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School year begins

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The start of the school year looked a little bit different this year, with Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) teachers meeting with individual families prior to the first day of school instead of at open houses. Students returned for the school year in a hybrid in-person/online learning model, with some students beginning Tuesday and the rest Wednesday. If circumstances allow, PSES hopes to move to four days of in-person education per week in early October.



Library expansion concepts presented for public feedback

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Members from RATIO Architects and the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library held a virtual meeting on Monday, Aug. 31, to discuss different possibilities regarding the expansion of the library.

The library sits on the corner of U.S. 160 and South 8th Street. A portion of the property adjacent to the west of the building along U.S. 160 extending to 10th street, just east of the elementary school and south extending to San Juan Street, was recently gifted to the library.

The RATIO team explained that

most of the property sits in the flood zone with a creek and multiple culverts running through it. With this in mind, members from the RATIO team developed different possibilities of how to use the newly gifted land.

A couple months ago, members from RATIO came to Pagosa Springs to do site evaluations and assessments. The RATIO team also engaged with local residents in order to determine the community's needs from the library and what they wanted to see improved.

According to an email to The SUN

■ See Library A16

Red flag law used in January gun seizure

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) has used Colorado's red flag law once to petition for the temporary seizure of a firearm since it became law in January, though Archuleta County Under-sheriff Derek Woodman explained that laws in place prior to the red flag law would have permitted the

same thing.

House Bill 19-1177, commonly known as Extreme Risk Protection Orders or the red flag bill, became law in January and allows a judge to order weapons confiscated if a person is deemed to be a threat to themselves or others.

Woodman contrasted how the red flag law changed who could

■ See Law A8

Archery range could come to Cloman Park

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Cloman Park could have an archery range as early as next year, as members of the Pagosa Bow Club are working to make it a reality.

On Aug. 25, Jim Hatley, president of the Pagosa Bow Club, talked to the Archuleta County commissioners at their work session about the idea.

All three county commissioners were generally receptive, but stated they didn't have money they could throw at the project, citing that they're trying to find funds to build a justice center.

Commissioner Steve Wadley, who is also a member of the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board, suggested that group might have some

■ See Archery A8

School board appoints Tim Taylor to fill vacancy

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District Board of Education (BOE) is again full following the board's appointment of Dr. Tim Taylor to fill the District 1 vacancy at a special meeting Tuesday evening.

Taylor was the sole candidate to fill the District 1 seat following the July 7 resignation of Brooks Lindner, who moved out of the district, and will hold the seat through the end of the current term in Novem-

ber 2021.

Taylor, who previously served on the BOE from 2012-2013 in an interim role, was interviewed by the BOE's four sitting directors before being unanimously appointed to the board and taking



Taylor

■ See Vacancy A8

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Do you count?

We can do better, Archuleta County. You can't complain about roads and public services if you haven't taken the time to log on to my2020census.gov and answer a dozen questions about where you were living on April 1 (the official census day), your household size and some demographic details.

It is simple to do. You've had since March to do this. What are you waiting for? The process takes just minutes to complete.

If you don't have a computer, you can stop by the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library and use one free of charge.

The census questions can also be answered over the phone, at (844) 330-2020. Households can respond by phone in English or 12 other languages.

Archuleta County's census self-response rate sits at 41.8 percent as of Sept. 7.

That means with less than a month to go, a large percentage of our county's citizens have not bothered to self-respond, leaving critical funding for key local services including our hospital, fire department and emergency response on the line.

We need to do better in answering the

crucial census questionnaire, which provides vital information about population and basic demographics.

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

If you haven't been counted, you are leaving money on the table that could help this community and people who live here.

Census statistics inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated.

According to the Census Bureau, the data is used to determine formulas for distribution of funding for Medicare and Medicaid, highway and transportation funding, federal student loans and Pell Grants, Community Development Block Grants, business and industry loans, home loans and housing assistance, crime victim assistance, homeland security grants, programs funded through block grants, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance, State Children's Health Insurance Program, Title 1 grants to local educational agencies, special education grants to states, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, senior meals, Head Start, Child Care Mandatory and

Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund, National School Lunch Program, and other assistance programs.

Census statistics are also used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives for the next decade. Data is used by other districts and to draw their boundaries.

Local government uses the numbers to make plans for communities. Businesses use the data to project and plan for potential customers.

You can help ensure Archuleta County citizens get a fair share of that funding when you respond to the census.

Archuleta County lags way behind Colorado's total self-response rate of 68.8 percent. Colorado's total response rate is 89 percent.

The total self-response rate for the U.S. is 66.5 percent. The total response for the U.S. is 88.2 percent.

If we don't get it right this year, it will be 2030 before another count will be made.

It's time to be counted. Do your part. The deadline is Sept. 30.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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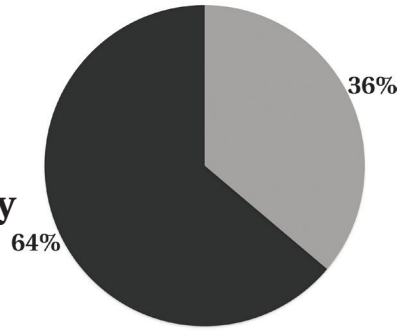
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Should stores have one-way aisles for shoppers?

Poll results (249 votes)

Yes. — 36 percent
No. — 64 percent

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LOOKING BACK



From the May 5, 1983, Pagosa Springs SUN.

IN THE BAG — Wednesday morning local barber Earl Mullins gave a quizzical look at the plastic bags covering the downtown parking meters. The bags resulted from action taken at Tuesday night's Town Board meeting. The meters will not be used for a one month period.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 10, 1920

School opened Tuesday morning with an enrollment estimated at about 250. The interest manifested by the students and the enthusiasm of the teachers point to a very successful year of school. Parents are urged to see that their children are at school every day. The importance of such regular attendance cannot be overemphasized. It is being planned to inaugurate athletics in some form this year. We are in great need of a building which may be used as a gymnasium for this purpose, and it is hoped we shall be able to secure one, because an education that trains only the mind is one sided. J.E. Moore, Superintendent.

Dickerson's is the cheapest place in the county for fruit jars.

Dave Hersch, wife, son Joseph, Mrs. Else Jaeger and children, and Miss Vera Martinez left this morning for Pueblo. Joseph returns to the Kemper Military Academy at Boonville, Mo. to resume his studies. Mrs. Jaeger returns to her home at Fountain, and Vera is in quest of medical treatment.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 21, 1945

Supt Oliver E. Jones took Mrs. Jones as far as Pueblo Friday evening on her way to Kansas City, Mo., there to visit her mother and brother. Mr. Jones went on to Denver to see if he could fill the vacancies on the Pagosa Schools teaching staff, but to date, has been unable to do so. He returned home Sunday evening.

Mrs. John Pomeroy is teaching in the English department of the high school, until a teacher can be found.

Ben Rhodes purchased the triangle lots adjoining his grocery property on Lewis Street, from Mrs. Mae Carlin, in a deal completed Thursday of last week. Mr. Rhodes expects to begin construction on the lots soon. His brother, Oscar Rhodes, and family, of Cove, Ark., arrived here last weekend and plan to make this their permanent home. Mr. Oscar Rhodes will carry on the Grocery and Market, while Ben, who is a carpenter, does his own building.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 10, 1970

It was announced this week that Ben L. Lynch has joined the staff of registered pharmacists at Jackisch Drug. Ben K. Lynch and George Yamaguchi are the other two registered pharmacists. Ben L. Lynch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Lynch and is a graduate of the University of Colorado College of Pharmacy. For the past seven years he has been employed as a pharmacist in drug stores in Fort Collins and Denver. Ben and his wife, along with two children, have purchased the Ray McGee residence on Mesa Heights and will make that their home.

The weather left everyone with plenty of topics for conversation this week. What was probably the highest water in more than 25 years rushed down streams in this area and the first freeze of the fall hit town. Some snow fell at higher altitudes but has practically disappeared. The freeze apparently snapped the long rainy season and the days since then have been beautiful and clear. They haven't been on the hot side, though.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 14, 1995

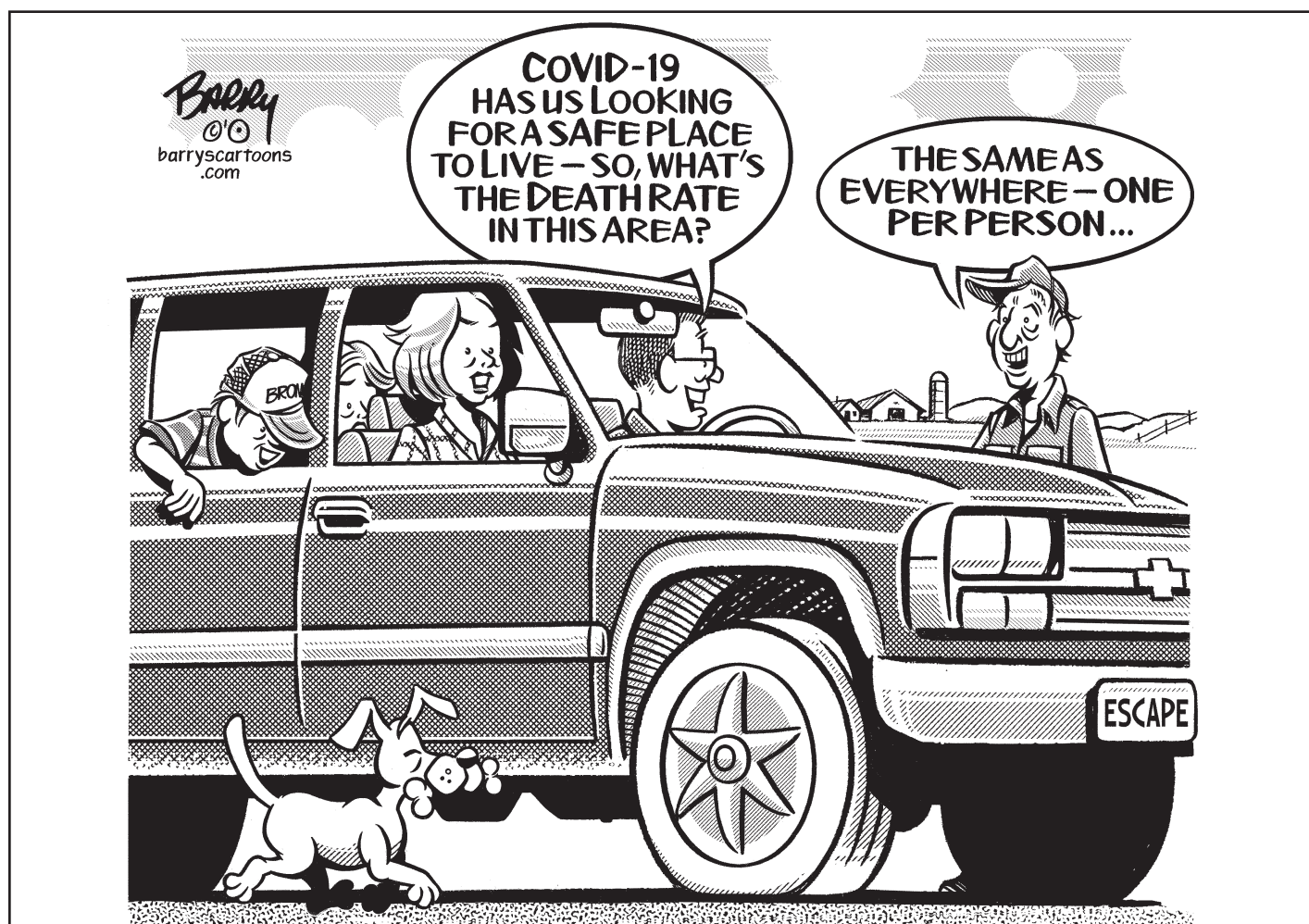
Work on rebuilding and paving a portion of South Pagosa Boulevard between U.S. 160 and Capricho Circle is scheduled to get underway Monday. The project will involve removing the east lane of the existing divided roadway and widening and paving the west lane. A turn lane will be built along the west side of the new two-lane portion of South Pagosa Boulevard to access the future Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Center. The remainder of the roadway will be developed into a two-lane road. Agreeing on the futility of waiting until the 1996 construction season in hopes of obtaining a lower bid, the commissioners voted Tuesday to accept the \$225,960 offer by Donaldson-Baker Construction of Bayfield to rebuild and pave about 2500 feet of South Pagosa Boulevard. A cost of \$195,000 had originally been estimated for the work. The lowest, and only, bid the county received on the project exceeded the estimate by more than \$70,000. Under terms of an intergovernmental agreement entered into during 1994, the county will pay 64.48 percent of the construction cost on the project, and the town of Pagosa Springs will pay 35.52 percent.

The following weather information is brought to you as a public service by



Date	High	Low	Precipitation		
			Type	Depth	Moisture
9/1	75	47	R	-	T
9/2	82	42	-	-	-
9/3	86	46	-	-	-
9/4	87	46	-	-	-
9/5	88	49	-	-	-
9/6	90	46	-	-	-
9/7	86	48	-	-	-

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Letters



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'Being the good'

Dear Editor:
The Little Sisters of the Poor is a Catholic religious order. Founded in 1839, they now number roughly 2400 members, serving the elderly poor in over 30 countries. The Mullen Home for the Aged in Denver is one of 31 such homes in the United States. Assisting the sisters in their apostolate are professional men and women, volunteers and paid staff.

The sisters take vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and hospitality. In America we value are freedom so it seems strange to us why anyone would choose a lifestyle with such stringent restrictions. We understand freedom as being able to do what we want, when we want, within reason.

There is talk that if certain people are elected they would hold the Little Sisters accountable in providing contraception and abortion coverage for their employees. Now most of us have been brought up with the prevalence of these two phenomena and we may not give it a second thought and simply accept them as normal. But this has not always been so and, in fact, there is quite an ongoing moral debate surrounding them.

Not wanting to digress, I will simply state that providing this coverage goes against the moral principles of the Little Sisters. I contend that they should not be forced to provide this coverage.

The State is not the end all and be all of human existence. Society precedes the state and the family precedes society. The state exists to serve both. Authority in the state must recognize the natural and voluntary associations that exist prior to itself, the boundary markers of its own competence and the limits

of its legitimate reach. The Church and State have a long and sometimes bloody history of butting heads. I for one do not want to see the guillotine pulled out of the garage. In addition, I find it hard to believe that the people who work for the Little Sisters are clamoring for their free contraceptives and abortions. It's really about power and forcing conformity.

It's been said that democracy is a spiritual and moral enterprise. It takes a certain kind of people, living certain virtues, to make democracy and the free economy work properly. The net outcome is human flourishing, solidarity and civility. Freedom is the human capacity to know what is truly good, to choose it freely, and to do so as a matter of habit or virtue. Although we may have a hard time understanding this, the Little Sisters do show us where true freedom lies. And that is in doing the good and even more, in being the good.

And that is a beautiful thing.
Mark Bergon

Cub Scouts

Dear Editor:
During this challenging period in which institutions that have stood the test of time are being shaken to their core, the leaders of Cub Scout Pack 807, myself and two other fathers in our community, would like to offer our organization and redouble our efforts for this community - with added emphasis, not diminished, that perhaps more than ever we are relevant and needed. We will begin the '20-'21 season with a camp-out on October 2nd. Of course, precautions against any Covid-19 transmission will be taken. Honestly, it becomes part of our mission to teach civic responsibility to boys between 1st and 5th grade, that we conduct ourselves appropriately facing this challenge as we would any. Covid-19 is not the first serious obstacle troops of cub and boy scouts have had to face in our 100+ year history, nor will it be the last. Having fun and imparting life skills, especially interpersonal ethic and regard, building character and setting examples for one another as boys grow into young men is not something that we have any intention of seeing fall by the wayside during this pandemic, or during any other challenge, as I have said. Quite the opposite, in fact.

And so, if there are any parents out there reading this who would like to approach us about helping to build our Pack back to strength, and build community, we will be holding a sign up on Wednesday September 16th between 4-5:30 in the Town Park (on Hermosa Street), by the bandstand. Any questions will gladly be answered and assurances received that this might end up being one of the most important and eventful years for scouting in quite some time. We would be honored if you would consider helping us realize that ideal. Everything we do this year will be held out-of-doors with bi-weekly meetings stretching the full length of our traditional 7 month season. Contacts: Jonathan Dobson - 970-507-0754; Gary Hedgecock - 970-946-6670; Jesse White - 970-528-0511. Thanks.
Jonathan Dobson

Racism and rights

Dear Editor:
For the whole time I've lived in Pagosa, I have wondered what it

would take for the most "extreme" forms of racism to manifest. Not much, I suspected, given that "everyday" racism was readily apparent in comments I heard regularly. It's not that I distinguish between different "types" of racism; it's just that some manifestations are lethal while others "only" insult, engender mistrust, or result in denial of employment, housing or services.

Some people who joined the Black Lives Matter rally in downtown Pagosa Springs were shocked, some dismayed, some hurt, to see people they had considered friends making obscene gestures or yelling profanities at them. The high school students who organized and participated in the rally were surprised and scared to be greeted by men armed with assault rifles. Some people I know said they knew some of these "volunteer militia" so were reassured. Others who knew them were terrified to learn that people they had considered friends would shoot them "if they had to." I had to wonder how little it would take to make one of those armed men, who already felt so "threatened" by teenagers exercising their freedom of speech, to feel that lethal force were justified. It's one thing to support your second amendment rights; it is completely another to intimidate others expressing their first amendment rights.

Are we returning to the time of sanctioned racial segregation in the United States? Or further back, into the founding practices of slavery and genocide? I certainly hope not, but it appears that some vigilantes want all-out civil war, armed combat with neighbor fighting neighbor. For years, I have tried to convince myself that we have a better chance of getting along and understanding one another here, since we live in a small town and interact with one another in many different ways, in our daily lives. For years, I have also been silent when I've heard racist comments uttered by my neighbors, co-workers, employers and people in positions of authority.

As the 2020 election draws near, it is sad to see so many people entrenched in hatred, digging in to support their hero regardless of facts, regardless of their own values, regardless of threats to de-

mocracy and civil society. I hope people would think, consider whom specifically they are hating when they choose to hate an entire group, political party or perceived demographic. Someone you considered you a friend, someone you have broken bread with, someone you've shared laughter and tears, comfort and fears, with.

In your personal relationships and politics, do not mistake authoritarianism for leadership, bullying for strength, fearmongering for love.

