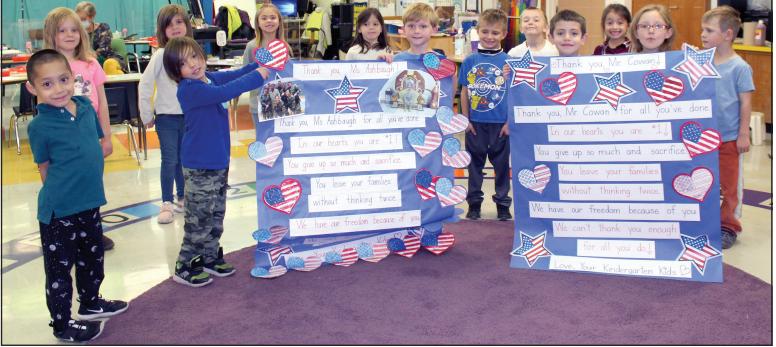


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Spreading kindness



Pagosa Springs Elementary School kindergartners made posters for Justin Cowan, Phil Rizzo and Julie Plummer-Ashbaugh thanking

Elementary school holds annual celebration of kindness

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Even in the time of coronavirus, there is one thing Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) Principal Justin Cowan and his staff hope spreads among students, staff and others in the community: kindness.

As it does every November, PSES focused on kindness this month — something that stems from World Kindness Day on Nov. 13.

"Our motto is 'Care Reigns Here' and we look for ways to live out that motto. For us, celebrating World Kindness Day for a whole month highlights who we are and how we can treat each other with care," Cowan wrote in an email to The SUN. "We want to be 'the best 9-month summer camp a kid (student)

■ See Kindness A8



Teacher Amber Kirkham participates in circle time with her students, telling them what she likes about each student.

Archuleta County jail now operating

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

According to Archuleta County Sheriff Richard Valdez, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) is housing inmates in the new county

jail this week. Archuleta County has not had a fully operational jail since April of 2015, when the old detention center flooded. The county has had a few temporary holding cells since then, but has not been able to house any sentenced inmates in over five years.

During this time, Archuleta County inmates have been transported to and housed in the La Plata County jail, Valdez explained.

The two counties reached an agreement in August in 2015 that allowed for La Plata County to house Archuleta County inmates.

In an interview, Valdez explained



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

For the first time since 2015, inmates are being housed at the Archuleta County jail.

that the jail "is operational." The jail is currently accepting arrestees and prepared to house inmates.

Valdez explained that if they are able to bond out, ACSO will release the arrestee here in Archuleta County. Previously, if there was a

■ See Jail A8

Student-led Mindfulness Walk slated for Saturday

By John Finefrock and Cheryl Bowdridge Rise Above Violence

This Saturday, Nov. 28, the student leaders of YouthRise are hosting a "Fall Into Mindfulness" walk at Yamaguchi Park from 1 to 3 p.m.

At the beginning of the semester, when YouthRise began meeting outside of school at the park, students said that axttending school virtually coupled with the stress around the COVID-19 pandemic — was taking a toll on their mental health, as they weren't able to regularly socialize with their friends in person at school. They proposed hosting this event to give the community strategies for staying mindful and positive amid these uncertain times.

Nov. 28's Mindfulness Walk will be a mix of fun, food, prizes and giveaways to help community members stay positive, like "mindfulness bags" complete with squishy stress balls that can help melt away anxiety felt because of the pandemic — or the hardships that can come with life in general.

This is a free event.

It is asked that, in accordance with the current public health guidance, participants wear a mask while in attendance and gather with people from their households only.

For more information, or to volunteer at the event, contact Cheryl Bowdridge at 946-5276 or cheryl@ riseaboveviolence.org, or John Finefrock at john@riseaboveviolence.org.

Archuleta County enters Level Orange

Spike in COVID-19 cases continues

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

On Monday, Archuleta County officially landed in Level Orange: High Risk on the state's COVID dial due to the increased prevalence of COVID-19 in the community, and officials are asking people to take immediate action to avoid further restrictions, including with this week's Thanksgiving gatherings.

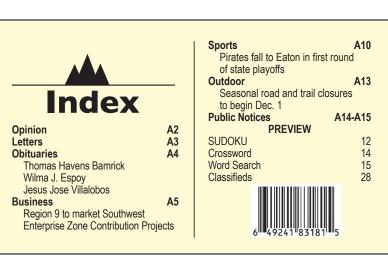
Colorado is seeing an "unprecedented level" of disease transmission currently, Dr. Rachel Herlihy, state epidemiologist, indicated Tuesday, with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment estimating that one out of every 49 residents in the state is infected with SARS-CoV-2, which is the highest prevalence since the virus arrived in Colorado.

Gov. Jared Polis added Tuesday that, at a Thanksgiving gathering with 10 people coming from multiple households, there is a one in four chance someone will be contagious.

He continued to echo advice and pleas from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state for people to not gather with others outside of their household right now.

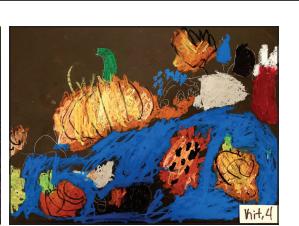
Local officials are also expressing concern with the rate of transmission locally and across the state and the potential effect it will have on the community and health care

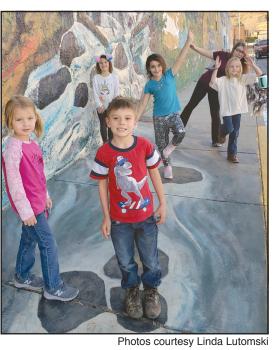
■ See COVID-19 A8











Pagosa Family School art students recently paid a visit to the mural at Goodman's Department Store for a lesson in color inspiration and to discuss murals as art in preparation for an oil pastels still-life drawing in the studio. They were led by teacher Linda Lutomski and aide Mattie.

Dry Gulch loan deactivated

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

During a meeting on Nov. 16, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors approved the deactivation of a loan the district currently has with the Colorado Water Conservation Board

According to SJWCD President Al Pfister, the reasoning behind the decision is the state budget situation.

"The state was asking us whether we wanted to deactivate our existing loan of \$1.9 plus million that we had applied for and had been approved contingent upon us getting a mill levy approved to pay for that," Pfister explained during the meeting. "It's been three years since that was initially approved and, I'll say, standard procedure is to, basically, after three years of actions have been taken,

■ See Loan A8

Visitor Center lighting event canceled

Out of an abundance of caution due to COVID-19, the annual lighting of the Visitor Center that was set for Friday, Nov. 27, has been

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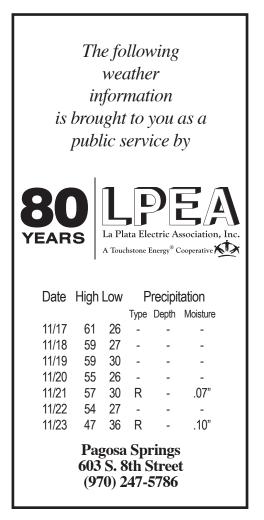
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EDITORIAL

What are you thankful for?

While it may not seem like it during the middle of a pandemic, there is still a lot to be thankful for in Pagosa Country.

We asked SUN readers and Facebook friends what they were thankful for this Thanksgiving and the respons $es were \, overwhelming. \, The \, following \, is \,$ a sampling of what they had to share, unedited and in their own words:

"I am thankful to be alive and have a husband, children, and friends who love and care for me." — Jackie Ramsey

"Definitely that I'm still healthy, happy, and have been able to stay above ground." — Jeanna Duran

"Facebook It has allowed me to stay in contact with my community and even make more friends in Pagosa Springs." — Pamela Larson

"I am thankful for being alive at this time on earth. At witnessing so many people waking up to our past history, and wanting to make the changes to be inclusive to all." — Kathleen Wells Steventon

"I am thankful for all the happy years Pete & I spent in Pagosa Springs! I still miss it and hope to return soon :) That glorious clean mountain air is good for my soul and I'm grateful for all the friends I made when we lived there." — Helen Richardson

"I'm thankful for the capacity to be thankful." — Ben Bailey

"For our health and jobs, May they both continue to thrive in these uncertain times!" — Danyelle Vincent Leentjes

"The courage, resiliency, commitment, and dedication of the PSMC EMS team." — Connie Cook

"I am thankful for the life Diamond Dave and I have lived in Pagosa Springs." — Kathryn Pokorney

"We lost our beloved Pickle. Our dog. We also lost our truck and a camper that two of our adopted kids too." — Jennifer Dawn Torrey-Segura

town I am privileged to live in." — Dee is not certain." — Marielys Fuertes Halligan

Friends and family — 39 percent

Living in this community — 16 percent

Food on the table — 2 percent

Health — 36 percent

Other — 6 percent

Poll results (213 votes)

Vote this week online:

Are area roads in good shape

for the winter?

"I am thankful for the ability to embrace solitude, appreciate my family, friends and nature and use my creativity to get me through challenging times." — Linda Lutomski

"Thankful that during these days when everyone is stuck where they are, I happen to be stuck in paradise, surrounded by miles and miles of wilderness, that brings calm to my soul. I'm one lucky guy." — Vincent Fortunato

"I am thankful for being able to start school in January. I'll be going to school for my EMT Certification. I am 40 years old and was accepted into the program. I want you all to know that it is not to late to follow your dreams." — Misty Carrasco

"I'm thankful for my salvation in and through the Lord Jesus Christ! My sins are gone and I've been made free! I know I'll spend eternity with Him because He saved my soul when I believed on His Name!" — Katy Weber

"Random Acts of Kindness." — Erin Frazee

"I'm thankful for N95 masks." — Kristeen Harris

"I am thankful for the leadership Pagosa has taken to take care of their people. Thankful for healing, health, and family." — Anita Vigil

"I'm thankful for every thing." — Jackie Miller

"I am so thankful for the staff of Archuleta School District, who trusted me to come in as a new leader. This staff jumped in and helped develop plans to return to school, keep kids and staff safe and ensure learning happens. I am thankful for all they do to make a difference in this community!" — Kym LeBlanc-Esparza

"I am Thankful for my family, my friends and for everyone that went up and beyond for others this year! 2020 has been very rough for all of Us but, WE are here! There's so much love and were living in. They lost everything. But empathy happening, it reminds us that I'm thankful that our house didn't burn we still have another day and we still have another chance! Stay well, stay "I am thankful for this wonderful safe and care for each other, tomorrow

"I'm Thankful for Family, Shelter,

39%

WHADDYA THINK?

What are you most thankful for

this time of year?

16%

36%

Food, Health, Work and Love. Amen" — Isabel Webster

"Thankful that people in Pagosa don't behave like lunatics in the big cities...we are peaceful." — Suzanne **McCarty**

"I'm thankful that Pagosa, a huge comfort of Beauty and comfort and security is my home during these troubled times." — Ray Revelle

"I am thankful that i still have things to take for granted', such as my loving wife, my health, my job, food on the table, neighbors who are always there to help. I have taken a fresh look at life and i have been taking for granted just how lucky i am." — Carolyn Schwulst

"Thankful for all the hard working teachers and school staff we have trying there best so we can still get the best in education!" — Lorah Beth Jacobson

"I'm so thankful for my family and friends, and our health and for the Lord always watching over us." — Alicia A Johnson

"Praising God for the miracle of this life, for the beauty within people and nature, and that we live in a free and prosperous country." — Kara Assid

"I am thankful for my family and friends. I am thankful to the lord for giving me the chance to wake up each and every day healthy. I'm thankful to the lord for all the ups and downs, for all the stressful situations I've been in, because he's planning something greater for me. Without all the ups and downs, I wouldn't be where I'm at today." — Juan Renteria

Holidays are totally different during a pandemic. Even the lighting of the Visitor Center and the arrival of Santa the day after Thanksgiving have had to be canceled this year.

For most of us, this is our first Thanksgiving during a pandemic. Unfortunately, some of us have lost someone we love to the virus. Many of our residents and friends have CO-VID-19 or are recovering.

The year 2020 brought many challenges to overcome but, through it all, we remain thankful.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago Taken from SUN files of

November 26, 1920

Several Pagosa ladies are getting rather lax in the matter of removing their hats while attending the movie theatre. But maybe their hair is not combed!

A deal is being completed whereby Homer McKinley purchases the L.O. Hardman interest in the McKinley-Hardman gymnasium and dance hall. The gym will be under the sole management of McKinley, while Hardman will retain the confectionery.

Work is progressing in the Hatcher block on the new vault for the second floor, the same being an extension of the vault on the first floor.

The smallpox epidemic has abated considerably in the past week. The most serious case has been that of Mrs. V.C. McGirr, who is now improving.

75 years ago Taken from SUN files of

November 30, 1945

J.F.Thiele has installed a calculograph in the office of the Pagosa Springs Telephone Co., which he hopes will result in better service on long distance calls. The device will enable Pagosa operators to time their own toll calls to Denver, its tributaries, Alamosa and Durango. This should result in a great saving of time for customers.

Lloyd Clark Jr. has opened a radio shop in the office of the Alley Warehouse next door to the San Juan Supply. Lloyd, recently discharged from army service, where he had extensive training and experience in radio maintenance and repair, will appreciate your patronage. His ad appears on another page of The Sun.

On Monday, the men worked cattle at the John Webb ranch. Dinner guests included Mr. and Mrs. Jim McManus and Nellie Faye, Mr. and Mrs. George Kleckner, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hardman, Jack Keane, Amarante Baca, Bob Grimes, the Tedd Webbs and Roy Inman. Tuesday, they all went to work at Hardmans, and on Wednesday to Keanes.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 26, 1970

This issue of the SUN is marked Volume 61, Number 52. The next issue will be Volume 62, Number 1. This means that the SUN has completed another year of operations and service to the community and to the editor.

Merchants in Pagosa Springs have assembled what is probably the largest selection of Christmas merchandise ever to be stocked in this town. Christmas shoppers will find a great many bargains and an assortment of merchandise that is almost unbelievable.

Weather for Thanksgiving in this area promises to be enjoyable. There are many years when Thanksgiving is the date of heavy storms. The temperatures may have been on the chilly side and may still be for Thanksgiving. Nevertheless, the skies are blue, it is still possible hereabouts to see for miles and miles without vision being distorted by smog, smoke, fog, or haze. That is just another thing to be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day and every day.

25 years ago Taken from SUN files of November 30, 1995

No one questions that Archuleta Coun-

ty Central Dispatch needed new transmission equipment and a remodeled facility at the county courthouse. The question now being asked is which of the agencies that use dispatch services will pay a share of the costs of the construction and operation of the new center. The Central Dispatch center receives and relays calls to a number of vital local agencies, including law enforcement and emergency medical organizations. The communications to and from dispatch are necessary if those agencies are to operate in a prompt and effective manner. Over the past few years, critical dispatch equipment eroded and during the last year the control board at the center degraded to the point where only three channels were functional. Dispatch personnel were prepared to shift operations to a backup unit at the Search and Rescue headquarters if the board failed completely.

With no serious snowfall recorded in the high country yet this season, the local ski industry has been dealt a blow, as have the businesses that rely on skiers for winter trade. The Thanksgiving holiday period is usually one during which Southwest Colorado and Wolf Creek Ski Area are far ahead of the rest of the region in snow depth and skier visits. This year, so far, it is only by dint of near heroic efforts that the ski area has opened.



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'Catch 22'

Dear Editor:

So here's the "Catch 22"..if you are really Christian and believe that mankind is born evil and fallible (saved only by belief in Jesus) why would any rational, sane, intelligent Christian place their countries fate in Trumps hands vs. proven Federal institutions that have functioned extremely well for over 200+ years...maybe it's a religious habit for a 'god' savior, or lack of courage to be involved beyond screaming & marching around w/an AR, or the old faithful of choosing incredibly ignorant conspiracy fantasies... or has G. Orwell's "Ministry of Truth" arrived? Possibly worse...Trump's voters claim that their cult of idolatry is patriotism?

What this election taught me is that our institutions are far..far more fragile than I ever thought, that roughly 45% of fellow citizens would trade the world's oldest form of democracy for an in-your-face corrupt dictator, that these same folks don't care about their fellow citizens (mask?), that political goals/standards are meaningless to them, that only one Bill of Right has any value and finally our very wealthy, with few exceptions, were bought off. Did you know the Roman empire fell primarily for two reasons: corruption and factionalism, that opened a door to a dictator...sound familiar...did we just dodge the dictator bullet..maybe he's playing golf!

We are all to some degree racist but Trump and his voters while claiming to be 'innocent' as charged have nationally proven without a doubt they'd prefer a 'Jim Crow' world to accepting people of

Letters

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The SUN generally does not edit letters, but reserves the right to

Oh God, forgive me when I whine,

I have two legs. The world is mine!

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad

I talked with him. He seemed so glad.

And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you. You have been so kind.

It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind."

who sold it had such charm.

If I were late, it'd do no harm.

color as equals...all lives do matter. Biden will not be a magical cure

but he is a moderate who's not even remotely as evilly foul as Trump. And yes, a whole bunch of folks are terribly disappointed in the election results as they are very concerned about the future of America. Nationally the state election officials almost uniformly GOP stood up for the law and your vote... that's cause for hope. Covid-19 is now our third leading cause of death what if we have a second new pandemic? What if a national war is provoked? What if climate change drives larger mass migrations, denies food supplies..etc.. etc. Will Trump's voters join with everyone else to face the national, state and personal threats or will they just put on their camo turn on FOX, NEWSMAX or some other televangelist and again choose fantasy...'seed prophesy' anyone? Dave Blake

Football playoffs

Dear Editor:

Coaches always say "Football is bigger than the game- it is about life and lessons learned from the game." I have seen those words become especially true over the last 8 months. Who would've known that the ultimate lesson would be ripped right away from thousands of high school athletes? Trust me when I say I have witnessed the disappointment, heartbreak, and depression with my own eyes. I've seen the faces of a WebEx room full of high school boys being told their season is over right before their first playoff game, through absolutely no fault of their own. Not just my son but the entire team of "my sons", along with their coaches, parents, and the entire community.

The shortened season was a blessing and allowed athletes to be mentored, loved, and supported. They worked incredibly hard to remain healthy and playing a sport they love. Crashing weights, sweat, sore muscles, etc. are nothing to these athletes, along with the intense work they put into their academics to remain eligible to play the game. It's not just the game or the sport ... it is the big picture. We are boldly asking the remaining teams in the playoffs to forfeit their games this weekend. To stand in unity with the teams who were forced to forfeit their games. To do the right (and safe) thing.

The championships are what? A match of who was lucky enough not to be quarantined yet? Or a match of the physical labors put forth by a family called a team? There is no guarantee that any teams will remain un-quarantined through the playoffs. Even if a team manages to "survive" until they are crowned champion, the victory would forever seem hollow. Forfeiting would not be an easy choice but I believe it would teach the kids a lesson about honesty, integrity, not taking the easy way out, equality and fairness.

Wouldn't it be awesome to postpone the playoffs until the Spring? When families, fans, and the communities that support these teams could come together and root for their teams one more time and where a true championship was earned and not given? Let the hard work, dedication, and love for the game be the shining point to actually be able to call a team the "Champions".

We are asking CHSAA, Governor Polis, high schools, coaches, and

our student-athletes - give the seniors a chance to shine and let's give them a chance to compete. A Proud Member of the Mead Football Family Daniel H. Brewington

everyone who loves the game to

consider giving these boys back

some hope and positivity. Support

What do you believe in?

If you are a lifelong Republican, or a lifelong Democrat, or any other affiliation, political or otherwise, do you stop to consider what you believe, and whether the actions or policies of the party or organization you espouse align with your own views and life experience?

In 1970, Republican President Richard Nixon signed an Executive Order establishing the Environmental Protection Act, designating funds to improve air and water quality, and reduce pollution. By the end of 2020, the Republican government has weakened or eliminated more than 125 rules and policies that protect our air, water, land and public health.

In 1964, southern Democrats tried to stop passage of the Civil Rights Act; today, the Democratic party is seen as the defender of civil rights.

These examples are simplified and generalized, but the question I'm asking is, if you supported your party in 1970, and in 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2020, have you noticed that the party policies you are supporting have done at least a 180-degree turn? What do you really believe or believe in?

Do policies even matter, or are elections and political debates merely a contest, entertainment like team sports? Nothing against team sports, but these should be entertaining, often exciting, perhaps a way of relaxing, or bonding with one another across identity or political differences. In sports, we see the same divide, the same loyalty. Did it matter to fans if Tom Brady cheated, if those fans considered him to be the greatest quarterback, deserving to win? Does it matter if the 2020 election was, by all legitimate accounts, secure and fair, if you choose to not believe in the electoral process and governmental systems in place in the United States? Is it more important to win, or to have a fair game, a fair contest?

When I was 10 years old, I had a friend who always had to be right. If she didn't get 100 percent on a test, she argued with the teacher. When we played Scrabble, if she misspelled a word and the dictionary confirmed her spelling was incorrect, she would storm off in a huff, then return to tell me her mother said she was right. If she was really losing, she would toss the board.

Besides the obvious health and mortality effects, the greatest damage wrought by COVID19 has been social isolation. Rates of depression and loneliness have skyrocketed, and people are not speaking to neighbours, co-workers, acquaintances they might run into at restaurants, coffee shops and bars. Many are holed up in their homes, with only their preferred electronic media for companionship and information. No friendly contact with people who might have differing views, opinions or life experiences.

You can choose the news sources and stories you believe, but perhaps it is time to stop treating politics as a reality TV show, and to decide whether we ultimately choose democracy over authoritarianism, America over a political

Lisa Jensen

Sea turtles and plastic bags

Dear Editor:

My name is Finlay. I am seven years old. I love turtles, so I thought that I would take care of every turtle in the planet. Please will you write a story in the newspaper about plastic hurting oceans and the creatures that live in then. It also hurts rivers and the creatures that live there. I hope that we could ban plastic bags in our town, because when people use them at the store they go into the landfill and blow into oceans and rivers. (Did you know that our landfill is right next to a river?)

Because I love Sea Turtles, I know a little bit about them. Their favorite food is jelly fish, so when ■ See Letters A4

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Today, upon a bus, I saw a lovely girl with golden hair, I have two eyes. The world is mine.

I envied her....she seemed so beautiful....and wished I were so fair. When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle. I stopped a moment, She had one leg and wore a crutch; but as she passed....a smile!

> He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew he could not hear. Oh God, forgive me when I whine.

With feet to take me where I'd go, with eyes to see the sunset's glow, with ears to hear what I would know....

Oh God forgive me when I whine. I am blessed indeed. The world is mine! Author unknown

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Oh God, forgive me when I whine.

Later while walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue. He stood and watched the others play. When I said, "Why don't you join the others, Dear?'

I have two ears, the world is mine.

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Obituaries

Thomas Havens Bamrick

Dec. 16, 1957-Nov. 13

Thomas was born in Santa Monica, Calif., on Dec. 16, 1957, to Ronald and JoAnn Bamrick. They moved to Chromo, Colo., and had the Chromo Store, filling station, restaurant and post office. Thomas went to school and graduated in Pagosa Springs. He was an emergency first responder for 25 years. Thomas helped out at the Pagosa hospital and was very proud

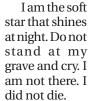
of his profession and was very good at it, too. He liked to hike and had a cat named Sarah who was the love of his life. Thomas liked to play cards, chess and solitaire on his laptop. All that knew Thomas loved his sense of humor. Thomas and Rose Mary were married on Sept. 28, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Rose Mary Bamrick; his father, Ronald Bamrick; cousins; and close friends.

