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Local educators request that all students wear masks

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Dec. 8, the Archuleta School District Board of Education heard a request from local educators to require masks for all students, regardless of age, with the district now looking into the request.

The request came from the Pagosa Springs Education Association via union representative Darcy DeGuise, who read a prepared statement.

"The question of wearing a mask has become an issue throughout our country and even in our small mountain town, people continue to

■ See Students A8

COVID-19 vaccinations begin in Archuleta County

SUN photo/
Randi Pierce

Dr. Ralph Battels, chief of staff at Pagosa Springs Medical Center, receives the county's first COVID-19 vaccine while fellow physician Dr. Michelle Flemmings claps. Flemmings received the next vaccine dose.



By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The first doses of COVID-19 vaccine arrived in Colorado Monday, with some of those doses then making their way to Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) Wednesday.

Early Wednesday afternoon, PSMC Chief of Staff Dr. Ralph Battels and fellow Emergency Room physician Dr. Michelle Flemmings became the first in Archuleta County to receive a dose of the vaccine.

Both noted their excitement and anticipation before receiving the vaccine, likening it to Christmas, and reported no pain from the shot.

The physicians, as well as anyone else who opts to be vaccinated will have to have a second dose 21 days after the first, a PSMC press release indicates.

Battels expressed that he feels COVID is not going anywhere, leaving two options: contract the virus or be vaccinated.

PSMC is one of 46 locations across the state receiving doses from the initial allocation of Pfizer-BioNTech's vaccine, which was granted an emergency use

authorization last week.

Many more locations across the state are slated to receive doses from the initial allocation of Moderna's vaccine once it receives emergency use authorization, which could happen this week.

PSMC was earmarked to receive 200 doses of the Pfizer vaccine.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) also reported receiving and administering a vaccine shipment Wednesday.

"SJBPH's goal has always been to keep everyone in Archuleta and La Plata counties safe and healthy, and that is especially true in this challenging time," said Liane Jollon, SJBPH executive director. "We are excited to be receiving this first shipment of COVID-19 vaccine prioritized for high-risk health care workers so we can get vaccine started with those who need it most. Equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine will move us in the right direction to contain the virus."

She added, "One way we can keep each other healthy, support our health care workers, and get communities back on their feet is to get vaccinated against

■ See Vaccine A8

CDC board discusses tiny home development

By Simone Mounsamy
Staff Writer

At its regular meeting held on Dec. 9, the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) heard the task review from its economic recovery coordinator, Robert Clark.

Task seven on Clark's report presented a tiny, modular home development.

Clark mentioned that he had spoken with a couple manufacturers that are skilled in promoting a tiny home development community in Pagosa.

"Assuming that we can get past the barriers and that might include

rewriting the land use code or not ... or that we have a town planner that backs the concept if it's done a certain way, that's one of the affordable housing solutions," Clark said.

"It's not just town ... it's an issue that should be discussed with the county," reminded board member Justin Ramsey.

Chris Smith, the board's vice president, mentioned he had tried to begin a venture similar to a tiny home development in the past.

"There's complications in the building code and the land use regulation ... And so there's a lot of stuff that has to change to allow it to

■ See Home A8

PAWSD customers will see rate increases in 2021

By Simone Mounsamy
Staff Writer

At a public hearing in September of 2018, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors approved changes to the rates for water service customers.

According to information provided by PAWSD, the following changes will be implemented in 2021.

Water charges

Monthly service charges (per equivalent unit) are set to increase

from \$26.40 to \$27.98.

Volume charges (rates per 1,000 gallons) are as follows:

- For 2,001 to 8,000 gallons of usage, the charge will increase from \$4.74 to \$5.02.

- For 8,001 to 20,000 gallons of usage, the charge will increase from \$9.48 to \$10.05.

- For over 20,001 gallons of usage, the charge will increase from \$11.90 to \$12.61.

Water fill station charges per 1,000 gallons are slated to increase from \$10.23 to \$10.84.

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SUN photos/Shari Pierce

Pagosa Springs and the surrounding San Juan Mountains are pictured Sunday morning following a storm that dumped just shy of 10 inches of snow on the community Dec. 11-14. Wolf Creek Ski Area reported an additional 30 inches of snow from the storm. The ski area has a 72-inch summit depth and has had 129 inches of snow so far this season. More snow is in the forecast for tomorrow and there is a chance of snow next week.



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EDITORIAL

Newspapers in Education helps students become informed citizens

The SUN documented history being made this week with the delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine to Archuleta County and the first injection in a local medical provider.

This month marks the SUN's 111th year of documenting the history of Archuleta County and informing citizens through journalism.

This month is also the month that The Pagosa Springs SUN joins forces with 25 Colorado newsrooms to amplify the impact of local journalism — not just in our newsroom, but in communities across our state — thanks to the generosity of the Colorado Media Project and its matching gift campaign.

Collectively, our work is essential to a better-informed community and a healthy democracy. But it would not be possible without the support of readers like you.

Through Dec. 31, the Colorado Media Project will match your contribution up to \$1,000. The SUN's goal is to use this funding to start a Newspapers in Education (NIE) program.

U.S. history teacher Steven Long re-

sponded to the idea of introducing a NIE program to his eighth-grade students at Pagosa Springs Middle School: "I think studying current events is one of the most critical skills I can teach my students. There are so many valuable topics such as identifying bias, what is credible vs. what isn't."

Long's next question was how do we get the program underway?

We are currently working to raise funds to start the program in January. Each student participating will receive their own physical copy of the newspaper each week and SUN staff will assist in developing curriculum.

Students in online learning will receive a digital copy of the newspaper.

We are excited to work with our local schools. The importance of local journalism during these uncertain times cannot be overstated — it's what keeps our community informed and connected, day after day, and is a cornerstone of a healthy democracy.

We hope you will consider a contribution to help a teacher use newspapers in the classroom to better inform students

about our community and help improve their critical thinking skills.

Media literacy is more important now than ever to help students identify credible news sources. Using the newspaper as an educational resource helps students to develop a better understanding of local government.

Newspapers can also contribute in enhancing literacy and help students become better consumers of the news.

Please help us to kickoff the Newspapers in Education program in our local schools by sending a contribution to The Pagosa Springs SUN, Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or dropping off a check at our office at 457 Lewis St. between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Contributions received before Dec. 31 will be matched up to \$1,000 for a total of \$5,000 in matching funds.

Thank you in advance for your contribution. Your generous support for local journalism and strengthening the education of our youth through Newspapers in Education is greatly appreciated.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
December 17, 1920

That the Christmas spirit is not dying out but is becoming intensified is evident by the following self-explanatory letter received this week by E.M. Taylor from Mike Slevin, who is spending the winter at the Soldier's Home near Monte Vista: Monte Vista, Colo., Dec. 13, 1929. Mr. E.M. Taylor, Pagosa Springs, Colo. Dear Sir — Please go to the Citizens bank in Pagosa Springs and withdraw from my deposit at said bank the amount of \$500.00 — five hundred dollars — and you will please distribute same among any poor people who may be in need. Especially women and children; for it may be a severe long winter. I prefer to trust yourself with the same as you have a better knowledge of conditions and circumstances than any other. I notified the Citizens bank to advance you that amount for that purpose. Wishing all success in the material world, I remain, Very respectfully, M. Slevin.

Mike Slevin, civil war veteran, poet and ranchman, served his country for seventeen years in the army and navy. He came to Colorado in the pioneer days, suffered the privations and made the sacrifices incident to a pioneer in the west. Homesteading in Archuleta county, he has called this home for some forty years.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
December 21, 1945

Pagosa's Christmas tree at the intersection of San Juan and Pagosa streets, lends a holiday appearance to the town at least. The other street decorations and lack of public address music at the town hall as before the war is conspicuous by their absence. The city is paying the bill for the tree, thanks to Battling Benny Lynch, a member of the town board.

Elsewhere in this edition will be found many Christmas Greeting announcements from merchants throughout the San Juan Basin. Those merchants who appreciate patronage enough to remember their customers at Christmas time and New Year's, are the merchants worth patronizing.

Pagosa kids, 12 years old and under will frolic at the Liberty Theatre Christmas morning at 10 o'clock, as guests of the theatre management. W.H. Diestelkamp is not announcing the title of the show — says it's a surprise, but there will be plenty of it and other surprises are in store for the youngsters who attend.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
December 17, 1970

The latest word is that Santa Claus will be here for the big free party this Saturday, December 19 at 2 p.m. The party is to be held in the high school gym and there will be free candy and a movie for all children of the community. There is no charge, every child is more than welcome, Santa Claus will be there and will talk to any of the children who want to visit. Assisting Santa Claus in distributing the candy and treats will be members of the Chamber of Commerce. The party is being given by the Chamber so that every child will have an opportunity to see Santa Claus, to get Christmas candy and to see a movie that is especially selected for children. The Co of C met last Wednesday night to complete details for the party. The organization did not have the necessary money but the six firms represented pledged the necessary funds.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
December 21, 1995

Benefiting from a series of small storms during the past week, the Wolf Creek Ski Area has opened more of its terrain and lifts and is ready now to entertain the annual Christmas holiday crowds. The number of skiers visiting the area appears to be at or near normal levels, with very little decent skiing available south of Colorado.

The Pagosa Springs High School cheerleading squad returned from the Dec. 9 Colorado "Spirit Competition" in Denver bearing the trophy for a second-place finish in the Class 3 A division. The cheerleaders developed and practiced their contest routine this fall, and fulfilled their duties at volleyball, football, basketball and wrestling events as well. The team that won the second place trophy consisted of two seniors, April Rivas and Casey Levingston; three juniors, Vanessa Blythe, Heather Riley and Stephanie Bodewig; and two sophomores, Brooke Misuraca and Nikki Pechin. Two other sophomore members, Crystal Sellers and Jenny Jones, assisted with the lifts during the routine.

WHADDYA THINK?

Have you had your flu shot?

Poll results (302 votes)

Have you had your flu shot?