If our system of government and laws continues to be undermined as it has been over the past three and half years, you will no longer have to worry about people expressing first amendment rights. Nor will you have second amendment rights. These rights only exist while the Constitution itself is intact, and while the system of checks and balances functions.

Lisa Jensen

Proposition 113

Dear Editor:
Equal attention should be given to the entire country by Presidential candidates. Candidates mostly ignore issues in states where they are safely ahead or hopelessly behind to focus on battleground swing states (mostly east of the Mississippi). Colorado, like a majority of other states, become a spectator as candidates favor swaying a few thousand voters in those states which can be the difference between zero electoral votes and all the states electoral votes.

Every single vote should count towards the presidency. The national popular vote will be more inclusive of our issues. Over half the population lives in rural and smaller communities. A candidate shouldn't get elected by ignoring these less populated areas of America and our western states. We can also no longer allow millions of voters to feel their vote for president is futile because they are in the minority in their state.

The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is on the ballot for our decision. Colorado state legislature passed the bill and the Governor signed into law on March 15, 2019. States are empowered in

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 the U.S. Constitution to decide how they allocate their electoral votes. The compact is an agreement with other states, to give our 9 electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote. For more information <https://www.nationalpopularvote.com/>

If you want your vote in 2024 to count for president, support Proposition 113.

Pam McGivern

Children in school

School is starting and there are many well intentioned plans for protecting our children from getting the COVID virus, but are we missing the big picture? We have fixated on the numbers of new Cases. That is because it was originally thought to be a big killer and we needed to stop it at the source. Turned out not to be a big killer, particularly of young people, so however unpleasant, we need to look at deaths. In that regard, it is no worse than the annual influenza. Often times an entire class gets the flu but they all get over it. As of mid 2019 there were estimated to be 60,570,000 children of school age (5-19) in this Country. The CDC, for the 6 month period 2/20 to 8/28, lists a total of 328 deaths from COVID for the slightly larger, 5 to 24 age group, and this includes those with severe asthma, diabetes and other compromising prob-

lems. However, we kept them out of school for that period, which might have resulted in a lower number of cases and therefore deaths. I could not find CASE statistics by age group on a National basis, but they exist for California. They report that as of Sept. 4th, there were 58,175 Cases in the age group 5 to 17, with only 3 deaths, again counting those compromised. So the need to keep the children home does not exist, and the social consequences, I think, are huge. So let's put the children back in school, no masks, no social distancing, and I see no reason to suspend sports, but only attended by students.

Richard Riethmiller

Racism

We, the leadership team of Restoration Fellowship Church, declare that historically, elements of our governing systems functioned in a society which allowed patterns marked by racism. These marks remained long after the demolition of forced displacement, slavery, and segregation as lawful institutions. Mere changes of rules will not eliminate racism and its effects, an evil we are directed to combat in various forms (Zechariah 7:9-10, Isaiah 1:17, Matthew 25:41-46, Luke 10:30-37). It is a reasonable conclusion that racist attitudes and consequences of racism have influence in determining how people of color experience inequity. According to a Biblical worldview, we do

not regard this as acceptable for the sanctity of all life.

Therefore, as ambassadors of Christ, we believe our social responsibility is to offer our house of worship as a place of prayer for justice to "flow like a river and righteousness like a never-failing stream" (Amos 5:24). We understand that any redemption birthed through the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ brings eternal benefits to humanity. We are called to repent and be servers of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). May our faith be alive with works that proves Jesus lives (James 2:14-26) and is returning to earth to restore His total harmony to His creation (Colossians 3:4).

Thank you,
 The Leadership Team at RF,
 Justin Frie, Mark Thompson, Ben Franklin

'Make Trump Evil Again'

"The 'Chaos = Trump' narrative is losing its hold. Even our CNN ally, Don Lemon, revealed on air that voters have caught on to Democrat operatives being behind the riots." His co-worker replied, "It caused us to move Biden out of his bunker and 'roll the dice' back onto the campaign trail. And with his poll numbers eroding—and Madame Pelosi shooting us all in the foot with her hair—we had to activate the MTEA Panic Button." Of which both Democrat handlers spoke in

unison, "Make Trump Evil Again," as they high fived one another in glee.

"Thankfully, the media ignored the historic Middle East peace agreement between Israel and the UAE brokered by the Trump administration; immediately followed by one between mortal enemies Kosovo & Serbia."

"And then the good economic news, the improving covid numbers, and Trump's approval rating rising to 52%."

"You're right. The 'Trump Train' was becoming unstoppable. Biden could surely use Trump's 'magic wand.'"

"Some say it's the prayers of Trump's Christian supporters."

"Don't be silly."
 "But thanks to our fellow globalists on the Nobel Prize committee, no one called attention to Trump's 'Art of the Deal' by suggesting he be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize."

"Can you imagine how such an announcement would boost Trump's poll numbers? We might not recover from such a blow. For remember when Obama got that prize early in his presidency, before his oval office seat was even warm? That helped cover all our butts ahead of the Libya, Syria, Isis, and Benghazi fiascoes."

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"But we'd better not celebrate too soon. Trump might have more accomplishments in store before the election. He's so wily that sometimes I think he actually believes his MAGA slogan."

"Unconstrained by any Biden/Harris 'core principles,' that's something we don't have to work around. We can change both the narrative and our client's policy positions at-will. So, what do we need do today?"

"Whatever it is, let's hope we don't have to soon reuse the MTEA Panic Button. For CNN might next reveal that 'Nazi, fascist, racist' no longer works either."

"I feel naked just thinking about it."

Charles Wenzel

Council hears new ordinances

By Clayton Chaney
 Staff Writer

At the regular town council meeting that took place on Sept. 1, two new ordinances were introduced for their first readings.

The first one introduced was Ordinance 939 regarding the adoption of school zones within Pagosa Springs town limits.

Town Public Works Director Martin Schmidt opened the discussion, stating that "it is solely the town's responsibility to determine the school zones."

He added that neither the state nor the county is responsible for determining school zone boundaries and it is up to the town to enforce it.

According to Schmidt, the recommended distance for school zone boundaries is "200 feet or a reasonable distance from the schools' property to help ensure safe passage for kids going to and from school."

The ordinance is not "proposing a change of speed," Schmidt explained, as it is focused on establishing or reestablishing clear zones for every school in town.

The town would have a few options with the terminology and style of signs. One option for signs placed at the beginning of the zones to inform drivers they have entered a school zone would have times that are 30 to 45 minutes before and after the school's starting and ending times.

Other options include signs that say "when children are present," or a sign with the school zone speed limit posted and yellow flashing lights.

Signs with specific times posted on them seem to be more favorable, as they would be more straightforward and easier to enforce, Schmidt explained.

According to Schmidt, it is for this reason that Pagosa Springs Police Chief Bill Rockensock "prefers the signs with times posted on them."

There is a considerable price difference between the different sign options. According to Schmidt, "signs with specific times posted on them would cost the town around \$60 per sign," whereas electronic signs with flashing lights could cost up to \$3,000.

The town will also need to purchase signs to place at the end of the zone to inform drivers when they have exited a school zone. Schmidt explained that they would like to use the backs of as many existing poles to place the signs in order to "keep the amount of signage throughout the town to a minimum."

The ordinance was approved unanimously for a second reading at the next town council, to be held Sept. 17.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips discussed Ordinance 940, regarding the adoption of a new town purchasing policy.

Phillips stated that one of the goals of this ordinance is to "establish a set of rules and procedures for how the town purchases goods and services."

The ordinance identifies any contract for services, supplies or equipment that is estimated to amount to less than \$25,000 as an informal bid. The new ordinance would authorize department heads to make purchases up to \$5,000 without a minimum number of quotes received.

Department heads would also

be authorized to make purchases that range between \$5,000 and \$25,000 with the requirement that they receive a minimum of three written quotes, excluding emergency purchases. The purpose for obtaining multiple quotes is to "preserve cost containment," Phillips said.

The department head would then choose the lowest quote received. If three quotes are not available for a certain project, the department head would need to document through memorandums that another quote was not available for the purchase, according to the ordinance.

For emergency purchases made due to any event leading to life and safety hazards, the town manager would be required to notify the council if the purchase is over \$10,000, the document explains.

The ordinance identifies purchases over \$25,000 as formal bids. When making purchases over that amount, an invitation for bids shall be issued first. The town manager is then required to make a public notice of the invitation for bids at least 14 calendar days prior to the date set for opening bids.

Any contract over \$25,000, multi-year contracts and unbudgeted items over \$50,000 would require approval by the town council.

Phillips stated that "the ordinance gives authority for the town to create its own procedures" regarding purchasing policies.

Another goal that Phillips pointed out is to be "transparent and fair with creating these purchasing policies."

The ordinance was approved unanimously for a second reading on Sept. 17.

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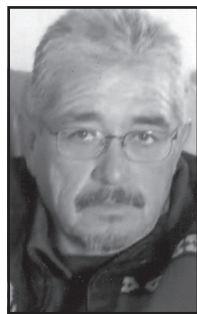
Michael Archuleta Jr.

Michael Archuleta Jr. passed away on July 23 after a long illness.

Born in 1962 in Durango, attended Las Animas, Colo., schools until he graduated, then attended Devry School of Technology.

He is survived by his mother, Claudine, and younger brother Matthew, and numerous aunts, cousins and friends.

There will be a graveside at 2 p.m. on Sept. 12 in Arboles.



Albert Herman Schnell

Albert Herman Schnell passed away peacefully at his home in Pagosa Springs on Sept. 3. He was 94.

The oldest of three children, Albert was born in Deutch-Evern, West Germany, on Aug. 9, 1926, to Anna and Wilhelm Schnell. When Albert was 6 years old, his family moved to Bevenson, West Germany, where he went to school. At the age of 14, to his father's disapproval, he flew his first glider, thereby starting his lifelong love of aviation and his fascination with clouds and meteorology. After finishing high school, he attended the Commercial School in Luneburg, West Germany, where he studied accounting.

In 1944, Albert enlisted in the Luftwaffe to be trained as a pilot. He was a little short so he worked hard on stretching exercises to gain the height needed to be accepted into the German Air Force. Upon completion of flight training, he was assigned to fly Red Cross missions ferrying wounded soldiers back to Germany from the Eastern Front. In 1945, shortly before the war ended, he was shot down over Czechoslovakia while flying three

wounded soldiers back to Germany. They were captured by locals and handed over to the Russians. He spent the next three and a half years in forced labor prison camps in Siberia.

In 1948, not knowing that the war had ended, he managed to escape by hopping onto a train for wounded soldiers. He made his way home to Bevenson, where his father did not recognize him, but his sister did.

Albert went back to school and got his degree in accounting and went to work at the saline (salt works) in Luneburg. In 1950, he answered an ad in the paper for a position as an accountant for a sugar company in Laredo, Peru. In 1953, while working in Peru, he was introduced to Dr. Howell and meteorology. Meteorology was to become his life and his passion and he would manage the project in Peru until 1969. In 1958, he passed the requirements and received his Peruvian pilot's license.

In 1961, while vacationing in Switzerland, he met his wife, Elsbeth. After they were married, they went back to Peru, where they started a family.

In 1969, the Peruvian government forced them to leave and they came to the U.S. to work for Colorado State University. Another project was offered to Albert in Leadville, Colo., and he accepted and worked there until 1971 when that project ended. Another project was started on Wolf Creek Pass and he moved the family to Pagosa

Spring, where Albert continued to work in weather modification.

In 1977, the whole family became U.S. citizens. He started his own business, AIRAO Inc., from 1979 until 1990. He still continued doing research around the U.S. He worked primarily in the Canary Islands where, over a 10-year period, in addition to research, he employed a warm weather cloud seeding method, thereby increasing the rainfall filling some reservoirs that had been empty for many years.

Albert enjoyed Pagosa Country to the fullest. He was a member of the Grey Wolves skiing and hiking club. He was not fond of skiing, however, but he did like to go snowshoeing. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and flying. Just to prove he could still do it, on Aug. 8, 1985, one day before his 59th birthday, he met the requirements and received his U.S. pilot's license. He loved to take his little boat out on Echo Lake, where he spent many an hour. He also liked to go to Fish Creek and Quartz Creek to catch brook trout.

Albert is survived by his wife of 59 years, Elsbeth; his son, Jean-Albert; daughter Elizabeth Ronish and son-in-law Bill Ronish; grandchildren Krystin and Ryan Ronish; and his sister, Ilse Doeblner. He was preceded in death by his parents and younger brother, Walter.

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By Cynthia Purcell
San Juan Conservation District

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Quilt guild to meet

By Suzanne Shideler
Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild

The Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild will have its monthly business meeting on Saturday, Sept. 12, at 10 a.m.

Call (304) 299-1952 to confirm the meeting place. Bring show and tell. Everyone is welcome.

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Matlock

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SBDC hires disaster relief coordinator to help region recover from COVID-19

By Kiki Hooton
Southwest Colorado Small Business Development Center

The Southwest Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is excited to announce the hiring of Kiki Hooton in the newly created position of disaster relief coordinator. This position will assist the SBDC in efforts aimed at supporting the economic recovery of small businesses across southwest Colorado recover from COVID-19.

This hire was made possible by CARES Act Funding and the position will help the SBDC grow its workshops, trainings and resources for businesses to respond to the economic impacts from COVID-19.

"Besides just helping businesses navigate PPP and EIDL funding, we

want to help businesses pivot their business plans, identify new customers and get ahead of the challenges we expect to see through the fall and winter," Mary Shepherd, Southwest Colorado SBDC director said. "SBDC continues to provide the boots-on-the-ground support for small businesses in the Four Corners area."

So far, the SBDC has helped businesses receive thousands in funding from PPP and EIDL loans, hosted workshops related to COVID-19, such as how front-line workers can have difficult conversations with customers and currently have several marketing workshops planned to help businesses prepare for the upcoming months.

The SBDC will also continue to offer workshops for those looking to start a new business.

"Turbulent times are often a period of change and opportunity and we are seeing a lot of people come in with new ideas or ideas that they've had on the back burner and are now ready to pursue. Now that COVID-19 has changed the economy, people are taking the leap into owning their own business, which is exciting to see" Hooton said.

Have an idea for a workshop, training, or resource that you need in response to COVID? You can reach Hooton at kshooton@fortlewis.edu.

About SBDC

The SBDC offers confidential, free to low-cost, objective services to help your business succeed no matter what stage you're in. From start-ups to growth companies, our expert advisors and instructors have many years of experience in

all business topics assisting you to gain the knowledge and tools needed to be successful in these competitive times.

The territory served by this SBDC includes Archuleta County, Dolores County, La Plata County, Montezuma County, San Juan County, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe.

Upcoming workshops

- Sept. 30: Having Difficult Conversations for Frontline Employees. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Online via Zoom. Interactive webinar with breakout sessions.

- Nov. 5: Starting your Business Workshop. 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Center of Innovation. In-person.

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Digital world training and job opportunities

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The digital world is becoming more and more critical to our everyday lives, especially since the COVID pandemic, social distancing, events online, school online and constant virtual meetings. Websites are becoming more important, digital marketing is ever more present and how to use digital data is critical to making sure we market in the right places with the right tools.

The Center on Rural Innovation (CORI) through the Southwest Colorado Accelerator Program for Entrepreneurs (SCAPE) is announcing some exciting job training programs and programs that offer scholarships. CORI has teamed up with the company Udacity and is offering "The Future is Digital" challenge, which is an initiative focused on training those in rural communities in learning new skills to help them participate in the growing digital economy.

This training challenge will occur in two parts. The first part is the applicant participating in Udacity's Foundational Courses. These are self-paced courses with online peers and mentors for a total of 40 hours of training that needs to occur within a month's time. The fundamental courses include digital marketing, business analytics and front-end Web development. By completing these courses and receiving a Udacity Nanodegree

program certification, participants can then apply to go to the next, more detailed level of training. Again, scholarships may be available for this second level of training.

Enrollment for the first phase begins Sept. 22 and goes until Oct. 5. This first phase of courses will need to be completed by Nov. 5. Therefore, if you sign up during the initial phase, you can enjoy a full four weeks to complete the courses. If signing up after that time, you will have a reduced amount of time to complete the courses. This first phase of courses must be completed by Nov. 5 and participants need to pass a certification assessment in order to go to the next level. This first phase is a great opportunity to see if work in the digital world is right for you. This training is open to all learners.

The second phase of the training is more in-depth and competitive. Those who finish phase one will need to register and sit for a "Final Assessment." They will be scored and the top scorers will be awarded a scholarship in one of the practitioner-level Nanodegree Programs. This level course lasts for three months. It, too, is self-paced, expecting an average of 10 hours per week. Participants can complete the courses earlier. Participants will work on real-world problems, learn how to work in teams and in remote settings and will also have online peers and mentors.

How many times is it possible to receive free on-the-job training? Through this first phase, you can see, for free, if this digital education is

an occupation you could be interested in and make a living at. The second phase gives you the skills to go out there and get a job.

Online services, Web design and other digital jobs are some of the hottest occupations coming out on the market today. The beauty of these courses is you can do them part-time if you are still in a job at this time. Are you ready to get out into the working world? Are you ready to make a change in your life? Is this a job that you could do at home or part-time? Wouldn't it be worth it for you to investigate?

Go to the following link, <https://ruralinnovation.us/the-future-is-digital-challenge/>, to find out more about this wonderful job training opportunity. This site will explain in much more depth what is included in each course and more of the registration and scholarship opportunities. It's worth it for you to even look into the possibilities. Parents, grandparents or friends — pass this information onto those you know who might fit the profile of working digitally or making a job change in their lives.

Don't forget we have several virtual events coming up this month and into October. Enjoy the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's Breakfast in a Balloon, Seeds of Learning's Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, and Rise Above Violence's Art Above Violence Art event. Look at hosting a "Watch Party" and helping to raise funds for one or all of these organizations.

Nonprofit capacity-building webinar series to be offered

By Tracy Pope
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado has opened registration for two comprehensive training webinars discussing COVID-impacted nonprofit financials. The foundation's

"Something to Chew On" webinar series is free and convenient, designed for nonprofit leaders to grab a lunch, log in via Zoom and learn valuable lessons in nonprofit management.

