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School district announces second phase of reopening

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Archuleta School District (ASD) has announced tentative dates for returning to in-person learning four days per week in its legacy schools. For kindergarten through sixth-graders, in-person instruction will

move to four days per week beginning Monday, Oct. 5. For most seventh- through 12th-graders, it will tentatively occur on Oct. 19, provided Archuleta County meets certain metrics related to the novel coronavirus.

■ See School A8

Sheriff moves into new facility, jail expected to open around November

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

After about four years being housed in a relatively small office space near the airport, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) has a new home: the former residence of Norma and Fred Harman III.

"We're super excited and it's a great opportunity for us to finally settle in and have a place to call home," said Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez in an interview Tuesday.

In his interview, Valdez explained the recent history of the ACSO offices, and the handful of times the

department has had to move its offices over the past five years.

According to Valdez:

- In April 2015, the ACSO, the county jail and other parts of the courthouse were flooded after a series of rainstorms hit in the middle of a re-roofing project.

- After the flooding, the ACSO moved to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on Piedra Road briefly, then rented facilities on Goldmine Drive, which Valdez explained the ACSO staff remodeled.

"My staff and I personally did all

■ See Sheriff A8



Photo courtesy Kathleen McFadden

A bear stopped by Lake Hatcher last week for a dip and drink in the lake before wandering off in search of food. There has been an increase in bear sightings recently with bears in hyperphagia, which is described by the BearSmart website as "an increase in feeding activity driven by a biological need to fatten up before bears go in to den for the winter." Once bears enter the den, they go without food and water for months. "If they do not get enough to eat in the fall, mothers don't produce cubs and some bears die in the den," the website states.

Planning commission discusses workforce housing and next steps

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

An update on workforce housing and what the Pagosa Springs Planning Commissions' role is in that effort was given during a regular meeting of the planning commission on Sept. 22.

"The town's general fund sales tax projections through 2020 is \$3.25 million. It's an increase of \$345,000 and change over the original estimate and this does assume a slight slowdown in the last quarter of the year," Senior Planner Cindy Schultz said.

According to Schultz, of that \$345,000, \$230,000 will be used for the purchase of property at 5th and Apache streets for a project and that is scheduled to come from general fund reserves.

Agenda documentation notes that, from 2017-2020, \$351,321 has been spent or committed toward housing-related activities and expenditures.

Possible solutions

As part of the Pagosa Springs

■ See Housing A8

Pagosa's real estate market is booming

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs is growing, and growing fast. It's not a new trend to see houses being built and new stores going up around town, but more properties have been sold in the past few months than ever before.

According to long-time local realtor Lee Riley with Jann C. Pitcher Real Estate, "the past 60 days have been the busiest" he's ever seen.

As stated in his September Newsletter, released on Sept. 7, "August closed sales were up to 131 compared to 106 in August last year. Pending sales are even crazier with 255 this year versus

142 last year."

According to Riley, year-to-date sales have caught up after the initial pandemic shutdown. As the letter states, "Home sales are up 6 [percent], and condos are up 36 [percent]."

When stay-at-home orders were issued in March, the real estate market seemed to come to an abrupt halt, along with virtually every other market. People canceled travel plans, stopped going out to eat and stopped spending money, momentarily.

As the year went on, communities around the nation began attempting to return to normalcy. Once travel restrictions were lifted and people were allowed to go out, many people needed a

getaway after suffering from quarantine-induced cabin fever.

According to Riley's newsletter, he believes this is part of the reason why Pagosa Springs is experiencing a sudden surge in properties being bought and sold.

As stated in the letter, "a lot of folks are trying to get out of the big city to enjoy our small-town charm."

In a phone interview with Riley, he indicated "there's a lot of pent-up demand" from everyone being in lockdown.

According to the newsletter, another reason

■ See Market A8

On to State!



Photo courtesy Mark Faber

Pagosa Springs High School senior Taylor Cotts will hit the links of the Dos Rios Golf Club in Gunnison Monday and Tuesday as part of the 3A state tournament.



Photo courtesy Stewart Bellina

Saturday night's Dancing With The Pagosa Stars virtual event raised approximately \$165,000 for Seeds of Learning. Over 315 guests watched the event virtually, with Gabriel Heraty walking away with the Mirror Ball Trophy. Pictured, from left to right, Star Quinlan Quiros and Coach John Gillam, Coach Hayley Hudson and Star Dr. Robert Bonham, Star Theresa Snyder and Coach Nolan King, Host Marty Rose, Coach Alora Pelligrino and Star Gabriel Heraty, Host Lisa Peters, Star Jonathan Dobson, Star Blue Haas and Coach Ashely Butcher. Not pictured is Coach Leslie Carlson.

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Letters



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Strong economy

Dear Editor:
Ballots for the November election will soon be arriving in our mail. It would be wonderful if some perfect individuals were running for President, but that's never happened before and it isn't happening this time either.

Joe Biden likes to claim that he is a "moderate", but of course, he has given in to the extreme left wing of his party on virtually every issue and has chosen as his running mate a woman whose extreme views echo those of AOC and the Squad. The only thing moderate about Mr. Biden is his false claim to be one.

Mr. Biden has made it abundantly clear that he will do everything in his power to destroy the fossil fuel industry. How many hundreds of thousands of jobs will be lost if he succeeds? What will this do to the price of gas for your car or the need for oil as the base ingredient for every bit of plastic in our homes, businesses and cars?

If Biden's past performance during the Obama administration is any indication, we can expect higher taxes, increased regulations, and, in short, all the same restrictions on the economy that inhibited our economy from recovering in a robust fashion from the 2008 market downturn. It has been claimed that Obama/Biden should be credited with the economic recovery that has occurred

under the leadership of President Trump. I would note that the meager recovery we experienced under Obama/Biden occurred in spite of the Obama administration's policies, not because of them.

On the other hand President Trump has managed to produce quite a remarkable list of accomplishments despite being the constant target of false accusations, fraudulent impeachment attempts, and a mainstream media that has been nothing short of the "Quick Reaction Force" for the DNC. He has been falsely labeled a racist, a bigot, a homophobe, and other epithets for simply wanting an immigration system that is actually controlled by this nation. Despite all the false allegations and vicious labeling, he has completely turned the tepid economic recovery of the Obama/Biden administration around and brought this nation back to prosperity.

Then came the Covid-19 pandemic. Now, as true Monday morning quarterbacks, the DNC/Biden are attempting to tell us that President Trump mishandled the crisis and made it worse. When asked what he would do, Mr. Biden simply lists off everything that President Trump already did. So the same guy that criticized the President for his travel bans on China and Europe (that undoubtedly saved thousands of lives) thinks he could have done it better. But, of course, Biden will never have to prove it because we are already well into a recovery.

Neither of these men are without personal flaws. The policies of President Trump, however, have demonstrated that he knows how to build a strong economy. Biden simply can't make that claim because he's never done it.

Richard Bolland

their desires, and possibly most important is he cares for all of us. Commissioner Lucero also clearly understands that investing County funds is far more important than simply spending money. He is a fiscal conservative which is important in Archuleta County.

I am a life long Republican, my Dad was a GOP State Chairman and National Committeeman for 20 years and I am a proud participant in the Trump Train. All that said, I am very excited to vote for Clifford Lucero as our Commissioner in District 1.

I am excited to vote for Clifford Lucero and looking forward to all his new accomplishments in this great County. For those of you still deciding, it might be helpful to know if Clifford's opponent would have to recuse himself on any votes, topics or budget items that would relate to the relationship with the Sheriff's department. Separation of these elected offices is very important in making difficult decisions as a BoCC and for individual Commissioners.

Thanks and hope you vote for Clifford Lucero.

John Ranson

Proposition 115

Dear Editor:
Colorado is 1 of only 7 states in our Republic which allows the termination of an unborn child's life for any reason for the full 9 months of pregnancy, right up till the moment of birth. Approximately 300 unborn children lose their lives this way in Colorado every year. If you want to put a stop to this grisly practice you will have your opportunity on November 3rd. I encourage you all to vote "Yes" on Proposition 115, Due Date Too Late.

Jim Sanders

Economic turnaround

Dear Editor:
Much of President's Trump's support is based on the perception that he has turned around the economy. On July 27, 2018, President Trump said "We've accomplished an economic turnaround of historic proportions". This statement, along with others since, has led many to believe that the US economy has become much

stronger under the Trump administration.

I am old enough to know that touting one's accomplishments is as natural for politicians as maintaining their trademark hair style. Projecting future success is the main theme in every politician's bid for election.

I am also old enough to know that facts are a better predictor of future success than political promises. One way to determine how the presidency is likely to affect the US economy in the future is to compare data for the first three years of the current administration with data for the previous administration. The following data, which do not include 2020, were taken primarily from US government reports.

During the 8 years of the Obama administration, the S&P 500 grew steadily every year with an average annual growth of 15%/yr. During the first 3 years of the Trump administration, there were 2 excellent years and 1 bad year, giving an average annual growth of 16%/yr.

The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 2.3%/yr during the last 3 years of the Obama administration. During the first 3 years of the Trump administration it grew by 2.5%. Though slightly better than in the Obama administration, the GDP growth under President Trump is below that of the Reagan and Clinton administrations.

The trade deficit with China during the first 3 years of the Trump presidency increased by 7.5% over the trade deficit for the last 3 years of the Obama administration. This difference reflects a general trend of increasing deficit over the past 10 years.

The US national debt increased by 2.8 trillion in 2014-2018, by 3.2 trillion in 2017-2019, and is projected to grow at a similar rate in the future.

Unemployment during the Trump administration decreased, following the trend established during the Obama administration.

The average monthly job gain is one indicator of economic strength that is significantly different. Average monthly job gains during the last 3 years of the Obama presidency (672 Thousand) was 23% higher

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Great

Dear Editor:
methinks America has Always been Great!

Addi Greer

Support Lucero

Dear Editor:
In 2008, I was elected to serve as County Commissioner in District 1. Clifford Lucero was also elected that same year. Archuleta County, had at that time discovered a very serious shortfall in County Finances at the same time the country was going through the mortgage crisis. This downfall in the Archuleta economy was the worst since my family moved here in 1996. Our set of Commissioners, of which Clifford was the Chair, tackled the problem caused by previous Commissioners.

Clifford was the leader on our Board. With the help of the Financial Task Force, we turned a substantial deficit into healthy reserves during a severe downturn. Clifford knows this County and the great people who live here. He listened and took advice from the Task Force. Clifford also knew that roads were a top priority. Our Commission, with great leadership again from Chairman Lucero implemented three major road improvements, including still the best road in the County, Park Avenue. He knows the people and

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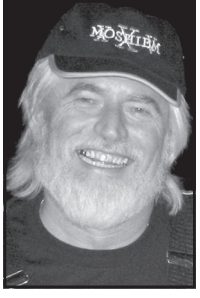
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Obituaries

Robert N. Creech

On Friday, Sept. 18, Robert N. Creech, age 74, passed away peacefully at home with his wife and soul mate of 40 years, Kathi.



Robert was born in Eunice, La., to Edward and Lexie Lou Creech. He was raised in Denver City, Texas, where he graduated in 1964. He attended Baylor University from 1964 to 1966 and then served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Ranger from 1966 until his honorable discharge in 1970. Robert was proud to serve our country. He then returned to Baylor University and graduated in 1972.

Robert was a man that, whatever the job at hand, he used his work ethic and knowledge to meet any challenge and always gave his best. His passion was farming and ranching in Texas. After 20 years, it was time for him to retire from that life and to follow his childhood dream of moving to Colorado. A month in the mountains was the

family vacation most of his childhood and, so, in 1998, he and Kathi relocated to Pagosa Springs and have relished their time here since.

Robert worked at Pine Valley Rental, the Archuleta County Assessor's Office and the Town of Pagosa Springs parks before retiring. He was called "Caretaker" by many. He enjoyed being a mentor and was always there with a smile. Robert was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Carrie Williams Creech. He is survived by his wife, Kathi Creech; her parents, Frank and Melba Salerno; siblings Richard Creech, Sandra Tidmore, Margaret Killian, Ronnie Creech, and their spouses and children; our Minchew Family—Bob, Annie, Matthew, Christopher, Mary and Robert. Robert deeply and profoundly loved all his adopted families and friends.

For those who knew Robert, you know he loved to tell a good story. Come join us in a celebration of Robert's life and share your favorite story or memory of Robert, to be held Oct. 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the Yamaguchi Park terrazzo.

Kathi requests that any donations in memoriam be sent to Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

Georgia Lou Keane House

Georgia Lou Keane House was called home to her heavenly father Sept. 23, 19 years to the day that her mother, Jean, was called home to the Lord. She was surrounded by her husband, children and grandchildren.



Georgia Lou Keane was born Aug. 17, 1937, to Jack and Jean Keane, on the Keane Ranch in the Upper Piedra in Hinsdale County.

She enjoyed her time on the ranch, where she rode her horse "Pal" to Debs Schoolhouse where she and her brother attended school. Georgia Lou loved playing the piano, reading and dancing. She attended high school at Pagosa Springs High. In 1955, she was crowned Red Ryder Rodeo Queen. She later attended Adams State College, where she earned her teaching degree. After college, she went on to teach first and second grade at Pagosa Springs

Elementary School. She was a member of the Methodist Church of Pagosa Springs.

Georgia Lou met AC House, the love of her life, and they were married July 15, 1960. They made their home on the ranch in the Upper Piedra, where they raised their six children.

She is survived by her husband, AC House, of Pagosa Springs; and their six children: Rick (Jill) House, of Pagosa Springs; Vickie (Ron) Montgomery, of Bayfield, Colo.; Steve (Sharon) House, of Yukon, Okla.; Todd (Stacey) House, of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; David (Trish) House, of Fox Creek, Colo.; and Mike (Shanda) House, of Arboles, Colo. She adored her 23 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Georgia Lou is also survived by her brother, Johnny Keane, of Aztec, N.M.; and her nieces and their families.

A public viewing will be held at Hood Mortuary in Pagosa Springs Friday, Oct. 2, from noon to 5 p.m.

A celebration of life will be held at Debs Schoolhouse in the Upper Piedra on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Oct. 1

Dispatch Executive Management board. 9:30 a.m. Zoom meeting.
Town of Pagosa Springs Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information.

Monday, Oct. 5

Joint Archuleta/La Plata/San Juan

Letters

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than for the first 3 years of the Trump presidency (547 Thousand).

Except for average monthly job gain, these measures of the strength of the US economy show little difference between the Obama and the Trump presidencies. Most of the differences simply reflect continuing trends. The notion that the Trump administration has orchestrated an unprecedented turn-around in the economy is not consistent with the facts.