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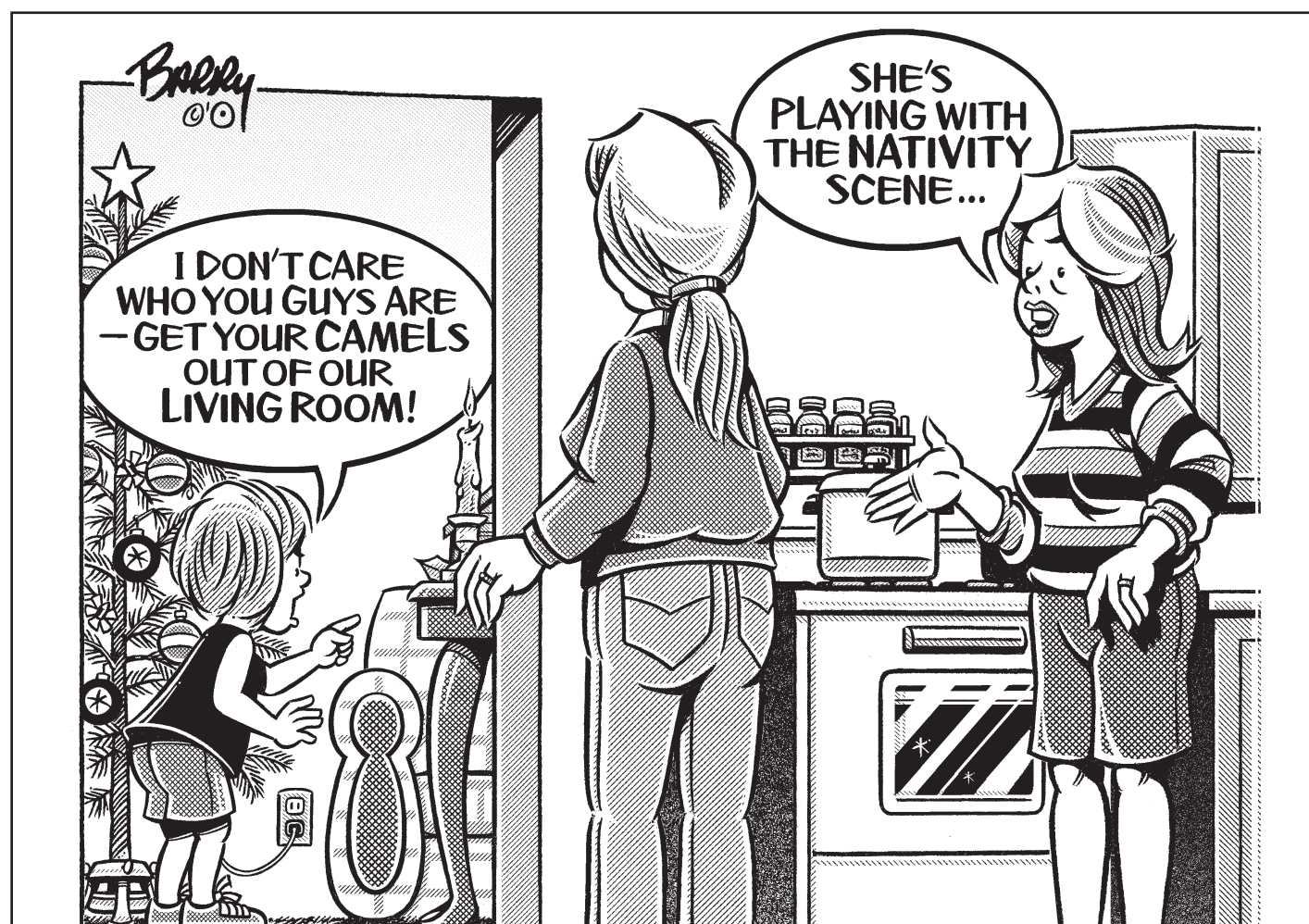
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LOOKING BACK



From the Dec. 15, 1983, Pagosa Springs SUN.

QUIET, ARTISTS AT WORK — Fifth grade student Clay Pitcher eyes his art work on the window of The HUB, while classmate Eric Lister deftly applies the finishing touches to a Christmas scene. The students of Julie Gates' class enjoyed their unusual art assignment last Friday.





Letters

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Biden won

Dear Editor:
The Presidential election is over...period, Biden won.

Every legal hocus pocus total lack of any proof attempts by the Trump 'elite legal team' has failed including receiving a 'denial' for appeal from a state and then the Supreme Court of the US (SCOTUS). Further outstanding news, most of the key battle ground state's election officials and poll workers determined that Trump lost. These mostly GOP folks counted your votes and said Biden won... then after multiple recounts said Biden won and finally the states Governors' said no Trump we won't over rule the voters and will select the electors based on state law... Biden won.

So...who wants your vote not to count and 'demands' a coup to take over the US by not following the law and the institutions of this Republic/democracy...wait for it... you guessed it, Trump and his most fanatical conspiracy oriented supporters. Well, as you might have expected the Attorney General of Texas, another one who ranks right 'down' w/Gomert, Abbott, Perry and other assorted misbegotten geniuses from Texas.

But take heart if you're one of those folks who post-election sent collectively over \$200 million to Trumps campaign election fund... first, it's deductible and as the RNC informed you he could spend it on 'other things' for instance golf courses or future tower condo's maybe to sell to the Russians... think of it as Donald Aid. He'll need it as there are a couple of State AG's prepping criminal prosecutions likely to be filed after January 20th.

Last confirmation, Melania asked the White House Aids to 'check' to see if she was eligible for a pension...Biden won.

Dave Blake

Not a hoax

Dear Editor:
Due to email issues, only the first paragraph of the following letter was printed in part in last week's SUN. The entire letter follows.

This week one of my dearest friends died at age 55 of COVID19 after a week in ICU on a ventilator. She had been a pediatric nurse and sole caretaker of a parent with severe dementia. She also leaves behind two devastated daughters in their 20's, one of whom was present for her mother's last agonizing hours. My friend was one of

the kindest, most giving people I have ever known...a real loss to her community.

Here in Pagosa Springs, we have enjoyed many months of low transmission rates compared to crowded cities, allowing many people to become complacent, thinking the risk is factious. The rapidly rising case numbers here and in La Plata county for the last two weeks prove otherwise.

Viruses have only one agenda - to replicate. Certainly, some folks will have the right combination of genetic, dietary, age, attitude and lifestyle factors to handle any exposures. Many will not be so fortunate. Some with relatively mild initial episodes will emerge as "long haulers". Some will bear the guilt of infecting less resilient family members. So if you think you're smarter than the virus, think again. Viruses adapt and mutate much faster than their hosts. Please care enough about yourself, your family, friends and community to help control the spread of COVID19. The life you save might well be your own.

E. Coleman, RN, MPH

Not doing a good job

Dear Editor:
I have recently been hearing about a group of people who are called "White Supremacists." I readily admit to being a "White Guy," but I am not now nor have I ever been or claimed to be a White Supremacist. I am not sure that these are the people running the country but I believe that some of the members of our various elected organizations, think of the United States Congress, frequently referred to as the "dysfunctional United States Congress" for pretty obvious reasons, think of themselves in this way without publicly making claim to the title.

If these are the people running our Country, my opinion is that they are not doing a very good job. Think of the national debt as an example.

When I attended, most of the time, classes at The University of Texas in Austin, there was a group of would-be elected officials whose election appeal was, "Vote those rascals out and vote us rascals in." I don't recall that this was particularly successful but it is a thought that has some appeal.

We need some new "rascals" and we need them pretty soon.

We are fortunate to have a country of people of varied racial and ethnic backgrounds. Not only do Black Lives Matter, but all lives matter. My opinion is that you don't deserve anything because of your racial or ethnic background. Nor should you be subject to abuse for that reason. You have to work hard to get where you want to go. We see more and more people who have done just that for which we can be

grateful.
We need some new "Rascals" and the sooner the better.

Bill Hubbard

'Ought to get educated'

Dear Editor:

I've heard enough people, including doctors, speaking about the harmful effects of wearing a mask, that I thought I ought to consider what they have to say. Breathing your own carbon dioxide and other toxins you are exhaling causes brain damage, pneumonia and other ailments. Children cannot fully develop when they cannot see the mouth of the person speaking to them. Fully sighted adults are unable to hold a conversation when they cannot see the other person's mouth.

So many ailments I had no idea existed. All those poor blind children, unable to learn because they can't see their teachers' faces. All the adults who cannot communicate by telephone because they can't see the other person's face. Perhaps there is some truth to these arguments and I ought to get educated. With so much information out there, it is difficult to know what to believe, which sources to trust, whom to believe. I have to start with my own life, my own experiences.

I grew up in a colder place. My mother would bundle me up from head to toe to go play in the snow, and I remember sitting happily outside at age four, my nose and mouth covered with a double-wrapped scarf, mittens that always slid down to expose my wrists, toes that were always cold despite winter boots. In first grade, my teacher would wrap a scarf around our heads twice, once around the nose and mouth, and once around the forehead, to protect as much skin as possible from frostbite. She would literally tell us to hold onto one another so we wouldn't blow away walking home - not ten miles uphill both ways, but definitely in a blizzard. Perhaps all that carbon dioxide did cause brain damage: I like being outside in the snow, even when it's -40 degrees.

This theory is further proven by an observation I have made since moving to Colorado. Some people

regularly cover their nose and mouth all day long while exerting themselves physically. This results in a condition where some call in sick to work, some don't even call; contractors fail to show up on the jobsite. People who appeared to be perfectly healthy adults, suddenly driving on icy roads with poor visibility, later to be heard whooping loudly, even giggling; outside in the cold for hours, unable to see in the middle of a snowstorm, unable to stop. Perhaps even more alarmingly, some people move to Colorado precisely because not working on Fridays is considered the norm in some places.

Now, if only we could figure out why 17 states attorney-general and 106 members of congress would commit acts of sedition against the United States. Immigrants to this country must attest to not being a member of the Nazi party, and swear to not commit acts of sedition against the United States. Why is the same not required of those who hold high office?

Lisa Jensen

Election fraud

Dear Editor:

I have been watching the unfolding election fraud legal discussions with interest. It seems that half the cases revolve around unconstitutional changes to states' voting regulations, and half around the illegal voting. I'm interested in the illegal voting aspect as it relates to charges that electronic vote counting may have skewed vote totals. The skewing allegedly is a result of algorithms introduced into the counting machines as originally programmed, by poll workers, or via the internet by outsiders. It appears that the vote counting machines that may have skewed vote totals are those supplied by Dominion Systems. I have seen reports that during forensic analysis of Dominion machines in Michigan that the input of an equal number of votes for two candidates resulted in a machine count output of 87 percent of the votes for one candidate and 113 percent of the votes for the other, i.e. a 26 percent skew.

