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County, state address USPS election info mailer

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Kristy Archuleta, Archuleta County clerk and recorder, issued a press release after the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) recently sent out a mailer that had incorrect information about voting in Colorado.

“The Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder’s Office has been notified that the United States Postal Service (USPS) sent out a pre-election mailer that contains misleading information for Colorado Voters. The mailer asks that voters request a mail ballot 15 days prior to [the] election and return their ballots by mail 7 days before the election. Colorado is a mail ballot state and ballots will au-

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Photo courtesy Chris Rapp

Randy Walker makes tracks on Friday morning at Sheepshead Cabin. Photographer Chris Rapp wrote in an email, “This was the most snow we’ve gotten this early in the year that we can remember.” Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office of Emergency Management reported that as a result of the winter storm that hit the region early last week, it received multiple calls for service in the backcountry. See related story in this issue.



Photo courtesy Carolyn Lee

Three cubs and momma bear paid a visit to the backyard of a home in Pagosa Meadows subdivision recently.

Ski area seeking approval for reopening plan

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Wolf Creek Ski Area (WCSA) is expected to finalize its reopening plan for the upcoming ski season this week, which tweaks operating procedures to account for the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I strongly believe that skiing is not only a sport, but an important part of our culture. I believe that the mental and physical benefits that skiing presents to so many members of the

public dictate that we do our best to mitigate the hazards of COVID-19 while providing for the public use and enjoyment of WCSA,” a Sept. 3 letter to season pass holders and guests from WCSA reads.

The letter notes that WCSA sent out a survey this summer to solicit feedback on what people would be willing to do to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 and still be able to ski this season.

WCSA President and CEO Davey Pitcher told The SUN this month that they received about

4,200 responses that have informed their reopening plan.

This week, Pitcher discussed reopening Wolf Creek at separate work sessions with the Archuleta County and Mineral County commissioners.

“We learned a lot of things from that survey,” Pitcher told the Mineral County commissioners on Wednesday. “The real take-homes were

■ See Ski A8

County approves contract amendment for housing project

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County commissioners have approved an amendment to the ground lease for the new Department of Human Services (DHS) building and Rose Mountain Townhomes.

“This Assignment of Lease assigns the terms of the Ground Lease to Rose Mountain Townhomes LP and adjusts the number of rental units to thirty-four,” the brief on Tuesday’s Board of County Commissioners agenda reads.

Initially, language in the lease stated the developers would build approximately 40 housing units, available to those earning less than 60 percent of AMI (area median

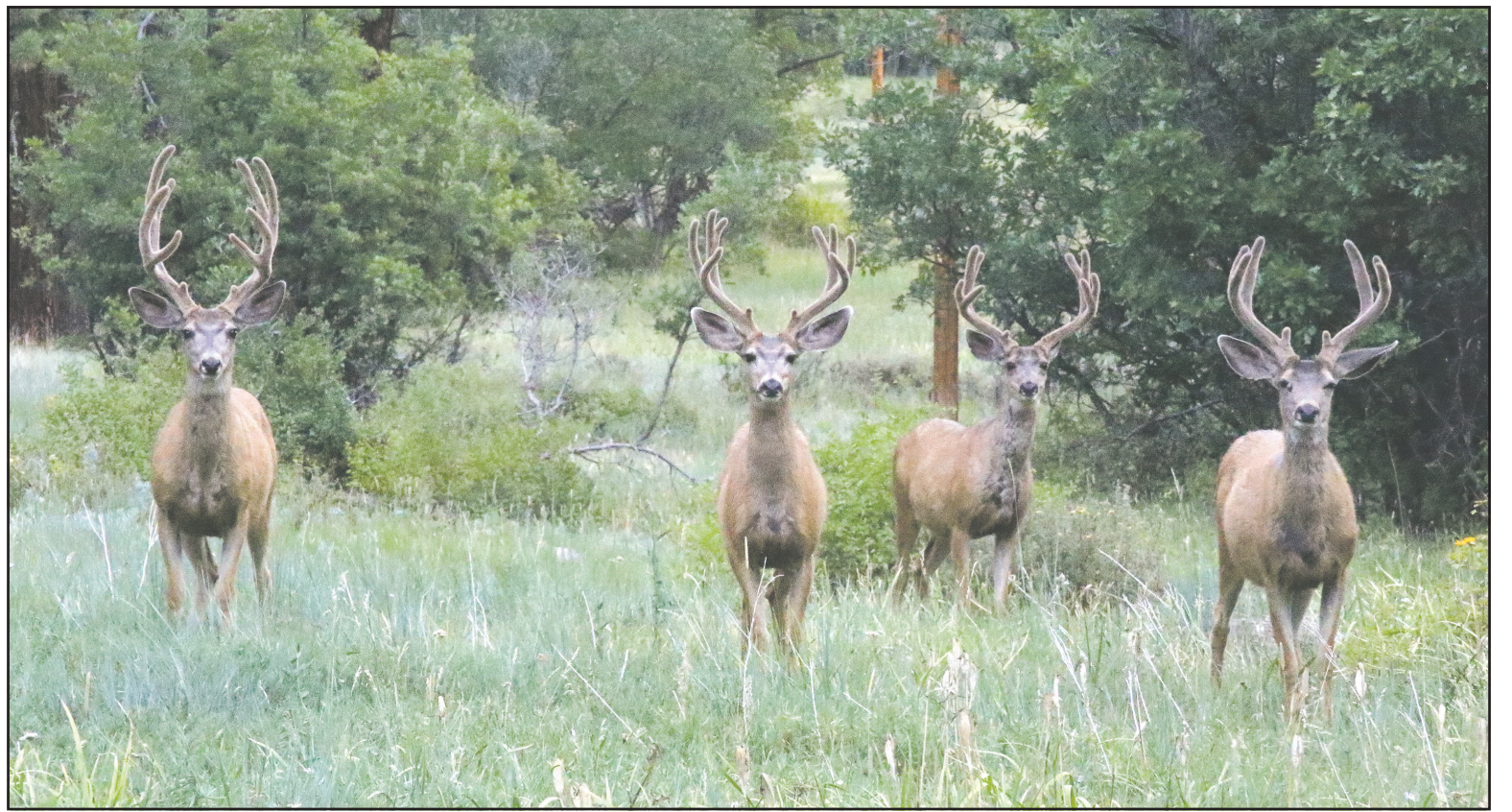
income), and the county commissioners were told Tuesday that due to town zoning restrictions and other factors, only 34 residential units could fit on the site.

The housing is being constructed at a site on Hot Springs Boulevard, on land made available by Archuleta County. The financing approved is under the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

Commissioner Ron Maez suggested at Tuesday’s meeting he wanted as many units on the site as possible, and pressed Bill Simpson, project developer, about why they couldn’t fit 40 on the site.

Simpson, who is working with the Archuleta County Housing Authority

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SUN photo/Terri House

These bucks seem to be unaware that it is the middle of archery season.

Pandemic sparks rise in ‘virtual travelers’

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs’ growing popularity amongst travelers combined with the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted with the town seeing higher numbers of lodging tax collections over the past few months.

Tourism Director Jennifer Green stated, “The fact that we’ve gotten Pagosa out there probably has put us on the radar a bit more.”

The town’s social media sites are becoming more popular, particularly on Instagram, with

almost 15,000 followers now.

At the last meeting on Sept. 8, the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board was presented with a lodgers’ tax financial report.

The town’s collections through the summer months “continues to reflect extremely strong numbers,” according to Green.

As stated in the director’s report, “July reflects a massive 30.99 percent increase over 2019, or \$27,489.”

July is also the “first time [this year] that one month’s collections exceeded \$100,000 with collections totaling \$116,202,” according to

the report. However, total collections through the whole year so far are “down 2.98 percent through July.”

As the world continues to adapt to the ever-changing conditions of the coronavirus, Green indicated adventurers and travelers alike are seizing this unique opportunity.

“There is a different type of traveler. ... There is definitely a heightened demand that I was not expecting,” Green explained.

With schools across the nation switching to

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EDITORIAL

Taking on the challenge

Pagosa Springs Elementary School Principal Justin Cowan seems to be on a mission.

He started a 22-day push-up challenge to raise awareness for "Veteran suicide prevention and mental health support."

Cowan posted on his Facebook page: "On average 22 Veterans a day commit suicide, and this challenge is a small way to raise awareness for this issue. 22 push-ups for 22 days to raise awareness for veterans suicide prevention and mental health resources."

"MILITARY AND VETERANS CRISIS HOTLINE. 1-800-273-8255. Press 1. TEXT 838255 24/7."

Each time he posts about it on Facebook, he posts a video of him doing his 22 push-ups. Sometimes you can hear the theme song to "The Andy Griffith Show" playing in the background. That happens to be one of his favorite television shows.

Cowan is a lot like the Energizer Bunny, when he hit day 22 of his push-up challenge, he just kept on going. On Tuesday of this week, he was on day 40 of creating awareness and working toward saving the lives of veterans.

Cowan isn't just a school principal. Last month, he was promoted to the rank of major in the Colorado Army National Guard. That is where he serves as chaplain, helping to lift up others and sometimes he even finds himself doing interventions pertaining to suicide.

Some of his videos come with a message. One of them was about taking life one step at a time and taking things that overwhelm you one step at a time. He reminds us that there is help out there as he brings awareness to his important goal of suicide prevention in veterans.

In Cowan's first video back in May, he encouraged reaching out for help and shared some of his own challenges and frustrations that he was dealing with at the time.

We commend Cowan for putting the importance of preventing suicide at the forefront in his daily life.

September is National Suicide Prevention month, and the "Let's Talk Colorado" campaign encourages talking about mental illness.

In 2009, 13 confirmed suicides in Archuleta County placed the county

high above state and national averages.

From 2004 to 2015, there were a reported 34 suicides in Archuleta County, with La Plata County reporting 98 deaths by suicide.

In 2015, suicide was the fourth leading cause of death in Archuleta County.

That same year, Colorado's suicide rate was 19.4 per 100,000 residents, making it the seventh highest in the country. For the southwest Colorado region, the rate is higher than the state's average.

According to Archuleta County Coroner Brandon Bishop, there were nine suicides in Archuleta County from 2016 until this same time last year.

Unfortunately, Bishop reports those numbers increasing to four suicides from January to date for 2020.

SUN reporter Randi Pierce's 2009 article on Archuleta County's suicide crisis received statewide recognition for Public Service from the Colorado Press Association in 2010. That article included the following warning signs to watch for:

- A significant change in eating habits — either decreased or increased appetite.
- Significant weight gain or loss.
- Withdrawing from family and friends.
- Increased substance abuse, including drugs and alcohol.
- Statements about hurting themselves or committing suicide.
- A sense of hopelessness or that what one is doing is not enough.
- Sleeplessness.
- In men especially, an increase in irritability, anger, frustration.
- Behavior that deviates from the norm.
- Loss of future orientation.
- An element of loss.
- The loss of a typical daily routine, which can follow events like retirement.
- Increased anxiety or stress.

Statistics show that at least 90 percent of all people who died by suicide were suffering from a mental illness at the time, most often depression.

The Let's Talk Colorado website states that "COVID-19 is affecting all of us, causing uncertainty, fear and changes to our lives we never imagined. Now more than ever we need to

take care of ourselves and look out for each other."

You can find helpful information, tips and resources to stay healthy and support friends, neighbors, loved ones, our community and even ourselves at www.letstalkco.org.

A few of those tips include:

- "Stop the silence. If someone discloses that they have a mental illness, they are opening up to you in a big way. Ask questions, show concern, but keep the awkward silence at bay.
- "Be nice. It sounds simple enough, but try to say the right things with openness, warmth, caring and sincerity.
- "Listen. The fact that you are there can make a world of difference, so in your conversation, try to err more on the side of listening.
- "Keep in contact. Offer availability by phone, text, email, or a time to meet up. Just be there.
- "Don't ignore it. Don't be afraid to ask about the well-being of another if you think they might be hurting. Trust your senses.
- "Offer help. Everyone is different. They may want very specific help or no help at all. Either way, you can always ask and be open to the answer.
- "Keep the conversation moving. It's OK to talk about other things to keep silent lulls out of conversation; as long as they know you're completely open to revisiting the topic later."

If warning signs are present, individuals are encouraged to reach out to family, friends and professionals. Loved ones are encouraged to ask the hard questions — asking if the person is thinking of hurting themselves or committing suicide.

Locally, Axis Health System offers a 24-hour crisis support line. If you are experiencing a mental health emergency, call 247-5245.

Western Colorado Crisis Services are also available 24/7 at (844) 493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255.

If we all took on the challenge of preventing suicide like Cowan has done by reaching out and talking about mental health and how to deal with our problems, we might just save someone's life.

You don't have to be adept at push-ups to make a difference.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 17, 1920

The entire community received a severe shock Monday morning when word came that Leon Montroy, pioneer rancher of Archuleta county, had passed away in Durango early Monday morning. Deceased was born at St. Poly Carp, Quebec, Canada, March 12, 1846. At the age of 18 he came to the United States and spent eight years in the states of New York and Pennsylvania, with the exception of two short visits in Canada. In 1876 he started west, coming to Colorado the same year, and soon engaged in mining, which vocation he followed almost continuously until 1886, in the Summitville district. He then came to Pagosa Springs, where he has since resided. Leon Montroy was vitally connected with the progress of Archuleta county and his friends are legion. The respect and friendship in which he was held was attested by the hundreds of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta county citizens who attended his funeral.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 28, 1945

Theodore, 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hansen of the Lower Piedra, suffered no bad effects from a fall into The Spring last Saturday morning. He, his parents, and his baby brother had been over to The Spring property to see the largest-hottest boiling pool in all the world, and were walking away, when the child's hat blew off, and into the water. The youngster jumped right into the water after it, and was lost to sight. His father plunged into the hot water after his son, and on rescuing him, took him to Ben Lynch for first aid. However, as only the edge of the pool was reached by the lad and his father, the child seemed to have suffered no burns.

Huey Risinger is building a new barn at his home in the park.

A new white front is the improvement at the Pagosa Bar building.

Jake Martinez has just completed a two-room house on 7th street, covered it with brick siding, and this week has a foundation laid for a 4-car garage on the lot north of the new house.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 17, 1970

In this modern world many are prone to forget the awesome power of nature and its forces. The recent high waters are a reminder that nature is powerful and that it can be destructive. In the years when there have been no rampaging water, less and less attention has been paid to the location of buildings in relation to streams, bridges and other structures that are not designed to withstand any but normal conditions, and local citizens become indifferent to weather. The storms the past two weeks show that Mother Nature can still hold the whip hand and will use it at times.

The weather in the first 15 days of September this year has aroused a great deal of comment. There are reports that this type of weather has prevailed here before in September. If so, it was most certainly years ago. Rainfall in September of 1969 totaled 3.75 inches. To date this year it is 5.57 inches, in 1965 3.15 inches fell in September. These are the only years in which more than three inches of rainfall was recorded. It was close in 1961 with 2.98 inches.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 21, 1995

There was bearily any business at Jackisch Drug last Thursday evening, when an unusual customer showed up in the aisles. At approximately 6 p.m., clerk Cherry Randall, glanced up to see who was entering the front door of the Main street business. It was not a who ... it was a what. A bear. Perhaps it was the same bear who ate the birthday cake at a house at San Juan River Village two weeks before — out in search of antacids. Whatever its identity, the bear — described by store owner Ben Lynch as "small, maybe a yearling" — rambled down the aisles of the drugstore. "A salesman and I were at the back of the store talking and Cherry came back and told me there was a bear in the drugstore," said Lynch. "I looked and decided the best thing to do was to get out the back door. He didn't wreck anything." Randall said she might make a chart to keep track of the wildlife that has visited the drugstore in recent weeks. "We've had two chipmunks, a bat, a hummingbird and now a bear," she said.

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Evolve

Dear Editor:

Is racism a human condition.. globally; it seems so and if so why? Did it begin as part of mankind's evolutionary defense mechanisms..if they're different they are a threat, so is everyone different bad?

Certainly America came by our systemic racism via our European ancestry cultures. Europeans have long sought via primitive science to justify this quest. "Consider the era leading up to the birth of Darwin's bombshell theory. In the 1830s, while a young Darwin was making his momentous voyage onboard the Beagle, a movement was underway to promote the idea that the various modern human groups around the globe—races—had separate origins." Europeans would conveniently come out on top and Africans on the bottom. "There was a desire to provide scientific justification for political and power structures," says anthropological geneticist Jennifer Raff of the University of Kansas. "It was science in the service of slavery and colonialism." And of course, more recently the Nazi's practiced genocide for racial purity. We need to make a distinction, slavery isn't the same as racism. Mankind has and still (human trafficking) practices slavery for profit...got a warm healthy body..potential profit in use by someone. Did you know slavery was common during the time of Jesus and no quote by him has ever been recorded objecting to slavery?

When 'modern man' emerged from Africa, it seems they both bred with and killed off the Neanderthals and all other hominoid

groups as they expanded across the world. Most early tribes and kingdom's continued the practice, right into recorded history or more modern times by nations. Not too far back, our pioneers did the same with native tribes. Then of course, the Atlantic slave trade economy 'bled' right into popular hangings of Negroes after the Civil War and today police shootings of unarmed Blacks.

But we're not alone, racism is clearly evident globally in every nation and culture. Why today, maybe it's no longer resources such as food or land but now jobs. And even within countries, regardless of education the rural folks hate the big city..so called elites...Red state vs Blue..Christian vs. Jew or other religions..people of color.. etc. And not to overlook how politicians urge us to hate competitive countries. Maybe it is the human condition to hate and kill, if so..why have any religion? Or is religion a damper on our slaughter and civil forms of slavery of the 'different?' How much of a driver is demographics/birth rate on the level of hate we feel for those...different?

How much of a difference needs to be to be seen by others for you to be 'different?' If you're less than half something is that 'different?' The Nazi's used the mother to determine race/religion. What's even weirder is the person of color who becomes a 'convert' to the dominant race's beliefs. But let's say you legally register as white/caucasian, do you change that when "Ancestry.com" says..well...not so much? And now that you know you're part 'enemy' why continue to hate those different? So maybe racism is just the door to human nature's DNA to hate & fear?

David Blake

'Let's look at the lies'

Dear Editor:

Trump has repeatedly lied that he signed the "Veterans Choice Act". Obama signed that bill in 2014, Trump signed the VA Mission act in 2018, which extended the Choice Act, but eventually replaces it, even though funding has not been determined.

Besides that obvious lie, let's look at the lies in the one policy achievement this administration can claim, the 2017 Tax cut. It was promised that after the cut: Business investment will skyrocket, the economy will surge by 6%, the cuts will pay for themselves, corporations will repatriate money stashed overseas, wages and jobs will skyrocket.

This is what has happened. A small bump for two quarters, then all indices declined in the later part of 2018. Business investment and new orders for capital goods declined. Economic growth, around 2%; corporate tax receipts dropped over 50%, while the deficit grew from \$600 billion to nearly a \$trillion; less than a third of the expected earnings in overseas accounts were repatriated, while corporate share buybacks steeply increased; wages have increased slightly, but mostly due to states instituting minimum wage increases; and guess what, corporate profits have soared. This all pre pandemic.

Then came Covid and the closures and the Stockmarket tanked. However, in the following weeks the Market began climbing. On a day that it was announced that millions of people had lost their jobs, the

DOW rose over 1000 points. Why was the Market increasing when exports and manufacturing were down, millions had lost jobs and businesses were at a standstill? The Fed, run by Trump appointee and a wealthy banker, was printing a lot of money, is how. Nearly \$6 trillion, and with that money, the Fed bought corporate bonds and debt (a first). The current Fed Chairman is the first in 50 years that isn't an economist and his priorities are evident. Corporate bail outs, while individuals, cities and states are ignored. Even after the pandemic stimulus bill was passed, this administration stole billions, handing money to corporate cronies and wealthy donors with no oversight or accountability.

The Woodward tapes have now come out and we see that Trump lied to the American public about the seriousness of Covid. He told Woodward he didn't want to cause panic. What he didn't say was he was speaking of Wall Street panicking, not the public. Because of Republican inaction, thousands are in jeopardy of losing their homes, unemployment is over 14% and the first wave of the pandemic hasn't ended. Again because of Republican inaction, many states will have to start laying off public employees and cut back services. Bread lines are appearing in many cities and homelessness is on the rise. We may not see it in our little corner of the world but an economic disaster is coming. The one thing the tax cut achieved was to accelerate the transfer of wealth to the top. Republicans talk a lot about freedom, but you can't truly be free if you're saddled with debt.

Dave Butcher

Valle Seco land exchange

Dear Editor:

Let's cut to the chase and expose the Valle Seco Land Exchange for what it is. A Federal Land grab by a few out of state land barons who want to add to their fiefdoms. They get to indirectly purchase National Forest land that they have always wanted and permanently block the public and those pesky hunters from conveniently accessing the National Forest lands that border their ranches. When the public or

hunters try to access the National Forest land in their usual place, greeting them will be a barbwire fence and a locked gate plastered with No Trespassing and No Hunting signs.

If this land exchange does not go through, Boot Jack Ranch has threatened to put up an eight-foot-high game fence around the Valle Seco land, build a hunting lodge, and turn the area into a private hunting ranch. The threat is nothing more than a smokescreen preventing the Forest Service from directly purchasing the land from an unwilling seller.

The draft Environmental Assessment is a comprehensive document, well written, and does present both sides of the issue with a slant toward accepting the proposal. The report provides four alternatives, the best of which is alternative #1, No Action. Everything remains as it is. With this alternative, the smoke will clear, and the unwilling seller will suddenly become a willing seller. The Forest Service steps in and proceeds to pick up the Valle Seco land at a bargain price using the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Everyone is happy except for the land barons.

Thomas Butler

Mitsch Bush for congress

Dear Editor:

We need a pragmatic, experienced and knowledgeable person to represent us here in Congressional District 3. Diane Mitch Bush is that person. She is the former county commissioner in Routt County and state representative from her district in Northwest Colorado. One of her fellow commissioners, a Republican, said that the commissioners, including Mitsch Bush, were not political people. They were focused on solving the problems that the county was facing, the same problems facing southwest Colorado now: water resources, affordable housing, and oil and gas development.

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across the aisle. She has detailed expertise in transportation, agriculture, and water. She was the person who often explained agriculture and water issues to representatives from the front range.