These results support my long held sense that the political party in power has little influence on the strength of the economy. So, whether you go with the facts or my sense of the world, the notion that another Trump administration will be better for the economy is unlikely to be correct.

David Smith

The way we began

Dear Editor:

Here we are again, considering who we will elect to lead this country over the next few years. My thoughts return to that first Thanksgiving when our earliest settlers and American tribes broke bread in hopes for peace. Sadly, even then it slowly faded away. I often think of those who sacrificed everything for us as they worked to build a "more perfect union".

My Patton ancestors were among the very first. One served in the House of Burgess, colony of Virginia. It is recorded that, in 1755, he was killed by the Indians as he rode his horse home from the final session of the Assembly. Then, a nephew served in the Continental Congress, representing the colony of North Carolina. They rode their horses home between sessions to visit with the people, listen to their thoughts and desires, ideas to take back to build a more perfect union. I am sure those rides were quite risky. That nephew signed the Declaration of Independence on behalf of his people in North Carolina.

I cannot help but wonder, just what have we become that would make them proud of us? Those were men of strong faith, inspiring ideals and unselfish cause who believed their sacrifices were worthwhile. Think on that as you decide your votes. Do they have the personal characteristics that will make those early patriots proud? Getting more personal, I ask: Do "We the People" have them? Think on these things.

Patty Tillerson

counties district attorney budget meeting. 9 a.m. Zoom meeting.

San Juan Basin Public Health budget meeting with Archuleta/La Plata/San Juan counties. 10 a.m. Zoom meeting.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

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

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

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

Monday, Oct. 12
Groundbreaking Ceremony for County Justice Center. 10 a.m.,

construction site next to 85 Harman Park Drive.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

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

Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting. Noon, The Break Room, 2045 Eagle Drive.

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.

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.pagosapagesdc.org for login information.

Thursday, Oct. 15
Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting. Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave. Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosasan.com with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.

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That will never happen again if I am commissioner. I will not support funding mechanisms that go against the will of the voters, and I WILL BE FISCALLY PRUDENT AND STRATEGIC with county funds while pursuing comprehensive solutions.

COMMUNICATION

There is little to no information coming from the Board of County Commissioners or from my opponent who is the Board Chair. After four years and over \$250,000 in salary as a commissioner he still keeps his primary job as a stylist. Residents can discuss county issues with him during paid hair appointments while others are told he has no time to look at their road issues or hear their concerns.

I WILL MAKE SERVING THE COMMUNITY MY FULL TIME JOB.

Voters should expect that from their commissioners. I'll keep regular office hours to support our community. I will LISTEN to residents and ensure information about important county decisions is being shared openly. I'll make myself available by phone, text and email and will EARN the salary I'm being paid to be commissioner.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Rather than ask questions of paid staff and board volunteers, my opponent proceeded with trying to dismantle a joint health partnership for an option that would cost three times as much, and he has failed to explain why he disregarded voters and borrowed from roads to pay for a jail.

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DISTRICT 2

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Ron Maez
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Natalie Carpenter, age 49
Self-employed Systems Engineer, mother of three, community volunteer and 27-year resident of Pagosa Springs.



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Business



Town council approves agreement with state department of transportation for highway vision plan

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

An intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for the town's corridor vision plan was approved by the Pagosa Springs Town Council at a meeting on Sept. 17.

According to Town Manager Andrea Phillips, CDOT had previously expressed a desire to do some reconstruction of the U.S. 160 surface between 10th and 1st streets.

"As everyone is probably aware, there are some failures within that pavement and so they are looking, within the reconstruction, at actually doing some concrete in multiple blocks to withstand some of the heavy traffic that we see there," Phillips said.

According to Phillips, the town requested CDOT do a full vision plan so that the town could look at a "complete street concept" through its downtown area.

The plan and traffic modeling outputs were presented to town council in February, Phillips noted.

The IGA between CDOT and the town was created to accept the final corridor plan, according to agenda documentation.

"Keep in mind there has been no funding identified by CDOT or the town to make these improvements, but it does provide that guideline and that plan set for when we go ahead and have the money to engage in some of that improvement," she said. "It is a blessing and a curse to have a highway going right through your downtown. It's great that we have a lot of tourists and a lot of people coming right through our wonderful community, but it also means that we have constant conflict, potentially, between motorists and pedestrians and we need to think about traffic calming and pedestrian safety as well as moving traffic through."

Through the corridor vision plan the town will be looking at "somewhat a slow down of traffic during the really high seasons," Phillips explained, adding that this is for the safety of pedestrians.

What's in the plan

According to Phillips, the plan includes 10 blocks of paving, six blocks of concrete and four blocks of asphalt.

"We're also looking at a lane striping so that we have one lane each way which, allows us to accommodate some of the other things that will occur on that roadway like on-street parking, bike lines, median or left-turn lanes, so it really provides for more than just the cars moving through," she said.

The striping is not going to be set into the pavement, according to Phillips, so if the town needs to change it at some point in the future, it can do that.

Additionally, the plan also includes sidewalks and ramps and drainage improvements throughout the corridor, among other things, Phillips described.

"We would also be looking at painted, as well as one raised and planted median which would add to the beautification of that corridor," she added later.

An important part of the process was also to not eliminate on-street parking, Phillips explained.

In regard to crosswalks, the town is proposing to eliminate the crossing at the curb by the Archuleta County Courthouse, due to it being dangerous "for a lot of reasons," Phillips explained.

"There is flexibility within the plan in case we do need to change

some of the things within the plan, but it does provide a guide for how we envision that corridor," she said.

Later in the meeting, council member Mat deGraaf raised a question to CDOT Region 5 Traffic Safety Engineer Julie Constan about when this project would be funded.

Constan noted that she was not sure when the project would be funded, adding that COVID-19 has impacted funding through CDOT projects.

"It really depends on when the next big capital funds become available from either nationally through the federal government or through another initiative through the state legislature or something like that before we would have the funds to come through with the reconstruction project, unfortunately," she said. "Right now, if it were under our normal planning I would say 10 years. Again, if something did happen, a stimulus package or something that came out of the federal government this would definitely be a project that's primed and ready to go. If that came, it could maybe be in the next 10 years, but we would need something like that to happen."

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Sales tax revenues continue to rise

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Despite the pandemic, Archuleta County's sales tax revenues are continuing to rise.

Last Wednesday, Sept. 23, Archuleta County's Finance Director Larry Walton released the county's July 2020 sales tax report. According to the report, July was reported to have the highest gross amount of sales tax revenue of any month so far this year.

According to an email from Walton breaking down the sales tax revenue report, "The gross amount of the July 2020 sales tax was \$1,478,390.17. The Town share was \$737,839.09 and the County share was \$740,551.08."

According to previous sales tax reports, July is usually the busiest month of the year and, compared to July 2019, collections are up 11.1 percent, or \$147,640.15 higher, for July of this year.

The July 2020 report also provides a year-to-date comparison (January to July) of 2019 and 2020 data. According to the report, "2020 is 18 [percent] (\$1,142,309) higher than 2019, overall."

The report highlights the "remote sales tax" numbers, referring to amounts paid by online vendors outside of Colorado, like Amazon and Wayfair. These companies are now required to pay local sales tax to the county for purchases made online by local residents.

According to Walton's report, "During the same January to June period in 2019, payment of 'remote' tax was voluntary, and only \$221,463 was received."


Walton's report states that, for this year, the data from January to June includes \$526,190 of remote sales tax.

By backing out the remote sales tax revenues and prior-year activity payments in both 2019 and 2020, "the adjusted total Jan-July 2020 sales tax revenue is 11.4 [percent] (\$695,402) higher than 2019."

Walton's report states, "This is probably a better measure of what changed overall in the local economy between the first seven months of 2019 and 2020."

Walton's report also outlines the July categories that are up or


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Alice Gradwell of San Juan Back Country Horsemen trims vegetation near the Treasure Falls trailhead.



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Kate Yoklavich (left) of San Juan Back Country Horsemen, Girl Scout Ava Milburn and Girl Scout leader Katie Betts spruce up the Treasure Falls area.

Back Country Horsemen and Girl Scouts team up for National Public Lands Day

By Lisa Nelson
San Juan Back Country Horsemen

The San Juan Back Country Horsemen (SJBCH) joined forces with Girl Scout Troop 25075 to clean up the Treasure Falls parking area and trail for National Public Lands Day on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Fourteen SJBCH members and 10 Girl Scouts and their leaders wielded shovels, picks, axes, Pulaskis, loppers, grinders, rakes, brooms and weed whackers — and plenty of garbage bags — to spruce up the area. Together, they picked up about 100 pounds of trash, trimmed brush from the trail to the falls, removed graffiti from the iron safety railing, cleared weeds from throughout the parking area, removed

dangerous tripping hazards on the high-use trail and trimmed overgrown bushes around the parking lot.

"I was impressed with the hard work of everyone involved, which included volunteers from about age 5 to 80," said Annie Pack, who organized the event that was sponsored by SJBCH. "Treasure Falls is not a horseback trail, but it's part of our public lands on the Pagosa Ranger District and we value every acre of public land. This trail gets an enormous amount of use and, unfortunately, a fair amount of abuse. These are our lands and we have to do our part to help protect them."

She added, "Treasure Falls is a spectacular natural feature and an impressive gateway to our Pagosa community. It is indeed a treasure."

Girl Scout Ava Milburn said she wanted to participate in the event because, "I like to be outside a lot and clean up my neighborhood. This (National Public Lands Day) was a chance to do something else besides my neighborhood."

Milburn added, "It's our forest and a lot of people are taking advantage of our open space and throwing their trash."

The Girl Scouts picked up a lot of the debris left by a semi-truck and trailer loaded with beverage cans that overturned near the entrance to the parking area a few weeks ago. They worked hard and got much of it cleaned up.

"What our groups accomplished on National Public Lands Day shows that everyone can make a difference," Pack said.

Chimney Rock National Monument continuing self-guided tours through Oct. 15

By Nadia Werby
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

There's still time to experience Chimney Rock National Monument. Fall is a beautiful time here in the Four Corners and now you can see the colors from on top of the Chimney Rock mesa. Self-guided tours of Chimney Rock National Monument will be available to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Oct. 15.

Chimney Rock has two trails that can be experienced through self-guided tours: the Great House Pueblo Trail and the Mesa Village

Trail.

The Great House Pueblo Trail has awe-inspiring 360-degree views of the San Juan Mountain Range and the twin spires from the Great House Pueblo. It is a moderately challenging, unimproved trail with a 200-foot elevation gain and exposure to heights. This trail includes a multifamily dwelling, several unexcavated structures and a Chacoan Great House Pueblo (7,600-foot elevation).

The Mesa Village Trail is a one-third mile paved trail with a beautiful overlook of the Piedra River Valley and Peterson Ridge. This

trail includes the 44-foot excavated Great Kiva as well as an excavated pit house and other structures.

Plan on one hour for each trail to take in the views and photo opportunities, plus an additional 30 minutes round-trip to the Visitor Center. Download the San Juan National Forest Explorer mobile app before arriving to access a recorded interpretation of the site after fee of \$12/adult and \$6/child (ages 5-12).

Chimney Rock National Monument is located 17 miles west of Pagosa Springs and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. For more information about the monument, please visit

www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) is a nonprofit organization which operates the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under a participating agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest.

CRIA does not receive any government funding and relies on grants and donations to support the interpretive programming at Chimney Rock. The organization is run almost entirely by volunteers. This year, CRIA needs your support more than ever to continue to its mission that spans over two decades of education, protection and preservation. Show your support by visiting, volunteering and/or donating. For more information, please visit our website at www.chimneyrockco.org.

Revenues

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down compared to July 2019, which include:

- Retail is up 28.9 percent, or \$985,303.
- Miscellaneous is up 17.3 percent, or \$160,078.
- Accommodation/food service

is up 4.1 percent, or \$45,098.

- Construction is up 14.9 percent, or \$17,521.
- Professional is up 29.9 percent, or \$11,496.
- Finance/insurance is up 12.3 percent, or \$966.
- Real estate/rental is down 26.7

percent, or \$49,718.

- Information is down 6.9 percent, or \$12,305.
- Other services are down 9.5 percent, or \$10,624.
- Manufacturing is down 2.2 percent, or \$5,506.

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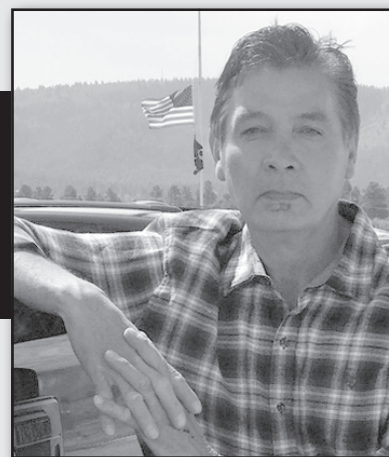
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Town council debates adoption of purchasing policy

By **Chris Mannara**
Staff Writer

The adoption of a purchasing policy for the Town of Pagosa Springs was tabled for further discussion following conversations among the Pagosa Springs Town Council members at a regular meeting on Sept. 17 regarding what funds can be used for purchases, as well as a threshold number for when purchases need to be approved by council.

The ordinance to adopt the purchasing policy was approved on first reading at a town council meeting on Sept. 1.

According to agenda documentation, Ordinance 940 would replace the current municipal code section regarding purchasing in Chapter 2 Article 5 and allows that Town Manager Andrea Phillips can develop policies and procedures in furtherance of the town's procurement goals.

Phillips noted during the meeting that the limits for informal and formal bids, which is over \$25,000, have not changed.

Additionally, the purchasing policy is to provide clarity to town staff, town council, bidders and vendors, and the general public of the town's various purchasing procedures.

This is to ensure "competitive bidding processes to achieve the best price possible for goods and services," agenda documentation notes further.

"It sets out our procedures under which we're going to do competitive bidding and informal bids. It also sets out our parameters for evaluating those bids, what we will consider when awarding them, the consideration for sole source purchasing and also local purchasing preferences and a host of other things," Phillips said.

The goal of this is to make sure that everyone is doing things correctly and that the town is being transparent with its purchases, Phillips added.

Council member Shari Pierce pointed out she had raised a discussion topic at the town council meeting on Sept. 1 about the limits on the unbudgeted purchases.

"Other council members felt comfortable with that, but I still don't feel comfortable with it. I would ask that we take out purchases for unbudgeted items," Pierce said. "I went back to the home rule charter and the way I understand it is when we make our budget, and we approve our budget, then that appropriates the funds. If we're doing unbudgeted purchases, those are things that have not been appropriated into those funds, which by the home rule charter says that we can't expend any money in excessive amounts appropriated."