An internet search reveals that all but two counties in Colorado

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use Dominion machines for vote counting. The two counties that use other systems are Garfield and Douglas. I am curious; has anyone in the Archuleta county (or any other Colorado county) vote counting apparatus done a similar test/audit of our counting machines? Will such a test be carried out to reassure voters that their votes have been/will be distributed as intended? Will the state of Colorado assess these systems since Dominion has a major office in Denver?

It does not matter how secure our mail-in-vote system is if the vote count totals are not accurate. Colorado may not be as blue as our leaders in Denver would have us believe.

Mike Lane

Trump got things done

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to Joe Biden who by hook or crook is the next president of the United States. We will probably never know whether this election was legitimate or not. Now, your son Hunter can get really rich while you spend your "dark winter" in your basement or the White House basement.

Donald Trump deserves recognition for the accomplishments of the last four years which he will never receive from the news media mainly MSNBC, CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC, and the New York Times.

Before the COVID-19 hit us we had the best economy that we have had in many years and it is now

coming back just as he predicted. He pushed through the vaccine and got the cooperation of the drug makers while you were hiding out in your basement. He negotiated peace between Israel and Saudi Arabia, and has appointed judges who will follow the constitution.

I hope you don't mess this economy up by sending companies and jobs overseas with your promises of higher taxes, more regulations, and packing the supreme court.

People may not like Donald Trump as a person, but he was a true leader by getting things done.

John Meyer

Trump will be missed

Dear Editor:

In the Nov. 26th Sun, Dave Blake is confused about why any Christian would support President Trump. Here are just a few examples. Trump reversed the Obama/Biden policy of denying churches disaster relief and their policy of persecuting religious organizations that wanted exemptions from health care policies that went against their religious beliefs. Case in point is the "Little Sisters of the Poor," a Catholic religious order consisting of 70 year old nuns who help the poor. Obama/Biden's Obamacare mandated that the "Little Sisters" buy abortion insurance. Trump issued orders (upheld by the Supreme Court) to stop this insane mandate for the "Little Sisters." (Do 70 year old women anywhere really need abortion insurance?) This stopped 7 years of harassment caused by Obama/Biden's mandates. Trump also supported voluntary student prayer in schools, which is constitutional and moved the American Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, fulfilling a U.S. promise made decades before.

Blake then says Trump is a "corrupt dictator." Blake is obviously unaware that dictators control the government so that only they can be elected. NEWSFLASH: We just had an election in which Trump lost. Blake's screed then accuses Trump and his supporters of being racist. If Trump is such a racist, why did Jesse Jackson, when he was with the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, praise Trump. If Trump is such a racist, why did he have numerous black candidates appear on his TV show "The Apprentice" even hiring several to work for him. If he's a racist, why do many black people support him such as Georgia State Democrat Rep. Vernon Jones. If Trump is a racist, why were black people part of his acceptance ceremony at the Republican Nation Convention. If Trump is a racist why did he authorize an increase in black college funding?

Alas, Blake's hatred of President Trump and his supporters blinds him to the incredible things Trump has accomplished. Some example are: The first significant Mideast peace accord in forty years between the UAE and Israel. The lowest unemployment in decades with the

lowest ever black unemployment. (And Trump is a racist? You've got to be kidding me). The U.S. becoming totally energy independent and the number one oil producer in the world. Trump's administration removal of regulatory obstacles that allowed us to have the best economy in decades. I could go on and on.

President Trump has done a great deal for our country. I suspect he'll be sorely missed.

Charles Newton
Highlands Ranch

Record-breaking donations

Dear Editor:

The Community Foundation serving SW Colorado spearheads regional participation in the Colorado Gives Day. This year the donations received were record breaking. Across Colorado, \$50 million was raised. This is phenomenal during these difficult times we are experiencing.

In Southwest Colorado the non-profits received \$485,000. The counties represented in this area are Archuleta, LaPlata, Dolores, Montezuma and San Juan. There are 88 non-profits listed on the website, swcgives.org and each of the last four years that the Community Foundation has led this effort, we see donations increasing. However, this year the giving was increased over last year by 70%.

The mission at the Community Foundation is to empower philanthropy, encouraging people to give where they live. This year we had a 60% increase in individual donors. The website is still accepting donations that will benefit the local non-profit of your choice.

Thank you to all that participated in this worthy endeavor.

Sherry Phillips

Compassion

Dear Editor:

It's been a painful year. It's going to be a painful year to come. How will we be able to give to the poor and homeless in this season of giving at a time when the depth and breadth of our personal pains find us limited and suffering loss ourselves. The answer is, we will have to give painfully, with a more committed sort of compassion than we usually do.

We're used to compassion in our hearts. It's innate for many of us. This year, we'll need more than that feeling. We'll need compassion that is a fact, and acts. That's harder. How do we do it?

Compassion as a Fact starts with sympathy, deepens with empathy. Even if you've never been homeless or poor, you've had versions of poverty and homelessness--you remember when lacks and helplessness and losses invaded your life.

Robert Frost wrote, "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they take you in." Haven't we all, at one time or another, felt the sting of being on the outside, of being denied a deep desire or

crucial "need," of being overlooked, literally or figuratively not taken in when it seemed like "they"--someone--should have to.

Even if you're weathering the current storm, who among us doesn't also have a secret, chronic ache, an unfixable hole. That's what homelessness and poverty feels like. It's that feeling all day and all night long.

Relating that sense of loss to another's is better than sympathy. It's Empathy. Empathy says, "I'm not just listening and seeing your struggle, I've felt it. Yours may not be identical, but it is, at least, like mine; mine is, at least, like yours." Empathy is when compassion says, "I want to help." That's always good, and usually enough to motivate us.

But when helping means causing pain to yourself--that's the hard step to take.

This year, this season, it might take that, more than empathy. It might take Compassion as a Fact. It's the step beyond empathy essential in the hardest times, times like these. (And what defines the hardest times more than hardest times to give?)

Compassion as a Fact remembers we have all--when we had to have it--been helped out of our homelessnes and poverties many times along the way. Remembering that, Compassion as a Fact says, "I will help."

Compassion as a Fact says, "There needs always to be a place where, when anyone has to go there, no one will be turned away."

It is a hard time. Perhaps you've done some giving already. Give to the poor and homeless, too. If you've already given some to the poor and homeless, give again. How much? More than you probably should. Enough that it hurts a little.

Selah,
Wayne Shel Drake
South Fork

Christmas blessing

Dear Editor:

Well, here we are again. I often write of the value of love, how weakness can be strengthened through acts of love. We are once

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Obituary

Judith Lee Patton Wood

Judith Lee Patton Wood passed away Dec. 10 in Las Cruces, N.M., at the age of 97. Judy was born June 6, 1923, in Ashland, Ky. She met her husband, Forrest Wood (Woody), at the high school rifle team dance. It was love at first sight for both of them.



During Woody's term of service as an Army Air Corps pilot of a B29 bomber during WWII, they married in 1945. Woody received a scholarship to Socorro School of Mines and they made their way to New Mexico. After graduation, they lived in Hobbs and then Farmington. For the next 30-plus years, Woody worked there as a petroleum engineer for El Paso Natural Gas and Northwest Pipeline, and they raised their children, Hank and Ellen. Judy was a wonderful homemaker and also worked as a secretary for a U.S. congressman, a hospital and Red Cross volunteer, a Sunday school teacher and elder at First United Presbyterian Church, and a library assistant at Farmington High School. She and Woody were avid golfers and members of San Juan Country Club. They were involved in many community activities and philanthropies.

After Woody passed away in 1986, Judy lived in Pagosa Springs, Colo. There, she continued to serve others in the community and at church. Judy created a warm, welcoming home wherever she lived. She hosted Bible studies, Bronco football parties, golf gatherings and always left room to take care of her family. At Judy's home, there was always a cup of coffee ready for those who needed comfort, compassion and someone to listen and care. At age 80, she relocated to Las Cruces and immediately made friends and became involved in many activities, including PEO, bridge club, First United Presbyterian Church, and Memorial Medical Center Auxiliary. Many remember her working at the hospital gift shop. She was known for her kindness, humor and great picks in the family football pool; on one occasion she picked all 13 games correctly — something she was very proud of and a feat never repeated.

Judith was preceded in death by her husband, Forrest H. Wood, of

Farmington; parents Alex Logan Patton and Jeanette Bishop Patton; brothers Bishop Patton and John Riley Patton; sisters Madeline (Pat) Patton and Margaret Jo Patton Watts; a niece; and many cousins.

Dubbed "Goggle" by her grandchildren, Judy will be remembered most as a warm, generous, fun and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is survived by her son, Hank Wood, and wife Sheryl, of The Woodlands, Texas; daughter Ellen Michnovicz and husband Andy, of Las Cruces; grandchildren Alex Wood and wife Courtney, of Washington, D.C., Stephanie Wood Carroll and husband Devin, of Austin, Texas; Sam Michnovicz, of Las Cruces; Zach Wood, of Washington, D.C.; and Sean Michnovicz, of Las Cruces. She also got to meet and enjoy four beautiful great-granddaughters: Everett Jude Carroll, Forrest Jean Carroll, Owen Devin Carroll and Emma Bell Wood. Also surviving are three nephews and two nieces.

The family would like to thank those who were so devoted and helpful during her last months: friend and neighbor Tony Marsh, caregivers from Home Instead and Mesilla Valley Hospice, and all dear friends who inquired, visited and helped to care for her.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Dec. 18, at 3 p.m. at First United Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88005.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Foundation announces \$485,134 in donations on Colorado Gives Day

By Tracy Pope
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado spearheads regional participation in Colorado Gives Day—an easy, online initiative for donors to contribute to nonprofits across Colorado.

This year's Colorado Gives Day, Tuesday, Dec. 8, was record-breaking, with \$50 million donated to nonprofit organizations statewide and more than \$485,000 donated to organizations in the southwest corner of the state.

Local donors are able to choose from 88 organizations listed on the website, swcogives.org, and make safe, secure, online gifts to local organizations directly serving the five-county region of Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties.

"Each of the last four years that the Community Foundation has led this effort we have seen giving increase substantially," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "This year, the jump in donations was astounding—\$200,000 more than

last year's giving, a 70 percent increase. Our community clearly understands how hard 2020 has been for so many people and local donors really stepped up to support nonprofits."