Her opponent, Lauren Boebert, on the other hand, is in the race to make noise and sow division. This is the person who has been arrested three times and been issued a summons for failure to appear in court to answer to those charges. This is the person who was cited for threatening a neighbor who complained about her pit bulls running loose. This is the person who told underage drinkers who were being detained to flee, and then resisted arrest when she herself was being handcuffed. This is the person who violated health department directives and kept her restaurant open during the Safer at Home time. This is the person who gave 80 people food poisoning at the county fair because of "bacterial contamination due to improper food safety practices" while serving food there without a license. This is also the person who criticized Representative Scott Tipton for voting for the CARES act that has kept many small businesses similar to hers afloat during the pandemic. This is also the person who has followed outlandish conspiracy theories on social media. Her only claim to fame is that she and her staff wear side arms at her restaurant.

You are going to hear how Boebert pulled herself up by her bootstraps. At the same time, you may not hear how Mitsch Bush was raised by a single mom who used payday loans to pay the rent. You may not hear how Mitsch Bush overcame that beginning to attend college, earn three degrees from the University of Minnesota, and become a college professor before being elected to the county commission. You may not hear that Mitsch Bush reads every bill before she votes on it. She is the one who wants to preserve health coverage for pre-existing conditions. She is the one concerned about preserving water resources for ranchers.

If you are like me, you are tired of the extremists on both sides. Like me, you probably want someone who will listen to constituents, work hard to represent us, propose legislation and vote to support our interests. You want someone intelligent who studies the issues before spouting off harebrained sound bites. That person is Diane Mitsch Bush.

Lynn R. Frederick

Census deadline nears

Dear Editor:

I just was informed that the Census deadline has been moved to September 30th. Do you realize that your census data will fund education, health care, and the costs of infrastructure building and repair right here in our backyards? The President doesn't like to dole out money to those people and places that need it; that is what prompted him to shift to a September deadline. Please, if you haven't responded already, go to 2020census.gov and take 5 minutes to fill

our some papers in order to obtain the funding Colorado deserves and needs to build back from the devastation to our well being and our economy.

Becky Herman

'Balance of power'

Dear Editor:

The 2020 election is just around the corner and I have never felt more concern about the outcome. The outcome of the upcoming election will affect us, "We The People" to such a large extent it is scary to imagine. From the top to the bottom, at the national level, state level and yes even at the local county level. Our Democratic Republic, the One that our founding fathers created, the One designed with a system of Checks and Balances, is in serious peril. Our vote is what gives consent to the elected government officials to run the country, state, and county. It is that vote, our job to keep the balance of power in check at all levels.

In our little town and County of Archuleta this could not be more true. There are two County Commissioner seats up for grabs, out of three. The balance of power for the next four years is at stake. Let me remind you that it was our current seated Commissioners that decided to take on a county into debt to build the jail after two failed ballot initiatives (sales tax increase) the voters said no but they built the jail anyway. Then we have the missing assets, unaccounted in the Sheriff Department which leads to the commissioners saying the Sheriff doesn't work for us. Another story.

We now have one first term Commissioner running for a 2nd term, a new Commissioner elected unopposed in 2018, formally employed by the sheriff, and one empty seat in January. 2020 gives us some choices. One choice is a former Commissioner, Clifford Lucero or another Sheriff employee Warren Brown. The question is do we need the deck stacked with law enforcement officers with close ties to our Sheriff or is it wise to keep things a little more balanced.

Clifford Lucero has a proven track record, 8 years on the Board of Commissioners, part of a balanced team that brought the county financially back from near bankruptcy. That says a lot to me.

The second choice will be to reelect Commissioner Ronnie Maez or his opponent Natalie Carpenter. Commissioner Maez has shown a 4 year agenda to support the building of a state of the art detention center for a debt in the neighborhood of 20 million to us the tax payers. Natalie Carpenter has shown a commitment to us to campaign for that commissioner seat for the second time.

I believe a changing of the guard is in order at our county level. Voting for Lucero and Carpenter could just be that change in the balance of power and control of Archuleta County.

Rob Keating

Editor's note: A May 2019 press release from 6th Judicial District Attorney Christian Champagne states, "As a result of the investigation completed by the [Colorado Bureau

of Investigation], the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Richard Valdez, and his staff have been completely cleared of any wrongdoing and the allegation has been deemed to be entirely unfounded."

Changed news sources

Dear Editor:

Today, I made a small but important change. I switched the home page on my internet browser. I did it as my part to help heal the divisiveness that is tearing apart our country.

I start each day with the news, and what I couldn't understand was how others hearing the same information could have such wildly different reactions to it. So I began an experiment, reading about the same topic on different news sites. Although I knew that various news outlets slanted their coverage, I was shocked to discover that the issue was far worse than merely slanting information. Stories are buried, ignored or twisted into propaganda. Opinion articles appear as headline news. No longer is the standard 'fair and impartial reporting'.

I understand the allure of reading articles that reinforce my own dearly held opinions. I like feeling that my way of thinking is the right way, but that prevents me from understanding how others might see things differently. Right now, Americans are living in totally different universes, depending on where they get their news. This makes it increasingly difficult for us to find common ground.

I want to be given facts, not opinions. I want to be informed and even challenged. I want to make up my own mind on how to respond to an event, not influenced in how to think about it. So I changed which news sources I use. After researching which outlets are the least biased, I have selected three as my main sources of information: Associated Press, Reuters and BBC. I read articles from all three. An additional bonus is that Reuters has a Fact Check section on its homepage that gives facts on the many stories circulating on social media.

Without the emotional agitation of reading inflammatory headlines, I am more able to focus and gain a deeper understanding of the current events that are affecting our lives. I hope that as others search for less biased news, we can move closer to uniting as a nation. Our future depends on it.

Mary Kurt-Mason

Rethink policies

Dear Editor:

The smoke should make us rethink our forest policies.

Yes, forest fires are more likely to occur in this drought. But we can often make them easier to contain. Many of our National Forests have thousands of acres — miles and miles — of dead trees. It doesn't have to be that way.

In the last century, we used logging and thinning to increase Western forest health. Take out some trees and others can access more water and nutrients, increasing their resistance to insects, disease,

drought, and fire.

Mistakes may have occurred, but overall the program increased forest health, left wildlife habitat, made wildfires easier to control, reduced the amount of smoke-filled air, provided well-paying jobs, and often returned revenue to state and federal governments.

Compare that to today's minimal logging program, in which wildlife and habitat are burned to crisps, billions of dollars are spent fighting fires almost impossible to contain, homes and businesses are destroyed, and the smoky air itself becomes dangerous.

The U.S. was blessed with abundant natural resources. And trees grow back. Growing, working forests are good for the environment, carbon storage, clean air and water, wildlife, and economies. Yet we let radicals stop harvests, destroying forests, wildlife, and economies. And then we let other radicals destroy our cities.

It's time that We the People start taking more control over our resources, our cities, and our governments. Don't sit back and wait for others to save our country. Be part of the solution.

Bruce Many Eckert, Colo.

Constitution

Dear Editor:

On September 17, 1787 delegates to the Constitutional Convention met in Philadelphia and formed and signed the Constitution of the United States of America. It is the framework of our government and states the rights and freedoms we, the people, enjoy today. It outlines the government's powers, limits on those powers, and the rights of its citizens. It also outlines an amendment process for making changes in the future.

Our Constitution has served as the basis for other similar documents around the world and, in fact, sometimes has been considered the most important document ever written.

Pursuant to an appeal by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Congress requested that President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaim the week beginning September 17th and ending September 23rd as Constitution Week. President Eisenhower enacted the proclamation on August 2, 1956. President George W. Bush officially declared the inception of Constitution Week in September, 2002.

Let's take time to reflect on what a privilege it is to live in America and be proud of our heritage and our Constitution. We have rights that many people throughout the world do not have, such as our right to vote for our leaders. What an important right.

Please vote on November 3rd. It is our Constitutional right, our duty and our responsibility. It is also a privilege.

Joanne McCoy Bayfield, Colo.

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Local businesses

Dear Editor:
This week I had the extreme pleasure of going into town to partake in a long overdue ritual. After almost a year, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, I went to one of our local Hair Salons and enjoyed every minute of getting my hair colored and cut. What a treat it was to be able to pamper myself in the comfort of the tidy salon and catch up on all the gossip.

And as you can imagine much of the conversation that day was centered on the current state of our community due to the spread of the COVID virus. And that, is why I am writing to you this morning. I never really took the time to think about how this pandemic has affected every single facet of our lives. But my eyes have been opened by that experience of enjoying one of the true pleasures we have in our lives, getting "beautified."

I was shocked and bewildered as I heard story after story about local citizens and tourists alike, behaving in ways that are not only horrible, but shameful. I heard stories about clients calling and demanding that they get their hair done even to the extent of asking for personal, in home appointments. I heard about tourists wandering into the shop without masks, or appointments and treating the shop owner like she was responsible for the current state of the world, and demanding an appointment. On and on I listened as she related her extreme frustration as a business owner and I wanted to cry.

I simply didn't realize, till now, how difficult it must be for local businesses, to function on a daily basis providing goods and services to our community; let alone just to open each day with all of the rules and regulations they must follow or be shut down. The extreme caution they take, to insure our safety and well-being is mind boggling. They have to clean and sanitize and social distance, and provide masks, and then ... On top of all of that, they must endure the mistreatment and ill tempers of the people they struggle so hard to support.

To this, I say, "Shame on you Pagosans." We are a spoiled community here, enjoying the clean air, mountain living, and until recently, almost nonexistent COVID cases. And how do we repay our own friends and fellows who try to keep us functioning in this tragic state of affairs? We rant and rave and carry on and blame them for our woes ... even as we expect them to carry on "business as usual" providing the luxuries we have come to enjoy.

So, "Stop it. Take a breath, look around, and instead ... Try to take a walk in their shoes and understand what they are going through to keep this community functioning. And then, pick up the phone, call a friend, a neighbor, a business owner and say, "Thank you, for everything that you do. We appreciate you. And what can I do to help?"

And remember, on this day, in the not so distant past, our lives were torn apart by a tragedy just as horrific. We survived, we pulled together, and we are stronger for it.

Kristin McCoy

Feeding wolves

Dear Editor:
There's a Cherokee legend worth repeating about an elder who instructs his grandson about living in harmony. "Twin wolves live within us. One is sustained by anger, envy, greed, arrogance, resentment, lies, false pride, and ego. The other is nourished by peace, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, empathy, generosity, and truth. The two battle each other for control of our spirit." Alarmed, the grandson asked, "Which wolf will win?" Gravely, the grandfather replied, "The one you feed."

For four years, we've been

shocked into numbness by this president's pathological lying, his cruelty, his petty vindictiveness, his race baiting, his arrogance, and his incivility.

Inexcusable behavior becomes a national emergency when it's accompanied by policies that add up to an epic failure to lead, to unite, to protect. Trump has deceived us about COVID19, denied Putin's election interference, disrespected our military, weaponized our fraught racial relations, hijacked our Postal Service, initiated a doomed trade war, corrupted our justice system, co-opted the taxes that support Social Security, alienated our allies, and diminished our pride in American decency. The list goes on and on. Behold the appalling spectacle of feeding the wrong wolf.

Trust dies when lies are tolerated. This leaves us vulnerable to crazy conspiracy theories and overwrought fear-mongering. We've already relinquished much of our honor, our trust, and our faith in who we are and who we want to be. Biden has a plan to restore a functioning government; one that promises to unite and protect our nation. Don't feed fear, cynicism, and divisiveness. Vote Biden.

K. Muth

Become informed

Dear Editor:
Now is the time to start preparing to vote. Ballots will be mailed in three weeks. With all the focus on the Presidential and Senatorial races, I am afraid people are neglecting to educate themselves

about the other candidates on the ballot. Case in point is the race to represent the Third Congressional District (CD3) in the U.S. House of Representatives. For the past ten years, our district has been represented by Scott Tipton. He was, by many accounts, insufficiently proactive in addressing issues of concern to his constituents and was defeated in the Republican primary. So we will have a new Representative in Congress come 2021.

This is our chance to have a more influential voice for Western and Southern Colorado at the national level. To be clear, I support the Democratic candidate but my point here is to encourage people to look beyond party affiliation and make an informed judgement about the character, values and preparedness of each candidate to represent us.

There are four candidates on the ballot but realistically most people will want to focus on the two with the (R) and the (D) after their names. One is a young, gun-toting, law-defying restaurant owner with far-right positions who has never run for or held a political office. One is a former college educator with very left-leaning policy positions who served as a County Commissioner in Routt County and served two terms as a state legislator representing a rural area of the Western Slope. She lost to Tipton in the 2018 election.

Together they represent nearly the outer limits of the political spectrum. For example, the Democrat supports moving toward single payer health care. The Republican

describes her energy policy, and by inference her environmental policy, as "Drill, Baby, Drill." If you are a centrist neither one may be your cup of tea but you still have to vote. Unfortunately, it isn't going to be easy to get a clear understanding of the two candidates. News coverage has been minimal and there are no debates scheduled because both candidates have refused invitations to debate. Don't rely on political ads to make your choice. I encourage everyone to take a look at the candidates' own websites. Lauren Boebert is the Republican candidate and her website is LaurenforColorado.com. Diane Mitsch Bush is the Democratic candidate and her website is DianeforColorado.com.

By becoming informed, I think people with centrist views will vote for Diane.

Johnny Pickett

Don't lie

Dear Editor:
I spent most of my working life as an emergency manager. One thing we always recommended to officials when dealing with a disaster is, don't lie. Nature will have its way, no matter what you say. And if you have credible plans and effective execution, people will not panic. If a Category 5 hurricane is barreling toward your coastal community, don't go on TV and say it's just a rainstorm. The high winds and storm surge will come. If people have not been warned accurately, some will die, and it will be your fault. If a wildfire is threatening your town, do not go on the

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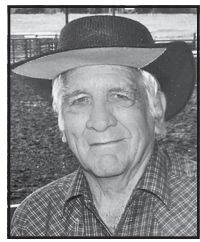


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Obituaries

William Cunningham Laverty

William C. Laverty died quietly at home in Pagosa Springs, Colo., surrounded by family, on Aug. 26. "Papa Bill" had a good run; he was 97.



Bill was born Feb. 24, 1923, to Luther and Roberta Laverty in Waterloo, Iowa. Shortly thereafter, the family moved to Princeton, Ky., where he grew up. Graduating from high school in 1941, he studied two years at Georgia Tech before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force during WWII. Serving in the China-India-Burma theater, he worked as a radio operator/mechanic, flying "The Hump" on C-46 and C-47 transport aircraft.

Upon his discharge from the Air Force in 1946, Bill returned home and enrolled at the University of Kentucky, but his time spent flying over the Himalaya mountains had "struck a nerve." After a year of school, he packed up and moved to Denver, Colo., deciding he was going to learn how to ski. He worked a little, attended a few classes at the University of Colorado, but mostly (we think), he "ski bummed," taking only enough time off from that to spend the better part of 1950 on a sail boat in Acapulco, Mexico.

Deciding perhaps that his budding ski career might not offer as promising a future as he would like, Bill returned to the University of Kentucky just long enough to earn a degree in civil engineering and develop an obsession for Kentucky basketball, a condition from which he would never recover.

Back in Denver, degree in hand,

he went to work for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, but then accepted a job with the San Juan National Forest and moved to Pagosa Springs in 1955. In Pagosa, he developed an obsession for a second-grade school teacher named Peggy Ann Zesch (another condition from which he would never recover). They married in Mason, Texas, Peggy's hometown, in 1957.

Rounding out his Forest Service career in 1973, which included assignments in Colorado, California and New Mexico, Bill, Peggy and family moved back to Pagosa Springs for good to operate the KOA (Pagosa Riverside) campground they had built two years earlier. He would move on from that to a long third career in real estate as owner/broker of San Juan Realty.

Bill enjoyed his sports and was a good athlete in his own right. In addition to ski bumming, he played tennis and golf until a ripe old age. He never gave up on his Kentucky Wildcats and was known for throwing bricks at the TV during Broncos games and the evening news.

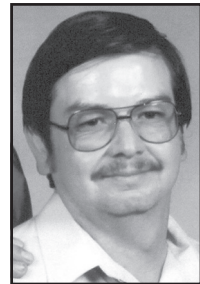
The stalwart patriarch of the infamous "Laverty Clan," he and Peggy raised three children and were blessed with 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren (to date). He was preceded in death by his two sisters, Roberta Laverty and Kathryn "Kate" Terry, and daughter-in-law Danna Laverty. He is survived by wife Peggy; sons Kurt Laverty, Steve (Kimberly) Laverty and daughter Kitzel (Derek) Farrah.

Bill and Peggy were among the founding members of the local Lutheran Church. A memorial service will be held for Bill at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. in Pagosa Springs.

Joe Modesto 'Moy' Montoya Jr.

Joe Modesto "Moy" Montoya Jr. passed away Tuesday, Sept. 8, at home. He was 65 years old.

Moy was born July 20, 1955, to Modesto and Bessie Montoya in Durango, Colo. He grew up in Pagosa Springs and graduated from Pagosa Springs High School, where he played football. While in high school, Moy suffered a life-changing auto accident. Though it changed his life, he didn't let his disability stop him from living.



Moy worked in various jobs: the Town of Pagosa Springs, The Elk-

horn Cafe and for Sears. He loved feeding the wild birds and watching them enjoy his food offering. He also enjoyed word puzzles and western movies. Moy always pampered his trucks — he treasured his 1996 Dodge pickup — it was his pride and joy.

He is survived by his mom, Bessie Montoya; siblings Erlinda (Angel) Gonzalez, Yvonne (Steven) Giesen, Nanette (Jim) Shaw; and numerous nephews, nieces, extended family and wonderful friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Juanita Maria.

A rosary was held on Monday, Sept. 14, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall; a eulogy and Mass were held on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at John Paul II Catholic Church with burial following at Hilltop Cemetery.

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dio and say it is under control when it is uncontained. If your citizens don't evacuate because they believe your false guidance, people will die and it will be your fault.

That brings us to Donald Trump. Trump admitted that he knew the danger of the coronavirus but downplayed it because he "didn't want to create panic." The Obama Administration left him with a pandemic plan, but he ignored it. The Obama Administration left him with an office of experts on controlling a pandemic and he abolished it. The Federal Government has many of the top experts in the world on infectious diseases and he ignored them.

U.S. national security officials warned Trump of the danger in intelligence briefings in January. Yet, in public comments and tweets, Trump played down the pandemic even as the first US case was reported. Finally, on January 31, he imposed a travel "ban" from China that had more holes than swiss cheese. Over 40,000 people returned to the U.S. from China. On January 22, Trump told CNBC, "We have it totally under control. It's one person coming in from China, and we have it under control. It's — going to be just fine." Well, it wasn't under control and it wasn't fine. In February, Trump took a few baby steps toward a Federal response, requesting funding from Congress and setting up a task force. Meanwhile, Trump and Fox News were portraying the coronavirus as under control, and even as a Democratic "hoax."

This false reassurance caused people to ignore steps to control the virus and by March allowed the pandemic to take hold across the country unconstrained. Public gathering places closed. The economy began to tumble. On March 20, NBC's Peter Alexander asked Trump, "What do you say to Americans watching right now who are scared?" Trump responded, "I think you had a nasty question." Comforting words to an anxious Nation from a "great" leader.

So, now nearly 200,000 Americans are dead. Trump downplayed the virus not to prevent panic, but in vain hope that the virus would go away and not hurt his reelection. Nothing is more important to him than reelection, not your life, not my life. And yet there are people who believe that Trump managed the crisis well. I just don't get it. Trump lied, Americans died.

John Porco

'Left vs. Right'

Dear Editor:

Oh my, one of the most divisive things in our country and our

government today is the issue of "Left vs. Right". Having experienced life for close to a Century, I enjoy sharing my experiences. I am one of those who was born "Left-handed". Now, for my generation, it was required that parents train a left-handed child to become right-handed before that child would be allowed to enter school. I am not sure the "why" of that but I like to believe it was considered too inconvenient for teachers, who were "right-handed", to teach left-handed children to write. For one thing, desks were constructed to support the right arm of writing, leaving no support for a left arm. Many tantrums later, my parents succeeded and I was allowed to enter school.

My tantrums were my "protests" and, while annoying, they were not destructive. Those who participate in destructive behavior are not "protesting for anything". They are simply using an issue to support their criminal behavior — nothing more. They do not represent any political party or any group with goodness in their hearts. Simply said, they are criminals, not law-abiding citizens.

Within time, some right-handed folks with goodness in their hearts convinced the school system to do away with that requirement. Yes, those innovative little "lefties" adjusted to those right-handed desks without a problem. They simply rested their left arm above the page rather than below when writing. Now it's time for the left and right to join hands and make this a more Perfect Union.

And, do it with love, of courses
Patty Tillerson

Racism

Dear Editor:

I was very much encouraged by two letters in the last issue (9/10/2020) of the SUN, one from Lisa Jensen and the other from the leadership of Restoration Fellowship. They both offered reflection on the problem in this country of systemic racism, and by doing so furthered the conversation. We, even we in the small-and-growing town of Pagosa Springs, need to have this conversation before us until full redemption comes. It will be a long journey (it has been long for over 400 years), but the fruits of justice are sweet and well worth the effort.

Thanks to everyone who continues to use her freedom of speech to call for justice and equality in every part of human life. I continue to pray that the love and mercy of Jesus Christ would be manifest fully in the realization of those goals.

Emrys Tyler

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

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.

Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board work session and regular meeting. 4:30 p.m. work session, 5:30 p.m. meeting. See town website for participation 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.

Thursday, Oct. 8
Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

Tuesday, Oct. 13
Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and De-

sign Review Board work session and regular meeting. 4:30 p.m. work session, 5:30 p.m. meeting. See town website for participation information.

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

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

Wednesday, Oct. 14
Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation regular board meeting. 5:30 p.m. Zoom meeting. Visit www.pagosaspringscdc.org for login information.

Monday, Oct. 19
Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting. 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, Oct. 27
Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board work session and regular meeting. 4:30 p.m. work session, 5:30 p.m. meeting. See town website for participation information.

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Carpenter running for county commissioner in District 2

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

Local technology consultant Natalie Carpenter is running for county commissioner in District 2 as an unaffiliated candidate.