Pierce added that she did not see how council could spend unbudgeted funds.

When town council adopts its annual budget, it is adopting the expenditures by fund and it is broken down by department, which leads to flexibility within those line items, Phillips described.

Phillips explained that, for example, within the streets budget there is a line item for equipment that would be for \$100,000, and as long as the town is within that \$100,000, or within the fund, the town can purchase the equipment that it wasn't originally planning on as long as it balances within the fund.

"I still feel like if we've budgeted for a piece of equipment that makes sense, but this allows you to just spend unbudgeted funds," Pierce said. "I understand as long as it fits within that parameter, but I don't have a comfort level of allowing staff to spend unbudgeted funds."

Council member Rory Burnett added that he did not believe that the proposed ordinance was clear regarding specific budgeted items.

"I was just going to suggest that we remove the authority to spend unbudgeted funds," Pierce said later.

Through the course of a year, things are going to come up that town council did not anticipate and are not going to be in the town's budget and having to wait until the next council meeting to get approval for an emergency item is not an efficient way to run a town, council member Matt DeGuise added.

"For high dollar amounts it is coming to town council, but for low dollar amounts, it's just going through the department heads," DeGuise said.

However, Pierce noted that she did not understand how that idea is being reconciled with the town's charter.

"I don't know what purchases they would be making that couldn't wait until our next council meeting

if they are these large purchases. If there's an emergency that's covered in the charter, then we can take care of that," Pierce said.

The challenge for the town comes when it's putting its annual budget together and it doesn't know what it's going to be dealing with throughout the year, Phillips added.

"We may have opportunities that present themselves that we want to take advantage, or a need," Phillips said. "We do, as I mentioned, have general line items for those items. The challenge would be, I guess, understanding from town council when you wanted us to bring those items to you that we didn't specifically contemplate when we were putting the budget together."

DeGuise also added that he was comfortable with the \$25,000 threshold.

"Honestly, \$25,000 is a big number just to utilize willy nilly. Lower amounts, that's fine, but we have to answer to the taxpayers at the end of the day, and if we don't fully understand \$25,000 is, no matter how much of the overall budget, that's still quite a bit of money. Formalizing this up a bit so that maybe we have a discretionary clause with a certain percentage of the individual budget and that way it's kind of padded into a budget," Burnett said.

However, Pierce reiterated that the word unbudgeted was a concern to her, but suggested adding a line item that has a placeholder figure that would be used if a project comes up within the budget.

"I also believe that we're accountable to the taxpayers and just to say that staff can take \$25,000 to spend I don't think is a good thing for us to

do in our accountability," Pierce said. "I can't reconcile in my mind having that in there that says unbudgeted when the charter says you cannot spend monies that are not appropriated."

As long as the fund is balanced, the town is still within the appropriated amount that has been made by the town council within its annual budget, Phillips added.

"This hasn't changed really anything from what was already in our municipal code," Phillips said. "At the council retreat what I heard from council is that you wanted us to handle more things at a staff level and not bring things to you to award. If you still want us to do that, we can do that, but I guess we need some feedback on those parameters."

Phillips noted that unbudgeted might not be the right word, but rather something like "unforeseen" or "unanticipated."

Town council entrusts town staff and town department heads with making sound purchasing decisions on behalf of both the taxpayers and the town, Phillips added.

"We're happy to change this if you want us to bring more information to you on a regular basis," Phillips said.

This is an appropriated fund for miscellaneous spending that gives town staff the ability to spend, Town Attorney Clay Buchner noted, adding that these funds are appropriated, adding that it might be mis-worded.

"I would look at it as a miscellaneous spending budget that's appropriated for town staff in the events outlined," he said.

Council member Mat deGraaf

suggested the ordinance be revised and reworded as he did not feel comfortable with an ordinance that had "confusing or misleading language."

Phillips later suggested changing the word unbudgeted to "unforeseen" within the proposed ordinance.

"When we're spending that money, I totally agree that you can move it around within the department if you have something that's unforeseen, but I think we can't say unbudgeted and then say specifically there's things that weren't budgeted because that goes against our charter, in my opinion," Pierce said.

If the wording was changed to unforeseen then the town would have to make sure that wording within the ordinance states that they are unforeseen expenditures but still fit within the appropriated amount for that specific department, Pierce added.

"Personally I would feel better if we saw things over \$10,000," Pierce said of the threshold, which Burnett noted that he agreed with.

If that threshold is lowered to \$10,000, town council will have to field more requests at meetings, Hessman added.

If town council lowers the threshold to \$10,000 it would be a "step backwards," council member Nicole DeMarco added, noting that more things will be on meeting agendas and not allow for discussion time on larger items.

Following more discussion, Volger advised Phillips and Buchner to work on revising the ordinance with the help of Pierce and Burnett. chris@pagosasun.com

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Sheriff

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the remodel for that building, including building walls, texturing, painting, flooring, evidence rooms — we did it all, in order to save money for the county,” he said.

• After about six months at Goldmine, the ACSO relocated back to the county building at 449 San Juan St., but evacuated in October 2015 due to environmental concerns with the building and briefly moved back to the EOC.

• The sheriff’s office then moved back to the county building at 449 San Juan St., but evacuated permanently in August of 2016 due to more environmental concerns with the building.

• Since about August of 2016, the ACSO has been housed at the EOC on Piedra Road, a facility that County Administrator Scott Wall said last year had the ACSO employees “crammed in there like a bunch of sardines.”

• For about a week, the ACSO has been fully operational at the Harman house in Harman Park.

“My staff has been exceptionally resilient,” Valdez said of the multiple



SUN photo/John Finerfrock
Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez and some of his staff stand outside the new sheriff’s office, which they moved into over the past few weeks. The facility is the former home of Norma and Fred Harman III.

moves. “They made do with what they had. The bottom line is, regardless of how many times we moved, how many challenges we had in front of us, the bottom line was that we still provided the service to the

community without interruption.” In May, the Archuleta County commissioners approved \$576,000 to remodel the former home of Norma and Fred Harman to house the sheriff’s office and the Archuleta

County Combined Dispatch Center. Initial county estimates for the remodel were around \$300,000.

While the sheriff has already moved into the Harman house, dispatch is expected to make its move there in the first few months of 2021.

In the fall of 2019, Archuleta County paid \$600,000 for the Harman house and the roughly five acres it sits on.

At the vote, Archuleta County Commissioner Steve Wadley said the ACSO’s then-offices on Piedra Road were “temporary housing” and the commissioners “needed”

to get them out of there and into a different facility.

Status of the jail

On Wednesday morning, Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman provided an update on the county’s completed, but not-yet-open new jail.

Archuleta County has been transporting inmates to the La Plata County jail since April 2015.

Woodman explained that, recently, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners approved three additional positions to staff the

new jail.

“We are in the final stages of having all of our authorized staff, and as soon as they are trained and operational we’ll have the jail open,” he said.

Woodman put a rough estimate on when the jail would open at around November of this year.

Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton explained that, while not all of the invoicing related to the new jail has been completed, the cost of the facility is around \$16 million.

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School

Continued from front

Those students attending San Juan Mountain School will maintain their current schedule due to space constraints and other concerns.

District students attending fully online will continue online.

Pagosa Peak Open School, the district’s charter school, began the year with full-time in-person instruction and is continuing that model.

ASD’s leadership team landed on the tentative dates for expanding in-person learning during a Sept. 25 leadership team meeting in which Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza announced that, earlier that morning, Archuleta County had achieved Level 1: Cautious of Safer at Home, which is one step away from the next phase of reopening, Protect Our Neighbors.

In opening the leadership meeting, LeBlanc-Esparza outlined that there had been no cases among staff or students in the first three weeks of school, and noted that the district had planned from the beginning to expand in-person learning at the elementary level.

She also advocated for keeping Fridays remote learning to allow for deep cleaning of school buildings, teacher planning and training, and to keep the students and staff connected via remote learning platforms to maintain familiarity in the event the district has to return to distance learning.

The superintendent outlined that Riley believes people are buying up properties left and right is due to “extremely low interest rates.” According to Riley’s newsletter, a “30-year fixed-rate mortgage is currently at 2.75 [percent] and a 15-year is at 2.25 [percent].”

The newsletter also states how, compared to other Colorado mountain towns, Pagosa Springs has historically been more affordable. However, in a phone interview with Riley, he stated, “higher-end properties are going at three times their normal rates.” He added, “It’s really strange to see this,” referring to the multiple multimillion-dollar homes and properties he’s been selling over the past few months.

Riley went on to suggest that Pagosa’s affordable market is catching up to places like Durango and Steamboat Springs. The majority of buyers are not first-time home buyers and are coming in from out of town, according to Riley.

With the increase in properties being bought, inventories are dwindling. According to Riley’s newsletter, there are currently “48 [percent] fewer homes, 63 [percent] fewer condos and townhomes, and 21 [percent] fewer vacant land parcels available.”

Riley isn’t the only busy realtor around town right now. In a phone interview with local realtor Bill Reeve, who has been a Pagosa Springs resident since 2004 and began serving the community’s real estate market in 2008, Reeve confirmed that he is averaging over 300 contracts a month.

According to Reeve, it’s not just Pagosa Springs that is experiencing this somewhat unexpected spike in business. “It’s Durango, Pagosa and South Fork,” Reeve stated.

Tracy Bunning from High Country Title suggested that the No. 1 reason Pagosa is experiencing the surge in real estate business is due to the fact that “interest rates are at an all-time low.”

Bunning also pointed out, like Riley, that many people who have vacationed to Pagosa in the past are becoming dissatisfied with metropolitan areas and are looking to live in Pagosa full-time.

Bunning added, “This year is as busy, maybe busier than the 2005-

the district currently has 320 students learning fully online and 1,482 learning under the in-person/hybrid option.

In discussing when to add more in-person learning days, the leadership team discussed comfort of the families, ability to distance in school buildings, transportation, food service, local testing capabilities and the district’s ability to discern which students should be sent home if exhibiting symptoms that are also consistent with other conditions (such as a cold or the flu).

Later that day, the tentative dates were communicated to the district’s families via a letter from LeBlanc-Esparza:

“Students in those grades defined as elementary (K-6th grades) will return to FOUR DAYS OF IN-PERSON learning on Monday, October 5. This means that all of our current hybrid students at Pagosa Springs Elementary School and students in grades 5 & 6 at Pagosa Springs Middle School will attend Monday through Thursday beginning Monday, October 5. Fridays will continue to be digital learning days for our students. Students who are currently attending fully online will continue with their online education.”

“Students in grades 7 & 8 and high school students who attend Pagosa Springs High School will TENTATIVELY transition to FOUR DAYS OF IN-PERSON learning October 19. Based on our community’s

current data, we are expecting a rating change from Level 1 to Protect Our Neighbor very soon. Provided we accomplish this move to Protect Our Neighbor, we will make the transition to in-person four days a week. Fridays will continue to be digital learning days for our students. Students who are currently attending fully online will continue with their online education.

“San Juan Mountain School will continue to attend school in the hybrid model of 2 days a week in-person and 3 days of digital learning due to space capacity of their current facility. We will revisit this decision once they are able to occupy their new building.

“Family School will continue their current schedule.”

LeBlanc-Esparza’s letter continues, “We know that our ability to serve our students with more in-person learning is highly dependent upon community health conditions. We will continue to work with San Juan Basin Health to ensure we are making decisions that support the health and safety of our students and staff. We are also working with health professionals to provide opportunities for staff, families and students to receive flu shots in a convenient way, should you choose. We know that managing cold and flu season will be an important factor in keeping our students in school. We will share those details once we have them worked out.”

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Housing

Continued from front

Town Council’s ongoing workforce housing goal, it has outlined numerous avenues in which to address the issue locally, according to agenda documentation.

Town staff believes that the planning commission could start looking into a density bonus policy, Schultz explained, adding that having that policy in place allows developers to better understand the town’s density bonus policy expectations when considering potential developments.

Additionally, town staff believes that a deed restriction policy could be looked at for a third-party organization to take the lead on things related to workforce housing and the duties would be to monitor deed restrictions based on the terms of a completed development-specific agreement, Schultz added.

Staff also would work on an outline for a better understanding of affordable housing and is looking to create a better understanding of area median income, agenda documentation notes.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips is in the process of selecting a real estate firm to represent the town’s interest in future property acquisitions, agenda documentation states.

“Town council would also like to revisit the policy with the county on short-term rentals. It’s very difficult, I think, for the town to take a lead on some of these things without the county’s participation,” Schultz explained.

The town will also want to review data annually to have an idea of affordable housing units via the census and define a goal for number of units for more opportunities, Schultz explained.

Through meetings with multiple local planning agencies, which included both town and county planning departments, Schultz noted that there is an interest in the ability to build tiny homes.

A tiny home is characterized as anything smaller than 200 square feet, Schultz noted.

However, the current Land Use

and Development Code (LUDC) has a provision that a dwelling unit’s minimum size has to be at least 400 square feet, she added.

“That’s something that we will be addressing with the consultant when we go out to rewrite the Land Use and Development Code,” she said.

Commission thoughts

Planning commission member Mark Weiler explained that he would “applaud” town council if it actually moves forward with the \$230,000 purchase at 5th and Apache streets.

“If we back off of \$230,000, over the past four years, the town has averaged less than \$30,000 per year on workforce housing projects and most of that has been administrative and bureaucratic,” Weiler said.

Weiler also suggested that all excess sales tax revenues to the town’s general fund be allocated toward workforce housing or put into a reserve specifically for building workforce housing.

Planning commission member Peter Hurley noted that he did not think there would be a 10 percent reduction in sales tax revenue for August and that would not be the case for September, either.

“I think there is going to be more money to play with,” Hurley said.

Later in the meeting, planning commission member Chris Pitcher noted that he thought it was encouraging that town council has made a commitment toward the purchase of the property at 5th and Apache streets.

“It’s not like they’re ignoring the situation or not making an effort,” Pitcher said. “I appreciate a conservative budgeting process and there may be more at the end of the year, but at this point, I think that’s the right amount to bite off if the policy was to use all excess towards workforce or affordable housing.”

Pitcher noted that he would be fine with a recommendation to town council echoing Weiler’s earlier comments suggesting the allocation of excess funds toward workforce housing.

Commission Chair Peter Adams added that the planning commission does not want to overstep its boundaries in making financial policy.

“This is a pretty big discussion. Housing is a pretty big discussion,” Planning Director James Dickhoff said, adding that a work session with the town council and the planning commission could be scheduled. “I think there is going to be an appetite to get our head around this a little bit more in detail.”