The Community Foundation's mission is to power philanthropy, encouraging people to give where they live. This year's collaborative marketing efforts prompted 2,499 individual donations, a 60 percent increase over last year's number of donations.

"It will be interesting, as we dig into these numbers, to determine how many individual donors we had this year," said Tracy Pope, director of marketing and grants for the foundation. "I think we will find out that we had both new donors and repeat donors who gave more this year. The overall generosity has been incredibly inspiring."

"In addition to these generous donations, we will also see our portion of the \$1 million incentive fund shared with local organizations."

Online donations may still be made at swcogives.org, as this is a year-round electronic giving platform to benefit local nonprofits.



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Letters

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again in the "Season of Joy" when we celebrate the birth of God's love in human form, our savior Jesus Christ. Without love, our lives are empty buckets — we must show love, we must be open to receive love, the most important ingredients to a successful life.

None of us experience life in the same way. However, Christ taught us to practice the greatest commandment, to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul, and your neighbor as yourself."

So, let's celebrate the birth of love with prayers, joyful songs, and thankfulness. Yes, He came to bring God's love to all.

Christmas Blessing to all.

Patty Tillerson



95 years ago, Dec. 5, 1925, former Pagosa Springs resident Douglas "Billy" Lowell was born in Chama, NM at the family home of his mother, Vivian "Toy" Daggett. Favorite memories of growing up in Pagosa Springs are living with his grandmother, Pearl McComas, owner of the largest hotel in Pagosa Springs at the time, and also spending the summers in Chama, NM hunting and fishing on the Daggett ranch.

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PS We Love You! business support program kicks off

By **Mary Jo Coulehan**
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

Pagosans have been very dedicated to shopping local this season, as many businesses are reporting. Now there is one more way that you can support our local retailers, restaurants and service businesses — the PS We Love You local shopping program.

From Dec. 18 to Feb. 14, 2021, people will be able to go online through a link on the Chamber's website and access numerous local stores, restaurants and other industries and purchase items or gift cards/certificates.

Here is how the program works. Log on to the website, pagosa-chamber.co/ps-we-love-you/ or www.32auctions.com/PSWeLoveYou. That site has local participating businesses that are offering up goods or gift cards for people to purchase. Purchase your item, then go to check out. The checkout will tell you the shipping information. You will be able to pick up the item or gift card at some stores; others will mail them

out. The store in turn will receive the full value of the item purchased.

The Chamber, through a generous partnership with the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County, will be picking up all the credit card and online store site fees in order for our businesses to recoup as much as they can, thus the support part of the program. Plus, it gives the stores another outlet for people to access their goods. Because of the town and county partnership, any business that is registered with the state and has a local business license with the town is eligible to participate.

Businesses can list up to five individual items or different denomination gift cards. Within those five items, they can list as many gift certificates or items as are available — don't oversell your hard good items between actual and virtual shoppers. It's that easy. Business should have received an email with instructions on how to send your items that you want listed to the Chamber. The deadline was Dec. 16; however, contact us and we can see if we can add you to the program quickly.

Shop local from the comfort of your home or office. Remember, if you forgot that Christmas present and need a New Year's gift or perhaps a birthday present, the program runs until Valentine's Day. Look for the ad in The Pagosa Springs SUN and go to the Chamber website. Remember to shop local, Pagosa, and PS We Love You! is just one more way to show your support to our business community. If the business has any questions, contact us at 264-2360.

Pagosa Perks another way to support local

Perhaps you don't have a credit card to purchase your item online, or you're not sure what to give that teacher or nurse or friend. Pagosa Perks is another great shop-local program. Gift certificates, or Perks, issued by the Chamber of Commerce, are another way to give the gift of local. Perks are like cashier's checks and can be used at any Chamber-member business. Actually, any business should take the certificate as they are guaranteed and have the value of real money.

You can use them to grocery shop, pay an electric bill or use it at a restaurant or retail store. The possibilities are numerous. You can pay for your Perks with a credit card, cash or check. They come in various denominations. The receiver of the Perks has the choice to use them where they want to use them. Call the Chamber to order your Perks. Perks are available year-round. Make sure you think about giving the gift of local this year. It is more important than ever.

Chamber board election

This is a reminder to our business community to vote for three of six candidates in the current Chamber Board of Directors voting process. Chamber businesses in good standing may cast one ballot per business. Voting is open now and runs until Jan. 8, 2021.

The current nominees are Tabitha Zappone, Robin Young, Marissa Talamante, Shane Prince, Curtis Nehring and Eric Hittle. Please take just a few minutes and vote for three of these six candidates by Jan. 8.

El Pomar Foundation distributes an additional \$175,000 in COVID-19 aid to nonprofits

By **Megan Sanders**
El Pomar Foundation

Since March, 26 organizations in southwestern Colorado have received grants from El Pomar Foundation's Colorado Assistance Fund (CAF).

Now entering into its third phase, the fund was activated in March to provide immediate aid to nonprofit organizations and government entities meeting basic human needs and supporting access to appropriate health care for individuals and communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The initial \$1 million CAF funding was established by the foundation's trustees on March 9, within a week of Colorado's first confirmed case of COVID-19, and supported 175 unique organizations in 48 counties of Colorado with grant amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

Grants supported a range of emergency services such as food banks, rent and utility assistance, and medical supplies. Organizations for this initial deployment of funding, CAF Phase I, were nominated for funding by public health departments or members of El Pomar Foundation's regional councils. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in Colorado, regional council members have been in regular contact with El Pomar staff and Trustees to provide firsthand insight regarding their communities' most critical and emergent needs. In CAF Phase I, 17 organizations in the Southwest

region (Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties) received grants totaling \$73,500.

In May, with the original \$1 million disbursed, El Pomar trustees approved another \$1.1 million for a second phase of the CAF. Each of El Pomar's 11 regional councils recommended strategies for the allocation of \$100,000 in their multicounty regions of Colorado. The focus of these CAF Phase II dollars was to encourage and support the eventual return of healthy, functioning communities across Colorado as they emerge from the COVID-19 crisis. In CAF Phase II, 13 organizations in the Southwest region received grants totaling \$100,000.

Local organizations receiving grants include the following:

- Archuleta County School District 50JT — \$10,000 — teacher pay and technology support.
- Pagosa Peak Open School — \$10,000 — academic remediation due to COVID-19.

Now, in December, with the continued surge of COVID-19 infections, El Pomar has activated a third phase of its CAF to grant an additional \$1 million statewide. CAF Phase III is distributing funds across Colorado in support of nonprofits, counties and communities that are experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases and increased public health restrictions resulting in financial hardship.

One of the most pressing needs continues to be food assistance throughout the state of Colorado, so the focus of this third phase of

funding is food insecurity and support for organizations that provide food assistance to those in need.

Fourteen organizations in the southwest region are receiving grants totaling \$75,000 through CAF Phase III. Grant checks were mailed on Dec. 8.

Local organizations receiving grants include the following:

Archuleta Seniors Inc. — Pagosa Springs — \$5,000 — food assistance for seniors.

Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado — Durango — \$2,500 — food assistance through Pine River Shares in Bayfield.

Community United Methodist Church — Pagosa Springs — \$7,500 — food assistance through five food pantry partners.

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Luke 1:30-31

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Archuleta County commissioners, staff and area judges stand at the site of the new Harman Park Justice Facility for the project's groundbreaking event, held on Dec. 15. Pictured, from left to right, are: Archuleta County Court Judge Justin P. Fay, Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson, Commissioner-elect Warren Brown, Commissioner Ronnie Maez, Sheriff Rich Valdez, Architect Brad Ash, Commissioner Steve Wadley and Commissioner Alvin SchAAF.

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County denied additional courthouse grant

By Clayton Chaney
 Staff Writer

On Dec. 3, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) met with the Colorado Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission (UCFC) to ask for an additional \$850,000 for the new Harman Park Courthouse Facility. The request was denied.

The BoCC has already allocated more than \$5 million in total funds for the current project, but requested more funding to add an additional courtroom. The current project that was approved by the BoCC will have two courtrooms

constructed in the building.

During the meeting, commissioners and Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffery Wilson spoke about the need for the third courtroom. Concerns about the facility being able to handle the expected growth in Archuleta County and safety of people having to travel back and forth to Durango for court were brought up.

On Dec. 9, the BoCC received a letter from the UCFC which states, "I regret to inform you that the Commission was unable to award your Fiscal year 2021 grant application. The Commission received a substantial number of requests

for grant funds and was not able to award all applications."

Archuleta County was previously awarded \$1.9 million from the UCFC for the 2020 fiscal year, which is being used to fund part of the current project.

In an interview, Commissioner Steve Wadley explained that the county will have to look at adding on to the building at a later time, as it can only afford to build two courtrooms at this time.

"It's just not going to get built this time. It'll be an add-on at a much higher price," Wadley said.

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County approves debris management and damage assessment plans

By Clayton Chaney
 Staff Writer

On Dec. 8, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted to approve two new plans presented by Director of Emergency Operations Mike Le Roux.

In an interview, Le Roux discussed how there is money that needs to be spent when any disaster takes place.

He explained how the Damage Assessment Plan will help the county get reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

According to Le Roux, if the county is faced with any type of disaster, like a flood, it can use the plan to track the cost of how much damage has been done.

He noted that the county would have to be able to spend the funds necessary to cover the damage caused by the disaster, but it would be eligible to be reimbursed up to 75 percent of what it spends on disaster relief.

Le Roux explained that in order to be reimbursed, the county has to be prepared to spend money on a disaster as if it is not going to be reimbursed.

Le Roux went on to explain how the Damage Assessment Plan does not go into detail over any exact

procedures to be followed for certain disaster events, but rather that "it's really just a mechanism to track the damage and to start putting the preliminary costs together."

Le Roux clarified that this plan is not a prevention plan, but a way to track the damage being caused by a disaster as it is happening. By having the plan in place, it would help the county get the ball rolling on getting reimbursed by FEMA as it would have a reference point for the costs endured.

As far as the Debris Management Plan, Le Roux described it as "a broad-brush approach."

He noted that the plan is subject to what kind of disaster the county would be dealing with.

Again, Le Roux explained how the Debris Management Plan does not go into explicit detail about specific procedures, but rather identifies roles and responsibilities for different departments and personnel involved with cleaning up debris from a disaster.

Le Roux explained that every year the county applies for an Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG).

He explained that the grant comes from federal money which is then distributed throughout counties across the state.

Le Roux explained how these

plans are necessary in order to receive funding.

