April Holthaus, Beth Jayne, Sylvia McDaniel, Jessica Tanner, Kathy Zilhaver, Gregg Heid and Richard Gammill
Special to The PREVIEW

The Writers' Circle

Marcus "Buck" Deere stopped his rental car at the fence along the dusty road. It'd been over two years since he'd seen the family farm. After his time in Afghanistan, and then in a hospital, the sight of it eased the tension in his back and filled him with warm memories.

Fred Travers, a neighbor, met Buck at the farm gate. "Long time no see." His salt-and-pepper mustache wiggled like a caterpillar and his sky-blue eyes twinkled in greeting. He looked at the dog in the passenger seat. "You got yourself a friend."

"Yup. Found him on the way home. Named him Jack. He's missing part of a leg, like me."

"You'll be glad you got some company." Fred pulled away from the window and stepped toward his silver truck a few feet away.

Buck called after him. "Thanks for helping my Rachel with the place. Don't think she would've managed without help from neighbors like you."

Fred tilted his hat. Sadness clouded his gentle eyes. "No problem, Buck." He drove off with a belch of black smoke from his diesel pickup. Buck left the gate open and parked the car by the front door.

Rachel's red SUV was not in the driveway. He shrugged off a gnawing worry. She must not have met him at the hospital because she was with a friend and not watching the time. He grabbed his luggage from the back seat and let Jack out. The brown, three-legged mutt glued itself to Buck's side while they clumsily navigated the three porch steps together.

The welcome mat was gone — and so was the usual festive holiday wreath. Buck entered the unlocked door and saw the empty coat rack. Rachel's rose-red cowgirl hat with the white flower in the band was missing. Her favorite leather jacket and cowboy boots were gone, too. House keys sat in the ugly bowl on the entry table. Rachel had always despised that bowl, he thought, said it didn't go with their décor. No matter that, Buck's niece made it as a gift.

Buck hung his black Stetson on the coat rack and took a step. He froze, his face reflected in the mirror above the entry table. Shock and disgust twisted his insides again. Part of his left ear was missing and the rest melted into the flesh along the side of his head. Horrible scarring ran from the side of his face to his neck and under the collar of his button-up shirt. His dark brown hair, longer now, covered some scars — but not enough to hide his trauma. The IED explosion would always be with him. Jack pressed his cold nose into Buck's hand. He began to understand why Rachel couldn't look at him during

her few visits to the hospital.

He continued through the house. Gone, Rachel's favorite blanket from the back of the couch; her purse, too, from its hook by the fridge; and the house empty of any plants. Wedding photos and a note sat in the middle of the cherry wood coffee table.

Buck read Rachel's familiar curly-cue handwriting. She couldn't handle the changes after his injury and discharge from the service; never really loved him in the first place. She'd left to be with someone else, someone not broken. The note floated to the oak floor. Buck heaved a sigh. Jack sensed his master needed a friend and licked his hand for a scratch.

"You're a dirty dog. Guess it's time to give you a bath."

Later, finding no food in the house, Buck and a now-clean Jack ventured to Ally Mae's General Store and Diner in town. A few people were around. As they headed to grab dog food and select some other groceries, a voice thick with drink and a stashed chaw of tobacco echoed through the back of the store. "Well, wouldn't ya know it? Ol' Sarge Deere is back in town. Hard ta believe since his woman ran off; all the military did for his ugly mug was give him a purple heart and a little ol' star for valor."

Buck's fingers curled into fists. He remembered his anger when this bully got him in trouble with the law by lying.

"Willy Olson. Been a while since we had ta cross paths around here." The 6-foot-2 former high school jock leaned against a wall. His brown eyes narrowed sharply even if the rest of him was loose. "Yup."

Jack growled, his ears laid back as he looked between Buck and the drunk. Buck uncurled his fist and rubbed the top of Jack's head. Willy tensed. "Ya got yourself a dog to match yer own predicament."

Buck's eyes narrowed. "And I heard all you got to show for yourself is dishonorable discharge and a big mouth."

Willy sneered. "Better some green papers than an empty bed."

Ally Mae, a middle-aged woman with graying blonde curls, stepped around some tall shelves and cleared her throat. Buck stiffened. It was at her store he had been unfairly blamed for theft. She stumbled a bit and fiddled with her apron. "Buck, uh, gossip had it you was comin' back."