Webinars will be offered twice a month on Tuesdays from noon to 1:30 p.m. September's offerings will dive into nonprofit financials and

will be most helpful for nonprofit executive directors, bookkeepers and board treasurers. Sept. 22 will examine budgets and scenario planning. Materials from the Nonprofit Finance Fund will be shared and local financial experts from the Community Foundation's finance committee will be available to answer questions. Participants will have the chance to win a free two-hour consultation with one of our panelists.

"We know 2020 has been a challenging year for all of us and we want to offer our local nonprofits the opportunity to gain skills and strategies to enter 2021 resilient and strong, with the tools they need

to succeed," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "The trainings are structured so that all attendees, from novice to expert, will have something to chew on."

The "Something to Chew On" webinars will continue twice monthly through the rest of the year and will examine topics such as alternative fundraising, human resources, remote working and Southwest Colorado Gives. Costs associated with the webinar series will be covered through the Community Emergency Relief Fund, supporting professional development for local nonprofits during a year with numerous budget constraints.

Visit www.swcommunityfoundation.org/chew to learn more and to register in advance for the workshops.

Join Cub Scouts Event set for Sept. 16

By Gary Hedgecock
Cub Scout Pack 807

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Town under contract to purchase land for additional housing

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a special meeting on Aug. 27, the Pagosa Springs Town Council authorized Town Manager Andrea Phillips to move forward with the purchase of property located at 574 S. 5th St. for an amount not to exceed \$230,000.

Before the discussion began at the special meeting on Aug. 27, council member Nicole DeMarco recused herself.

During a meeting on Aug. 20, Phillips explained that town council wants to acquire land for various public purposes as part of its strategic plan.

The parcel at 574 S. 5th St. is a partially developed piece of property at the northeast corner of Apache and 5th streets, according to Phillips.

There is a foundation on the half-acre parcel, with the zoning for the parcel being high-density residential that would allow for 11 dwelling units, Phillips explained.

However, Phillips expressed a desire to get a structural engineer on-site to take a look at the foundation as it has been sitting in the weather for a number of years.

According to Phillips, there is a possibility for another dwelling unit if the town vacated the plat- ted alley.

Utilities have been installed and tap fees have been paid, she added.

During the special meeting on

Aug. 27, Phillips noted that this project could potentially address workforce housing issues and could create public and private partnerships.

"One of the ways in making sure that developers are interested in partnering is by providing land," Phillips said. "It is not uncommon that communities may use public land or acquire land to be offered at a low or free price for a developer to help build housing that will serve the workforce."

Providing the land, along with other waivers, can bring down the costs for developers, Phillips explained.

"This is a small site. It's just over half an acre and, frankly, this would be kind of a demonstration project. We have not done anything like this before that I'm aware of," Phillips said, speaking solely about the town.

The housing could be for "mid-income professionals" which Phillips described as those who are making income between 80 to 120 percent of the area median income (AMI).

"The vision, at least in my mind, is that these would be mostly for rent. Some could be for sale," she said. "This would really be geared towards that missing middle of people who make too much to qualify for the low- or very low-income restricted units."

The parcel could be a mixture of studios, one-bedroom and poten-

tially two-bedroom apartments, Phillips suggested.

"This project is not going to solve all of our housing needs in the community, but it might serve a niche," she said. "I would imagine that we would deed restrict this project in perpetuity and that rents would be based on the unit type and then based on the AMI. I would think we would want to restrict it so that they could not be used as vacation rentals."

In looking at sites for property acquisition, the town wants to look at vacant, blighted or underutilized parcels which the 574 S. 5th St. parcel fits into, she added later.

Town council has also expressed a preference for infill development within the community and this project also fits that, Phillips explained.

This parcel is also walkable to a lot of town amenities, she added further.

"It's also important, since we are using taxpayer funds, to try and get the best deal that we possibly can, and to be able to procure at a low price, it needs to be development ready," Phillips said. "The thing that is nice about this is that it already is connected to our street network, sidewalks, utilities are already there. In fact, taps are paid is my understanding."

The parcel could be ready to be developed "sooner rather than later," Phillips added.

"I think we would want to waive

or offer to waive all town planning fees and building permits," she said.

Discussions regarding the parcel were done in executive session under Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(4)(a) concerning the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest with respect to the property at 574 S. 5th St.

"Let's see what we can do. This could be a really neat project," Mayor Don Volger said.

In a follow-up email on Tuesday, Phillips provided an update on where the town is currently at regarding the property.

According to Phillips, the town is currently under contract to buy the property and the town's engineer is exploring the usability of the foundation that is on site.

"The purchase price is \$230k but that includes the seller paying all of our closing costs and realtor fees. Particulars on the site design, number and type of units/mix is TBD," she wrote. "Our goal is to create a dynamic demonstration workforce project to help with the 'missing middle' for people at 80-120% AMI ... \$38,000 to \$59,000 approx for one person. These are our nursing assistants, teachers, police officers, store managers, etc. We'll be doing this as a public private partnership and hoping to find a creative developer to work with us on the project through a competitive bid process." *chris@pagosasun.com*

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The following meetings are subject to change.

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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://us-02web.zoom.us/j/7992856999>.

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.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. and via Zoom meeting online.

Thursday, Sept. 24

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

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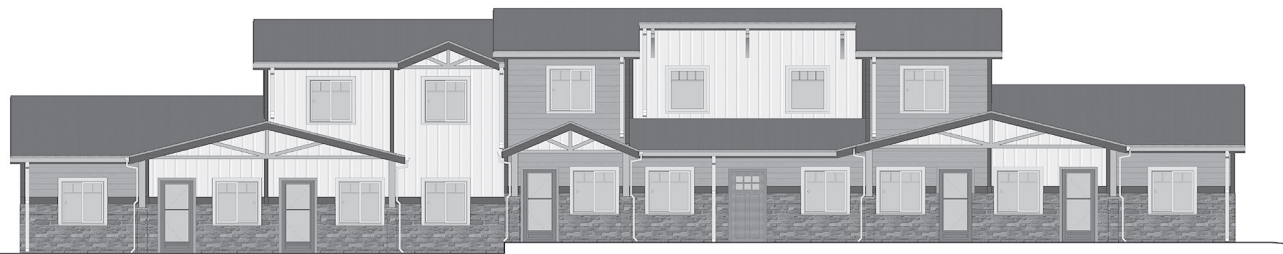
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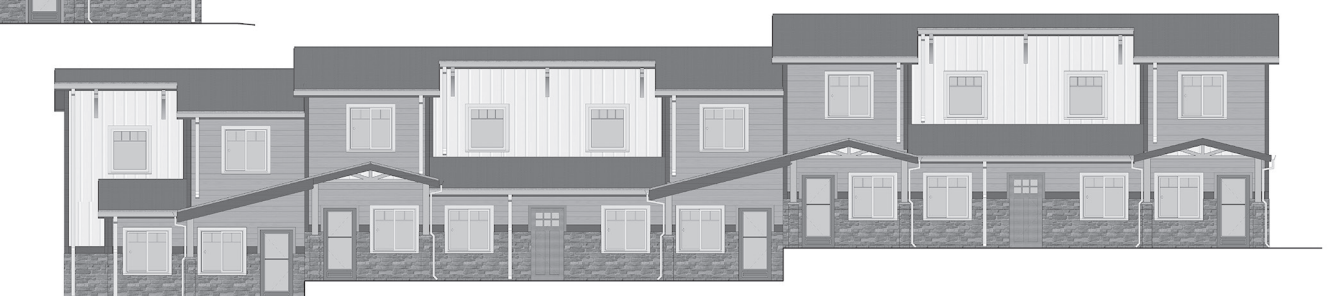
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Law

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petition for someone's firearms to be temporarily taken away.

"Before, it was predominantly left up to law enforcement to address the issue. Now, it opens the door, if you will, to additional people to petition — essentially to the courts — to allow the removal. So, it doesn't exclusively come back on law enforcement, but it's gotta be someone that has intimate knowledge [of the person of focus]," Woodman said, noting that could be a family member, a friend or a significant other.

Last spring, the Archuleta County commissioners all opposed the bill becoming law, with commissioner Alvin Schaaf calling it a "gun-grab law" and Commissioner Steve Wadley saying the bill wouldn't solve any problems, but is "going to create a lot of them."

The commissioners unanimously voted to approve a resolution that deemed Archuleta County a "Second Amendment Preservation County" in opposition to the bill.

Archuleta County was not alone in opposing H.B. 19-1177, with more than half of Colorado's 64 counties publicly opposing the then-bill, which later became law.

Prior to the bill becoming law, Woodman commented last spring on the various opinions surrounding the bill and where the ACSO fell.

"You get the sheriff in Weld County that's like, 'I don't care what [H.B. 19-1177] says and I don't care what's happening. This is our position and we're not going to enforce that.' Then you get the sheriff in Douglas County that says, 'I don't

care what my county does, I don't care what the commissioners say, we'll enforce the order.' [The ACSO is] somewhere in between."

Woodman explained last spring that there were already laws on the books that allow law enforcement to petition to confiscate weapons if someone is deemed mentally ill through a medical evaluation.

"If law enforcement encounters an individual that may be suffering from mental illness, law enforcement, a medical doctor or a licensed counselor can essentially, for lack of a better term, commit the individual to an evaluation where they are evaluated for a period of 72 hours," Woodman explained.

The red flag law changed who could petition a judge to temporarily confiscate someone's firearms, the length of time law enforcement could hold the guns and the speed in which a warrant could be issued, according to Woodman.

The ACSO has used the red flag law to petition for a search warrant one time since the law took effect in January.

In late January, according to an incident report, ACSO deputies responded to a request for a welfare check and identified the person of interest driving her vehicle.

After stopping the individual and speaking with her, deputies noticed a smell of alcohol on her breath, but she wouldn't answer questions about how much she'd had to drink, the report indicates.

While one deputy went to the restaurant the subject said she was at to obtain a copy of her tab, she fled the scene in her vehicle while

waiting with another deputy, according to the incident report.

After ACSO deputies caught up to her and put on their sirens to signal the vehicle to stop, she did not comply and drove to her house while not following posted speed limits and endangering other vehicles on wet and icy roads, according to the incident report.

The report further indicates ACSO deputies caught up to the person in her driveway, where she hid her hands with her jacket and said she had a gun.

There was a confrontation between her and ACSO deputies in which the subject resisted arrest, the report explains.

The person was ultimately arrested and then "kept making suicidal comments about ending her life," according to the incident report, which was the impetus for the ACSO to petition Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson of the Sixth Judicial District to issue a search warrant for her firearm, which he did.

On Jan. 27, Wilson reviewed and signed the search warrant, and a search was conducted.

The search produced a firearm and ammunition.

Woodman explained that, before the red flag law, there were minimums in place for how long law enforcement could hold a firearm that was seized.

He reported previously it was around a month, and while he didn't know the exact time frame the red flag law now allows for law enforcement to hold a confiscated firearm, he suggested it is longer than before.

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Season confusion



Photo courtesy Keena Carstensen

Some Archuleta County residents woke up to a layer of snow on Wednesday morning.

Vacancy

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his oath of office.

In his letter of interest, Taylor wrote, "I have been involved in research and education throughout my professional career, with a longstanding commitment to educational excellence borne out at both the K-12 and collegiate levels. Moreover, I have contributed to numerous educational outreach programs dating back more than three decades."

Taylor's letter also addresses why he sought to be on the board, stating, "My current and past service to our school district is a matter of record. As a concerned parent and citizen, I have been pleased to contribute—to the best of my ability—to promoting a high standard of education for our students in our district, and indeed for students statewide. My three children have been educated exclusively in our district's schools. Nevertheless, my overriding concern is to ensure that all students have the opportunity for a quality education."

The letter indicates Taylor plans to run for the director at the end of the term.

In his interview, which at times was inaudible due to the noise from a rainstorm, Taylor outlined his

wish list for the district, which includes revisiting the conversation about a new elementary school, getting class sizes back down to under 25 students, and increasing course offerings at Pagosa Springs High School.

"These are truly wish list," he said, acknowledging that all three are money-driven, but are on his short list.

Taylor also pointed out to the board during the interview that his career has been in research and education, and he has volunteered with the district and preschools while living in Pagosa Springs.

Other interview questions asked about the roles and responsibilities of board members, the most productive way to deal with concerns and more.

According to his resume, Taylor holds a Ph.D. in biochemistry and a bachelor's in chemistry.

The document shows he previously worked as a research scientist, program officer for research grants and fellowships and adjunct professor.

Since 1997, the resume indicates, Taylor has served as president and chief science officer of an international bioscience consulting company.

He is also an assistant coach for the high school's track and field team.

Following the interview, Bruce Dryburgh, the board's interim president, asked the board if they wanted to move forward with considering Taylor for appointment or leave the vacancy open for another month to see if any other applicants come forward.

The board members indicated they were ready to move forward, with director Dana Hayward suggesting Taylor has a good understanding of being a board member, understands the individual contributions of board members and has a history of being on the board.

She also suggested that the issues the board members want to work on are challenging.

Directors Bob Lynch and Mike Moore echoed the sentiment, with Lynch noting that Taylor is highly qualified and has past experience.

With that, Dryburgh suggested the board could either vote out loud or the board members could write their votes down.

Lynch motioned to appoint Taylor and the board unanimously voted out loud to appoint Taylor. randi@pagosasun.com

Archery

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money available.

"We kind of have our hand out for \$4,000," Hatley said in an interview on Sept. 1, noting that he's trying to secure funding for six targets for the proposed archery range, priced at about \$650 each.

In hand-drawn plans he submitted to the county and sent to The SUN, Hatley illustrates:

- The archery range will be about 100 feet wide by 150 yards long, with a berm behind the targets to catch stray arrows.

- He asked for the county to provide dirt, gravel and other material for filling an existing hole on the

grounds where the range is proposed to be.

- The request asks for the Pagosa Bow Club to be able to host public archery shoots during the spring and fall months, and noted these events would close the disc golf course at Cloman Park for the day.

Per Hatley's plans, the rules of the range would include:

- No crossbows.
- Archers 15 years and younger must have adult supervision.
- No drugs or alcohol.
- No shooting across target lanes.

Hately explained he's hoping for the archery range to open next year, but that he's navigating the bureau-

cracy of a few government agencies, including the tourism board and the Bureau of Land Management, commonly referred to as BLM, as Cloman Park sits on land owned by that agency.

He explained that the Pagosa Bow Club carries an annual \$1 million insurance policy and is pretty sure that it will be in effect even if no one from the club is present, though he hasn't confirmed that yet.

Hately explained that Candace Wolf and Wes Laverty are working with him to get the archery range approved and completed.

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Volunteer firefighters



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Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) academy firefighters take the oath of office on Tuesday after completing their 40-hour basic training firefighter program. These firefighters are volunteers and are now able to respond to calls, according to PFPD Deputy Chief Karn Macht.

Archuleta County COVID-19 case count

The following information was current as of press time Wednesday.

San Juan Basin Public Health data:
Residents: 48 (same as last week)
Residents recovered: 31 (up 5 from last week)
Nonresidents: 40 (up 1 from last week)

County clerk and recorder outlines guidelines for in-person and mail-in voting this November

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

Kristy Archuleta's office is already preparing for Election Day on Nov. 3.

In an email, Archuleta, who is the Archuleta County clerk and recorder, outlined both in-person and mail-in voting guidelines for the upcoming election.

"Ballots will be mailed on October 9th. Voters can still vote in person. To enter the [Voter Services and Polling Center (VSPC) at 449 San Juan St.] we are asking that everyone practices social distancing and wears a face covering. We will have hand sanitizer available. We are encouraging voters to utilize the ballot they will receive in the mail but understand some will want to vote in person. We are excited that we will have an additional 24-hour Drop Box in Archuleta County. It is in Arboles at the Tara Community Center. Both 24-hour Drop Box locations have video surveillance. If voters choose to mail their ballots we recommend not mailing them later

than one week prior to election. Post marks do not count," Archuleta wrote.

According to the Colorado Secretary of State's website, Oct. 26 is the deadline to register to vote or update your registration and still receive a ballot in the mail, though for in-person voting you can register up to and including the day of the election.

Asked if she had any concerns about the post office being able to handle the volume of mail-in ballots, Archuleta replied, "No. I would just recommend that voters do not mail any later than one week prior to the election to avoid their ballot not getting to us in time. If any voters have concerns, they could use our Drop Boxes or hand deliver to our VSPC."

On the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) website, usps.com, the organization outlines how it is well-equipped to handle a large volume of mail on Election Day.

"...the Postal Service delivers 433 million pieces of mail a day. Even if all Americans were to vote by mail this year, 330 million ballots

over the course of the election would be only three-quarters of what the Postal Service delivers in one single day," a press release titled "Just the Facts: Six Things to Know About the Postal Service" reads.

VSPC hours

Archuleta outlined the hours the VSPC will be open for election season.

"Our VSPC will be open as follows: Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning October 19, 2020 (including Monday, November 2nd). Saturdays October 24, 2020 and October 31, 2020 the office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Election Day hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

"Please, no electioneering or campaigning within 100 feet of the VSPC. If anyone enters with anything visible they will be asked to remove or cover it.

"All voters will have access to track their ballot at <https://ballottrax.net>," she wrote. john@pagosahun.com

County, town expected to split bill for remote learning equipment for schools

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

A request from the Archuleta School District for the town and county to split the cost of remote learning equipment is expected to be granted in the upcoming weeks.

On Tuesday, Archuleta School District Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza presented the request to the Archuleta County commissioners at their work session.

Her written request that was shared via Zoom at the meeting states: "This year we are anticipating a significant amount of our calendar to be influenced by a blended/hybrid model of education. With the Safer at Home guidance, even the new levels would call for our district to look at a hybrid of in-person and remote digital learning for part of each week. We also know that there is a high likelihood that we will face significant numbers of students and staff that have to be quarantined in order to keep others safe. We want to ensure that we do everything in our power to keep students connected to school and ensure that they continue to build their knowledge

and skills, despite the physical environment they must learn within. We began looking at equipment that would support the ability for students learning at home to join into the classroom for whole class meetings, whole class instruction and discussions. The challenge is that when they are on zoom, they can hear the teacher if s/he is right next to the computer, but that really tethers the teacher to their laptop and makes it impossible for them to move about the classroom and interact with students as needed.

"Students who are remote also cannot hear the class discussion nor can they contribute to the discussion as they are only captured by the laptop screen. The Juno system will amplify the classroom where students in the classroom can actually interact and talk with those that are remote. The remote students can hear and interact in a way that promotes natural interaction between students and from student to teacher. This system works with our technology through a USB connection. With this equipment in our classrooms, even though students may have to

be home to quarantine, they can still connect to our classrooms and continue learning.