In order to receive the grant, which covers "anything to do with emergency management we have within the county," Le Roux said, the county must be able to show that it has some sort of emergency operation plan in place. The county must submit emergency plans like the Damage Assessment Plan and Debris Management Plan to the state to be considered for EMPG funding.

Le Roux explained that the grants are not guaranteed, but with emergency plans in place for FEMA and the state to review, it helps the county's chances of receiving funding and the ability to be reimbursed for funds spent on dealing with a disaster.

"It's better for us that we have these plans," Le Roux said. These two new plans are the first of their kinds for the county.

Le Roux also mentioned that the plans do not include any instruction related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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COVID-19 as the vaccine becomes available. When we get vaccinated, we can slow the surge to help our nurses, doctors, schools, fellow community members, and businesses.”

A Dec. 11 press release from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) explains, “Colorado is requesting enough vaccines to provide for all Coloradans. Because of supply chain limitations, we expect we will receive regular COVID-19 vaccine allocations from the federal government on a weekly basis. To be as fair and efficient with distribution as possible, the state has developed a phased approach to vaccine distribution to save lives and end the crisis that has been brought on by the pandemic as quickly as possible. The federal government is determining the allocation amount by the size of every state’s total population and the quantity of ready-to-ship doses from the manufacturer(s).”

This week’s shipment, the CDPHE noted, is 46,800 doses of the Pfizer vaccine. The second shipment will

be 95,600 of the Moderna vaccine.

“The state determined the number of doses going to each location by surveying facilities’ needs for phase 1,” the press release states. “Many of the doses allocated to local public health agencies will be administered to health care workers at local hospitals that do not have the capability to store vaccine.”

PSMC’s Tuesday press release acknowledged that distribution of the vaccine is part of the state’s three-phase plan led by the CDPHE and SJBPH, explaining, “In the first phase, which will extend through the winter, vaccines will be administered to healthcare workers, residents and staff in long-term care facilities, dentists, and first responders. Healthcare workers have been prioritized to assure they remain well and available to care for all the healthcare needs of all patients especially those needing hospital care.”

“Phase 2 of the vaccination will begin this spring. Those eligible to receive the vaccine in phase 2 include higher-risk individuals and essential workers; people 65 and

older; people with chronic disease or who are immunocompromised; people who interact directly with the public at work; people who work in high-density settings; and workers that serve people who live in high-density settings.

“Those eligible in phase 3, which will begin this summer, include people age 18-64 who are not designated as high risk of contracting the disease.”

More information about the vaccine and Colorado’s vaccination plan can be found at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine>.

The press release further notes that vaccinations are voluntary for recipients in all three phases.

“The FDA has concluded the vaccines do not present a safety concern and clinical trials have not resulted in any serious health complications,” the press release states. “At this time, the vaccines are not recommended for children under the age of 16, persons with an active positive case COVID-19, or persons who have a history of allergic reactions to ingredients in the vaccine.”

Home

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happen,” Smith said. He went on, “They’re too small to qualify for a building permit ... and they can’t be inspected by the building department because they’re not actually a house. And so they’re not under any jurisdiction to inspect the structures ... The town and county has to fix that issue.”

Clark responded, saying, “There’s certainly probably still a lot to overcome ... I’d just like to continue pursuing that if everyone is in agree-

ment that it’s an affordable housing solution that might work.”

The board members agreed that it was a fairly doable solution.

“I would chime to keep it a higher priority,” Smith said. “It is a viable option ... You can get, from out of town or out of the region, inspectors who inspect tiny homes ... RVs.”

“The building code is really something that has been adopted by the town and probably the county as well ... whether or not the building code applies is a function of a decision of

town council,” relayed treasurer Jim Garrett.

Garrett continued, “I will say also, personally, tiny homes are not a good long-term answer to housing stock in our community ... however, there is no doubt in my mind that in the short term there is a real problem.”

“I had a client and she was living in a car with four kids ... By God, I don’t like tiny homes, but a choice between that person living in a car with four kids and a tiny home, I’m all for the tiny home. Absolutely.”

Students

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debate its effectiveness. This should not be an issue up for debate when the safety of our students and our staff is paramount,” DeGuise read. “As the union representative for the Pagosa Springs Education Association, I have asked to speak to you, Dr. Kym, and to the school board, on behalf of a number of elementary school teachers in our district, who would like you to consider requiring masks for all K-12 students attending our schools.”

DeGuise then cited a recent survey given at the elementary school in which 73.7 percent of teachers wanted to return to in-person instruction on Jan. 4, 2021, if possible.

“Most educators agree that in-person instruction, especially for the younger grade levels, is the most effective form of instruction,” she told the board, also citing research that suggests in-person schooling is “superior” for the majority of K-12 students, especially those who live in poverty.

“Since the beginning of this pandemic, our students have lost valuable face-to-face instruction due to the initial lockdown beginning in March and now, the switch to remote learning due to outbreaks in the elementary school and quarantines at the middle and high schools” she read. “Getting our students back in the classroom, engaging with their peers, and learning new content from their teachers, I know, is the priority of our teachers, our administrators, our board, and our community.”

She further touched upon students losing ground academically.

“However,” her statement reads, “many of our teachers (nearly 45% at the elementary school) are reluctant to return to the classroom without all students wearing masks. While this is not the majority of staff surveyed at the elementary school, it is still a very large group, which includes all the elementary school union members. The percentage of staff and the concerns of its union members, warrants further discussion about the topic of mask wearing.”

DeGuise noted that numerous sources suggest that masks offer protection to the wearer and those around them, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics “strongly” recommend the use of face coverings for those over the age of 2.

“In our school district, masks are required to be worn by all staff and by students in the middle and high schools; it is optional for students at the elementary school to wear them, and very few of them wear them throughout the entire school day,” she said, citing additional research that showed that children and young adults are more likely to contract coronavirus from people their own age. “This being the case, we ask the board to strongly consider the wearing of masks by all to protect student-to-student transference, as well as student-to-staff transference and vice versa.”

She continued, “At this point we can only surmise whether wearing masks in the younger grades could have slowed or prevented the recent outbreak at the elementary school.”

She noted that it is the responsibility of educators to model good behavior and teach by example, “whether that be to a classroom of lively fourth-graders or to the community at large,” and that the staff has made sacrifices to remain

healthy.

“Wearing a mask is about having compassion for others and their health — this is something we should encourage and teach to this community through our children,” she said.

Later in the meeting, the board directed Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza to follow up on the request, with the superintendent suggesting that, following the outbreak at the elementary school, it could be a good time to send out another survey to staff members.

On Tuesday, she reported to The SUN via email that elementary school Principal Justin Cowan “is checking back in with his staff and doing a follow up survey to determine perception of staff at this point, given the original survey was done prior to the elementary being called an outbreak (during Thanksgiving break). We have also reached out to neighboring districts in our BOCES and found that Bayfield, Silverton and Mancos are all requiring students K-12 to wear masks at school.”

She noted that the district is still gathering data.

Masks for all students above age 3 is also one part of the state’s “Roadmap to In-Person Learning” report that was announced Tuesday.

That 11-page report details research around the importance of in-person learning, as well as strategies and tactics the state is taking “to assist with safe, consistent in-person learning at P-12 schools this semester,” according to a press release from the state.

That press release later notes, “Despite educators’ important efforts to educate students, research shows that academic and social emotional development is suffering. These challenges are greater for students with disabilities, students who are low-income, English language learners, students without access to the internet, and students experiencing homelessness or in foster care. It has also had negative mental health impacts and posed a significant risk to the economy.”

That press release notes that, “Using data, science and transparency, this report lays out a number of action steps the State will be taking to help all students return to in-person learning this semester.”

Those, as stated in the press release, include:

• Increasing trust and transparency through:

• Regular communication with school districts, educators, and parents about disease transmission, emerging resources, and best practices.

• Encouraging counties to commit to prioritize in-person learning by considering suspending in-person extracurricular and recreational activities that interfere with cohorting once a county reaches Orange, Red, or Purple on the Dial.

• Ensuring in-person, school sponsored activities such as athletics, music, art, and theatre should only occur once full time or hybrid in-person learning is successfully occurring with minimal disruptions.

• Providing school data dashboards that are publicly available to ensure public health case and outbreak data is fully transparent and accessible to the public.

• Encouraging school districts and schools to prioritize full-time in-person education for the most vulnerable groups, including stu-

dents with disabilities, students who are low-income, English language learners, students without access to the internet, students experiencing homelessness or in foster care, and children of frontline workers.

• Preventing and protecting students, families, educators, and staff through:

• Continuing to support the CDC, CDPHE, and CDE strong recommendation for all children over the age of 3 to wear a mask.

• Because teaching requires constant talking, some educators may prefer a surgical or cloth mask instead of a KN95 mask. The state can continue to provide high quality medical, surgical, or other masks as appropriate for teachers, in-school health care providers, and other members of the school community for different operational or educational needs.

• Creating evidence-based protocols and supplementary resources for schools to implement symptom screening in the home setting, as recommended by the CDC as well as strategies for in-school screening when home screening is incomplete.

• Supporting effective cohorting models and protocols to minimize classroom disruptions, and continue to research more effective ways to minimize disruptions from quarantines [sic].

• Supporting additional staffing to ensure schools can operate during staff quarantine periods.

• Creating resources and tools to improve ventilation in learning spaces including the use of outdoor spaces and outside facing windows remaining open in classrooms.

• Encouraging hand washing hygiene, cleaning, and disinfecting with appropriate products known to be effective against SARS-CoV-2.

• Supporting effective models for physical distancing in classrooms.

• Increasing access to testing and vaccines through:

• Continuing to provide resources for testing, particularly in the highest viral prevalence communities such as those counties in Red or Purple, as well as those that have greater challenges in accessing testing. This should include offering regular screening for educators and staff interested, for symptomatic individuals that need a diagnostic test, and for individuals who do not have symptoms but have been quarantined after an exposure.

• Supporting additional capacity for contact tracing for schools, which may include contact tracing resources at the State level.

• Promoting partnerships between the medical and public health community and school districts to help not just provide testing materials, but also the personnel to administer and manage testing programs and contact tracing when positive cases are identified. Facilitate access to in-person or virtual medical evaluation for ill students, teachers, and staff.

• Continuing to prioritize educators and school staff in the phased vaccination prioritization.