She glared daggers at Willy. "And I already told you to skedaddle — so git." Willy narrowed his dirt-dark eyes and slouched out the door with

an I-won't-forget-this-either look.

The house still seemed cold and lonely as the long night slowly opened to sunshine and clear blue sky. Buck had slept fitfully — Rachel's face and memories of their good times invaded his dreams. The dog lay at the foot of the bed; its snore soft in the early silence. Buck forced himself out of bed to deal with the farm chores. Like everything else, they weren't easy. His new limb was harder to work with than he wanted to admit or think about. Jack helped — although scaring the feathers off the chickens with a well-timed bark wasn't the help Buck needed.

As he put away the last of the tools, Jack barked and raced out of the barn. A big red horse ran by the fence, neighing like crazy with its reins flapping. Buck could see the rider lying on the ground between the fence and road. The feminine

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 voice whipped the wind with a few unladylike words. Jack dashed around and around the ebony-haired woman.

The cowgirl rose from her bum, smacked her backside and retrieved her stone-gray Stetson. "Sprocket!" Her voice carried full and clear. "You dang colt! Afraid of a little garden snake." The horse kept running. The feisty woman angrily picked up her hat, her sky-blue eyes flashing.

Buck neared as his jaw dropped. "Libby Travers?" She nodded. "What you doing here?" She met his stare without a flinch — so unlike everyone in town. "My pa told me you showed up last night and might need help to return the rental car to town.

Buck nodded. "Thanks. That would be nice."

"Also, I wondered if you'd come to the town barn dance in a couple weeks. We're having a welcome home of sorts for you." Jack sat and leaned against Buck. Libby continued, "You used to tear up the dance floor with Rachel." Buck fussed with his dog's half ear and struggled to answer.

"Yeah, we used to."

Libby crossed her arms. "You don't have to hide anything, Buck. I knew she left after sneaking around — but it's never been my way to stick my nose in the middle of other folks' business."

Buck felt betrayed, again. Libby and who else were aware of Rachel's behavior. And the way Fred acted yesterday, he probably did, too. Why hadn't anyone told him about her unfaithfulness before the woman disappeared? Libby shifted her weight from one foot to the other. "Are you gonna come?"

He tried not to meet her eyes. "Maybe."

"You were always the best dancer in town and I bet you would still cut a pretty good figure."

"I'll think on it, Libby."

"Good." She turned to leave, "If you come, make sure to find me. I want to get a dance with you." She paused. "And, uh, when would you like to take the rental car back?"

"This evening, I guess."

She bobbed her head once. "... around five then. The lot closes at six."

"Do you want ..."

She waved him off. "Sprocket's a home-body. I'll find him at our corral — and then chew him out for leaving me behind."

Buck's attention stayed on the attractive medium built, sure-footed woman he grew up with as she walked away. He wondered what had brought her back to town. Later, as they returned the rental car, he wanted more time to find out. He still needed her to tell her about his missing leg.

An hour after the dance started, Buck decided to go. He brought Jack with him to help steady his jumpy nerves. Man and dog exited his midnight blue truck and approached the open barn doors. The shock wave of moving people, flashing lights and loud music sent his heart into a fevered beat. He backed away. He couldn't go in. Too much action, too many memories of another place.

A shadow moved to his left. His Army nerves were on alert. The scent of chewing tobacco tickled his nose. Jack growled. In the flash of a lit match, Buck watched Willy toss it at the back of the barn. At first nothing happened — then the dry straw blazed into flame. Before Buck turned to go after Willy, the music stopped and panicked shouts filled the air.

The flames spread over the historic barn and its decorations faster than a youngster can slurp ice cream in July. People poured from the building. The sheriff and his deputies quickly helped folks

to safety. An ominous groan, the sound and fury of a hungry fire, lifted above the chaos. Buck and Jack backed away. Someone shouted, "Libby's still inside." Another cried out, "My boys are in there." And a third exclaimed, "Libby ran back to find them."

Buck felt his heart beat jammed in his throat. Jack pushed on the back of Buck's leg. Time for action. Buck snagged a jug of water from his truck and soaked a bandanna. The heat and smoke were too much without something wet over his nose and mouth. While the sheriff hurried people away from danger, the fire department raced to gather their volunteers and trucks. Sirens signaled their approach.

Buck, with the wet bandanna tied around his face, rushed into the barn. He bent as low as possible without jeopardizing his balance and hollered through the smoke.