"We have approximately 105 classrooms between our elementary, middle and high schools. Each device has been priced by Eric and Justin from Echo IT at \$1118. So the total cost to fund all classrooms would be \$117,390. We would like to ask that Archuleta County and The Town of Pagosa Springs partner with the school district and allocate some of the COVID resources to help invest in these tools for our students."

According to the Juno product page, the product allows teachers to turn on their projector, video capture their lessons, and talk to the front office, all with the command of their voice. It also enhances sound quality for remote instruction.

In an email, Pagosa Springs Town Manager Andrea Phillips commented on if the town will support the school district's request.

"Yes, we plan to split the cost for the Juno systems with the County," she wrote. "We are also helping the school district with some other items through CVRF [coronavirus

relief funds]:

- "School supplies kits for individual students so that they aren't sharing communal supply tubs; this helps reduce the spread of the virus on surfaces (about \$2000)

- "Assistance with hot spot devices to check out to families on free and reduced lunch to get internet at home for distance learning (about \$7,500)

"Back to School Planner that came out in the Sun and was mailed to all families last week; this provided info on distance learning protocols and COVID-response (\$8,000)

"We are also rolling out a program to reimburse businesses and non profits up to \$7500 each for costs related to [COVID] response and social distancing measures. All funds must be spent in accordance with CVRF (CARES Act) rules," wrote Phillips.

Asked if the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) would approve the proposal put forth by the school district, Archuleta County Administrator Scott Wall wrote in an email to The SUN: "I think the BoCC likes the proposal." john@pagosahun.com

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Sports

CROSS-COUNTRY

Pirates take fourth, second at 'competitive' meet

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams faced tough competition at last week's Alamosa High School Invitational, with the boys' squad finishing fourth and the Lady Pirates taking second.

"It was a really small meet, but it was a competitive meet," coach Rachael Christiansen said.

The teams went into the meet with a goal of having the top three runners finish closer together, and accomplished that feat.

"I think it turned out, actually, pretty close to what I was hoping for," the coach said.

The Pirates finished behind Gunnison, Alamosa and Salida, and ahead of Centauri and Crested Butte.

Gabe Heraty led the Pirates with an eighth-place finish and a time of 17 minutes, 34.20 seconds.

"Gabe ran a really good race," Christiansen said, noting that while Heraty was 13 or 14 seconds off his time from the previous week, he tried to keep up with runners with faster personal records than him and finished around some really competitive people. "For him that was a really good race."

Levi Hinger broke the 20-minute

mark with a time of 19:35.00 to finish 17th.

Breaking 20 minutes was Hinger's goal for the season and the freshman accomplished it in the third race, Christiansen highlighted, noting he has the "right mentality and work ethic."

David Morehouse finished close behind, also breaking the 20-minute mark for the first time this season.

"It's a hard milestone to break," the coach said.

Morehouse crossed the line 20th with a time of 19:53.50.

Andrew Bowles finished 26th with a time of 20:40.50.

Christiansen pointed out Bowles also has a goal to break the 20-minute mark and has been taking about a minute off his time each week.

"He is so determined that I think that's going to be in his future," she said.

In his first varsity race of the season, Cole Reis set a personal record with a time of 22:11.90 to finish 32nd.

The Pirates finished behind Gunnison, Alamosa and Salida, and ahead of Centauri and Crested Butte.

The Lady Pirates finished second at the meet, behind Alamosa and ahead of Centauri, Gunnison



Megan Greenly runs en route to a seventh-place finish at last week's Alamosa High School Invitational. Greenly helped the Lady Pirates to a second-place finish.

and Salida.

Christiansen noted that moving ahead of Centauri was a "big win"

for the team.

The Lady Pirates were led by a third-place finisher by Nell Taylor, who logged a time of 21:45.00.

"Nell had an amazing race. She was focused and went out strong," Christiansen said, adding Taylor wanted to disrupt Alamosa's top three runners, which she did.

The coach called it Taylor's breakout race of the season.

Megan Greenly followed in 22:08.00 to finish seventh.

"She had a very good race," Christiansen said.

Michelle Saucedo crossed the line 14th with a time of 22:43.60.

"Her racing strategy was to go out and challenge for the front," Christiansen said, explaining Saucedo was in second place at



Lady Pirate Nell Taylor runs at the Alamosa High School Invitational last week. Taylor finished third in what the coach called her breakout race of the season.

the 1-mile mark.

Despite being unable to keep pace with Alamosa's top runner, the coach highlighted that Saucedo logged a very good time, is taking risks and noted that it was a huge learning experience.

Ivory Carpenter finished 22nd with a time of 23:44.80, with the coach noting she ended up in a different wave than the top three Lady Pirate finishers and that she "ran a phenomenal race."

In her first race of the season, Sierra Liverett finished 30th in 24:30.30.

Christiansen indicated that both teams worked to have their top three runners finish closely together, and that goal will be expanded to the top four runners

at Saturday's meet to continue to improve the packing abilities of both teams.

The Pirates will race at Adams State University Saturday, though the meet will be a two-day event.

"This week I feel like we're going in a little blind," the coach said.

She added that, due to the size of the meet, spectators will not be allowed.

Despite not knowing how the meet will look, the coach indicated the teams at least know the course and it will be the first time this season the teams have raced on a familiar course.

"It's a good, fast race," she said of the course, and the athletes like it.

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GOLF



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pagosa's Britain Peterson tees off to start the team's Sept. 2 home tournament. Peterson was part of a five-way tie for 15th and helped the Pirates to a third-place finish.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Ethan Robel tees off during the Pirates' home tournament on Sept. 2. Robel led his team with a fourth-place finish at the tournament.

Pirates take third at home tourney

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team will play three of its four remaining regular-season tournaments in the next week as part of the team's push to be ready for the regional tournament on Sept. 22.

The three tournaments follow the team's home tournament that took place on Sept. 2.

The Pirates took third at the home tournament with 278 points, placing them behind Montezuma-Cortez (262 points) and Alamosa (277 points).

Pagosa finished ahead of 4A Durango (292 points) and Monte Vista (293 points).

RECREATION NEWS

Pee-wee soccer registration underway for ages 3-4

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The Recreation Department is offering pee wee soccer for ages 3-4.

Registration is currently being accepted at the recreation office through Sept. 30. Spots are limited, so early registration is recommend-

ed at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The season will be held in the month of October on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting Oct. 13. The cost is \$25 per participant, which will include a uniform jersey.

Please feel free to contact the recreation office with any questions, 264-4151, ext. 232.

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you have a day that isn't as great," Faber said, explaining that scores were higher for many of the team's golfers, but that Pagosa Springs' golf course is more technical than the one the team played twice last week. He added, "It was a great tournament."

Faber explained the golfers who struggled on Sept. 2 have already talked about what their struggle was, and the team has an eye on the future and is continuing to progress.

Friday, Pagosa's Pirates will be in Monte Vista for a 9 a.m. tournament, with Faber highlighting Tuesday that up to seven golfers would be able to attend the event. Then, on Sept. 14 and 15, the team will take part in a two-day tournament hosted by Durango, with five Pirate golfers able to go.

On Sept. 14, the team will play at Hillcrest Golf Course. The following day, the team will play at the Dalton Ranch Golf Club.

The Pirates were originally scheduled to take part in the Gunnison Tournament on Sept. 9 in order to preview the course, where state will be played, but opted to not travel due to the weather, Faber noted.

"We're gettin' down the road and hopefully getting everybody prepared for the regionals when we get there," the coach said.

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Injuries prompt search and rescue calls

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Over the past couple of weeks, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) has been busy with multiple search and rescue operations.

According to an email from Deputy Director of Emergency Ops Christina Kraetsch, the ACSO "received a page for a female with an unstable right leg," around 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 28. The patient was on the Piedra Falls Trail near the base of the falls.

According to Kraetsch, "ACSO, Pagosa Springs Medical Center EMS and Upper San Juan Search & Rescue responded to the scene, conducted a patient assessment, and then transported her using a litter and wheel to the ambulance waiting at the trailhead."

A similar incident occurred on Sept. 4 around 4:30 p.m.

According to Kraetsch, the ACSO "received a page for a female with an unstable ankle in the same location as the previous rescue on the Piedra



Photo courtesy Lee De Tro

Crew members from the search and rescue teams stand together at the Piedra Falls trailhead after rescuing a hiker. Crews were able to locate and transport the patient safely off the trail.

Falls Trail." The female hiker slipped on loose gravel and rolled her ankle.

According to Kraetsch, the reporting parties for both incidents hiked out and drove to the Sportsman Campground to call 911.

"Their response assisted in coordination of the rescue," according to Kraetsch.

On Sept. 8, the ACSO received a page for a couple attempting to hike a 100-mile section of the Continental Divide Trail near the Lobo Overlook off of County Road 402.

According to Kraetsch, the female

hiker had injured her leg and "was unable to hike out."

She added the couple had cell service and were able to dial 911 on their phone. Due to their location on the trail, the call was sent to Alamosa's dispatch center, but was transferred to Pagosa Springs since the ACSO resources were closer.

According to Kraetsch, crews sent a helicopter to pick up the patient off the trail and dropped her off at her personal vehicle on West Fork Road. The patient was not transported to a hospital.

According to Kraetsch, due to weight restrictions and weather conditions, the flight medic and the male hiker were not able to fly out on the helicopter. They began hiking out with the equipment and Kraetsch hiked in to assist with getting all the equipment off the trail.

In a phone interview, Kraetsch encouraged that anyone going out on trails should "be prepared, have proper footwear, proper equipment and to check the weather before going out on these hikes."

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Drought could delay fall colors, early October expected to be peak

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As the season begins to make its shift toward fall, southwest Colorado will be trading in its high temperatures and longer days for shorter days that are painted with lush landscapes full of colorful foliage.

For those with an eye for photography, or ones who can just appreciate a beautiful nature scene, peak times for Colorado fall colors are important to know.

According to the 2020 Fall Foliage Prediction map, the southwest portion of the state will see leaf colors approach "patchy" status around Sept. 14.

The northwest portion of the state, however, will see leaves reach near peak levels on Sept. 14, according to the map.

It will not be until around Oct. 5 that southwest Colorado will see fall colors at their peak; according to the map, this peak will only last until about Oct. 12.

How the leaves get their color

According to the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (CESF), leaves take on their green color during the spring and summer seasons as the food-making process is taking place for trees and with chlorophyll being in the numerous cells of the leaf.

In the fall, with changes in daylight and tem-

perature, leaves stop that food-making process, which leads to the chlorophyll breaking down and the green color's eventually disappearing, according to the CESF.

Despite the fact that the green color has faded away, colors such as red, orange and yellow become visible due to the presence of compounds such as beta-carotene, anthocyanin and flavonols within the leaf, according to the CESF.

Drought delay

The U.S. Forest Service notes that a late spring or severe summer drought can affect the onset of fall color, specifically by delaying it by a few weeks.

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The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
Calls for service over week: 223.
Aug. 31 — Information only, Surrey Drive.

Aug. 31 — Careless driving, improper registration, drove when license revoked, harassment public space and obscene language or gesture, reckless endangerment, U.S. 160/Aspen Village Drive.

Sept. 1 — Violation of restraining order/domestic violence, East Golf Place.

Sept. 2 — Information only, Grenadier Place.

Sept. 2 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Sept. 2 — Violation of bond condition/violation of restraining order, U.S. 160.

Sept. 2 — Criminal mischief, Fire-side Street.

Sept. 3 — Failed to display valid

registration, drove vehicle without insurance, North Pagosa Boulevard/Park Avenue.

Sept. 3 — Warrant arrest, Majestic Drive.

Sept. 3 — Criminal mischief, second-degree criminal trespass, Carol's Curves.

Sept. 4 — Crimes against at-risk adult/juvenile, third-degree assault-simple assault, U.S. 160.

Sept. 4 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, Boulder Drive/Cornerstone Drive.

Sept. 5 — County warrant, Vista Boulevard/Park Avenue.

Sept. 5 — First-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, theft from vehicle, County Road 700.

Sept. 5 — Agency Assist, Aspen Village Drive.

Sept. 6 — Agency Assist, USFS 637 Middle Fork Campground.

Sept. 6 — Speeding 10-19 miles per hour over, driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, Cloud Cap Avenue/County Road 600.

Sept. 7 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drove vehicle

when BAC .08 or more, County Road 600/Cloud Cap Avenue.

Sept. 7 — Information only, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 149.

Sept. 1 — Nuisance/animal running at large, U.S. 160.

Sept. 1 — First-degree criminal trespass, Country Center Drive.

Sept. 2 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, S. 7th Street.

Sept. 3 — Warrant arrest, possession/consume open container of alcohol in public place, San Juan Street.

6th Judicial District Court:
Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

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Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Aug. 28 — Kevin R. Ham, failed to stop at stop sign, total fines and costs — \$107.50.

Sept. 1 — Marcus D. Whitaker, passed on left when prohibited by sign, total fines and costs — \$137.50.

Sept. 2 — Jessica Escalante, license plate expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.

Sept. 2 — Dayton S. Short, license plate expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.

Sept. 2 — Jason T. Robrahn, license plate expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.

Sept. 2 — Michael J. Remlinger, license plate expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.

Sept. 2 — Sean T. Penton, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$163.50.

Sept. 2 — David A. Montoya, registration-unregistered vehicle, total fines and costs — \$191.50.

Sept. 2 — Nicholas J. Byrum, seat

Veterans for Veterans has new meeting place

By Charlotte Jones
Veterans for Veterans
of Archuleta County

Thanks to the generosity of Evelyn Tennyson, the Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County has a new meeting place.

Tuesday meetings will be held at

the Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trails Drive, at 10 a.m.

Veterans and associated members are invited to the breakfast meeting on the first Tuesday of the month held at the same location at 9 a.m.

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Outdoors



Looking south from Summit Peak.

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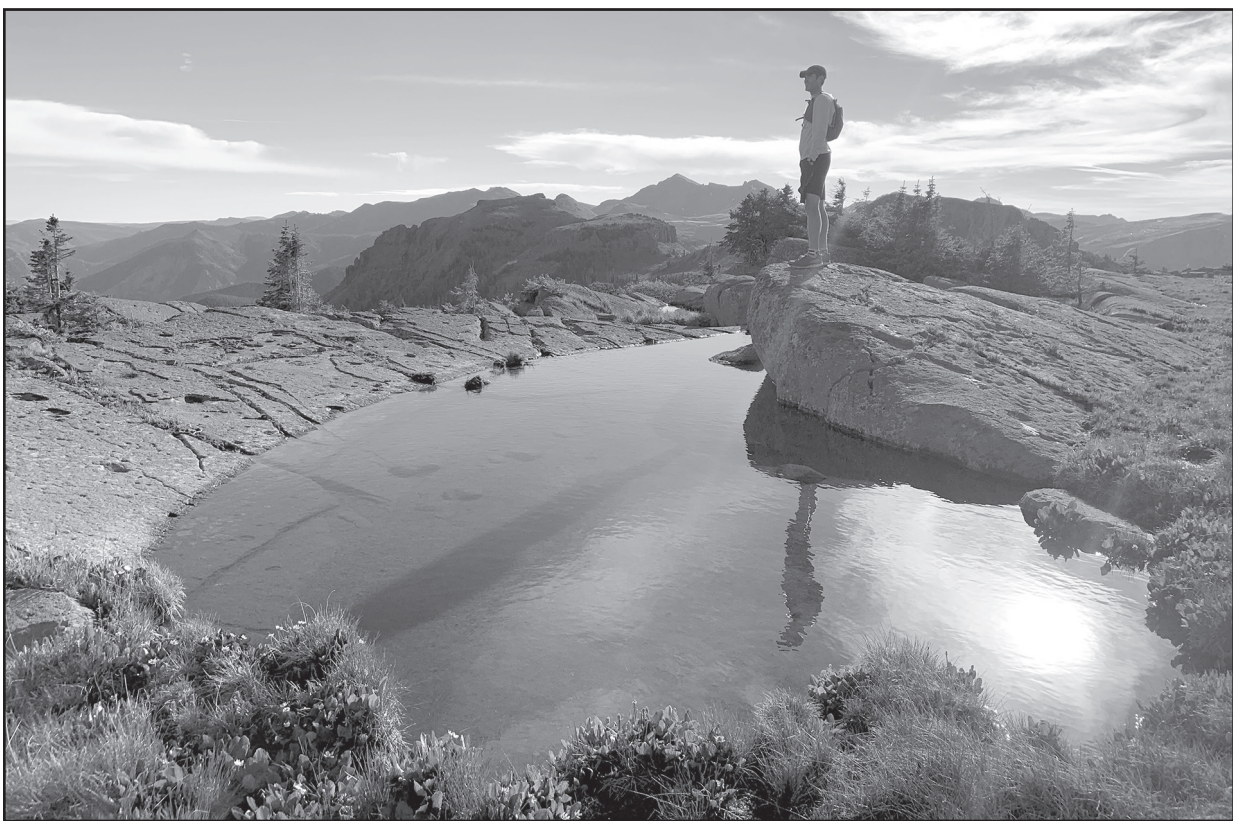
The Summit Ridge forms the Continental Divide.