In an interview Monday, Carpenter explained how she got involved in local politics.

"I got involved back in 2008, starting to go to a lot more town and county meetings, and I was really disappointed seeing the lack of leadership from some really nice local people that got into office that, to me, did not have any type of professional skills or qualifications, and I'm talking basic things like being able to read a balance sheet," she said. "I was seeing that our leaders were relying so much on all of their paid staff to do things and not seeming to understand what it was they should be doing."

Carpenter explained she ran



Natalie Carpenter

unsuccessfully for county commissioner in 2008 and 2016, and outlined her reasons for doing so then, and again this election year.

"I decided I wanted to run again for the exact same reasons — I just don't see that our county has good leadership or any type of communication with the public about what is happening, what they're voting on, where we stand as far as how much money we have to spend on roads. Some of these basic things that to me — it's 2020. There's all kinds of technology available for these commissioners to communicate with the public and I don't see any information coming out of the county commissioners' office," Carpenter said, adding, "People, except for the articles in The SUN and the reporters that sit through the meetings and publish things, that's the information that we get."

Carpenter added that she wants to "stop having the county commissioners do their business in a bubble because there's really big decisions being made that a lot of

people have no idea what's happening."

"Four years ago, we had a giant budget surplus and now all of the sudden — I know we've built the jail, but there's kind of a dead zone of what happened to the money? What happened to the road plan?" she said.

Carpenter explained that she's both a business consultant and a nonprofit consultant, that she's worked with a lot of organizations in town, and that balancing different interests of the community is "a juggling act."

"I think if you're stuck in one aspect of Pagosa or one aspect of the county and not seeing the big picture, it doesn't help you be a good commissioner and I think that's where I have unique qualifications — is the fingers I have into so many parts of the county over the years," she said.

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Development Services director talks vacation rental enforcement, HOAs

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

At the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners' (BoCC) work session on Sept. 8, Development Services Director Brad Callender updated the commissioners about the status of his department.

Callender commented on how software recently implemented by the county to track short-term rentals, or vacation rentals, has helped with enforcement of folks renting their homes without a vacation rental permit, or even without a building permit for the structure they're renting.

"This software is able to help us capture not only just people that are short-term renting, but actual nuisance and building compliance issues," Callender said. "So, we've got one gentlemen that had a short-term rental that's been advertised for several months — it was completed without a building permit. So now we've issued an order against him to cease and desist and actually that was a positive enforcement because not only, I'm not gonna get into the HOA [homeowners association] thing, he was in violation of that, too, in addition to our issues, but we were able to pop him on, 'You don't have a building permit, you don't have a short-term rental compliance permit' ... That enforcement was immediate because it stopped that activity immediately."

Callender added that with the new software, the county knows "every single [short-term rental] that's advertising in the county."

Callender also expressed that his department doesn't want to slow any new construction down, and hopes to process new building permit applications within five to 10 business days.

"We want permits through our system as quickly as possible," he said. "It doesn't behoove us at all to sit there and bog anybody down. Obviously, we have no goal to do that, we want to get those things

processed and off our desk and into the construction process."

County staff and commissioners also talked about HOA covenants, with Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver noting the county does receive some complaints about HOAs.

At the meeting, Callender clarified specifics of HOAs, and that they often have covenants that are unique to their subdivision and do not necessarily reflect the policies of the county.

"If there's a private entity out there that's part of, or has ownership in a

lot or a unit or what have you in an HOA, they have a private obligation that has nothing to do with the county to adhere to their own policies, their own covenants what have you," he said. "So really, the county has no stake or game in that we really don't — we have no desire, nor intent, to enforce those covenants."

Weaver also addressed the HOA issue.

"HOA covenants are basically a contract [between] the HOA and the landowner," Weaver said. "The county has no standing whatsoever to enforce HOA covenants and

we're not going to, period. So if the homeowner has a problem with the HOA, that's between them. We have absolutely no role and no standing whatsoever to get involved, and we won't."

In an email, Callender provided another departmental update, comparing building permit numbers year to date this year compared to 2019.

"This time last year we had issued 292 permits. For this year to this point, we've issued 238 permits, a difference of 54 permits," he wrote.

State launches outbreak map on COVID-19 website

Department of Public Health and Environment

The state has launched an official outbreak data map on covid19.colorado.gov that displays the location of all confirmed outbreaks reported to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and will be updated each Wednesday with information from the weekly outbreak surveillance report.

The map will provide further consistency, accuracy and transparency around COVID-19 outbreak data.

The map displays locations of active outbreaks using symbology based on the outbreak setting and resolved outbreaks are shown using a gray marker. Users can click on each active or resolved outbreak to view additional details, including the date the outbreak was determined to be an outbreak, the date it was resolved if applicable, and the number of confirmed and probable cases and deaths. Additional outbreak data and visualizations of that data can be found on CDPHE's data page by clicking on "Outbreaks." A full list of outbreak locations is available at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid19-outbreak-data>.

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Ski

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that our guests that responded wanna ski, they're willing to do what's asked of 'em and be responsible. There were things like home screening, screening before they come up the mountain, not coming up here if someone is in their party that's feeling sick or showing symptoms of COVID, or flu-like symptoms in general, because that's gonna be the challenge as flu season comes in, as who's gonna know what they've got?"

Pitcher also noted that respondents were willing to bring their own food and eat at their cars if Wolf Creek's restaurants are closed, and are willing to wear face masks and practice social distancing.

Pitcher also explained they have tweaked their season pass pricing. "We've done some things in our season pass sale, we may get some flack for it, we created three season passes this year," said Pitcher.

According to WCSA's website, there are three tiers of season passes that have varying numbers of blackout dates.

Pitcher noted the blackout dates are to limit capacity during known busy periods, including around Christmas and spring break.

Pitcher also explained WCSA has added more Local Appreciation Days. A list of all the local appreciation days can be found at <https://wolfcreekkski.com/local-appreciation-days/>.

WCSA is located in Mineral County, but many of the guests and staff stay or live in Pagosa Springs

in Archuleta County.

Pitcher explained he's working with Silver Thread Health Department Director Tara Hardy to finalize the reopening plan, and has a meeting with her today.

In the letter sent to WCSA season pass holders and guests, the ski area outlines some provisions of its reopening plan, noting that they are preliminary and subject to change, which include:

- WCSA will limit its total capacity to 5,000 visitors per day.

- "This will provide for enough room in the parking lot to allow for social distancing; which is particularly important given that during peak times many guests will be using their cars for refuge (warming up) and eating," the letter states.

- When picking up lift tickets, face masks must be worn, and social distancing required. All transactions must be credit or debit cards.

- All guests will be required to wear face masks while in the lift mazes and while riding the lift; neck gaiters and bandanas will be acceptable.

- Each vehicle in WCSA's parking lots will have additional room for guests to practice social distancing. This distancing will make those who choose to bring their own lunch or to utilize Wolf Creek's grab-and-go food options more comfortable.

- WCSA has constructed a significant sneeze guard in the ski rental area and all employees and guests will be required to wear face

masks.

- All wolf pups will be screened for temperature and they will be placed 6 feet apart during lunch.

- Every restaurant will have limited seating and will be following all state guidelines for the food service industry.

- All restrooms will be deep cleaned nightly; there will be hourly spot cleaning which includes: spraying all surfaces with state-of-the-art ionizing disinfection machines, along with normal spraying and wipe down procedures.

"We have tried to think out of the box where we can in order to develop the necessary policies while incorporating the specific guidelines provided by the state," the letter to season pass holders and guests reads. "We will also continue to work with our local health department to implement the safest policies possible, and we believe this should allow for the public to make an informed decision as to how they will best enjoy their visits to WCSA. By showing empathy and being respectful of the greater responsibility that the local, state, and federal government has in managing this pandemic, we as skiers and snowboarders can pursue the activity that means so much to us."

According to Silver Thread Public Health, WCSA's reopening plan will have to be approved by both the state health department and Silver Thread to allow Wolf Creek to reopen.

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Housing

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on the project, discussed the change in unit numbers in an interview Tuesday.

"When the housing authority did the land lease for 40 units, I think that was an estimation on their part on how many units would fit on there and what the market study would support," he said, adding, "When we went through the town planning process and you plug in things like lot density and setbacks and all that kinda stuff, it ends up as 34 units was all that would fit on the site."

Simpson explained that his team started taking bids for the project around December, and as the COVID-19 pandemic stifled supply chains for building materials in early spring and brought prices up, the costs of the project increased beyond initial estimates, which Simpson noted were conservative.

"When we originally applied for the LIHTC application, we thought we were pretty conservative in our estimates; both a contractor and an architect agreed with 'em. The Colorado Housing Finance Authority

thought our estimates were pretty high, so they felt comfortable with our budget," he said. "But then when we started working on bids, which was clear back in December, we just were getting — our costs were just way higher than what we anticipated ... Material costs have gone up, labor costs have gone up, there's a shortage of contractors willing to work, contractors that can meet the bonding requirements of a project this size."

In his interview, Simpson provided approximate cost estimates of the project, noting he didn't have the exact figures in front of him.

Simpson explained that:

- The commercial portion of the project, which will house DHS and will be about 7,200 square feet, will cost \$2.9 million.

- The 34-unit affordable housing part of the project will cost about \$11.8 million.

Rough calculations put the cost per square foot for the commercial building at about \$400 and about \$337 per square foot for the residential portion.

"We started preparing final plans and specs in late February, early

March and that's when we actually started getting hard bids," Simpson said. "And as we started getting those hard bids, the costs kept coming in much higher than expected."

Simpson also noted the town's relatively strict requirements in building on Hot Springs Boulevard, noting that "site design, lighting design, exterior finishes, different roof lines, staggered foundations, multiple sidings on all four sides of the building" all play a role in higher costs of the project.

"Development costs are just high as a result of [those requirements] and we just have to meet the design requirements of the community," he said.

Simpson's team has already asked Archuleta County for more money once for the project, which it received, but indicated that now they have a "guaranteed maximum price" with the contractors and there shouldn't be any more surprises as far as cost goes.

Construction is expected to be completed around the summer of 2021.

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Travelers

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remote learning programs last spring and choosing to continue with similar formats for the fall, Pagosa Springs is becoming a top destination for folks, Green explained. While majority of our lives are becoming virtual, people seem to have more time and freedom to travel.

Green added, "We [Pagosa Springs] are a rural destination and people want to be away from others in the beautiful scenery."

When the pandemic first hit, no one knew how it would effect the town's tourist industry, Green suggested. Surprisingly, the town has seen a higher number of visitors than usual around this time of year.

According to board member

Michael Whiting, who has been a resident of Pagosa Springs for over 15 years, "This is the busiest September I remember. I couldn't even make a left-hand turn anywhere downtown without a light."

Green suggested that, as Pagosa Springs continues to grow and become a top destination for travelers around the country and the world, the town will need to continue to plan for accommodating increasing numbers of guests.

When asked by a board member if the 2021 budget would need to be reassessed, Green's response was, "It is highly likely that we'll want to adjust 2021."

Other news

At the same meeting, the board discussed giving up its position this

year as the fiscal agent of the Colorado Historic Hot Springs Loop.

Pagosa Springs has served as the fiscal agent of the organization since its inception in 2015.

With Steamboat Springs volunteering to take on the role as the fiscal agent for the organization, Pagosa Springs will be able to apply for its own Colorado Tourism Office (CTO) Marketing Match Grant, Green explained.

The CTO matches every dollar allocated to the program and will award grants up to \$25,000.

The board also discussed a funding request for a skijoring event.

Last year was the first year for the Skis and Saddles Pagosa County event as part of the annual WinterFest. The organization submitted a special event funding application requesting \$10,000, but was asked by the board to resubmit its application.

Board member Shane Lucero stated, "I don't feel this is a complete application."

Green indicated the board would like to be able to support the skijoring event, but it needs more details from Ski and Saddles in order to approve the funds.

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Archuleta County COVID-19 case count

The following information was current as of press time Wednesday.

San Juan Basin Public Health data:
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Got voting questions? We've got answers

By Sandra Fish
Colorado News Collaborative

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3, but registered voters in Colorado will receive mail-in ballots after Oct. 9. With national concern about the veracity of mail-in ballots, Colorado has become a focal point. Colorado began statewide vote by mail in 2013, although some counties used it before that.

Voters and potential voters will have questions about how voter registration works, how mail-in ballots work, how ballots are counted and more. The Colorado News Collaborative and its members, including The Pagosa Springs SUN, want to answer those questions.

Here's this week's big question: **Do I have to request a ballot from my county clerk or the secretary of state?**

Not if you're an active registered voter. County clerks automatically will begin mailing ballots to active registered voters on Oct. 9. A voter is considered active if they've voted in the most recent general elections or updated their address or other registration information.

Find out if you're registered at www.govotecolorado.gov. And get your Archuleta County information at: <http://www.archuletacounty.org/192/Elections>.

Have a question you want us to answer? Submit it here: <https://forms.gle/pCp9yVeKZekLZnPy6>.

Read on for more information.

Voting

What if I've moved?

This link will allow you to change your address: <https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter/pages/pub/olvr/find-VoterReg.xhtml>.

What if my name changed?

You'll need to fill out this form at <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/vote/VoterRegFormEnglish.pdf> and take it to your county clerk or mail it to the Colorado secretary of state.

What's the difference between an "active" voter and an "inactive" voter?

As mentioned above, a voter is considered active if they've voted in the most recent elections or updated their address or other registration information. A voter is considered inactive if their county clerk receives returned mail to them marked "undeliverable."

Under federal law, clerks must wait two general election cycles before removing inactive voters from the database. Again, you may check at www.govotecolorado.gov to see if your registration is active and update your information if it isn't.

How long do I have to register?

You must register by Oct. 26 to get a ballot in the mail (but you'll need to return it to a vote center or drop box). But you may register and vote in person at vote centers through 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 3.

Ballots

When will I get my ballot in the

mail?

The first day ballots may be mailed is Oct. 9, a Friday, and they must be sent out by Oct. 16 at the latest.

How do I know if my ballot was received?

Voters statewide may sign up to track your ballot online at colorado.ballottrax.net/voter. You'll get notifications via email, text message or phone (you may choose) when your ballot is mailed, and when it has been received and accepted.

What if I don't get my ballot?

Check to see if your ballot has been mailed at www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Resources/CountyElectionOffices.html. If it has been mailed and you haven't received it, contact your county clerk's office and ask. Not every county will send ballots out the first day possible. But they need to hear from you if you don't receive yours.

How do I return my ballot?

Ballots must arrive at a vote center or county clerk's office by 7 p.m. Nov. 3. You may mail your ballot back, if there's enough time for it to arrive. You may also deliver it to drop boxes at your county clerk's office or other locations in your county. Beginning Oct. 19, you may deliver it to voter centers staffed by election workers. About 75 percent of Colorado voters return their mail ballots to drop boxes, according to the secretary of state's office.

Business

Pagosa Arts Initiative working to bring more public art to area

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Arts Initiative recently commissioned a mural by Markus Hughes, and has more plans in the works to bring more art to Pagosa Springs.

"We're hoping that through that mural [it shows] the arts council really does mean business as far as arts go," said Sherry Phillips, chair of the board for the Pagosa Arts Initiative.

The mural, still in progress, is on the side of the Goodman's Department Store building downtown and will portray Pagosa Springs in all four seasons. The mural spills from the store wall onto the sidewalk. Two of the seasons are completed so far.

Phillips explained the group is trying to raise money to finish the mural and for other art-related projects in the town and the county.

"[Our immediate need] is to finish paying for

Markus' mural ... If we go over that [amount], that money is specifically earmarked for public art in the future, because obviously public art is not free, we have to pay the artists. So we want to be ahead of the game because we have lots of really good ideas going forward," Phillips said.

She added, "We really want to promote and support art in Pagosa in all forms. It's not just — let's say the theater, which is performing arts — we want to promote visual arts, literary arts ... All of the different arts. That is our goal," Phillips said.

Phillips explained the group is moving forward with other plans to put more art around Pagosa Springs, including putting murals on dumpsters, dumpster fences, electrical boxes, and other items around the town and the county.

The Arts Initiative is also in partnership with Pagosa Springs Elementary School, where students are making artistic, weath-

erproof plates that will eventually be dotted around the area.

She noted the Arts Initiative also gives out scholarships, with \$5,000 going to one high school senior each year for the past few years.

"We know public art brings in revenue," Phillips said. "I think about Vancouver all the time because Vancouver is a huge public art community. People plan their vacations around it. We've got that gorgeous Riverwalk here and there's lots of things that could happen."

Phillips suggested the COVID-19 pandemic has hampered initiatives like art classes, where students and teachers alike are wary about meeting in person due to health concerns, but she hopes they get back into full swing soon.

More information about the Pagosa Arts Initiative, including a link to donate to the organization, can be found at www.pagosaart-initiative.org.

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SCAPE announces scholarship program that teaches rural residents new digital skills

By Brittany Cupp
SCAPE

SCAPE announces its involvement in The Future is Digital Challenge, an initiative focused on upskilling rural Americans interested in learning new digital skills to help them participate in the nation's growing tech economy.

SCAPE is partnering with the Center On Rural Innovation (CORI), a national nonprofit action tank working to advance economic prosperity in small towns across the country, and Udacity, a worldwide digital career advancement education platform, to make Udacity Nanodegree Program scholarships available for residents living in one of CORI's Rural Innovation Network (RIN) areas.

"This initiative is about equipping people who have little previ-

ous experience in these areas with technical knowledge and skills," said Mark Rembert, director of the RIN at CORI. "Especially during this uncertain time, we hope to reach learners from all backgrounds, whether they are young adults looking to build technical skills or established workers exploring a potential career change. The digital tech economy is the fastest growing industry in this country, and rural workers are underrepresented — we want to change that."

In the first phase of the challenge, participants will learn the fundamentals of either digital marketing, business analytics or front-end development through a self-paced foundational course, sponsored by Udacity. Once the course has been completed, participants can be certified after

completing an assessment that tests their knowledge in their corresponding track. Participants will then qualify for a Udacity Nanodegree Program scholarship in one of the aforementioned programs by taking a final assessment to test their knowledge, which will set them up for success with a scholarship. CORI and Udacity will sponsor 3,000-plus seats for the foundational courses and 300 scholarships in the corresponding Nanodegree Programs, based on foundational course performance. Scholarships, each valued roughly between \$1,200 and \$1,600, will be distributed across CORI's entire RIN network.

"We know how hard COVID-19 has impacted our community, and we're glad to be offering this program to those who are interested in gaining new knowledge,

said Elizabeth Marsh of SCAPE. "At SCAPE, we believe that rural towns and their economies are more likely to thrive when residents have greater access to economic opportunity. We are proud to be part of the Rural Innovation Network and offer this opportunity to our friends and neighbors."

To learn more about the scholarship program and sign up for a foundational course, visit the Future Is Digital landing page: <https://ruralinnovation.us/the-future-is-digital-challenge/>.

About SCAPE

SCAPE's mission is to help create more high-growth, job-creating companies in southwest Colorado. By providing education, mentoring and access to funding for startups and early-stage companies.

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Town announces new coronavirus relief program for businesses

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

Many Pagosa businesses have had a good financial summer with tourism numbers hitting record highs. Much of this influx of capital went just to help recover from the months of slow or no business. However, winter months are rapidly creeping up on our community as we have seen with the first blast of early snow.

Winter months are again bringing anxiety upon our business community with unknowns of new state guidelines, distancing and business constraints brought on by weather. Many businesses will need to look at their facility and determine if any changes are needed to accommodate clients during the winter months. These changes include waiting areas, seating areas, signage, remote technology, tents, extra safety precautions such as barriers, and sanitizing protocols.

The Town of Pagosa Springs will be offering reimbursement funds up to \$7,500 to businesses that have had to or will need to modify their business systems to stay in business. Businesses do not need to be within the boundaries of the town. However, if located in the town limits, they do need to have a current business license. This reimbursement offer is applicable to for-profit businesses and includes 501(c)(6) and 501(c)(3) (nonprofit status) organizations. If a nonprofit organization had to cancel an event and supplies or marketing was conducted, some of these expenses may be reimbursable. Lost event revenue, however, is not reimbursable. Important to note: these requests may not duplicate funding already received from other sources such as PPP, EIDL or grant programs.

The deadline to submit your application is Nov. 30. Remember, this is a reimbursable program, so businesses will need to submit receipts or proof of documentation and detailed information demonstrating the need for the new protocol. The town requests that businesses also "bundle" their requests into one request or application if possible.

The funds from this program come from state CARES relief funding; therefore, the town will be making their requests to the state approximately once per month. Depending on requests, this timing may vary, but expect a monthly turn-around reimbursement time frame.

The town does not also guarantee reimbursement or preapproval of the funds. To increase your chances of reimbursement, be clear in your request for the need to enhance or receive reimbursement for a new system, hard goods or staffing. Applications and guidelines may be found at www.pagosasprings.co.gov under the Pagosa Springs Coronavirus Relief Fund Program link. Applications may be turned in at Town Hall or emailed to the town clerk/ Finance Department at ahessman@pagosasprings.co.gov.

Going hand in hand, businesses should start preparing for any changes in their seating or waiting areas by submitting variance plans to the Town of Pagosa Springs. Don't wait until November when the snow is already flying and you are trying to figure out how to accommodate your patrons. The town will need to approve all variances, so start working on those plans now and include those costs in this reimbursement program.

Sen. Bennet offers office time to residents

Sen. Michael Bennet's office will now be offering office time to Archuleta County residents on

Thursdays beginning Sept. 24. Meetings will be with Janet Wolf, who is the southwest regional constituent advocate.

If you have a question or concern about any federal issue such as Veterans Affairs, the IRS or Social Security administrations or another agency, you are encouraged to contact Wolf and schedule an appointment. Wolf can be reached at janet_wolf@benet.senate.gov or 259-1710. Please include your name, address, phone number and issue you would like to discuss, as well as if you are already working with someone in Bennet's office.

Please take advantage of these one-on-one conversations if you need assistance.

Important reminders

Businesses are encouraged to apply for grant and/or loan funds through the new Energize Colorado assistance program. Applicants can request up to \$15,000 in grant funds and up to \$20,000 in loan funds. The interest rate terms on the loan funds are some of the best out there. When applying for funds, you can partner with either Region 9 or the 1st Southwest Community Fund. Applications will be scored based on need, minority-owned business and prior funding.