He turned his good ear toward the back area and clearly heard coughs and yells for help. Jack guided his master to the sound, but a large beam blocked their way. Beneath the beam, held at an angle by a table, was a scared boy. The dog wiggled past him. Buck didn't like his dog leaving him. Only larger problems kept him from calling the mutt back. He focused on the boy.

"Kid, where's Libby? Your brother?"

"Th-they're on the other side." "Who are you?"

There was no way Buck could reach across. He silently cursed his new limb while he sent a desperate plea to God.

"A friend." Buck hissed through the cloth. Then he gestured beyond the mess of fallen timber. "Can you find your brother and Libby?"

"I can't move." Buck remembered those same words from Jackster — his pal in Afghanistan

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A cow as explained by a 5-year-old

By **Daris Howard**
Special to The PREVIEW

A friend of ours came to visit. She had two little girls. Susan was 5, and Tiffany was 3. I enjoyed these two children. They were both cute and smart. But the things I enjoyed the most were that Susan talked like an adult, and she was a voracious reader. Though she was only 5, she had probably read every children's book we had at our house during her visits. Why that was fun was because she didn't always understand everything she read, and her interpretation sometimes made more sense than the way we adults think and talk.

While their mother visited with my wife, Donna, the two little girls came out to swing on our swing set. I was working on a shed roof nearby, so Donna asked me if I could keep an eye on them. That was easy from my vantage point, so I agreed.

Susan was kind to her little sister and pushed her endlessly on a swing. But then they heard something, and they stopped to find out what it was.

Our cow, Leah, had seen the two girls. Always one to want to make friends and desiring to get her ears scratched, Leah had come to the fence and was calling to the girls.

Susan led Tiffany by the hand over to the fence. Leah put her head

over, begging for attention.

"This is a girl cow," Susan said, with a great air of authority.

"How d'you know?" Tiffany asked in her cute child voice.

Susan turned to me to verify she was right. "Mr. Howard, this is a girl cow, isn't it?"

I nodded. "Yes, Susan."

Susan then turned back to her little sister. "I knew it was a girl cow because she has big eyelashes."

I had to smile at that. Naming the cow Leah was my wife's idea. Leah had big brown eyes and big eyelashes, and the Bible talks about Leah, the wife of Jacob, as having tender eyes.

Leah could not get the girls to scratch her ears, so she mooed at them. It was loud for the two little girls standing next to her. The sound scared Tiffany, and she backed away.

"You don't have to be scared," Susan said. "Cows have horns, and the sound they make comes from them opening their mouths and blowing their horns."

Susan led Tiffany back up to Leah and pointed at Leah's back end. "Do you see that big ball thing hanging on the cow's belly? That is called an 'under' because it hangs under the cow. And do you see those four pointing things hanging down from the under?"

Tiffany looked closely and nod-

ded.

"Those are called treats," Susan said. "And do you know why they are called treats?"

Tiffany shook her head, hanging on to everything her big sister said.

"They are called treats," Susan continued, "because cows make cow pies, and then they give milk to go with pies. So, the cow pies and milk are treats."

Susan looked up at me. "Do you like cow pies, Mr. Howard?"

"I can't say as I have ever tasted one, so I wouldn't know," I replied. "However, I will admit that I stuffed my cousin's face in one once when he tricked me into touching an electric fence. He didn't seem to enjoy the cow pie, so I've never had a hankering to try one."

"Do you think Tiffany and I could taste one?" Susan asked.

"I'm afraid we're all out of warm cow pies right now," I replied. "But we do have some fresh milk that came from this cow's treats just this morning. Donna also made some chocolate chip cookies today. What do you say we go into the house and have some milk and cookies?"

The girls nodded, so I came down the ladder. The three of us scratched Leah's ears, then headed in for the cookies and milk. And indeed, it was a treat. But I knew I would never think of that word the same way again.

The benefits of a new approach to learning for students

Special to The PREVIEW

The validity of the adage "necessity is the mother of invention" was on full display during the COVID-19 outbreak. People quickly had to learn to adapt to a new way of life, including an educational system that was transformed dramatically by social distancing guidelines.


More than 76 million students are

enrolled in United States schools, per the latest Census Bureau information. In 2018, 2.12 million students were in Canadian postsecondary institutions alone. In a matter of days, millions of students who once attended classes in-person were forced to transition to virtual learning instruction. The process showed just how flexible learning systems can be, and how virtual

instruction may become more than an emergency protocol in the future.