Wilma J. Espoy

Jan. 6, 1924-Oct. 28

Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripen grain. I am the gentle autumn

When you wake in the morning's hush. I am the swift up-flinging of quiet birds in circling flight.



Your family will love and miss you for-



Jesus Jose Villalobos

Jesus Jose Villalobos passed away Nov. 19 at his home in Pagosa Springs, Colo.

Jesus was born in El Ranchito de San Juan, Balleza, Chihuahua, Mexico, on Oct. 3, 1934 ,to Ermila Olivas Portillo and Jesus Jose Villalobos.



Jesus enjoyed spending time with his family and loved ones. He will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his spouse, Matilde Palma Villalobos; daughters Marylou Villalobos and Marisol Villalobos; grandchildren Santiago Ornelas Villalobos, Emilia Ornelas Villalobos, Juliana Montes Villalobos and Valentina Montes Villalobos.

The rosary will be recited at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church in Pagosa Springs on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Due to COVID restrictions, seating is limited and those who attend are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. A livestream of the service will be available online through the church.

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they see a plastic bag, they think the plastic bag is a jelly fish and they swallow it and it hurts them and they die, sadly or the get sick and then die. I read that people only use plastic bags for about 12 minutes and when the bags go into the landfill or seas and rivers, it takes up to 1,000 years to decompose. Besides the Sea Turtles, plastics skill whales, more than a million sea birds every year, sea lions, sharks and dolphins. If too many of them get killed there won't be any more them on the planet. Wouldn't it be sad if my kids wouldn't ever be able to see a Sea Turtle and they were extinct?

In your article, will you please write this list I made:

1) Tell kids to tell their friends to put reusable bags in their parents'

2) Write a letter to our town council to ban plastic bags.

3) Call the grocery store managers and ask them to reduce the number of plastic bags that they give away.

4) Make a video about saving turtles. Share it on your Facebook. Finlay Moore, age 7

How they did it

Dear Editor:

The computer science profession rolled the portable voting machine into the Michigan University student lounge. Students familiar with the congenial professor gathered 'round. "What's up?"

"I'd like volunteers for a quick study."

"Sure. What's the issue?" "I want to find out if your favorite university is actually Michigan

or your perennial rival, Ohio State." The students chuckled. "Michigan, of course. It's why we're all here."

Letters

"Humor me. For I believe a number of you are closet Buckeyes [the OU mascot]. My 'magic' voting machine will pull your actual preference out of you."

An hour later, after the threehundred Michigan students had recorded their votes on the portable computer, they waited for the certain outcome. And when the machine's screen reported, "180 votes for Ohio State" and "120 votes for Michigan," the students were baffled.

"Did anyone here cast a vote for Ohio?" one student shouted out. A resounding "No!" was the reply.

Raising his hand, the professor took charge. "Would you all like to know the actual—not the 'official'--vote tally?"

"Of course."

He opened up the back of the machine and pulled out a tape which had recorded the true numbers. He read aloud, "300 votes for the University of Michigan."

Impressed, someone asked, "How did you do that? How were our votes distorted?

The teacher explained. "Knowing how you'd vote I'd previously entered a mathematical formula an algorithm—that gave an extra two-tenths of a vote to Ohio for every vote cast for Michigan. With 300 of you having voted, that equates to 60 votes [300 x . 2 = 60].

"To make certain that the total number of votes remained the same [300], my formula subtracted the manufactured 60 votes from 300 = 240. My formula then divided that in half. Giving 120 base-votes to each side. The algorithm then added the extra 60 votes to Ohio's total; which became the official record.

"And if a recount occurred the total number of votes [300] would be confirmed. Only an audit of each vote would confirm the actual outcome.'

An astonished student responded, "If you hadn't done this out in the open, right in front of us, you could have changed the actual results to whatever you thought you could get away with."

"Too bad you're not signed up for one of my classes, young man, for you just got an 'A+'." (Source: "Flashback: NYT: Mock Election Demonstrates How Malicious Code...")

With a rabidly hostile media, Trump legitimately got ten million more votes for his re-election than he did in 2016. While the media darling Obama got ten million fewer votes his second time around. And confused, low energy Biden beat Obama's previous record by ten million votes? And by twentymillion from 2012? Only sheep are that gullible.

All the mistakes, fraud and shenanigans in this election go one way: against Trump and for Biden. A statistical impossibility.

How do corrupt politicians get elected? By people who are so willingly and easily fooled.

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Daughters of the American Revolution raises money for veteran's wreaths

By Linda Hobbs

Daughters of the American Revolution

The Sarah Platt Decker Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) successfully raised enough money for 100-plus wreaths to be placed at the Colorado State Veterans Cemetery in Monte Vista. The Colorado State Veterans Cemetery is the closest veterans cemetery to Pagosa Springs. It is the final resting place to over 1,900 veterans and

their spouses. WreathsAcrossAmerica.org is a national nonprofit organization that strives to get wreaths sponsored for every veteran in national and state veteran cemeteries. Last year, 2.2 million wreaths were laid at over 2,100 cemeteries in the U.S. and a few overseas locations. As wreaths are laid by volunteers, the veteran's name is spoken aloud to "never forget those who served."

There is still time to sponsor a wreath through the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter NSDAR at the Colorado State Veterans Cemetery or at many other veteran cemeteries. Sponsorship costs just \$15 and is easily achieved through the Web at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/ co0186P. Deadline for this year's drive is Nov. 30.

For more information, please contact Linda Hobbs at (713) 304-

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Region 9 to market **Southwest Enterprise Zone** Contribution **Projects**

By Stephani Burditt

Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado received approval from the State Enterprise Zone coordinator at the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade for its Southwest Enterprise Zone logo to identify and market contribution projects in the region.

Donors who meet at least minimum donation requirements for approved Enterprise Zone Projects can claim a 25 percent state tax credit and a 12.5 percent state tax credit on in-kind donations. This credit is in addition to the federal tax deduction for contributing to any 501(c)(3).

There are currently 31 approved Enterprise Zone projects in southwest Colorado that span Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties. Each project works to positively impact a distressed area through community facility, economic development, health care, homeless assistance, job training, visitor event/attraction or workforce housing projects.

Enterprise Zone projects are administered by Region 9 and program information and a full list of nonprofits are available online at www.scan.org/incentives or by calling Region 9 at 247-9621.

The Community Foundation has provided over \$1.25 million in COVID rapid-response granting

By Tracy Pope Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado has spearheaded the COVID emergency response donations in our five-county region through the Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF). Combined granting from CERF and the Community Foundation's projects and donoradvised funds has totaled more than \$1.25 million since March.

The Community Foundation has distributed CERF funds totaling \$617,514, supporting nonprofits and the broader community.

Food security has been the focus of a large portion of CERF granting, with \$187,621 distributed to nonprofits and local food producers across five counties in southwest Colorado. The foundation has worked to provide regionwide collaboration in food purchasing to benefit multiple food systems, while leveraging \$85,000 of other funds, such as CARES Act dollars, to stretch CERF dollars even further. Purchases have included both nonperishable and perishable items. When feasible, the perishable food is purchased from regional small farms to support local agriculture.

"It has been eye-opening to be a part of the team that is addressing the sharp increase in food insecurity across our region," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "People who have never needed food assistance before are visiting our local pantries at record numbers."

In addition to CERF, the foundation has granted \$593,180 through COVID-response donations from donor-advised funds and other COVID-related projects. The Community Foundation is home to 33 donor-advised funds. So far this year, 75 percent of the foundation's donor advised funds provided grants to nonprofit organizations.

"This has been an intense eight



Photo courtesy Veronica Medina

Veronica and Mauricio Medina are looking forward to keeping our community litter-free with the adoption of their road. They encourage other local families to get involved and consider adopting the road they live on. Interested parties can contact Jamie Jones at jjones@archuletacounty.org or Martin Schmidt at mschmidt@ pagosasprings.co.gov for more information on how they can adopt a road.

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Community Development Corporation appoints new economic recovery coordinator

By Simone Mounsamy Staff Writer

A few weeks ago, the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) appointed Robert Clark as its economic recovery coordinator.

In July, it was reported that the duties of the position include carrying out the CDC's mission and strategic objectives, managing economic development programs and trainings, creating positive community relations and increasing membership in the organization.

Clark's first day in the position was Oct. 26.

He is a Denver native, but has lived in several states working "Three sector career stages" during which he "worked for and advised mostly High Technology Start-Ups over all three career sector periods," he wrote in an email.

Most recently, Clark's professional experience has been in "Public and Private multi-modal Transportation economic development supporting the state of Nevada and working for the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development and multiple U.S. State Jurisdictions and Authorities after," he explained.

When asked what he brings to our community, Clark illustrated his passion for diverse business

"My passion ... and my ability to support their unique and special economic circumstances should come across as genuine, sincere, and capable to the community," he wrote.

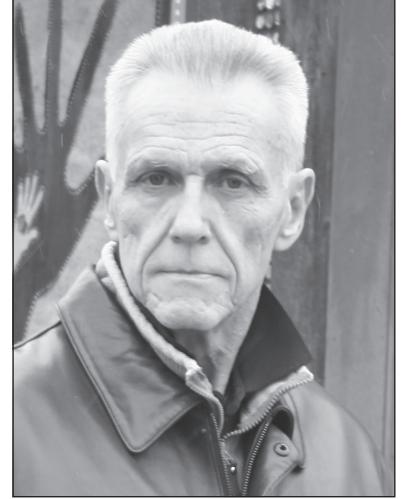
He went on, "I will split my time between existing businesses expansion support and targeting new sectors and businesses for relocation to the Pagosa Springs area creating greater economic infusion and greater opportuni-

ties for the local workforce.' Clark explained the CDC's mission, writing, "Revitalize the Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County area ... In particular Affordable and long-term Housing for lower income families and individuals (Service Economy sectors), Infrastructure improvements with special emphasis on Broadband Internet access for as many people as possible, and improvements and creation of greater Educational and Vocational training programs (Workforce Development) and at higher levels."

The CDC Strategic Plan and Community Development Action Plan (CDAP) are under review and will be updated for the new year. They will be updated as twoyear action plans, "emphasis on Action!" Clark wrote.

When asked to differentiate between a CDC membership and a Chamber of Commerce membership, Clark mentioned that in most communities these two work hand in hand. In our community, however, Clark wrote that "the CDC focus is more outwardly focused to emphasize diversifying the economy."

He explained, "This includes business inquiries and recruit- the business community: "I am



Robert Clark

ment efforts to bring needed or desirable new businesses and services into the County, and helping businesses in the community expand their products and services outside the County."

Clark extended some words to

maximum amount awarded will

be \$10,000. In all circumstances,

available, accessible, and supportive of all business owners here and any ideas they may have for economic recovery and development. Please, reach out to me!"

Clark can be reached at

rclark@pagosaspringscdc.org. simone@pagosasun.com

Last call for town COVID Reimbursement Relief Program trons during colder weather. The

By Mary Jo Coulehan Pagosa Springs Area

Chamber of Commerce

The Town of Pagosa Springs is taking "last call" for its COVID

Relief Fund Program. Local businesses may apply to the Town of Pagosa Springs for reimbursements up to \$7,500. The reimbursements include

tents, heaters, building adjustments, awnings and other COVIDrelated needs such as hand sanitizer, disposable menus, phone apps for menus or online shopping, etc.

This is also a reimbursable program. The deadline for this pro- outdoor dining spaces for pa-

gram is Nov. 30, so time is running short for businesses to file their applications. Go to https://www. pagosasprings.co.gov/ and then click on the Pagosa Springs Coronavirus Relief Fund Program link. You must have receipts to back up

Outdoor Winter Seating Grant

The state will also open the second round of grants for the Outdoor Winter Seating Grant Program on Nov. 30. The deadline for the grant is Dec. 11. Recipients must use the grant funds to purgram, not an advancement pro- chase items needed to maintain

your application.

County accepts offer for land off U.S. 84

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

At the regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, Nov. 17, the commissioners approved a resolution to accept an offer for a 7.53-acre lot off of

The county recently received two offers for the parcel of land. County Attorney Todd Weaver was assigned to negotiate a final contract due to the two offers being

"nearly equivalent," the meeting's agenda explains.

The offer accepted by the county was from Jon B. and Mozhdah B. Bruss for \$165,000. The other offer the county received was for \$153,000, according to agenda documentation.

The offer accepted by the county does not state the intended use of the land.

The property is currently zoned for commercial use, Weaver ex-

clayton@pagosasun.com

grants from the program will be made only to help pay for limited types of eligible expenses, which include but are not limited to: architectural or design fees, construction materials and contractor fees, tents, heaters and/or heating equipment or expenses related to heating, furniture, lighting, snow removal, safety measures/equipment, cold-weather gear for staff or patrons, other expenses directly related to your outdoor dining program. Projects completed after Aug. 1, projects in process or planned projects that will be completed by Jan. 15 are eligible to apply. Proof of hardship — special priority will be given to businesses that can show a year-over-year revenue loss of more than 40 percent. Any restaurant that can show a loss of 20 percent or more will be considered. Corporate-owned chain locations are not eligible. Franchisees are welcome to apply. For grant awardees, half of the funding will be distributed upon notification of the award. Final funding (second half) depends on submission of a photo of the completed space plus receipts for

all eligible expenses. These are very important financial programs for our businesses. Don't leave money on the table. These programs are here to help our business community offset some of the economic hardships that are being incurred in order for your business to stay afloat. Don't miss these deadlines and make an effort to garner some of these grant funds.

Shop Small Shop Local

Along with national Black Friday shopping specials, the small business community comes together the Saturday after Thanksgiving for Small Business Saturday.

Extended through the holiday shopping season, the Shop Small Shop Local theme is very prevalent this year. It is easy for many to just go to their Amazon Prime account and order. But how is this shopping format helping your community? Remember that 70 percent of your shopping dollars stay in your community when you shop local. Think of all the times that a nonprofit agency has asked for a donation for its fundraiser and the amount of merchandise and services this community has garnered through our business community. It is now time to give back to these businesses and support them during this holiday season. These businesses are owned by your neighbors and friends and maybe even family. Support them, their business and our economy.

With increased COVID numbers, a reduction in outdoor engagement may occur. Shop online locally, call the business directly, work with the business owner and get your goods this holiday season locally. And businesses, if you aren't online and offering services, you are missing out on sales.

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Granting

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my eight years at the foundation. When emergencies arise, our partners truly step up to make generous, impactful donations."

Grants were disbursed across numerous sectors in all five counties of southwest Colorado. The top three sectors that received funding were human services, education, and arts and culture.

Since the impacts of the pan-

demic are expected to continmonths," said Wrinkle. "I have ue through winter and beyond, not seen granting at this level in \$147,000 in CERF funds is earmarked for spending in first quarter of 2021. The CERF fund receives COVID-related emergency donations at coloradogives.org/cerf.

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Governor calls special session of 72nd General Assembly

Gov. Jared Polis' office

Recently, Goy, Jared Polis shared specifics of the scope of the Special Session of the 72nd General Assembly, scheduled to commence on Monday, Nov. 30, at 10 a.m.

"We are living in a moment of unprecedented urgency," said Polis."We will act to support our small businesses who face challenging months ahead, provide relief to hardworking people, support child care, and improve broadband access for students and educators. I thank legislative leadership for their support and collaboration during this challenging time for our state.'

Last week, the governor and legislative leadership announced they would take up critical legislation that will help Colorado families and small businesses during the challenging winter months

"We have a responsibility to do everything we can to help our state recover from this pandemic, but if we don't act now, more businesses will close and families may lose their homes," said Speaker KC Becker, D-Boulder. "Colorado restaurants, families and communities can't wait any longer for additional federal aid. Our stimulus package will deliver relief for Colorado's restaurants, help parents find safe child care options and provide direct assistance for Coloradans who are struggling to pay their rent or mortgage.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has taken an enormous toll on our community — draining our resources, isolating us from the people we love and destroying our businesses that took years to create. But, unfortunately, this relent-

less disease isn't letting up any time soon. We need a stimulus package to carry us through the winter and alleviate the unimaginable burden weighing on so many Coloradans, ' said Senate President Leroy Garcia, D-Pueblo. "I am incredibly proud of the unity and urgency our state leadership has shown in calling this special session and I look forward to the work we will be able to do on behalf of Colorado.'

The governor presented seven areas for the General Assembly to take action:

· Small business relief: Small businesses, including bars and restaurants, gyms and fitness studios, and entertainment venues have struggled to stay open at lower capacities, making it difficult to pay their staff and rent. These small businesses will need direct support and tax relief to make it through the challenging fall and winter months. The call requests the General Assembly take action, including by providing relief from sales tax payments for bars and restaurants, and direct aid for various business types.

• Child care support: The CO-VID-19 pandemic has burdened child care providers, which we know are crucial to building and sustaining a thriving economy by enabling families to work and preparing children for school. Based on a recent survey, at least 26 percent of child care facilities in Colorado may close permanently, without financial support, due to

the pandemic. Housing and direct rental assistance: Because of the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans for small businesses, enhanced unemployment benefits and direct payments to Americans,

we avoided a significant wave of housing evictions and foreclosures. Now, though, the expiration of these programs leaves vulnerable Coloradans at risk of eviction or foreclosure in the coming months.

"Colorado families, restaurants, bars and small businesses can't wait any longer for help — they need relief to get through the challenging months ahead," said Speaker-designate Alec Garnett, D-Denver. "We are going to pass targeted legislation that helps families avoid eviction and small businesses stay open to sustain our recovery and help Coloradans who have been hit hardest by the pandemic. I look forward to working with lawmakers in both parties to build back stronger and ensure every Coloradan has a fair shot to succeed as our economy recovers."

"With the coronavirus surging to an all-time high and winter fast approaching, we need solutions that will help Coloradans survive these next few months. And this special session gives us the opportunity to do just that. From housing assistance to child care support to small business relief, we are prioritizing direct financial aid for the folks who have been hit hardest by the pandemic," said Senate Majority Leader Steve Fenberg, D-Boulder.

 Increasing broadband access: While the majority of school districts are learning in person, the most recent increase in cases has forced many school districts, including many Denver metro area school districts, to switch to remote learning. Without broadband or Wi-Fi, these students will face significant learning loss that will have implications for their future academic careers and lifetime

• Food insecurity: Demand for food assistance via food pantries and food banks has increased as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The demand appears to be correlated with the unemployment and furloughs through the service sector, as well as school and campus closures and is not anticipated to abate in the short-term. Meanwhile, food pantries' food resources were often stretched prior to the pandemic and economic fallout. As dollars available to hunger relief through the CARES Act and Families First Coronavirus Relief Act (FFRCA) end in December 2020, no new federal funding is currently available to replace these funds.

• Utilities assistance: Heading into the winter, many Coloradans are unemployed, underemployed or unable to find new work, all while having little to no savings and growing expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This segment of the population now qualify as low-income and are at risk of not being able to afford their utility bills over the coming months. Energy Outreach Colorado applications are up 25 percent compared to the same time last year and funding allocated by the General Assembly during the prior legislative session will be distributed by Dec. 4.

• Public health response: As the pandemic has entered its third wave in Colorado, additional funds are needed immediately to continue the state's robust public health response. The call includes a request for funds to ensure the state can continue to protect public health while we await additional federal stimulus and reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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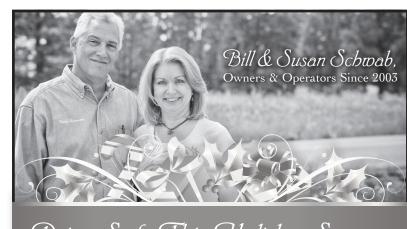
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State releases updated public health order for residential care visitation

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The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) recently released an updated public health order and guidance for indoor visitation at residential care facilities serving older adults and people with disabilities. The new guidance allows for indoor visitation with enhanced safety precautions.

As the safer option, facilities should continue outdoor visits if weather permits and the resident is able to participate. Indoor visitation for family and friends is now permitted at facilities that meet all of the following criteria:

• Must be located in a county that has less than 10 percent average two-week positivity rate as determined by utilizing the COVID-19 dial dashboard.

• Must implement ongoing weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing as required for all staff and residents. Surveillance testing is done to identify the presence of

COVID-19 in people before they have symptoms of illness. Surveillance testing is an important tool in stopping the spread of COVID-19 in facility settings.

 Must not be experiencing a current COVID-19 outbreak nor have any other ongoing infectious disease outbreak, such as flu or

• Must maintain a 14-day supply of all necessary personal protective equipment.

• Must maintain adequate staffing levels and provide ongoing training in the latest COVID-19 prevention protocols.

The public health order also reinforced that the following groups must be permitted to enter facilities with safety precautions:

Essential health care service providers (physicians, hospice, and home health staff of all disciplines, along with other types of medical and nonmedical health care and services).

• Religious exercise.

• Adult Protective Services.

• Long-term care ombudsman. • Designated support persons (must be screened and may be of-

fered testing). • Compassionate Care Visita-

 Emergency medical and service personnel (neither screening nor testing required and no delays from response or access in carrying out duties).

"The updated guidance balances the need to be as safe as

possible in facilities that continue to be at highest risk — with the need for visitations. We know that visitations are critical to the health and wellbeing of those served by the facilities, so we are proceeding cautiously, and we will continue to closely monitor and respond to the situation," said Randy Kuykendall, director, Heath Facilities and EMS Division, CDPHE.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Monday, Nov. 30

Colorado Counties Inc.Winter Conference. 8:30 a.m., virtual meeting. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Colorado Counties Inc. Winter Conference. 1 p.m., virtual meeting. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

Pagosa Springs Sanitation and **General Improvement District board meeting.** 5 p.m. See town website for participation infor-

Thursday, Dec. 3

Dispatch Executive Management board meeting. 9:30 a.m., virtual meeting. Web address: https:// us02web.zoom.us/j/7186713647, meeting ID: 718 671 3647.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners Underfunded Courthouse Facility commission application reviews. Time to be determined. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

Saturday, Dec. 5

San Juan Water Conservancy District work session — Strategic Plan. 5 p.m. Visit sjwcd.org 24 hours prior for Zoom information and agenda.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

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

Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting. Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant, 157 Navajo Trail Drive.

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. Archuleta School District Board of Education. 6 p.m. Virtual Zoom

meeting. Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting and Board of Trustees of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Firemen's Pension Fund meeting. 6:30 p.m., administration building, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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COVID-19

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resources in the coming weeks.

'COVID-19 is now widespread in Archuleta County community, with daily exposures identified in schools, businesses and special events, and is placing pressure on local hospital capacity. Archuleta County exceeded the Level Orange threshold for new cases on Nov. 13 and since then case growth has accelerated," a San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) press release states, adding later, "Archuleta County exceeded the Level Red threshold for cases on Nov. 19."

Level Orange reduces the legal operating capacity for most businesses from 50 percent to 25 percent and moves last call for alcohol sales to 10 p.m.

If Archuleta County is unable to mitigate its transmission rate, the next category on the state's dial is Level Red: Severe Risk.

Level Red closes high-risk indoor businesses and events while allowing some businesses to remain open at very limited capacity.

For information about all phases of the state's COVID-19 dial framework for public health protections, visit https://covid19.colorado.gov/ data/covid-19-dial.

Archuleta County cases

Between March 26 (when the first COVID-19 case among Archuleta County residents was reported) and Oct. 31, Archuleta County had 69 cumulative cases according to SJBPH data.

As of Tuesday, 105 cases have been reported in November, making for a total reported case count of 174.

Of those, 39 are considered recovered. Another 71 cases among nonresidents have been reported.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb relayed to The SUN Tuesday that the state estimates there are twice as many cases as are being identified through testing.