The process will also require co-operating with a variety of other entities including Archuleta County and local housing authorities, Dickhoff added.

If the town and county cannot come to an agreement with a local housing authority, there are other organizations that can do deed restrictions for a fee and are looking to the town to be ready to do so, Schultz added.

Later in the meeting, Hurley added that he was not sure that the planning commission needed to make a motion for a recommendation to town council.

“Going out and buying property, they’re on the right track. They’re doing pretty much what we want them to do,” he said.

However, Weiler noted that a motion to make a recommendation to the town council regarding excess funds and workforce housing is a “wonderful idea.”

Later in the meeting, Pitcher made a motion to make a recommendation to town council that it spend all excess sales tax revenues within the general fund over budgeted amounts for either affordable housing projects or a fund for affordable housing, and that the town council arrange a work session with the Archuleta County Housing Authority, Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and themselves to create a policy for affordable housing in both the county and town.

That motion carried via a 4-1 vote with planning commission member Jeff Posey voting against.

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Archuleta County COVID-19 case count

The following information was current as of press time Wednesday.

San Juan Basin Public Health data:
Residents: 55 (same as last week)
Residents recovered: 34 (same as last week)
Nonresidents: 49 (up 2 from last week)

Archuleta County status: Level 1: Cautious of Safer at Home

Archuleta County outbreaks: 1 (up from zero last week)
San Juan Basin Public Health statement regarding outbreak: “Through a combination of laboratory testing and epidemiological investigation, we identified a COVID-19 outbreak at a hunting camp in Archuleta County. The outbreak investigation is ongoing, and additional cases or contacts may be identified.

“Because this outbreak crosses jurisdictional lines, SJBPH and CDPHE are working together to reduce the spread of the virus and risk to public health. Due to the remote location of the hunting camp the exposure risk to the community is low.

“In order to protect the privacy of the individuals, identifying information and medical information about the persons involved will not be released to the public.”

County attorney advises commissioners to pull eminent domain language from lease amendment

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

At a special county commissioners' meeting on Sept. 22, County Attorney Todd Weaver advised the county commissioners to strike language in a contract that concerned eminent domain.

The commissioners were voting to approve a second amendment to the ground lease for Rose Mountain Townhomes, a 34-unit affordable housing project on county-owned land, that will also house the county's Department of Human Services building.

Weaver brought the following paragraph in the amendment to the ground lease to the commissioners' attention at the meeting: "12. Eminent Domain. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary

contained herein, throughout the term of the Lease, the Landlord agrees that it shall not exercise any power of eminent domain that would result in a taking under the Lease."

According to <https://www.law.cornell.edu/>, eminent domain is defined as "The power of the government to take private property and convert it into public use."

Weaver reminded the commissioners that the term of the lease is 99 years.

"I think the language is kinda vague as well, and it could result — the interpretation could be that the county can't use eminent domain anywhere in the county for 99 years and that's a concern for me," said Weaver. "So my advice would be to approve this document, striking paragraph 12."

"Here's the deal, we can't do that anyway," said Commissioner Steve Wadley, adding, "It's a TABOR [Taxpayer Bill of Rights] violation."

In a follow-up email, Weaver commented on how eminent domain is, and isn't, tied to TABOR.

"[Eminent domain] really is not tied to TABOR," Weaver wrote. "TABOR has to do with raising tax rates that require voter approval. The true issue (and why I advised striking the provision) is denying future Board of County Commissioners from using a tool (eminent domain) that is an inherent sovereign power (i.e. a power granted solely to government to carry out its purposes) and one that is granted by the Colorado Constitution. Generally, Colorado courts have ruled that a local government body, such as a board of county

commissioners, cannot contract away such a power and disallow its use by a future local government body. Doing so actually renders the entire contract void."

He added in his email, "That's an extremely boiled-down version of a very complex legal issue."

The Archuleta County commissioners voted unanimously to approve the ground lease, with paragraph 12 removed.

Late last year, the Archuleta County commissioners voted to authorize the use of eminent domain to gain access to an emergency communications tower in the southern part of the county.

The county explained at the time that multiple efforts to get in touch with the property owner to gain access to the tower didn't elicit a response, and ultimately the county sent a letter that stated eminent domain was an option for gaining access to the tower.

According to Mike LeRoux, Archuleta County Emergency Operations director, once the possibility of eminent domain was put forth to the private property owner, they complied and worked out an arrangement with the county to gain access.

In an interview on Sept. 23, Weaver offered more comments on the eminent domain issue.

"It's something that Archuleta County has rarely used," he said. "I'm not even aware of the use of eminent domain in the county for the past 20 or 30 years, I could be wrong on that time frame, but I think it's been pretty sparsely used here, and I know the current Board of County Commissioners, they do not want to use eminent domain; that's a last resort."

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A new installation at the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County depicts the flag raising at Iwo Jima during World War II and was donated to the park, located near U.S. 160 and Vista Boulevard.

Veterans Memorial Park gets new sculpture

By Richard Walker
Veterans Memorial Park
of Archuleta County

A new metal sculpture was just added at the Veterans Memorial Park. It is a metal depiction of the Marines raising the flag on Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima in World War II.

The piece of art was a gift from Buddy and Aly Shanks, of Clyde, Texas, to the park. The Shanks have sold their ranch in Texas and are moving to Pagosa Springs in late October. Aly is the niece of long-time residents Chuck and Judy Jordan, and the Jordans were instrumental in the park gaining this beautiful piece. Chuck Jordan

is a member of Vets for Vets and he contacted the park board about the possibility of the gift.

Board president Karin Daniels and board member Rick Walker met with the Shanks at the Jordans' home last month and discussed the possibility of installing the sculpture at the park. The board voted unanimously to accept the generous gift and board members Jim Huffman and Rick Walker were tasked with the logistics and getting the piece to Pagosa.

Huffman made some alterations to his 10-foot trailer and Walker made the 1,300-mile-plus round trip, hauling the trailer with his pickup. On Sept. 24, Huffman and Walker, joined by fellow board

member Jim Van Liere and Vets for Vets member Pat White, installed the sculpture at the park. You can view it from the street just in front of the commemorative brick display.

We believe that in these times of social and political unrest, this reminder of all that our troops have done and sacrificed to keep us free is very timely. Please come by the park and look at this latest addition to our park and see if you do not agree. More new installations will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

The commemorative brick display is filling up, but there is still room for more. To order yours or to contribute, please go to the Veterans Memorial Park website at www.vetsmemorialpark.org.

2020 Public Square Rosary Crusade announced

By Roxanne Schick

The Holy Rosary will be held at the Pagosa Springs Bell Tower Saturday, Oct. 10, at noon as part of the

2020 Public Square Rosary.

In the "Secret of the Rosary," Saint Louis de Monfort said, "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger

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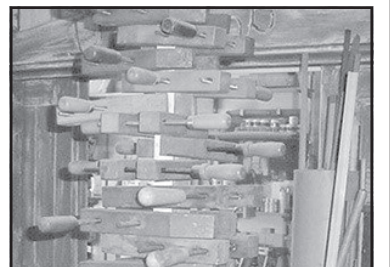
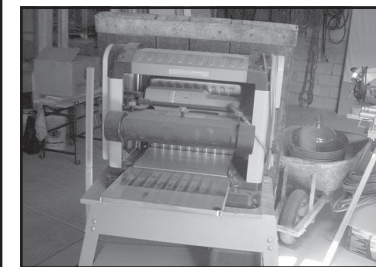
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School resource officers: building relationships and protecting students

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

For about three years, the Archuleta School District (ASD) has had partnerships with local law enforcement that has allowed school resource officers, or SROs, to help protect local schools and be role models for local students.

“Certainly, the SRO program is a very — in the sheriff’s office opinion — it’s a very important role that we play with the students,” said Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman in an interview Tuesday. “Not only as law enforcement in the schools, but they’re having additional people in schools that can act as role models, that can show that there’s nothing to be afraid of when you interact with law enforcement.”

“I believe having the school resource officers in our district is invaluable for the safety and security of the community’s students and the daily interactions of students and officers continues to reduce the gap and build the bridge with law enforcement,” wrote Pagosa Springs Police Chief Bill Rockensock in an email to The SUN.

Currently, three SROs take turns rotating at the elementary school, middle school and high school in Pagosa Springs.

The program began in 2017 with one officer.

In 2018, Archuleta County voters passed a mill levy override that expanded the SRO program, adding two more officers.

“We definitely find that relationship building has been beneficial both for the kids, so the kids not to be hesitant in approaching an officer and for just the whole feel of the place,” said ASD Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares. “It kind of allows the academic staff — so teachers and administrators — to focus on the academics.”

The three SROs are Deputy James “Bubba” Martinez, Deputy Dylaina Gauvey, both from the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office, and Officer Austin Gartman from the Pagosa Springs Police Department.

Martinez

Martinez grew up in Pagosa Springs, and was an athlete on the high school wrestling, track and field, and football teams at Pagosa Springs High School.

He said he “really connected to the high school and the teachers and staff” during his upbringing, and commented on what got him



From left to right, Deputy Dylaina Gauvey, Officer Austin Gartman and Deputy James “Bubba” Martinez are the three school resource officers that protect local schools and serve as role models for local students.

SUN photo/John Finefrock

into law enforcement in the first place.

“I watched the town grow, I watched the people grow and what got me into law enforcement

is I really cared about kids and being proactive in the community I grew up in,” Martinez said, adding, “I enjoy helping and being a good impact on individuals’ lives... I love Pagosa with everything I have.”

Martinez worked at the Archuleta County jail when it was located downtown at 449 San Juan St. During his time there, he had the opportunity to attend the law enforcement academy, which Martinez, “jumped at,” and he continued to work at the jail while completing the five-month academy.

“I worked at [the jail at] night and went to school during the day for about five months,” he said, adding, “It was a heck of a schedule.”

He added, “I was really determined and I wanted to accomplish this, and I knew as soon as I became a patrol deputy, I’d be able to interact with our community... I always had a knack with working with kids, and enjoyed working with kids, and the school started a program where we could just come and do overtime shifts at the schools and make our presence [felt] and whatnot and — after a little bit of hard work from the commander and a

few other leads in the sheriff’s office — I got the opportunity to help develop [the SRO] program. So I was the SRO by myself, rotating all three schools [in 2017].”

Now, Martinez is one of three SROs rotating between the schools.

“Unfortunately in law enforcement you see the good, the bad and the ugly, because you always respond to the worst time in their life,” Martinez said, adding that now that he’s embedded within the schools, he gets to “be a big kid” himself and play basketball or pick-up hackey sack with the kids.

Martinez said that “each school has its own personality, and commented on each in his interview.

• Pagosa Springs Elementary School: “What we learned is the kids love coming up to you and talking and asking you anything and everything,” he said, noting that there’s “more hopscotch and jump roping.”

• Pagosa Springs Middle School: “Those kids, they’re gettin’ more mature and whatnot, but they’re all about their athletics. They’re learning life, they’ve got great sense of humors... That’s where I do a little more interacting with the kids as far as sports and athletics,” Martinez commented.

• Pagosa Springs High School: “[At the high school, they’re] starting to develop and learn who they are,” said Martinez, adding, that he “tells them about life experiences and asks them, ‘Hey, what are you going to do for life?’”

■ See Officers A13



Martinez

Colorado colleges and universities will waive applications fees on Oct. 13

Colorado Department of Higher Education

To encourage more Coloradans to continue their education, Gov. Jared Polis announced recently that all 32 public colleges and universities in Colorado and several private institutions will allow students to apply for free on Tuesday, Oct. 13, as part of the third annual Colorado Free Application Day.

The Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) has posted admissions application and fee waiver information for each college and university that allows students to apply, on Oct. 13 only, for free. The day caps off Colorado Applies Month, a five-week, statewide campaign that encourages high school juniors and seniors — and adults — to select an education or training option that’s best for them and apply to that program.

“Earning a certificate or degree gives Coloradans the best shot at good jobs during the economic challenges caused by the pandemic,” said Polis. “By eliminating the cost barrier, more Coloradans will have the opportunity to pursue their passions. We need everyone’s

talent and bold ideas to make Colorado the best we can be.”

The statewide push is designed to increase Colorado’s stagnant postsecondary-going and Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion rates. Despite being one of the most educated states in the country, Colorado sends just more than 56 percent of its high school seniors to a college, university or certificate program, and only 50 percent of students submit an FAFSA application — a major source of financial aid and a key indicator of student success.

“Colorado Free Application Day allows students to activate their potential, pick their path and reach higher than they ever thought they could,” said Dr. Angie Paccione, executive director of CDHE. “With so many options available, whether you go to college or technical school, university or become an apprentice, there’s a program in Colorado that will unlock your future.”

During last year’s campaign, students turned in nearly 44,500 applications, half of which came from students of color and a third from first-generation students.

Statewide, 2019 application submissions were up 100 percent compared to 2018.

Colorado Free Application Day aims to improve access to further education and training, which is becoming increasingly critical for Colorado’s economy and workforce amidst the global pandemic. Research from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce shows that nearly 75 percent of jobs in Colorado require some education beyond high school, yet only 57.6 percent of the adult population in Colorado has earned a degree or certificate.

In response to these workforce demands, the Colorado Department of Higher Education set a goal of reaching 66 percent attainment by 2025 in the statewide plan for higher education, Colorado Rises. Increasing postsecondary enrollment and reducing equity gaps — the racial disparities in educational attainment — are priority strategies to improve access and reduce costs for Coloradans.

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By Carole Howard

SUN Columnist, and the library staff

If you enjoy reading books, learning new skills and helping your community, we hope you will sign up to volunteer at your library. You'll be invited to write book reviews, make artwork for the teen area, help plan new programs, judge our pumpkin decorating contest, prepare crafts for kids' programs and help keep the library organized.

Please stop by the library or apply online.

In-person gaming

Free in-person gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect for all ages resumes on Fridays starting tomorrow, Oct. 2, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Due to COVID concerns, we are only allowing a maximum of four participants in the gaming room. Masks must be worn and social distancing maintained at all times.

Tax lien information via Zoom today

Today, Thursday, Oct. 1, from 5 to 6 p.m., the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office will explain what a tax lien is and give you information on how to get started on investing in them if you want to do so. Zoom meeting ID: 856 6443 1537; password: 269665.

Voter registration tutorial

Are you registered to vote? Do you know how to review your voter registration or update information to ensure you are eligible to vote? You can view an informative tutorial about these vital topics on the library's website at <https://pagosalibrary.org/election-2020/>.

Summary of our partial reopening

We're now open on Thursdays from 1 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 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.