Schools utilized systems like Google Classroom, Canvas and virtual meeting apps to connect and learn. While in-class lessons provide the socialization and one-on-one interaction that can be vital for students' academic success, there are many different reasons why virtual

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San Juan Symphony going online for 2020-21

By **Kathy Myrick**
San Juan Symphony

Friends of the San Juan Symphony have come to expect thrilling live performances in Durango and Farmington, N.M. The beloved regional orchestra has been thriving, but now we are entering a time of incredible uncertainty.

The coronavirus pandemic has upended plans in 2020, canceling both concerts and fundraisers and complicating the organization's upcoming 35th season. Despite many months of difficult news — complete with closed venues, travel restrictions, health worries and canceled guest artists — the San Juan Symphony is preparing an online season of musical events unlike any in its history.

"We are determined to make music and to connect with our audience," explained music director Thomas Heuser from his home in Durango. "Now more than ever before, we feel that music is essential, and so we are calling our 35th season Essential. We cannot have live audiences, nor can we bring large orchestras together, but we can still make music. And, so, rather than throw in the towel, we are thinking outside the box and bringing the symphony into people's homes."

The symphony has a digital season pass available for \$99 by visiting www.sanjuansymphony.org. The virtual season ticket guarantees that, despite the pandemic, households in the Four Corners and around the country will be able to enjoy four subscription concerts of the San Juan Symphony, conducted by Heuser, prerecorded and released during exclusive, livestreamed events. In addition to the four main programs, the website will host a variety of engaging content, including the popular Pre-

Concert Talks by Heuser, interviews with composers and musicians, plus a video series of solo and ensemble performances by San Juan Symphony musicians that have been commissioned by Heuser specifically for the online audience.

The musicians of the San Juan Symphony have been busy in advance of the website rollout. Season pass holders can already enjoy performances of music by Telemann, Haydn, Glazunov, Mozart and many others, with more than a dozen other projects already in the production pipeline.

The first subscription event, scheduled for Oct. 3, will be called "Black Voices and a Ballet for Martha," with Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring Ballet for its original 13 musicians alongside two new works by Black composers, launching a season-long conversation about diversity and inclusivity. Other composers planned for the subscription series include George Walker, Eleanor Alberga, Gustav Mahler and Astor Piazzola.

The digital season pass will provide access to exclusive website content for an entire year. As the season progresses, other ticketing options will be introduced, including a \$25 week-long pass, a \$5 day-pass with limited content access, and coupons for students and music teachers.

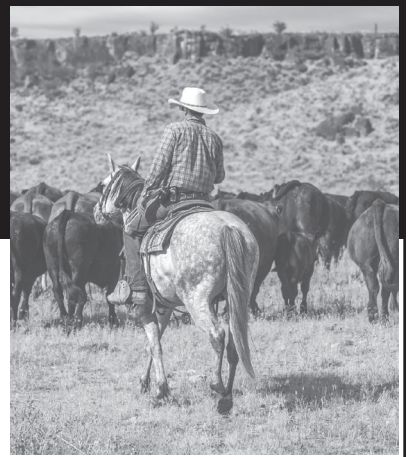
While the virtual tickets may seem like an unfortunate alternative to live music, they also offer a unique opportunity to reach new audiences, particularly first-time listeners, families with young children, audiences in other parts of the country, and those who might have physical limitations to attending concerts. Aspects of the digital concert experience are likely to become lasting features of the symphony even after concert halls reopen.

Plans are also being made for

the San Juan Symphony Youth Orchestra (SJSYO) program. With school music programs in jeopardy, SJSYO conductors Sayra Siverson and Molly Jensen are planning a robust year of musical instruction, designed with everyone's safety in mind. Online tutorials and practice guides will assist students in their preparation of orchestral repertoire, with conductors and professional coaches establishing both remote and in-person relationships as the year progresses. More than anything, the students want to perform and, like their adult counterparts at the symphony, they look forward to being back onstage as soon as possible.

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Learning

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instruction can be a key component of learning models as well.

When virtual learning is used in conjunction with traditional teaching, students may have a more well-rounded experience. Here are some potential benefits that may unfold as more data is collected.