Photo courtesy Silas Thompson



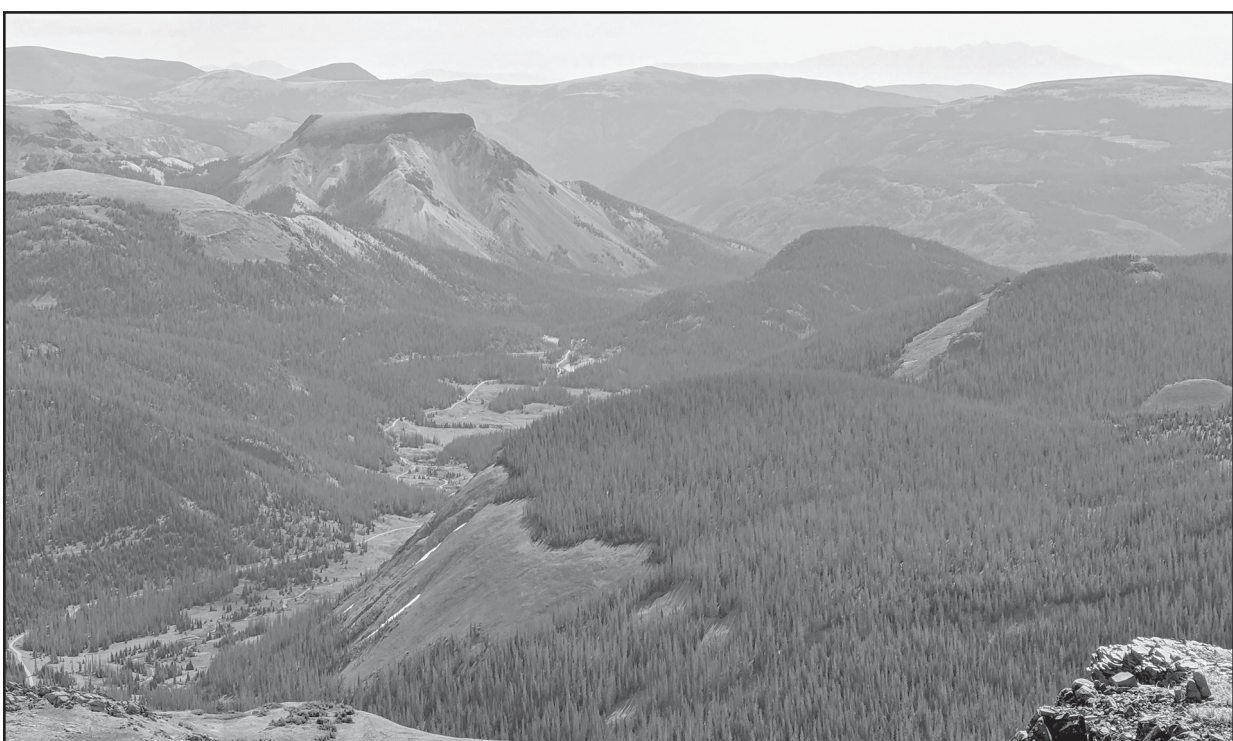
Silas climbs the engineered section, the alternative to the ridgeline above.

Photo courtesy Josh Kurz



Summit Peak is the highest point in the image.

Photo courtesy Silas Thompson



The headwaters of the Alamosa River as seen from Summit Peak.

Photo courtesy Josh Kurz

The highest point in Archuleta County: a 20-mile pilgrimage

By Josh Kurz
Special to The SUN

If you're a local, there's a good chance that you've seen the highest point in Archuleta County but didn't know it. Unlike the familiar faces on our skyline, Summit Peak sits three ridges back and is surrounded by a sea of shark's teeth. Yet, at 13,307 feet, Summit Peak stands above them all.

Summit Peak sits squarely on the Continental Divide within the South San Juan Wilderness and its significant snowfields sustain our streams throughout the summer. The Alamosa River, a tributary to the Rio Grande, emerges from the east side. Quartz Creek and the Blanco River, both tributaries to the San Juan River, originate on the western side. The best place to see Summit Peak is from the far southern or northern fringes of the Archuleta County or the top of Wolf Creek Ski Area.

I've wanted to climb Summit Peak since the turn of the millenia, but I had yet to climb it for two reasons. Summit Peak doesn't stand out on the skyline, so I don't get the same daily reminders that I get from the frontline peaks. And, since Summit Peak isn't a frontline peak, it's fairly far away. For over 20 years, Summit Peak took a back seat to more accessible, conspicuous peaks.

To access Summit Peak from Pagosa Springs, you can drive 50 winding miles through three neighboring counties for nearly two hours to get closer to its base (Elwood Pass is a shortcut, but you have to have a serious four-wheel-drive vehicle). If you want to avoid the drive time, you can trek over 20 miles on foot instead. As a resident of Archuleta County, I decided the most appropriate way to climb to the highest point was to begin my pilgrimage from Archuleta County.

Since it's safer to run 20 miles and climb 6,000 vertical feet with company, I scrolled through my shortlist and landed on Silas' name. Silas is a former Pagosa Springs High School soccer player turned skyrunner. He was back in town and happened to be in great shape thanks to all the extra running he'd done during the COVID-19 shutdown.

Our journey began in late June just before 7 a.m. at the Little Blanco trailhead east of Pagosa Springs. We abruptly awoke our legs and lungs with the strenuous 3-mile, 2,100-vertical-foot toll required to enter the spectacular passage through Quartz Ridge. After a grueling 45-minute climb, we said goodbye treeline and left the protection of the forest for the rest of the run. As we passed through the snowy saddle, we entered an emerald world of glacially scoured, wind-swept tundra.

Not far from the saddle, the well-worn Quartz Lake trail departs north from Little Blanco Trail. I'd passed by the unsigned trail junction on my way to Quartz Lake a half dozen times and never

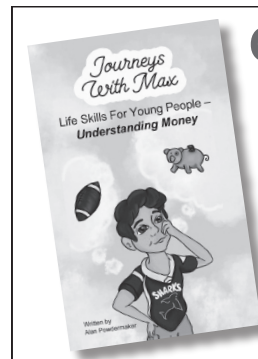
noticed the faint path marked by tombstone-like cairns. The faint trail gets very little foot traffic as it heads east toward the Continental Divide along a ridge that forms the watershed boundary between Quartz Creek and the Blanco River.

Not far from the trail junction, the ridgeline becomes too jagged and the trail drops steeply into a ravine and crosses a stream. Clinging to a cliffside on the other side of the stream is a feat of backcountry engineering that was constructed nearly 5 miles from the nearest trailhead. As the trail climbs out of the streambed, it clings to a sheer cliff face thanks to the support of

1-inch diameter rebar driven into the bedrock. I'd love to know the story behind that section of trail — when was it built, who carried in the heavy metal and how did they transport it?

The trail traverses the headwaters of Quartz Creek, gains a saddle and then contours along a bench above the headwaters of the Blanco River. The trail has been consumed by the lumpy alpine bunchgrass which led to a minor ankle roll on my part. As we got closer to Summit Peak, a deep notch on the summit ridge came into view interrupting the formally mellow-looking route

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Geothermal sources in Pagosa Springs have created unique, warm-water wetlands and contribute to the rich diversity of birds along the Riverwalk in town.

Importance of wetlands to be topic of Audubon Society meeting

By Jean Zirnhelt
Weminuche Audubon Society

Please join the Weminuche Audubon Society on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly chapter meeting.

This remote meeting will take place on Zoom. Please check the events list on our website, www.weminucheaudubon.org, for a link to the online meeting. All interested parties are welcome.

The topic of this month's meeting will be the importance of

wetlands, particularly those in our Pagosa Springs area. Eighty percent of all wildlife species use wetlands or riparian habitats at some point in their life cycle.

According to the EPA, "More than half of our original wetlands have been drained and converted to other uses."

Geothermal sources in Pagosa Springs have created unique, warm-water wetlands and contribute to the rich diversity of birds we see along the Riverwalk in town.

Our presenter for the evening

will be Randy McCormick. Prior to moving to Pagosa Springs, McCormick served as environmental manager at the National Estuarine Research Reserve in Naples, Fla., mandated to protect 110,000 acres of coastal wetlands in the western Everglades. He is a board member of the Weminuche Audubon Society and an active member in Pagosa Wetland Partners, a group of citizens committed to preserving important area wetlands habitats. Find out how you can be involved in this mission.

Pilgrimage

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to the top. My old-school map and Silas' fancy phone app lacked the scale to determine if the cliff was connected to the summit ridge.

Instead of charging straight for the summit, we avoided the jagged notch by joining the faint Continental Divide Trail, which was still partially buried by snow. The path contoured around the eastern flank to a steep grassy slope that led to the summit ridge. We shuffled up the summit's spine, which separates the sentinel's impressive, crumbling north-western side from its opposite grassy, swooping, "Sound of Music" side. Expending for nearly three hours above 10,000 feet had depleted our reserves and we were operating in the red. Just as my watch indicated our 10th mile, we reached the South San Juans' ceiling, where we eagerly balanced our oxygen and energy budgets.

The return on our investment consisted of expansive views of O'Neal Park to the west, Montezuma Peak and Wolf Creek Pass to the north, the Summitville Caldera and the Sangre de Cristo Range to the east, and V-Rock and Archuleta Mesa to the south. The north side drops so steeply that it seemed like I could toss a rock into an unnamed lake 1,000 feet below. Fortunately, the weather was perfect for soaking up the hard-earned views. Seven miles away, we could also pick out the narrow passage through Quartz Ridge



Photo courtesy Josh Kurz

The "notch" interrupts the summit ridge as seen from the headwaters of the Blanco River.

through which we would return.

Our run was only half over, but, fortunately, much of it was downhill. Leaving the peak behind us, we could see that the sketchy notch that we'd avoided was not connected to the ridgeline, which allowed us to stay on the ridgeline and save time and energy. Our downhill coast was interrupted when we reached the stream crossing at the bottom of the engineered section. The 500-foot climb back to Quartz Ridge from the stream crossing was grueling at that late stage in the run, but we stayed motivated knowing that we had 3 miles of downhill once we reached the narrow passage.

As we crested Quartz Ridge, my cellphone buzzed with notifications signaling that our backcountry adventure was nearly over. Shortly thereafter, we saw other potential COVID-carriers for the first time. I can't say the last 3 miles downhill felt great since slowing down my tired frame on steep terrain was only slightly less painful than steep uphill. Silas' young legs had more spring left and he disappeared into the first trees. A few minutes later, I staggered past trailhead sign having completed one of the longest summit ascents I've ever attempted in one day.

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

Plague activity present in Colorado, take precautions to prevent exposure

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment CDPHE is reporting the second case of human plague in the state this summer. The case, reported to the department on Sept. 3, is a resident from a rural county in Colorado.

The first case was diagnosed earlier this summer in a resident from southwest Colorado. The cases are unrelated. Both cases had exposure to sick animals—a squirrel and a cat. Neither case is suspected of having spread the infection to other people or animals. These are the first cases of human plague reported in the state since 2015. In the past 10 years, there have been 14 cases of human plague in Colorado.

Earlier this year, plague bacteria were confirmed in rodents in Broomfield, Jefferson and Adams counties, as well as a cat in Elbert County.

The CDPHE reminds residents that it's not uncommon for plague to be seen this time of year, but it can also be found in rodents year-round. It sometimes spills over into other wildlife species as well as domestic cats and dogs.

People should take the following precautions to protect themselves and their pets:

- Do not directly handle any wildlife.
- Keep pets away from wildlife, especially dead rodents and rabbits.
- Don't let dogs or cats hunt prairie dogs, squirrels, voles, other rodents or rabbits.
- Don't allow pets to roam freely.
- Treat all pets for fleas according to a veterinarian's advice.
- If your pet develops a sudden illness after contact with wildlife, call a veterinarian immediately.
- Do not feed wildlife — this attracts them to your property, brings them in close contact, and increases the risk of disease transmission.
- Do not attempt to remove or kill prairie dogs. This may increase the risk of plague for you and your domestic animals.
- Be aware of rodent and rabbit populations in your area and report sudden die-offs or multiple dead animals to your local health department.

Plague is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected flea, but also may be transmitted by infected animal tissues, fluids or respiratory droplets. Infected fleas may be found near areas where multiple rodents or rabbits have died—avoiding these areas and not allowing pets or other animals to explore these areas will decrease the risk of getting plague.

Citizens with direct exposure to fleas or wildlife in the affected areas may be at risk. People who think they have been exposed should contact a health care provider immediately. Symptoms include sudden fever, headache, chills, weakness, and tender, painful lymph nodes. While there are no publicly available vaccines to prevent plague in people, if caught early, it can be successfully treated with antibiotics in both people and pets.

For more information about plague, visit the CDPHE's plague Web page at www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/plague.

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Dispatch subcommittee discusses funding formula, history

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

After nearly a year hiatus, the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Exploratory Subcommittee reconvened on Aug. 19 to discuss dispatch's funding formula after the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) submitted an alternate formula for consideration.

Subcommittee member Ron Beckman, who represents the PFPD on the subcommittee, explained that PFPD had drafted a different funding formula than the one currently used.

While the Dispatch Executive Management Board oversees the dispatch center, it created a subcommittee to tackle issues like the funding formula and the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) that is currently being rewritten by the four participating agencies.

The subcommittee provides recommendations to the executive management board.

The Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center routes emergency calls to the four entities who utilize and fund dispatch: the town, the county, the fire district and the hospital district.

The amount each entity pays is based on a three-year average of calls routed to each agency by dispatch.

The county pays about half, the town pays about 36 percent, the hospital district pays about 12 percent and the fire district pays about 4 percent, according to Emergency Communications Director Kati Harr.

Dispatch's annual budget is about \$1 million.

"This fair funding formula has been around for 11 years ... and it's based on a three-year average," Beckman said. "Well, after four go-arounds with the three-year

averages here, we kinda feel like the three-year average is pretty well set. What we'd like to see is a fee for service."

PFPD's funding proposal, sent to The SUN, stipulates that user agencies of the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center shall pay a flat fee based on calls for service:

- 1-100 calls, \$4,700.
- 101-200 calls, \$9,400.
- 201-300 calls, \$13,100.
- 1,001-1,100 calls, \$47,000.
- 2,001-3,000 calls, \$94,000.

Subcommittee chair Greg Schulte, who was Archuleta County administrator at the time the first IGA and funding formula were implemented, gave some history on how and why the funding formula was created.

"When we signed that IGA in January of '09, the first recession was just starting to hit and we had no idea how bad it was going to be ... and that lasted for several years and I remember, everybody, especially the town, was grumping and groaning about all the money they had to put into dispatch," Schulte said.

"We got screwed," Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger said with a laugh.

Volger noted in an email to The SUN that he had retired from the Pagosa Springs Police Department about a year prior to the IGA being signed, but was still involved in the process of creating the funding formula after he retired.

"In the first year, [the town] went from zero to 80 grand and that was a tough pill to swallow in the recession," Schulte said.

Schulte also explained why a three-year call average seemed like a fair and equitable way to cost share for the four agencies that utilize dispatch.

He noted that in any one year, one of the participating agencies'

call numbers could "spike," and the three-year call average could offset any rapid rise in calls that occurred in one year.

The consensus at the subcommittee meeting was that PFPD's funding formula proposal has come too close to budget season, and would be better considered for the 2022 budget.

Emergency Communications Director Kati Harr, who runs the dispatch center, explained that if the dispatch board ever does rewrite the funding formula, she has some ideas, noting that calls for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the PFPD take longer than some calls for the Pagosa Springs Police Department or the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office.

"I do have a lot of opinions about a more nuanced funding formula for dispatch," Harr said, adding, "I can tell you EMS calls and fire calls take a whole lot more resources than law calls do in a lot of ways, so that is one of those nuances."

"I've had that concern after being in law enforcement. You know, some of our calls are 10 minutes," Volger said, adding, "The average of the fire calls and the average of the EMS calls are longer. I don't know how you get in that can of worms."

In an email on Wednesday, Harr clarified her statements about the funding formula: "There are a multitude of algorithms and systems out there for calculating user agency costs for emergency communications services. Some reflect the specific distinctions of these services more accurately than others."

"Some distinctions to potentially consider: traffic stops are generally very short, time-wise, but are extremely high priority in nature and require elevated awareness and response. Medical calls will, eventually, require adherence to complex and precise emergency medical dispatch (EMD) protocol, which incurs costs to the communications center for training, certification, and continuing education, as well as requires staff to multi-task at a higher level for a

longer period of time. Fire calls, while less common in frequency, require a fair amount of radio traffic initially and increase responder safety awareness in some cases. Law enforcement extra patrol tags are very low priority, but high in frequency.

"My hope is that the Executive Management Board would be supportive of the idea to potentially reassess our funding formula a few years down the line once more accurate [calls for service] numbers are accrued and we have a clearer picture of our increased revenue from the local and statewide 911 surcharges. This reassessment could lend itself to a more precise distribution of costs across our user agencies," wrote Harr.

The dispatch subcommittee is expected to meet again in the upcoming weeks.

On Sept. 3, the Dispatch Executive Management Board met for its regular meeting.

Board member Andrea Phillips commented on the groups progress in achieving goals that had been set years prior.

"I'm so proud of this board," she said, adding, "When you look at these goals and objectives, we are hitting on almost all of these and getting progress in a big way on a couple of these big ones, so I remember when we sat in that room a couple years ago and came up with these. I'm just so excited to see these things come to fruition."

In the last year or so, the dispatch board has:

- Secured additional funding for the dispatch center.
- Developed and implemented a Continuity of Operations Plan, including a comprehensive response plan to the current global pandemic and its potential effects on how dispatch functions.
- Secured a new facility at Harman Park which dispatch will move into early next year.

The Dispatch Executive Management Board meets the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Meeting minutes and agendas are posted at: <http://www.archuletacounty.org/AgendaCenter/>.
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Local lake levels continue to drop

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Over the past week, all five local lakes have seen drops in their water levels, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

Lake Hatcher is down 4 inches from last week, bringing the lake down to 41 inches from full, or 87.35 percent full.

Stevens Lake is currently 87.2 percent full, or 42 inches from full. Last week, Stevens Lake was 39 inches from full.

Lake Pagosa dropped 1 inch from last week, bringing the lake level to 5 inches from full, or 98.19 percent full.

Village Lake dropped another 4 inches, bringing the lake level down to 20 inches from full, or 90.74 percent full.

Lake Forest also dropped another inch, going from 7 inches from full last week to 8 inches from full this week, or 93.947 percent full.

Total diversion flows remain at 4.3 cubic feet per second (cfs) this week, with the West Fork diversion contributing 3 cfs and the San Juan diversion contributing 1.3 cfs.
From Aug. 28 through Sept. 3 of

this year, total water production was recorded at 16.29 million gallons.

The Snowball water treatment plant added 4 million gallons to the total. The Hatcher plant added 7 million gallons and the San Juan plant added 5.29 million gallons.

Last year in the same time frame, water production was listed at 18.03 million gallons.

From Aug. 21 through Aug. 27 of this year, water production was listed at 18.33 million gallons.