• Providing clear messaging on the vaccine and its safety, effectiveness, and importance to our return to normalcy, including sharing talking points for schools to share with parents and their communities. This messaging should be in Spanish and other languages common in Colorado.”

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State rolls out new small business relief program

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

On Dec. 15, at a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), the BoCC heard from Region 9 Economic Development Executive Director Laura Lewis Marchino in regard to a new Small Business Relief (SBR) program being introduced by the state.

The state has made \$35.15 million available to local businesses, with 10 percent of the program funds reserved for high-need counties with a population less than 100,000. The funds will only be awarded to counties that are in Level Red: Severe Risk of the state’s COVID-19 dial.

Small businesses in the state and all around the country have been struggling with capacity limitations and closures since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic back in March.

Marchino explained that the county is not required to distribute the funds and that another local agency could apply to distribute the funds. She went on to note that agencies with preexisting processes for distributing COVID-19 relief funds can use the same process for this grant.

Marchino noted that applications for the grant are due by Jan. 8, 2021, and that the county will only have 21 days to distribute the funds, meaning that grants would be awarded to businesses by mid-February.

Marchino explained that only a selective group of businesses will be eligible for the grants. These businesses include restaurants, bars, caterers, movie theaters and recreation centers.

Businesses must also be in compliance with local health orders and restrictions in order to receive funds. Along with this, the state also has other requirements that businesses have to meet in order to receive a grant. These requirements include a commitment to operate for the next six months, have less than \$2.5 million in revenue and have reported a minimum of a 20 percent revenue loss compared to 2019 or opened between Jan. 1 and March 26.

Marchino went on to explain that the grants awarded to businesses will range anywhere from \$3,000 to \$7,000.

“These are very small grants for businesses that have had capacity-related issues,” Marchino added.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez brought up the concern if the

grants will be noncommitment grants and if businesses will have to file forgiveness later on.

Marchino clarified that the only thing businesses may be required to do is fill out a W-2 tax form, as the grants will be taxable.

Maez pointed out that since the grants will be taxable, funds awarded to business may actually be less than \$3,000.

Marchino then commented, “I guess the only good thing is if the business is not making money, their taxes will be a lot less.”

Maez added, “We need to get the businesses everything they can get; some is better than nothing, but sometimes you got to wonder if they’re prolonging a slow death or not with some of these businesses. I think it’s more important we get going and get open again.”

It was then discussed that Commissioner Alvin Schaaf and County Administrator Scott Wall would fulfill the role of awarding grants to businesses in the county.

As of press time Wednesday, applications for businesses to receive funding were not yet available.

Marchino mentioned during the meeting that, given the amount of the grants, she suspects that the applications will not be extensive.

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Car crashes into house, causes gas leak

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

At approximately 12:44 a.m. on Dec. 12, the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO), along with Colorado State Patrol (CSP), responded to a call for a car crash on Fireside Street.

The vehicle involved in the accident was a silver 2017 Honda Accord.

According to ACSO, the vehicle slid off the side of the road and struck the wall of a residence, causing a gas leak at the residence.

No injuries or charges were reported from the incident by the CSP or ACSO.

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Increases

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The water availability of service charge will remain at \$14.30.

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Changes to the rates for water service customers will increase the volume rate charges by 6 percent annually through 2023.

PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey explained that these volume rate

charge increases began in 2019 and were based on a rate study done in 2018.

These increases will equate to a 33.74 percent cumulative increase over the five-year period.

The capital investment fees for both water and wastewater will increase by 3 percent per year.

Wastewater charges

The changes to wastewater ser-

vice charges include a 2.5 percent annual rate increase beginning in 2024 and ending in 2027.

These increases will equate to a 10.38 percent cumulative increase over the four-year period.

For assistance regarding how these proposed rate changes may affect your water bill, call PAWSD at 731-2691 for a comparison based upon your historical usage.

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Rate of COVID infections in county still 'very, very high'

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Despite logging fewer new cases in the last week than in weeks past, Archuleta County's cumulative incidence rate is still "very, very high," according to San Juan Basin Public Health's (SJBPH) Brian Devine.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Archuleta County had a total of 421 lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 among permanent residents, according to SJBPH, with that count beginning in late March.

On Dec. 1, 259 total cases had been reported.

No COVID-related deaths have been identified in Archuleta County, according to SJBPH.

But, despite the county logging a few cases per day for several days in a row, Devine — environmental health director and deputy incident commander for COVID-19 at SJBPH — suggested it's too soon to come to the conclusion that the county is flattening the curve.

"We definitely would not draw any conclusions from three days' worth of data, especially because Thanksgiving was in there," he said, suggesting there could have been a short-term spike due to the holiday.

As of Wednesday, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment listed Archuleta County's two-week cumulative incidence rate at 1,235.5 cases per 100,000 residents.

"This level that we're at, if this is where we're flattening out, is still very, very high," he said, adding, "That's over 1 percent of the population testing positive in a two-week period, which is extremely high."

Devine suggested that Archuleta County is now seeing the results

of moving to Level Orange on the state's COVID dial, increased awareness in the community and following precautions, and will start seeing the impact of the county's Dec. 6 move to Level Red: Severe Risk in the coming days, around Dec. 18-21.

"And that's just because obviously people ... who are getting infected take time to develop symptoms and then get tested and then for those results to come back to us," he said.

"We're seeing a steady stream of sick people," said Dr. David Shaeffer, co-owner of Pagosa Medical Group (PMG), adding, "Obviously there's a lot more COVID in Pagosa now, so we are having a lot more patients who are testing positive."

Devine also noted SJBPH is concerned that a trend the department saw over Thanksgiving will repeat itself over Christmas and New Year's — more contacts between households.

"And obviously if we're trying to get cases to come down, this is not the time to be socializing outside of your household over those holidays," he said, suggesting increased gatherings could "undo all the good work we've done as a community."

Increased testing continues

Testing capabilities in Archuleta County are continuing to increase, with PMG announcing last week that it now has rapid testing available for symptomatic individuals.

"That's actually a big deal for us," Shaeffer said, explaining the facility now has an Abbot ID NOW, which is the same the White House and some sports teams are using.

The test is a nasopharyngeal

swab and produces a result in 15 minutes, he explained, and is done completely on-site after an individual meets with a provider.

The quick results, he explained, are "really important from a disease-control perspective."

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) also has rapid testing, which it uses primarily for employee testing and hospitalized individuals, as well as other circumstances where it is deemed appropriate.

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 is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day but Sunday and will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

In addition, testing events continue to be planned.

Archuleta County, in partnership with Western Heritage Event Center, PMG, Axis Health System, Archuleta School District and the Town of Pagosa Springs, will hold additional testing events today and tomorrow, Dec. 17 and 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the all-weather Hughes Pavilion at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds, located at 344 U.S. 84.

Holiday week testing will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 22, 23, 29 and 30.

There is no fee for testing and a doctor's order is not required.

Preregistration for the testing is encouraged on the day of the testing at: <https://curative.com/sites/14533/walkup>.

PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb

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.

Providers offering testing include:

- Archuleta Integrated Health-care: 264-2104.
- PMG: 372-0456.
- PSMC: 731-3700.

COVID-19 symptoms

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

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

Steps to slow the spread

According to SJBPH, the necessary steps that must be taken now by everyone to slow the spread of COVID-19 are:

- Universal use of face masks.
 - Social distancing of at least 6 feet.
 - Avoiding nonessential indoor spaces.
 - Getting tested if you are symptomatic, think you've been exposed or if you work in a high-contact position.
 - Prompt following of quarantine guidance if exposed.
 - Protecting people at higher risk of severe illness or death.
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County's declaration of local disaster extended, again

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

On Dec. 15, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted to approve a resolution further extending the declaration of a local disaster due to the spread of COVID-19.

The resolution was approved at the regular board meeting, with no public comment made.

The BoCC originally declared a local disaster on March 17, which

has now been extended eight times.

The resolution states that the declaration "shall continue until no later than 5pm on January 19, 2021."

At that time, the BoCC will consider if another extension to the declaration is warranted.

During the meeting, none of the commissioners offered any comments before approving the resolution, and the item was approved as part of the meeting's consent agenda.

In an interview, Commissioner Steve Wadley explained that by extending the declaration of the local disaster, the county will be eligible to be reimbursed for funds it has already spent.

Wadley added, "All it does is make us eligible to be reimbursed for money we spent on COVID-related issues. It really has nothing to do with keeping us in the red or anything to do with keeping businesses closed, or anything like that."

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Dec. 17

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

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

Pagosa Springs Sanitation and General Improvement District special board meeting. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information.

Tuesday, Dec. 22

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

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special meeting — budget hearing. 9:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board work session and meeting. 5:30 p.m. See

town website for participation information.

Tuesday, Dec. 29

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

Tuesday, Jan. 5

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

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting. 1:30 p.m. Call 264-8300 one to two

days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

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

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Town crews remove snow on Lewis Street Monday morning. Almost 10 inches of snow was reported in a four-day period beginning Dec. 11. Locals are reminded to not park along snow routes in the county.



Weed and Pest Department treats record high number of properties

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

At a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Nov. 24, the BoCC heard from Ethan Proud, supervisor of the Weed and Pest Department.

According to Proud's report, the department treated a record high of 131 private properties in 2020, with 57 additional properties being put on the wait list for 2021.

"Our wait list is going to keep growing every year," said Proud.

According to Proud's report, the 57 properties on the wait list for 2021 "represents 74 [percent] of the department's capacity."

The report goes on to state that the department's capacity has increased by 58 percent since 2017.

In an interview, Proud explained that the 57 properties on the wait list will be the first ones treated in 2021.

"We're trying to be as fair as possible, so if people don't get treated in the calendar year that they request treatment they get bumped up to the top of the list for the following year. So, those people who are on the wait list are going to be top priority for next year," Proud said.

The department currently has two employees and Proud explained that any opportunities to expand the department would most likely come from additional grant funding.

He also noted that, currently, the department does not offer any pest control services, as they are only focused on weed control services at this time.

Proud also spoke about how the department tries to be mindful of local businesses.

He explained that if people call with problems that the department is not able to adhere to, such as issues with turf properties and landscaping projects, he will direct them to someone else in town.

Proud went on to explain that, with a total of 188 properties requesting treatment, the demand has doubled over 100 percent compared to his first year here, 2017.

Proud also reported that the department received an all-time high of 190 herbicide applications and made an all-time high of 240 herbicide sales.