- **Pace:** Virtual learning affords students the chance to work on lessons at a pace that fits their individual needs. Students can go back and reread or rework problems until they're satisfied they have learned their lesson. Lessons can be slowed down or sped up depending on proficiency, creating a customized educational experience.

- **No more weather days.** Many school districts include snow or extreme weather days into their calendars, adding on extra days at the end of school year to meet the

specified number of educational days. Remote learning can take over in these times and keep school districts from having to pad calendars.

- **Convenience:** The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that middle and high schools start at 8:30 a.m. or later to provide students the best chance to get the amount of sleep they need. Still, most adolescents currently start school before 8:30 a.m. Remote learning enables students to complete their assignments when it works best for them. This may help them get more sleep, too.

- **Apps:** Learning apps are a new wave of educational tools that have helped buoy virtual instruction. Primary school students or those with individual education plans may benefit the most from reinforced app skills that match their learning pace in fun ways.



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Pioneers Fil Byrne and Henry Gordon reminisce about days gone by when they first moved to Pagosa Springs.

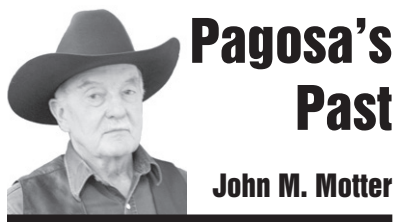
Grazing leads to pioneer Pagosa Country shootouts

Any fan of western movies knows cattlemen always hated the sheepmen. Any fan of John Wayne knows John Wayne, the hero of the movie, was always a cattleman. What any fan of western movies might not know is why the grazing livestock entrepreneurs couldn't get along. The answer is in the word grazing. Cattlemen claimed that sheep ate the grass right down to the ground, killing it.

Pioneer Pagosa Country was a great place for raising sheep or cattle. And Pagosa Country had its share of shootouts between cattlemen and sheepmen.

Another Hispanic sheepman was killed circa 1901 on the ranch owned today by the Parelli horse people west of Pagosa Springs. Old-timers will remember Bud Seavy also ran cattle on that ranch. A family named Smith lived on, maybe homesteaded, that ranch. They built a two-story cabin which is preserved today in Harman Park. Early one morning, Smith rode out on his range only to discover a sheepherder driving a herd of sheep on the upper end of his property. He shot the sheepherder.

During his trial in Durango, Smith claimed he politely asked the herder to remove his sheep and only shot in self-defense when he felt threatened when the herder refused to move his sheep. Smith's family mortgaged the ranch to hire the lawyer who defended Juan de Dios Montoya in last week's story. Smith got off with an aggravated assault conviction. His family moved to Gobernador,



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N.M., where they lived until Smith completed his sentence. The family subsequently moved to San Diego.

I have talked with a number of Pagosa families, mostly of Hispanic descent, who described confrontations with Anglo cattlemen. One of the most notorious gunslingers in that regard was a man named Denver Latham.

Latham's family set up business on Pagosa Street in Pagosa Springs by renovating one of the old Fort Lewis buildings. When the Fort

Lewis troops moved west to the new fort at Hesperus, they abandoned the log cabins they had built in Pagosa Springs. Newly arrived Pagosa merchants, including Ma Latham, were quick to take advantage of the buildings.

Denver packed a "big iron on his hip" and reportedly joined cattle ranchers in Arizona and Wyoming in their range wars. In talks with deceased Pagosa pioneer Faye Brown, I learned that Denver tried to date her sister by giving her a fake diamond and exhibited other negatory behaviors.

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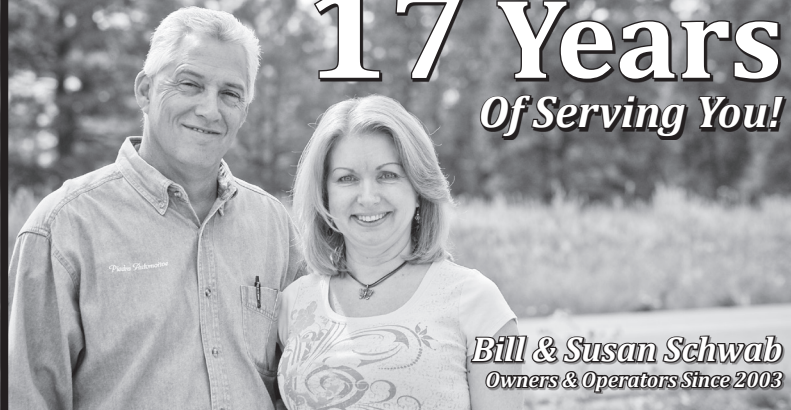
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Bird of the Week



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

Primary cavity nesters like the Williamson's sapsucker, who excavate a new nesting cavity every year, provide important habitat for other cavity nesting birds who raise their young in abandoned holes. Williamson's sapsuckers nest in coniferous and mixed forests in the mountains from the Rockies westward. Northern populations may migrate as far as southern Mexico for the winter, while birds nesting further south may only move to a lower elevation.