Adult DIY on Facebook

A free fall-themed DIY event offers some crafty ideas of how to create several fall-themed decorations. 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.

New Storywalk for kids

Every other Thursday, Josie post signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up towards the elementary school detailing a new free Storywalk for kids.

The Sept. 24 to Oct. 7 theme is fall transitions. Get outdoors and follow the pages of a book telling a beautiful autumn story 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.

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 5 to 7 p.m. by appointment. Note the start time change from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please register so we can keep it to a small group in our limited open spaces. No walk-ins.

Adult learning

GED classes plus HiSet, CDL and other free in-person tutoring from Mark is suspended for October and will resume in November.

Dungeons and Dragons moves to Google Meet

Join us on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. for Dungeons and Dragons free for teens and young adults. Note that this fun fantasy role-playing game has moved from Zoom to Google Meet. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org for details on how to join. If you don't have Internet access, contact us anyway — we may be able to accommodate you in the library.

Children's programs on Facebook

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

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Nonfiction

"Disloyal" by Michael Cohen is the memoir of President Donald Trump's personal lawyer. "Rage" by Bob Woodward is based on 17 on-the-record interviews with President Trump. "Night" is a new translation of the memoir by Pulitzer Prize winner Elie Wiesel of life in the Nazi concentration camps.

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"The Vote" is an "American Experience" program that tells the story of American women's campaign to get the right to vote. "Watchmen" is an HBO series based on the graphic novel.

Books on CD

"The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien is the classic prelude to "The Lord of the Rings." "If Then" by Jill Lepore reveals details of a mostly forgotten company that created computer simulation of people's behaviors. "The Original" by Hugo award-winners Brandon Sanderson and Mary Robinette Kowal is a sci-fi thriller. "Next to Last Stand" by Craig Johnson is a Walt Longmire mystery.

Large print

"Truth and Justice" by Fern Michaels is the latest in the Sisterhood mystery series. "Deadly Anniversaries" celebrates the 75th anniversary of Mystery Writers of America with a collection of stories by top names in crime fiction. "Bitter Alpine" by Mary Daheim is an Emma Lord mystery. "Someone to Romance" by Mary Balogh is a Westcott historical romance. "Robert B. Parker's Fool's Paradise" by Mike Lupica is a Jesse Stone mystery. "A Question of Betrayal" by Anne Perry is an Elena Standish

mystery. "All the Devils Are Here" by Louise Perry is a Chief Inspector Gamache mystery. "Shadows of Death" by J.D. Robb is a Lt. Eve Dallas mystery. "Anxious People" by Fredrik Hackman begins with a hostage situation at an open house. "The Darkest Evening" by Ann Cleaves is a Vera Stanhope mystery. "Whirlwind" by Janet Daily is a rodeo romance. "The Lying Life of Adults" by Elena Ferrante is set in Naples. "Then She Vanished" by T. Jefferson Parker features P.I. Roland Ford.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman is set in a retirement community. "Next to Last Stand" by Craig Johnson is a Walt Longmire mystery.

Other novels

"The Book of Two Ways" by Jodi Picoult features a woman who changes her life after she survives a plane crash landing. "The Paris Secret" by Natasha Lester begins when priceless Dior gowns are found in a grandmother's cottage. "Thrawn Ascendancy: Chaos Rising" by Timothy Zahn is the first book in a new Star Wars trilogy. "The End of the Day" by Bill Clegg follows three people when 50-year-old secrets are revealed. "Piranesi" by Susanna Clarke is a story set in a dreamlike alternative reality.

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We are grateful to the San Juan Pi Beta Phi alumnae club for their generous monetary contribution in support of children's programs. Also, we received a donation of information on local railroads that we have put in the Hershey Collection; it is available for reference, but not checkout. Please put your material donations into the drop box at the library — not at City Market, which is reserved for returns. Donations will undergo the same rigorous three-day quarantine process as returns.

Quotable quote

"The foolish and the dead alone never change their opinion." — James Russell Lowell (1819-1891), American Romantic poet, critic, editor and diplomat. He is associated with the Fireside Poets, a group of New England writers who were among the first American poets to rival the popularity of British poets.

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Art Above Violence

Rise Above Violence • Oct. 10 • 6 p.m.



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October 1, 2020



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The fifth annual Art Above Violence is set for Oct. 10. This year's event will be hosted virtually and will again feature both still art and performance art. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.riseaboveviolence.org.



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Fifth annual Art Above Violence set for Oct. 10

By Ashley Wilson
Rise Above Violence

Rise Above Violence is excited to bring you the fifth annual Art Above Violence show Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. This year's theme is Together We Rise — and ironically was chosen before the all the craziness of 2020 began. For our fifth year, we wanted to highlight the vision of community coming together to support and honor survivors. It will take all of us to end violence in our community; this is not something the survivors can do alone, it is not something Rise can do alone, but together with our community, we can rise above violence.

This year's event will be hosted virtually to ensure the comfort of all of our community. We are working hard to bring you a beautiful virtual event that both honors the survivors and the artists and will still bring you an evening of amazing art, both still art and performance.

The joy of a virtual show is that you can watch from anywhere. Once you purchase your ticket, you will be sent information on how to see the art and how to bid on the art, and the day before the show, you will be sent information about how to watch. So, even if you won't be in town Oct. 10, you can still tune in.

We will have the same great performances coming to your TV or computer. Our dance, vocal, other performances and speakers have been prerecorded in order for you to enjoy their amazing craft. The Rise team and Blue Haas, our amazing emcee, will be coming to you live on our virtual stream. So, if you have attended the show before, we hope to bring you the same level of entertainment and information as to what you would see sitting at the in-person venue.

To purchase tickets, you can access the link from our website, www.riseaboveviolence.org, or the auction site, www.charityauctionstoday.com/t/2020--art-above-violence-f82b827918.

As with all things, we are looking for the silver lining. We hope that this show can reach more people because friends and family can watch from anywhere. The strength and hope that the survivors share and how the art captures their stories can reach far and wide to send a message of hope and healing. More than anything for the event, we strive to share both the reality of what happens in our community but also how we can rise together to end interpersonal violence in Pagosa.

This show means so much to our survivors, sharing their story to help empower others also brings deeper healing for themselves. If you have been following our Facebook event, many of the artists interviewed about their experience creating their work for this show and the impact it also has on them; if you have not had a chance to view, head over to

our Facebook Event: Fifth annual Art Above Violence Show.

Artist Paula Jo Miller included this with her art: "This painting represents my attempt to capture the incredible strength I felt from my partner in this year's Art Above Violence project. 'Strength' has three distinct layers — the first being a backdrop of colors that illustrate the first part of my partner's life and where she grew up. The second layer, a bleak and barren tree, represents the period when she experienced

devastating violence and trauma. The final layer comprises brilliant leaves unexpectedly growing from seemingly dead branches, signifying new beginnings. 'Strength' has many intentional imperfections that signify the imperfections of life. The uncolored outlines of leaves, for example, represent hope, growth and change to come."

There are many layers to the art, as there are to the survivors' stories. Please join us in watching and honoring their stories.
■ See Art on next page

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San Juan Stargazers will hold a star party on Friday, Oct. 9

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

The San Juan Stargazers will hold a members-only star party on Friday, Oct. 9, starting around 6 p.m. while it is still light so people having telescope problems can receive help from more experienced telescope operators. Others can come any time before dark. Club members have received a “blast” telling them the location since it will not be at Chimney Rock.

The reason we are publishing this information is because you can still join the San Juan Stargazers and come to this event. In spite of our national health crisis, we already have seven new club members this year. It appears that it is a viable way to handle problems on earth by taking a break and looking at the rest of the universe. It can be amazingly uplifting and the Pagosa night sky is exceptional.

In addition to joining our local club, you will also receive Reflector

Magazine, the publication of the National Astronomical League, of which you automatically become a member. To join both groups and get one of the best magazines, call (303) 995-2888. Annual membership is only \$25 per family. When you call to join, you will be told the location of the star party.

Club members have missed viewing the night sky in a star party mode. We normally have nine star parties each summer at Chimney Rock. Serious precautions will be taken with temperatures being checked, mask-wearing and liberal hand sanitizing and, of course, we will all be outdoors. It is a night to look forward to.

We are taking orders for the fabulous Astronomy Magazine Deep Space Mysteries 2021 Calendar, which is a fundraiser for our scholarship fund. We think the calendars will be here in time for the star party. In addition to the amazing photos, every day there is a notation of significant sky events and phases

of the moon. Plus, each picture has a detailed explanation to help you painlessly learn the basics of astronomy. It is like a college introductory class without exams and it is a great gift for any student, young or old. The calendars are a perfect gift to mail since they are unbreakable and they give the message every day throughout the year that you cared enough to send such an educational and exciting gift. You can call our club number, 335-8286, to place your order. They are \$15, payable when you receive them in October. Individual arrangements will be made to safely deliver your calendar.

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

We encourage you to become a member to learn more about our amazing universe.

Art

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oring these stories.

The Art Above Violence art is currently up on display at the Tenneyson Building and Event Center at 197 Navajo Trail Drive, and is open for public viewing Oct. 7 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. You can also get some help with bidding or viewing questions if you come by the gallery. Come see the beautiful art in person; photos online do not quite do it justice. We are limited in the number of people in the gallery at any one time to ensure the comfort and safety of all who come to view the art.

Art Above Violence is one of four fundraising events that Rise hosts every year, three of which have been canceled. These events are vital in supporting the services Rise

provides to victims and survivors in our community. It is also the kick-off event for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.

Other things happening for Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Oct. 6, the week of the show, a town proclamation at the town council meeting will proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the town of Pagosa Springs. Additionally, there will be a county proclamation at the county commissioner meeting on Oct. 20. Look for the purple ribbons on main street and join us for our virtual Coffee Talk on Oct. 22 at 9 a.m. — held on Facebook Live.

Rise is a nonprofit organization which promotes the belief that all people have the right to live free from violence. Rise provides

24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving over 350 victims each year. Rise also works to eliminate violence through education for youth and our community. All programs and services are free and confidential, including emergency prevention education and empowerment programs. Visit www.riseaboveviolence.org for more information or call 264-9075 to talk to an advocate today. If you want to be part of the team to help those in our community, volunteers for advocacy are always needed and welcomed.

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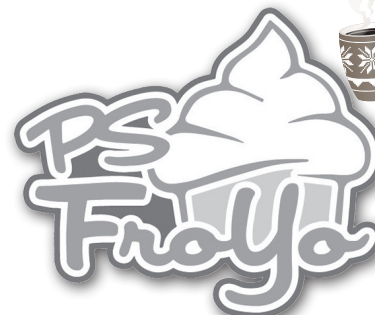
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It takes pruning to flourish

My Sweet Al woke up sad the other morning. He said that Whiskey had been on his mind all night. "It will be a tremendous loss when she goes. She's the only one who understands me."

After 60 years of marriage, she isn't the only one who understands him. But I know who holds his attention and I'm OK with it.

Our devotion that morning was appropriate for the day. Some things will pass from our lives, and others will be taken. It spoke about a tree flourishing by being pruned. While it may give the appearance of loss, it is necessary in order to create space for other things.

Take a tree, for example. In order for it to grow stronger, smaller branches and leaves have to be removed. This also allows it to bear fruit by localizing nutrients. An unfruitful limb can hinder the overall health of a tree.

We had a friend from Arizona who visited us over the course of many years. She always brought sacks of lemons for us to enjoy from a tree in her backyard. She didn't bring any lemons to us last year. The weight of all the excess branches caused the tree to split down the middle, killing the tree and all its fruit. Needless to say, it was a great loss, something that could have been avoided with a little bit of spring and fall maintenance.

Just like a tree, we all need to have some of our dead limbs cut back every now and again. It can be painful and unwelcomed, but they will weigh us down if we are not aware.

Look around. How many things are you holding on to that are sucking the life out of you? What have you resigned to over the years that is destroying you?

For me, it was something that created a fear in me. Something that I carried from my childhood that I thought I had dealt with long ago. The Lord, the true gardener, had to cut out some things in me that were hindering my peace.

After much prayer and faith, that thing I didn't even know I was holding on to was finally removed. By thinning the branches that could have toppled me, I was freed from a weight that entangled me.

I remember thinking, why now, in my later years? Why did it take

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



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so long for that thing to be revealed and removed from me? Perhaps it wasn't the right time until now.

We all experience loss. But it is that from our yesterdays that help us to grow beyond where we were. Truthfully, having our limbs cut can be painful and even cause us to think of ourselves as weak. I find hope in the quote, "We never know how strong we are until it becomes our only choice."

So, how does it look to flourish as we age? Are we taking advantage of the years we have, removing those things that are holding us back? Maybe it is just a matter of finding the branch we can hang our hat on while letting go of others.

I don't have any noble sense to turn back the years as some may desire. I just want to live the fullest of the days that have been appointed to me. That can only mean one thing. Being present as we trust in God. And that is more than mere words. It is a matter of abiding in him. Drawing from him the life he gives by letting go of everything

else that hinders us.

A tree can only grow from its roots. Even then, its fruit can only grow if it is fed.

Jesus said, "Abide in me and I will abide in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me." — John 14:4.

I have long told my family that if even I can't get out of my chair, I can still pray to be strengthened and to strengthen those around me.

Final brushstroke: If we are not mindful, twigs can begin to grow in and around us and hide where we are weak. Unless the master gardener comes in and cuts them back, we may never know our own breaking point. Fortunately, God promises us in the book of Psalms, "Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age. They shall be fresh and flourishing."

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Kaitlen Smith as Eve in Curians Up Pagosa's "Children of Eden," 2018. The community theater organization recently released its "Stayin' Alive" Concert Series online.

CUP's 'Stayin' Alive' Concert Series available online

By Dale Johnson
 Curtains Up Pagosa

When Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP), our community's premier community theater, decided to produce a virtual concert during these COVID times, we hoped to be able to get about a dozen performance entries.

We were instead both pleased and excited to receive 26 videos from our CUP family of performers. Additionally, we were able to partner with Pagosa Springs Dance Academy as it shared selections from several of its students.

We would like to offer our warm and heartfelt thanks to our cast of performers: Dale Scrivener, Jason Rose, Anika Thomas, Taylor Jones, Robert Neel, Aaron Bishop, Doug Roberts, Gus Palma, Trace Gross, Johannah Laverty, Antonia Busoli, Jeff Reardon, Allora Leonard, Diana Kelly, Caroline Smith, Sydney Mitchell, Pat Doocy, Gracelyn

Kiker, Leela Simpson, Hayden Kiker, Olivia Mazur, Riley Perrie and Ella Hemenger. Our Dance Academy students include CUP veteran performers Sophie Martinez, Avonlea Thomas and Leela Simpson. We were also thrilled by the powerful dance duet offered by Casey Crow and Jacob Miskimens.