Proud briefed the board on some of the department's other accomplishments over the past year and some challenges moving forward.

According to Proud, in the past, the department has put on events which involved taking residents out to sites and educating them

on different types of weeds and how to manage them. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the department has adapted from in-person educational events and created a weed tour video. The video overviews different types of weeds found throughout the area. The video can be found online on the county's website, www.archuletacounty.org, or through the county's Facebook page.

Proud explained that the county received a \$36,000 Noxious Weed Fund Grant from the state that was split between the Weed and Pest Department, Archuleta County and Colorado State University's Extension Office.

The department switched to a virtual education system in order to fulfill requirements for the grant, Proud explained.

Proud's report goes on to note that the department made increases in its "biological control

program from musk thistle, field bindweed, Russian gall wasps, and rust fungus, to include leafy spurge flea beetles."

Proud noted the infestation of the beetles is "crossing multiple property lines owned by private and public citizens, agencies, and organizations."

Some of the properties affected range from national forest land, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District properties and properties in the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association.

Proud also spoke about concerns with the department's enforcement policy.

The report states, "The current process is not an effective tool for compliance as weed will need to be controlled annually, meaning that to eradicate a population the process would need to be completed each year."

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Education

School district certifies mill levy Pays off bond on high school

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Dec. 8, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education certified the district's mill levy for 2020 (to be collected in 2021), with that levy decreasing slightly, from the current 25.585 mills to 25.539.

In explaining the mill levy figures to the board, Finance Director Mike Hodgson explained that ASD paid off the bond on the high school the previous week.

Per state statute, the board is required to certify the district's mill levy to the county commissioners for Archuleta and Hinsdale counties by Dec. 15.

A resolution approved at the meeting states that the 25.539 mills will raise \$8,289,501 for ASD's General Fund.

Of that, \$1,457,049 will come from the district's mill levy override approved in November 2018.

When approved by voters, that override funding was set to be used for four purposes: recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers and staff; fund full-time school resource officer for safety; fund full-day kindergarten; and provide required funding for Pagosa Peak Open School to increase staff salaries, supplement full-day kindergarten and improve school safety.

That vote increased funding for the district by \$1.7 million each year for seven years; however, for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the state legislature funded full-day kindergarten.

According to the resolution, that means "the need to use mill levy override funds for full-day kindergarten no longer exists ..."

The resolution then lays out how the funding raised from the override's 4.489 mills will be used:

- Recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and staff: \$1,161,987.
- Fund full-time school resource officer for safety: \$195,000.
- Provide required funding for Pagosa Peak Open School: \$100,062.

The board approved the mill levy certification and accompanying resolution with a 4-0 vote, with

Board President Bruce Dryburgh absent.

Those looking at the district's mill levy figures will notice a change in how the information is presented, with Hodgson explaining that a new law, HB20-1418, spurred that change.

The agenda explains, "New this year you will notice the inclusion in of a Tax Credit that is required to be included by HB20-1418. This shows how the base tax rate of 27.000 mills is reduced by 5.986 mill tax credit to result in the 21.014 mills that we must adopt for the Total Program revenue. Added to this are levies for abatements (0.036) and for the Mill Levy Override (4.489). Added together, these three rates result in the 25.539 mill rate that the Board is being asked to approve."

Other business

In other business at the meeting, the board:

- Voted unanimously to submit a financial audit submission extension for the 2019-2020 financial audit.

Hodgson indicated that the extension is necessary because there are fewer auditors than before and COVID has slowed the process, leading the district's auditors to believe they won't have it completed by the Dec. 31 deadline.

He added there is blanket approval for two-month extensions, with the audit anticipated to be completed sometime in January.

"There are no negative ramifications from requesting this extension," the agenda states.

- Authorized a purchase from a district employee to reimburse that employee for plexiglass.

The agenda explains, "At the beginning of the school year the Maintenance Department needed plexiglass to create barriers at secretary stations that were necessary for COVID-19 separation. At that time, the delivery of plexiglass from vendors was experiencing significantly [sic] delays. District employee Steve Gallegos had a sheet of plexiglass that he had previously purchased from Wolf Creek Glass Werx for \$280.00. The district utilized that sheet of plexiglass

from Mr. Gallegos so those barriers could be created before students returned. The district would now like to pay Mr. Gallegos for that plexiglass at the price he paid when he purchased it."

- Heard and approved several policies upon first reading as part of a policy manual overhaul.

"In November 2019, the Board entered into a contract with CASB for a Policy Manual Overhaul," the agenda explains, referring to the Colorado Association of School Boards. "CASB has reviewed the entire District policy book and has offered suggested updates. The Board will now begin the process of reviewing the entire policy book, beginning with Section A and Section B."

The board heard four groupings of policies at the meeting, with the agenda explaining, "In an effort to streamline the review process, policies have been broken out into four different categories; Policies Recommended for Repeal, Policies with Formatting and Legal Reference Changes, Policies with CASB Recommended Changes, and Policies that need Discussion."

One policy change deals with board meetings, with the policy changed from stating the board will hold meetings at the high school to the board will hold meetings at a district facility.

The board is currently meeting electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Heard more information from Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza about \$363,000 in grant funding the district recently received as part of a \$3.6 million

grant for a southwest Colorado educational collaborative focused on career and technical education (CTE).

She discussed the collaborative's investments into things such as mobile learning labs, CTE support and access to concurrent enrollment for students.

She also explained how the district's portion of the funding will be used at Pagosa Springs High School:

- About \$78,000 will go toward carpentry and woodworking equipment for building trades.
 - About \$50,000 will go toward metal fabrication equipment.
 - About \$85,000 will go for construction materials "to allow our students to build out tiny home projects and/or ... storage container home projects."
 - About \$11,000 will go toward building trades design software.
 - About \$45,000 will go for energy systems for the geothermal studies within the high school's dome.
 - About \$49,000 will go toward horticulture supplies and equipment to outfit the dome.
 - About \$30,000 will go toward technical drawing and design labs.
 - About \$12,000 for professional development for the school's CTE education team.
 - About \$6,000 for summer programming for CTE students.
- LeBlanc-Esparza told the board they should see the benefit in about two to three years as the programs are built out.
- "That's tremendous," said Bob Lynch, vice president of the board. randi@pagosasun.com

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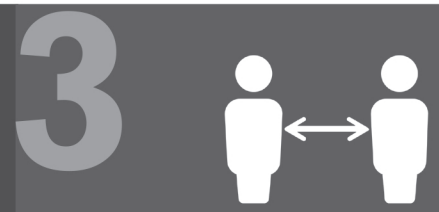
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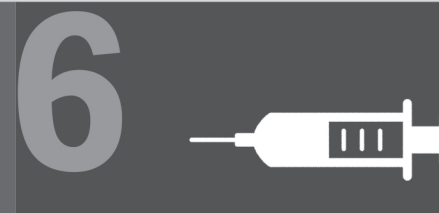
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Pagosa Springs Rotary completes third-grade dictionary project

By JoAnn Laird
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

While a pandemic may shut down, close up and change our habits, it didn't stop your local Rotary Club from delivering its annual gift of colorful dictionaries to the elementary school third-grade classes.

It was different to be sure. Typically, Rotarians have the joy of handing out the books to over 100 children and teaching them the benefits a dictionary can provide. The students find words and their meaning they never knew before, travel the world through displays of international flags and learn our country's history through presidential biographies. Though Rotarians were not able to enter the school this year, there is comfort in knowing the children received these books once again.

This year has been a tough one for Rotary, as it has for most nonprofits. The annual fundraisers Rotary has, such as the Casino Night and Barn Dance, could not be held.

The funds derived from these events go toward local endeavors of not only the third-grade dictionary project, but also gifting \$20,000-plus annually for high school scholarships, providing manpower and resources for the needed Backpack Program, picking up highway trash, placing benches for those awaiting public transportation, endowing teacher mini-grants to defray their expenses, donating monies and items to the Food Pantry, helping fund the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Greenhouse Project, hosting foreign students for the Student Exchange Program plus sending local students to study abroad, funding expenses for high school students to attend RYLA (a leadership training program), and assisting the town with the Fourth of July parade. Rewarding, fun and in some cases, life changers.

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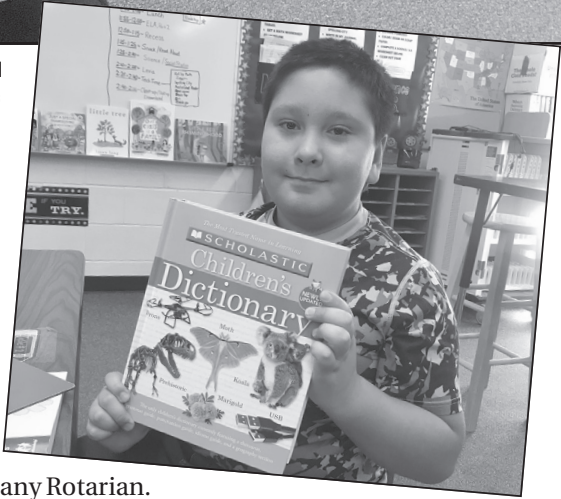
Pagosa Springs Elementary third-grade students show off their new dictionaries courtesy Pagosa Springs Rotary Club. The pandemic couldn't stop Rotary from delivering its annual gift of colorful dictionaries to the students. While Rotarians weren't allowed in the schools due to restrictions, the students still received a gift of words and knowledge.

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In short, Rotary is paramount for supplying manpower and funds for our community and beyond.

Looking toward the new year, Rotary looks forward to continuing

supporting these needed causes. Rotary will gladly accept your donation at P.O. Box 685, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or through any Rotarian. There is a lot to be done in 2021.



Dictionary Cards of Thanks

The following notes of thanks were sent to Pagosa Springs Rotary Club from third-grade students who received dictionaries this year.

The letters are printed unedited, with first names of the students only.

Dear Rotary Club

Thank you for giving our class the educational and entertaining dictionaries. We will learn so many new words and definitions by reading them. Our class is very excited to grow our knowledge and improve our vocabulary. The Rotary Club was so kind and generous to provide us with these dictionaries. We are very thankful for you and your generosity.

Sincerely, The 3rd Grade Class of Mrs. Coleman: Mrs. Coleman, Jose, Aleyia, Gabe, Aliya, Tuff, Dilly, Max, Paisley, Landen, Jemma, Clayton, Ayden, Olivia, Camellia, Kolby, Aidan, Julian, Steven and Maelie

Dear Rotary Club, Thank you for generously giving me a dictionary. I had to look up the word generously in the new dictionary. I do not even know how to spell Colorado till I looked it up, that is because I just moved from Alaska. I just got it and I have used it alot.