In most woodpecker species, males and females appear similar, differing only in color on the head. Not so with the Williamson's sapsucker. In fact, the male and female are so different in appearance that they were originally thought to be two different species. Not until a pair were observed at the same nest were they determined to be the same bird.

The male is velvety black above with vertical white wing patches, two white stripes on the face, a red throat patch and yellow belly. The equally attractive female has fine black and white barring on her back, a brown head, black chest patch and yellow patch on her belly.

Williamson's sapsuckers drill neat, tiny holes in the trunks of conifers to draw out the sap. They don't actually suck the sap, but lick it with their tongues, additionally eating the insects trapped in the sticky liquid. Ants are a large part of their diet, especially during nesting season. Why the sap doesn't glue the bird's bill shut is still a mystery, but scientists speculate that a substance in these birds' saliva keeps the sap from making a sticky mess.

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

Movie nights will begin earlier

By Alison Beach
Pagosa Peak Open School

Due to growing popularity, Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) will continue to host Car Hop Movie Nights throughout the year (weather permitting) on Fridays and Saturdays. Movies will start at dusk, so during fall and winter, start times will be earlier than the summer.

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ie times, titles and to reserve your spot. Entry is by donation.

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ANSWER:



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Aspire staff wearing their Rise and Recover Together, Pagosa T-shirts.

Rise and Recover Together, Pagosa campaign successful

By Marcy Mitchell
Aspire Medical Services and Education

Rise and Recover Together, Pagosa just concluded its successful campaign to lift each other up in light of the hardships faced during the COVID-19 crisis. Thanks to the generous sponsors and community online sales, each of the four Archuleta County nonprofits will receive \$1,400 plus the proceeds from their individual T-shirt sales.

“So many of our local nonprofits rely on events for funding. Unfortunately, COVID has limited event revenue and adversely impacted many organizations this year. We are so appreciative of the Commu-

nity Foundation for launching this program and providing a creative and inspiring source of income for our nonprofits” said Marcy Mitchell, executive director of Aspire Medical Services and Education.

The three remaining local nonprofits benefiting from the campaign include Vets 4 Vets, Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, and the Archuleta County Fund.

This fundraiser, designed to

build community spirit, was made available through the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado after the annual 19th Hole Concerts had to be canceled. The generous sponsors of the 19th Hole Concerts agreed to support the new Rise and Recover Together grant.

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

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.

Community Art Project. Sisson Library. Join us for a collaborative creations project from Aug. 27-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 asked to participate. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Special Census Event. Noon-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Representatives from the Census Bureau will be 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. The station will be outside near the front entrance of the library.

Friday, Aug. 28

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.

Pagosa Peak Open School Fund-raiser: Car Hop Movie Nights. 8 p.m., 7 Parelli Way. Looking for

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Napoleon's exile isle
- 5 Whittle down
- 9 Burn badly
- 14 Seniors' org.
- 15 Nile wader
- 16 Actor's brief appearance
- 17 Golf club part
- 18 Slapstick dessert
- 20 Assess
- 22 Holiday carol
- 23 Make less dense
- 24 Foundation
- 27 Poignant
- 30 Roofing goop
- 31 Soldier's stint
- 34 Brightly colored
- 35 Piano exercise
- 37 Old character
- 38 New York island
- 40 Trim to fit, maybe
- 41 Much of Chile
- 43 "If all ___ fails..."
- 44 Some transfusions
- 45 Bar stock
- 46 Long-time "Entertainment Tonight" co-host
- 49 Without wasted words
- 51 "The Last ____" (da Vinci)
- 55 Fuzzy fabric
- 56 Fleet of small warships
- 58 Very loud
- 61 Put down, as tiles
- 62 More than plump
- 63 ___ and for all
- 64 Savvy about
- 65 Flamingo, et. al.
- 66 Unwanted growth
- 67 Many an MTV viewer