CUP's "Stayin' Alive" Concert Series, produced by Dale Johnson and Dale Scrivener, was a huge success, both from a performance and community perspective. Our actors were able to experience the joy of performance, albeit in a different way, and our community was able to view the beloved performers they have missed. Many thanks to Scrivener, Katrina Thomas and Dan and Venita Burch for helping to rehearse, record and post our performances. They can be viewed on our CUP Facebook page. For further information on CUP, go to <http://www.curtainsup.org>.

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Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation announces chairperson appointment

By Cindi Galabota

Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Debra Hepler as chair of its board of directors.

After an illustrious career in executive management, Hepler will serve a three-year term effective Sept. 9. She succeeds Rick Stinchfield, who served as board chair since the founding of the library foundation in 2018. The Stinchfields are moving out of the area.

For more than a decade, Rick and Lynne Stinchfield have been avid volunteers with the Ruby Sisson Library, serving on the Ruby Sisson Library Board of Trustees and the Library Foundation Board of Directors, working with youth programs, re-shelving items and maintaining the library's garden.

"We have seen up close how our library works: how policy is crafted, resources managed, programs conceived and built, and patrons welcomed," stated Rick Stinchfield. "Even though we are transitioning from residents to occasional



Photo courtesy Allison Ragsdale Photography

Debra Hepler, a lifelong volunteer, is the new board chair of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation.

visitors, we will continue to financially and emotionally support the library we respect, in a place that we love."

Hepler and her husband, Jim, discovered Pagosa Springs in 2009 while working in northern New Mexico. She is a lifelong volunteer in a variety of settings, including churches, schools and libraries. In 2000, as trustee of a library in a small town in Pennsylvania, Hepler helped to build a new state-of-the-art library.

Debra shared, "The town had only 5,000 residents and we heard from some folks that we didn't need a new building, that digital books were the wave of the future and that libraries would be obsolete."

However, the community and funders wholeheartedly supported the endeavor and the building was funded and built in record time.

"The new library quickly became the hub of the town and is thriving beyond imagination to this day," added Hepler.

This success is now her impetus for helping the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library reach its full potential.

About the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation

Founded in 2018, the mission of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation is to support and enhance the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library by raising funds for information resources, programs, services and facilities.

The library foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization led by a volunteer board of directors and supported by individual donors and community partners. We are dedicated to "building a better future with the library we love."

To discover more about the library foundation, contact Cindi Galabota at 264-2209 or cindi@pagosalibrary.org.

COVID-safe Trunk or Treat plus movie planned

By Alison Beach

Pagosa Peak Open School

This Halloween, Pagosa Peak Open School is proud to present a "COVID safe" Trunk or Treat and drive-in movie wrapped into one big night of fun. Join us at 7 Parelli Way, in the parking lot, on Oct. 31 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wear your favorite costume (and mask).

The evening will feature a Day of the Dead-themed movie. Treats for the Trunk or Treat will be prepackaged with social distancing and following

COVID guidelines. Admittance to the Trunk or Treat will require a movie reservation. Suggested donation is \$30/vehicle for entry. Limited spots. Email movies@ppos.co or go to https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=SACZ8R8GBFRW6 to reserve your spot.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the school's capital campaign for building renovations. Pagosa Peak Open School is a tuition-free, public charter school serving Archuleta County.

Clubs for kids of every age starting soon

By Frank and Connie Porter

Child Evangelism Fellowship

Clubs for kids of every age are starting soon. The first club is Kids Kare and it begins on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This is our seventh season of Kids Kare at Pagosa Bible Church. Kids Kare is for 3- to 5-year-old little ones who love to sing, play games, do crafts, listen to Bible stories and so many more activities they can do with friends their own age.

The club for elementary-age children will begin on Oct. 9 from 2 to 4

p.m. The Good News Clubs were held at the schools, but due to no after-school programs, we have also taken the club to Pagosa Bible Church. This program is for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade. Our first club meeting will be a "BLAST OFF" party with an outer space theme and will include games, music, teaching time and small group time.

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The first bath house at the Pagosa Bath House was for men only or women only. Never the twain shall meet. The building in the background was a trading post.

Bathing in muddy water

The following story was written by ancestors of the Faye Brown family. Members of this family still live in Pagosa Country.

For some years before permanent settlement was made at Pagosa Springs, people came each summer to take baths in the medicinal springs. Among the first to come over the pass from Del Norte in 1873 was Mrs. M. O. Brown, her young son, Tom Reavis, and her father, Mr. Sallee, for whom they made the perilous journey. Mr. Reavis was blind and also suffered from an aggravated case of rheumatism.

Settlement began around the hot springs by 1878, the year building began on the Army post on the west bank of the river.

Army Engineer Lt. McCauley visited the fledgling post in 1878 and left this description of the hot springs, including the source of their name "Aside from this, the springs must have always been to the aboriginal inhabitants a place of great resort ... since Indian trails from all directions converge thereto. All deeply worn, doubtless in the various pilgrimages made by numerous bands and families ... the pipe of peace is said to have had an unusual supremacy ... to the main springs, from the boiling appearance of its center. The Utes gave the name Pah-gosa (Pah signifying water, and gosa boiling) which name with corrupted orthography, it still retains."

McCauley went on to describe Native Americans' bathing houses. These were the natural cavities



Pagosa's Past
John M. Motter

For some years before permanent settlement was made at Pagosa Springs, people came each summer to take baths in the medicinal springs.

found in close proximity to the Great Hot Springs. One in particular, McCauley wrote, at the southern edge of the springs is a point of escape of hot vapor and has been used as a sweat hole, the Indians crouching within and covering themselves with a blanket from above.

According to local tradition, Indians, particularly of the Southern Ute bands, continued to visit the

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My yellow security blanket

By Pam Hayes

Special to The PREVIEW

The first 18 months of my life I spent shuttled between four homes and four “moms.” My soft yellow baby blanket trimmed in wide satin went with me through all the transitions. Satin rubbed between my fingers helped me relax away my fear so I could fall asleep.

Hidden under downy softness, I became invisible to the monsters that lurked in the shadows and under my bed. Caressing my fevered lower lip comforted me through childhood illnesses, including polio. The security and comfort needed throughout my preschool days I kept within easy reach at all times.

Shy and reclusive as a child, my furry friends and yellow satin-bound blanket became my constant companions. I trundled off forlorn to school, heartbroken when forced to leave blankie home. Eventually, I learned to navigate my new, expanded world.

My blankie’s security replacement appeared years later. With much excitement, our family of four, plus Buffy, our pooch, moved into a sparkling new home. I took an interior decoration class to better enhance our home. My husband, Leo, built bookshelves galore. We landscaped the front and back yards; crafted a patio with a fire pit for entertaining friends on

A Matter of Faith

summer evenings. New furniture filled the empty spaces.

A kitten, a pair of guinea pigs and a bunny joined our menagerie to the dismay of our cocker spaniel. I relished the view of the San Bernardino Mountains of southern California from the expansive kitchen and family room windows.

I enjoyed many a young woman’s dream: a husband and children, my own home, friends and extended family close, but not too close. My nest well-feathered, I nestled down for a long stay.

A few years later, my husband, announced his desire to start his own business. He planned to leave a secure, well-paying job necessitating relocation to the Seattle area. Our treasured friends relocated there four years earlier and the anticipation of living close to them again made the change a grand adventure.

The house sold within two weeks and we began the moving preparations. As reality sank in, a deep-seated fear arose drowning me in uncertainty. Our new adventure was turning into a personal nightmare. What are we doing?

It doesn’t make sense. Why leave everything comfortable to start all over in an unfamiliar place? Why is Leo giving up a lucrative job with a promising career for the insecurity of starting a business?

On top of the move came a surprising joy but unsettling news nonetheless: We would be welcoming another baby into our family. A new doctor and no insurance; the thought shook me to the core. My husband’s timing must be wrong.

Sitting in my prayer corner, the words of my Bible blurred as I tried to read. I heard the Lord ask me, “What are you putting your security in? Your house? Your husband’s job?”

“Both, I guess.” I meekly replied.

“You will never find security in people or things,” He warned me.

God’s words struck all the way to my heart, to reveal my secret insecurity. Proverbs 3:5 states, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.” My trust needs to rest in Him and only Him. Then I am secure, regardless the circumstance.

My well-founded faith in Jesus continues to sustain me through family crises, loss of family and financial insecurity, as well as everyday problems. The Lord always proves faithful and worthy of the trust I place in Him.

At times, I still miss my soft baby blanket and I will always love silky satin and all things yellow.

New Thought topic: ‘Consciousness for These Times: Science Undiscovered’

By Lisa Burnson

New Thought Center
for Inspirational Living

“Our definition of the physical universe as a collection of isolated objects, our definition of ourselves as just another of those objects and even our most basic understanding of time and space will have to be recast.” — Lynne McTaggart.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living this Sunday, Oct. 4, at 10 a.m. for our presentation, “Consciousness for These Times: Sci-

ence Undiscovered.” We will look at the bridge between science and spirituality, and how thoughts and prayer can influence matter.

We will have spirited live music.

Upcoming events

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

The Masquerade Party will be Oct. 30. Please call 309-6067 for more information.

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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 vari-

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The undesirable assignment: part three

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Ed worked for a national park in the summers. One summer, he was assigned to have the park superintendent's son, David, work with him. On the first job, deep in the woods, David had not brought the food he was told to take, so Ed had to share his, and they were both hungry. David had decided he was through with all of it, but when he headed back on his own, Ed had to come to David's rescue to save him from a bear.

Ed was pleased that David got in and worked after that. David wanted to get back to the main camp, and because of the bear, he didn't dare go alone. The sooner they got their assignment done, the sooner they could head back. Ed had figured it would take four long days to clear the appointed trail, but with David now working hard, they finished by midafternoon on the third day. They packed up and headed back.

It had taken them four days to hike in since David had hiked slowly and complained a lot. Ed was a strong hiker and pushed hard even though he was carrying the heaviest items. Now, desiring to get back, David was keeping up with Ed. But there were still times David complained about the distance.

They had barely started hiking on the morning of the last day heading back when Ed realized David wasn't with him. Ed followed the trail back to the start of where, for over a quarter-mile, it made a u-shape around a murky slough. From that point, the other segment of the trail could be seen about a hundred yards straight across the bog. A dreaded thought came to Ed about where

David might have gone, and just as he turned to look across the mire, he heard David scream for help.

Sure enough, David had apparently seen the trail across the way and, ignoring the warning sign, cut through the quagmire as a shortcut.

Ed went to the edge of the mud. "David, what are you doing? Didn't you see the sign warning of quicksand?"

"I saw it, but I thought if I went fast enough, I could get across without sinking. Help me get out!"

David was almost halfway across, too far to get anything to him from either side. The quicksand was already up to his knees. Ed knew this was a precarious situation.

"David, you're too far out for me to get anything to you. The only way to save you is for you to trust me, and for you to do what I tell you to do."

With fear making his voice tremble, David nodded and said, "I will."

"All right," Ed said, trying to remain calm to help David do the same, "the first thing I need you to do is to drop your pack. Just let it fall into the mud." David did as he was told. "OK. Now you need to lean back and lay on the mud, gradually working your legs up and out."

"Are you crazy!?" David yelled. "I'll just drown faster!"

"Look," Ed said. "You said you'd trust me. Quicksand is just like thick water. You can't make your way across water standing up. You've got to spread as much of your body on top of the surface as you can so you don't sink."

David paused a moment, and Ed could sense David's fear. Ed saw the pack, which was already starting to sink, and had an idea.

"David, lie down with your back

on the pack."

David did that, and the pack sank faster.

"Spread your arms on the surface and start working your legs out carefully," Ed called.

David did as he was told, and his legs were soon on the surface.

"Now," Ed said, "you can't swim out, like in water, so you need to roll out. Just roll across the mud toward me, keeping as much of your body flat on the surface as possible."

David paused briefly, but then did a roll. Then he did another, and another. As soon as David was near enough, Ed reached down, grabbed David by the hand, and pulled him up onto the bank. David continued to tremble as Ed helped him to a stream to wash. When he finished, David didn't look at Ed as he spoke.

"Aren't you going to scold me for not obeying the sign?"

"I think you've already learned your lesson," Ed said.

David nodded. "And I learned to trust someone who has more experience than I do."

And as they walked back to base camp, David didn't complain once about the long trail.

To be continued.

It's all part of the adventure

By Joyce Holdread
PREVIEW Columnist

We had just left the flower market in Guadalajara — intense colors, verdant greenery and delicious fragrances wafting round our heads. Breakfast was six hours ago and we were ravenous.

"Let's look for a quaint little restaurant with truly regional dishes," David proposed, searching up and down both sides of the street. Finding one with an outdoor terrace, we settled in for a truly ethnic specialty with a lovely view of the main quarter of El Centro.

"Buenas tardes," said the mustached Mexican waiter with a broad smile as he handed us the menus. "How can I serve you? May I bring you something to drink?"

"Just give us a moment to look at the menu," I said, squinting against the bright rays.

I was more hungry than adventurous at this point, so decided quickly on my usual preference: enchiladas suizas. David scanned

the menu front to back.

"What is tostada con pata?" he asked quizzically, looking at the blurred photo on the menu.

"Pato is duck," I answered, "so pata must be the meat of a female duck. Maybe that's one of the specialties in Guadalajara."

"I think I'll try the tostada con pata," David said when the waiter returned, "with a chilled Coke, no ice."

"I'll have the enchiladas suizas, and a seven (7-Up), also chilled with no ice." We had been warned not to drink iced beverages. Ice often corralled those amoebic beasts that stampeded the digestive tracks of uninitiated gringos.

The warm fingers of the sun

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Seeds of Learning's Dancing with the Pagosa Stars went virtual last weekend, allowing upward of 300 people to watch the production from home. The fundraiser netted about \$165,000 for Seeds, and Gabriel Heraty garnered the night's top prize.

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars a success

By Lisa Peters
Seeds of Learning

There just don't seem to be adequate words to express the gratitude of the staff and families of Seeds of Learning for the outpouring of support last Saturday night at Dancing with the Pagosa Stars from our loving generous Pagosa Springs community, and beyond. When there is a need, this small but mighty community reaches out like no other we've seen. Thank you, Pagosa, and also those of you beyond for giving us another magical night. Because of your giving spirit, we raised around \$165,000.