Just because you received funds previously does not exempt you from requesting funds again. However, it must be for new expenses or programs that were not covered from March to the current period. Applicants can find more information at energizecolorado.com/gap-fund/.

There is still a little time left to complete your 2020 census. As of submission of this article, Archuleta County is inching closer to the 2010 response rate of 42.7 percent. We are currently at a self-response rate of 41.9 percent. Come on, Archuleta County, we need your help. Every person counted has an impact on the financial assistance that we receive as a county and through nonprofit organizations and the demographics that many of our organizations rely on to help their constituents. You can go to www.2020census.gov to respond or visit a location such as the library to have someone help you to the website. Enumerators are also out and about in the area. If you would like an enumerator to visit your home, contact the Chamber at 264-2360 and we will pass on the information. It's not too late to be counted, Archuleta County. You have only until the end of September.

Bag up your gently used winter coats and sweaters and donate them to the annual St. Patrick's Episcopal Church winter clothing drive. Coats, sweaters, boots, shirts and pants will all be accepted. Housewares and summer clothes will not be accepted. Donations may be taken to St. Patrick's Church at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., from Sept. 19 through Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. The clothing drive will take place on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Patrick's parking lot. If collection hours are not conducive to your schedule, please call the church office at 731-5801 to make alternative arrangements.

The Chamber still has beautiful masks to give out to businesses. These masks were sewn by local residents. They are colorful and easy to wear. Call our office and reserve your masks. The Chamber staff can then either deliver the masks or you can stop by and pick them up.

Remember that the Chamber offices are now open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. to accommodate our reduced staffing. We encourage you to visit us at our offices or call us at 264-2360. If we are not there, please leave a message.



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An elk herd crosses over a fence line in the Chromo area recently.

State launches new COVID dial framework, mask order extended

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

On Sept. 12, Gov. Jared Polis issued an executive order that extends the statewide mandatory mask mandate through Oct. 12.

The mask mandate requires people over the age of 10 to wear a facial covering in public indoor settings, among other provisions.

Then, on Tuesday, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) released a "dial framework" with five levels to help guide counties' response

to the COVID-19 pandemic and navigate state restrictions.

The dial has five levels with associated guidance and restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which, according to a CDPHE fact sheet, are:

"1. Protect Our Neighbors: Local public health agencies are able to contain surges in cases and outbreaks through testing, case investigation, contact tracing, isolation, quarantine, site-specific closures, and enforcement of public health orders.

"2. Safer at Home 1 - Cautious: This is less restrictive than Safer at Home Level 2, for counties with low virus transmission but that have not yet achieved Protect Our Neighbors.

"3. Safer at Home 2 - Concern: The baseline. While we are all still safer at home, we are also able to practice greater social distancing in our great outdoors than in confined

indoor spaces.

"4. Safer at Home 3 - High Risk: This is more restrictive than Safer at Home Level 2, for counties experiencing increases in the metrics. Action is needed, but Stay at Home may not be warranted.

"5. Stay at Home: Everyone is required to stay at home except for grocery shopping, exercise and necessary activities. Only critical businesses are open."

According to the fact sheet, counties move back and forth between levels depending on three metrics, which are:

- "New cases: How much the virus is circulating in a county."
- "Percent positivity: Whether there is sufficient COVID-19 testing to capture the level of virus transmission."
- "Impact on hospitalizations: Whether hospitalizations are increasing, stable, or declining."

(e.g., Level 2 to Level 1), counties need to meet and sustain all three metrics for two weeks. Counties must engage in a consultation process with CDPHE, which may entail moving to a more restrictive level, when they are out of compliance with any of the metrics for more than two weeks," the fact sheet notes.

More information about the status of each Colorado county can be found at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial/covid-19-dial-dashboard>.

According to San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Environmental Director Brian Devine, SJBPH will have a data dashboard showing "protect our neighbors and safer at home status" in the upcoming days on SJBPH's website, sjbpublichealth.org.

Devine also noted that Archuleta County is currently at the level "Safer at Home 2: Concern."

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Fire chief clarifies proposed dispatch funding formula

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

This week, Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Chief Randy Larson clarified part of the proposal the fire district recently submitted as a new funding formula for dispatch.

In the Sept. 10 edition of The SUN, the article "Dispatch subcommittee discusses funding formula, history," reported that in PFPD's proposed funding formula, 2,001-3,000 calls from a participating agency would cost \$94,000.

Larson contacted The SUN via email and wrote that a typo in the proposed funding formula should have been caught before it was presented to the dispatch subcommittee, and the actual figures are that between 2,001 and 2,100 calls would cost \$94,000.

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 funding formula proposed by the PFPD calls for a flat fee for calls for service instead of using the three-year call average to calculate different percentage contributions to dispatch's budget.

The funding formula proposed by the PFPD is:

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

Larson wrote via email, "Each increment of 100 goes up the same amount. I didn't want to have to print out EVERY 100 calls up to 5 or 6 thousand. That is why the asterisks are there."

The SUN did not include the asterisks in the Sept. 10 article.

The PFPD's proposed funding formula is expected to be discussed next year by the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Executive Management Board.

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Education

Charter school review shows growth, stabilization

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Peak Open School's (PPOS) annual review reveals that the charter school "worked hard to stabilize and grow" in its third year of existence.

The 2020 annual report — which was conducted in June by outgoing Archuleta School District (ASD) superintendent Linda Reed, incoming superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza, Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares, ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson and PPOS School Director Angela Reali-Crossland — was presented to the ASD Board of Education on Sept. 8 and the PPOS Board of Directors on Sept. 14.

"The purpose of this annual review is to inform the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education on the academic and financial performance of PPOS," an introduction to the review report states. "The review provides an annual assessment of whether or not PPOS is meeting or making adequate progress toward meeting Colorado Academic Standards, is following all applicable Colorado laws and regulations, and whether the school is demonstrating fiscally sound practices."

The report also indicates "areas of commendation or concern related to overall compliance are identified as deemed appropriate by the district."

The review looks specifically at six areas, each of which is led by a question:

- Enrollment and demographics: Does PPOS meet enrollment goals outlined in the proposal and the contract?

- Academic performance: Is PPOS meeting or making adequate progress toward meeting the Colorado Academic Standards?

- Accountability: Does PPOS meet state standards of accountability?

- Nondiscrimination: Does PPOS serve all exceptional students with equity?

- Financial: Does PPOS adhere to financially sound practice?

- Quality assurance and oversight: How does PPOS document a quality program with proper oversight?

Each section includes narrative and action items for continued improvement by PPOS.

"In this third year of existence, PPOS has worked hard to stabilize and grow. We know that staff has been held to new and higher standards of professional development, and the school has worked with

outside consultants to improve the delivery of project-based learning within the grade level standards," the report's conclusion states. "Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond anyone's control or imagination, there was not an end of year opportunity to measure student academic achievement and progress. Sustainable and systemic progress has been made in serving all students with equity, with community and state accountability, and with fiscal management. Specific action

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item [sic] indicate areas of required and suggested improvement."

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Reali-Crossland told the PPOS Board of Directors she's very proud of the school's progress and highlighted the team effort.

PPOS board president Ursala Hudson called the review the "best report we've had so far."

Enrollment demographics

According to the report, PPOS had an enrollment of 102 at the time of the student count in October 2019.

"In October there was a Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL) population of 53 percent of the population. In comparison, Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) had a student population of 598 at the time of the October Count, and there was a FRL population of 57 percent of the student population," the report explains.

In determining how PPOS' demographics line up with those of the district, Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) was used, Mijares explained.

PPOS's charter contract with the district states that PPOS is open to any child who resides in the district and, "The School is committed to the goal of enrolling and retaining a student population that will be reasonably representative of the percentage of students that are eligible for free or reduced lunch, English language learners, and special education programs within the District average, taking into account the demographics of other public schools within a reasonable proximity to the School. The par-

ties acknowledge that the School's good faith effort to enroll and retain said representative populations, may not, in and of itself, ensure achievement of this goal, and that as a public school, the School cannot turn away students that meet its enrollment procedures ..."

A chart in the section shows, in part, that 18 percent of PPOS students identify as Hispanic/Latino, versus 36 percent of PSES students.

Three percent of PPOS students identify as "American Indian or

Alaska Native," compared to 9 percent at PSES, per the chart.

The chart shows that 75 percent of PPOS students identify as white, compared to 51 percent at PSES.

Other demographics concerning race and ethnicity, the chart shows, are close between the two student populations.

The chart further shows that PPOS has 1 percent of students identified as an English language learner, compared to 9 percent at PSES.

On Sept. 8, BOE President Bruce Dryburgh asked if PPOS's numbers have changed since the school started, pointing out that 75 percent of white students compared to 51 percent at PSES is "significant."

Mijares indicated the district and school have worked on brainstorming ways to look at that data, and suggested PPOS working on its FRL program will help open the school up to more students.

At the PPOS board's Sept. 14 meeting, during a discussion on the school's charter contract, Reali-Crossland noted that the demographics is something there are ongoing conversations with the district on.

Reali-Crossland noted that PPOS doesn't meet the contract's requirements, but is getting closer.

She added that something about the current demographic reporting isn't correct, citing as an example that the school has students identify as a race or ethnicity that showed zero percent in the report.

PPOS board member Bill Hudson further suggested that it would be difficult for PPOS to match the district's demographics when the district buses in students from a neighboring state when PPOS only serves students within the district.

Reali-Crossland explained that that issue has come up, as has having PPOS match the demographics of Archuleta County instead of ASD's student population.

In a later discussion about the annual review, the school director added that breaking down the school's barriers to enrollment, such as offering the FRL program, will help and she hopes to see PPOS be closer to the demographics of the county.

The action items listed in the report are as follows:

"1. Enrollment of the charter school continues to grow at about a rate of 15 students per year as outlined in the original charter.

"2. Grade level advisors have been hired and assigned to reflect the growing complexity of educating students through the middle school years.

"3. Ms. Reali-Crossland's intention of beginning a food program to serve students will help to serve a broader swath of students.

"4. PPOS does not attract Native American families or Hispanic families at the rate PSES does."

Academic performance

The academic performance section of the report explained that PPOS received a School Performance Framework rating of Year 2 of Priority Improvement or Turn-around in the fall of 2019, which is "the second lowest of four possible ratings and indicates a need for attention."

The report continues, "Direction from the Colorado Department of Education advises that all schools will continue to implement their 2019 ratings for the 2020-2021 school year. Be advised that all schools will not receive a 2020 performance framework, nor updated plan types."

The review also addresses testing that was not completed last school year due to COVID-19, with Mijares telling the Board of Education that the typical tests were "bumped out of the stratosphere with COVID."

"Are we making academic progress in your opinion?" Dryburgh asked.

Mijares responded that she didn't have that data, and Reali-Crossland told the board that PPOS made adequate progress on the Northwest Education Association, or NWEA, test from fall to winter and that PPOS students are producing high-quality work.

Reali-Crossland reiterated that point to the PPOS board this week, suggesting that the quality of work



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Students invited to enter 2021 National Radon Poster Contest

Colorado Department of Health and Environment

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The contest is designed to raise awareness about the importance of radon testing and to inform people of the dangers of radon in their homes. Posters are first entered into the Colorado contest, with the winning poster representing Colorado in the national contest.

Students enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense or home school are eligible to submit entries. Members of a sponsoring club, such as a scouting organization or an art,

computer, science or 4-H club, also are eligible. Posters must be submitted by Nov. 20 and only one entry per student (ages 9 to 14) is allowed. Poster contest submission forms, topics, rules and prizes may be found online at www.coloradoradon.info.

Colorado entries will be judged based on content accuracy, visual communication of the topic, reproducibility and originality. State winners are awarded \$300 for first place, \$200 for second and \$100 for third. Teachers of students with winning entries will each receive \$100.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, in partnership with the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), coordinates the contest each year.

Choral Society seeking donations for scholarships

By Richard Bolland
Pagosa Springs Choral Society

Each year, the Pagosa Springs Choral Society provides Director's Scholarships to exceptional local high school students. These are normally funded by donations received at the annual Christmas concerts of the Society.

Since this year's Christmas concerts cannot be held due to coronavirus concerns, the society has determined to provide those scholarships out of the budget of the group, but could use some help

Since the Choral Society will be without income this year, we would like to encourage interested members of the community to assist us in providing these scholarships to support these deserving high school students in their efforts to continue studies in the vocal performing arts.

If you would like to assist the Choral Society with supporting this effort, donations for the Director's Scholarships can be mailed to: Pagosa Springs Choral Society, P.O. Box 5466, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. The society thanks you in advance for your support.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas responsible for hundreds of Colorado lung cancer deaths each year. The colorless, odorless, tasteless gas can enter homes through cracks in the foundation or other openings and can accumulate unless properly mitigated. Long-term radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers and the second-leading cause of lung cancer in smokers. In Colorado, about half

the homes have radon levels higher than the EPA's recommended action level of 4 picoCuries per liter of indoor air.

More information about radon, discount test kits and radon contractors is available at www.coloradoradon.info or by calling Colorado's Radon Hotline at (800) 846-3986. For additional contest information, please visit the website or contact Chrystine Kelley at chrys.kelley@state.co.us.

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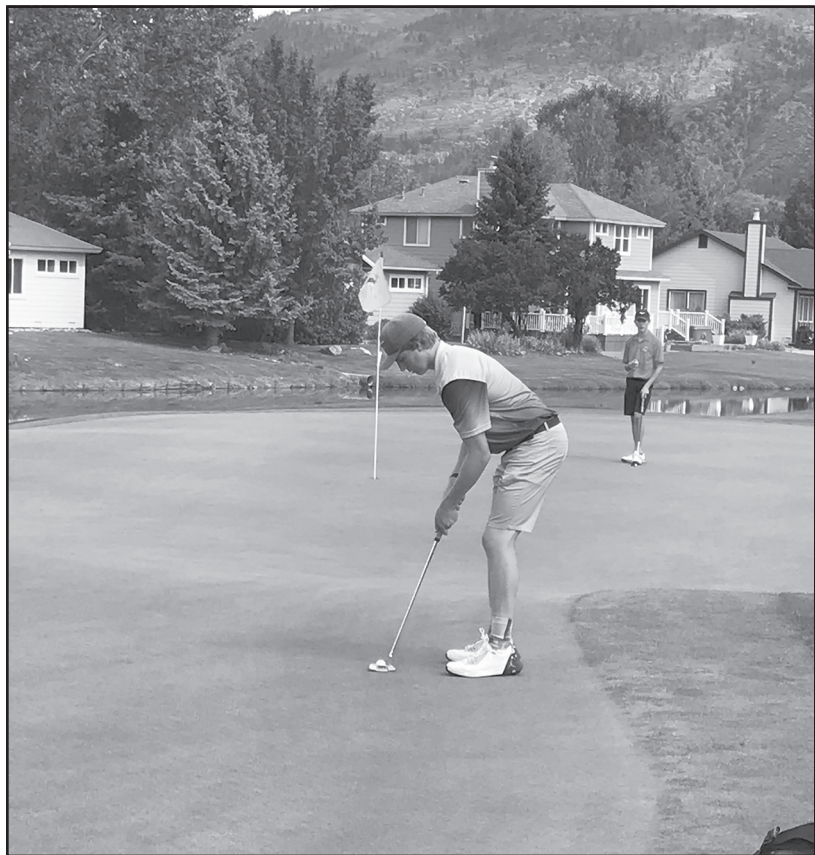


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Pirate Taylor Cotts looks to finish the hole during Tuesday's Durango Dalton Ranch Invitational. Cotts finished the tournament tied for eighth.



Photo courtesy Mark Faber

Pagosa's Braylon Cotts tees off at Tuesday's Durango Dalton Ranch Invitational. Cotts will be one of four golfers who will represent the Pirates at regionals next week.



Photo courtesy Mark Faber

Pirate Dylan Manzanares lines up his shot at Monday's Durango Hillcrest Open. Manzanares shot an 89 on the day to finish tied for 13th.

Pirates take fourth in Durango tourneys, look ahead to regionals

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Last week was a strange weather week for the Pagosa Springs High School golf team, with the Pirates seeing one tournament canceled due to late summer snow in the San Luis Valley and the team having only one day of practice before taking to the links for a pair of tournaments in Durango this week.

"It really was a rough week because we didn't get to practice except one day last week," coach Mark Faber said, adding later, "Hey, you do what you have to do, right?"

Monday, the Pirates took part in the Durango Hillcrest Open, finishing fourth behind 4A Durango, 5A Grand Junction and Montezuma-Cortez, a fellow 3A team.

Taylor Cotts led his team at the tournament, tying for sixth overall out of 45 golfers with a score of 80.

"Taylor played well. He kind of got it back on track," Faber said, adding he's "excited for where he's headed."

Kaison Clifford finished 12th with an 87 and was followed by Dylan Manzanares, who tied for 13th with an 89.

Ethan Robel logged a 93 to finish 20th, and Rhead Kay and Britain Peterson tied for 21st after shooting 94s.

Braylon Cotts followed in 25th with a 98.

Faber highlighted that Clifford and Kay had their best tournament rounds ever, adding that the rest of the team also played well.

The coach also pointed out the golfers had to play the course differently than usual.

The greens, he explained, are usually fast, but had been aerated recently and weren't as fast as normal.

"We've never played them that way," he said, adding, "I thought they handled that part of it well."

"It really was a rough week because we didn't get to practice except one day last week," coach Mark Faber said, adding later, "Hey, you do what you have to do, right?"

Then, on Tuesday, the Pirates were back in the Durango area for the Durango Dalton Ranch Invitational.

They again finished fourth, this time out of six teams. The Pirates

finished behind the same teams and ahead of Telluride and Ouray.

"Dalton was tougher on everybody, no doubt," Faber said, explaining the course is one of the most technical the Pirates see each year.

But, despite the challenge, Manzanares put up his best round ever, finishing seventh overall with a score of 87.

"Dylan really stepped up," Faber said, adding, "He's worked hard for quite a few years to get to the point he's at."

Taylor Cotts followed with an 88 to tie for eighth, and Robel finished tied for 16th with a 99.

Braylon Cotts tied for 19th with a 102 and Peterson finished tied for 23rd with a 106.

"It's still a challenge for them, but they're getting better," Faber said, pointing out the course requires golfers to really work to control the ball and golfers that hit the ball straight have a better chance. "Taylor and Dylan both control it pretty well."

Today, a quartet of Pirate golfers are taking part in the team's final tournament before regionals.

The tournament, hosted by Rye, is played on the same course, Hollywood, that the Pirates will play Tuesday for regionals.

Faber indicated Taylor Cotts, Manzanares, Robel and Braylon Cotts will represent the Pirates at regionals next week.

The Pirates will see the course both today and for a practice round Monday, which Faber explained will allow each golfer to have a plan.

"I think they're as good as they could be at this point," he said.

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CROSS-COUNTRY



Photos courtesy Rachael Christiansen

Having their weekend meet canceled by snow didn't get the Pagosa Springs High School cross-country runners down. Following the cancellation, the Pirate runners rearranged their training schedule and, on Friday, had a chance to have some fun with their annual scavenger hunt.

Snow cancels Alamosa cross-country meet

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Last week's late summer snowfall deposited more than a foot in the San Luis Valley, causing the two-day Joe Vigil meet at Adams State University to be canceled and giving the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams an unanticipated break from competition.

"It's kind of a bummer. We were definitely looking forward to that race," coach Rachael Christiansen said, adding that the Alamosa course is a favorite among the Pirate runners and was one of the only courses the Pirates were set to run this year that they're familiar with.

The coach indicated the teams learned of the meet's cancellation on Thursday and then reworked the training schedule.

Instead of their anticipated pre-race workout followed by the race, the teams did their annual scavenger hunt around downtown Friday to have a fun workout before putting in a hard workout Saturday morning, Christiansen explained.

"Last week they really impressed me with just how adaptable they were," she said, noting that multiple things failed to go according to plan, but the team was flexible. "I was incredibly grateful for that."

The teams not only shifted their workout plans, but also began preparing for their next meet, which will serve as a preview of the regional course the runners will be on in a few weeks.

That meet is on Friday afternoon in Durango and will be jointly hosted by Bayfield, Durango and Fort Lewis College at Hillcrest Golf Course.

"We're just going to come in with a little bit different mindset," the coach said. "We're going to come in being very aware that this course is going to be where we run in a few weeks, which is going to determine whether or not we go to state."

The coach noted that mindset will be seeing what the teams are capable of on the course and seeing what the teams need to improve upon in the coming weeks.

The coach explained the teams will walk the course prior to the meet and determine points where more strategy will be in play, such as turns and hills.

"We're going to have a lot of good competition," Christiansen said, explaining that she anticipates the Pirate teams will race against teams such as Durango, Alamosa and Centauri. randi@pagosasun.com

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being produced in the school may be more important than the standardized test results and will continue to get better.

The Board of Education also requested that it be presented with trend data now that the school has been in existence a few years, which Mijares indicated could be presented mid-year.

The action items relating to academic performance include administering testing to identified English language learners within the state's determined testing window, attending training regarding the school's math curriculum, using a "formative loop" to help identify students who are missing concepts in math, looking to testing to identify students in need of more reading instruction, and following state and federal guidelines as testing resumes.

Accountability

The accountability section of the report references PPOS's School Performance Framework rating and states, "PPOS has implemented new professional development practices and standards based instruction in order to address some areas of growth. Ms. Reali-Crossland has a strong background in professional development and seeks to build her staff's capacity in teaching."

The report further explains that

PPOS's unified improvement plan (UIP) submitted to the state in response to the framework rating include increasing math skills and achievement, increasing reading skills and achievement, and developing practices to teach students self-regulation.

The action items related to accountability are:

"1. PPOS will use available data to established [sic] UIP a plan for action in academic areas and in developing a new social emotional learning program.

"2. A new emphasis will be placed on parent engagement and accountability."

Nondiscrimination

The nondiscrimination section of the review notes that PPOS made improvements during the 2019-20 school year by hiring a Colorado-certified special education educator "who understood programmatic requirements" and was able to work with individualized education plans (IEPs).

"The teacher was able to notify parents, hold IEP's, record student progress and deliver services as required by federal and state law. This satisfied an action item in the 2018 charter school review," the report states.