Webb acknowledged that while it's likely more cases are being identified through increased testing efforts, PSMC is seeing sick patients testing positive for COVID-19.

Health care concerns

While PSMC is not currently at capacity, Webb stated the facility has encountered difficulties and delays in transferring patients, both COVID and non-COVID, who need a higher level of care in the last week.

"We are not to capacity, but we are worried about what's going to happen two to three weeks" from now, Webb said.

The CEO further outlined that ployees either working from home, to staffing shortages. working from home with restrictions after exposures, or who are out sick with COVID.

That, she indicated, can affect the medical center's ability to care for patients.

She noted the facility needs to be able to staff its ambulances, emergency room, surgery and other

Colorado, she added, has twice as many people hospitalized now as it

did during the highest point in April. Webb suggested that if people still plan to gather with others outside their household that they, for example, eat outside with as few people as

wear masks while visiting. **Essential precautions**

SJBPH expressed the following precautions will be essential to containing the spread of COVID-19 through the winter holiday season:

possible or in different rooms, then

 Stay at home as much as possible and instruct employees to work from home if possible.

 Practice physical distancing (at least 6 feet away from another per-

 Avoid social gatherings with more than one household, espe-

 Wear face coverings when in public; the statewide mask order is

still in effect in indoor public spaces. Practice good hygiene (washing hands, covering coughs and sneez-

 Get tested if you have symptoms or believe you've been exposed through a known contact or community interaction.

• Don't go to work, school or social activities if you are sick or have a known or suspected exposure.

For the most up-to-date information on how to take precautions against the spread of COVID-19, visit SJBPH's website at: https:// sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/.

Testing efforts continue

"Locally, in the month of November, PSMC has seen much higher demand for testing, a dramatic increase in the number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19, and a significant increase in the number of people with symptoms so serious that they require medical intervention," a letter from Webb

That letter outlines that, from March through October, PSMC tested 1,259 individuals for COVID.

In the month of November alone, through Nov. 23, PSMC has tested 1,365 individuals.

Webb noted that figure only includes on-site testing at PSMC.

Webb noted that PSMC continues to test symptomatic patients through its clinic, and offers testing to asymptomatic individuals who may have been exposed through drive-through testing to the right rear of the medical center six days per week.

The drive-thru testing will not be open on Thanksgiving, she noted, and will be open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. PSMC has had as many as 30 em-next week — shortened hours due

She suggested that anyone experiencing symptoms should call their provider for advice on how to proceed.

Webb also cautioned that tests are a "snapshot in time" and a negative test does not mean you won't later become symptomatic and spread the virus.

In addition to PSMC, other testing is available locally through other providers and SJBPH.

To address community demand for COVID-19 testing, SJBPH is working with PSMC, Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs to provide free COVID-19 testing on Wednesday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The test site is located at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds at 344 U.S. 84. No appointment is

See www.PagosaSUN.com for any additional testing events to be announced.

The CDPHE suggests that people with symptoms should always get tested immediately. Symptoms include:

- Fever or chills.
- Cough.
- Shortness of breath or difficulty reathing.
- Fatigue.
- Muscle or body aches.
- Headache.
- New loss of taste or smell.
- Sore throat. • Congestion or runny nose.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Diarrhea.

Exposure notification systems: SJBPH adds text notifications

SJBPH is also reporting stress to its contact-tracing efforts with the increased virus transmission in its service area.

To streamline COVID-19 disease investigation and control and decrease the time between positive case investigation and notification of close contacts, SJBPH launched an automated text-message system to notify close contacts of their exposure to COVID-19 and rapidly deliver quarantine instruction.

Traditional disease investigation and control consists of a case interview of people who have tested positive to identify people (close contacts) who may have been exposed, followed by a direct phone call to the close contacts to deliver quarantine and testing instructions.

Throughout the summer, SJBPH staff performed over 2,000 phone calls to cases and contacts. In the last three weeks, cases in both Archuleta and La Plata counties dramatically increased, and SJBPH announced it is no longer able to notify 100 percent of contacts with phone calls.

As a result, some close contacts may receive a text message from (855) 681-1645 notifying them of their exposure and providing a link to quarantine and testing instructions.

"It is critically important for control of COVID-19 that anyone receiving an automated text message from SJBPH follow the quarantine and testing instructions to prevent spread of disease," Jollon said. "This tool will help us deal with our high recent volume of cases more efficiently and quarantine exposed people faster.'

The only links within the text message will be to a quarantine letter that may be presented to employers as confirmation of necessity for exclusion from work and to the SJBPH website for testing information and other resources.

There have been reports of scam exposure notifications via text message in the past; people should never give personal identifying information to any text or web portal claiming to be public health and the official SJBPH text notification will not ask for any personal information.

The SJBPH text notification service is separate from the Colorado Exposure Notification phone app, which automatically sends notifications to phones with the app that are identified as being in prolonged proximity to other phones whose owners eventually test positive.

SJBPH also encourages all community members to download and use the Colorado Exposure Notification app (www.addyourphone. com), but noted the app does not replace case investigation, contact tracing and contact notification by local public health agencies.

Kindness

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can attend and a teacher (counselor) can work' and things like this ensure we are."

But, even though the month-long celebration looked a little different this year, without members of the community coming to read to the kids, for example, it was no less important this year.

"Of course, the year 2020 has been a stressful year for folks," Cowan explained. "In the spring, parents became teachers overnight, students stayed home and didn't get to see friends, share a lunch together, play at recess, and teachers became remote teachers. They lost that ever-so-important personal contact with kids that helps learning occur. It's been a rough year; so, why not highlight kindness?'

Cowan pointed out that highlighting kindness is "just who we are," adding that "celebrating it as an actual event reminds us all of the good we can look for and involve ourselves through acts of kindness.'

That, he indicated, begins with the staff and parents.

"We always 'hunt the good stuff' in staff meetings by relaying profound, funny, or silly stories about what our kids did that week. Some good stuff there. Brings out laughter which is always a good thing," he wrote. "And, at this age level of kids it's good for us to partner with parents who are teaching their kids to be kind to others, to themselves, give some grace out, smile at someone, be a light in someone's life. Likewise, it's important for us adults to be kind to one another. We're bombarded each day with information, social media debates, it seems everything is politicized nowadays....we need to practice kindness and I have a staff

that is at their best with this in times of trouble."

Cowan later pointed out the little things his staff does to drive the school's culture and kindness, from warmly talking to parents who call the school to teachers working with

"I see the kindness in teachers as they kneel and tie a shoe, wipe a tear from a cheek, or spend that extra time to help a struggling learner,"

In more normal years, that extends to others in the community, with folks such as the superintendent, first responders, former teachers and more hitting the classrooms to read books about kindness.

Other kindness month activities, as outlined by Cowan, include canned food drives, wearing blue or shirts about kindness to unify everyone on Wednesdays, teachers taking time to tell students what they like about them during circle time, morning announcements that have themes around kindness and making choices that help you become a good person, and more.

The Partners In Education committee (often known as PIE) are instrumental in the yearly focus on

kindness, the principal explained. "Our Partners in Education committee, especially Aubrie Limebrook and Renae Smith, make all this happen. My small role is in collaborating with them, approving their ideas, participating in the events, encouraging, and supporting," he wrote.

Last year, he explained, the PIE group hung a huge "Be the I in Kind" poster in a hallway and took pictures of all the fourth-graders in front of it.

Then, he added, "they gifted the kids with their picture as a 'graduation' present at the end of the year and asked that they take this idea

forward with them as they move on to middle school "

Kindergartners even made posters for Cowan and a pair of teachers thanking them for their service to the nation this year.

"I was out on Army duty and came home to mine hanging in my office. It warms the heart to come home to that; and, kinders are some of the kindest people on the planet," Cowan wrote.

Next month, he suggested, the school will start having students telling students in the same fashion.

"It's good for teachers to hear from the kids in that way," Cowan

And the celebration doesn't end there. Parents also send goodies to the school for the teachers at the request of PIE, and PSES and PIE are extending the kindness to the middle and high schools with single-serve coffee makers.

And the reactions, Cowan indicated, are "precious."

"During one of our circle times a student told one of our teachers 'I like Miss Kirkham because she's beautiful.' Who doesn't want to hear that about themselves," Cowan reported. "Her face lit up and I could tell she really appreciated the kind

For Cowan, the most rewarding aspect of the celebration of kindness is what might come from it in

"Just that we know we might brighten someone's life. We might plant a seed that blooms later, today, as an adult. Who knows?" he wrote. "Maybe our kids will be lifelong kindness spreaders. For me personally, it is the fact that I work with lifelong kindness spreaders every day. These folks are amazing.'

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Pfister noted that he told CWCB that the district was fine with deactivating its loan at this time but, by doing this, it would not preclude the district from applying in the future.

"I just want to clearly emphasize that this does not in any way mean that we are not going to pursue a reservoir project in the future," SJWCD board member John Porco added.

In conversations with CWCB representatives, Pfister explained that the CWCB indicated that CWCB would not take this decision to mean that SJWCD was not pursuing its San Juan River Headwaters Project.

"It does not effect our ability to continue to pursue it," he said.

The motion to approve the CWCB loan deactivation was approved unanimously by the SJWCD board.

In a follow-up interview on Monday, Pfister explained that the loan that was deactivated was to enable the SJWCD to purchase additional lands that were needed to complete the district having ownership of the pool basin for the San Juan River Headwaters Project.

Additionally, the loan was for environmental work for the land exchange, Pfister added. "We applied for that in 2017. The

mill levy that we proposed and got rejected. When CWCB issued that loan it was contingent upon that mill levy passing," Pfister said. "They keep those active typically for three years and then they ask the loan requester, 'Hey, are you going to do anything with this or not?"

The loans can be extended, but CWCB requires a "detailed explanation" on why the SJWCD would want

the loan to be extended, Pfister explained, adding that the SJWCD did not have the proper reasoning at the time to justify the extension.

"That combined with the state's budget deficit with the pandemic, but also because of the decrease in severance tax that the state gets a good portion of that. A lot of that was allocated towards water projects,'

If the SJWCD would like the loan to be reactivated, the district will have to reapply again, he added later.

However, all of the data that would support a new loan application is being collected right now through a variety of methods, Pfister

noted. "To determine the actual need for how much water is needed, a lot of that data is being gathered at this

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prolonged period of holding time, the inmate would be transferred to the La Plata County jail.

Valdez said, "We are starting to make the transition into bringing individuals that are sentenced back' to Archuleta County.

According to Valdez, there are currently 25 Archuleta County inmates being housed in the La Plata County jail. The new Archuleta County jail is equipped to house up to 54 inmates at one time.

Valdez explained that the plan is to begin having sentenced inmates housed in the new Archuleta County jail this week, which is approximately 5 percent of the 25 inmates currently housed in the La Plata County jail.

The ACSO originally requested nine new full-time employees, six detention officers and three transportation officers, in its 2021 draft budget to help assist in getting the new jail open.

According to Commissioner Ronnie Maez, Archuleta County approved at least four new full-time employees for the jail staff.

Maez acknowledged Valdez's work in getting the jail open in an interview and commented, "I'm glad to see that it's going to happen." Commissioner Steve Wadley

commented in an interview, "I'm glad we were able to find a solution and that it's ready to open." Wadley spoke about the safety

inmates to and from the La Plata County jail. He noted that the section of U.S. 160 between Pagosa Springs and Durango is one of the most dangerous sections of highway in the state of Colorado.

"It would have been a shame to stand at a funeral and face a spouse that lost a love one, a deputy or jailer, that lost their life transporting a prisoner through that stretch of highway, and we've been on borrowed time and it's a solution that had to be found," Wadley said.

Wadley also mentioned, "The county is absolutely mandated to have a jail. It's not something we can choose not to have."

Valdez mentioned the impor-

tance of having transportation officers in order to shuttle inmates to and from Durango for court. Valdez explained that with the

approval of four new full-time employees, they will be able to get the ball rolling and get the jail up and According to Valdez, the ACSO

has been working with the county

commissioners and "things are starting to look up." Valdez said, "It looks like we are on track for staffing and now the biggest part is getting them hired,

getting them in and getting them

trained.' He added, "We appreciate the work and we respect the challenges the county commissioners are unconcerns from having to transport

Valdez also mentioned that he's excited to be moving forward with getting the jail operating and is excited to start bringing inmates back to Archuleta County.

Another challenge ACSO has been working through is the safety concerns of COVID-19 and how that has affected the opening of the new jail, Valdez explained.

Valdez pointed out the jail will not be operating at full capacity due primarily to COVID-19.

One of the biggest challenges Valdez spoke about is figuring out a plan and procedure to keep not just the inmates safe, but the deputies and the public safe throughout the

pandemic. "We understand the challenges and we're doing the best with what

we've got," he said. Valdez went on to explain that the reason for only bringing over sentenced inmates at this time is due to staffing.

Valdez explained how a minimal number of staff is required in order to operate the facility and now that they are at that point, he feels ready to start bringing inmates over.

little bit slow to make sure we're working all the bugs out ... you don't just want to bring everyone over and dump them in and then find out where all the gaps are."

He added, "We want to start a

Valdez added that he is hoping to transition slowly to make sure everything is working properly.

BoCC hears about changing labor laws slated to affect county

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

At a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on Nov. 16, the board heard from Human Resources Advisor Robert Smith.

Smith briefed the board on some new changes the county is expecting starting January 2021.

Smith stated, "A number of labor laws are coming down the pipe for next year."

A new Equal Pay, for Equal Work Act has been passed by the state which will become effective Jan. 1, 2021. Smith explained how a few minor adjustments will be made in how promotional positions are posted.

"The only place it really impacts us is that we will have to be required to publicize or post any promotional opportunities for all our departments. Currently, we don't have to," Smith said.

According to Smith's report, departments will no longer be able to make promotional decisions without posting it to all employees.

Smith also discussed a new CO-VID Safety Whistle-blower Workplace Act. He explained how employees will be able to file a complaint against employers for

violation of their rights in relation declared public health emergency, to the personal protective equipment (PPE) at work.

Smith mentioned that, currently, there is litigation working through courts regarding employees who feel their personal privacy rights for safety have been violated under COVID regulations.

Smith went on to discuss a new Healthy Families and Workplace Act passed by the state of Colorado which becomes effective Jan. 1,

According to Smith, the county will need to adjust its sick leave policy to extend paid sick leave to part-time and seasonal employees.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez brought up the question if this policy would be extended to contractors as well, to which Smith clarified that it will not.

"I just wanted to make sure, I think they're already doing a lot of things I don't agree with either," said Maez.

Another condition of the Healthy Families and Workplace Act is that employees will be allowed to carry over 48 hours of sick leave, and if an employee leaves employment and is rehired within six months, they must be reinstated to all previous available sick leave.

Additionally, "in the event of a

is over to use the supplemental sick leave. Commissioner Steve Wadley commented, "Believe me, that's not going to go away. According to Smith's report, the

we must supplement employees

accrued sick leave by adding hours

to their current available accrued

time to equal 80 hrs. Of sick leave

for those who normally work at

least 40 hr/wk," Smith's report

states. The employee would then

have up to four weeks after the

declared public health emergency

leave, which provides 80 hours of paid leave, is set to expire on Dec. 31; however, Smith stated he suspects that will be extended. Smith explained that currently the county is operating under a

"County Ordered Work Reduction

Leave" of 80 hours, which may

expire or be extended at the end

current federal emergency sick

of the year. Colorado has passed a Paid Family and Medical Leave insurance Act which will become effective Jan. 2, 2024, with a payroll tax being implemented beginning Jan. 1, 2023. The payroll tax will consist of a premium of .09 percent of wage per employee to be paid to the State Treasury Fund.

Smith noted not to confuse this with the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

The FMLA requires employers to provide paid family medical leave to employees funded through the new payroll tax, as Smith's report explains.

The report also states, "Employers are required to provide a maximum of 12 weeks of PAID leave with an additional four weeks for pregnancy or childbirth complications."

The act requires a premium of .009 percent of each employee's wages, up to a cap through Dec.

Smith also discussed the county's process of changing its workers' compensation insurance carriers from County Technical Services Inc. to Pinnacol Assurance. The new policy will become effective Jan. 1, 2021, and is expected to provide the county with \$19,222 in savings.

The county's health insurance renewal received a guaranteed surplus refund of \$100,000, making the net renewal a 5.9 percent decrease,

Additionally, "out-of-network chiropractic providers will now be covered as in-net-work [sic]," Smith's report states.

money to the various funds and

spending agencies, which allows

the district to spend budgeted

\$37,762,534 for the General Fund,

\$10,061,344 for "Unexpended

Surplus — General Fund" and

\$1,288,883 for general property tax,

making for a total of \$49,112,761.

2020 budget amendment

business at the meeting, Board

Chair Greg Schulte announced

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Pagosa Springs Medical Center's 2021 budget approved

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

At its Nov. 17 meeting, the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors made a series of unanimous decisions to adopt Pagosa Springs Medical Center's (PSMC) 2021 budget and appropriate funds.

The first resolution approved by the board, which oversees the medical center, approved the 2021

That budget, which was approved after no members of the public offered comment, predicts a bottom line of \$309,761 for the medical center for 2021

 $The \,budget \,for ecasts\,\$67,\!336,\!918$ in total patient revenue and \$39,33,886,819 in net patient rev-

enue after taking revenue deduc- taxes in Archuleta County, as well tions and bad debt into account — a 7 percent increase in net patient revenues compared to the annualized 2020 actuals.

The budget projects a 53 percent increase in bad debt compared to the annualized 2020 figure, from \$1,713,303 to \$2,613,960.

Total net revenues, which also includes grants, stimulus and other operating income, is budgeted at \$36,919,678, and nonoperating income (property tax revenue and donations) of \$1,488,883.

The budget predicts total operating expended of \$38,098,800 an increase of 7 percent compared to the annualized 2020 actuals.

The next resolution approved by the board set the 2021 mill levies for the district's levying of property as portions of Hinsdale and Mineral counties. That resolutions states that, "... for

the purposes of meeting all general operating expenses of USJHSD during the 2021 budget yet, there is hereby levied a tax of 3.884 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within USJHSD for the year 2020, to raise \$1,288,883 in revenue."

The same document notes that the 2020 valuation for assessment for the district, as certified by the assessors in the three counties, is \$328,514,679.

The resolution also indicates there is no mill levy related to debt service expenses.

Finally, the board approved a resolution appropriating sums of

set for 5 p.m. on Dec. 29, and will be accessible by the public via Zoom.

That meeting was subsequently

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County unemployment rate drops to 5.4 percent

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment published a press release on Nov. 20, with the state at 6.4 percent unemployment for October and Archuleta County's unemployment rate at 5.4 percent for the month.

The state's unemployment rate is down from the last press release in September, which listed it at 6.7

percent for the month of August. Archuleta County's unemployment rate is also down from the last press release, which listed the county's unemployment rate at 6.5 percent for the month of August.

The November press release states, "According to the survey of households, Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged in October at 6.4 percent."

According to the press release, 21,100 nonfarm payroll jobs were added from September to October. This statistic is based off survey responses from business establishments and government.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

Private-sector payroll jobs increased by 22,000, meanwhile 900 government jobs were shed. The majority of government job loss is attributed to the end of the 2020 census campaign and other related temporary jobs.

According to the press release,

Town approves new

The town currently has an agree-

ment with the county to hold and

house individuals who are charged

with municipal violations, agenda

that reflect the current situation

The new IGA includes changes

documentation notes.

"Since May, Colorado has gained back 217,000 of the 342,300 nonfarm payroll jobs lost between February and April," reflecting a job recovery rate of 63.4 percent, exceeding the

national rate of 54.5 percent. Since October of 2019, nonfarm payroll jobs have decreased 111,600. Losses totaled at 80,600 in the private sector and 31,000 in government.

Private industry sectors with significant job gains included:

• Trade, transportation, and utilities at about 7,600.

• Leisure and hospitality at

about 5,800. • Financial activities at about

2,800.

• Construction at about 2,500. Professional and business services at about 1,600.

 Education and health services at about 1,300. Colorado's rate of job loss over

the past year is listed at 4 percent. while the U.S. rate of job loss is listed at 6.1 percent. The national unemployment

from September to 6.9 percent, as stated in the press release. The state's labor force grew by

rate declined 1 percentage point

17,600 in October, bringing the total labor force to 3,138,700. The state's labor force rose slightly, by three-tenths of a percentage to 67.6 percent, but is still

percent, the press release explains. The number of people employed in Colorado increased by

below the February figure of 69.4

15,800 in October, "which represents 63.3 percent of the state's 16+ population," the press release

The press release also notes that although the state's employmentto-population continues to improve since April, when it was 58.3 percent, it is still well below the February level of 67.7 percent, before any shutdowns occurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate is San Miguel County at 8 percent, followed by Huerfano County at 7.9 percent, Summit County at 7.9 percent,

Pueblo County at 7.8 percent and Pitkin County at 7.6 percent.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted and are directly comparable to the state's October unadjusted rate of 6.2 percent.

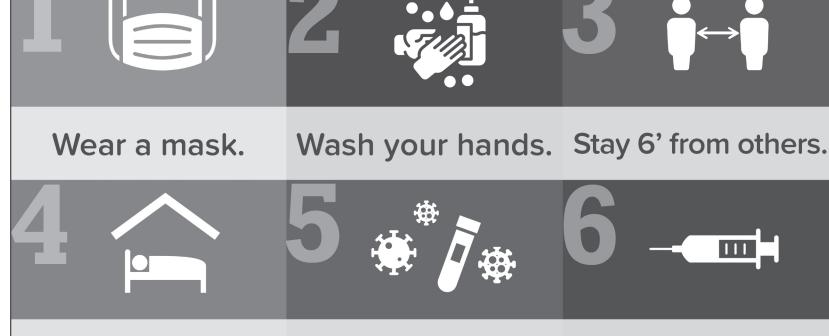
According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.1 to 33.6 hours."

Meanwhile, "Average hourly earnings rose from \$30.53 to \$30.84, over a dollar and thirty cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$29.50."

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intergovernmental agreement with county for municipal jail services By Chris Mannara that include Archuleta County having a new county jail and no longer transporting inmates to La An intergovernmental agreement

(IGA) between the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County for municipal jail services was approved at a regular meeting of the Pagosa Springs Town Council on Nov. 19.

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Plata County, according to Town Manager Andrea Phillips. There would be a \$65 per day

fixed fee charged to the town for municipal offenders, as well as a \$25 processing fee, Phillips explained. chris@pagosasun.com

Sports











Pirate state playoffs

SUN photos/Randi Pierce The Pirates played their final game of the season with only 15 players, due to some players still being in





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FOOTBALL

Pirates fall to Eaton in first round of state playoffs

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

Last Saturday, Nov. 21, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team hosted the Eaton Reds in the first round of the state's 2A division playoffs. The Reds defeated the Pirates 41-7, knocking the Pirates out of the playoffs.

According to CHSAANow.com, the Pirates were ranked fourth heading into the postseason, while the Reds were ranked fifth.

The loss was the first for the Pirates this season after they went undefeated in the regular season, logging a 5-0 record that put them atop of the 2A Southwestern League. The Pirates faced multiple challenges heading into last Saturday's contest.

The Pirates were only able to suit up 15 players for the game against the Reds due to some players still being in quarantine following CO-VID-19 exposures.

The team was not able to practice together for the previous two weeks, since their game against the La Junta Tigers on Nov. 6, as they were ordered to quarantine by local health officials after being exposed to COVID-19. The exposure occurred during their game against the Tigers, with one of the Tigers' players testing positive for the virus after the contest.