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- 2 Immature insect
- 3 Patch for Br'er Rabbit
- 4 Gala holder
- 5 Trivial
- 6 Be up against
- 7 Greet the judge
- 8 FL time zone
- 9 Dickens miser
- 10 Citadel student
- 11 Wave measurement
- 12 "Fantasy Island" prop
- 13 Surname for John or Jane
- 19 Briefly unknown?
- 21 Night light?
- 24 Maze goal
- 25 Rock bottom
- 26 Garbo of film
- 28 Stalky veggie
- 29 "Peggy Sue" singer
- 31 Attribute
- 32 Kitchen measure
- 33 Deprive of nourishment

- 36 Experimental flyer
- 39 Added spice to
- 42 Metal refinery
- 47 Countertenor
- 48 Same old, same old
- 50 Have a hunch
- 52 Smoothing tool
- 53 Bluebloods
- 54 Hazardous gas
- 56 Speeder's penalty
- 57 Curtain material
- 58 Farm mother
- 59 As yet unscheduled: Abbr.
- 60 Column's counterpart

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Answers: A. needle B. vaccine C. doctor D. health

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CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to immunizations. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = E)

A. 4 25 25 6 10 25

Clue: Pointed medical device

B. 22 12 21 21 7 4 25

Clue: Sickness preventer

C. 6 19 21 26 17 15

Clue: Medical professional

D. 24 25 12 10 26 24

Clue: State of being well

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Saturday, Aug. 29

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://so-spagosa.org> for more information.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 10 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. We will meet under the covering near the soccer field. Bring a chair and show and tell. All are welcome.

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

Virtual Auction for the Animals. 6:30 p.m. Tune in for an hour full of fun and entertainment supporting our local shelter animals. Admission will be free with unlimited

seating and open to everyone. Silent auction items will be available for viewing the week of the auction and the bidding will culminate during the livestreamed event. As always, the auction will be chock-full of unique items. For your entertainment and viewing pleasure, we'll be bringing you a pet costume and fashion show with contestants steaming in live from various locations. For more information, to donate or participate this year, visit www.hspagosa.org.

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

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.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

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

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Archuleta Food Coalition: Community Conversations. 3 p.m. Sponsoring programs aimed at increasing the local food supply. Robin Young of Colorado State University Extension will speak about season extensions — methods gardeners can use against the drop in temperatures that occurs all too soon in our area. Get the Zoom link by emailing fsfearchuleta@gmail.com. Growers/producers interested in our programs are

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Dungeons and Dragons via Zoom.

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Thursday, Sept. 3

Wildlife of Chimney Rock. Chimney Rock National Monument. 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. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

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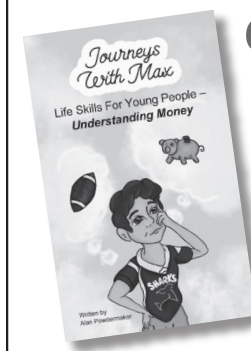
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Noon, Thursday, Sept. 3

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The fullness of His light

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

A photographer positions his subjects to ensure clarity. He looks through various lenses and makes necessary adjustments to guarantee a crisp picture, free of dark shadows. Through years of experience, he learns the importance of light as he captures the different moods of his client. The soft warm light renders a sense of joy and tranquility. But when exposed to darkness and shadows, the same person appears moody and downcast.

The same is true in our world today. In the blackness of night, the images of evil appear, and morph into injustice and immorality. Un-

A Matter of Faith

able to see the light in the darkness, frustrated people operate from a position of misplaced anger and hurt. They lash out at innocent bystanders and leave chaos and destruction in the aftermath. The situation is made worse instead of better. The misplaced motivation of various social groups and organizations portrays a dim view of humanity.

Christians shine light into

the darkness. They see the world through the lens of Christ and make a difference, one life at a time. As believers focus on the good of mankind and not the lies paraded through television cameras, we represent hope in the middle of discord.

As our light is displayed, a different point of view comes into focus. Hopelessness is replaced with a spirit of optimism. One person steps out in faith to shine his light and then another, and then one more until a picture of clarity, oneness and peace is portrayed. Not one individual, but many united in one purpose. An image of order, not chaos, brings reconciliation and restoration.

Focused on the salvation and redemption of mankind, we can change the environment one image at a time.