With at least 315 guests watching on virtually and over 50 volunteers, stars, coaches, committee members, production crew and local businesses, this event illustrates the amazing support Seeds receives from this community. It is because of each and every one of these people and companies that Seeds is able to continue to provide low-income and at-risk kids with high-quality early education.

We could not have better representatives of Seeds of Learning than our stars and coaches this year. Every year, we choose stars that are a broad representation of the Pagosa Springs community, are well-known and respected in the

community, and have giving spirits. And this year was no exception. Our winners were:

- Mirror Ball Trophy Winner: Gabriel Heraty with coach Alora Pelligrino.
- Best Showmanship: Quinlan Quiros with coach John Gillam.
- Best Male Dancer: Dr. Bob Bonham with coach Hayley Hudson.
- Best Female Dancer: Theresa Snyder with coach Nolan King.
- Most Original Performance: Jonathan Dobson with coach Sharina Ramsey-Adams.

The entire Seeds of Learning community is so grateful for everyone's support. Thank you.





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☆ tirelessly to raise funds and ☆
☆ entertain the viewers. ☆

All the stars were in alignment on September 26th to make **Dancing with the Pagosa Stars** a huge success for the at-risk children at Seeds of Learning. It truly took a village.



Stars & Coaches:

Bob Bonham & Hayley Hudson
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A huge debt of gratitude goes to the committee members, businesses, production crew, and volunteers who made this event so special.

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And finally, our sincere thanks to those who watched and donated to this event. The selfless generosity by so many, to change the lives of small children forever is truly humbling.

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Gary Hopkins

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

The Townsend's is one of our colorful fall wood-warblers, seen here from early August to mid-October, with numbers peaking in September. They stop here to rest and feed on their long migratory journeys from breeding grounds in coniferous forests of the Pacific northwest into Canada and southern Alaska. From here these small birds fly to central Mexico and Central America for the winter. An excellent presentation on the marvels of bird migration, by noted ornithologist Kenn Kaufman, can be viewed on the Denver Field Ornithologists' website, dfobirds.org.

In breeding season, these warblers feed and nest high in the canopy of tall conifers, gleaning a variety of insects and spiders. In winter, they prefer a nectar-rich diet and seek out honeydew, a sugar rich-solution secreted by scale insects feeding on plant sap. This food source is so important that Townsend's warblers will defend a territory around infested trees.

A prominent black eye patch surrounded by yellow gives the Townsend's warbler a masked-bandit look. An olive green back; black head cap; gray wings with thick, white wing bars; yellow breast streaked with black; and a yellow crescent below the eye complete the color scheme. Females and immatures are paler versions of the males.

John Townsend, for whom this bird is named, was an American naturalist who, at the age of 25, set off in 1834 on an expedition of the west and Hawaii that lasted 3 1/2 years. He collected around 30 species previously unknown to science. He died at the age of 41 from toxic exposure to arsenic, used in a bird preservative powder that he developed.

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

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extended down my back massaging out weariness and tension. This was great — a beautiful day; unique sights, sounds, smells; picturesque view; tasty food on the way. The waiter returned and with a quizzical smirk placed our food on the table.

"Señora, your enchiladas suizas and seven; Señor, tostada con pata." Perched on top of a large, crispy to-

stada, nestled on a bed of shredded lettuce, onion and tomato was an enormous pig's foot — only recently severed from its porcine appendage. David and I stared at each other wide-eyed, then burst out laughing. I hadn't even thought about pata being foot/leg of an animal. He sawed off a succulent hunk and chowed down; it was all part of the adventure.

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ANSWER:

VA announces partnership to help veterans access virtual care

By Raymond Taylor
Archuleta County Veterans Service Office

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently announced a new collaboration with Apple to increase veterans' access to virtual care benefits.

The VA's iPad program provides qualifying veterans with cellular-enabled iPads to access telehealth services and currently helps more than 50,000 veterans across the country connect to VA health care services virtually.

"VA will continue working diligently to provide veterans with the tools and resources necessary to access quality health care when and where they need it," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "VA's partnership with Apple is an integral step in helping to bridge the digital divide for veterans everywhere. This is particularly critical during the COVID-19 public health emergency, when telehealth is being leveraged to protect the safety and well-being of both our veterans and clinicians."

The VA has been a leader in telehealth services for decades and began the Connected Tablet program in 2016. A VA study found veterans who received tablets reported high levels of satisfaction with care, were less likely to miss appointments, and found it easier and more convenient to access VA care.

To standardize the program and provide veterans a consistent, quality experience, the VA will exclusively distribute iPads to veterans. iPads offer veterans the combination of portability, user experience, data privacy and security made possible through Apple's integrated hardware and software platform. The collaboration between the VA and Apple, facilitated by the VA Secretary's Center for Strategic Partnerships, provides the VA with Apple's expertise to help enhance the platform, and ensure veterans and health care professionals have the best telehealth experience.

"VA's iPad program provides unparalleled convenience and flexibility when attending my VA appointments," said Fiona Garcia, a U.S. Air Force veteran who served from 2001-2011. "After receiving an iPad in March, I've been able to receive VA care when and where I need it most. The technology also allows me to stay connected with my doctors when I am not near a Wi-Fi connection or near the VA medical center."

As part of the VA's commitment to supporting veteran health care, patients can also securely view and download their personal medical data using the Health Records on

Veterans Corner

Raymond Taylor



iPhone feature from Apple.

Veterans who don't currently have a video-capable device or Internet service and are interested in the VA's telehealth iPad program should consult their VA health care team to determine their eligibility.

Visit Connected Care for more information about VA telehealth.

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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

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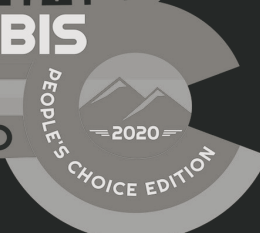
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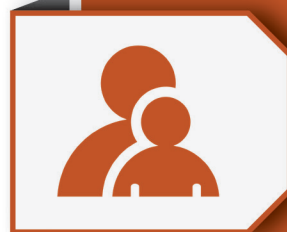
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Senior Center continues offering meals to go

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, Oct. 1 — Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich with avocado, potato salad, milk, salad and dessert.

Senior News

Friday, Oct. 2 — Smoked salmon Niçoise salad, cheese twists, milk, salad and dessert.

Monday, Oct. 5 — Oven-fried chicken, green beans, baked polenta with herbs and cheese, salad, milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 6 — Beef meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll, salad, milk and dessert.

Wednesday, Oct. 7 — Pork ribs, charro beans, cornbread with butter, milk, salad and dessert.

Thursday, Oct. 8 — Avocado egg salad sandwich, broccoli salad, milk, salad and dessert.

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

Due to COVID-19, food supplies have been affected. Substitutions will be made accordingly.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Sailor's stop
- 5 Take for a ride
- 9 Strong suit
- 14 Bryce Canyon locale
- 15 Meal in a shell
- 16 Trim, as an alpaca
- 17 Wreath adornments
- 19 Cowboy's companion
- 20 Backward, on a boat
- 21 Trim, as a tree
- 23 "Are we there ___?"
- 25 Database command
- 26 Oscar-winning Emma
- 31 Navy clerk
- 35 Metal fastener
- 36 Retirees' org.
- 38 Fix up
- 39 Pizzeria appliance
- 40 It may be bid
- 41 "Fiddlesticks!"
- 42 Flippant
- 43 Tom Clancy hero Jack
- 44 Hose hue
- 45 Heir's concern
- 47 No longer with us
- 49 Chain segment
- 51 Tie the knot
- 52 Skedaddle
- 56 Playing marbles
- 61 In progress
- 62 Notre Dame, for one
- 64 GPS suggestion
- 65 Kind of socks
- 66 One teaspoon, maybe
- 67 September bloom
- 68 John and Yoko's son
- 69 Hearty dish

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- 2 Elevator man
- 3 Carry on
- 4 What you used to be
- 5 Lapidary's wares
- 6 Preserve, in a way
- 7 Got a perfect score
- 8 Exodus leader
- 9 On dry land
- 10 Like some cooks
- 11 Medical fluids
- 12 Vane direction
- 13 Grove growth
- 18 HBO series, "Tales from the ___"
- 22 Orange-toothed rodent
- 24 Bootlicker
- 26 Figure of speech
- 27 Homes for drones
- 28 Blatant

- 29 Unwritten reminder
- 30 Aquatic nymph
- 32 Kind of raise
- 33 Words of wisdom
- 34 Well-known
- 37 Extend, as a lease
- 40 Circus site
- 44 Scout's award
- 46 Nervous giggle
- 48 Female fowl
- 50 Thrills
- 52 Mitchell mansion
- 53 Alien crafts
- 54 Defeat decisively
- 55 Strike site
- 57 Combines
- 58 Meadowlands pace
- 59 Alleviate
- 60 Great deal
- 63 Tetley product

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Answer: *Umpire*

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Home canning can be challenging for first-time produce preservers

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

The COVID-19 pandemic produced an unexpected by-product in the summer of 2020. With many people spending more time at home and less time in the grocery store, home gardens became tremendously popular. And when the newly harvested food began to accumulate, many people turned to home food preservation for the first time.

Therein lies the potential problem. Colorado State University (CSU) Extension specialists in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition and agents throughout Colorado have been fielding dozens of calls weekly from first-time canners. And concerns are growing that a lack of proper equipment, a shortage of canning supplies and insufficient knowledge of the preservation process could lead to problems.

“Extension offices across the U.S. are the go-to resources for home canning questions, so we have a unique perspective this year to be receiving many questions about supplies, equipment and canning procedures,” said Marisa Bunning, a professor of food science and human nutrition and extension food safety specialist. “Unfortunately, a high number of questions come in after the food has already been canned and involve issues that could mean the food is not safe. With so many people trying their hand at canning for the first time in 2020, we want to make sure people understand

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the importance of following correct steps for our unique elevation situation in Colorado.”

Several factors have combined to complicate the 2020 canning season:

- Lack of supplies. With so many people home canning for the first time, supplies — canning lids, primarily — are in short supply. The flat, round lids, which create the seal on the canning jar, are critical in the process. Canners unable to find new lids may try to reuse old lids, even though those lids are no longer capable of properly sealing the jar. A good rule of thumb is don't use lids after one year of purchase.

- Lack of vinegar. In some areas, vinegar has been difficult to find. Vinegar, essential in canning several foods, such as pickles and salsa, should be at least 5 percent acetic acid.

- Equipment shortage. Pressure canners, which are a necessity for canning certain types of foods, are difficult to find locally, especially in some smaller communities. Foods that are low in acid, like beans or carrots, must be heated in a pressure canner to achieve a temperature of 240 degrees, which deactivates clostridium botulinum spores, preventing the formation of the botulism toxin. Home-canned

vegetables are the most common cause of botulism outbreaks in the U.S. Only tested recipes should be used and home food preservers need to use pressure canners, not pressure cookers. Good resources of recipes can be found from Land Grant Universities and the Ball Canning Company.

- Lack of experience. Colorado's elevation presents a significant challenge even for people who may be familiar with canning. Boiling water canning requires time adjustments at higher elevation because water boils at temperatures lower than the standard 212 degrees at sea level. Here in Pagosa Springs, we vary from about 6,500 feet to 8,000 feet. For these altitudes, add 15 minutes to your processing time.

CSU has been the international leader in high-altitude cooking for decades, so any questions should be directed to an Extension agent or the Extension website prior to beginning the process. Locally,

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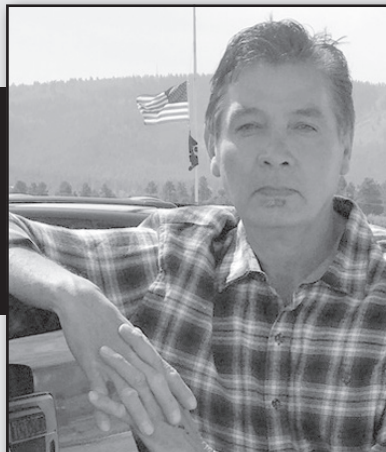
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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to sports.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 9 = A)

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Clue: Strive to win something

B. 14 7 9 6

Clue: Group of players

C. 18 20 9 6 16 24 2 1

Clue: Winner

D. 9 14 20 25 7 14 7

Clue: Proficient in sports

Answers: A. compete B. team C. champion D. athlete

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Terry Schaaf is our master food safety advisory. You can contact her in our local Extension office.

“In most years, we field questions primarily from experienced food preservers,” said Elisa Shackelton, an extension specialist in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition. “But this year, lots of people who have never had gardens are looking for ways to preserve their home-grown food, and they may not be aware of safe practices. It’s important to realize that food preservation is a science

and you have to do things correctly. There really is a serious hazard that can accompany home food preservation, and we want people to be safe while enjoying canning their own food.”

Bunning said following a trusted process is the key to successful canning.

“Most cooks tend to be creative — they aren’t afraid to try new things and that’s part of the fun,” she said. “But home food preservation, especially canning, requires following specific procedures. A certain mindset is needed to

make sure every step is followed precisely. In that way, canning is more similar to commercial food production than home cooking.”

Shackelton added that freezing and drying foods are a great alternative to home canning with added benefits of better texture and less time.

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Rather than ask questions of paid staff and board volunteers, my opponent proceeded with trying to dismantle a joint health partnership for an option that would cost three times as much, and he has failed to explain why he disregarded voters and borrowed from roads to pay for a jail.

As I’ve done with all my long-time business clients, I’ll make responsible choices and WILL HOLD MYSELF ACCOUNTABLE for the decisions I make on behalf of county residents.



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Matt Witt
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 - November 3** General Election; Register to vote or vote in person up to 7p.m.
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October is Residents' Rights Month

By Kay Kaylor
PREVIEW Columnist

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

This year, due to the repercussions of the pandemic, the rights of residents of long-term care facilities are on the forefront of people's

Area Agency on Aging

minds, from family members and other advocates to lawmakers and health departments. An annual event designated by the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care, the 2020 Residents' Rights Month carries the theme "Connection Matters."

"The theme emphasizes connections — to family, friends and

the community — as essential components of good health and quality of life for residents," a Consumer Voice email notes. Despite visitation limitations, residents, family and facilities can participate in various ways all month long.

The Consumer Voice's website, theconsumervoice.org, offers a free Enrichment Activities booklet with puzzles, word games, trivia questions, space for writing and other activities. In addition, the website has links to other ideas for connecting with residents using mail, technology and outdoor visits or entertainers. Inside the facility, for example, the intercom or an internal television channel could play music or sing-alongs, classes or stories. Residents could write each other as pen pals. Other ideas connect residents to the community and nature.