Coach Nathan Morales released a statement the day after the game addressing these challenges and commented on his team's perfor-

The statement reads, "I have no doubt in my mind that those 12 seniors that played their last game yesterday have a champion's mindset."

"When you got 20 of your kids sitting in the parking lot, in their vehicles having to watch their teammates struggle out there ... it's tough. It's tough on the kids that had to sit and watch, it's tough as a coach," Morales expressed in an interview.

Morales described the loss and ending of the season as heartbreaking, particularly for the seniors.

Those 12 seniors that played ... they played their hearts out," Morales said. "It's super unfortunate for this team and those seniors because they're a much better football team than that score shows."

The game was a struggle early on for the Pirates as the Reds were able to force a couple turnovers.



Mitch Lewis hauls in a pass from Grant Aucoin in the fourth quarter to set up the Pirates' only touchdown on the day Saturday. The Pirates fell to the Eaton Reds 41-7 in the first round of the state tournament.

early that gave them some energy," Morales commented.

The Reds were able to put up 14 points in the first quarter and another 21 points in the second quarter while shutting the Pirates out in the first half.

The Pirates would prove to outscore the Reds in the second half. The Pirates

held the Reds to just six points in the third quarter, which ended 41-0. Morales ex-

plained how the Pirates had players in new positions for the first time

team's performance. However,

"We had a couple turnovers he expressed praise for his team, saying, "We did everything we could.

Morales also

expressed how,

under normal

circumstanc-

es, the Pirates

could've had a

better chance

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body matters."

"I feel confident because what those seniors did for us this year is they set the foundation," said Coach Nathan Morales. "I'm excited for them [the seniors] because what they did this season and what they did on Saturday just shows you the heart of a

champion."

tion from Grant and how the lack of practice time Aucoin to Mitch Lewis, leading to had a significant impact on the a rushing touchdown from Dylan Tressler, bringing the final score to 41-7.

and to really tell them anything but, 'hell of a job,'" Morales com-

The coach also offered a few words in regard to the coaching staff and the players, saying, "Without those kids and that coaching

staff, we wouldn't be where we are

Morales explained how he learned a lot from working underneath the Pirates' former head coach, Myron Stretton.

"What he did the previous three years is what helped us have success this year," Morales said.

Morales offered a few more comments regarding his senior players and looking forward to next year.

"I feel confident because what those seniors did for us this year is they set the foundation," said Morales. "I'm excited for them [the seniors] because what they did this season and what they did on Saturday just shows you the heart of a champion."

In the statement, Morales wrote, "They are the building blocks of our future," in regard to the senior

The Reds will face first-ranked Resurrection Christian this Saturday, Nov. 28, in a state semifinal matchup. Resurrection Christian defeated eighth-ranked Moffat County last Saturday, 40-14.

The winner of that game will face the winner of the other semifinal matchup between seventhranked Lamar and sixth-ranked Delta.

The championship game is scheduled to take place Friday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. at Colorado State University-Pueblo's DeRose ThunderBowl stadium.

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RECREATION NEWS

Register now for youth basketball divisions

By Darren Lewis SUN Columnist

The Recreation Department is currently accepting registration through Dec. 28 for youth basketball ages 9-12. There will be two

divisions, 9-10 and 11-12. There are

only 40 spots available per division.

Early registration is recommended. The cost is \$35 and registration may only be completed at the Ross

Aragon Community Center. Practice will start in January, with games beginning in February.

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Town selects firm to assist in Land Use and **Development Code rewrite**

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council awarded the project of rewriting the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) to Logan and Simpson following a decision made at a regular meeting on Nov. 19.

Town staff recently issued a request for proposal (RFP) for interested consultants to rewrite the town's LUDC, according to Planning Director James Dickhoff.

Six consultants replied to the RFP with a formal proposal, one of which was Logan and Simpson, Dickhoff noted.

"All six consultants were very qualified, so it was not an easy decision," Dickhoff said, adding that a committee of five members was established to review each RFP and conduct interviews.

That committee included Town Manager Andrea Phillips, Dickhoff, Senior Planner Cindy Schultz and Pagosa Springs Planning Commission members Peter Hurley and Jeff Posey.

Following that process, the committee selected Logan and Simpson as the top firm, with Dickhoff adding that it was a "unanimous" decision.

In choosing and grading the RFP responses, the committee looked at things such as experience and qualifications, personnel and resources, methodology, timeline, pricing structure and references, Dickhoff noted.

According to Dickhoff, most of the firms proposed a 12-month period to rewrite the LUDC; however others, including Logan and Simpson, proposed that the project would take 14 months.

The project is expected to cost a

total of \$120,000, with \$10,000 expected to be spent in 2020 and the other \$110,000 to be expensed through 2021 and potentially even into the first quarter of 2022.

Following the selection of a firm to rewrite the LUDC, Dickhoff explained that the town should develop a steering committee to work with the consultant through the process.

"Certainly getting some representation from our development community, both from the commercial side and the residential side, because those are the folks that use our code quite a bit," Dickhoff said. "We want to make sure we are wording it in a way that's going to be user-friendly for the people that use the code, but also for staff and the planning commission as well."

Within the contract, section 18, "Indemnification; No Waiver of Liability," was requested by Logan and Simpson to be revised, according to Dickhoff.

Town staff would like Logan and Simpson to work with Town Attorney Clayton Buchner on these revisions, with agenda documentation noting that staff believes these revisions are "minor in nature."

"Personally, I'm excited that we're finally going forward and we're going to streamline this thing and have something that's more workable for everybody in our community," Mayor Don Volger said.

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Change in format proves successful for local fundraisers

By Simone Mounsamy Staff Writer

This year's ongoing pandemic has posed many obstacles for business owners and those who operate nonprofits. Some, however, have not only remained afloat but have become more successful thanks to the creative adaptations they have thought of.

Private nonprofit organization Rise Above Violence, which assists victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, holds an annual fundraiser called Art Above Violence that, despite many events being canceled this year, was not canceled.

The story-sharing, art auction was held virtually on Oct. 10.

Nonprofit and NAEYC accredited early care and education center Seeds of Learning also holds an annual fundraiser.

Dancing With the Pagosa Stars (DWTPS) is very important in the fundraising strategy that seeks to raise the \$200,000 or more a year needed to help the families of Seeds, explained Seeds Executive Director Lynne Bridges in an email to The SUN.

DWTPS, too, was held virtually this year, on Sept. 26.

Bridges and Ashley Wilson, Rise outreach and evaluation coordinator, each shared the preparations and the outcomes of these adapted

During a phone interview with The SUN, Wilson said, "We prerecorded our live performers, so we had a videography team that recorded and edited all of the dances or songs together so that we could host it during our live virtual event, and then we also had a video team that worked with us to livestream the event, and so we had no audience in the building at all."

Seeds' DWTPS was also filmed and then watched online.

Bridges explained in an email, "We had a 'watch party' at the theater for the dancers (stars) and their coaches. We had to follow strict COVID restrictions so all the tables were 10 feet apart, there was only 50 people total in attendance, etc... The Alley House had a small 'watch party' for Seeds as well."

But a live audience can give energy that performers feed off of.

"A very different feel for sure, when you're speaking to a camera,



Photo courtesy Rise Above Violence

versus an audience," Wilson said.

Dancers perform at a Rise Above Violence fundraiser.

"We talked a lot the night of the recording about how hard it is to try and be as engaging."

Wilson mentioned the input and the contributions of the fundraiser's emcee.

"Blue mentioned, you know, 'I feed off the audience.' ... Plus it's hard to see art on a screen, so Blue our emcee did a great job of describing the texture of the piece, and the size of the piece, while he was sharing on the live feed ... Bidding on a piece of art that you haven't seen is difficult."

Despite the differences, though, Rise tried hard to integrate what it could from the in-person event into the virtual space.

"We tried to include all the same elements that bring, you know, kind of the emotional pull, and just connecting people with the stories," Wilson said.

Of the DWTPS event, Bridges described it as having been "the same fantastic party!'

These fundraising events can still be fun, Bridges explained, 'Whether you're watching it in person or on a screen."

That said, a lot of work went into virtual event and staying within the

COVID restrictions," wrote Bridges. "We did it but only because Lisa Peters and her head committee dedicated 100's of hours to making it happen.'

Abstract painter Paula Miller, who has participated in all five Art Above Violence events, noted that she felt this year's was even more efficient and more streamlined than in years past.

"Everything had to be revolved around being safe with COVID ... Our video interviews were managed really well from home and the actual event online with the auction was also done really well," Miller said.

"All of the nonprofits in our area are amazing how they responded so quickly and efficiently," Miller explained, elaborating that she thinks Rise is a leader in that aspect.

Wilson described the learning curve necessary to make the adjustment this year as a "mental switch."

'... Switching our mode to convey a meaningful message," Wilson explained, "without having people there to see their encouragement . knowing that we were gonna do the best that we could."

And the "best that they could" figuring out the "in's and out's of a did end up meeting most of their goals, she indicated.

"We did not sell as many tickets as we had hoped to the online performance, but I think that that's understandable. People are having a hard time having to do everything virtually," Wilson said. "But our sponsorships, the businesses, really came through this year. They do every year ... but because we had had to cancel several events over the summer where we also do sponsorships ... a lot of those businesses chose to move their sponsorship ... to the art show and so they were still really supportive ... It actually made it where the show came in a little above our normal proceeds.'

DWTPS was also pleased with the outcome of this year's switch. When asked if the event went as well as hoped, Bridges wrote, "Even more so!"

Bridges and her team were expecting a smaller turnout this year due to the change.

"We had resigned ourselves to the fact we may not make as much money because it was a virtual event. BUT... we raised \$175,000! Seeds of Learning has the most dedicated donors. The mirror ball winner, Gabriel Heraty, attended Seeds as a little boy so that was very special, for him and us!!"

The pivot to streaming the fundraiser live this year presented some other unexpected novelties, as well.

"People from all over the U.S. and a few people from all over the world were watching ... because they were connected to either an artist or a survivor, and so they were able to tune in where they wouldn't normally be able to do that. And so my hope is that we would be able to incorporate a sort of live stream with an in-person event," Wilson said.

Bridges suggested Seeds had the same result.

"We were so surprised where people lived that bought the virtual tickets! All over the United States!! We had a more far reaching audience this year because of it. At this point we're planning to do next years event virtually, too," she wrote.

Both Bridges and Wilson concluded that some aspects of this year's virtual event would prove useful for years to come.

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Dancers perform at a Rise Above Violence fundraiser.

Photo courtesy Rise Above Violence

Running Iron Ranch property and lease discussions still ongoing

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

Ongoing talks will continue regarding the Running Iron Ranch property following a joint special meeting and executive session on Nov. 16 between the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors and other key people related to the property.

Other participants in the special meeting held on Nov. 16 included members of the Weber family, family trusts of the Weber family and representatives of Running Iron Ranch LLC, according to agenda documentation.

The meeting entered into executive session pursuant to section 25-6-402(4)(a) of Colorado Revised Statutes, which authorizes an executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest, according to agenda docu-

Following that special meeting, a regular meeting was held by the SJWCD on Nov. 16, where an update was given.

"We had a joint meeting with PAWSD and basically that meeting consisted of an executive session and staff was charged to look at some more alternatives of how we were going to proceed," Pfister said. "No decisions were made, obviously, and we've got to look at different costs that might be associated with that and set up another meeting for a decision as to how we want to proceed with the Weber's offer.'

SJWCD board member Bill Hudson added that he wanted the SJWCD to think about if it even wanted to be involved in the pro-

"We're part of the property owners, but the PAWSD board has a complete staff, they have the ability to do the research. They have the ability to send people out to do studies and we have no staff. We're simply volunteers,

and, possibly, we could just step aside and let PAWSD take care of coming up with a final decision," Hudson said.

SJWCD board member Merlin Wheeler noted that he agreed with Hudson's suggestion.

"I still think that we as a board should have some input and some knowledge as it moves forward," SJWCD board member Doug Secrist said. "I don't think we should sit back and let PAWSD take the ball and expect that they come up with answers and numbers without our input at all. I still think we should have some input along the way."

Following more discussion, the SJWCD board voted to appoint Pfister as the liaison for the SJWCD for these negotiations.

The discussion about the Running Iron Ranch and future leases on the property has been an ongoing discussion since March.

The property is jointly owned by PAWSD and SJWCD, which includes an agreement from the Colorado Water Conservation Board that includes terms that both

entities have to abide by. Terms of the agreement were

reported on in the Jan. 30 issue of The SUN.

There is an ongoing 15-year lease with the Weber family; that lease expires on Jan. 3, 2023, according to PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey at a separate joint meeting on Aug. 13.

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

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

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

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

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Outdoors

Seasonal road and trail closures to begin Dec. 1

By Esther Godson San Juan National Forest

The San Juan National Forest will begin seasonal closures of Forest System roads to wheeled motorized traffic, as well as motorized and some nonmotorized trails, on Dec. 1

and after based on snow conditions. The Pagosa Ranger District recreation staff will close gates on these roads and trails temporarily to prevent damage to road surfaces and/or protect critical wildlife habitat.

Even if snow levels are not deep, wheeled motorized use can damage

The USDA Forest Service Rocky

Mountain Region is seeking public

feedback on a proposed list of de-

ferred maintenance projects under

consideration for Great American

Outdoors Act funding in fiscal year

which are now open for public

feedback on the Forest Service

website, aim to address the agency's

\$5.2 billion deferred maintenance

backlog and improve public access

The Forest Service projects,

road surfaces during freezing and conditions across all districts. Disthawing periods. Seasonal road and trail closures also protect critical habitat for deer and elk in winter and early spring when temperatures are cold, snow is deep and food is scarce. During these critical times, human disturbance can threaten the survival of deer and elk, especially pregnant females.

Please visit the San Juan National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Maps and Road conditions webpage at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sanjuan/maps-pubs/?cid=fseprd635856 for up-to-date road closures and

trict Motor Vehicle Use Maps also have an allowable access date table for roads.

The Pagosa Ranger District will be temporarily closing most Forest System roads and trails on a staggered schedule beginning Dec. 1, with the majority closing by Dec. 15 and 22.

Visitors to the national forest should be prepared to encounter additional closed gates on roads and trails across the San Juan National Forest as winter conditions develop. These roads will open in the spring as conditions allow, generally around

May 1. Travelers should always be prepared for winter conditions and travel with shovels, tire chains and appropriate safety equipment necessary for winter conditions.

For additional information on road closures, please call the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268.

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> Signed into law this summer, the Great American Outdoors Act provides funding that will enable federal land managers to take aggressive steps to address deferred maintenance and other infrastructure projects on National Forest and grasslands through 2025. The Forest Service is working closely with all interested publics to ensure the selected projects continue to meet local needs and maximize the

tions and resources.

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The public has until Nov. 30 to review and provide feedback on the proposed list.

Background

The Great American Outdoors Act responds to the growing \$5 billion backlog of deferred maintenance on national forest and grasslands, which includes \$3.7 billion for roads and bridges and \$1.5 billion for visitor centers, campgrounds and other facilities.

The Forest Service currently administers more than 370,000 miles of roads, 13,400 bridges, 159,000 miles of trails, 1,700 dams and reservoirs, 1,500 communications sites, 27,000 recreation sites and 40,000 facilities of other types.

In addition to helping address deferred maintenance for these critical facilities and infrastructure, the Great American Outdoors Act will help the Forest Service to continue supporting rural economies and communities in and around national forests and grasslands across the country.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

La Plata Electric Association's bucket trucks were out and about Saturday while local International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers conducted the annual "Fill the Bucket" food drive.

River flowing above average

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the San Juan River was flowing at a rate of 113 cfs in Pagosa Springs as of 11 a.m. on Tuesday

Based on 84 years of water records, the average flow rate for this date is 84 cfs.

The highest recorded rate for this date was in 1987 at 321 cfs. The lowest recored rate was 29 cfs, recorded in 1968.

Water report

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Manager Justin Ramsey released a public service announcement Monday, Nov. 23, outlining the current water levels in local lakes.

According to the press release, the Lake Forest water level rose 1 inch from last week's report, bringing

appointments

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the current water level to 3 inches from full.

Hatcher Lake rose 4 inches from last week's report, bringing the current water level to 57 inches from full.

Meanwhile, Stevens Lake water level is down 10 inches from last week's report, bringing the current water level to 60 inches from full.

Lake Pagosa's water level remains at 12 inches from full, consistent with the last two weekly reports.

After rising 1 foot last week, Village Lake dropped 4 inches, according to this week's report. The current water level is listed at 16 inches from

The West Fork diversion flow rate is listed at 3 cubic feet per second (cfs) and the Four Mile diversion flow is listed at 1 cfs.

Water production from Nov. 13 through Nov. 19 was listed at a total of 9.3 million gallons. The Snowball water plant contributed 2.69 million gallons, while the Hatcher plant con-

tributed 6.61 million gallons. Last year, total water production was listed at 9.78 million gallons for those dates.

Snow report

The Pagosa Springs area experienced multiple winter storms over the past week and is forecasted for more snowfall starting Thursday through Saturday, according to the National Weather Service.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Water and Climate Center's snow pack report, the Wolf Creek summit, at 11,000 feet of elevation, had 10.6 inches of snow water equivalent as of 11 a.m. on Nov. 24.

That amount is 145 percent of the Nov. 24 median for the site.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River Basins were at 103 percent of the Nov. 24 median in terms of snow pack.



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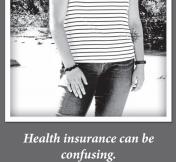
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Pagosa Springs High School Speech and Debate Team competes at first virtual tournament

Pagosa Springs High School

Five Pirates from the Pagosa Springs High School Speech and Debate Team attended their first virtual tournament this past week.

Those competing in the Mile High Invitational included Caroline Smith, Anneka Slead, Carter Kasson, David Morehouse and Ruth Ann Morehouse.

Speech events

Smith submitted her 10-minute performance in Program Oral Interpretation (POI) as a YouTube link for six asynchronous rounds of competition. Judges from all over the country were able to view Caroline's 10-minute performance, which she created and performed from a mixture of printed media including poetry, prose and a play excerpt. Her POI piece combined a bit of comedy about a mango as an analogy in a more serious message about how society views women.

Debate

Staff Writer

conversation.

By Chris Mannara

The remaining four Pirates competed in a nationwide pool of ap-

The Pagosa Springs Town Council directed

town staff to begin the recruitment of a new

town prosecutor and amended its town pros-

ecutor independent contract following a deci-

Clayton Buchner recused himself from the

specifically Chapter 10, town council appoints

with an independent contractor agreement and

Before discussion was held, Town Attorney

According to the town's municipal code,

sion made at a Nov. 19 regular meeting.

proximately 80 Lincoln Douglas tion and then alternate sides each (LD) debaters affirming and negating whether or not the U.S. federal government should offer a federal job guarantee (FJG).

All four pirates are commended for the preparation it took to begin to master such complex economic, political and social aspects of the pros and cons of a federal jobs

Two Pirates in particular had a fantastic showing at this Colorado based national level tournament: Slead and Kasson. Both Slead and Kasson fought for two wins out of four rounds. A 2:2 record at such a tough tournament is a proud accomplishment for both.

LD debate and the federal jobs guarantee topic

Debate topics are voted on nationally by students and coaches and rotate every two months. The November-December topic for LD is: Resolved: The United States ought to provide a FJG.

Debate teaches perspective talking and listening skills because debaters prepare arguments in support of and against each resolu-

in Colorado, she added.

round.

The arguments used by the Pirates in favor of a FJG related to:

1. Moral responsibility of a government to support the citizens' right to work;

2. Our nation's need to repair failing infrastructure that would decrease gross domestic production (GDP) if not fixed;

3. A FJG would result in an overall net gain of 1.3 percent GDP;

4. A FJG decreases racial disparity in employment rates; and

5. A FJG encourages care for the environment.

The Pirates' main arguments against a FJG included:

1. Cost to an already weakened

economy; 2. Feasibility of implementation

without collusion and corruption; 3. Crowd out: impact to small businesses who will not be able to compete with the government offering employees \$15/hour with benefits; and

4. Decreased military readiness because fewer people will enlist to serve in the military if government benefits are available locally.

Pirates used credible citations and quotes to make and defend each of these points, which ends up sounding like well-written research papers being delivered, defended and used to counter their opponent's evidence and argumentation. Each round is a fast-paced 45-minute round of speeches and cross examinations.

Speech and debate and virtual competition

The PSHS Speech and Debate Team appreciates the ongoing support of Archuleta School District and of Pagosa Springs as they push forward as part of the Colorado High School Activities Association and the online national speech and debate community.

Everyone welcome

be much more specific in what the scope of ser-

vices is," Phillips said. "The judge and our court

administrator would like to really separate out

the court staff from providing administrative

year for the town prosecutor and that position

is paid based on an hourly rate, agenda docu-

As of September, the town has spent \$22,079,

"Under the new scope of services I do antici-

while in 2019 costs were \$31,474 and in 2018

The town usually budgets about \$32,000 per

support to the prosecutor."

costs were \$30,823, she added.

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We welcome any high school student to join us virtually to begin learning more about speech and debate. Please contact Kristin Morehouse at kmorehouse@pagosa.k12.co.us for more information. We also welcome adults who are willing to learn more about virtual judging.

Kelly resigns from water conservancy district board valuable services while she was

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

Made effective at a regular meeting on Nov. 16 was the resignation of the San Juan Water Conservancy District's (SJWCD) treasurer, Candice Kelly.

Kelly was appointed to the board in 2018 and served as

"She was a great asset that, as our treasurer, provided some inhere," SJWCD President Al Pfister said in an interview on Nov. 23.

Pfister noted that Kelly resigned due to her moving out of state.

Kelly was not available for comment by press time Tuesday.

SJWCD board member Bill Hudson will serve as the district's new treasurer following a decision made at the Nov. 16 meeting.

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION SALE NO. 2020-006

to the following described Deed of Trust: On August 28, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records Original Grantor(s) Louis Ervan Tardona III and Sydney

Marie Sawyer Original Beneficiary(ies) Stephen Plyler Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Stephen Plyler Date of Deed of Trust July 08, 2014

County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust July 09, 2014 Recording Information (Reception No. and/o

Page No.) 21403765 Original Principal Amount \$335,696.95 Outstanding Principal Balance \$259,758.29

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

A tract of land in the SW1/4 of section 26, Township 35 North, Range 2-1/2 West, Archuleta County, Colorado being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 26; Thence North 88° 18' 46" East along the East-West mid-section line of said Section 26, a distance NE1/4SW1/4; Thence South 02° 03' 41" East along the West line of said NE1/4SW1/4, a distance of 449.77 feet to the

TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING:

feet to a 5/8" rebar and cap, marked L.S. 5840, being at the corner of two fences running North and West; Thence South 78° 39' 53" East, a distance of 192.48

Thence South 02° 03' 41" East parallel with said West line of the NE1/4SW1/4, a distance of 278.38 feet;

Thence South 87° 56' 19" West, a distance of 524.73 feet to the said West line; Thence North 02° 03' 41" West, along said West

LESS AND EXCEPT any portion thereof lying or December 4, 1985 as Reception No. 135742.