“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness; but have the light of life.” — John 8:12 (NKJV).

Because of Jesus, there is light and life. I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

New Thought to hear about the healing power within

By Lisa Burnson
New Thought Center
for Inspirational Living

“A realization of the presence of God is the most powerful healing agency known. Healing is the result of clear thinking.” — Esther Hicks.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living this Sunday, Aug. 30, at 10 a.m. for our presentation, “The Healing Power Within All of Us.” Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure.

We will have spirited live music.

Upcoming events

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

Thursday, Sept. 3, 6 to 8 p.m. at Best Western Lodge. Come to the Courtyard Concert to benefit Habitat For Humanity. Music by Bob Hemenger. Please bring lawn chair or blanket and picnic snacks. There will be a cash bar available. Tickets will be available at the door, or call/text 309-6067.

Thursday, Sept. 17, 6 to 8 p.m. will feature the Retro Cats and

will benefit Rise Above Violence. Outside alcohol is not allowed. Text 309-6067 for more information.

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We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn, or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of Best Western Lodge (elevator available), except for the Aug. 16 outdoor service.

Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us, emailing pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com, mailing P.O. Box 1052 Pagosa Springs 81147, or calling 309-6067. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or YouTube (Pagosa New Thought Channel).



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-Blake L.

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 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. 30, our theme is

the soul.

"Know, verily, that the soul is a sign of God, a heavenly gem whose reality the most learned of men hath failed to grasp, and whose mystery no mind, however acute, can ever hope to unravel. It is the first among all created things to declare the excellence of its Creator ..." — Baha'u'llah.

The Baha'i Faith is a world religion whose purpose is to unite all people of the world in one universal cause, one common faith.

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

Resources continue online

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.

Southwest Center for Independence (SWCI) calls and services

Through SJBAAA funding, the SWCI is offering phone check-ins, technology assistance and other services to people age 60 and older in the region's five counties. Services also include providing disability-related technology, help with communication bills and entertainment items as funds allow. Call Ruthie, 903-5880, or email Ruthie@swilc.org for more details.

SWCI also offers online classes, support groups and employment assistance for people ages 18 to 64; call 259-1672.

Caregiving and dementia discussion forums

In addition to virtual classes and support groups, the Alzheimer's Association (AA) has several forums and message boards at alzconnected.org for anyone liv-

Area Agency on Aging

ing with, connected to or grieving about someone with Alzheimer's or other dementias. The AA's 24/7 helpline and information resource is (800) 272-3900.

As mentioned here before, the wide-ranging agingcare.com caregiver forum also allows questions and answers and newsletters to be sent via email. Neither website requires signing in or registration.

A website noted in an AA forum, dementiamentors.org, intends to help those living with dementia "stay social." In addition to a Facebook page, the organization has weekly virtual memory cafés, with sharing on any subject, and short motivational videos that "will truly inspire you and teach you how to rule your disease." The videos also show caregivers and friends what it feels like to live with different types of dementia. People also can talk privately with a mentor living with symptoms of dementia in mentor sessions.

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

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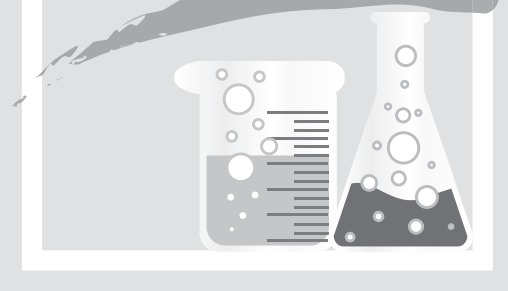
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HISTORY

- **1609:** GALILEO GALILEI DEMONSTRATES HIS FIRST TELESCOPE TO LAWMAKERS IN VENICE.
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3. Left umbrella handle missing 4. Jeans leg pulled down

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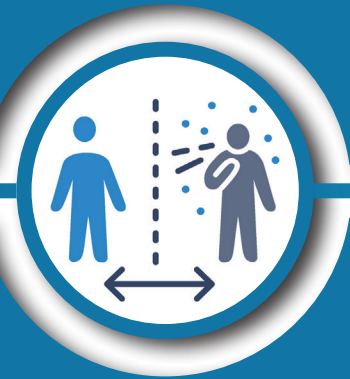
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Clean Frequently



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.

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970.731.3700
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970.372.0456
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