Some of the rights guaranteed by the Nursing Home Reform Law, passed in 1987, are the rights to individualized quality care, respect, dignity, visitation, privacy, complain without fear and independent choices. Those in assisted living maintain the same rights as U.S. citizens and under Colorado law.

SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare. For further information, please call or text 403-2165 or send an email to leadombudsman@sjbaaa.org.

VID-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.

Tax Lien Information by Archuleta County Treasurer's Office. 5-6 p.m., Zoom. Do you know what a tax lien is? Have you ever thought of investing in tax liens but are not sure how to get started? Join the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office to learn about tax liens. Zoom

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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Oct. 1

Sen. Bennet Office Time. Sen. 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 CO-

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Acts 2:32

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Him to be the fulfillment of David's prophecy in the Old Testament. The twelve said they were eyewitnesses of his resurrection. They said David did not ascend into heaven but Jesus did and now sits at the right hand of God as Christ and Lord.

The crowd, upon realizing they had put to death the very Messiah for whom they had been looking, was pierced to the heart. They asked, "What shall we do?" To be continued...

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meeting ID: 856-6443-1537, password: 269665. Call 264-2209 for more information.

English as a Second Language by Appointment. 5-7 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.

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, Oct. 2

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.

Family Fridays at Four Mile Ranch.

1-4 p.m., Four Mile Ranch, 5053 County Road 200. These sessions will provide local students (target age K-4th) who might otherwise visit the ranch in the fall (via school) an opportunity to take an interpretive walk with their families. A scavenger hunt handout will be provided to students to work through as they walk with the signed loop and check off their findings. Additionally, we will provide some stations with enrichment content for the students and families to engage in. Once registered, participants will receive additional directions and cancellation policy to the ranch. All activities will respect Colorado-mandated recommendations that pertain to COVID symptom screening, mask wearing and social distancing. Visit <https://act.audubon.org/a/family-fridays-four-mile-ranch-20200925>. For more information, email Keith Bruno at kbruno@audubon.org.

Gaming. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. All ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect. Please note: Due to COVID concerns, we are only allowing a maximum of four participants in the gaming room. Masks must be worn at all times inside the library, and social distancing must be maintained throughout the program. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Saturday, Oct. 3

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

Monday, Oct. 5

Spin and Weave Week. 11 a.m.-1

p.m., Yamaguchi Park terrazzo. Fiber artists will meet and demonstrate different types of weaving and spinning. Bring a chair, your weaving, spinning or other fiber art and a snack. All are welcome. Contact Annie at anniemay123@yahoo.com for more information.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 9 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Breakfast meeting. Veterans and associated members are invited. Social distancing is required at this time. Contact 799-8387 for more details.

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Community in Conversation Book Discussion Group. 5-6:30 p.m. Offering free weekly Zoom community discussions. Our purpose is to equip people with the tools they need to have meaningful conversations on difficult yet important issues. We hope to discover together some common ground, to find out what unites us rather than divides us. The first book will be "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life" by

Karen Armstrong, which will run every Tuesday evening through Nov. 24. The Sisson Library is bringing in 10 copies for this discussion. The lending limit is three weeks. Reserve your copy today. If you would like to participate, send an email to sarah.riehm@gmail.com.

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, Oct. 7

Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children ages 3-5. Includes Bible time, songs, crafts, games and more. COVID mandates will be followed, including social distancing and masks. For more information or to register, go to coloradocef.org/GNC.

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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Thursday, Oct. 8

Sen. Bennet Office Time. Sen. 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.

Spin and Weave Week. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Yamaguchi Park Terrazzo. Fiber artists will meet and demonstrate different types of weaving and spinning. Bring a chair, your weaving, spinning or other fiber art and a snack. All are welcome. Contact Annie at anniemay123@yahoo.com for more information.

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. 5-7 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.

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, Oct. 9

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.

Family Fridays at Four Mile Ranch. 1-4 p.m., Four Mile Ranch, 5053 County Road 200. These sessions will provide local students (target age K-4th) who might otherwise visit the ranch in the fall (via school) an opportunity to take an interpretive walk with their families. A scavenger hunt handout will be provided to students to work through as they walk with the signed loop and check off their findings. Additionally, we will provide some stations with enrichment content for the students and families to engage in. Once registered, participants will receive additional directions and cancellation policy to the ranch. All activities will respect Colorado-mandated recommendations that pertain to COVID symptom screening, mask wearing and social distancing. Visit <https://act.audubon.org/a/family-fridays-four-mile-ranch-20200925>. For more information, email Keith Bruno at kbruno@audubon.org.

Gaming. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. All ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect. Please note: Due to COVID concerns, we are only allowing a maximum of four

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Virtual Pro Se Clinic Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m. By phone or Zoom. To be added to the sign-up sheet, please send an email titled "Sign up for Free Legal Clinic," plus your name and phone number, to ruby@pagosalibrary.org. Space is limited. This is a free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran's benefits and civil protection orders. Call 264-2209 for more information.

The Good News Club. 2-4 p.m.,

Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children K-6th grade. Our first club meeting will be a "Blast Off" party with an outer space theme and will include games, music, teaching time and small group time. COVID mandates will be followed, including social distancing and masks. For more information or to register, go to coloradocef.org/GNC.

San Juan Stargazers Members-Only Star Party. 6 p.m.. You can still join and come to this event. For more information, visit www.sanjuanstargazers.org, email sjstargazers@gmail.com or call 335-8286.

Saturday, Oct. 10

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

information.

Art Above Violence Virtual Exhibit and Performance. 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$15 for individuals and go up to \$50 for families or groups under 10 people. To get more information or to purchase tickets, go to riseaboveviolence.org.

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Houses must be built to withstand wildfire

By Stephen Pyne and Jack Cohen
PREVIEW Columnist

Writers on the Range

That the scene has become familiar makes it no less wrenching: A distraught couple searches through the ash, char and melted metal of what was once their home. Only the concrete pad and the occasional fireplace remain.

What is also in that tableau — but hardly noticed — are trees. A few are killed and many are scorched, but most are alive and green. The house vaporized because it could not cope with fire; the forest survived because it could. And, paradoxically, it was the house fire that killed the trees.

Those early-kindled houses then cast fire to neighbors. What began as a wildland fire amplified into an urban conflagration. It's the sort of scene that was common in the American frontier over a century ago. Watching it burn through Paradise or Berry Creek, Calif., today is like watching smallpox or polio return.

Before-and-after photos of a devastated neighborhood reinforce the sense that a tsunami of fire rushed through and crushed the community. Images of soaring flame-fronts ahead of the town pair with post-burn moonscapes of ruin after the fire has passed. Our desire for a narrative fills in the storyline with a moving line of flame, telling us to attack the wildfire before it can breach the perimeter.

Yet detailed studies, over and over, move the primary problem from the source, where the fire comes from, to the "sink," where the flames go. A tidal wave of fire we can't stop. But the threatening fire actually moves into and through the town more like a blizzard of sparks: If there are places of vulnerability, embers will find them.

That is why the best defense is to harden our houses. Surviving fires depends on what fire researchers call the "home ignition zone" (HIZ). Flammable roofs, close

vegetation next to wood siding or porches, open eaves, cracks in paneling, vent meshing too large to stop sparks, ground cover that can carry fire along the surrounding surface or radiate heat sufficient to crack single-pane window glass — all are chinks that fire can exploit.

Since structures typically occupy a setting with other structures, the vulnerability of each depends on the vulnerability of its neighbors, and a town itself might be likened to a rambling structure that also needs defensible space.

Zoning, greenbelts and codes regulating the relative risk of collective housing won't halt embers, but they can make protecting hardened structures easier and safer. Call that expanded site the "housing environmental risk zone" (HERZ).

Because the reality is, we can't abolish fire in the countryside and shouldn't want to. A century of trying has taught us we can't muster a counterforce to halt the conflagrations that cause most of the damage. Even attempting to eliminate all fires only disrupts ecological benefits and lets fuels build up that create the conditions for even worse fires. So while the fire source does matter, the fire sink matters more.

We've lived through waves of fire like this before, twice. The country endured a horrific chronicle of conflagrations with agricultural settlement through the 19th and early 20th centuries. And it suffered through routine city infernos that burned like their surrounding landscapes since they were made of the same materials. Both faded away a century ago.

The last big urban outbreak occurred when San Francisco burned in 1906. The last big rural community that burned during

the 1918 fires occurred outside the town of Cloquet, Minn. It killed 435 people, some while fleeing in their automobiles.

In recent decades, the country has recolonized formerly rural lands with an urban outmigration. Most are exurbs that don't rely on a rural economy or use fire in traditional ways. The fire susceptibility that resulted, however, was identified by the wildland fire community as houses crowding into wildlands. More accurately, the scene could just as easily be characterized as bits of cities with peculiar landscaping.

Do that and it is clear what measures must be taken to protect them from fire. You apply the same strategies and techniques that earlier removed fire from cityscapes. Meanwhile, the wildland-urban fire problem has been unnecessarily complicated because it got mis-defined.

It will prove tricky to unwind, because so many communities built in the flush times will have to be retrofitted to accommodate the current conditions. The good news is that HIZ, HERZ and history show us where to concentrate the effort. The bad news is that there isn't much time to dawdle.

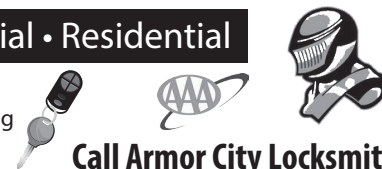
The writers are contributors to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the west. Steve Pyne is the author of "Between Two Fires: A Fire History of Contemporary America" and "To the Last Smoke," a series of regional fire surveys. Jack Cohen is a retired Forest Service fire researcher and the inventor of the HIZ concept.

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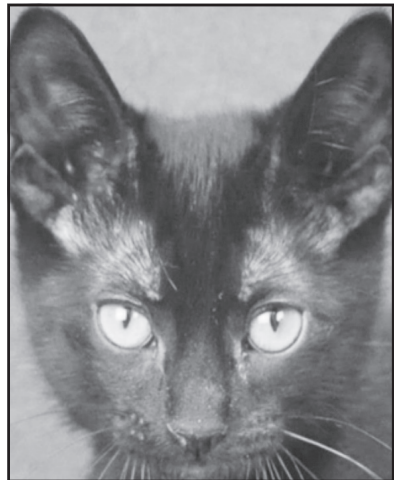
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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a **Patient Registration Clerk**. The Clerk provides administrative support. The clerk will courteously greet all patients in person and on the phone in a timely manner. They are responsible for the accurate and efficient entering of patient information into the Electronic Health Record through the Registration Conversation. They will enter, update or verify patient demographics, insurance and copayments for every encounter. They are responsible for verifying insurance eligibility. They are responsible for collecting and posting insurance copayments and patient payments. This is a full time position. Applications may be picked up at the hospital front registration desk, the human resources office, or downloaded at www.pagosasprings-medicalcenter.org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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PAGOSA PEAK CUSTOM FIREPLACES is seeking someone to help with chimney sweeping and installations. Working on tall roofs and ladders is required. Please apply in person between, 7-8a.m. Monday, Friday, 1065 W. Hwy. 160.

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ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosaschools.com under the “Job Postings” icon. Opening for 20-21 school year: Bus Driver, Part-time Bus Aide, and Part-time Cafeteria Worker. For more information contact Laura Mijares at lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking to hire a **Registered Nurse** for Inpatient. The RN provides/administers nursing care to patients in a safe, efficient, and courteous manner; follows proper nursing procedures in accordance with hospital policies and procedures; demonstrates knowledge of the principles of growth and development over the life span and possesses the ability to assess data reflective of the patient's status and interpret the information needed to identify each patient's requirements relative to his/her age-specific needs. Applicant must have Colorado RN license. Pediatric experience preferred. Please submit resume to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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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.

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Submit your resume to helpwanted@pagosasun.com or drop off at 457 Lewis Street. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls.


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JOURNALIST - THE PAGOSA SPRINGS SUN is seeking qualified candidates for a reporter position. Must demonstrate aptitude for, and commitment to community newspaper journalism. Candidates must be prepared to handle deadlines, cover breaking news, report on sports and government and write features. Position is 30 hours a week. Send cover letter including salary expectations, resume, references and clips to Reporter Position, The Pagosa Springs SUN, PO Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or hand-deliver them to the paper at 457 Lewis St. Emailed submissions are acceptable (helpwanted@pagosasun.com). The Pagosa Springs SUN, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is hiring a **Discharge Clerk.** The Discharge Clerk performs a variety of clerical tasks related to the patient discharge process. Tasks require use of computer programs and applications to ensure proper documentation of patient activities, assist patients with appropriate paperwork, setup follow-up visits if required and collect payments. The Discharge Clerk works under general supervision and must be able to work independently. Strong customer service aptitude is required. Applications may be picked up at the hospital front registration desk, the human resources office, or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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ARCHULETA COUNTY IS REQUESTING Building Relocation Specialist Services for the Archuleta County Courthouse project. Please visit <http://www.archuletacounty.org/Bids.aspx?BidID=92> to view full details and qualifications. A Mandatory pre-bid meeting will be conducted on site at 10a.m. on October 2nd, 2020. Electronic proposals are due to Joe Aldrich, Owner's Representative, at joe@synergyconstruction-concepts.com no later than 2p.m. on Thursday, October 8th.

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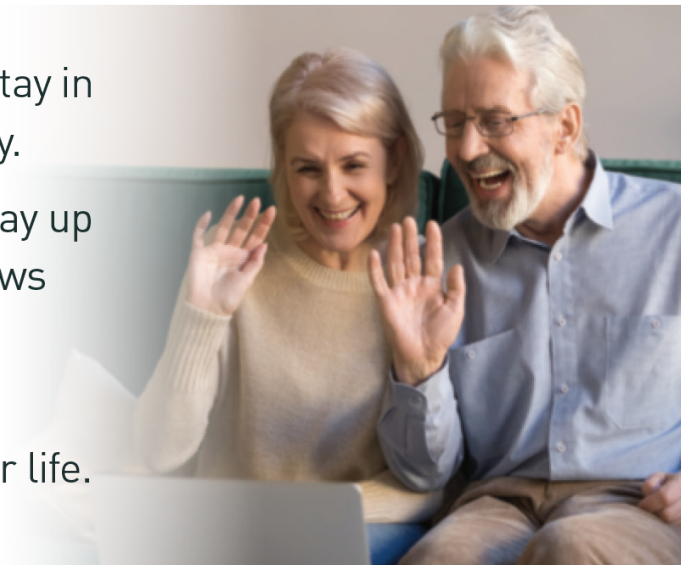
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