A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 of Section 26. Township 35 North, Range 2-1/2 West, N.M.P.M., Archuleta County, Colorado, which parcel is more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of the parcel

herein described, a point on the east line of said SW1/4 of Section 26, whence the Southeast corner of said SW1/4 of Section 26, a properly marked aluminum cap on a 2-1/2 inch diameter pipe (LS 20691), bears South 00°47' 14" East, 601.50 feet

Thence South 89° 54' 33" West, 1747.10 feet to the Southwest corner of the parcel herein described Thence North 01° 28' 38" West, 706.84 feet to the Northwest corner of the parcel herein described a point on the south boundary of that certain tract of land described in Book 150 at Page 273 of the

records in the office of the Archuleta County Clerk Thence North 89° 37' 13" East, 450.00 feet along said south boundary, Book 150 at Page 273, to the southeast corner thereof;

Thence North 00° 47' 08" West, 348.50 feet along the at Page 273 to the southwest corner of that certai tract of land described under Reception No. 145314

Thence North 89°12' 52" East, 524.73 feet along the south line of said tract, Reception No. 145314, to the southeast corner thereof; Thence North 00° 47' 08" West, 281.64 feet along

the east line of said tract, Reception No. 145314, to the northeast corner thereof, a point on the south boundary of that certain tract of land described unde Reception No. 135742 of the records in said office; Thence South 58° 41' 26" East, 565.15 feet along the Thence South 50° 55' 39" East, 393.49 feet along the to its point of intersection with the east line of said SW1/4 of Section 26, which point of intersection is Thence South 00° 47' 14" East, 802.53 feet along

LESS AND EXCEPT that certain tract of land described in Book 174 at Page 221 of the records in the office of the Archuleta County Clerk and

TOGETHER WITH, a non-exclusive easement for the purposes of ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of utility transmission lines, which easement is located in the SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 26, Township 35 North, Range 2-1/2 West, N.M.P.M. Archuleta County, Colorado, and which easeme is a strip of land 60.00 feet in width, being 30.00

the strip herein described, a point on the northerly nt limit for Archuleta County Road No. 139 South 80°46' 30" East, 1062,58 feet distant,

Thence 114.70 feet on the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 220.00 feet, the long chord of Thence North 27° 05' 21" East, 537.09 feet;

ence North 31° 33' 00" East, 225.00 feet to the northeasterly end-center of the strip herein described, whence the South 1/4 corner of said feet distant.

It is the intent of the above and foregoing described a continuous strip of land 60.00 feet in width, the side lines of which strip are lengthened or of said County Road at the southwesterly end and to

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a municipal court prosecutor to prosecute cases pate that we will probably see an increase in the the position. in municipal court, Town Manager Andrea Phil-According to agenda documentation, changnumber of hours worked," Phillips said. "The es suggested also include better separating the judge does prefer that the prosecutor be at court lips explained. This position has traditionally been filled duties of court staff from the prosecutor. both days that it is in session."

Town to seek new municipal prosecutor

the individual must be licensed to practice law

Gayle Dixon is the current town prosecutor,

but has notified the town that she does not intend

to renew her contract with the town after this cal-

endar year, Phillips explained further, adding that

Dixon would be "pursuing other opportunities."

tion Officer Candace Dzielak and Municipal

Judge Justin Fay suggested that the town make

some clarifications to the scope of work and

services that the prosecutor would be providing

to the town before going out and recruiting for

"We are really augmenting the agreement to

Both town Court Administrator and Proba-

Town council and tourism board to split payment and pay off Visitor Center

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

Following a decision made at a regular meeting on Nov. 19, the Pagosa Springs Town Council will split and pay off the remaining \$138,604.81 with the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board for a lease-purchase agreement for the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center

"This resolution is for the payoff of the Visitor Center building and the property it's located on at 105 Hot Springs Boulevard," Town Attorney Clayton Buchner said.

The town entered into the agreement in July of 2014 with the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, according to Buchner.

"There was a combination of conveyances and thought that the Chamber of Commerce had built this building and has since operated the Visitor Center. There has been, of course, significant financial support from the town and the county," Buchner said. "The town has since then been responsible for all maintenance and other fees, taxes, insurance, etcetera for the property.'

There has been the opportunity under the agreement for a payoff which is called a purchase option price, Buchner explained.

"I think that one of the reasons behind exercising this purchase option now would be to go ahead and take possession of this property that we're already maintaining and paying for," Buchner said. "It has always been the intent since the inception

purchase this property.' By making this purchase, it will lso stop the ongoing interest that the town is paying as part of the lease-purchase agreement, adding that paying it off means the town saves between \$25,000 and \$30,000 rather than letting the loan run out

of this lease purchase agreement to

in 2029, Buchner added later. After paying off the property, things will remain as is in regard to maintenance on the property, he added later.

"I don't know of any other intent to use the building for anything other than the Visitor Center, but of course, at that time it being town property, we will have the flexibility to use that building and property however we see fit," Buchner said.

Town council member Nicole Pitcher praised fellow council member Shari Pierce for initially suggesting the idea of paying off this agreement, adding that she would like to see town council explore more ways to use excess sales tax revenue.

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Guidelines

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result in a berm across private driveways or encroachments to county roads. Reasonable efforts will be made to minimize the snow that is deposited in front of driveways, but berm removal is the responsibility of individual property owners.

Public Works Director Robert Perry also cautioned property owners to avoid piling snow on the left side of their driveway (as looking from your garage or driveway) to avoid having a larger berm.

Instead, he suggested cutting a notch 3 feet wide from the edge of the road by 30 feet long to minimize the size of the berm left behind by the plow.

Safety concerns

Children playing in the snowbanks left by the plow equipment is a major safety concern. Machines can be pushing back snowbanks at any time. Avoid tragedies and inform your children that building snow caves and playing on the berms is dangerous.

Other information

Property owners who create hazards in a public right of way, such as plowing snow off private drives, piling construction materials or timber, or placing trash carts,

may be subject to prosecution per **Driving safety around** state statute.

A property owner may also be liable for any injury attributable to a hazard they have created in a public right of way.

Parking on county roads during winter inhibits plowing and is prohibited along all county roads and within any county right of way. Vehicles in the roadway during snow-removal operations will be towed at the owner's expense.

Perry noted that parking on county roads will be more strictly enforced this year because language in the county's recently adopted Model Traffic Code makes it easier to have vehicles towed that are parked on county roads.

Homeowners and contractors are cautioned that pushing snow across a county road at any time can create hazards and are advised not to do so. Per statute, it is unlawful for any person to deposit snow plowed from a private driveway, road or other source onto county road rights of way.

Trash carts should be placed in the driveway a minimum of 5 feet behind the front of the snow berm to minimize the possibility of being knocked over. The county is not responsible for trash carts that are knocked over.

snow equipment

Slow down and use caution around snow-removal equipment. Follow at a safe distance to avoid flying snow and sanding material.

Stay out of the equipment's blind spots.

Turn your headlights on. Flashing blue lights on a truck indicate an emergency vehicle and it is illegal to pass.

Use extreme caution when passing snow-removal equipment. Before you pass, honk your horn and flash your lights to alert the operator you intend to pass.

Equipment operators often work long hours under trying conditions; be a courteous and friendly driver around them.

Helpful phone numbers

Emergencies: 911. Archuleta County Combined

Dispatch: 731-2160. Archuleta County Road and Bridge: 264-5660.

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close on a line perpendicular to the final course along the centerline at the northeasterly end. known as No. 1251, 1251A County Road 139 Street Address

Pagosa Springs CO 81147(Property Address)

together with all its appurtenances (Property).
Also known by street and number as: 1251 County Road 139, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 12/31/2020, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and besi bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 11/5/2020 Last Publication 12/3/2020 Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO ALATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO

CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; DATE: 08/28/2020 Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado

By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the

legal holder of the indebtedness is: Daniel L Fiedler #47916 Daniel L Fiedler 190 Talisman Dr. Suite D-6, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970) 507-8528

Attorney File # 20PLYLER102 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is

attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2020-005

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On August 28, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records. Original Grantor(s) Louis Ervan Tardona III and Sydney

Marie Sawyer Original Beneficiary(ies) Stephen Plyler Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Stephen Plyler Date of Deed of Trust July 08, 2014

County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust July 09, 2014 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21403764

Original Principal Amount \$335,696.95 Outstanding Principal Balance \$259,758.29

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Thence North 31° 33' East, 660.0 feet: Thence South 31° 33' West, 660.0 feet to the point

TOGETHER WITH a non-exclusive easement, 60 feet in width, for ingress and egress purposes as described and set forth in the Warranty Deed recorded July 15, 1980 in Book 174 at Page 221. known as No. 1251 County Road 139, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

together with all its appurtenances (Property) together with all its appurrenances (Property).
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THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

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Pagosa Springs Sun IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; DATE: 08/28/2020

Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Daniel L Fiedler #47916 Daniel L Fiedler 190 Talisman Dr. Suite D-6, Pagosa

Springs, CO 81147 (970) 507-8528 Attorney File # 20PLYLER101 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Charles Michael Weed, Deceased Case No. 2020PR30037

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before March 22, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.

Bette Benavides, Personal Representative 1212 H Street #52 Published November 12, 19 and 26, 2020 in The Pagosa

Archuleta County Combined Courts 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 1

PO Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Case No. 20C30092

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Public notice is given on 11/6/20, that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the

Archuleta Court. The Petition requests that the name of Ovidiu Marcel Cepoi be changed to David Cepoi. /s/ Cheryl C. Mulbery

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk Published November 12, 19 and 26, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF 2020 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION

AND 2021 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION (Pursuant to Section 29-1-106 and Section 29-1-109

NOTICE is hereby given that the 2020 Draft Supplementa Budget and 2021 Proposed Budget have been submitted to the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Board of Health. These budgets will be considered at a public hearing which will take place during the regular meeting of the Board of Health on December 10, 2020 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Agendas and meeting information are available at sjbpublichealth. org/boardofhealth. The 2020 Draft Supplemental and 2021 Proposed budgets are available for inspection at sjbpublichealth.org/ reportsandbudgets. Anyone withir the Health District (La Plata County and Archuleta County, CO) may provide comment to SJBPH at any time prior to the adoption of the budgets.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Christopher Lee Griffin, Deceased Case No. 20PR30021

Pagosa Springs SUN.

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before March 16, 2021, or the claims may

> Todd M. Starr Cunningham Swaim, LLP P.O. Box 2560 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970) 749-0807

tstarr@cunninghamswaim.com Published November 19, 26 and December 3, 2020 in

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Lucy Candelaria aka Lucy Sodida Candelaria aka Luciana S. Candelaria aka Lucy S. Candelaria aka Luciana Sodida Candelaria, Deceased

Case No. 20PR18 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before March 25, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.

Bernadette M. Candelaria Gonzales 2572 So. Field Court Lakewood, CO 80227-2911 Published November 19, 26 and December 3, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of

Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom

It May Concern, and more especially to:

EMILY BERRY 905 CEDAR SPRINGS TERRACE ARLINGTON, TX 76010 LUTHER H. BERRY

905 CEDAR SPRINGS TERRACE ARLINGTON , TX 76010 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at

public tax lien sale to MICHAEL J CAREY the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 14 OF BLOCK 10 IN AMENDED ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 15, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74503 Account Number: R002642

Schedule Number: 569302102009

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03676 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to MICHAEL J CAREY
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed nst said property for the year 2015 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of EMILY BERRY and LUTHER H. BERRY

That said MICHAEL J CAREY on the 28th day of September 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said

County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to MICHAEL J CAREY On the 31st day of March 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Witness my hand this 30th day of October 2020

/s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published November 19, 26 and December 3, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Piedra Park Metropolitan Imbeen submitted to the Piedra Park wetropolitar Improvement District (PPMID) Board of Directors for the calendar year 2021. The proposed budget is available for public inspection at 55 MILTON LANE ARBOLES, CO. Copies are also available upon request by email at PIEDRAPARK@YAHOO.COM or phone at 1970 749-5968). The proposed budget will be considered at a regular meeting of the PPMID board of directors to be held on December 9, 2020 at 55 Milton Lane, Arboles,

Any interested party may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto in writing at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Any objections may be submitted to the PPMID Board of Directors by email PIEDRAPARK@YAHOO.COM or letter P.O. Box 1609 Arboles, CO 81121.

Published November 19 and 26, 2020 in The Pagosa

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX

LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

J B SMITH 43 SCRATCH COURT PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the

2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to BILL BERKE

the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 252 IN PAGOSA IN THE PINES UNIT TWO ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR

RECORD FEBRUARY 7, 1972 AS RECEPTION NO. Account Number: R008228 Schedule Number: 569917108037 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04209

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BILL BERKE That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially as the name(s) of J B SMITH for said year 2016. That said BILL BERKE on the 27th day of October 2020. the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property

to BILL BERKE On the 7th day of April 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 3rd day of November 2020

/s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published November 26, December 3 and 10, 2020 in

The Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom

It May Concern, and more especially to: RICHARD COTO 871 S. ALESSANDRO ST HEMET, CA 92543-7069 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the

2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to CB INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS, LLC the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 227 IN LAKE HATCHER PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD NOVEMBER 5, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 78738 Account Number: R001732

Schedule Number: 558336203045 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04027 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to CB INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS, LLC That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of RICHARD COTO for said year 2016. That said CB INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS, LLC on the 19th day of October 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to CB INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS, LLC On the 31st day of March 2021, unless the same has

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Witness my hand this 18th day of November 2020

Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published November 26, December 3 and 10, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Council for the Town of Pagosa Springs will be holding a public hearing for a new Marijuana Infused Products Manufacturer business license application, dated November 11, 2020, for Joe Cal Enterprises Inc dba Pagosa Craft located at 127 Goldmine Drive telephone number (720) 326-3369 Joe Calandra (Owner). The public hearing will be held on Thursday December 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. by remote participation through Zoom. All people wishing to comment should be on the remote Zoom meeting or have written comments in the office of the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Published November 26, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs*

SUN. NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION

FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

Entrust of Colorado Inc dba End-Ira, Inc FBO Daniel J Spark IRA

1070 W CENTURY DR. STE 101 LOUISVILLE, CO 80027 Entrust of Colorado Inc dba End-Ira, Inc FBO Daniel J Spark IRA

1300 PLAZA COURT NORTH, STE 103 LAFAYETTE, CO 80026 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

BILL BERKE the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 460 AND 461, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885.

Account Number: R004216 Schedule Number: 569524404021
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04207 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BILL BERKE That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent

property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Entrust of Colorado Inc dba End-Ira, Inc FBO Daniel J Spark IRA for said year 2016. That said BILL BERKE on the 27th day of October 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed

to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to BILL BERKE On the 7th day of April 2021, unless the same has been

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Witness my hand this 3rd day of November 2020

/s/ Elsa P White

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Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: Entrust Arizona Retirement Plan Administration LLC

FBO Szach Jerri A IRA 20860 N TATUM BLVD # 240 PHOENIX, AZ 85050 Entrust Arizona Retirement Plan Administration LLC FBO Szach Jerri A IRA

5055 E. CALLE CHUECA

TUCSON, AZ 85718 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to BILL BERKE

the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOTS 194 AND 195, IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868.

Account Number: R004476 Schedule Number: 569525110006 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04208 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BILL BERKE . That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinqu property(and special assessment) taxes assessed

against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially asse in the name(s) of Entrust Arizona Retirement Plan Administration LLC FBO Szach Jerri A IRA for said year 2016. That said BILL BERKE on the 27th day of October 2020.

request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to BILL BERKE

On the 7th day of April 2021, unless the same has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any

time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Witness my hand this 3rd day of November 2020 /s/ Elsa P White

Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published November 26, December 3 and 10, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX

FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
CALUM R MCNEIL

P O BOX 3374 TELLURIDE, CO 81435 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to BILL BERKE

the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 313 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74884. Account Number: R009996

Schedule Number: 569919320029 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04214 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BILL BERKE . That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinguent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of CALUM R MCNEIL for said year 2016. That said BILL BERKE on the 27th day of October 2020.

the present holder of said certificate (who) has made

request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to BILL BERKE On the 7th day of April 2021, unless the same has be

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

Witness my hand this 3rd day of November 2020 /s/ Flsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published November 26, December 3 and 10, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of

It May Concern, and more especially to AULD. KENNETH V 25236 CLEMANS LANE LAKE FORREST, CA 92630-4103 LUCILLE LAULD 25236 CLEMANS LANE

Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom

LAKE FORREST, CA 92630-4103 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to
BILL BERKE

the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 378 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74884

Account Number: R010079 Schedule Number: 569919418032 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04217 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BILL BERKE That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assess

in the name(s) of AULD, KENNETH V and LUCILLE L AULD for said year 2016.
That said BILL BERKE on the 27th day of October 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made

request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property: That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property On the 7th day of April 2021, unless the same has been

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 4th day of November 2020 Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published November 26, December 3 and 10, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN.*

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: CRAYS LLC 46 SOUTH LINCOLN STREET

DENVER, CO 80209 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at

public tax lien sale to BILL BERKE the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 501, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD SEPTEMBER

13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885.

Account Number: R010021 Schedule Number: 569919339022 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04215 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BILL BERKE That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed

inst said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of CRAYS LLC for said year 2016. That said BILL BERKE on the 27th day of October 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed

to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property On the 7th day of April 2021, unless the same has been

time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Witness my hand this 3rd day of November 2020 Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any

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the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: CRAYS LLC 46 SOUTH LINCOLN STREET DENVER, CO 80209 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer

of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to BILL BERKE the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 502, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE 13. 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885.

Account Number: R010022 Schedule Number: 569919339023 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04216 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BILL BERKE That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent

property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016
That said real estate was taxed or specially asses the name(s) of CRAYS LLC for said year 2016. That said BILL BERKE on the 27th day of October 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property

to BILL BERKE On the 7th day of April 2021, unless the same has been Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

Witness my hand this 3rd day of November 2020 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published November 26, December 3 and 10, 2020 in

ARCHULETA COUNTY OCTOBER 2020 PAYABLES

VENDOR NAME DESCRIPTION AMOUNT B&P-ACCELA SUBS 7 USERS 11.828.84 ACCELA, INC. ADVANCE AUTO PARTS FLEET-PARTS & SUPPLIES 933.83 EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS 2,637.95 ALL CLEAN OEM-CLEAN CARPETS 411.00 ALPINE PORTABLE TOILETS LLC. CLOMAN PARK PORTA TOILET 115.00 ALSCO FLEET/B&G-UNIFORMS 327.17 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES ACSO-NETWORK CAMERA/ MISC. SUPPLIES 1,649.96 AMERICAN RECYCLING SW-MONITOR DISPOSAL FEES 20.00 AMERICAN SECURITY CABINETS **ELECTIONS-BALLOT BOX ARBOLES** 2.029.00 AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INS. COUNTY LIFE INSURANCE 2,720.24 ANIXTER INC. DISPATCH-SERVER EQUIP. RACKS 709.95 ARCHULETA COUNTY SOLID WASTE COUNTY-DISPOSAL 537.50 ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT DHS GRANT FUNDING DISTRIBUTION 11,083.74 DHS TANF MEN'S CLASSES ASPIRE MEDICAL SERVICES AT YOUR DISPOSAL COUNTY DISPOSAL 892.00 ACSO/DISP-CELL PHONES B&P-DATA AT&T MOBILITY LLC 2,458.83 AWARD ALLIANCE, LLC. CLERK/ELECT-NAME PLATES 49.05 AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. ACSO-20 BODY CAMERAS W/STORAGE 69,950.00 AXXIS AUDIO OF DURANGO HARMAN HOUSE INTERNAL WIRING 4,236.27 EMPLOYEE HSA CONTRIBUTION
DISP.-OCT LOAN PMT/EMP. HSA CONT. BANK OF COLORADO 150.00 BANK OF THE SAN JUANS 5,367.28 ACSO-ALTERNATIVE SNTNC'G SEPT. BI INCORPORATED BLACK HILLS ENERGY COUNTY NATURAL GAS 310.16 BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC. ACSO-INMATE CLOTHING 173.53 EXTENSION-GAS BOB'S LP GAS, INC. 258.00 ACSO-MOVING FEES BRAD CLARKE 2.100.00 BTG & ASSOCIATES LLC. COMMISS-CABIN ASBESTOS INSPECT 1,475.00 BUCKSKIN TOWING & REPAIR FLEET-TOWING & REPAIRS CABE'S COLLISION AND CUSTOMS FLEET-VEHICLE UP FIT 3.208.00 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS COUNTY COPIER LEASE 2,685.24