The review further explains PPOS identified and served 25 students with significant reading

deficiencies and that the school is seeking the support of the San Juan Board of Cooperative Education Services "to remain in compliance with gifted screening and identification."

The action items listed in the report are as follows:

"1. PPOS is to be commended for the work it has done to serve students with IEP's.

"2. PPOS should continue to work with San Juan BOCES to identify and serve gifted students."

Financial

In reporting on the financial section of the review, Mijares told the Board of Education that PPOS has made "great financial progress."

The report highlights a clean audit, an improved process for seeking reimbursement and that PPOS has maintained mandated reserves.

Also noted in the report are two areas of fiscal management that need to be improved, including that PPOS did not submit its

second-quarter report to ASD and that PPOS did not show the correct labeling for the 2020-21 approved budget on the fiscal transparency link on its website.

The action items relate to those areas for improvement.

In presenting the report to the PPOS board, Reali-Crossland explained that the school's new accountant agreement should help the school provide more timely reports.

Quality assurance and oversight

"The district recognizes the value of PPOS and hopes that it succeeds within the framework established by the state and the local charter. To this end, the district has instituted an annual review and hence this report," the report states before listing the final action item: "1. PPOS will continue to use Infinite Campus and Alpine Achievement as designed, to document student progress, enrollment, attendance, and discipline." randi@pagosasun.com

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RECREATION NEWS

Pee-wee soccer registration underway for ages 3-4

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

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PAWSD chooses contractor to rebuild Snowball water treatment plant

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

At the most recent Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) meeting held on Sept. 10, the board of directors agreed to sign a new contract with SGM, an engineering and consulting firm based out of Durango, regarding the rebuilding of the Snowball water treatment plant.

Engineer Chad Hill spoke before the board on behalf of SGM. He outlined the company's plans and ideas for rebuilding the Snowball water treatment plant. Part of SGM's plan includes a pretreatment study of the plant, which is already underway and should be done by the new year, according to Hill.

Following the pretreatment phase, SGM will perform a pilot study on the plant. The pilot study is expected to start the last week of April and run through the first week of June or "longer if we need it to," according to Hill.

The current Snowball plant was built in 1984 and, according to PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey, is currently functioning properly.

However, in a phone interview, Ramsey added that, "its like an old car, at some point we're going to be spending more money than its worth to keep it running." Ramsey indicated that a main reason for rebuilding the plant is to expand its size.

At the meeting, Hill reassured board members that the project will be getting the "focus and attention that it deserves." He added that "the president of the company is working on the project ... and all the work is streamlined directly through the company."

The new plant will be at the same site of the existing one and, depending on the design, will most likely expand the footprint of the building, Ramsey explained.

As part of the new design, the plant will be able to filter out ash particles more efficiently, Hill indicated.

Ash is a form of carbon that gets into water and leaves behind a light and flaky residue. The ash from wildfires has the potential to enter streams during snowmelts and other water runoffs. The plant is currently equipped to remove the carbon, but requires regular cleaning, Hill explained.

The new plant will be designed to deal with the ash more efficiently and won't be required to be cleaned as often, Hill added.

Since the plant is still operating properly, "there is no need for an expedited schedule," Hill said.

Having enough time to run the pretreatment study and the pilot test without being rushed into designing will ultimately save costs, Hill explained.

SGM is planning on staffing the project with people living in Pagosa Springs and Durango, Hill indicated.

"We don't need a lot of people," Hill added, which will help keep the costs of the project to a minimum.

Hill indicated in a phone interview that more details regarding costs and construction dates will be determined as the project moves along.

As for now, Ramsey stated in the phone interview, the project is "going like clockwork."

The plant is currently scheduled to be up and running sometime in 2024, according to Hill.

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Town planning commission again discusses workforce housing

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

At the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission meeting held on Sept. 8, the topic of workforce housing was discussed, including determining funding sources and the town's options for building and providing more workforce housing in Pagosa Springs.

Planning commissioner Mark Weiler stated that he would like to see "a dedication to action, not bureaucracy."

The town has attempted to develop workforce housing plans in the past, but has had trouble finalizing them, according to Weiler.

He went on to state that "we have an excess amount of sales tax revenue."

Weiler's recommendation is that the town dedicate its excess revenue to building more workforce housing, but according to Planning Director James Dickhoff, "its not just throwing money at it" that will make this happen.

Dickhoff explained that it takes multiple steps in order to finalize plans to build workforce housing. He indicated that it requires funding from multiple sources to cover all the costs, and cooperation with the county, as well.

In response, Weiler stated, "It's just another barrier that causes us not to build workforce housing." According to Weiler, "the financial options are wide, broad and deep."

The town has been reimbursed by the state of Colorado through the federal government COVID-19 relief funds, with Weiler suggesting that since the town now has unexpected funds laying around, those funds should be used for workforce housing.

Weiler reiterated not much action is being taken by the county, adding, "At this point, its a joke ... they don't honor their financial commitments to the town and they take advantage of the town."

Weiler indicated that he believes the Town of Pagosa Springs needs to take care of all of its residents.

He stated, "The citizens should be treated better than the trucks and street sweepers."

Weiler presented the commission with a five-point plan to provide funding for workforce housing.

Dickhoff stated that "town council is in charge of allocating funding" for projects.

Weiler stated that "there is no respect given by the Board of County Commissioners ... It's an embarrassment to attend those meetings, nothing gets accomplished."

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Local lakes still low despite late-summer wintry storm

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

According to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey, Village Lake is the only lake to see a rise in water levels after last week's winter-like weather.

Village Lake is up 6 inches from last week, at 93.52 percent or 14 inches from full.

Lake Hatcher dropped another 2 inches from last week, bringing the water level down to 43 inches from full, or 86.73 percent.

Stevens Lake remains at 87.2 percent full, or 43 inches from full, with no change from last week.

Lake Pagosa and Forest Lake also saw no change in water levels

from last week. Pagosa Lake is still 5 inches from full, or 98.19 percent full. Forest Lake remains at 8 inches from full, or 93.94 percent full.

According to the press release, total diversion flows remain at 4.3 cubic feet per second (cfs) this week. Four Mile remains dry, while the West Fork diversion is contributing 3 cfs and the San Juan diversion is contributing 1.3 cfs.

According to the press release, from Sept. 4 through Sept. 10 of this year, total water production was recorded at 16.98 million gallons.

Last year in the same time frame, water production was recorded at 16.32 million gallons.

The Snowball water treatment plant added 4.35 million gallons to the total. The Hatcher water

treatment plant contributed 8.94 million gallons and the San Juan water treatment plant added 3.69 million gallons.

From Aug. 28 through Sept. 3 of this year, water production was listed at 16.29 million gallons.

Other news

River report As of Wednesday, Sept. 16, the San Juan River had a flow of 56.7 cfs, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The river's flow is down from last week's reading of 68.7 cfs.

The river saw a spike in flow rates after last week's storm.

The river is still flowing well below the average rates for this time of year. Based on 84 years of water records, the average flow for Sept. 16 is 149 cfs.

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Wintry weather hinders backcountry communication

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

Last week's late-summer snowstorm may have caught some off guard, but it serves as a reminder of how important it is to properly prepare before embarking on a wilderness adventure.

According to an email sent to The SUN from Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) Deputy Director of Emergency Ops Christina Kraetsch, "as a result of the winter storm that hit our region... we received multiple calls for service in the backcountry."

The late-summer cold front brought "a drop in temperature, decreased visibility, and a significant amount of snowfall covering the trail system," according to Kraetsch. Kraetsch indicated that "majority of backcountry recreationalists had prepared themselves adequately to deal with the sudden change," but still had issues.

Although folks were prepared, the storm interrupted many two-way GPS communication devices, Kraetsch explained.

Not having communication while out on the trails can be a dangerous situation. As Kraetsch stated, "there is always inherent danger when recreating in vast and remote wilderness."

Kraetsch indicated that this is why it is very important to have a "robust trip plan."

Having a detailed itinerary and sharing it with someone else "exponentially increases the chances of success in situations like this," according to Kraetsch.

In regard to the emergency calls received by ACSO this past week, Kraetsch stated that search and rescue teams were "able to contact everyone and connect them back to family and friends without incident."

If you are planning on adventuring into the wilderness, Kraetsch's advice is to "call early, call often, and always let someone else know what your plans are."

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Vehicle recovery operation shuts down U.S. 160

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

According to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Colorado State Trooper Jared Creel, last week on Sept. 8, a semi truck hauling a trailer carrying about 8,900 gallons of propane rolled off the eastbound side of U.S. 160 near mile marker 176, approximately 10 miles west of South Fork.

Due to weather conditions and coordination efforts between multiple parties, emergency responders decided to wait until this week, on Sept. 14, to send crews out to recover the semi.

Creel stated that the truck was lifted out and towed away, while the trailer was still intact and was able to be hooked up to another truck to be hauled away.

CDOT shut down the portion of U.S. 160 just east of Pagosa Springs over Wolf Creek Pass and to an area just before the town of South Fork.

The highway was completely shutdown from 3 p.m. through 5 p.m. and was not fully open until after 7 p.m. of Sept. 14.

Creel indicated that the recovery process of the vehicle was a success and "it couldn't have gone any smoother."

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- Sept. 7 — Shoplifting/criminal trespass, San Juan Street.
- Sept. 7 — Criminal trespass, Pagosa Street.
- Sept. 7 — Trespass warning, Pagosa Street.
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- Sept. 9 — Assault/disorderly conduct/trespass warning, Eagle Drive.
- Sept. 10 — Criminal trespass, South 9th Street.
- Sept. 11 — Violation of restraining order, South 6th Street.
- Sept. 12 — Criminal trespass/ theft, San Juan Street.
- 6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson
- No report.
- Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
- Sept. 8 — Amber M. Reynosa, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$198.50.
- Sept. 10 — Jason R. Blecha, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 120 days jail, total fines and costs — \$317.50.
- Sept. 10 — Kurt Kenneth Walther, driving ability impaired, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 425 days jail, 64 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$2,540.50.
- Sept. 11 — Carla R. Elliot, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$98.50.
- Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
- No report.
- 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: 158.
- Sept. 7 — Stopped/parked/abandoned vehicle on paved portion of highway, County Road 500.
- Sept. 7 — Drove vehicle under the influence of alcohol, drove vehicle when BAC .08 or more, County Road 600 and Cloud Cap Avenue.
- Sept. 7 — Information only, North Pagosa Boulevard.
- Sept. 7 — Careless driving resulting in injury, USFS 667/U.S. 160.
- Sept. 8 — All other thefts, first-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, Valley View Drive.
- Sept. 9 — Second-degree criminal trespass, Hakala Court.
- Sept. 9 — All other thefts, Gallup Court.
- Sept. 9 — Agency assist, Eagle Drive.
- Sept. 10 — Criminal mischief, Handicap Avenue.
- Sept. 10 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, County Road 600/ Cloud Cap Avenue.
- Sept. 10 — Trespass warning, U.S. 160.
- Sept. 11 — County warrant, Eagle Drive.
- Sept. 12 — Disorderly conduct, harassment in public place-obscene language or gesture, harassment-insults/ taunts/challenges, unlawful ownership of dangerous dog, Caballo Place.
- Sept. 13 — Harassment-repeated communications invade, criminal extortion, Great West Avenue.
- Sept. 13 — Criminal mischief, Periwinkle Drive.
- Pagosa Springs Police Department Calls for service over week: 124.

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- No report.
- Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
- Sept. 8 — Amber M. Reynosa, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$198.50.
- Sept. 10 — Jason R. Blecha, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 120 days jail, total fines and costs — \$317.50.
- Sept. 10 — Kurt Kenneth Walther, driving ability impaired, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 425 days jail, 64 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$2,540.50.
- Sept. 11 — Carla R. Elliot, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$98.50.
- Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
- No report.

Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO Court Address: 46 Eaton Dr., Suite #1, PO Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number: 970-264-8160 Attorney for Plaintiff: Daniel L. Fiedler, #47916 190 Talisman Dr., Suite D-6 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 970-507-8528 E-mail: daniefiedler@gmail.com Case Number: 20CV30049 Plaintiff: MARTY RYAN v. Defendants: ANDREW GUINN, HB RANCHO LLC, A PUERTO RICO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE, PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION AND All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action, SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION) PLAINTIFF MARTY RYAN TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Amended Complaint to Quiet Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta County District Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the last day of publication. A copy of the Amended Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.- If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Amended Complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be entered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint without further notice.
- This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows: Lot 150-151 PT in PAGOSA TRAILS SUBDIVISION As known by street and number as: 142 Lassen Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Assessor's schedule or parcel number: 569930204010 Respectfully submitted this 12th day of August, 2020. /s/ Daniel L. Fiedler First Publication: August 20, 2020 Last Publication: September 17, 2020 Published August 20, 27, September 3, 10 and 17, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.
- District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Telephone: 970-264-8160 Evelyn Joy Crowell-Sacks, Plaintiff, vs. Rodolfo Sanchez, Jr., aka Rodolfo Sanchez aka Rudy Sanchez aka Rodolfo Sanchez aka Rodolfo Sanchez Cedillo, The Estate of Kaunitza Kay Robbins-Sanchez, Deceased, and All Others Who May Claim and Interest in the Subject Matter of This Action, Defendants, Attorney for Crowell-Sacks: Julia Davidson Riley, #11462 555 Rivergate Lane, B1-212, Durango, Co. 81301 Phone: 303-960-5476 Email: jrileydurango@gmail.com Case No. 2020CV30068 SUMMONS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint [petition] in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice. This is an action: Under C.R.C.P. Rule 105 to quiet title in the real property known as: Surface Rights Only to: Piedro Park Subdivision 1, Block 5, Lots 10, 11 and 12, and Piedro Park Subdivision 1, Block 5, Lots 1 and 2, County of Archuleta, State of Colorado A/k/a 144 & 223 Pinon Hills Circle, Arboles, Colorado. Dated: August 12, 2020 Published in The Pagosa Springs SUN. First Publication: August 20, 2020 Last Publication: September 17, 2020. Julia Davidson Riley Attorney for Plaintiff *Rule 12(a), C.R.C.P., allows -35 days for answer or response where service of process is by publication. However, under various statutes, a different response time is set forth; e.g., §38-6-104, C.R.S. (eminent domain); §38-36-121, C.R.S. (Torrens registration). Published August 20, 27, September 3, 10 and 17, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.
- DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO CIVIL ACTION NO. 2020CV30014 DIVISION NO. MG COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY Plaintiff, PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION v. Defendants, VICTORIAS LEGEND, INC. D/B/A STERLING CUSTOM HOMES; YOLANDA B. PARKER; DAVID J. PARKER; as ARCHULETA Public Trustee SHERIFF SALE NUMBER 2020-01 This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated June 1, 2020, and C.R.S. § 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on October 3, 2014 at reception no. 21405742, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, recorded on June 24, 1970 at reception no. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association. Description of property to be foreclosed: PAGOSA VISTA LOT: Lot 365, Pagosa Vista, according to the plat thereof filed September 13, 1971, as Reception No. 74884, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. Also known as: 78 Greenway Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 NOTICE OF SALE TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice: You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the above referenced property is to be conducted by the Sheriff's Department of the County of Boulder, State of Colorado at 10 o'clock A.M., on October 16, 2020, at 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs CO 81147, phone number 970-264-8438. At which sale, the above described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. First Publication: August 27, 2020 Last Publication: September 24, 2020 Published In: Pagosa Sun The name, address and telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of the debt is as follows: Orten Cavanagh Holmes & Hunt LLC 1445 Market Street, Suite 350 Denver CO 80202 Date: July 24, 2020 RICH VALDEZ, SHERIFF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO By: /s/ Lorena Medina Office Manager Published August 27, September 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.
- DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO CIVIL ACTION NO. 2020CV30010 DIVISION NO. MG COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY Plaintiff, PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION v. Defendants, EZEKIEL THEODORE BREEDLOVE, PATRICIA BREEDLOVE SHERIFF SALE NUMBER 2020-02 This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated June 1, 2020, and C.R.S. § 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on September 29, 2017 at reception no. 21705977, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, recorded on June 24, 1970 at reception no. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association. Description of property to be foreclosed: PAGOSA VISTA LOT: 316 PV SEC: 19 TOWN: 35 RING: 2W Also known as: 492 Prospect Blvd., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-5472 NOTICE OF SALE TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice: You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the above referenced property is to be conducted by the Sheriff's Department of the County of Boulder, State of Colorado at 10 o'clock A.M., on October 29, 2020, at 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs CO 81147, phone number 970-264-8438. At which sale, the above described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. First Publication: September 3, 2020 Last Publication: October 1, 2020 Published In: Pagosa Sun The name, address and telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of the debt is as follows: Orten Cavanagh Holmes & Hunt LLC 1445 Market Street, Suite 350 Denver CO 80202 Date: July 24, 2020 RICH VALDEZ, SHERIFF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO By: /s/ Lorena Medina Office Manager Published September 3, 10, 17, 24 and October 1, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.
- NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TRESPASSER'S DEED To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to All Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: DELVEV INC 1133 N. 18TH STREET GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2013, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to MARK D. HALL the following described property situated in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 273, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885. Account Number: R004300 Schedule Number: 569525104027 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2013-02755 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to MARK D. HALL That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessments) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2012 That said delinquent tax assessment was assessed in the name(s) of DELVEV INC for said year 2012 That said MARK D. HALL on the 31st day of July 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to MARK D. HALL On the 13th day of January 2021, unless the same has been redeemed; Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 17th day of August 2020 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published September 3, 10 and 17, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF LIEN SALE PURSUANT TO STORAGE LIEN Notice is given that, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes Sections 38-215-101, et seq. (2015), a public sale will be held on September 18th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at 357 Park Ave, Pagosa Springs, Colorado. A list of the unit where property is stored, address of storage, name of occupant, last known address and a brief description of the contents follows. If no market value or if no bids are received the goods will be otherwise disposed of. #51-357 Park Ave, Pagosa Springs, Colorado- Jessica Morris, 168 Sam Houston Ave, Pagosa Springs CO 81147 -Boxes, Clothing, Cushions, Furniture and other Miscellaneous Items. #18 Park Ave, Pagosa Springs, Colorado- Kimberly Reyes, 214 Midiron Ave, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147- Set of Tires, Mattress, Empty boxes, Clothing, Storage totes, Shoes, Furniture, and other Miscellaneous items. Published September 10 and 17, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

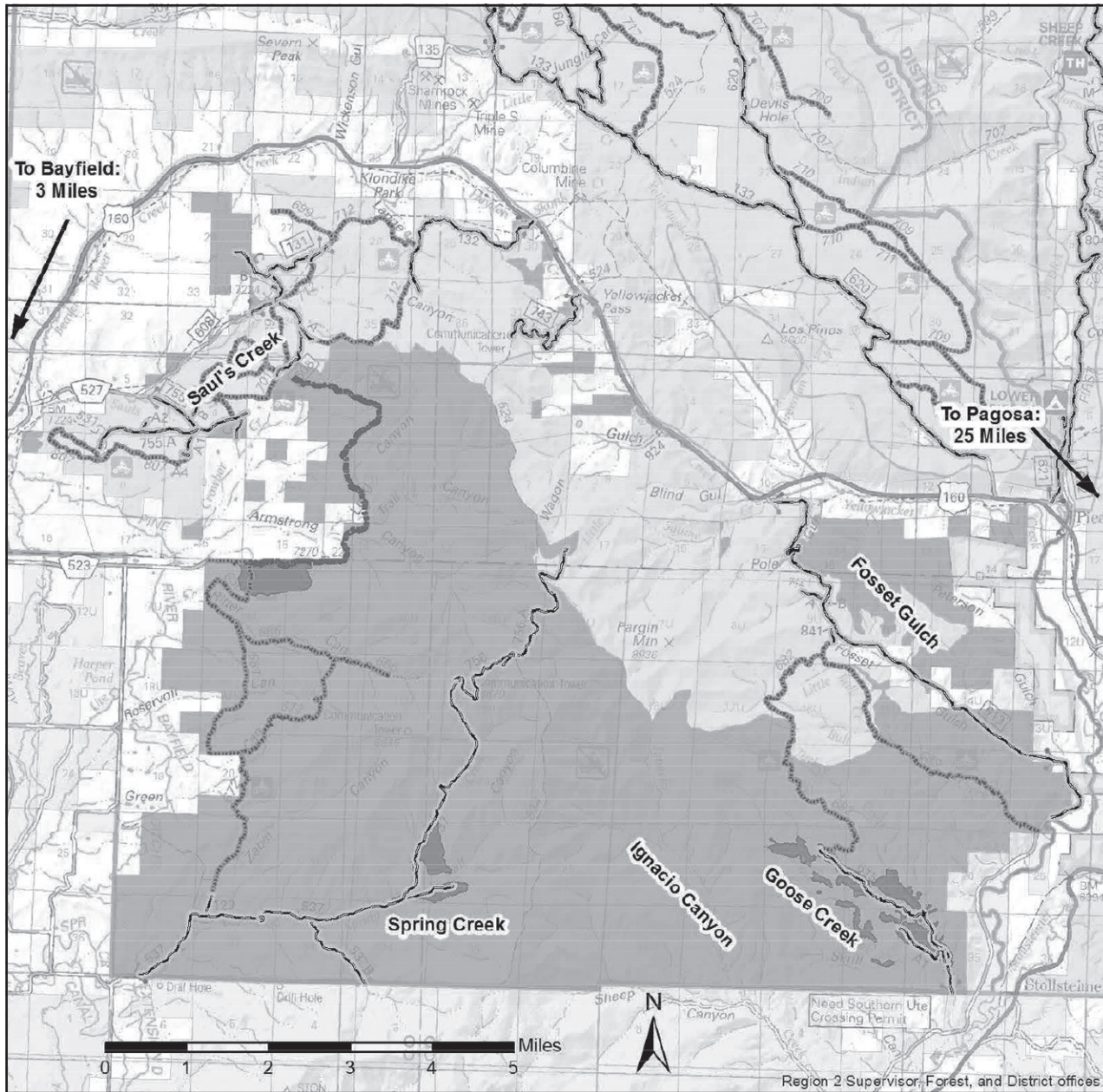
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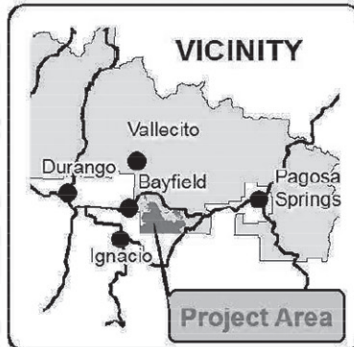
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Illustration courtesy Columbine Ranger District

The San Juan National Forest's Columbine Ranger District is seeking public input on a proposal for the Southern HDs Landscape Restoration Project. The public scoping period is open until Oct. 13.