River report

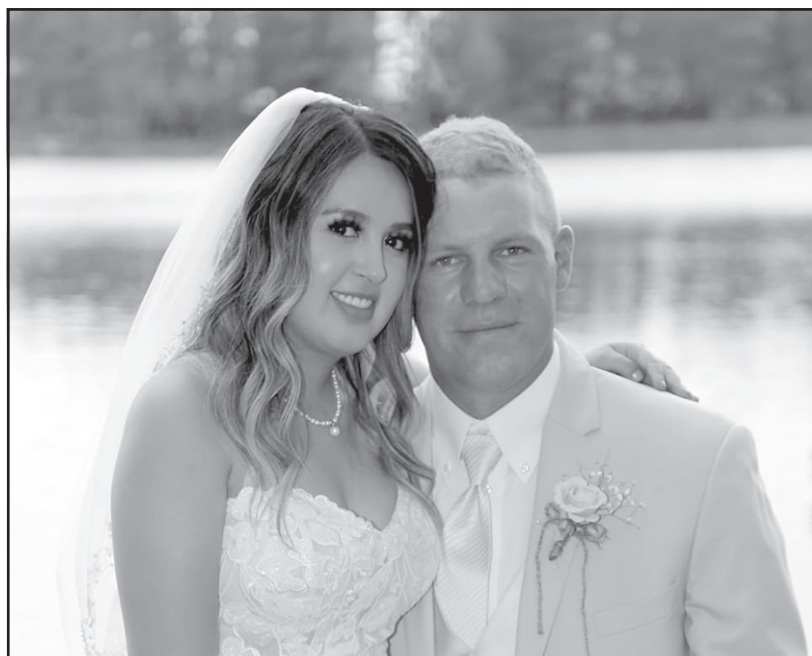
As of Wednesday, Sept. 9, the San Juan River had a flow of 68.7 cfs, up from 41.6 cfs from last week, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Based on 84 years of water records, the lowest flow for this date was recorded in 1978 at 17 cfs, and the highest flow was recorded in 1970 at 999 cfs.

The average flow for this date is 132 cfs.
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Celebrations



Meghan Manzanaras and Colton Hutcherson were married on Saturday, Aug. 1. The lakeside ceremony was officiated by Pastor Dave Stene.



Longtime Pagosa Springs residents Gene and Lorna Fox recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a small group of friends. Gene and Lorna were married Sept. 5, 1970, in Indiana.

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Library

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from the library director, Meg Wempe, members from RATIO "presented three design concepts to us and to the community and are now taking the feedback provided to narrow down their recommendations to one design concept."

According to the email, RATIO architects and library staff are still "in the very early stages of the design process" and that "these concepts currently do not have any costs associated with them; they are simply concepts."

Each concept emphasized the importance of the garden and outdoor space that is connected to the building. Another factor being considered is the possibility of providing space for RV parking as the library has shown to attract travelers in need of Internet, computers or simply a resting space.

According to Wempe's email, library staff and RATIO architects "have been in communication with the Town of Pagosa Springs regarding the potential parking and garden areas next to the library."

The design concepts were presented by RATIO Principal Dennis Humphries and Interior Design Associate Ramona Burns.

The first concept laid out the idea of being able to connect the library with the elementary school by extending the garden and adding covered and paved terraces. The paved terraces could be designed in an amphitheater style for possible music events or to be used as outdoor classrooms, Burns explained. The rest of the concept introduced little change to the building's existing footprint.

The entrance would remain on the south side of the building with the addition of a 2,500-square-foot meeting room accessible after hours. More parking would be added to the west along with four RV spaces, but would require an additional land purchase, Burns explained.

The second concept placed more emphasis on the need for RV parking spaces, Burns explained. The RV spaces would be for day use only and would not require extra infrastructure to accommodate for any overnight guests.

The design planned for a separate parking lot entrance off of San Juan Street. The extra lot would take up most of the land to the west of the library and would restrict the connection between the school and the library through green spaces.

This concept incorporates a larger building footprint of 11,700 square feet, which would include a new community room. This scenario also shows the possibility of what it might look like to add a garden section on the south side of the building near the entrance.

Burns also explained how the new green space would be connected to the children's area inside, allowing for less disturbance throughout the building.

Other connections to the outdoors would be through the main collection area and through the makers' space room to the garden on the west side of the building. The entrance of the building would remain intact in the location it is in now.

The third concept that Burns presented included a larger building footprint to the west with the addition of the community room with after-hours access. More parking would be added to the west, but no spaces dedicated specifically to RVs.

The entrance would also remain on the south side of the building, but would be moved farther south, closer to San Juan Street. Outdoor connections would be through the community room, the makers' space and the children's areas. There would be room to the west to expand the garden areas and add usable outdoor space.

As Burns stated throughout the meeting, "these are not plans that are already set in stone." The ideas brought forward were meant to gauge the wants and needs to see how the expansion could benefit the community most.

The RATIO team will take everything in consideration after receiving feedback on their different ideas and go back to the drawing board, Burns explained.

Library Development Officer Cindi Galabota encouraged the ideas of expanding the garden and connectivity to the building.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 17 at 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend this Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83413160673> and is encouraged to give feedback.

To learn more about the library's expansion plans, contact Galabota at cindi@pagosalibrary.org or clayton@pagosasun.com

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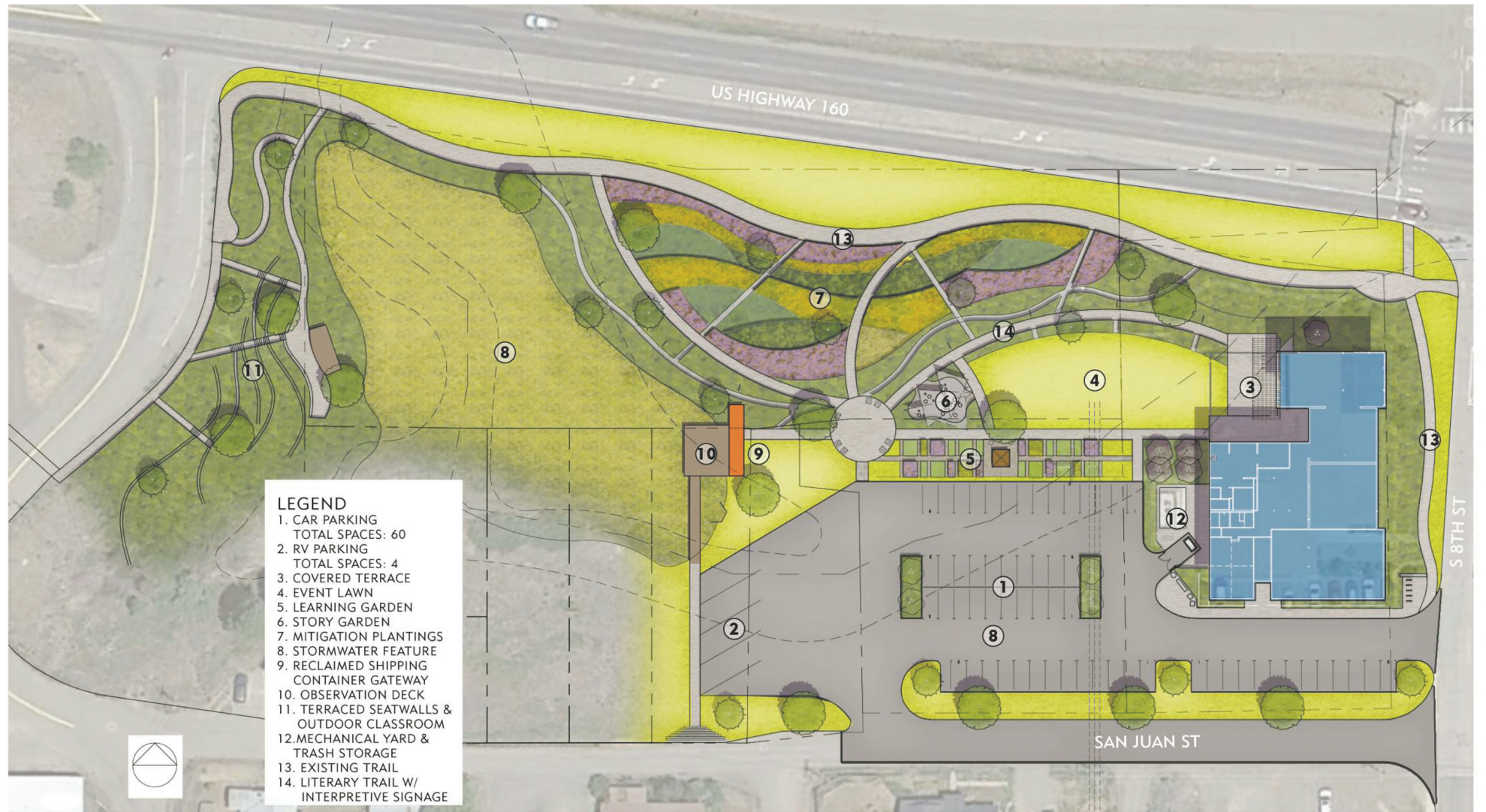


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RATIO Architects and the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library held a virtual meeting on Aug. 31 to discuss different possibilities regarding expansion of the library. Three design concepts were presented in the early stage of the process in order to garner community feedback. The public is invited to attend the next meeting scheduled for Sept. 17.



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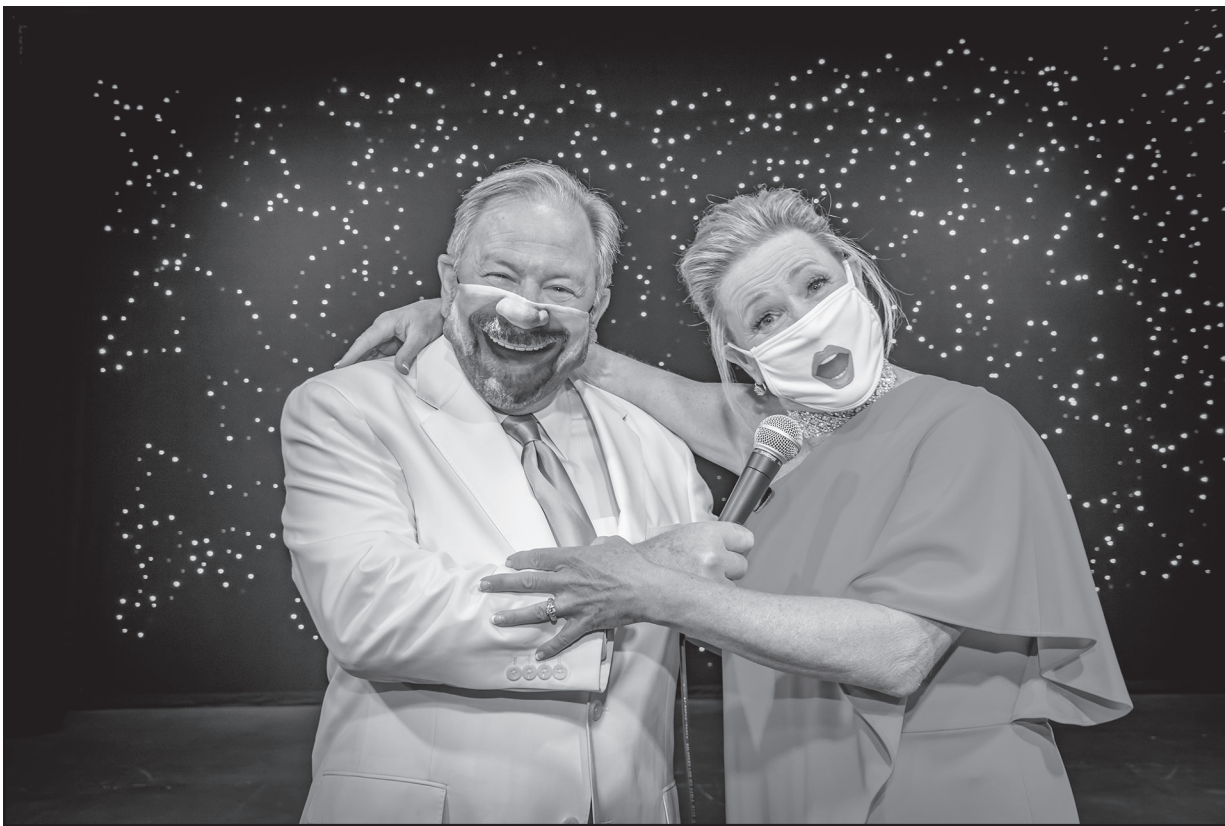


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A vote for your favorite star is a vote for early childhood education with Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, set for Sept. 26. Tickets to watch the virtual show are available now, and voting is open.

Break the monotony with Dancing with the Pagosa Stars


By Lilli Peters
Seeds of Learning

After months of quarantining at home and repeatedly watching all of your favorite shows, we are excited to break the monotony for you with the never-before-done virtual Dancing with the Pagosa Stars 2020 on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.

This year, our stars and coaches have had to work extra hard to prepare for the show and your entertainment, with a compacted practice schedule while wearing masks. But they are committed to working to earn your votes because they know the children at Seeds of Learning need our community's help more than ever.

You don't have to be a relative or close friend to vote for a star. If you are athletic, enjoy local art, support our high school kids, appreciate local philanthropists or support local business, there is a star you will want to vote for. Just visit <http://growingseeds.org/dwtps-stars/> to view star bios for Quinlan Quiros, Theresa Snyder, Gabriel Heraty, Blue Haas, Jonathan Dobson and Robert Bonham, and you can vote from there.

Each \$1 vote supports Seeds of Learning and gets these stars closer to the Mirror Ball Trophy. You can vote as much and as often as you like. You can even vote for more than one star. You can also vote by sending your check, along with the star's name ■ See Stars on next page



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By Ashley Wilson
Rise Above Violence

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To get more information or purchase your ticket to this year's virtual event, go to riseaboveviolence.org. Tickets start at \$15 for individuals and go up to \$50 for families or groups under 10 people. We are working hard to bring you a beautifully crafted virtual event.

These current times in our community are requiring nonprofits to get more creative and Rise Above Violence is no exception. With so many fundraising events canceled for the year, Rise is always looking for ways to engage the community and raise much-needed funds.

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The monthly giving program asks donors to consider a \$10 (or more) monthly reoccurring gift that helps to support victims and survivors in an ongoing, consistent way. The \$10 covers the cost of one crisis call. In recent months, Rise has seen an increase in calls of 51 percent.

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Our business partnership program is launching this month. Our business partners pick a day where they choose to give a percentage of that day's sales to Rise. Find



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Rise Above Violence will host its fifth annual Art Above Violence exhibit and performance at 6 p.m. on Oct. 10. Tickets are on sale now for this year's virtual event at riseaboveviolence.org.

more information about how to participate on these giving days or how to become a business partner

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As we all navigate through this

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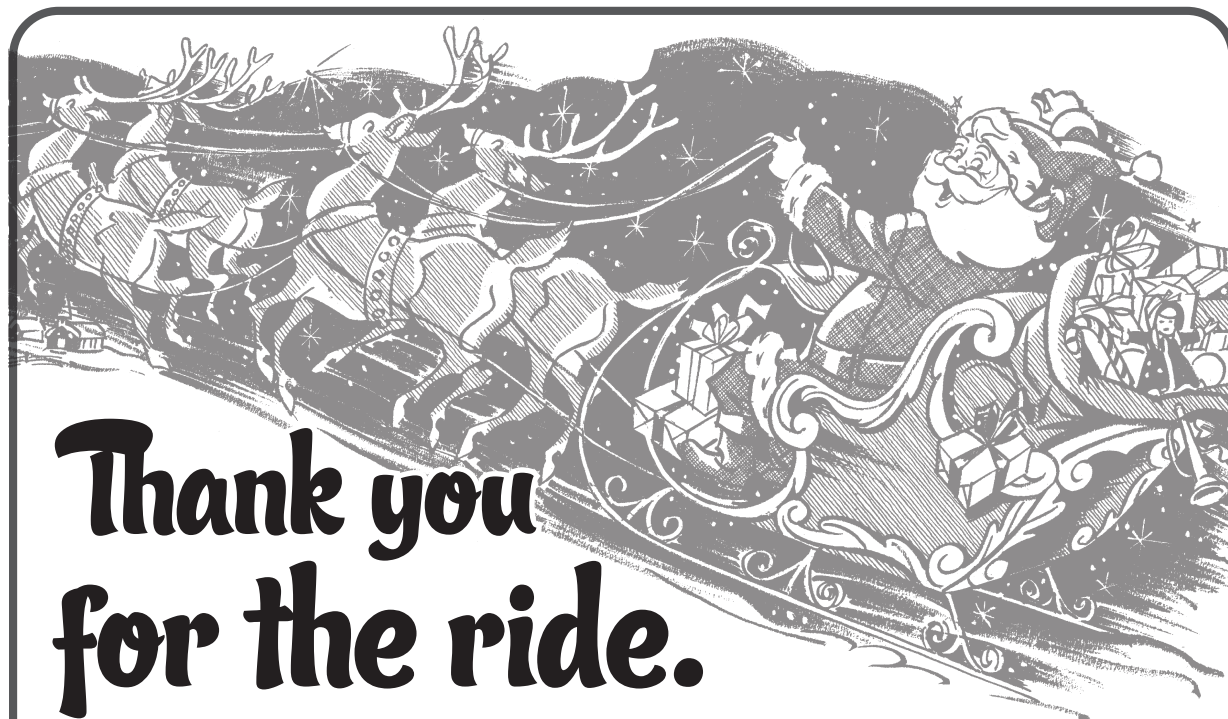
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Truth: spoken or heard?

I have heard various people say, “speak your truth.” Or, “that is his or her truth.”

On the surface, it sounds right. Then again, what if you and I say things in conflict, but both believe we are speaking the truth? Could two opposing views be right? It’s a question I struggle with, so I went to the only source I know that is true north, God’s Word.

Jesus said, “... I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” — John 18:37.

Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, “What is truth?”

Even though it was standing in front of him, he didn’t know. And, Jesus didn’t answer him. He didn’t need to. Why? Perhaps truth is greater than mere words.

Look around. Every philosopher, religious teacher or social influencer claims to be speaking truth. All I hear is noise. What is it about truth that deafens people from hearing it?

For years I used to say, “Truth is like the sound of fine china, it has a different ring.”

Those words were enough for me then. Today, I find I’m digging deeper, listening to something that sounds so different.

Before our youngest daughter moved to Pagosa, she used to drive back and forth on the weekends from Albuquerque. She always left well after the sun went down. We would beg her to leave during daylight hours so as not to come up on any deer or elk in the dark.

Her response, “I know, I know.” One night she called from Stone Lake devastated, “Daddy, come get me, I’ve just hit a deer.”

She couldn’t hear the truth in

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



Today’s dialogue isn’t just a singular conversation, but one layered between opinion and expression.

what we said because her head was full of the busyness of the moment.