CARL MACHT **EXTENSION-CLASSES** 240.00 CAROLINA SOFTWARE SW-4QTR SOFTWARE CCOERA- EMP RETIREMENT EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT 139.389.96 CENTURY EQUIPMENT COMPANY FLEET-PARTS & SUPPLIES 1,237.75 CENTURYLINK COUNTY PHONES 3,292.72 ACSO-6 FOLDING TABLES/ INMATE SUPPLIES 1,233.62 CHARM-TEX INC. B&G-REIMB. FOR REPL. DRILL CHRIS STACEY 69.00 CORONER-CORONER ON CALL 5 CALLS CIERRA C. CORLEY 600.00 CIGNA HEALTH COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE 145.386.24 CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY COUNTY-FIRST AID SUPPLIES 131.64 COLORADO BUREAU OF INVEST. COLORADO BUSINESS BANK ACSO-BACKGROUND CHECKS 1.469.00 4 QTR. 2020 LOAN PMT 125,093.00 DHS ADMIN OFFICE SUPPLIES COLORADO CORRECTIONAL IND. 218.55 COLORADO CUSTOM LIFT, INC. B&G-SEMI ANNUAL ELEVATOR INSP. 680.00 COLORADO DEPT. OF REVENUE STATE W/H 27,299.00 COLORADO DOCUMENT SECURITY COUNTY-SHREDDING 438.00 COLORADO INTERACTIVE, LLC. ACSO-TICKET REFUND 199.50 COLORADO STATE TREASURER COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT 3QTR 5,156.78 COLORADO WEED MANAGEMENT W&P/EXT.-NOXIOUS WEED CALENDARS COOK'S CORRECTIONAL ACSO-KITCHEN SUPPLIES 128.50 CORNWELL TOOLS / SAN JUAN FLEET-TOOLS 100.00 CROSSFIRE AGGREGATE SERVICE R&B-AGGREGATE 282.87 CURTIS BLUE LINE ACSO-UNIFORMS 7.50 DAVIS ENGINEERING SERVICE R&B-ENGINEERING 252.00 B&B-CULVERTS DAY LUMBER COMPANY LLC. 926.70 JUSTICE CENTER CONDUIT REPAIR DB TECH INC. 35,322.24 DEANNA HIBBERT R&B-REIMB. CDL PHYSICAL DEBORAH B. GLICK DISPATCH-NOVEMBER RENT 1.315.05 DELL MARKETING L.P. JAIL-COMPUTERS 11,488.80 DELTA DENTAL OF COLORADO COUNTY DENTAL 4,832.56 FLEET-LANDFILL LOADER CHAINS DELTA RIGGING & TOOLS, INC. 3.978.90 DESERT MOUNTAIN CORP. R&B-ROADWAY CHEMICALS 28,834.94 DESIGN-A-SIGN
DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING COUNTY PRINTING/ SUPPLIES/ SIGNAGE 943.22 HR-DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING 2.030.00 EXTENSION CHECKING POSTAGE 28.40 **FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY** EMPLOYEE GARNISHMENT 2.133.63 FIREBIRD FUEL FLEET-FUEL 19,200.46 FLORIAN GALLEGOS SW-MILEAGE REIMB. 52.90 FOUR STATES TIRE FLEET-TIRES 6.382.84 FREDRICKZINK & ASSOCIATES EMPLOYEE FLEX 7,404.86 **G&I SANITATION** SW-PORTA TOILETS 320.00 GALLS, LLC. ACSO-UNIFORMS 1.566.09 GIS - HIRERIGHT HR-BACKGROUND CHECKS 1,299.05 GRAINGER FLEET-SUPPLIES 168.36 HONNEN EQUIPMENT FLEET-PARTS 867.28 CORONER-FACILITY USAGE HOOD MORTUARY 1,800.00 HUMAN FACTOR SCIENCE ACSO-TRAINING MANUALS 334.00 HUMANE SOCIETY OF PAGOSA ACSO-COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES 8.333.34 INLAND KENWORTH US INC. FLEET-PARTS 1,638.68 INLAND TRUCK PARTS COMPANY FLEET-PARTS 2.327.21 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE WITHHOLDING 194,553.28 INTERNATIONAL CITY MGMT DEFERRED COMP **EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS** INTERNATIONAL CITY MGMT 3.000.00 JACCO DISTRIBUTING COMPANY FLEET-SUPPLIES 168.25 JANIS L. SMITH CORONER-AUTOPSY ASSISTANT 400.00 JASON HIBBERT -CORONER-CORONER ON CALL 4 CALLS 500.00 JEFFREY M. HEINTZLEMAN FAIR-SOUND SYSTEM 212.50 JLM TIRE FLEET-TIRE DISPOSAL 496.75 JODY MOON DHS CLIENT MEDICAL TRANSPORT 48.40 JUST CLICK PRINTING, INC. COUNTY PRINTING & SIGNAGE 402.59 ACSO-JAIL KITCHEN FOLIPMENT KATOM RESTAURANT SUPPLY 4,221.44 CORONER-CORONER ON CALL KELLY L. ROBERTSON 100.00 KITS FOR KIDZ DHS PPE KITS 1,275.00 DHS P&I FAMILY ENGAGEMENT MTGS LA PLATA COUNTY DEPT. 1.187.04 LA PLATA COUNTY SHERIFF ACSO-INMTE HSG AUG/SEPT/ MED & VIDEO 45,487.89 LA PLATA COUNTY SHERIFFS DHS CS CIVIL SERVICES 7.50 LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION COUNTY ELECTRIC 7,301.11 LA PLATA FAMILY CENTERS DHS AUG 2020 CONTRACT 2020 774.35 LABSOURCE, INC. ACSO-EXAM GLOVES 508.39 LARGO TANK EQUIPMENT FLEET-2020 WATER TANK 4000 GALLON 38,180.00 LAW FIRM OF LISA WARD, LLC. DHS LEGAL FEES 6,037.20 EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS LEGAL SHIELD 154.56 LIFE PATH, LLC. ACSO-MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING 100.00 M&M CONSTRUCTION SERVICES TOWER EXT./DISP-OAK BRSH TWR WK. 57,690.00 MEDICAL AIR SERVICES **EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS** 568.00 MESA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DHS CW BIRTH CERTIFICATE 20.00 FAIR-WI-FI INSTALL/ IT-CONSULTING 7,365.52 ACSO-UNIFORM ALTERATIONS 125.00 FLEET-PARTS 44.87 ACSO-2 HANDHELD RADIOS 5.046.56 ELECT.-VTG BOX CAM/ B&G-ALRM MAINT. 2,744.23 FLEET-SUPPLIES 619.90 FLEET-CAR WASHES AUGUST 93.85 **B&P-VACATION RENTAL PROGRAM** 2,115.00 R&B-EQUIPMENT RENTAL 283.00 IT-COMPUTER EQUIPMENT 1,473.21 EMPLOYEE GARNISHMENT 69.24 CORONER-TOXICOLOGY 768.00 R&B-WADERS (2) 160.34 FLEET-WINDSHIELD REPAIRS 313.51 COUNTY OFFICE SUPPLIES 1,503.59 B&G-OEM PEST CONTROL 95.00 COUNTY-SEWER/WATER 1,637.06 FAIR-PHOTOGRAPHY LIVESTOCK B&G-SEWER CLEAN OUT CH 1,275.00 365.00 EXTENSION-CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP 150.00 COMMISS-BROADBAND SUPPORT 60.000.00 ACSO-DETENTIONS FURNITURE 6,722.13 FLEET-PARTS & SUPPLIES R&B-EQUIPMENT RENTAL 250.88 ELECTIONS-MAILING FUNDS/BOX RENT 526.00 HR-PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION 135.00 DHS POSTAGE METER FINANCE CHG. 14.20 COUNTY POSTAGE 2,172.16 COURTS-DESIGN & ENGINEERING 40,000.00 ACSO-TRAFFIC CODE REFUND 22.00 DISPATCH-OAK BRUSH ANALYSIS 500.00 150.00

MITCHELL & COMPANY, LLC. MONOGRAMS PLUS MOREHART MURPHY REGIONAL MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. MOUNTAIN HOME SOUND MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. MUD SHAVER CAR WASH MUNIREVS INC. NAVAJO TRAIL RENTAL CENTER NEWEGG BUSINESS INC. NM HUMAN SERVICES DEPT. NMS LABS NORTHERN SAFETY COMPANY NOVUS AUTO GLASS OFFICE DEPOT INC. ORKIN, LLC. PAGOSA AREA WATER & SANIT. PAGOSA PHOTOGRAPHY LLC. PAGOSA ROOTER PAGOSA SPRINGS CHAMBER PAGOSA SPRINGS COMMUNITY CDC PARKER'S WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS PARTS PLUS OF NEW MEXICO PINE VALLEY RENTAL & SALES POSTMASTER PSYCHOLOGICAL RESOURCES PURCHASE POWER QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC. **REYNOLDS ASH & ASSOCIATES** RICARDO MARTINEZ RIDGELINE ENGINEERING COMP. HR-CORRA MANAGEMENT ROCKY MOUNTAIN RESERVE, LLC. RUNBECK ELECTION SERVICES CLERK-RECORDING LAPTOP/BALLOT STOCK 9,814.36 SAN JUAN BASIN HEALTH DHS CW BIRTH CERTIFICATES ACSO-EVIDENCE BOXES SIRCHIE SNOWY RIVER CONSTRUCTION HARMAN HOUSE REMODEL DRAW 5 140,200.00 SOURCE OFFICE & TECHNOLOGY COUNTY OFFICE SUPPLIES 238.52 DHS CW CONT (3 MO)/COMMISS-SR. MEALS SOUTHERN COLORADO COMM. 11.057.18 CLERKS-MAILINGS STATE OF COLORADO (IDS) 923.15 SUSAN J. COPENHEAVER ACSO-UNIFORM ALTERATIONS SUTTON AUTOMOTIVE FLEET-REPAIRS 951.40 SYNERGY CONSTRUCTION CONCEPTS COURTHOUSE-OSR/PM SVCS 2,664.75 TERRY SCHAAF EXTENSION-REIMB. FOR TOOLS TERRY'S ACE HARDWARE COUNTY-SUPPLIES THE PAGOSA SPRINGS SUN COUNTY ADVERTISING 8,605.66 THE PONDEROSA LUMBER CO. COUNTY SUPPLIES 302.55 THE UPS STORE #5807 B&G-SHIPPING THUMPER & CO RACING OEM-INSTALL GUN RACKS 1,166.48 TONYA L. STEADMON FAIR-MANAGER PAYMENT 4 2.000.00 TONYA M. HAMILTON CORONER-CORONER ON CALL 1 CALL 200.00

3QTR R&B PROP TX/CTY SEWER/DHS-ELECT

ACSO-NON SERVICE REFUND

EMPLOYEE HSA CONTRIBUTION

ASSESSOR-COMM REAPPRAISAL

COUNTY INTERNET/INTRANET

ACSO-REIMB. MOVING SUPPLIES

ACSO-SOFTWARE

CLERKS-OCE AGMT.

COUNTY CLEANING

W&P-CHEMICALS

B&P-IPAD DATA PLAN

AIRPORT-GATE PARTS

FLEET-PARTS RETURN

W&P-CHEMICAL SPRAYER

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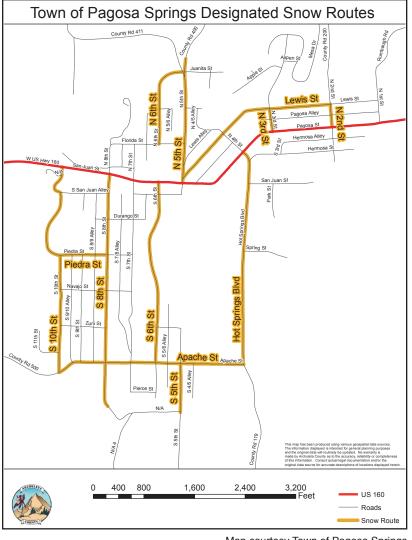
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Do not park along snow routes.

Parking along U.S. 160 between

Do not attempt to stop a snow-

When approaching a snowplow

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must maintain speed for maximum

from the rear, follow at a minimum

distance of 200 feet, allowing for

the scattering of sand and for

effort will be made to keep road-

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sonnel will be on the road during

snow onto a neighbor's property.

concerning snow removal can con-

tact Schmidt at 264-4151, ext. 251.

ly 340 miles of roads in the winter.

higher priorities are plowed first,

such as school bus routes. Remain-

ing roads are plowed based on

begin clearing roads at 2 a.m., but

crews may not clear lower-priority

roads the day of the storm. Week-

end and extended-shift plowing

may take place under the direction

of the public works director when

Hills are sanded for safety as

Typically, plowing operations

begin when there is snowfall ac-

cumulation in excess of 4 inches.

On days without snow, crews will

clean up and push back snowbanks

county roads may not receive

same-day snow removal. Only firstpriority roads will be plowed and

kept open on excessive snow days.

or postponed due to unpredictable

or unusual weather conditions,

emergency situations, safety and

There are usually two types of

The first occurs during the

storm and consists of passes with

the plows to keep the roads open.

This includes clearing a path suf-

ficient for two vehicles to pass,

and clearing cul-de-sacs enough

to allow a vehicle to turn around.

and preparation for the next snow-

The second performs cleanup

Secondary work begins when

the storm subsides and consists of

widening the traveled portion of the

road, pushing snow back and plow-

ing out wider areas on the roadways.

the first and second plowing.

Driveway and access

road snow berms

■ See Guidelines A14

It may be several days between

Snowplowing operations may

Types of plowing operations

snow-removal operations.

Schedules may be interrupted

Under extreme circumstances,

deemed appropriate.

as needed.

resources.

Snow-removal crews normally

priority and route efficiencies.

Ask permission before moving

Town residents with questions

The county plows approximate-

County roads are categorized on a priority basis and the roads with

Be patient. Every reasonable

Parking problems are compounded

2 and 6 a.m. is prohibited. This

includes through downtown.

The above map shows designated snow routes. Parking along designated snow route streets is prohibited during snow events. Violators will be fined and/or towed at the owner's expense.

Town and county snow removal guidelines

Other information

by winter snow.

efficiency.

abrupt movements.

major snowstorms.

Archuleta County

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

With more snow just around the corner for Pagosa Country, local officials are gearing up to remove that snow to allow for safer travel.

Following are snow removal guidelines for residents and business owners in the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County, as provided by each entity.

More information can be found on each entity's website.

Town of Pagosa Springs

The town plows about 30 miles of streets and roads in the winter.

The time required to clear snow and ice from roads varies depending on the conditions, including the storm intensity and duration, water content of the snow, temperature, traffic conditions and time of day. Because of those reasons, the town may not be able to plow or sand roads at the same time each day or on the day of the storm.

The town roads have benefited from "solar gain" on the newly sealcoated and paved roads and there has been a noticeable improvement, according to Public Works Director Martin Schmidt.

The town has adopted a designated snow route with signage, and parking along designated snow route streets is prohibited during snow events. Violators will be fined and/or towed at the owner's expense. The snow route is effective through the last snow event of the season.

Other than streets, the town removes snow from pedestrian infrastructure around town facilities and abutting or adjoining parks and trails owned or leased by the town, provided that such areas are designated by the Pagosa Springs Town Council.

Resident, business owner and snowplowing contractor responsibilities

It is unlawful to push or throw snow onto or across streets or alleys, or to put snow on any public property or right of way; snow must be disposed of on your own property.

It is the property owner's or business owner's responsibility to provide snow and ice removal on sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours of the end of snowfall. This applies when there is an accumulation of 1 inch or more.

Do not use ice melt. Damage from chemical or mechanical removal of snow is the responsibility of the property owner.

Consistent snow removal and mitigating slip hazards without the use of chemicals is the best for the concrete and roads.

Trash carts should be placed in the driveway, a minimum of 5 feet behind the front of the snow berm to minimize the possibility of being knocked over. Trash carts knocked over are the resident's responsibility.

It is the resident's responsibility to remove the snow berm left from street plowing. Reasonable efforts will be made to minimize the berm left behind.

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CERF Investment for Future Emergencies

Community Foundation Grant Management

Administration Costs

\$1.25+ million

in COVID rapid-response granting

through the Community Foundation

Once again, we are humbled to see the community come together to support neighbors. This report shares how emergency contributions were distributed to SW Colorado through October 30.

CERF Grants: \$617,514

Donor Advised Funds & Projects: \$593,180

CERF & Community Foundation Grants: \$1,264,694 Animal Protection: \$13,250 Arts & Culture: \$186,100

> Education: \$235,850 Environment: \$30,000 Human Services: \$630,224 Youth: \$154,270

> > Other: \$15,000

A small group of technology business leaders donated \$300,000 to

\$100,000 to Food Security

The Community Foundation purchased seven truckloads (\$64,000) of non-perishable foods to stock food pantry shelves in our five-county region. We committed another \$36,000 in perishable food purchases, leveraging these orders to spur another \$85,000 from other sources, including CARES Act money, to expand reach and deepen quantity received. A fringe benefit is supporting our regional farmers by locallysourcing veggies and beef.

\$100,000 to Youth Employment

employment opportunities that challenge our youth to have a deeper understanding of our community and learn real-life skills.

This project's simplicity was its brilliance. Blaine Bailey, founder of In the Weeds, realized that with spring break cut short, restaurants had kitchens full of food and no customers, and chefs were out of work. Blaine worked tirelessly to employ local chefs who prepared the food on hand before it spoiled. They created healthy and delicious meals to be delivered to seniors, families, and high-risk individuals. The Community

School & Restaurant Appreciation

The Community Foundation rallied our Donor Advised Funds and infused \$37,000 into local restaurants to purchase a \$50 gift card for every staffer at Durango 9R School District and Animas High School, to say thank you to 733 people who have worked hard to educate our students and protect our community.

Southwest Colorado Disaster Assistance

The Community Foundation launched the SWCODA website to provide resources for nonprofits, local information about COVID protocols, and economic recovery tools. All five counties have information and resources listed on SWCODA.org.

Match Madness

Everyone loves their dollar to stretch and donations are no different. The Community Foundation spearheaded several match opportunities to maximize giving.

The Payroll Department challenged its clients to match Payroll's CERF donation of \$10,000. Total gift from the Payroll Department and their clients was \$20,000.

Animas Surgical Hospital worked with its partners on a match challenge that raised \$28,000 for CERF.

Local businesses, governments, family funds and individuals matched CERF Grant Rounds 1&2 to double the grants given to nonprofits.

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Save the Food, Feed the People

Foundation paid the chefs who prepared 600 meals a week.

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Mountain Pizza and Taproom



Humane Society Thrift Store





PREVIEW photos/Shari Pierce



The history of holiday lights

Special to The PREVIEW

Holiday celebrants employ holiday lights in various ways. Certain individuals may be content to hang lights on their Christmas trees and call their decorating complete. Others may get their holiday jollies by making sure each square inch of their home is covered in twinkling lights. Still, other people prefer the more subdued effect of lights framing one picture window of the house.

The tradition of Christmas lights stretches back to early modern Germany, when people used candles to decorate Christmas trees in Christian homes. Those candles were harbingers of what would come when electric lights replaced gas and other open-flame illuminating devices that were commonplace prior to the 20th century.

Thomas Edison, the inventor of the first successful practical light bulb, also created the first strand of electric lights that would be used in holiday decorating. By 1880, Edison had standard incandescent light bulbs well sorted out and desired a way to better advertise his invention, so he decided to make the most of the holiday season and put his light bulbs on display.

According to a 2003 article in American Heritage magazine titled "The Wizard of Your Christmas Tree," Edison strung incandescent bulbs all around the compound of his Menlo Park, N.J., laboratory. Edison constructed an 8-mile underground wiring system in order to power this grand light display. Because the laboratory was situated along the railroad that passed

between Manhattan and Philadelphia, thousands of people were able to see the display.

The concept of electric holiday lights took a bit of time to catch on. Edison's friend and associate Edward Johnson was tasked with stringing together colored lights in 1882 and placing them on an evergreen tree. Johnson hand-wired 80 red, white and blue light bulbs. In 1895, President Grover Cleveland requested the White House family Christmas tree be illuminated by multicolored electric light bulbs.

In 1903, when General Electric began to offer preassembled kits of holiday lights, stringed lights were reserved for the wealthy and electrically savvy. For example, in 1903 a single string of electric lights cost \$12, or around \$300 today.

It would take several more years before holiday lights became a national tradition. On Christmas Eve 1923, President Calvin Coolidge began the country's celebration of Christmas by lighting the National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse located south of the White House with 3,000 electric lights.

Today, illuminated strands of lights have become a large part of holiday celebrations and have even been adopted for use during various year-round events. Such lights can be a beautiful and festive addition to many celebrations.



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John Paul II Catholic Church	353 S. Pagosa Boulevard	970-731-5744
Pagosa Bible Church	209 Harman Park Dr.	970-731-3120
Ruby M. Sisson Library	811 San Juan Street	970-264-2209
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church	225 S. Pagosa Boulevard	970-731-5801
Terry's Ace Hardware	525 Navajo Trail Drive	970-731-4022
The Junction Restaurant	401 E. Pagosa Street	970-264-5729
The UPS Store 5807	135 Country Center	970-731-8771
Williams Creek Angler	190 Talisman Drive, Unit C-6	970-731-2125

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Immaculate Heart of Mary, John **Paul II Mass** schedule released

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Following is the Catholic community Mass schedule for Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) and John Paul II (JP II).

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26, 9 a.m. JP II. Streaming will be available.

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 4 p.m. JP II. (Reservations need to be made; call the parish office to reserve your place.) Streaming will be available.

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 8 p.m., Parish Hall. Christmas songs will be sung half an hour before Christmas Eve Masses. 3:30 p.m. at JP II and 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

Christmas Day (the Nativity of the Lord), Dec. 25, PCC Family Mass 9 a.m., JP II. (Reservations need to be made; call the parish office to reserve your place.) Streaming will be available.

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 5 p.m.,

New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God), Jan. 1, 2021, 9 a.m. JP II, one Mass only.

No Main Street Bethlehem at **Centerpoint** Church this year

By Jonathan Duncan Centerpoint Church

Due to the nature of our Main Street Bethlehem presentation and the rising number of COVID cases, there will be no Main Street Bethlehem presentation this year.

Our prayer is that we will be able to resume our normal Christmastime recreation of the streets of Bethlehem during the time of the birth of Jesus next year.

May the Lord bless and keep you safe and healthy during this Christmas season and we pray that 2021 will be a better year for all of us.



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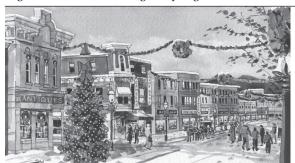
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Simple ways to dress up your home for the holidays

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The holiday season is rife with traditions that focus on fun and family. One such testament to the festive spirit of the holiday season is the many homes and businesses decorated with the lights and colors that have become synonymous with the season

Decorating for the holiday season can be time-consuming. While decking the halls may not consume as much time as holiday shopping and wrapping presents, according to data from a 2013 American Time Use Survey, interior and exterior decorating for the holidays may consume anywhere from 2.5 to three hours per session.

Holiday decorating includes things as simple as setting up a menorah or as complex as stringing lights on the exterior of a home. Though elaborate displays can take hours to erect, time-crunched holiday celebrants can still create festive, welcoming displays.

• Hang holiday wreaths. Holiday enthusiasts without much time to decorate can invest in a couple of holiday wreaths, which can be dressed up as much or as little as

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celebrants prefer. If you do not have the time to string lights on the house, wrap them around wreaths hung in windows or hang the wreaths on a home's main entrance. Celebrants who want to go a less traditional route can hang wreaths made of holly, citrus fruits, ribbons, or any other greenery instead of the more customary evergreen wreaths.

- Decorate with ornaments. Ornaments are not exclusive to Christmas trees. Fill a vase or bowl with metallic ornaments and place it in a prominent location, such as a busy hallway or the foyer of your home. Hang ornaments on clear filament from the mantle or within the main window of the house, where they can reflect tree lights and add sparkle.
- Bring in more greenery. Drape evergreen boughs on staircase handrailings or on the mantle, or use greenery to frame doorways. The scent will be inviting and things instantly will look more festive.
- Use throws and decorative pillows. Change the look of a room with holiday-colored decor if you do not want to clutter the space with knickknacks. A red and green blanket draped over the sofa can give off a comforting holiday vibe.
- · Focus on the front door and entryway. Celebrants who do not have the time to decorate their entire homes can create a warm, inviting space by decorating their front doors and entryways. Place greenery, bows, tinsel, lights, and winter-inspired accessories by the front door so friends and family visiting for the season catch the holiday spirit the moment they walk through the door.
- Place LED candles in windows. Rather than contending with twinkle lights and electric cords, homeowners can employ battery-operated faux candles to create a homey appeal in windows and hallways throughout their homes.

Simplify holiday decorating with some easy tips to make houses cozy and festive.





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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) 900-68, meeting ID: 884 668 836.

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, Nov. 29, our theme is creation.

"A drop of the billowing ocean of His endless mercy hath adorned all creation with the ornament of existence, and a breath wafted from His peerless Paradise hath invested all beings with the robe of His sanctity and glory." — Baha'u'llah.

The Baha'i Faith is a world religion whose purpose is to unite all people of the world in one univer-

sal cause, one common faith.

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

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Give where you live on Colorado Gives Day

By Ashley Wilson

Rise Above Violence

Colorado Gives Day is Dec. 8. This is a wonderful opportunity to give where you live and support local nonprofits right here in Pagosa.

Colorado Gives Day is a state-wide giving day to support the non-profit sector across that state. The \$1 Million Incentive Fund boosts the value of every donation. That means for every dollar you give, the nonprofit you support gets a little more than your donation because every nonprofit gets a small percentage (based on the amount they raise) of the incentive fund.

Eleven nonprofits on the site are located in Archuleta County: Aspire, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County, Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Loaves and Fishes, Rise Above Violence, Ruby Sisson Library Foundation, Seeds of Learning, Sonlight Adventures, Thingamajig Theatre Company and Vets for Vets.

Why give where you live? Each of the nonprofits offer critical services and support for our community and each one has been impacted by COVID-19. I am sure you either know someone who has utilized services at one of these nonprofits or you have enjoyed something they have to offer.

These organizations need your support every year, but this year more that normal. Please consider giving to one or more of these nonprofits on Tuesday, Dec. 8. You can give through a secure online platform at swcogives.org and you can schedule your donation today.

Several organizations are partnering to enhance outreach so you have information on what the impact of COVID-19 has been and how organizations are navigating.

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial

Ruby Sisson Library by raising funds for information resources, programs, services and facilities.

Your library has been staying busy this year, meeting the vast needs of our community during this unprecedented time. We have been open since May, and we continue to provide curbside services, virtual programs for all ages and inperson assistance. Libraries are so important. Your year-end support

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for the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation would assist us with operations expenses to continue meeting the needs of our community now and in the future. For more information, visit pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/.