Public input sought for Southern HDs Landscape Restoration Project

By Esther Godson
San Juan National Forest'

The San Juan National Forest's Columbine Ranger District invites input on a proposal for the Southern HDs Landscape Restoration Project.

You can participate in the planning process by sharing suggestions for how to make the project better, specific concerns or information you may have about

the project area. A public scoping period is open until Oct. 13.

The proposed activities are to manage vegetation using methods like prescribed burning, small-scale tree thinning, public fuelwood sales, mowing or targeted livestock grazing. The proposal also includes the possible designation of one proposed fire control line as a motorized OHV trail.

The main purpose of these treatments would be to restore the

land to more favorable vegetation conditions and reduce risk from wildfire. The project covers approximately 34,000 acres and is located south of U.S. 160 in the HD Mountains southeast of Bayfield. This project would complete the analysis and authorization for restoration of all U.S. Forest Service lands in the HDs.

You can view a scoping notice, including a map, and provide input online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58742>. There will be additional opportunities for input as the planning process continues, but early participation is encouraged.

For more information, please contact the Columbine Ranger District at 884-2512.

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

Dying, off-color pine needles normal in autumn

By Teddy Parker-Renga
Colorado State Forest Service

Although thousands of evergreen trees in Colorado's high country, foothills and communities are beginning to display dying yellow or brown needles, most are simply going through a natural shedding process — they are not being damaged by bark beetles or any specific tree insect or disease.

Colorado evergreens shed their older, interior needles as part of an annual growth cycle. Needles on the lower portions of the crown or closest to the trunk are most commonly shed, but trees stressed

due to drought or root damage may shed more needles to keep the tree in balance with its root system. Soon-to-be-shed needles typically yellow first, then they turn a reddish-orange or brown color before dropping off. Trees can have varying levels of needle shed, even within the same property or general area.

In Colorado, ponderosa and lodgepole pines, as well as some spruce and fir species, are the trees that are most commonly reported to be shedding needles in September and October.

Evergreen trees that shed fall needles have a different appearance than trees infested by bark

beetles. The needles on a beetle-infested tree typically change color throughout the entire tree (as opposed to only the older needles in healthy trees), initially starting with an off shade of green and turning to reddish-orange by the following summer. In addition to changing needle color, bark beetle-infested trees will show other signs of attack, such as popcorn-shaped pitch tubes on the trunk, boring dust resembling fine sawdust collecting in bark crevices and at the base of the tree, and regular woodpecker activity.

This fall needle drop is frequently mislabeled as "needle cast," but

the term actually refers to a fungal disease of spruce and fir trees. There is no need to spray or otherwise chemically treat pines and other evergreens exhibiting normal fall needle drop.

For more information about tree and forest health, contact your local Colorado State Forest Service field office or visit csfs.colostate.edu/forest-management/.

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Troy Vicenti, who earned the role of the original Little Beaver in 1956, poses with his great-grandson, Dewayne Aloysuis, who is following in the footsteps of many of his family members by being named Little Beaver.

Family tradition: 2020 Little Beaver follows in great-grandfather's footsteps

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

In 1956, local artist Fred Harman, the creator of "Red Ryder and Little Beaver," asked Troy Vicenti, of Dulce, N.M., to take on the role of Little Beaver at the Red Ryder Ranch in the Blanco Basin.

Red Ryder and Little Beaver were characters featured in comic books, radio shows, films and television, in addition to serving roles for the community in Dulce, N.M., and Pagosa Springs.

Recently, Vicenti was able to pass the role on to his great-grandson, Dewayne Aloysuis.

In a statement sent to The SUN, Vicenti explained that when he was 8 years old, Harman showed up at the door step of his parents' house in Dulce and was looking for a Native American sidekick for the role of "Little Beaver."

"Are you ready to go, Beaver?" Harman asked Vicenti.

"It didn't take me long before I had my suitcase packed and ready to go," Vicenti's statement reads.

Vicenti explained he spent some time at the Red Ryder Ranch, located in the Rio Blanco Basin, below Box Top Ridge, along the Blanco River.

He explained he had two months to practice riding "Papoose," Little Beaver's horse, and entertain the tourists visiting the ranch.

In his spare time, Vicenti watched Harman paint western art paintings or draw comics of "Red Ryder and Little Beaver," according to his statement.

Vicenti's statement comments on the 1956 Fourth of July Parade in Pagosa Springs, which he was featured in.

"[An] abundance of people lined both [sides] of the street, waving, clapping, whistling and cheering us on ... I've seen the parade before, but not from this angle. I was the center of attraction this time."

Vicenti writes, "I am proud and thrilled to introduce the newly selected Little Beaver for 2020, His name is Dewayne Aloysuis, my Great Grandson."

Aloysuis is in the fifth grade at Pagosa Springs Middle School and was chosen to play the role from a panel of the Little Beaver Committee.

According to Aloysuis' mother, Joyletta Vicenti, the responsibilities of Little Beaver will include being named rodeo royalty for the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo and the Little Beaver Rodeo, though those events did not happen this year, giving out food to those in need, in addition to whatever the Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council asks him to do.

"Whatever the nation asks of him, he has to obey whatever demands they ask of him," Joyletta Vicenti said.

Troy Vicenti's statement points out that his great-grandson is following in the steps of himself, his

son Jason Vicenti, his brother Don Beaver Vicenti and an "array of relatives who were once the famous LITTLE BEAVER."

"He's a very good young man,"

Joyletta Vicenti said of her son. "He's a very respectable young man, he follows his traditional ways and puts family first."

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Our community owes a debt of gratitude to those individuals who volunteered their time, talent, and materials to make masks for the Pagosa Springs Medical Center, local businesses, and neighbors. Between March and September of this year, more than 6,200 masks were made and distributed to help protect against Covid-19. Heartfelt thanks is extended to the following individuals:

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Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

Seeds of Learning • Saturday, Sept. 26 • 7 p.m.



Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

September 17, 2020

Tickets available now for Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

By Lilli Peters
Seeds of Learning

There are only two weeks left until Seeds of Learning hosts the third annual Dancing with the Pagosa Stars on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m., and we can't wait. This event will be delivered virtually to ensure our wonderful supporters can participate and contribute while remaining safe and healthy at home.

Picture this — on Sept. 26, after a beautiful day of Pagosa fun, you gather with your family or close friends you've been spending time with during the pandemic, sit back in your comfortable chair in front of your TV screen and tune in to watch an entertaining night of jokes, dancing and competition by your very own Pagosa folks. Our emcees, Lisa Peters and Martin Rose, have some hilarious quips and our stars and coaches have some theatrical dance routines to hold your attention. Where else can you see a local business owner that waited on you that afternoon put on a fancy dance costume and entertain you that night?

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Kathy Faber, a kindergarten teacher at Pagosa Springs Elementary School, said, "As kindergarten teachers, we are always so excited for our new group of students that come to us from Seeds of Learning. The dedication and care they have received from their preschool teachers is evident and sets them on the path of success at the 'big' school, as they call it. They come to us confident and ready to learn."

If you are not available to watch the show, you can also vote for your favorite star to reward them for their hard work and at the same time contribute to a child's education. Each vote is \$1 and you can vote with as many dollars as you want. To vote, go to www.growingseeds.org.

In the creative community the term "break a leg" is used as encouragement and best wishes for success. To our amazing stars and their talented coaches, we pass along that sentiment, but, even more, we pass along a heartfelt thank you. And to this wonderful Pagosa community, we are eternally grateful for your continued support during this difficult year. If you are interested in supporting this amazing event, then vote today and purchase a virtual ticket to watch a fun night.



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E-tickets still available for GGP's Breakfast IN a Balloon

By Sally High
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) supporters can still buy e-tickets for Breakfast IN a Balloon for Saturday or Sunday, Sept. 19 or 20. Each \$40 e-ticket provides a GGP annual membership, a delicious breakfast in a box and a long-stem rose. It's easy. Pick up your breakfast boxes at Pagosa Baking Company after donating online.

The GGP continues to plan educational programming even though students cannot be in the Education Dome just yet. The GGP cares for the Rotary Garden and the Native Plants Garden, and continues to welcome volunteer gardeners to Community Garden Dome. The Innovation Dome continues to move forward, nearing operations, despite restrictions. The Pagosa Springs community continues to support the GGP.

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

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

The San Juan Stargazers are meeting outdoors at a member's home this evening at 5:30 p.m.

Bring your masks for times if needed. People need to RSVP at (415) 994-2886 to get the address. There will be a light catered dinner served. The nebula photos from the past three years of calendars will be used for our educational program.

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, we can still add your name to the list of people receiving Reflector Magazine, the

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What this year's Breakfast IN a Balloon ticket cannot give us is the excitement of seeing the hot air balloon ascension, listening to live music and smiling with each other elbow to elbow in the GGP amphitheater. The GGP looks forward to September 2021 — the music, the gourmet breakfast, the hot air

balloons ascending downtown, the in-person smiles and just being together in a crowded amphitheater for ColorFest.

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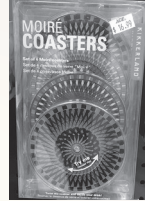


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St. Patrick's seeking clothing donations for annual giveaway

By Lynne McCrudden
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

It is a small window, but we are hoping for a great gathering of winter clothes for the annual clothing giveaway.

Starting this Saturday, Sept. 19, St. Patrick's parishioners will be collecting winter clothes from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot. We are hoping the citizens of Pagosa Springs have had time to collect their outgrown, in-good-condition winter clothes for men, women, children, teenagers and infants. We are looking for pants, shirts, warm sweaters, sturdy winter shoes and boots, snowsuits for

kids, winter jackets for adults and children, warm hats, warm socks, and scarves and mittens to keep out the chill.

Our collection continues on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 21, 22 and 23, from 9 a.m. to noon, but if these hours do not work with your schedule, give the church office a call at 731-5801 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the week and we will try to make other arrangements for drop off. Please don't leave clothes by the church door; we would hate to have your donation get wet or be used as bedding by our four-legged friends.

Our new interim rector, the Rev. Lyn Burns, has heard about our

clothing giveaway. In fact, it has been the talk of the Episcopal diocese. She can't wait to see the piles of clothes that are donated and then greet the shoppers on Sept. 26.

Our driveway will be the staging area for this year's giveaway on Sept. 26, and shopping will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please plan on parking at the hospital in the area closest to St. Patrick's. There is a stairway access from the hospital parking lot to St. Patrick's and we can arrange for handicap parking if necessary. We are so grateful for the community's support in the past and look forward to your help in keeping everyone warm this winter.

My beautiful Colorado, a grand lady

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

I love Colorado. She's a grand lady. I was born and raised at her knee in a small rural town on her southern border. She gave me her name, a proud Coloradoan. I married a Texas boy and brought him home to meet her and he fell in love with her. My Sweet Al and I, along with our family, still live in Colorado and call Pagosa Springs our home.

I smile at her rare beauty. I drink the pure water that flows from the heart of her mountains and fills her rivers where rainbow trout swim.

I have climbed her hills, skied her highest mountains, viewed the elk and deer, and camped in her forests. I've relaxed in her deepest hot springs and played in her winter snow.

I am proud to call her mine. Friends and family flock to see this lady I love so much. She has loved me back. I have always felt safe in her presence.

I felt blessed to raise my children in her beautiful rural mountain town. They grew up and came back home to raise their children.

Plaid shirt, blue jeans and worn-

The Writers' Circle

out farm boots don't work anymore for the good, wholesome country folk who hold to their moral values. Call it old fashioned, but it helps them sleep at night and holds their families together. A man's word and a handshake is all they need.

Times are different today and so is our Grand Lady. I began to notice how this beautiful lady changed and lost what her children held dear. Once her natural face reflected inner beauty, sweetness and innocence, but evil crouches at her door and has come in uninvited.

Her beautiful capital building lies in ruins. She fought off the rioters who claimed a right to come into her home, burn and tear it down. They left behind graffiti. Her windows are boarded up to keep her from total ruin. The angry mob told her who she should be. But not who she is. I've known her my whole life.

Yes, thousands of strangers have invaded her large cities, flashed a defiant smile, held up their fists and told her they could take what they wanted. They took away her beauty and plastered her face with paint. Wrote obscene words on her skirts, stripped her naked, violated and left her.

She laid for months in shame until well-meaning citizens came to her rescue. They mended up her wounds and rubbed balm on her scars. They patched her torn clothing and washed away the graffiti, which defaced her beauty.

I've cried as I wrote letters to

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Stargazers

■ continued from previous page 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/family.

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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 focus on learning more about our amazing universe.

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Finding faith in the contrary

By **Betty Slade**
PREVIEW Columnist

Every morning, I watch our son, “Precious,” coffee cup in one hand, watering hose in the other, make his rounds from the tomato plants to the fruit trees. This morning, I noticed something new. The tips of the leaves in the garden have begun to get bit by our cool night temperatures.

As if written of Mary, Mary herself, our recent weather may be contrary to an expected harvest. Fortunately, we are living proof to the contrariness that has been this growing season.

On Sunday night at our family dinner, we all agreed that we would like to hurry up the year and have it over, sooner than later. Then again, we would like to extend our short growing season for as long as possible. After all, we are just now seeing the fruits of our labor.

Instead of seasons, this year has been partitioned as pre-COVID and COVID. As the leaves on the trees begin to turn, so too will we move from COVID to post-COVID. Just as with every other seasonal change, there seems to be no shortage of angst and temper to an otherwise peaceful people.

We went to buy carpet in our neighboring town. The sales person who wore a mask behind a tall sheet of plexiglass could barely be understood as we worked to place our order. Carpeting a house requires a detailed level of discussion. Try as we may, it was obvious that the person we were talking to didn’t care to be there, let alone to help us buy what we needed. The only thing we had to show for our visit, a heightened level of frustration.

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



Now more than ever, I understand why my family seems so rushed to end the year. While I can certainly share in that day dream, there have been some valuable takeaways to draw from at the three-quarter mark. I doubt this world will ever go back to how it was. So, for today, we embrace where we find ourselves.

My Sweet Al and I have had plenty of time to help each of our children clean out cabinets, clear out totes and haul away a hotchpotch of collectibles. Off with the hand-me-downs and the keep-sakes, in with the clean surfaces and corners of the house we didn’t know existed.

For me specifically, this year has seen the introduction of new technology and modes of communication. While many things have ground to a halt, I was able to enjoy continuity with meetings and workshops that I attend. There is something to be said for having a lifeline where others have been cut.

One look at social media and we see where many have turned to kitchen table arts and crafts to pass the time. Home projects that have been shelved are finally seeing the light they deserve.

Whether we are ordering groceries online or attending virtual doctors appointments, we are learning new ways of doing things. An important thing to keep in mind

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Photo courtesy Dale Johnson

Avonlea Thomas is the newest recipient of the Cindy’s Dance scholarship from Curtains Up Pagosa.

Cindy’s Dance scholarship recipient named

By Dale Johnson
Curtains Up Pagosa

Cindy Gustafson was a dear, sweet and wonderful woman who loved Curtains Up Pagosa’s (CUP) kids as her own, never missed a performance and loved the art of the dance.

The Cindy’s Dance scholarship was created to honor her memory and history with CUP.

Our most recent recipient of this special gift of scholarship is Avonlea Thomas, in the fifth grade and already a long-time veteran performer with CUP, the high school and other performance events.

Thomas is passionate about dance, as she expressed that “Taking dance teaches me so much more than just how to dance—emotionally, physically, artistically and socially I am a much better person for it.”

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her congressmen. I begged to leave a better legacy for her loved ones. She deserved better. I asked clemency and allow her come back home. I blush at the lady she has become because I know who she was and who she can become.

Is it too late for our Grand Lady, Colorado, to turn back to her sweetness and innocence? I hope not. I stand not alone, but with others in our little town, who shake their

heads. We want what was lost. We want our state to lift her head again and return to decency, dignity, family values and pureness of heart.

How does one small voice in a southern rural community compete with the collective voices of hate and anger? All I know to do is fall to my knees pray and stand up and say, “She belongs to us. My people were born in her womb and buried in her soil. I love this beautiful lady, Colorado.”

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Palm branches replaced with crowns

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

Along the dusty road into Jerusalem, the rumor spread. Children sat on the shoulders of their fathers, while moms held the hands of older ones. The large throng of well-doers pushed and shoved their way to the front to gaze upon the slender man straddled on the back of a donkey.

Everyone wanted a glimpse of Jesus. Was this humble man, the Promised Messiah? In hopeful anticipation, the multitude placed clothing and palm branches along the trail as Christ drew closer. The crowd hailed him as king, Son of David, and rightful heir to the throne of Israel. Their long-awaited deliverer from Roman persecution.

In one week, the same people turned into an angry mob and yelled, "Crucify Jesus. Give us Barabbas." Judas, one of Jesus' closest companions, betrayed him for 30 pieces of silver. Peter denied any relationship with him. Others cowered in the darkness as armed men dragged Jesus off to face authorities and trumped-up charges. His fearful supporters remained silent as his accusers nailed him to a cross.

Crouched together in a tight circle, the Pharisees whispered, "Justice for the blasphemer who declared himself equal to God." The co-conspirators ranted. "He thought himself higher than the law. Stripped of all dignity he hangs in shame on a cross like any ordinary criminal."

A Matter of Faith

On the other side of this public demonstration of ridicule and mockery, soldiers bartered over Jesus' robe as they taunted and scoffed. "Son of God, free yourself from certain death. Or better yet, call 10,000 angels to your rescue."

"It is finished." Jesus cried out and dropped his head. Crucified by the people he came to save.

Satan looked on as demons rejoiced, their greatest threat dead. Jesus ended their celebration and met them head on when he descended into the abyss to defeat death, hell and the grave.

Three days later, the brilliant light of an archangel blinded the guards and rolled the stone away. Jesus left his burial clothes folded on the cold hard bench and walked out of the clutches of death.

Mary hurried to tell his followers the good news. "He is risen. Come look. The tomb stands empty."

Peter and John rushed to the site. Still in a daze, the watchmen searched the garden for any clue of a corpse. The sunlight cast its light into the dismal hole and revealed nothing but a discarded shroud on the slab. A thorough search of the dark corners found no sign of a body.

The anxious disciples huddled

around the table and reported personal encounters with the Messiah. The intense conversation came to an abrupt end as Jesus entered the room.

Thomas stood to his feet. "Master?" He wanted to believe his friends, but he needed proof.

"Look at my hands and side, Thomas." Jesus turned his nail-scarred hands upward and opened his tunic to display where the sword pierced his side. "You believe because I stand before you, but those who cannot see me share a greater faith."

Centuries later, Christians worship Jesus as Savior with grateful hearts. He sacrificed his blameless life for the sins of humanity. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, mankind received the gift of salvation and eternal life.

When Christ returns to establish his kingdom on earth as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the saints of all ages will lay their crowns at his feet as he rides into Jerusalem.

"Behold, your King comes unto you, lowly, and sitting upon a donkey. A colt the foal of donkey. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees; and spread them on the road." — Matthew 21:5, 8 (NKJV).

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— we are still a social people. Even an introvert needs interaction.

When I think about human nature, I think about God's nature. Jacob was a con man who wrestled with others. His name would eventually be changed to Israel, which means The Wrestler. From time to time, he may have thought he was wrestling man, but was likely wrestling with God. He even named a place to remember, Peniel, which means God's face.

The great news, no matter if we are wrestling with those things around us or times yet to live, like Jacob, is God is always in our corner. Genesis 32:30 tells us, "For I

have seen God face to face and my life is preserved."

Final brushstroke: During these contrary times, we think we are fighting circumstance, or maybe even people. Truth is, if there is a fight to be had, it is likely with God as we wrestle to take control of the uncontrollable. When will we learn that he has brought a perfect order, even to things that seem to be filled with chaos? When will we learn to face our faith and be preserved no matter in what season we find ourselves?

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- donate food to community members who need it
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- educate students about growing food sustainably year-round, conserving water, and using renewable energy
- look forward to Breakfast with Balloons 2021!

Catholic Church to offer faith formation classes

By **Augusta Happ**
Pope John Paul II Catholic Church

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RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is going to address those fundamental answers to those fundamental questions about the meaning of life, why you should

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Immaculate Heart of Mary/John Paul II (JPII) Catholic Church wants to welcome those returning and their families to the Catholic faith. Immaculate Heart of Mary/JPII has faith formation classes for the entire family.

RCIA is a religious program for adults who have not completed their sacraments, those wanting to become Catholic and/or individuals who wish to further understand and strengthen their Catholic faith. The RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) program is for children ages 7-16 who have not yet been baptized. Also, religious education (RE) classes are for those children who are on the spiritual journey completing the holy sacraments. These classes are offered to students pre-K through high school.

Please join us for RCIA classes Monday evenings (masks are required) beginning Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. in the JPII Catholic Church meeting rooms to begin the journey to understanding what we all seek.

Enroll your children for Sacramental and RE classes, to be held on Sundays after 10:30 a.m. Mass starting Oct. 4 in the JPII meeting rooms. Please wear a mask. Classes are offered in a safe, socially distanced environment or optional take-home lessons for one-on-one family instruction. The importance

of religious education classes is not just sacrament achievements, but life lessons to live morally and responsibly, and awareness of God's eternal love.

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New Thought topic: 'Show Up For Creator's Divine Plan: Live Large!'

By **Lisa Burnson**
New Thought Center
for Inspirational Living

"There is no passion to be found playing small — in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living." — Nelson Mandela.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living this Sunday, Sept. 20, for our presentation, "Show Up For Creator's Divine Plan: Live Large!" Are you playing small — hiding your true self? It's time to create a plan that feeds your soul and allows you to love life in its best expression. Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure.

We will have spirited live music.

Upcoming events

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

Thursday, Sept. 17, 6 to 8 p.m.: Courtyard Concert presents The Retro Cats in a benefit for Rise Above Violence. Tickets will be available at the door. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket and picnic snacks. Beverages will be available for purchase and/or donation.