Today’s dialogue isn’t just a singular conversation, but one layered between opinion and expression. As that becomes louder, the intended message seems to get quieter.

I remember when Vice President Mike Pence and his family attended the Broadway musical “Hamilton.” There were protests

denouncing him in light of what people thought about him. He wasn’t bothered.

When asked what he thought about the protest views, he said, “This is what freedom sounds like.”

The statement was profound then. But today, it’s hard to even hear what people are saying. There is so much anger, destruction and man-made noise mixed through their words.

That isn’t limited to something in a faraway land, either. Nearby churches are being dictated as to how and where they can worship. Couple that with parishioners who are fighting over the interpretation of government rulings.

Evidently, Jesus’ words weren’t heard when he said, “Worship in Spirit and Truth.”

John wrote in his first letter, “In the last days ...test the spirits, whether they are of God. Every spirit that confesses Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God.”

That seems to be cut and dry, yet there are many who confess Jesus yet differ in what they proclaim as truth.

Standing rightly before God are those who are circumcised of the heart, in the Spirit, not in letter.

“...where praise is not from men but from God.” — Romans 2:29.

Final brushstroke: So, what is truth? I doubt it has much to do with the loudness of judgment. It’s a place where we must find answers before God. Something that comes from a place that is deep in our hearts. Something we will ultimately be held accountable for. That said, what is more important, to be heard, or to listen for only that which the heart speaks?

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New Thought topic: ‘The Prophecy of The Rainbow Warrior’

By Lisa Burnson
New Thought Center
for Inspirational Living

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living this Sunday, Sept. 13 at 10 a.m., for our presentation, “The Prophecy of The Rainbow Warrior.” Our speaker will be Harmony Fire Eagle, a Choctaw and Lakota tribal member. She will express how every person has a purpose and discuss methods to discover that purpose..

We will have spirited live music.

Upcoming events

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

Thursday, Sept. 17, 6 to 8 p.m. Courtyard Concert featuring The Retro Cats and benefiting Rise Above Violence. Please bring lawn

Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha’i Faith

By Paulette Heber
Baha’i Community of Archuleta County

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

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

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

Confronting our fear

By Richard Gammill
Special to The PREVIEW

About 3 a.m. on a recent morning, I sat up in bed greatly disturbed. A hacking cough woke me up and would not stop. Sweat covered my body. My throat was sore. To prevent waking Jan up, I got out of bed and went downstairs.

Was this it for me? In ordinary times, I would have picked up something to read and ignored what was happening. This time, I became alarmed. I don’t fear death, but for a few moments fear was real. Were these symptoms the beginning of something terrible happening to me?

I prayed. I prayed for three pastors who had just succumbed to

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San Juan Stargazers to hold members-only meeting on Sept. 17

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

The San Juan Stargazers decided that since we are scientifically oriented people, we are going to take the latest information available and create the safest meeting situation possible on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 5:30 p.m.

We are meeting outdoors, at a member's home. When you arrive, your temperature will be taken by a nurse as you sign in for contact tracing. Bring your mask for times when needed and hand sanitizer will be available. People need to RSVP at (415) 994-2886 to get the address. Call soon since attendance is limited. There will be a light catered dinner served because we need comfort food while sharing "tales of woe" from the last six months.

During the months of "stay at home," Joan Mieritz worked on improving our website at sanjuanstargazers.org, so check it out, and she made two albums using the last three years of Deep Space Mysteries calendars. She

will use the nebula photos from these calendars for our educational program.

This meeting is for members only, so if you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, we can still add your name to the list of people receiving Reflector Magazine, which is the publication of the National Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member. To join both groups and get one of the best magazines, call our club number: 335-8286. Annual membership is only \$25 per family.

We held "Star Parties" at Chimney Rock in July and August and will maybe in September, if people sign up. There were no telescopes due to the need for social distancing, but we had wonderful presentations in the new gorgeous 100-seat amphitheater with only a small number of visitors allowed.

We are already starting to take orders for the fabulous Astronomy Magazine Deep Space Mysteries 2021 Calendar, which is a fundraiser for our scholarship fund. In addition to the often

amazing photos, every day there is a notation of significant sky events and phases of the moon. Plus, each photo has a detailed explanation to help you painlessly learn the basics of astronomy. It is like a college introductory class without exams and it is a great gift for any student, young or old. The calendars are a perfect gift to mail since they are unbreakable and they give the message every day throughout the year that you cared enough to send such an exciting gift. You can also call our club number, 335-8286, to place your order. They are \$15, payable when you receive them in late October.

The San Juan Stargazers are part of the Astronomical League, which includes clubs from all over the U.S. We have a website, www.sanjuanstargazers.org, as well as an email address, sjstargazers@gmail.com, and a club phone number, 335-8286.

We welcome all members to this meeting, where we will learn more about our amazing universe and renew valuable friendships.

Faith

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zona heat and fear of disease keeps people indoors. How do we make friends at virtual church services?

My family — what about them? Jan and I often tell each other we don't know what we would do if one of us remains behind to live alone. For the first time, we live close to our son Brian's family. They come to our home every Sunday afternoon for dinner and during the week, often cool off in our pool. Brian just got home after five months being stuck in India; now we are enjoying time together.

My grandchildren are growing up fast. Three are college graduates, two are married. The others are in middle school, high school and college. My heart's desire is to live long enough to see them finish school and launch into the next phase of their lives. That won't be for a few more years. OK with you, God?

After an hour or so of this conversation with God, the flow of the air conditioning had dried my sweat and cooled my body. My throat didn't hurt and my coughing quit. I climbed the stairs to the bedroom and crawled into bed. What was that all about?

I had an appointment later that morning with a new doctor. I looked at the form I had to fill out and chose not to report my early

morning experience. I was there for my ordinary aches and pains.

God is in his heaven. Not all is right with this world. Calamity may befall me, but I am in his hands.

I claim these verses:

"And the peace of God, which

transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" — Philippians 4:7, (NIV).

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear." — I John 4:18a.

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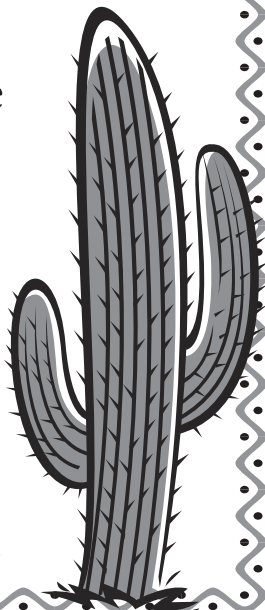
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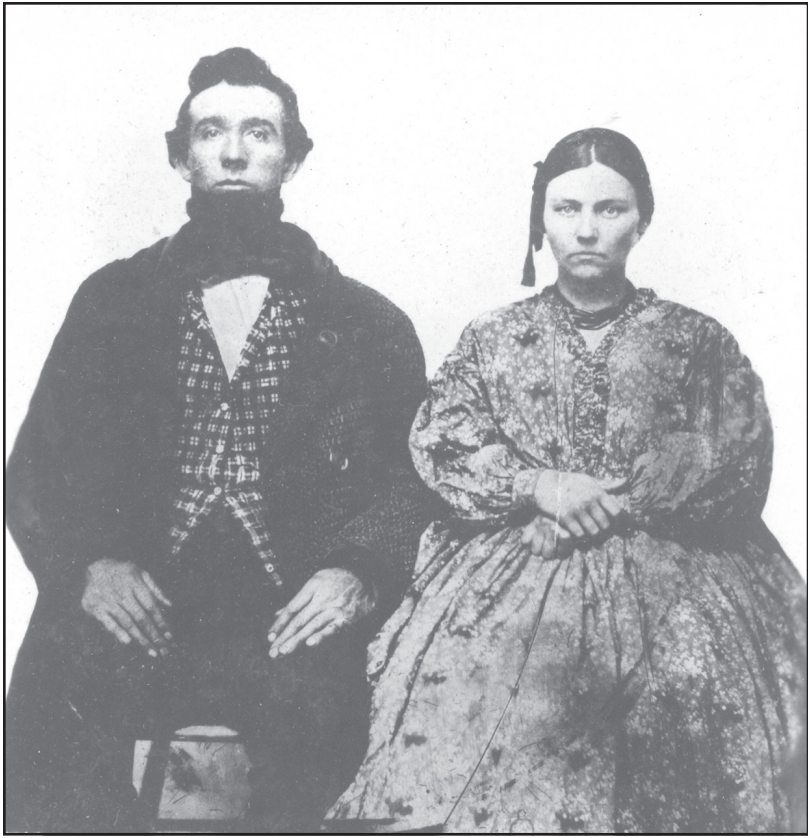


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A mountain meadow at the foot of the Pagosa Springs side of Pagosa Peak has been called Cade Flats since pioneer times when Ma and Pa Cade, pictured here in the 1860s, built a log cabin and ranched on the property. Ma Cade was of the benevolent sort and later built a hotel in the town of Pagosa Springs. Many a tale emanated from this landmark. Maybe I'll get into that one of these weeks.

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Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep

I've been writing a lot about sheep. Once in a while, a sharp-eyed driver crossing Wolf Creek Pass will have the thrill of spotting one or two big horn sheep, nature's wild answer to the domestic sheep. Travelers are not the only humans interested in eyeballing these wild critters.



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

Naturalists working with the Forest Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife are recording observations of bighorn sheep in all of Colorado with a focus on the Weminuche Wilderness and surrounding San Juan Mountains and, most critically, in or near domestic sheep grazing allotments.

Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, the highest valued and iconic state animal of Colorado, are at risk of developing respiratory disease contracted from domestic sheep grazing on public land.

Effective separation of domestic sheep and goats from wild sheep is the only currently available management solution for preventing or minimizing disease transmission.

The best time to observe these sheep are at dawn or dusk with the sun behind your back. Trails of high interest in the South San Juans include: Upper Endlich Mesa Trail, City Reservoir Trail, Needle Creek Trail, Johnson Creek Trail, Upper Lime Mesa Trail, Upper Burnt Timber Trail, Elk Creek Trail and Vallecito Creek Trail. A good pair of binoculars is most helpful

At almost 500,000 acres, the Weminuche Wilderness is Colorado's largest wilderness. Renowned for its rugged high peaks, pristine alpine lakes and wide-open expanses of tundra and mountain meadows, it is home to the headwaters of the Florida and Pine Rivers as well as Vallecito Creek and Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

The Weminuche population is classified as Tier 1 because it is a true native population, a genetically distinct remnant of the once wide-spread herds of bighorns that lived in southwest Colorado.

Weminuche bighorns are highly valued by sportsmen, wildlife watchers and scientists. The Weminuche population is classified as Tier 1 because it is a true native population, a genetically distinct remnant of the once wide-spread herds of bighorns that lived in southwest Colorado. This population is made up of three herds that are believed to be interconnected and now total about 425 animals.

Historically, bighorn sheep were among the most abundant ungulates in the American West. Population estimates range from 1.5 million to 2 million at the onset of the 19th century. Populations declined with the westward expansion of human populations because of market hunting, introduction of domestic sheep and overgrazing of rangelands.

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Today: Shift in Thursday hours and special census event

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Starting today, Thursday, Sept. 10, we are shifting our Thursday hours. Instead of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with 9 to 10 a.m. reserved for seniors and higher-risk populations, we'll be open from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., with 1 to 2 p.m. reserved for seniors and higher-risk populations.

Being open late on Thursday allows us to add another evening of ESL instruction every Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m.

If you have a Tech Time appointment on Thursday, please phone from the parking lot or knock loudly on the front door to be let in.

Summary of our partial reopening

Here's more information about your library's current operations:

- We are now accepting meeting room reservations for small groups, with library programs having first dibs on the rooms for our programs. In addition, you can schedule only so far out, usually two weeks to a month, depending on where we are in the month.

- Up to 30 patrons at a time can come into the building.

- 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 are available. In most cases, computer usage will be allowed for three hours per day. Staff will clean and disinfect the computers between uses.

- One early literacy computer is available for youngsters Monday through Saturday.

- For those not comfortable coming into the building, curbside service continues Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. except for Thursdays, when it's available from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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.

- 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 service is available during open hours on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. The cost is \$5 per notary.

- You can place holds on items from other libraries. They are in different stages of reopening, so items may take longer than usual.



- We're happy to provide tech help over the phone for our online resources.

Special census event today

Today, Thursday, Sept. 10, from 1 to 4 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 to 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 41.1 percent — compared to the much higher rate of 68.4 percent for the state of Colorado and 65 percent nationally. 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 for our county.

Legal clinic by phone or Zoom tomorrow

The free legal clinic each month

is now by appointment and is happening tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 11, from 2 to 3 p.m. by telephone or Zoom. You can choose to have the volunteer attorney phone you directly or you can come into the library and meet via Zoom.

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

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.

Tech Time

Make a 15- or 30-minute appointment for one of three free in-person slots available from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Brad will help one person (or one couple) at a time. If you have a Tech Time appointment on Thursday, phone from the parking lot or knock loudly on the front door to be let in.

ESL

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Children's programs on Facebook

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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 Sept. 10-24 theme is making friends. 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.

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"30 for 30" is Season II films 31-60 of this ESPN series. "The Good Place" is season two. "The Windermere Children" is based on a true story about Holocaust survivors. "Belgravia" is the six-part PBS drama series. "Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan" is season two. "The Good Doctor" is season three. "His Dark Materials" is the first season of Philip Pullman's epic fantasy.

Nonfiction

"The Wonder Book of Chemis-

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Story collections

"Daddy" by Emma Cline is a collection of 10 stories portraying moments when the ordinary is disturbed. "The Spoilt Quilt and Other Frontier Stories," edited by Hazel Rumney, is a collection of 16 new historical fiction stories about pioneering women of the West. This is a large print book.

Other large print

"A Private Cathedral" by James Lee Burke is a Det. Dave Robicheaux mystery. "Shot to Hell" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a Perley Gates western.

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Books on CD

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The poet's mistress

By Betty Slade
Special to The PREVIEW

In our "Profound Poet's" Cottage, a red writing desk stands with the words, "The Poet's Mistress." People chuckle and I chuckle at being so clever.

So, who is this mistress who steals the heart of the poet? She is an uncontrollable creative passion who wakes him in the middle of the night. She drives him from his warm bed to his altar, where he caresses the keyboard, plays with a sentence, a phrase or a twist of words, until he expresses his inner, deepest feelings. Hours steal away and the poet delights to hide where no one is welcome until he sucks the sweet nectar from the passion fruit.

This passion starts with a slight flirtation with words, playful words, and even silly words. Then poignant words with hidden meanings pierce his soul. The chemistry between the poet and his pursued words is electrifying.

He loves the emotions she stirs inside of him and finds reasons to be near her. An affair crouches at his door and he opens to it. He argues only his mistress understands him.

It isn't long until she pursues him in a fatal attraction. Until then, he chases after a forbidden and exciting thrill. He doesn't understand her subtleness. He stares into empty space and tries to hide his preoccupation. Certain words play over and over again in his head; harmless words, he convinces himself.

And where is his wife? She stands in the background and allows him time and space. She sleeps alone as this deceptive mistress steals her husband's affections. His wife calls to him in the next room, "When are you coming to bed?" And he responds, "Just a minute." But that minute turns into hours.

His wife feels isolated and alone. The fact he is in the same house emphasizes her loneliness. She's empty inside while others rave how lucky she is to be married to this talented man.

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The Writers' Circle

He loves the emotions she stirs inside of him and finds reasons to be near her.

Words fall from a silver tongue, but those words are not meant for her. They are his words and, one day, they will tell the world someone great has passed by.

Yes, the mistress calls to his pride and arrogance. She makes him feel virile. He holds to his conviction, he must guard his time, energy and demand on his creative space. He refuses to think he is selfish even when his wife warns him he has lost her affection. As long as she is around, she meets his needs. After all, she is his wife.

The poet is bound with ropes of deception that lasso figments of his imagination. He lacks character within, but the height of his passion brings great self-satisfaction and his family pales in comparison. He tries to show interest in their mundane, everyday existence. Even family time is gruesome as they insist upon

interaction. He explains his emotions and feelings, only to get in his way and crowd his thoughts.

His family indulges him and continues to stand behind him. They go about their lives as he runs to his altar where his god demands his soul. The world does revolve around him. No one can compete with the brightness of his next stroke of genius.

His wife is spent and angry. She nags, begs, turns away, but her efforts are futile. The answer comes from the poet who carries the fire in his bosom. He recognizes his own selfishness and turns back to reality and the people who are important to him.

His romance for words captivates his heart and mind. Could he change even if he wanted to? He loves being the center of his universe and his own god.

This god of passion is called selfishness. Others do not dare tell the poet he has character flaws because his ego is fragile. He will not believe them. If he ignores the truth and continues to be deceived by an innocent flirtation with words, his downfall will come.

His own words may be sweet to his ears, but better is whispering sweet words in the ear of the one who keeps his bed warm at night and brings him coffee in the morning.

It is the poet's call. If he is willing to be deceived, loving his own words and taking his mistress to his bosom without thought for others, the wife might write the final page.

Quotable quote

"Ideals are like stars — you can't reach them, but they can guide the way." — Japanese proverb.

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Bird of the Week



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Unlike the closely related rock pigeon, introduced from Europe in the 1600s and a common sight in cities, the band-tailed pigeon is native to the American west. Band-tails occur in two distinct populations, one in the wet forests of the Pacific coast and the other in dry mountain forests of the southwest.

In our region, band-tails breed in coniferous and mixed forests with berry producing shrubs between 5,000 and 10,000 feet. They are primarily vegetarian, eating fruits, berries, pine nuts, tree buds, flowers and grains. Agile birds, they may hang upside down to feed in trees. Our bumper crop of acorns this year is good news for these birds, who swallow acorns whole. They will also visit feeders to dine on seeds.

The breeding season of band-tailed pigeons is long and they may nest up to three times a year, but typically they produce only one chick per clutch. Both parents feed nestlings pigeon milk, a thick milky substance of protein and fat produced in the parent's crop. Band-tails seen here winter south of the Mexican border.

Adults are large, colorful birds with a purplish-colored head and underside, grayish back and a white crescent shape and iridescent green feathers on the back of the neck. Red eyes and a yellow bill tipped with black are characteristic. They are named for the pale gray band of feathers at the tip of the tail. Gregarious year-round, they travel in small to large flocks.

Hunting pressure nearly caused these birds to suffer the same fate as the extinct passenger pigeon. Although hunting may still contribute to current population declines, loss of suitable habitat is a larger threat.