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County's most significant impact from COVID-19 has been the reduction in our volunteer labor force, so much so that we had to postpone the build of our 28th new home. As we resume our construction schedule for 2021, we are securing new labor resources; however, we are now faced with rising construction material costs which are estimated to double. We need your cash donation to mitigate this increase in expense and allow our 2021 partner family to work alongside volunteers, pay an affordable mortgage and move into homeownership. For more information, visit www.habitatarchuleta.org.

Rise Above Violence supports victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in our community. In the average year, Rise serves over 350 victims. This vear both the number of victims and the intensity of the services required is higher. So far in 2020, Rise has served 370 victims. We know that COVID-19 has impacted these numbers and we anticipate that to continue. Survivors are describing their abusers using COVID-19 as a tactic to scare and control them at home. Before they were tracked and stalked; with stay-at-home orders looming again, victims will be under constant surveillance. This increases the need for emergency assistance in the forms of transportation, safe emergency housing, stable housing, food and other basic needs for victims. For more information, visit Riseaboveviolence.org.

Pagosa, please consider supporting your local nonprofits on Colorado Gives Day. Donations can be scheduled ahead of time, and every dollar makes the important work of these groups possible. Visit swcogives.org to see the Archuleta nonprofits participating and schedule your donation today, swcogives.org.





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Truth, relevance and ashes

Truth has always found itself a topic for litigation, probably today more than ever. How does something that can't sway from the center line find itself so far out of bounds? The Old Testament warned that there would come a day when good would be called evil and evil would be called good.

It would be wise to ask, "How does that happen?" How could two opposing views, thoughts or actions be confused one for the other? Likely because we tend to look at things through a lens of relevance. And therein lies the problem.

Truth never changes. It is an absolute that doesn't deviate, no matter the course charted. While we may be able to fit the square peg in the round hole, it is still a square peg.

The best litmus test for truth is time. What was, is, and what is will be. It is an equation that doesn't get any simpler. Words written or



Betty Slade



spoken yesterday don't change their meaning just because a new day dawns. Why, because the circumstance and trajectory that birthed them won't change, even if we ourselves do.

In 1998, I wrote the following to my friend: "I have made peace with my ashes. They were part of yesterday's dreams." That statement sounds so defeating, but it wasn't. I was about to make a huge career change, one that would take me further than I even knew possible.

The ashes I wrote about were relevant to a specific moment in my life. They were a product of years when I owned a signature

art gallery. They were from a time when I had a recognized brand at the Dallas Wholesale Market, something that became a commodity on Princess Cruise Line.

But what was doesn't lay bare as cinders and embers. It is the bed that produces a phoenix that takes flight. In my case, the peace I made with my ashes gave way to the launch of new endeavors becoming an author and publisher with works hidden from view until the truth of their origins could

My path didn't change based on my focus. In fact, my direction became clearer as I walked with diligence. While relevance took on different forms, my heart grew stronger as it stayed its course. Isn't that the very definition of truth?

What are your ashes? What truth do you hold within that despite the world around you, only needs time to take flight? The bigger question is, are you steadfast in truth so that you will see clearly how your ashes materialize?

A friend once wrote, "Let's not allow the dark cover of melancholy to cast its pale over us or we'd be enveloped by a cloud of meaninglessness, bitterness and foreboding, which threatens to take the taste of the joy of living from our mouths,

Final brushstroke: There is something to be said for walking in truth. Even more so when truth is challenged in a way that twists it beyond recognition. While our path may be riddled with rocks and detours, it is the exercise of the journey that bares our identity. Proverbs 12:19 tells us, "The truthful lip shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

Readers' comments

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Cupcakes and critiques

Bv Hank Slikker

PREVIEW Columnist

As a teenager, I used to decorate cupcakes for my dad in the family bakery. He said I had sufficient decorating talent and wanted his bakers to do more important things. Not that cupcakes weren't important in the bakery store, but they needed staging, nonetheless.

Bigger cakes called for talent I didn't have yet, like crafting buttercream roses or handwriting "best wishes" or "happy birthday" on their tops. Since my father was the artist and I was the apprentice, before I put the cupcakes into their showcase, he looked them over for shortcomings.

I offer this vignette because baking artistry has a lot in common with writing artistry. Mainly, skill in each craft takes a combined effort. Before putting out attractive pieces for public consumption, the artist often takes his/her work to a friend or expert for another viewpoint. We call it critique.

But critique doesn't always feel good. You spend a year, or 10 years, getting your story just like you want it, then give it to someone to look it over for you and he tells you you

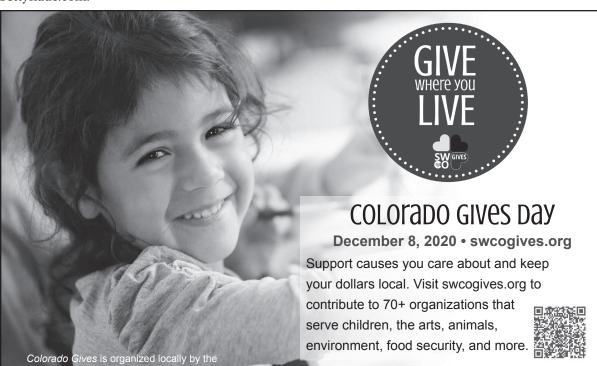
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might think about throwing out the first half, but the second half reads well except for the ending. Your reaction to your reader might be something like Ann Lamott's to a reviewer of one of her books, "Well, I'm sorry, I can't be friends with you anymore, because you have too many problems. And you have a bad personality."

We call the effect of our work on others reader response. Or, in baking parlance, "Does it taste good?" Better for someone to sample your brownies before the party to make sure you included the sugar.

Critiquing is an art, too, because it involves our feelings. To tell a budding artist, "You might want to try something else," won't encourage many to keep working. He or she needs someone who can tell the truth and remain your friend at the same time. You might call it "friendly fire." My father had that

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New Thought topic: Expect a miracle

By Lisa Burnson

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

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Upcoming events

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Friday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m.: Movie Night: "Tomorrowland" with George Clooney. Donations appreciated.

Saturday Nov. 28: Thanksgiving potluck. Please call for location.

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About us

The New Thought Center promotes living a spiritually centered life, and promotes the philosophies of Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. New Thought honors all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine.

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Bird of the Week



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

Grebes are old. Like loons, evidence dates them way back, evolutionarily speaking. Though they have been genetically proven to share closer ties with flamingos, true grebes can be found in the fossil record at 23 million to 25 million years ago, placing them as emerging in the Northern Hemisphere in the early Miocene period. They have lobed toes, as opposed to webbed feet (more traditional for waterfowl sp.), allowing them to dive deep in the water as an escape mechanism, as opposed to flying. Their legs are found way back on their bodies, ensuring athleticism in the water, but rendering them less adept on land. To this point, they typically build nests on floating rafts comprised of reeds or other emergent vegetation, sometimes anchoring them to shorelines.

Eared grebes are smaller-bodied, not too dissimilar from pied-billed grebes in size. They overlap in range with another similar looking cousin, the horned grebe. Breeding adults don a fashionable array of golden yellow feathers across their cheek, contrasting their bright red eyes, darker charcoal necks and chestnut flanks. Nonbreeding and immature birds offer more sooty intergrades of light brown, rufous and white on their flanks. Courtship displays are regal, with prospective mates moving past one another with necks pointed to the sky, emanating primordial ooo-eek calls and oftentimes nearly "running" across the surface of the water in efforts to impress. Pairs develop monogamous relations for the breeding season only.

Known to migrate later in the fall than the majority of fellow waterfowl (and only at night), the eared grebe spends much of the year sedentary on inland freshwater bodies, gleaning crustaceans and insects.

However, one notable exception occurs during migration: nearly all members of this species make a pit stop at either the Great Salt Lake (Utah) or Mono Lake (California) from late summer to November, where they will gorge themselves on brine shrimp, effectively putting their energy into first organ development (upon arrival) and later pectoral muscle (upon departure) for flight to Mexico for winter. Like other birds that rely on clean water bodies, habitat protection is of utmost importance for species survival.

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

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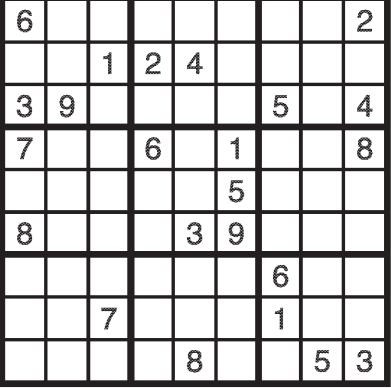
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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Nov. 26

Thanksgiving Day Mass. 9 a.m. John Paul II Catholic Church, online streaming. Call 731-5744 for more information and streaming details.

Friday, Nov. 27

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.

Saturday, Nov. 28

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, Nov. 30

PALS by Appointment. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Adult education in person. Pagosa Adult Learning Services can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary.org for more information or to make an appointment.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

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.

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.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

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

Thursday, Dec. 3

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

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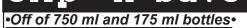
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Temporary dining room closure continues at Senior Center

Bv Chervl 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, Nov. 26 — Closed for Thanksgiving.

Friday, November 27 — Closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

Senior News

Monday, Nov. 30 — Chicken piccata with angel hair pasta, roasted carrots and parsnips, salad, milk, and lemon cake.

Tuesday, Dec. 1 — Beef cottage pie, steamed broccoli, milk, salad and chocolate chip cookies.

Wednesday, Dec. 2 — Sausage lasagna, caramelized butternut squash, milk, salad and peach cobbler.

Thursday, Dec. 3 — Lox and bagel with tomato, onion, and caper cream cheese, roasted red pepper soup, milk, salad and strawberry shortcake.

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.

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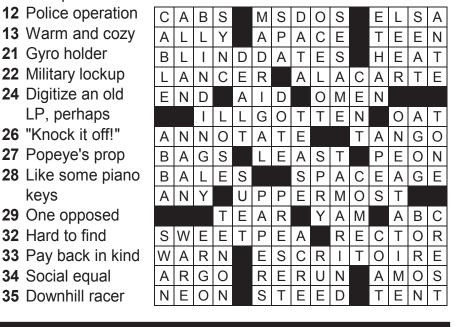
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- **52** Mine product
- 53 Quick haircut
- 55 Outdated expletive
- **56** Antitoxins
- 59 Night flier

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:



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

English as a Second Language by Appointment. 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, Dec. 4

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.

The Good News Club. 2-4 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children K-6th grade. COVID mandates will be followed, including social distancing and masks. For more information or to register, go to coloradocef.org/GNC.

Saturday, Dec. 5

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.

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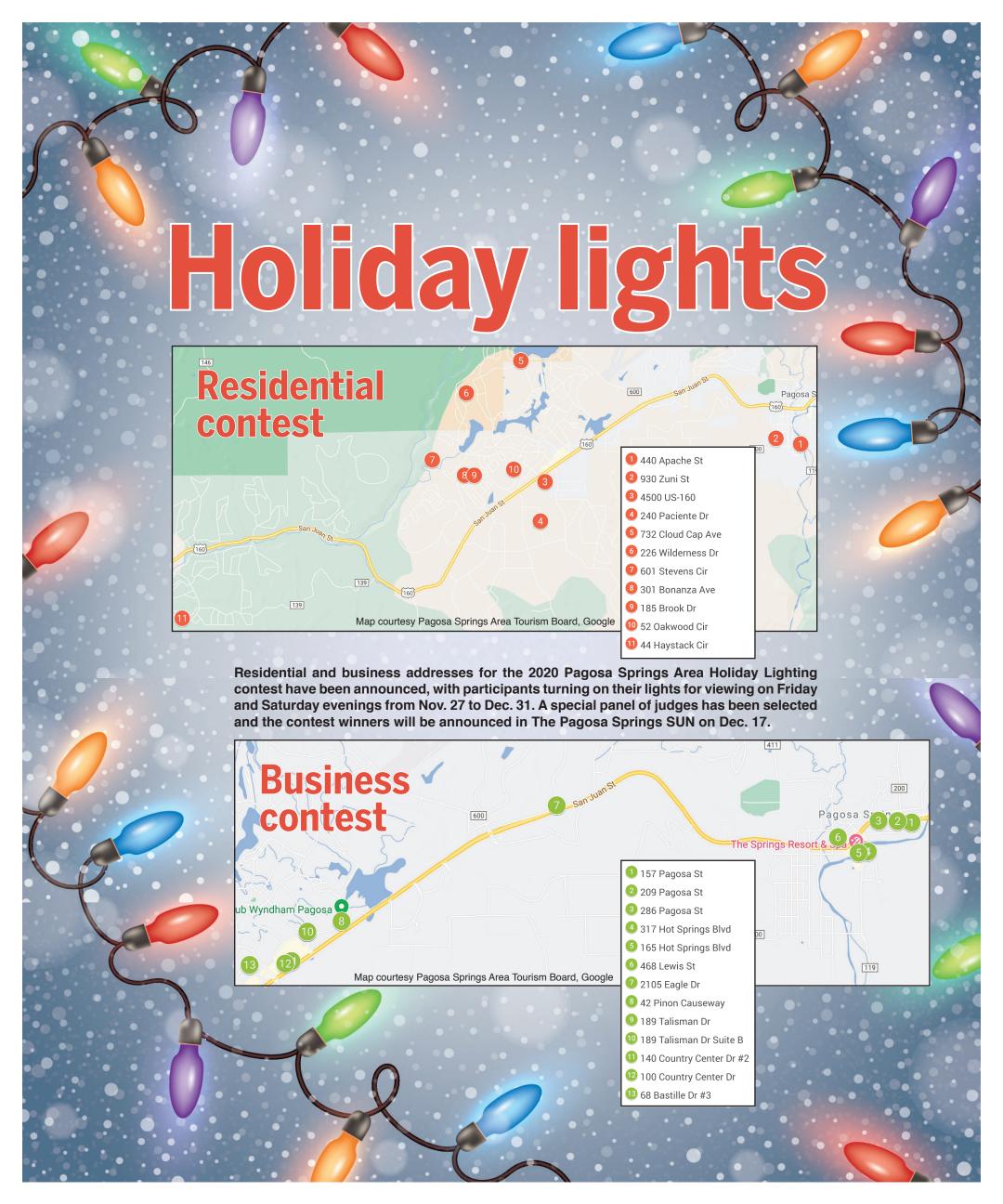
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This photo shows a pioneer family livin' on the upper San Juan River all hooked up and headin' to town.

Pagosa Country before the Europeans came

Last week, we wrote about information contained in a 1923 report written by Frank H. Roberts based on his study of early residents in the Pagosa Country area he called the Anasazi, who are now known as the Ancestral Puebloans. Roberts closed his report with the following observation, "There remains material for historical collection beyond conception."

Since Roberts' 1923 report, ancient ruins at Chimney Rock, Stollsteimer Mesa and throughout the Four Corners area have been extensively studied. A brief description of the results of these studies, written in "Pagosa Country: The First Fifty Years," follows.

"For purposes of classification, experts have divided Anasazi history into time periods. These time periods are not delineated by sharp lines because change took place gradually. Two major periods are recognized, the Basketmakers and the Pueblos. The classifications are



further subdivided.

'The Basketmaker Period came first, starting about the -O-A.D. and lasting until about 750 A.D. From the beginning, the Basketmakers were a sedentary people subsisting primarily by growing corn. Hunting and seed gathering were also a significant part of their economy. Agriculture steadily increased in importance and hunting and seed gathering decreased in importance throughout the Anasazi era. During the latter years, agriculture became so successful, partly through the addition of beans as a food crop, that the Anasazi had spare time after making a living. They, therefore,

devoted more time to increasingly complex housing and developed an elaborate religion.

"Single family dwellings, known as pithouses, were used by the Basketmakers. About one-half of the vertical dimension was excavated and contained logs placed one atop another for walls. Logs were also laid across the top forming a roof. Cracks between the logs were chinked with adobe mud which hardened and helped keep out the weather.

"The typical home had a fire pit inside and contained metates and maños for grinding corn, and slab lined storage cisterns. A winter food supply was kept in storage vaults.

"Woven baskets and beautifully made sandals were sure to be found. The people were named for the high quality of their baskets. No bows or arrows would be found, for these came into use with a later Basketmaker period called the Modified Basketmakers."

VA, federal partners plan for COVID-19 vaccination distribution

By Raymond Taylor

Archuleta County Veterans Service Office

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners to develop a comprehensive CO-VID-19 vaccine plan to ensure the VA safely and equitably distributes vaccines once authorized.

The plan will be a phased approach based on scientific and historical evidence, lessons learned from past pandemic vaccine plans and input from scientific experts both within and outside the VA.

"In October, staff at VA medical facilities conducted important planning exercises in preparation for the vaccine," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "These exercises help us to address vaccine distribu-



tion, allocation, safety monitoring and supply tracking."

COVID-19 vaccine implementation will include an initial limitedsupply phase followed by a general implementation phase, when large supplies of the vaccine will be available to veterans who want to receive one.

VA experts in ethics, health equity, infectious disease, logistics, pandemic planning, pharmacy and public health, as well as those in the areas of change management, clinicians from various disciplines, data, education, IT, safety and

training, along with government partners, were sought for input to help develop the plan. The VA also conducted veteran listening sessions for valuable feedback in the planning process.

VA releases customer experience report

The VA recently released the VA Customer Experience Accomplishments Report detailing 71 major initiatives to improve customer service for veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors.

Improving customer service as a top priority at the VA was established in 2018 and it challenged the department to rethink VA customer interactions, designating the Veterans Experience Office (VEO) as the "voice of the veteran."

"The goal is to provide veter-

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Veterans.

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ans a modern, streamlined and responsive customer experience," said Wilkie. "VA actively engages in efforts that maximize the collective impact of stakeholders delivering federal, state and local services for improving outcomes where veterans live, work and raise their families.

Veterans have validated the VA's efforts, with trust in VA health care reaching an all-time high in April and VA-wide trust up 16 points since January 2016. $\overline{Relying}$ on 5.7 million real-time responses from 66 customer feedback surveys to improve service recovery and guide program improvements, the report shares the accomplishments representing major achievements in the strategic deployment of VEO's shared CX capabilities to include:

- Implementing a new electronic health record system providing seamless veteran patient records access between Department of Defense, community care providers and the VA.
- Connecting with transitioning veterans during their first year of separation via Solid Start.
- Honoring nearly 4 million veterans interred at VA national cemeteries with a digital memorial space.
- Improving access to the Board of Veterans' Appeals with virtual
- Connecting veterans to resources more than 238 million times via the VA's weekly email.
- Answering close to 3 million customer calls via 800-MyVA411 and the White House VA Hotline, which both offer general assistance agents available immediately.

The VA has integrated this culture of customer service for creating the department's first customer service policy and CX directive, codify-

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ing customer experience principles in the Code of Federal Regulations and publishing a practitioner's guide—the CX cookbook—to help other government agencies adopt customer-centric principles as part of its role as the Lead Agency Partner for the President's Management Agenda Cross-Agency Priority Goal on Improving Customer Experience with Federal Services.

Veterans Day thanks

My heartfelt thanks for the participation at our ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park for Veterans Day. Keep all our families in our hearts, especially those with deployed service members during this Thanksgiving time.

Vets4Vets grant

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

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

Contact information

Veterans: Thank you for your service. Welcome home.

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

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

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

- American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.
- Veterans for Veterans: every Tuesday at 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Breakfast meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. Contact 799-8387 for more details.
- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, Lewis Street. Contact Gary Hanneman at 946-2540.
- Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: first and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Carter's office; contact Charlotte at 903-9690.

Important information

- 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsP-SCO.org.
- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.
- Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.
- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M.: (800) 465-8262.
- VA Health Care Emergency Notification: (844) 724-7842.

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"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Today, upon a bus, I saw a lovely girl with golden hair,

I envied her....she seemed so beautiful....and wished I were so fair.

When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle.

She had one leg and wore a crutch; but as she passed....a smile!

Oh God, forgive me when I whine, I have two legs. The world is mine!

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm.

I talked with him. He seemed so glad. If I were late, it'd do no harm

And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you. You have been so kind.

It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind."

Oh God, forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes. The world is mine.

Later while walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue.

He stood and watched the others play. I stopped a moment,

When I said, "Why don't you join the others, Dear?"

He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew he could not hear.

Oh God, forgive me when I whine. I have two ears, the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go, with eyes to see the sunset's glow, with ears to hear what I would know....

Oh God forgive me when I whine. I am blessed indeed. The world is

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Our thanks to special people at Thanksgiving

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

This will be a highly unusual Thanksgiving holiday as COVID safety issues keep many of us from traditional celebrations with family and friends.

But, with all that we are missing, we still can take this opportunity to reflect thankfully on past joyful gatherings and perhaps also to take advantage of videoconferencing aids to help reinforce bonds with loved ones across town and across the miles.

The staff at your library are thankful all year-round for so many people who make their jobs easier and their service better for you, our patrons. On this Thanksgiving week, we want to publicly acknowledge some of the very special among them:

- We are thankful for the many volunteers who work every day to help us maintain the collection; shelve returned books, CDs and DVDs: and make sure all the books and materials are clean and in their proper place. Because of our small staff, these volunteers are vital to our service to you.
- •We are grateful for the time and dedication of our library board. They also are unpaid volunteers who are committed to making the library an essential hub of our community.
- · We also appreciate the members of our foundation board, also unpaid volunteers, with the mission to raise funds for information resources, programs, services and
- We also want to pay tribute to the Friends of the Library. Their generosity, enthusiasm and creativity result in so many benefits to your library, especially with the proceeds of their summer book

Library director Meg Wempe said she has always appreciated the quote from Elizabeth Andrew, "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they have the heart." If you're interested in becoming a library volunteer or joining the Friends, please contact Meg at 264-2209. You will be warmly welcomed.

"We truly appreciate everyone who has given time or funding to the library to help us improve our collection, our service and our vision for 'Mountains of opportunity to inspire ideas, enrich lives and create community," she said.

Library closing

Your library will be closed Nov. 26-28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Special note

We want people to always feel welcome in the library, and to experience a very friendly vibe when they visit," said Wempe. "But we need to remind everyone that, similar to other public indoor

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spaces in Colorado, we must follow the executive order that requires people aged 11 or older to wear a covering over their noses and mouths when entering or moving within any public indoor space. If you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask, we have made reasonable accommodations and are pleased to assist you outside the building through our curbside service."

Calling all teens

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, prepare crafts for kids' programs and help keep the library organized.

Please stop by the library or apply online.

Adult DIY: Holiday treats

You can access our food-themed DIY from Nov. 20 that will inspire you to create new appetizers and desserts for the holidays on the library's website.

New after-school program

In response to COVID, we have revamped our free after-school program into STEAM enrichment kits, STEAM standing for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, for ages 5 and up. Registration is required at 264-2209. Pick up your kit and then bring your completed projects back to the library to be displayed in the last week of the month.

DIY craft takeaway for

Drop by your library for free DIY crafts takeaways for youngsters age 10 and older. Just pick up a packet outside the library and follow the instructions.

In-person gaming

Free in-person gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect for all ages has resumed on Fridays 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.

Storywalk for kids

Every other Thursday, Josie posts signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up toward the elementary school detailing a new free Storywalk for kids. The Nov. 19-

Dec. 3 theme is gratitude. After you finish the walk, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library.

Make a 15- or 30-minute appointment for one of three free in-person slots available noon-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.

Dungeons and Dragons

Join us Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. for Dungeons and Dragons free for teens and young adults on Google Meet. Contact claire@ pagosalibrary.org to learn 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**

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Saturdays 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 you can interact with Josie. Saturday's Discovery Times - with games, art ideas, science experiments, history and more are prerecorded.