Outside alcohol is not allowed. Text 309-6067 for more information. See you there.

Prosperity class beginning soon. Date and time to be determined. Call/text 309-6067 for more information.

About us

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We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of Best Western Lodge (elevator available).

Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling 309-6067. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or YouTube (Pagosa New Thought Channel).

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This is one of the earliest pictures of the Pagosa hot springs, backed by three bath houses and the town's main street across the river in the background. The year should be the late 1890s.

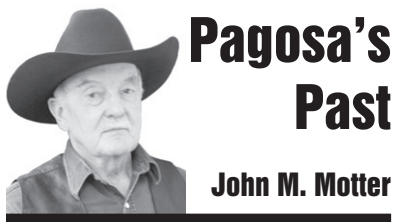
'One of the most remarkable hot springs on the continent'

Army Capt. John N. Macomb leaves us one of our first written descriptions of the Pagosa hot springs. Macomb was a topographical engineer who, in 1859, was charged with the responsibility of finding a military route for military supplies from Santa Fé, N.M., to southwestern portions of the original 48 states.

He was also looking for a good route for building a railroad connecting the eastern states with the West Coast, especially California.

The Mexican-American War had just ended and, through the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, the Mexican government had ceded parts of today's Arizona, California, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Nevada and Utah to the United States.

Macomb viewed the springs and left the following description of what he saw. "In the upper part



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

of this valley is the Pagosa, one of the most remarkable hot springs on the continent, well known, even famous among the Indian tribes, but up to the time of our visit never having been seen by the whites.

"It can scarcely be doubted that in future years it will become a celebrated place of resort, both for those who reside in the surrounding country and for wonder-hunting, health-seeking travelers from other lands."

It is quite possible that, unknown to Macomb, white trappers

had seen the Pagosa Hot Springs. Fur trappers such as Kit Carson and Old Joe Williams had been exploring the Rocky Mountains since the early 1830s, trapping beaver to be used for gentlemen back east and in Europe for fashionable hats.

Traders were traveling the Santa Fe Trail between Kansas City and Taos/Santa Fe as early as 1821.

The origin of the word Pagosa is believed to be Southern Ute, meaning smelling or stinking waters. That's not a popular Chamber of Commerce-type name. They much prefer healing waters.

The first white settler in Pagosa Springs may have been Welch Nossaman. By the early 1870s, gold had been discovered throughout the San Juan Mountains. There can be little doubt that miners on their way from New Mexico to and from the mining camps stopped to look at the hot springs.

Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By Paulette Heber
Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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

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

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

to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, Sept. 20, our theme is purity of heart.

"O Son of Spirit! My first counsel is this. Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart, that Thine may be a sovereignty ancient, imperishable and everlasting." — Baha'u'llah.

The Baha'i Faith is a world religion whose purpose is to unite all people of the world in one universal cause, one common faith.

To learn more about the Baha'i Faith, please visit the official international website of the Baha'i Faith at www.bahai.org. Our local contact is archuletabahais@gmail.com.

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Pagosa Innovation Center announces changes to board of directors

By Cassidy Crisp
Pagosa Innovation Center

Pagosa Innovation Center announces that it has appointed Dawn Kolpin and Jesse White to its board of directors.

The nonprofit organization has voted unanimously to add the two experienced technology professionals to its board of directors, promptly following the July 2020 board resignation of Royce Gomez-King. Kolpin will serve as president of the board, leading Community and Programs Development.

“We are pleased to welcome Dawn and Jesse as new directors on the board of Pagosa Innovation Center and especially value the constructive discussions we have had as a team,” said Gary Hedgecock, board member and PIC co-founder. “They joined Pagosa Innovation Center at an exciting time just as we secured our official nonprofit status. We have appreciated the opportunity to clarify our position, mission and forward strategy together, along with the launch of our coworking space and future development planning of our outreach programs. The addition of these two complements our board of directors’ skills and experiences, and we are confident they will provide valuable perspectives as we continue to execute our strategies.”

Kolpin is no stranger to innovation strategy, community service, remote working or startups. She launched her career in California’s Bay Area and has been leading remote teams around the globe since the late 1990s. After 15 years living abroad and being involved in the development and acquisition of various tech startups and industry-changing transformation projects, Kolpin moved back to the states with her husband and children to Pagosa Springs. Kolpin and her husband have been active members of the Pagosa community for years, serving on local school boards, trade skills initiatives and think tanks, while raising a family



Photo courtesy Pagosa Innovation Center

The Pagosa Innovation Center board of directors. Dawn Kolpin and Jesse White were recently appointed to the nonprofit’s board.

in the mountain town they now call home.

White will serve as director of operations and board member of Pagosa Innovation Center, having been a key player in the establishment of the coworking space along with Hedgecock. White is a full-time resident and an active community volunteer in Pagosa Springs; he lives here with his wife and two children. White is a (remote) senior engineering manager with a leading global software company, and previously worked with NBC Universal Media as a lead engineer.

Pagosa Innovation Center plans to regularly evaluate the composition of its board of directors in order to ensure it includes the appropriate skills, experience and perspective necessary to develop membership, partners, financing and programs to achieve its mission. With recent director ad-

ditions, four directors now comprise Pagosa Innovation Center’s actively engaged board looking forward to planning its first year operating as a nonprofit organiza-

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Digital screening increases rate of COVID-19 testing for veterans and employees

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced recently the use of digital screening at VA health care facilities and increased telehealth has enabled the department to dramatically increase the rate of COVID-19 testing for veterans and employees.

To date, the VA has tested more than 576,000 veterans and employees for COVID-19, one of many aggressive steps used to prevent transmission of the virus. The Veterans Health Administration's COVID-19 employee infection rate is less than 1 percent of its workforce — much lower than other health care systems. Employees testing positive for coronavirus could be due to exposure in the community and not related to any potential workplace exposure.

“Testing is a critical piece of VA's public health response to protect and care for veterans, their families, health care providers and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “Our testing policies and procedures have helped to significantly limit the spread of the virus within our medical facilities, while universal COVID-19 testing for patients and staff as well as other safeguards at VA's community living centers and spinal cord injury units has minimized the COVID-19 exposure risk for some of our most vulnerable patient populations.”

In March, the VA tested an average of 631 people a day for COVID-19. As of Aug. 24, the VA is currently testing an average of 6,300 people daily, approximately a 900 percent increase, and has diagnosed 43,276 veterans with COVID-19. Among its 9.2 million patients enrolled in VA health care, 3,195 are active COVID-19 cases, 413 of which are inpatient. A total of 37,293 VA COVID-19 patients have reached convalescence, meaning they have been discharged from care or are 14 days past their last positive test,

Veterans Corner

Raymond Taylor



whichever comes later.

Veterans can request a COVID-19 test by sending a secure message to their provider via My HealtheVet, scheduling an appointment online or calling their provider by phone.

Veterans must be enrolled in VA health care to receive a COVID-19 test through the VA. There is no copay. Results typically take two to four days and the medical provider will contact the veteran with results. Veterans who test positive should monitor their symptoms, stay in touch with their medical provider and avoid contact with anyone else.

Vets4Vets grant

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

Contact Vets4Vets at 799-VETS or www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org.

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., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Breakfast meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. Contact 799-8387 for more details.
- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, Lewis Street. Contact Gary Hanneman at 946-2540.
- Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: first and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Carter's office; contact Charlotte at 903-9690.

Important information

- 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org.
 - Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.
 - Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.
 - VAMC Albuquerque, N.M.: (800) 465-8262.
 - VA Health Care Emergency Notification: (844) 724-7842.
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tion: Hedgecock, Michael Whiting, White and Kolpin.

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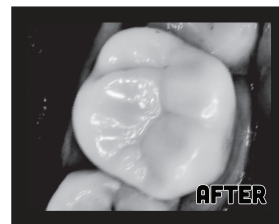


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A scam resource and important dates

By Kay Kaylor
PREVIEW Columnist

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

CARES Act stimulus check deadlines

Deadlines are approaching if you are one of the 12 million people who did not receive a stimulus check for \$1,200 or \$500 for each qualifying child. Among this group are those who typically do not file tax returns or who have not been employed for a long period. "Non-filers" of taxes, including the 2019 tax year, need to provide information by Oct. 15, and the Internal Revenue Service provides an online tool titled "Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here." People who qualify and did not receive the \$500 per child payment can use the same tool until Sept. 30, including a "catch-up" payment for Aug. 15 to Sept. 30. More information is available on [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

Colorado's Stop Fraud website

A thorough website not mentioned here before is Stop Fraud Colorado (stopfraudcolorado.gov) by the Colorado Attorney General's Office. For example, two out of 26 common types of scams on the main page, investment and asset recovery company scams, target retirement savings belonging to older adults. The website provides multiple links and details on protecting yourself, including a Coronavirus Consumer Alert and a way to sign up for emails.

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opportunities that are illegitimate in an investment scam, such as for a coronavirus vaccine and unproven cures. Scammers take advantage of disasters and emergencies to capitalize on fear and uncertainty.

In an asset recovery scam, con artists create lists of prior victims of fraud and promise to recover money lost by charging a large fee for a third-party recovery company. The company may offer to investigate, provide legal services and recover investments. A victim can do all the same tasks for free, but rarely can recover original funds. Be cautious of unsolicited calls from such a company, beware of pressure sales and demands of secrecy, question claims, and read the fine print.

Medicare annual open enrollment

Medicare beneficiaries who want help to change their prescription drug or Medicare Advantage plan for 2021 may call the agency for appointments with SHIP counselors between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7. In-person appointments are still prohibited, but counselors will help over the phone and offer a meeting on Zoom or other formats.

Look for and read any Evidence of Coverage and Annual Notice of Change mailings you receive from your insurance companies. These might reveal increases in costs or loss of coverage. SHIP counselors use Medicare and Supplemental Plan Finders to help you compare current plans available in the region.

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

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ANSWER:

The undesirable assignment

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

My friend Ed and I were visiting. Like me, he was a teacher at the university. I had just given an exam in my math class, and it had been open for five days. I had sent the students an email reminder each day, and I mentioned it in class all week. But it had no sooner closed than five students emailed and said they didn't know they had a test to take. I was complaining about it to Ed, and he told me a story,

In his early years, while he was going to school, and for a while after becoming a professor, he had worked in the park service during the summers. He had often worked on trails. He would cut up fallen trees, build bridges, move rocks and do other assigned tasks.

Ed usually worked alone on the trails and had become well-known for his efficiency and how much he accomplished. That was why Ed was surprised when his supervisor called him into his office and told him he would have an assistant one summer. Ed expressed his disinterest in having anybody work with him.

"Oh, your assistant is not just anybody," Ed's supervisor said. "His name is David, and he's the son of the park superintendent. He's 17, and he has been rebellious toward his parents. His father has decided some hard summer work will be good for his son. The superintendent looked at the work record of our employees, and since you seem to get more work done than anyone, he said David is to be assigned to you."

Ed protested. "I'm only 21, far too young to train someone."

"Look, Ed, I don't like this any more than you do. But I have no choice, and neither do you. However, the superintendent said for

you not to worry if his son complains to him about you. He will not count anything negative David says against any of us. He also said he doesn't want you to go easy on David. He wants you to make him work hard and treat him like you would any other young man. Make him toe the line."

Ed reluctantly agreed to the assignment, and the next day he met David. David had all the swagger of a rebellious teen. David ignored most of what Ed said. Ed consid-

"It's called an M-R-E," Ed said. "It stands for meal ready to eat. Some people call it three lies in one."

ered what to do, then went in and requested an assignment deep in the woods. When he explained his reasoning, the supervisor smiled and granted his request.

The next day, Ed showed David what to pack for their trip. They would have a four-day hike into the woods, several days for their work, then have a four-day hike out. They needed to have enough food, a tent, and sleeping gear.

Ed packed his own pack while casually watching David ignore the advice he was given. Ed gave David a saw and an ax to add to his pack. When David declared he was ready, Ed winced, having seen what David had and hadn't put in. But no amount of talking made any difference, so they started on their journey.

They hiked all day, and when night came, they set up camp. They set up their tents, then they sat down to eat. David had mostly packed junk food and ate candy bars and chips. Ed heated a military-style MRE.

"What's that junk?" David asked. "It's called an M-R-E," Ed said. "It stands for meal ready to eat. Some people call it three lies in one."

"Well, it smells terrible," David said.

"It doesn't taste that great, either," Ed said. "But it's packed with nutrition, it's filling and it isn't too heavy to carry."

"You won't get me to eat one of those," David said.

By the time they reached their destination, David was out of food. As Ed sat down to his meal, David asked if he had any extra food.

"All I got are MREs," Ed said.

David turned away in disgust, but by the next morning, he was willing to eat anything. When he begged for some food, Ed nodded.

"But I will have to split my meal with you because we've got to have enough to get the work done and hike four days back out."

Ed was still hungry when he finished his half of the meal, and he knew he would be hungry for the whole assignment. But he also knew they would both survive, and his young assistant had learned his first lesson.

To be continued.



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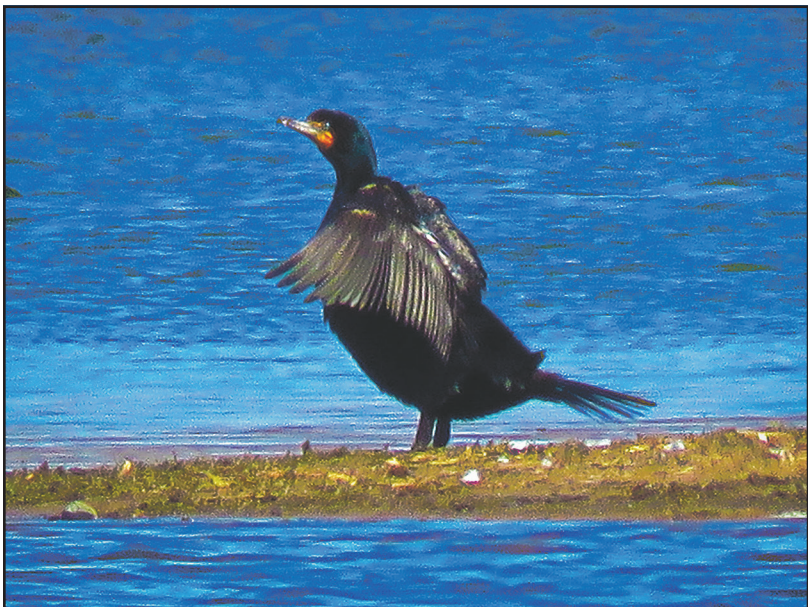


Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the double-crested cormorant.

These cormorants, *phalacrocorax auratus*, are labeled water turkeys, crow ducks, shags and lawyers. They congregate in marine and inland waters ranging north to southern Alaska and south to Sinaloa, Mexico.

A display of brightly colored orange/yellow skin covers the face, throat and base of the bill. They have blue eyelids; a lean, long neck; short wings; long hooked beak; and black webbed feet attached to short legs. Plumage is dark brown/black with a greenish bronze sheen. They appear as a gangly cross between a loon and a goose.

The name evolves from the male's curly black double crests formed to attract the female during a monogamous breeding season (April through August). Crests are soon lost after luring the female into his chosen area of sticks, vegetation, twigs and discarded manmade materials for the female to build a nest on the ground or in a tree. He performs elaborate courtship dances in the water, waving his wings to display his brightly colored skin. The female typically lays four bluish-white eggs which are incubated by both parents. Eggs hatch within 25-28 days. Hatchlings obtain independence within 10 weeks.

Fish caught in shallow water is the primary choice of food, but they also consume insects, amphibians and crustaceans. Strong jaw muscles aid in grasping slippery prey. As they dive underwater for food, the lack of preen oil aids in submersion. Cormorants perch on sunny rocks, trees or elevated areas and spread their wings to dry.

Economically, cormorants are of no importance to humans and are considered detrimental by fisheries.

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



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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to chickens.

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Answer: Rooster

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Puts in stitches
- 5 Tiptop
- 9 Hot sauce
- 14 Cookie for dunking
- 15 Watch-step link
- 16 French farewell
- 17 Kewpie, for one
- 18 Connery film of 1999
- 20 Go off-script
- 22 Trepidation
- 23 Engrossed by
- 24 Match, in poker
- 25 Conclusive trial
- 28 Poe's middle name
- 30 Bic filler
- 31 Long, long _____
- 34 On the way
- 36 Ammunition wagon
- 38 Arithmetic sign
- 39 Kind of cavity
- 40 Summer beverage
- 43 Unable to sit still
- 45 Hollywood's Danson
- 46 Make a goof
- 47 Mr. T's group
- 48 False show
- 50 Dog reprimand
- 53 Certain dancer
- 56 Staff symbol
- 57 Kind of cap
- 59 One-sided
- 62 Reduce, as expenses
- 63 Money substitute
- 64 iPhone assistant
- 65 Spellbound
- 66 Spartan slave
- 67 Leak slowly
- 68 Telephoto, for one

DOWN

- 1 Bubbly drinks
- 2 Lose ground?

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- 3 Justly deserved
- 4 Songs for one
- 5 Sailor's assent
- 6 Keep in custody
- 7 Like some colors
- 8 Unpredictable
- 9 Tree trickling
- 10 Cop to
- 11 Bank claim
- 12 Email folder
- 13 Pilot starter
- 19 Gladiator's place
- 21 Railing part
- 26 Felix, for one
- 27 Like beauty, they say
- 29 _____ and clear
- 31 Gathering, as of things
- 32 Capricorn's creature
- 33 One's partner
- 34 Shed
- 35 "Way to go!"
- 37 Sprawling story
- 41 Standing
- 42 Unpretentious
- 43 Showy display
- 44 Computer pros
- 48 Salk's conquest
- 49 Chilling
- 51 Singer Neville
- 52 Bottom of the barrel
- 53 Overdo the praise
- 54 Enough, for some
- 55 Kind of scout
- 58 Translucent gem
- 60 Anagram for "tap"
- 61 Sassy talk

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Abundant juicy, flavorful nutritious tomatoes. The Pagosa Farmers Market vendors had bushels of them for most of the summer, along with a variety of other vegetables. As always, our season draws too soon to an end and the supply is slowly reduced. This Saturday is the last market, so do come on by and select from the end-of-the-season bargains and say goodbye to your favorite growers. The hours are still 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Senior Center continues offering meals to go

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Community Café menu

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

Friday, Sept. 18 — Shrimp and grits, yellow squash casserole, sautéed broccolini with garlic, milk, salad and lemon cream cake

Monday, Sept. 21 — Chicken

Senior News

and dumplings, simmered greens, salad, milk and German chocolate cake.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 — Beef stroganoff with buttered noodles, broccoli, dinner roll with butter, milk, salad and peach cobbler,

Wednesday, Sept. 23 — Pork chop with mustard sauce, German potato salad, sauerkraut, milk, salad and blueberry pie.

Thursday, Sept. 24 — Curry chicken salad sandwich, pasta salad, chilled cucumber soup, milk, salad and oatmeal raisin cookies.

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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Preview Calendar

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Principles Before Personalities Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Contact Charlotte or Ken at 903-9690 or Nate at 507-1004.

Friday, Sept. 18

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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

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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: Great Migrations. 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.

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Clue: Bird noise

B. 19 5 5 9 19

Clue: Small parts of a plant or flower

C. 17 10 10 4

Clue: Shelter for poultry

D. 5 1 1 19

Clue: Breakfast food

Answers: A. cluck B. seeds C. coop D. eggs

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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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Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and associated members are invited. Social distancing is required at this time. Contact 799-8387 for more details.

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Principles Before Personalities Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Contact Charlotte or Ken at 903-9690 or Nate at 507-1004.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

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.

Family Storytime. 10 a.m. For all ages. Join us for great stories and fun songs. Wednesday storytimes

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

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Dungeons and Dragons via Zoom. 4-6 p.m. Teens and young adults. Join us on Google Meet for our ongoing game. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org for details on how to join.

Shred It Day. 4-6 p.m., Downtown TBK Bank parking lot. Suggested donation is \$5 a box.

Thursday, Sept. 24

Wildlife of Chimney Rock. Chimney Rock National Monument. Southwest Colorado and the Chimney Rock area have a rich source of wildlife. Animals live here and travel through the area on their annual migrations. We'll travel through some of these animals' habitats and learn more about what animals need to survive. Bring binoculars in the event that we're lucky enough to see some of these fascinating

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creatures. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

Senator Bennet Office Time. Senator Bennet's office will now be offering office time to Archuleta County residents. Meetings will be with Janet Wolf. If you have a question or concern about any federal issue such as Veterans Affairs, the IRS or Social Security administrations or another agency, you are encouraged to contact Janet and schedule an appointment. Janet can be reached at janet_wolf@bennet.senate.gov or 259-1710. Please include your name, address, phone number and issue you would like to discuss.

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

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Friday, Sept. 25

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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.

Adult DIY. 2-3 p.m., Facebook. A fall-themed DIY video will be posted. Join Brad to get some crafty ideas

of how to create several fall-themed decorations. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Night Sky: Our Solar System. 7:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is timed for when the moon is present in the sky but not fully illuminated. This enables us to enjoy the night sky unimpeded by artificial lighting or the brightness of a full moon, and see many of the brighter objects that are visible. For more information and to purchase tickets go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

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St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Clothing Giveaway. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., 731-5801. The giveaway will be in the parking lot.

Discovery Time: Plant Art. 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.

Seeds of Learning Presents Dancing with the Pagosa Stars. 7 p.m. Dancing with the Pagosa Stars will feature some great new talent with creative dance routines, followed by voting and a live awards ceremony. Tickets are available for \$55 per person and can be purchased online by going to <http://growingseeds.org/go/dance2020/>. Ticket purchasers will receive an Internet link to access the show the week prior to the event. For

additional information, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Dancingstarspagosa, or website, <http://growingseeds.org>.

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Virtual voter registration tutorial next Tuesday

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Are you registered to vote? Do you know how to review your voter registration or update information to ensure you are eligible to vote? Join us on Facebook on Tuesday, Sept. 22 from noon to 1 p.m. for this informative tutorial. After the event, it will be posted on the library's website to view anytime or share with friends.

Here's how to access the videos after the event: 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.

Summary of our partial reopening

- We're now open on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. with 1 to 2 p.m. reserved for seniors and higher-risk populations.

- Other hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for seniors and higher-risk populations. Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays: closed.