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ANSWER:

Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Sept. 10

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

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

Census Completion Effort. 1-4 p.m., Sisson Library. In less than 10 minutes, you can complete the census. Representatives from the U.S. Census Bureau will be at the library to help anyone and answer any census-related questions. Call 264-2209 for more information.

English as a Second Language by Appointment. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call 264-2209 or email for more information and to make an appointment.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Lecture Series: Dr. J. McKim Malville. 7 p.m. Dr. Malville will discuss "Speculations on the events leading to the creation of the Chimney Rock Great House and the events that followed its abandonment." This will happen live online. To join this Zoom presentation, you will need the Zoom link and meeting ID located on www.chimneyrockco.org/lecture.

Friday, Sept. 11

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

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Saturday, Sept. 12

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.

Discovery Time. 2:30 p.m. Facebook. For all ages. New videos are posted to Facebook each Saturday. View to explore new games, art ideas, science experiments, history, activities and more. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Peak Open School Fund-raiser: Car Hop Movie Nights. Dusk, 7 Parelli Way. Looking for something fun to do? Swing by and catch a movie in your car. Entrance is by donation. Concessions will be available for purchase. Email movies@ppos.co for titles, showtimes and to reserve your spot.

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Wednesday, Sept. 16

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Weminuche Audubon Society. 6:30 p.m. Zoom meeting. Please check the events list on our website, www.weminucheadubon.org, for a link to the online meeting. Our presenter for the evening will be Randy McCormick. The topic of this month's meeting will be the importance of wetlands, particularly those in our Pagosa Springs area. All interested parties are welcome.

Thursday, Sept. 17

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Presents A Virtual Breakfast in a Balloon. Breakfasts will be served the four mornings that would have been Pagosa's ColorFest weekend, Sept. 17 through Sept. 20. A short video, "Breakfast IN a Balloon," the fun and information-packed film will send viewers to Pagosagreen.org/breakfast-in-a-balloon to purchase a scrumptious gourmet breakfast. The film takes place in a hot air balloon and features young Pagosans enjoying their breakfasts. Here's how it works: a GGP supporter buys a breakfast, from the GGP website. Your receipt is your ticket that you give to Pagosa Baking Company when you pick up your special breakfast box. Tickets are only \$40 and include an annual GGP membership along with a box of savory and sweet breakfast delights and a fresh long-stem flower. To learn more, visit Pagosagreen.org for details and to purchase your tickets.

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San Juan Stargazers. 5:30 p.m. We will review the significance of the nebula. We are meeting at a member's home which has a big deck and yard. People will need to RSVP at (415) 994-2886 to get the address.

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- 17 Sign of sorrow
- 18 Spectators' area
- 20 Island near Corsica
- 21 Overcharge, big time
- 22 Word ending a threat
- 23 Stair part
- 25 It's more than a job
- 27 First act
- 29 Tiny bit
- 31 Bakery item
- 32 Horoscope writers
- 37 Open, as a jacket
- 39 Order between "ready" and "fire"
- 40 True-blue
- 41 Shorthand-writing
- 44 It may be inflated
- 45 Words to live by
- 46 Ultimate
- 48 Gives out
- 51 Prepare, as tea
- 52 Seriously injure
- 53 "Get lost!"
- 56 Semimonthly tide
- 59 Give life to
- 61 2017-19 series, "_____ with an E"
- 62 Film part
- 63 Similar (to)
- 64 Small change
- 65 Durable fabric
- 66 Lady's man, briefly
- 67 "-zoic" things

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- 1 Fill to excess
- 2 Son of Adam
- 3 Beachy cocktail
- 4 Back problem
- 5 Swordlike weapons
- 6 Trial partner
- 7 Steady guy
- 8 Sharp taste
- 9 Clear the tables
- 10 Clark Kent, to Superman
- 11 Bathroom item
- 12 Common thing?
- 13 Military command
- 19 Model stick-on
- 24 Cruise stop
- 26 Priest's helper
- 27 Creative work
- 28 Pub purchase
- 29 Group of three
- 30 Cavort
- 33 Scale deduction
- 34 Startling revelation

- 35 Tattered duds
- 36 Token taker
- 38 Soon to land
- 42 Painter's plaster
- 43 Army camp dwellings
- 47 Dennis of comics, for one
- 48 Not quite right
- 49 Knight's weapon

- 50 Giblets part
- 51 Lustrous fabric
- 54 Rugged rock
- 55 Gardener's tool
- 57 Kournikova of tennis
- 58 Guinea pigs, maybe
- 60 Ten C-notes

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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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. Dusk, 7 Parelli Way. Looking for something fun to do? Swing by and catch a movie in your car. Entrance is by donation. Concessions will be available for purchase. Email movies@ppos.co for titles, showtimes and to reserve your spot.

Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies. 7:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is timed for when the moon is absent from the sky. Visitors can enjoy the night sky in a truly dark-sky environment and see fainter objects that the moon's light would normally obscure. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

Saturday, Sept. 19

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Presents A Virtual Breakfast in a Balloon. Breakfasts will be served the four mornings that would have been Pagosa's ColorFest weekend, Sept. 17 through Sept. 20. A short video, "Breakfast IN a Balloon," the fun and information-packed film will send viewers to Pagosagreen.org/breakfast-in-a-balloon to purchase a scrumptious gourmet breakfast. The film takes place in a hot air balloon and features young Pagosans enjoying their breakfasts. Here's how it works: a GGP supporter buys a breakfast, from the GGP website. Your receipt is your ticket that you give to Pagosa Baking Company when you pick up your special breakfast box. Tickets are only \$40 and include an annual GGP membership along with a box of savory and sweet breakfast delights and a fresh long-stem flower. To learn more, visit Pagosagreen.org for details and to purchase your tickets.

Birding at Chimney Rock. Chimney Rock National Monument. This program, presented in partnership with the Audubon Society, is an opportunity to observe and learn about birds native to the Chimney Rock area. Experienced Audubon birders will lead and assist the group. This program takes place off-trail, on uneven ground, with some mild up and down walking. Exact location will vary. Bring your own binoculars. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Clothing Collection. 9 a.m.-noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225

S. Pagosa Blvd., 731-5801. Accepting men's, women's, children's and infants' winter clothes, shoes, boots and jackets.

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.

Discovery Time. 2:30 p.m. Facebook. For all ages. New videos are posted to Facebook each Saturday. View to explore new games, art ideas, science experiments, history, activities and more. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Sunday, Sept. 20

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Monday, Sept. 21

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Clothing Collection. 9 a.m.-noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., 731-5801. Accepting men's, women's, children's and infants' winter clothes, shoes, boots and jackets.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Autumnal Equinox Sunrise Tour. 5-7 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Watch the sun rise over the San Juan Mountains this first morning of fall. With a 360-degree vantage point and the hush of early morning in the wilderness, the sunrise from the Great House is a marvelous experience and an amazing opportunity for photography. Visit www.chimneyrockco.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

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

PALS by Appointment. 2-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Adult education in person. Pagosa Adult Learning Services can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring, and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary.org for more information or to make an appointment.

English as a Second Language by Appointment. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call 264-2209 or email for more information and to make an appointment.

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VA highlights Be There campaign during Suicide Prevention Month

By Raymond Taylor

Archuleta County Veterans Service Office

This September, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recognizes Suicide Prevention Month, highlighting the VA's Be There campaign reminding veterans and their loved ones that small actions can make a big difference to veterans going through difficult times.

During this and every month, Be There wants veterans, community leaders and veterans' families and friends to know there is no special training needed to give a veteran hope.

"There are simple ways anyone can show support for our nation's veterans like learning about VA's suicide prevention efforts and recognizing the signs that a veteran may need help," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "Take a moment to listen with compassion and let veterans know you're there for them."

Be There suggests several simple actions that can help make a difference for a veteran, to include:

- Reaching out to veterans by sending a check-in text, cooking them dinner or simply asking them how they're doing.
- Learning about the warning signs of suicide found on the Veterans Crisis Line website.
- Watching the free S.A.V.E. training video to learn how to respond with care and compassion if someone indicates they are having thoughts of suicide.
- Contacting the VA's Coaching Into Care program where a licensed psychologist or social worker will provide loved ones with guidance for motivating veterans to seek support.
- Sharing stories of hope and

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Raymond Taylor



recovery from the VA's Make the Connection.

For more information and resources, visit BeThereForVeterans.com.

Appeals board exceeds annual goal

The VA announced the Board of Veterans' Appeals has exceeded its annual goal of issuing 91,500 appeals decisions in fiscal year 2020.

The board reached this goal weeks ahead of schedule and is on track to issue more decisions.

"This goal was reached ahead of schedule despite the challenges and difficulties of operating during the COVID-19 pandemic," Wilkie said. This shows the board's agility, flexibility and most importantly its unwavering commitment to veterans."

The board was able to quickly pivot to a 99 percent telework environment at the onset of COVID-19, to ensure that appeals decisions on VA benefits and services to veterans were not delayed.

It has also provided veterans the option to choose virtual tele-hearings, allowing them to continue to hold hearings before the board in a safe, no-contact environment. Since March 23, the board has held more than 3,000 virtual tele-hearings and continues to increase capacity for more veterans to transition to a virtual hearing environment.

Vets4Vets grant

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

Contact Vets4Vets at 799-VETS or www.Vets4VetsPCO.org.

Contact information

Veterans: Thank you for your service. Welcome home.

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

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

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.

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A goldmine by a salmon fishery is a terrible idea

By Bonnie Gestrung
PREVIEW Columnist

In Alaska, what supports 14,000 jobs, generates \$1.5 billion annually and sustains the region's indigenous communities, just as it has for millennia?

The answer is Bristol Bay's wild salmon fishery and it is no exaggeration to say it is the world's most productive. Every year, some 40 million to 60 million salmon return to the bay's headwaters.

Yet in late July, the Army Corps of Engineers gave the proposed gold and silver Pebble Mine the go-ahead in its final environmental review. For the Trump administration, it's been full speed ahead even though opposition continues to gain momentum.

More than 80 percent of Bristol Bay residents are against it. Prominent jewelers like Tiffany and Co., Ben Bridge and Zales have expressed their opposition to the Pebble Mine and vowed not to use any gold extracted from it. Even Donald Trump Jr. opposes the mine.

Commercial fisherman, churches, restaurants, seafood processors, hunters and anglers, Earthworks, the Wild Salmon Center and grocery store companies all support protection of the Bristol Bay salmon fishery over large-scale mining. And nobody has been as steadfast in their opposition, or stands to lose as much, as the Native tribes who live around this magnificent bay.

"We are salmon people," said Alannah Hurley, executive director of United Tribes of Bristol Bay, when she testified before a Congressional committee last year. "But salmon are more than food for us. Salmon are central to our cultural identity, our spirituality and our sacred way of life that has made us who we are for thousands of years in the Bristol Bay region."

In 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency completed a scientific assessment and proposed safety limits on disposing mine waste in Bristol Bay waters to ensure that salmon wouldn't be harmed by mining. But in its evaluation of three possible scenarios, the EPA found that even the smallest mine would result in "unacceptable adverse effects."

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The Bristol Bay salmon fishery is a renewable resource; the legacy of the Pebble Mine promises perpetual pollution.

And what does "small" mean when talking about a massive open pit and tailings dam for storing 1.1 billion tons of mine waste? There would also be a 270-megawatt power plant, a 188-mile long natural gas pipeline that crosses Cook Inlet, an 82-mile transportation corridor and a port on the Alaska coast. And it's worth noting that Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd., the Canadian company behind the mine, has promised its shareholders that Pebble will inevitably expand to its full size, thanks to subsequent permit expansions.

In any case, the Trump administration withdrew the proposed safety limits in 2019, and the mine has been fast-tracked through the environmental review process, led by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Yet state and federal experts have repeatedly critiqued the adequacy of the environmental review. The chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure recently called for a delay in the release of the final environmental impact statement due to the corp's failure to properly consult with tribes.

Then, in late August, two major events: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reversed its July go-ahead and gave mine operators 90 days to explain how they would offset "unavoidable adverse impacts" to

more than 3,200 acres of wetlands. Reuters reports that the next day, shares in the company owning the mine fell by 25 percent as investors weighed in. In addition, Alaska's two Republican senators came out against the mine.

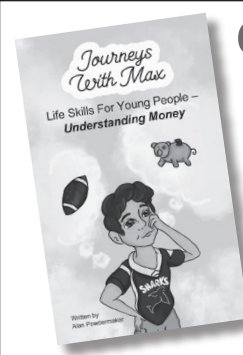
The final environmental review predicts a mind-boggling variety of impacts to the Bristol Bay watershed. One example: permanent damage to over 100 miles of rivers and streams and 2,000 acres of wetlands. I can't think of any other mine in North America — and perhaps the world — that would have such a devastating effect on clean water.

The Bristol Bay salmon fishery is a renewable resource; the legacy of the Pebble Mine promises perpetual pollution.

The ore will likely be shipped overseas to Asia, while the lasting impacts stay in Bristol Bay. In contrast, if the pristine water and wild salmon habitat of the watershed gain protection, the fishery can continue to feed our nation and power our economy forever.

It's hard to imagine a more irresponsible mining project than the Pebble Mine. The silver lining: There's still time for Congress to act before a permit to mine is issued this fall and for mine opponents to be heard, loud and clear. This mine must be stopped.

Bonnie Gestrung is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.com, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the west. She lives in Montana, works as northwest program director for Earthworks and has been reviewing mining projects for 20 years.



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• Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: first and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Carter's office; contact Charlotte at 903-9690.

Important information

• 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org.

• Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.

• Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.

• VAMC Albuquerque, N.M.: (800) 465-8262.

• VA Health Care Emergency Notification: (844) 724-7842.

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Senior Center offering take-out hot meals

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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

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

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

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

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

There will be no games, classes,

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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, Sept. 10 — Avocado egg salad sandwich, broccoli salad, milk, salad and blueberry pie.

Friday, Sept. 11 — Crab cakes with remoulade sauce, buttered corn, cornbread, salad, milk and lemon cream cake.

Monday, Sept. 14 — Barbecue chicken wings, roasted sweet potatoes, dinner roll with butter, milk, salad and oatmeal cookies.

Tuesday, Sept. 15 — Beef brisket, charro beans, cornbread with but-

ter, salad, milk and peach cobbler.
Wednesday, Sept. 16 — Ham steak with pineapple sauce, caramelized butternut squash, buttered corn, salad, milk and German chocolate cake.

Thursday, Sept. 17 — Mediterranean tuna salad sandwich, quinoa salad, deviled egg, salad, milk and blueberry pie.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always pick up. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days. We want to thank everyone for their support by observing our reservation policy. This helps ensure that everyone with reservations receives a meal and enables us to provide additional and healthier meals.

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Clue: Complete list of items

B. 3 14 18 9 16 1 26 22

Clue: Make orderly

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Clue: Wall storage units

D. 13 7 1 22 5

Clue: Not loud

Answers: A. catalog B. organize C. shelves D. quiet

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Proving someone right or wrong

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Mateo looked at the paper in his hand and smiled. He felt one of the greatest feelings of satisfaction he had ever felt. But then a memory came back to him — one that was a mix of both good and bad.

Mateo was only 10 when he came to the United States. Most of his family had been there for quite a while. But when they immigrated, there hadn't been room for all of them. One person would have to stay behind.

Mateo's older brothers could get jobs and earn money to help the family once they moved. The ones younger than Mateo needed to stay with their parents. So, it was decided that 8-year-old Mateo would be the one who stayed behind. He would live with his grandparents until his father came to get him.

"I will be back soon, my son," his father said.

Mateo didn't mind staying behind. His grandparents were old, and it was hard for them to keep track of him. Sometimes he would be gone into the jungle for days. He wore very little and would live on the fruit he picked. He slept in the trees at night. It was a wonderful life.

Each time he returned to his grandparents' home, they scolded him, "Mateo, you should be living with us and going to school like other children." But nothing they said could change him.

A couple of years went by, and then one day, while Mateo was playing in the trees, he heard someone call his name. He looked down, and there stood his father.

"Mateo," he said, "I'm here to take you to the United States."

Mateo didn't want to go, but he knew better than to argue with his father. Mateo soon found himself in

a strange country. The members of his family were all busy with their lives and had little time for him. Their language had changed, and he didn't always understand them. He also knew they didn't understand him. Sometimes his parents just nodded their heads as Mateo spoke, and he wondered if they even still spoke the same language.

Then, one day, when Mateo was heading with his friends to steal from a store, his teacher, Mrs. Johnson, grabbed him.

He tried to stay out once on his own. But food didn't just hang from trees everywhere he looked. There were flashing lights, sirens, and many strange things. And to top it off, his father came to find him and was not happy about Mateo not coming home.

School was even worse. The children would get him to do things they knew were wrong, though Mateo didn't. When he climbed a tree he was not supposed to climb, his teacher, Mrs. Doddson, was mad.

"Mateo," she said. "You will

never amount to anything."

And because she treated him that way, he believed it. Soon he was running with the wrong kids and getting into trouble. He even spent a few nights in jail. His father came to get him out of jail more than once.

Then, one day, when Mateo was heading with his friends to steal from a store, his teacher, Mrs. Johnson, grabbed him.

"Mateo," she said, "why do you do bad things with those kids? You know better. I can see better in you."

Mateo pulled away. "I like to be in control of my own life," he said.

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In some ways, Mrs. Johnson's words stung more than Mrs. Doddson's did because Mateo knew she was right. He thought a lot about what Mrs. Johnson said, and he started to change. He found new friends, Mrs. Johnson helped him learn to read, and soon he was doing well in school.

Mateo went on, working hard, and now the paper he held in his hand was a college diploma. As he looked at the paper, he decided he needed to send a copy to each of his two teachers. He would send it to Mrs. Doddson to show her she was wrong. But he would send it to Mrs. Johnson to show her she was right. He was going to be a teacher and help others find the best in themselves, just as she had helped him.



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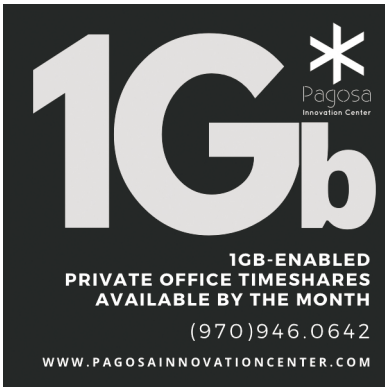
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