If you have a Facebook account, log in to Facebook and search for the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. If you don't have a Facebook account, access the page by visiting our website and clicking the Facebook icon (a lowercase f) in the upper left-hand corner of the screen. Or, contact us and we can send you a direct link.

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Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your family at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are two versions — youth and adults.

Summary of our partial reopening

- We're now open on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. with 1 to 2 p.m. reserved for seniors and higher-risk populations.
- Other hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for seniors and higher-risk populations. Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays: closed.
- We are accepting meeting room reservations for small groups, with library programs having first dibs on the rooms. 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 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.
- Curbside service continues Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. except for Thursdays, when it's 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 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 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 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.

DVDs

"Bill and Ted Face the Music" is a time travel story. "To Be of Service" is a documentary about veterans with PTSD who are paired with service dogs.

Large print

"Fortune and Glory" by Janet Evanovich is a Stephanie Plum mystery. "Elsewhere" by Dean Koontz is a novel of wonder and terror. "Truly, Madly, Deeply" by Christian author Karen Kingsbury unveils multiple family secrets. "Invisible Girl" by Lisa Jewell is a mystery. "Shakeup" by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington mystery.

Books on CD

"All That Glitters" by Danielle Steel follows a woman whose parents are killed in a terrorist attack in France. "Dolly Parton Storyteller: My Life in Lyrics" showcases 100 of her most popular songs with the stories behind the lyrics. "A Time For Mercy" by John Grisham is a legal thriller.

Thrillers, mysteries and suspense

"Echoes Among the Stones" by Jaime Jo Wright features a young woman who travels to Wisconsin to live with her eccentric grandmother. Also by the same author is "The Curse of Misty Wayfair" featuring a woman searching for her mother after being left in an orphanage as a baby. "The Curse of Misty Wayfair" by Jaime Jo Wright features a woman searching for her mother.

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"God gave you 86,400 seconds a day. Have you used one to say 'Thank you'?" — William Arthur Ward (1921-1994), American writer of articles, poems and meditations.

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Food pantry grows, thrift store progressing

By Susan Gibson

PREVIEW Columnist

It has been busy in Arboles these past few months.

First off: The TARA Community Center was lucky to be honored by Archuleta County this year with the installation of an official ballot box and security system, just in

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time for the recent election. It was accessed by many residents of the area, providing a much more convenient way to cast a ballot than travel to Pagosa Springs for voting purposes.

TARA Food Pantry

The TARA Food Pantry has grown by leaps and bounds, partnering with a lot of organizations, from local growers to supportive outreach organizations in Pagosa Springs, Ignacio and Durango.

Susan Halkin, the Food Pantry director, is happy to announce, as well, the addition of Cheri Melichar as a full-time partner to help with all the work of planning, organizing, food pickups, distribution and pantry day servicing.

There is now a refrigerator and freezer to accommodate all the meats and fresh vegetables, plus two grocery carts so folks can just load up their carts and wheel on out to their cars. In addition, kitchen appliances are now available there.

The pantry just sponsored a drawing for practical food baskets with soup pots, soups, bowls, hot pads, blenders, toasters, etc. The drawing was held on Oct. 31 and the winners who took home those goodies were Ursula Davis, Eva Johnson, Robert Trujillo and Yvonne Lucero.

Happy Thanksgiving from the pantry was supplied by a sign-up for Thanksgiving Turkey food boxes that were distributed on Monday, Nov. 23.

Pantry days are the same as the TARA Library days — 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. More and more people are hearing about the pantry as word spreads, and we have welcomed a lot of new people in the last few weeks, whether new residents of Arboles and surrounding area or folks who had just not realized that food support is so very near and convenient.

TARA Library

The library, too, has continued to grow and has been a wonderful place for people to browse as they wait for their turn in the pantry.



Photo courtesy Susan Gibson

The TARA Food Pantry now has two shopping carts to make taking food to cars easier.

Susan Gibson, the library director, said that the library now has over 250 DVDs, 15 different author collections, including a huge selection of Nora Roberts. There are mystery/thrillers, science fiction, fantasy, romance, westerns, general fiction, five shelves of biographies, autobiographies and memoirs, animal and pet books, self-help books, how-to books, cookbooks, craft books, gardening books and the list goes on. The library functions as a Little Lending Library with no library cards or due dates. Just browse, take, and return when you can.

There is also a Kid's Corner accessible on pantry/library days, with eight shelves of books for toddlers, children and teens, plus two tables of jigsaw puzzles and games. Kids can play on the playground outside and then come on in for snacks and games in their section of the library.

Coffee, hot cocoa, apple cider and cookies and baked goodies brought in by patrons and supplied by the food pantry are available every pantry/library day, as well.

COVID restrictions still apply at this time. All must wear masks. Only one person at a time can go through the pantry and the area of the library has a limit of three, the food areas with limits of three and the kid's area with a limit of three.

TARA Community Thrift Store

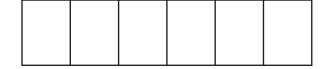
Per Gibson, facilitator for the thrift store creation, "So close, after so many months of monetary donations that took off when our original grant stopped. We now only owe about \$500 or so to Matthew Tippin, the renovator, and will pay him off, in full, by the end of December. Sandy Gladfelter

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CSU leads study promoting food security

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

As the spread of coronavirus continues to disrupt the U.S. economy, low-income households face a higher risk of food insecurity. This risk is more pronounced in families with school-age children who rely on food assistance programs, such as school lunch, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Women Infant Children (WIC) program.

As part of a \$482,642 grant from the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR), researchers at Colorado State University (CSU) studied emergency food provisions that serve children

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and families in five U.S. cities during the pandemic. The grant is an extension of a \$1 million FFAR Tipping Points grant to reduce food insecurity. The additional funding allows the grantees to examine the trade-offs associated with policy and programming interventions in response to COVID-19.

The results were published in an Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy article, "Emergency Food Provision for Children and Families during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Examples from Five U.S. Cities." The journal article shows that the success of emergency local programs depends on cross-sector collaboration among stakeholders, adaptable supply chains and addressing gaps in service to increased risk populations.

Along with CSU, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, Michigan State University, Ohio State University, the Sustainable Food Center, University at Albany and UTHealth School of Public Health at Austin were involved with study.

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did all the work to get us a \$2,000 grant back at the beginning of the year to get this whole idea started, and we are still waiting for word from another grant source found and applied for by Gladfelter to fully complete the project. In the works now are efforts to get enough gravel to surround the building and cobble rock to rock the bottom of the building. Meanwhile, we have acquired shelving, bookshelves, peg boards, shoe racks and four clothing racks. Looking more like a store every day."

A year of donations has resulted in 10 times more inventory than the store can hold. We will definitely be swapping inventory out every month once we are in business. Have recently been greatly helped by access to a large storage area available through March of 2021, arranged by Elaine Nalani Nobriga, plus the offer of a smaller space for all future needs, furnished by Debbie Wilmms. We truly want to have our grand opening before Christmas, but it will open when it is ready and not before.

A table full of beautiful Christmas decorations has been set up in the lower level so that food pantry and library patrons can access for free, with any small donation to the building fund warmly welcomed.

A huge garage sale on the weekend of Nov. 20 offered all the overstock from the thrift store (both to

whittle down the inventory and to earn some more money toward paying off the building fund), and also showcased crafts and furniture from local craftspeople in the Allison, Tiffany and Arboles area.

TARA upper level

Most upper-level activities and rentals have been canceled during 2020 due to COVID, though line dancing is still being held weekly with a small group of dedicated dancers. A family gathering outside in the open pavilion area was also held earlier this year.

The normal weekly indoor senior lunch days not available all year. TARA, in cooperation with the Ignacio Senior Center, recently offered drive-thru pickups of senior lunches. The response was good, so it will probably continue throughout the duration of COVID restrictions.

TARA's popular annual Christmas in Arboles and Cookie Bakeoff nights will not be held this year because of the COVID restrictions.

Historical Society

New displays showing photos, newsclips and articles about the history of the area continue to go up in the TARA lower level and there are many plans to expand the scope and display of historical photos, "oral stories" and historical articles and books.

The Historical Society Task Force meets on the third Saturday of each

month in the upper level of the TARA Center. Task Force committee members work to find locals with stories of the history of the area and articles and collections that examine the lost settlements of Navajo Dam and the evolution to today's Arboles/Allison/Tiffany communities.

The society is actively researching information on the Old Allison Catholic Church and is hoping to find grant sources and funding for renovation. They are currently working with the Tiffany Catholic Church members to write a grant for renovation and construction. The Tiffany church is on the Colorado's Most Endangered Places list and also on the La Plata County Register of Historic Places.

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already involved in mapping and modeling our urban food systems when the pandemic hit," said CSU Assistant Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics Becca Jablonski, the report's corresponding author. "This previous work, coupled with strong relationships with key food system stakeholders in each of our cities, put us in a position to act quickly to document changes within the emergency food service system due to COVID-19, and to begin to describe the effectiveness of interventions taken to respond to school closures. We hope that this research is useful in considering the trade-offs associated with different types of responses as well and how to better prepare for future crises."

"No child should go hungry, during a pandemic or otherwise and my heart goes out to families that struggled during the past year who couldn't access emergency food services," said FFAR Executive Director Sally Rockey. "This research helps ensure that emergency food services effectively serve children and their families throughout this pandemic and in the event of future crises."

Emergency food resources

While the federal government expanded funding for school breakfast and lunch programs and other food assistance programs in the spring of 2020, there was no federal mandate that the programs continue or guidance for carrying them out. Thus, local governments devised their own plans to provide emergency food services to low-income families, to varying degrees of effectiveness.

The researchers evaluated how emergency feeding programs, including SNAP, food banks and schools, distributed food during the pandemic; who used these services; the costs of these services; and the food provided and its dietary quality. The research team conducted interviews and focus groups with emergency food service providers in five cities -Albany, N.Y.; Austin, Texas; Cleveland, Ohio; Denver, Colo., and Flint, Mich. — to understand how decisions by schools, governments and other emergency food service providers impacted access to food.

The researchers discovered that the success of local responses to low-income food insecurity depended on three factors:

• Cross-sector collaboration: Cities with higher cross-sector participation among stakeholders were able to reach more families with nutrition and food needs. In Denver, for example, city and county officials had pre-pandemic working relationships in place with food rescue organizations to support food security efforts. Cities with low collaboration had more difficulties, such as Flint, where distrust in local authorities, a result of the ongoing water crisis, remains high.

- Adaptable supply chains: Cities with adaptable supply chains also had more success at feeding their vulnerable populations. Flint and Cleveland experienced supply chain problems that limited the amount of food available to smaller food banks with less purchasing power. These issues required sourcing food from farther distances. In Denver, many of the smaller food banks closed at the beginning of the pandemic and food banks were able to more efficiently handle the increased demand. Additionally, many feeding programs experienced a drop in volunteers, making it harder to deliver food to those in need. Albany and Cleveland overcame this problem with distribution assistance from the National Guard.
- Addressing gaps in service to increased risk populations: As COVID-19 disproportionately affects communities that are already underserved, it is essential to identify and address gaps in service to increased risk populations. As part of their emergency response plans, Austin and Denver have prioritized services to populations facing food insecurity. In Austin, the Office of Sustainability mapped emergency food resources and distribution sites and is identifying communities where food needs have increased since the start of the pandemic. Denver is developing a food security plan that will be incorporated into a broader socially equitable pandemic recovery plan.

The researchers conclude that while different regional and local approaches to providing food security to low-income families and children is necessary to respond to specific contexts, more robust guidance from the federal government may improve the effectiveness of the responses.

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Increase in foodborne botulism cases prompts warning from health officials about home food safety

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has investigated several cases of confirmed or suspected foodborne botulism in the state since September.

Testing from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed four of the cases; one is still under investigation and test results are pending. All five cases occurred along the Front Range. The individuals are either hospitalized or recovering.

The department investigated the cases in September and October. Three of the cases appear to be unrelated as no common food item was identified. The last two confirmed cases were likely the result of an improperly canned shared food made in the same household.

"Five cases of foodborne botulism in the span of a few months is unusual in Colorado and is cause for concern," said Nicole Comstock, deputy branch chief, communicable disease branch. "Botulism does not spread from person to person, so there is no risk to the public. However, these cases are a good reminder of how important it is to properly preserve throwing away any unused oils and handle food in the home."

A variety of foods can be associated with foodborne botulism, including homemade foods that were improperly canned or preserved. The most common source of home-canning related botulism cases come from foods with a low acid content, such as chiles, green beans, potatoes, beets, corn and asparagus. Prior to these recent cases, the last confirmed cases of foodborne botulism in Colorado occurred in 2019 among a group that consumed a commercially prepared potato product held at improper temperatures.

To prevent botulism, it is important to follow proper canning and food preservation procedures. The Preserve Smart website from Colorado State University Extension provides information regarding considerations for choosing tested preservation methods and the importance of adjusting canning methods for elevation to ensure home-preserved food products are safe to enjoy.

Additional steps people can take to reduce their chances of getting botulism include:

• Refrigerating homemade oils infused with garlic or herbs and after four days.

- Keeping potatoes that have been baked while wrapped in aluminum foil hot (at temperatures above 140 degrees F) until they are served or refrigerating them with the foil loosened.
- Refrigerating any canned or pickled foods after you open them.
- Before tasting or serving, boil all home-canned, low-acid vegetables for 10 minutes plus one minute for each 1,000 feet increase in elevation above sea level (e.g. at 5,000 feet, boil for 15 minutes).

Botulism is a rare but serious illness caused by a toxin produced by clostridium botulinum bacteria. When ingested, the toxin attacks the body's nerves. Symptoms typically start with muscle weakness in the face and neck, and then spreads to the torso, arms and legs. The toxin weakens muscles used for breathing, which can lead to death. It is important that anyone ill with symptoms of botulism visit a health care provider immediately to be assessed.

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A good idea backfires

Bv Daris Howard Special to The PREVIEW

Have you ever had what you considered was a good idea, only to have it backfire? Something that happened recently because of the COVID virus is a case in point.

Many stores tried having what they called Senior Hour, when only senior citizens could come into the store. The idea was that the seniors would stay away from everyone else and not bring the sickness back to their homes. Also, a critical part of the thinking was that by not allowing anyone else in, the numbers would be reduced, and there would be a natural form of social distancing.

In the beginning days of the virus, I saw many big box stores announce that they would do this. I am about to the age I could qualify, but I hate to think of myself as a senior citizen. So, I just took my chances with everyone else.

There were a lot of points of failure built into this supposedly good idea. The first was that many stores had their senior hour before or after regular open times. This meant it was either after many senior citizens had gone to bed or before they got up. I'm sure there are a few seniors it worked for. My mother would be one. She has called me at four in the morning, still stuck in the schedule from when we had cows to milk. But for many, it just wasn't convenient.

Still, with the stores trying to help protect their senior customers, I couldn't fault them for trying. But there were two other issues that ended up being even more of a problem.

The first issue was that some stores advertised it so heavily that many senior citizens thought they were no longer allowed to shop at regular hours. I know some who got up early or stayed up late just because they thought if they went at standard times, they would be turned away. This information made some stores fuller during the senior hour than during the regular times of the day.

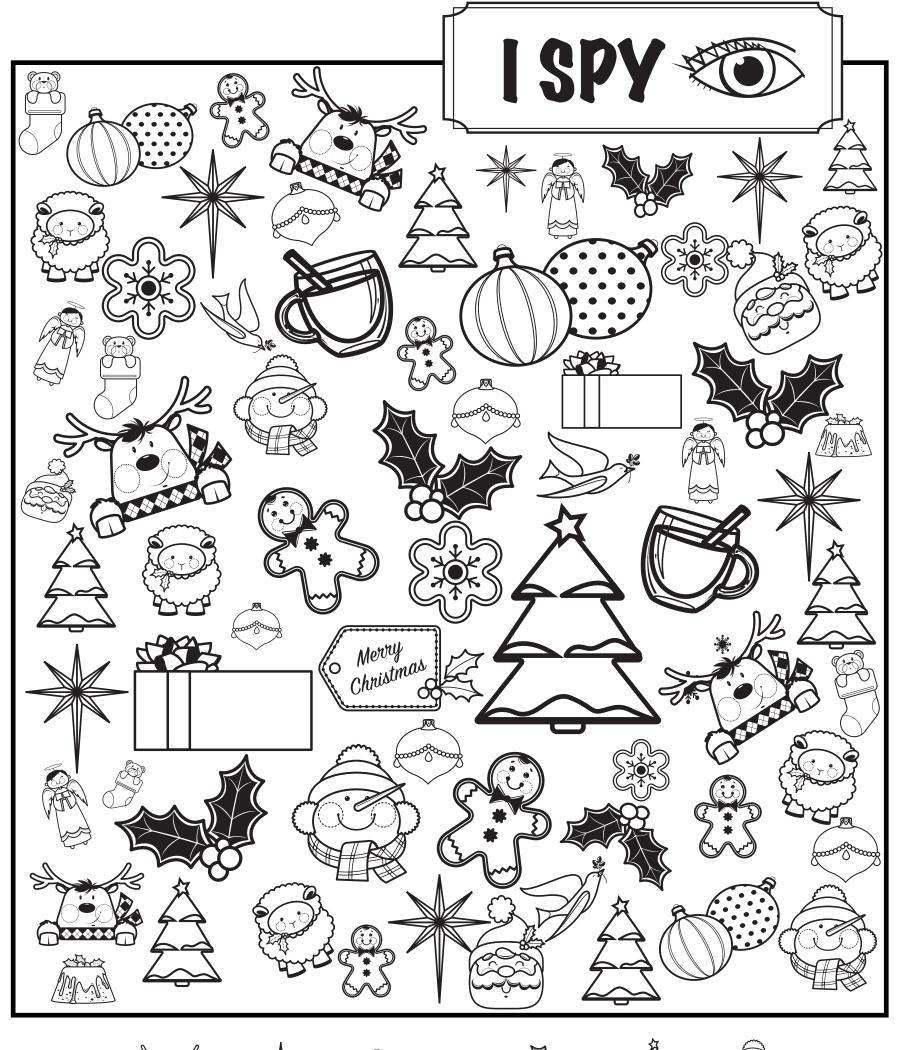
But the biggest issue of all was the lack of foresight this policy had in specific communities, especially combined with some seniors' idea that they had to go during that time.

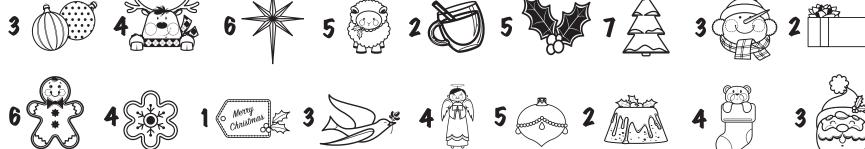
My sister-in-law, Tammy, moved in with her father to help take care of him. He had previously moved to a community that was almost all senior citizens. When a big store chain announced that all their stores nationwide would have a senior hour early in the morning, it was big news in that community. There were lots of advertisements, much discussion on social media, and talk about it all over town.

Tammy's father suggested that she go shopping at that time. She was old enough to qualify. She also considered that it might help her

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Send your packages early this holiday season

U.S. Postal Service

It is expected that more holiday gifts and greetings will be sent through the mail this year, as families and friends will hold virtual celebrations instead of opening gifts in person. The Postal Service always encourages customers to send their holiday gifts and cards early. This year is no different.

This has been an extraordinary year of unprecedented challenges given the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Postal Service is expecting significant volume increases, which are difficult to predict. We thank our customers for their continued support and we are committed to making sure gifts and cards are delivered on time to celebrate the holidays.

The Postal Service begins planning for peak holiday season every January. To help handle the expected volume increase, the Postal Service has the ability to flex our network to meet the significant volume increases expected this year. This includes making sure the right equipment is available to sort, process and deliver the expected mail and package volumes. We also have 644,000 employees dedicated to ensuring gifts and greetings are delivered in time for the holidays.

Seasonal workers are hired when and where needed, and technology has been expanded to enhance package tracking throughout the USPS processing and transportation networks. Sunday delivery will be expanded beginning Nov. 29 to locations with high package volumes. The Postal Service already delivers packages on Sundays in most major cities. Mail carriers will also deliver packages for an additional fee on Christmas Day in select locations.

Busiest mailing and delivery days

The busiest time of the season peaks two weeks before Christmas, when much of the last-minute shopping starts. Customer traffic is expected to increase beginning Dec. 7, with the week of Dec. 14-21 predicted to be the busiest mailing, shipping and delivery week.

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avoid bringing anything home to him. So when she needed to make a grocery run, she got up early and made the trek to the store. What she found was not convenience and social distancing, but pure chaos.

Since almost everyone in the community was a senior citizen, most of the citizens were there. There were so many people that there was hardly a square foot of the store that didn't have someone already standing in it. Social distancing was impossible. And the lines were clear to the back of the store. Everyone was irritable from getting up early, and the overworked store clerks were not happy.

Tammy decided to turn

around and go home. Later in the day, during regular hours, she went back to the store. There were so few cars in the parking lot that she almost wondered if the store was closed. But it was open, and virtually no one was there. She quickly got everything she needed and went to check out. There were no lines, and

some clerks were even waiting for customers to come to their stands.

As she was checking out, Tammy told the clerk about her experience earlier that morning. The clerk nodded.

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THE PAGOSA SPRINGS GROUP of Alcoholics Anonymous. AA is now meeting every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30p.m. and Sunday at 10a.m. at 315 N. 2nd Street, County Road 200 (.2 miles off 160). In accordance with the State, County and San Juan Basin Health, masks must be worn and social distancing observed. Online meetings are Sunday at 10a.m.: Zoom ID 858-319-763, password 754234; and Friday at 7p.m: Zoom ID 899 6048 4578, password 532-306. For meeting schedule and information email aapagosa@gmail.com or call Marcia (970)946-8475, Kathi (970)946-1482 Ranza (970)731-9774, Val (970)946-6086 or (719)792-7974 or central office (970)245-9649 or (888)333-9649 (24 hours).

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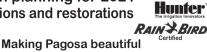
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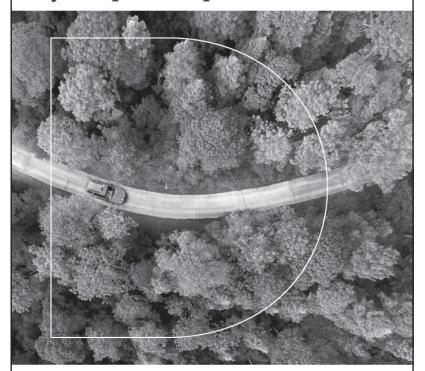
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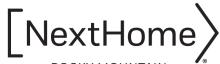
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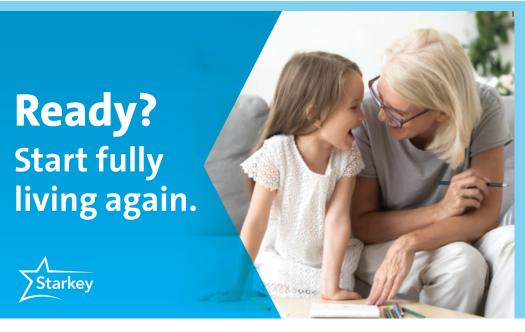
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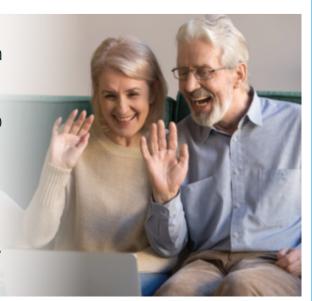
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