- We are 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 or unable to wear a mask, 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

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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 in person or over the phone for our online resources.

Urgent census request — we're lagging the state

Have you completed your census questionnaire?

The current self-response rate of Archuleta County households is only 41.8 percent compared to 68.9 percent for the state of Colorado and the national rate of 65.6 percent. This self-response rate is a reflection of households that completed the census online, by phone or by mail.

Census Bureau enumerators also visit households of nonrespondents to ensure everyone is counted. The efforts of census enumerators combined with an area's self-responses give us the total number of households counted so far for that area. Nationally, the total number of households counted is 89.4 percent and the state total is 89.7 percent. The total number for Archuleta County is not published yet, but a lot of work remains for census enumerators in our area. The best way to help them is to answer the door if you hear them knocking and respond right now to the census if you have not already done so.

It takes less than 10 minutes to respond to the census and your answers are kept anonymous. The law ensures that your private information is never published and that your answers cannot be used or shared 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.

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 move-

ments 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 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

Free in-person classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. by appointment. Please register so we can keep it to a small group in our limited open spaces. No walk-ins, as the front door will be locked.

Adult learning

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

Dungeons and Dragons via Zoom

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

Children's programs on Facebook

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and Saturday at 2:30 p.m., join us on the library's Facebook page for free children's programs. Wednesday storytimes are on Facebook Live, so if you go to Facebook at 10 a.m., you can interact with Josie. Saturday's Discovery Times — with games, art ideas, science experiments, history and more — are prerecorded.

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Storywalks for kids

Every other Thursday, Josie 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.

Books on CD

"The Midwife Murders" by James Patterson and Richard DiLallo is set in a university hospital in New York City. "Choppy Water" by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington thriller. "The Silent Wife" by Karin Slaughter is a mystery featuring a GBI investigator and a medical examiner. "Humanocracy" by Gary Hamel and Michele Zanini documents how to replace bureaucracies so organizations can become bold, entrepreneurial and nimble. "Near Dark" by Brad Thor is an adventure featuring Scot Harvath. "A Private Cathedral" by James Lee Burke is a crime romance featuring Det. Dave Robicheaux. "The Nemesis Manifesto" by Eric Van Lustbader is the beginning of a new thriller series.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Chaos" by Iris Johansen features a female CIA agent willing to go rogue if it means catching a killer. "The Invention of Sound" by Chuck Palahniuk exposes the collision course that threatens to expose the violence beneath Hollywood's glamorous façade.

Other novels

"The Last Great Road Bum" by Hector Tobar is a novel based on the personal writings of Joe Sanderson. "The Big Door Prize" by M.O. Walsh is a story of a mysterious machine that upends a small

Louisiana town.

Nonfiction

"The Truth is Marching On" by Pulitzer Prize-winner Jon Meacham is a biography of civil rights activist John Lewis. "More Alike Than Different" by David Egan is a memoir by a man with Down syndrome who has become an advocate for all people with disabilities. "Live Free or Die" by Fox News host Sean Hannity is a tribute to conservatism and a critique of the Democrats' policies. "Hoax: Donald Trump, Fox News and the Dangerous Distortion of Truth" by CNN anchor Brian Stelter explores the symbiotic relationship between Fox and the president. "Blitz: Trump Will Smash the Left and Win" by David Horowitz chronicles the left-wing attacks on the president. "The Answer Is ... Reflections on My Life" by Alex Trebek is a memoir by the "Jeopardy!" host.

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COVID-19 and recreation: too much poop, too many people

By **Todd Wilkinson**
PREVIEW Columnist

Mark DeOpsomer of Bozeman, Mont., is a backpacker with lots of miles on his soles. For almost four decades, he's gone to the remotest corners of the Northern Rockies.

On a recent trek 24 miles into the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana, he was relaxing along the banks of a creek, when out of nowhere a pack-rafter floated by.

"I'd never seen any rafters before in The Bob, but now they're all over the place," he said.

A few weeks later, he was driving to a trailhead at the end of a bumpy 50-mile-long dirt road along the Wind River Range of Wyoming.

"There's a game we like to play guessing the number of cars you expect to see in the parking lot," he said. "Given that this is a strange year, I thought maybe 30. But there were over 200 and the scene was total mayhem."

License plates on vehicles hailed from two dozen states and makeshift camps (without designated bathrooms) were everywhere.

At Forest Service campgrounds near Jackson, Wyo., piles of human waste and toilet paper were ubiquitous and so was litter. The smelly messes were spread throughout an area in the middle of public land frequented by bears, including at times the famous Jackson Hole Grizzly 399 and her cubs.

When talking with managers of state and federal public lands these pandemic days, two issues popped up: what to do about large amounts of human feces deposited in wild places and how to handle far too many visitors. Both issues have served as a wake-up call to both land managers and environmentalists about the downsides of recreation.

"It's like we've stared into a future that wasn't supposed to arrive for a few decades," said Randy Carpenter, who works with the community-planning organization FutureWest, in Bozeman. "The crush of people and the ecological impacts of rising recreation uses is right here, among us — right now — and it's transforming the character of wild places."

A paper published in the scientific journal PLOS One reviewed 274 scientific studies completed between 1981 and 2015 that examined the effects of recreation on a variety of animal species across all geographic areas and recreational activities.

Kevin Crooks, a conservation biologist at Colorado State University, said given what we know now, "It might be time to establish limits on public access to protected areas

Writers on the Range

Displaying what can only be called a crass attitude, one skier was heard to remark: "Well, the sheep have had these mountains for 10,000 years. Now it's our turn."

they're allowed to use some of it. It's happened in Idaho over wilderness and recently in debates over how to safeguard wildlife habitat in the Gallatin Range of southwest Montana.

An outdoor industry eager to get its slice of an \$800 billion pie helps fuel the rush to the West's public lands. Farrell says that outdoor-product manufacturers push hard for increased access to public lands in part because more users boost their bottom lines.

Meanwhile, many state tourism bureaus — like those in Montana, Wyoming and Utah — spend millions of dollars advertising national parks and other places that are already uncomfortably overcrowded.

"Critical discussions about recreation are rare because these activities are layered with a thin veneer of innocence," Farrell said. This recalls a narrative of heedless use that goes back to the 19th and 20th centuries: Exploit a special place until it's used up and then move on, leaving waste, damage and displaced wildlife behind.

The problem is there aren't many true wild places left to exploit.

Todd Wilkinson is a contributor to Writers on the Range, (writersontherange.org), a nonprofit spurring lively conversation about the West. He is the Bozeman-based correspondent for National Geographic and The Guardian and founder of Mountain Journal (mountainjournal.org).

and encourage changes in the behavior of recreationists."

Though conservation groups continue to point fingers at logging, mining and ranching, they've been slow to acknowledge impacts from outdoor recreation.

Last winter, at a U.S. Forest Service meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyo., biologists noted that backcountry skiing and snowboarding were harming a dwindling, isolated herd of bighorn sheep. Displaying what can only be called a crass attitude, one skier was heard to remark: "Well, the sheep have had these mountains for 10,000 years. Now it's our turn."

Justin Farrell, the author of the book "Billionaire Wilderness: The Ultra-Wealthy and the Remaking of the American West," grew up in Wyoming, watched it change as big money moved in and now teaches at Yale. He told me recently, "It's too easy for all of us to look the other way — a sort of willful ignorance — to not really see and examine the actual impacts of recreation."

Some recreationists insist on a quid pro quo: They'll advocate protecting public land only if

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Musk thistle goes by many names and is one of the most prevalent invaders in Archuleta County.

Noxious Weed of the Month: musk thistle

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

Musk thistle goes by many names, some too colorful to mention in this article, but the most common is “that purple, prickly plant.” It is one of the most prevalent invaders in Archuleta County and can be spotted in every microclimate from Arboles to Chromo, even up to the high country.

Musk thistle can be found at elevations reaching from 8,000 to 9,000 feet. If you hike much higher than that, you will be rewarded with some of our native thistles that serve as a reminder that not all prickly plants are your enemy. Archuleta County is home to native thistles at every elevation, but it is only in pristine alpine communities that native thistles can be appreciated without needing to identify invaders that occur alongside them.

Being a biennial, musk thistle is not a difficult plant to control. In its first year, it grows as a rosette and doesn't produce a flower; this is the prime stage to treat it —whether it is with chemicals or a trowel. In its second year, it produces a bloom and dies back. Any plants that have already gone to seed do not need to

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be sprayed with herbicide or dug up; just remove the seed head and bag or burn it. Musk thistle, however, is opportunistic and can alter its life cycle to be either winter annual, germinating in the fall and overwintering before blooming the next spring, or a true annual, meaning that it completes its life cycle in a single year. It can germinate throughout the season so it requires diligence to prevent it from establishing a foothold.

While it may not be difficult to control, it is difficult to eradicate if it has been neglected for several growing seasons. Each plant can produce up to 150,000 seeds, which can remain dormant in the soil for decades. Persistence and early detection is the key to control this species. Mechanical, chemical and biological control are recommended. Musk thistle is a fan favorite of pollinators, so be sure to replant native

pollinators after controlling thistle to prevent displacing beneficial birds and insects.

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


Upcoming event

Shred It Day: Sept. 23, 4 to 6 p.m. at the downtown TBK Bank parking lot. Suggested donations are \$5 per box.

Donate to the Archuleta County 4-H program

The Archuleta County 4-H program boasts a membership of more than 150 members annually. Often, these programs rely on fundraisers to help offset the costs of the program, such awards, supplies and, most importantly, leadership opportunities. Members can attend various leadership camps and conferences statewide and even nationally.

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Children who spend a lot of time outdoors benefit from exposure to nature in myriad ways, some of which may surprise even the most devoted outdoorsmen.

According to a 2006 study published in the journal *Human Dimensions of Wildlife*, fifth-graders who attended school at a local prairie wetlands where lessons in science, math and writing were integrated in an experimental way had significantly stronger reading and writing skills than their peers who attended more traditional schools.

Another study published in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* found that holding a class outdoors one day a week significantly improved the daily cortisol patterns

of students, reducing their risk of stress and improving their ability to adapt to stress.

Parents who want their children to reap the rewards of being exposed to the great outdoors can encourage educators to incorporate nature into school curricula and also embrace these family-friendly outdoor activities.

- **Nature treasure hunt:** A treasure hunt in nature can keep kids engaged on family hiking excursions and provide an excellent opportunity for parents to teach children about the assortment of plants, birds and wildlife that live in the parks and along the trails near their home.

- **Outdoor art class:** Families don't even need to leave their properties to spend quality time together outside. Pick a pleasant

afternoon and set up an outdoor painting station, encouraging everyone to paint what they see. Fall is a great time to host an outdoor art sessions thanks to the assortment of vibrant colors that have become synonymous with autumn landscapes.

- **Stargaze:** Stargazing is another way families can spend time outdoors and learn a few things at the same time. Some blankets, a thermos of hot cocoa and a chart of constellations can provide the perfect complement to a sky full of bright stars. If visibility is compromised in the backyard, find a local spot where everyone can get a clear view of the night sky.

- **Fruit picking:** Apple picking is a popular autumn activity, but families need not wait for the autumn harvest to enjoy a day picking fruit or vegetables at a nearby farm. Visit a local farm during its harvest season, teaching children about how the foods they love are grown and eventually make it to the family dinner table.

Families looking to spend more time together in the great outdoors can look to a number of activities people of all ages can enjoy.

Healthy ways to relieve stress throughout the day

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Stress affects people from all walks of life, and the causes of stress are as varied as the people it afflicts.

In its 2017 *Stress in America* survey, the American Psychological Association (APA) found that the three most common sources of stress were the future of the nation (63 percent), money (62 percent) and work (61 percent).

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, routine stress that becomes chronic can result in a host of negative side effects. Such stress can suppress the immune system, disrupt digestion and have an adverse effect on sleep.

But men and women who feel stressed at the end of each day need not resign themselves to sleepless nights and/or weakened immune systems. A proactive approach to alleviating stress during the day can help men and women reduce their stress levels and avoid the negative side effects associated with chronic stress.

- **Walk away.** The APA notes that taking a break from a stressor is one of a handful of healthy techniques that research has indicated is a successful way to reduce stress, both in the short- and long-term. If a project at work is proving especially stressful, step away for a short period of time to do something else, whether it's to go for a brief walk or converse with a co-worker about something unrelated to the project. Avoiding the stress entirely, especially if it's a work project or a bill that must be paid, is not the answer. But a short break from the stressor and thinking about it can provide a new perspective and time

to calm down.

- **Meditate.** When stressed out, men and women should not discount the potential benefits of meditation. Researchers from Johns Hopkins University examined more than 19,000 meditation studies, ultimately concluding that mindful meditation can ease stresses like anxiety, depression and pain.

The APA notes that such meditation has been found to reap immediate benefits, potentially helping people who can find time to meditate during the day to prevent their stress from accumulating throughout a hectic workday.

- **Find time to exercise.** The APA notes that research continues to support the notion that exercise is as beneficial to the mind as it is to the body. Exercising several days per week is especially beneficial to mind and body, but even 20-minute exercise sessions, including a walk around the grounds of an office complex or a quick swim during a lunch break, in the midst of stressful days can help people combat stress for several hours afterward.

- **Delegate more during the day.** Work is the third-leading source of stress among Americans. Men and women who feel overworked may benefit by delegating more tasks during their days or simply stepping back and taking on less work. The potential effects on your career of taking on less work will likely pale in comparison to the toll chronic stress, which can contribute to heart disease and stroke, takes on your body.

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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a Medical Technologist. Performs technical analytical procedures requiring knowledge and techniques in areas such as hematology, chemistry, special chemistry, microbiology, blood bank, serology, urinalysis, coagulation and phlebotomy as ordered by the physician. Performs routine and special laboratory tests in accordance with written requisition of physician. May perform clinical test in and one or combination of areas of specialization. Performs routine maintenance and troubleshooting for laboratory instrumentation. Performs, records and participates in evaluation of Quality Control for tests conducted. Doctorate, Master's, Bachelor's or Associate's degree in Laboratory Sciences with completion of approved internship in Medical Technology required. M(ASCLS) or MT(ASCLS) or equivalent. Medical Technologist- ASCP. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration or human resources office or downloaded at www.pagosasprings-medicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to Mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EOE.

HELP WANTED FULL TIME. Must be able to work weekends and nights. Apply at Silver Dollar Liquor Store.

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BEST OF PAGOSA SPRINGS is now hiring for a licensed Real Estate Agent. The right candidate will be a dedicated, organized, outgoing individual with strong communication skills both written and oral. Flexible schedule and fun work environment make this a great opportunity for the right person! bestofpagosasprings@gmail.com.

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PART-TIME BUS DRIVER. Archuleta County Mountain Express is accepting applications for a part-time bus driver, no CDL required. For job description and wage details and submit application and resume, visit www.archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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DENTAL FRONT OFFICE. San Juan Dental is seeking a caring and compassionate new team member for our growing boutique practice. Dental experience a plus. Please email resume to drecrismithdds@aol.com or stop by 101 Pagosa St.

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LANDSCAPING LABOR NEEDED. Looking for individuals to perform general landscaping projects in beautiful outdoor Colorado. Call Charlie at (970)264-0913.

LANDSCAPE LABORERS WANTED. Monday- Thursday, 8a.m.-3p.m. until first week in November. \$15-\$30/ hour DOE. Text or call (970)946-5206.

PEAK DELI HIRING IMMEDIATELY for skilled line cook with multitasking abilities and customer service skills; counter help also needed. NO CALLS. Stop in for application.

NORTH PAGOSA SHELL HIRING for Deli position. Enjoy a Monday through Friday, 5a.m. to 1p.m. shift, cooking breakfast and preparing “to go” food items. Please apply at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

LOOKING FOR A CAREER OPPORTUNITY and being a part of your local community? 1st SouthWest Bank is hiring a Teller, offering a strong benefit package and career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/ for more details & to apply.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR CITY Hall Cafe and Coyote Moon Bar and Grill. All positions. Apply within or call (970)398-0355.

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PART-TIME HELP FOR LANDSCAPING WORK. Must be experienced with mowing, weed eating, trimming. Call Eric, 946-2061.

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COMPTROLLER POSITION. Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association is accepting applications for the Comptroller position. The Comptroller serves as the Department Manager for the Administration and Accounting Department. The Comptroller is responsible for finance, accounting, and human resources functions for the association and perform professional accounting and administrative work. Candidates must have bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, business administration or related field and a minimum of three years of experience. This is a full-time position with great benefits. The selected candidate will start November 30. Interested candidates must submit a cover letter and resume to PLPOA, 230 Port Ave., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or plpoa@plpoa.com.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a full time **Lab Assistant**. The Laboratory Assistant is a model of professionalism and excellence in customer service to both internal and external customers of the laboratory. This position provides routine and specialized clerical and secretarial assistance including; correspondence, filing, compiling and distributing information, doing data entry, generating reports, and assisting the Laboratory Manager as well as other administrative duties. This position will also work closely with departmental staff members to provide clerical support for operations. Works under direct technical supervision and performs waived complexity tests in accordance with standards established in the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) and/or appropriate agency protocol (COLA). Records and participates in evaluation of Quality Control for tests conducted. Performs all work in accord to the mission, vision and values of Pagosa Springs Medical Center. High school graduate or equivalent. Medical terminology course completed preferred. Two years of clinical laboratory testing experience preferred. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration or human resources office or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to Mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EOE.

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Business Development Specialist

Our multimedia organization has an opening for a business development specialist. Willingness to learn various multimedia platforms and a desire for growth in this position are a must.

We are taking applications for a part-time (up to 20 hours per week) business development position.

Successful applicant will have computer experience, organizational skills and demonstrate proficiency with spelling and grammar.

Position offers salary, plus commission. Work hours will be split between office and being in the field. Applicant must have reliable transportation.

Following local health department guidelines, including use of face covering and social distancing, is required.

Submit your resume to helpwanted@pagosahun.com or drop off at 457 Lewis Street. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls.


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TIM BROWN CUSTOM HOMES is looking for a few high quality, detail oriented craftsmen to help in the framing, interior finishing and painting of our custom homes. We have been building homes in Pagosa Springs for 23 years. Work year around with us and enjoy top pay, paid holidays, paid vacation and a retirement plan. Please call (970)731-7071 or stop by the office at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B16.

SUBSTITUTE NURSE NEEDED at Upper Rio Grande School District. Please contact Julie Sauvigne at (719)657-4040, jsauvigne@urtigers.co, and pick up an application at the office or online at dnscsd.org.

7TH/8TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER needed at Del Norte Jr/Sr High School. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License with a secondary Language Arts endorsement. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Aaron Horrocks, DNHS Principal at ahorrocks@urtigers.co or contact Aaron at (719)657-4020. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at www.dnscsd.org.

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SONOCO IS NOW HIRING full or part-time cashier plus store services and maintenance. Requires good customer service and interaction with co-workers. Apply within.

COLORADO ROCK & DIRT EXCAVATION is hiring general laborers/ equipment operators. Must possess a valid drivers license. Experience required. Please submit resume to coloradorock08@gmail.com or contact Tracy at (970)759-2074.

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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a **Registration/Quality Review Supervisor**. The Supervisor is responsible to direct, supervise, and coordinate daily activities for the Emergency Department Registration staff and perform Quality Review for facility wide Registration. Responsibilities include ensuring patients are registered in a timely, efficient, and compliant manner and meeting all hospital, state, and federal guidelines. Ensures all insurances are verified via Cerner, eSolutions, or Availity. When patients are admitted to observation or inpatient, reviews the encounter and ensures notification is called into the payer and email sent to Pre-Service to meet any pre-certification requirements. Quality Review requirements include generating and working reports to review and correct encounters for accurate and timely claim generation. Maintains quality service and patient satisfaction, assists direct reports in staffing aspects including but not limited to: scheduling, interviewing, hiring, training, monitoring, improving skill set and verifying competencies are completed. Schedules and implements ED Registration Staff meetings as necessary. Supervisor will cross train in all registration areas to assist with coverage as needed. Individual must exhibit a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail in all documentation and correspondence. Will assist in correcting mistakes, special projects, and miscellaneous/administrative duties assigned such as, but not limited to: placing supply orders, assisting in audits, re-training and incident reporting. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration or human resources office or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to Mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EOE.

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is accepting applications for all departments: retail, ski school, lifts, ski patrol, base operations, ticket office, food and beverage, rental, vehicle maintenance and snow reporting. Please see details of job descriptions on Wolf Creek's employment page. Applications can be downloaded from WolfCreekSki.com employment page. Send resumes and applications to wolfcreekski@wolfcreekski.com or PO Box 2800, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. All jobs are winter seasonal (November- April) with competitive wages.

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WANTED: LABORERS AND FORM setter finishers. Call James (970)560-0369.

EXPERIENCED CONSTRUCTION HELP NEEDED. Reliable transportation required. Excellent pay based on experience. Please call (970)403 5119.

FULL-TIME MONDAY-FRIDAY OFFICE help needed for parts receiving, shuttle and UHaul. Must be able to lift 30 lbs. Apply in person at Piedra Automotive 505 Piedra Rd. or email to acct.piedra@gmail.com.

KITCHEN HELP, MORNING AND afternoon shifts. No experience necessary. Flexible schedule and competitive wages. Apply in person, Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs. EOE.

SEEKING SERVERS & CALLING COOKS. If you know hospitality and quality and are seeking the opportunity to work in a successful and community-supportive business environment, join us at Pagosa Brewing & Grill. Apply at 118 North Pagosa Blvd. or info@pagosabrewing.com. Cheers!

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

MASSAGE THERAPISTS NEEDED at massage and movement business. Focus is local clientele, needing therapists ready for repeat business. We are not a spa. Email resume and credentials to pagosamassageandbodywork@gmail.com to apply.

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YARD SALES

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE. Saturday 8a.m.-3p.m. Sunday 9a.m.-3p.m. 6741 East Highway 160, 6 miles from town. Clothing, kitchenware, furniture, bedding, yard, patio.

WHOLE B&B GOING. COUCHES, sleepers, beds, tons of tables, outdoor furniture. Sale ends Sunday. Call Jamie anytime (970)946-7859.

MOVING SALE. BEDROOM FURNITURE, entertainment center, sporting goods, lots of freebies. 318 Grenadier Pl. Friday noon, Saturday 8a.m.

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

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