I can't wait to learn more about spelling. I love it!

Sincerely, Kinley

Dear Rotary Club Thank you for the Dictionary's. and for every thing you've done and i cant wait to learn with the dictionary.

Sincerely, Cody

Der Rotary Club, Thank you for the dictionary. I really appreciate all you do for our community. I'm excited to look up new words.

Sincerely, Brave

Dear Rotary club,

Thank you so much for the dictionary.

I am so so so excited to learn.

I cant wait to learn new words.

I am doing a animal projeoect about koalas and from the cover I can tell I am going to learn a lot about them.

Sincerely, BayLee

Dear Rotary Club,

Thank you for the dictionary. And I can't wait to look up new words in it. You are the best!

I can't wait to take it home with me.

Thank you! I'm excited.

Sincerely, Madison

Dear Rotary Club,

Thank you for the dictionary.

I'm so excited to see what is in the dictionary.

I can't wait to read the stuff in the dictionary.

You are the best for giving use the dictionary.

I can't wait to learn new thing's in the dictionary.

Like animal's and power tool's and all kind's of thing's.

Sincerely, Carlie

Dear Rotary Club,

Thank you so much for the dictionary. I can't wait to learn so much stuff.

I rely appreciate you giving us the dictionaries.

I'm learning so much stuff I going to be the kide ho know's how to spell everything.

Now when I am home scooling with my dad he doesn't havt to look up how to spell stuff whit his pone.

how about this wen I am eny where and I need help to spell some thing I won't ask an adult I will look in my dictionary I promiss.

Sincerely, Shiloh

Dear Rotary club,

Thank you for the dictionary's! I can't wate to look at new words. You are the best! Thank you so much!

I am so excited! I can't wait to take the dictionary home. I have been looking at new words. I can't for you to see this leter. I really appreciate you giving us the dictionaries. Thank you for what you do for are community.

Sincerely, Pia

Dear Rotary Club

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Pagosa Springs Pirates Mitch Lewis, left, and Dylan Tressler were recently honored for their work on the gridiron this season by being invited to play in the 2021 Colorado High School Coaches Association's all-state football game. The organization calls its all-state games a "capstone event for top senior athletes."

Dictionary Cards of Thanks

Continued from A12

Dear Rotary Club
You are the best club ever. Thank you! I am so excited.

Sincerely, Canaan

Dear Rotary Club
Thank you so much for the dictionary. I hope you have more for the school mis. sikes clas

Liam

Dear Rotary Club,
Thank you guys for the dictionary. I really appreciate that you gave us the 879 dictionary's. You are the best! I'm so excited!

Sincerely, Cooper

Dear Rotary Club,
Thank you so much for the dictionary. I can finally look up the stuff I need to know in the 878 page dictionary. I really appreciate that you gave it to us! You are AMAZING!!! Thank you!

Sincerely, Karlie
Dear Rotary Club

Thank you for giving us a dictionary. Thank you for helping us too! Thank you for helping 3rd graders.

Sofia

Dear Rotary Club,
Thank you for giving us these dictionaries! I already used it like 10 times. It really helps me! You guys are so nice, kind, and sweet. Thank you

Sincerely, Kyleah

Dear Rotary Club
Thank you for the dictionary even though the word is long!! I learned to spell prehistoric, marigold, koala, identical, and rhinoceros. And I just want to say one more time Thank you!!!

Sincerely Avitt

Dear rotary club,
Thank you for giving us dicti-

nary's so we can learn how to spell. Thank you for helping us too! Thank you for helping 3rd graders.

Kooper

Dyer redery club,
Thank you for giving all the dictionaries to all the third grade. I even found the bichsheney for this note. it was so splinded of you to do this for the third grad ...

Will

Dear Rotary club,
Thank you for the Dictionary. I will use it all the time. What buwh you gise duoy?

Your farend, Keyonnah

Dear Rotary Club,
Thank you for everything you have done. Thank you for all the help you guys have done. Thank you for the dictionary. It's so so so so coool.

Thank you for helping families

in need.
(No name given)

Dear rotary club,
Thank you for the Dictionary. I searched up sausage sauna and sawdust. Thank you for helping families in need. You have helped lots of people.

its so cooooooool!!!!

(no name given)

Dear Rotary Club,
Thank you for giving us Dictionaries. Thanks for helping people out. What do you gise do win you are boord?

Neitzey

Dear Rotary Club,
What thening do you gise do when you are dord. do you gise do you play sport.

Jacob

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County commissioners approve 2021 budget

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved the county's 2021 budget at its regular meeting held Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Along with approving the budget, the BoCC also approved resolutions which appropriated sums of money and set the county's mill levy rate for the upcoming fiscal year.

Archuleta County Financial Advisor Larry Walton gave a presentation of budget details to the BoCC in which he highlighted some internal and external influences on the 2021 budget. External influences highlighted in the presentation included the COVID-19 pandemic, purchasing power trends and persistent dry conditions.

Walton explained that the persistent dry conditions are being considered as an external influence on the budget with possibility of a wildfire or other natural disaster having

an influence on sales tax revenues within the county.

Although sales tax revenues have been up throughout the year even with the pandemic, Walton noted he expects that sales tax revenues will remain flat through 2021.

Walton also mentioned that Archuleta County may be home to many "COVID refugees." With many people owning second homes and vacation homes in the county, Walton explained he suspects that people who may have chosen to stay in Archuleta County during the pandemic might end up leaving after a while, which will cause a drop in sales tax revenues.

"In an abundance of caution, we budgeted it flat," Walton said.

Walton discussed two internal strategic considerations listed in his presentation, which included the strategic reserve funding used for the new Harman Park Courthouse Facility and limiting departmental growth.

The strategic reserve fund bal-

ance is listed at a zero dollars for the 2021 budget, due to approximately \$4.2 million being reassigned to cover the cost of the new Harman Park Courthouse Facility.

Walton commented, "I usually make a big deal about preserving these reserves, but in fact they exist specifically to enable stable service delivery and if you never use them, they don't enable you to ever to do anything."

According to the presentation, the county was very selective with growth allowed in staffing, but did factor in a 2 percent increase in cost of living for current employees.

Of the 14.5 full-time equivalents (FTEs) requested throughout the county's departments 6.5 FTEs were approved.

Four new full-time detention officers were approved in the budget, along with one new part-time kitchen assistant. Along with adding 4.5 new FTEs, other operational costs were approved for the detention fund, which results in an additional

net cost of \$341,648. This is about 21 percent higher than the 2020 budget for the detention fund.

The additional cost of the four new detention officers totals \$275,152 and the additional cost of the part-time kitchen assistant is listed at \$21,610. Next year will be the first full year of operating the new detention facility.

According to the presentation, other selective growth for staffing was also allowed in the county's Dispatch Fund and the solid waste fund. Dispatch was approved for one new FTE at a cost of \$66,439. Solid waste was also approved for one new FTE, at an additional cost of \$66,525. The total additional cost for all new employee positions is listed at \$425,726. Other selective growth was allowed in the dispatch department for replacing and upgrading equipment in order to meet technical standards, according to the presentation.

Walton noted that more than \$240,000 in excess revenue from the 911 surcharge rate is reflected in the budget, which will cover the cost of replacing and upgrading equipment.

Walton then spoke about the county's capital outlay expense policy and that it focuses on replacement or maintenance of preexisting assets and not the procurement of entirely new costs.

He noted that the new Harman Park Courthouse Facility is considered a replacement of an existing asset.

Walton also explained that the county has to comply with certain state statutes when developing a budget. The budget must be balanced, meaning that expenses are

not higher than revenues and appropriated fund balances.

The county did not take on any new funding categories for the 2021 budget as expenses are split between 11 different funds. These funds include the general fund, road and bridge, Department of Human Services, the 1A fund, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch, the Conservation Trust Fund, justice system capital improvements, the Fairfield settlement, fleet, airport and solid waste.

Modifications of property tax allocation were also made from the 2020 budget. For the 2021 budget, 95 percent of property tax allocation will go toward the general fund and 5 percent will go to the Department of Human Services fund, with nothing being allocated to the road and bridge fund.

Walton explained that, with an increase of \$868,000 in the budget for road projects, if all the money allocated for the fund is spent it will be a record year for road and bridge expenditures, despite none of the property tax being allocated to the fund.

Total revenues for the 2021 budget are listed at \$36,901,341 and total expenditures are listed at \$45,685,874. Total expenditures are up 18.9 percent, or \$7,276,770, from the 2020 budget.

After the budget was approved and sums of money were appropriated, the BoCC approved the county's mill levy rate at 18.223 mills.

The 2021 budget presentation can be found online on the county's website, www.archuletacounty.org.
clayton@pagosasun.com

EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

Spice up your winter beverage with mulling spices

By Robin Young
SUN Columnist

Mulling spices have been around since the second century, when the Romans began spicing and heating their wine. They traveled through Europe spreading their love for mulled wine. Later in time, people used the infused heated beverages to stay warm during harsh winters. It adapted its way into cultures as it became popular in harvest drinking rituals and celebrations.

Today, mulling spices are most commonly used to make a cozy, festive, favorite winter beverage. These spices are often added to teas, ciders and red wine, and they may also have additional health benefits.

Common mulling spices include:

- Cinnamon — may be an anti-inflammatory and aid with glycemic control.

- Nutmeg — may be an analgesic and antioxidant, support cell metabolism and help lower LDL levels.

- Allspice — may be antimicrobial, an analgesic and lower blood pressure. Extracts of allspice have demonstrated anti-tumor properties in cells. It is also used in alternative medicine as a treatment for gastrointestinal (GI) issues.

- Cloves — clove oil is an analgesic and exhibits potent antimicrobial activity. Some research suggests that clove extracts may help reduce stress, inhibit tumor growth and prevent cell death.

- Star anise — boasts antimicrobial properties. Early research suggests it may have some benefit for obesity and blood triglyceride levels. It is known in some cultures for its ability to relieve gas and bloating.

- Ginger — alleviates nausea and may be anti-inflammatory, anti-hypertensive and aid with osteoarthritis. Some research also suggests it may help with migraines, dizziness and menstrual cramps.

- Cardamom — may aid with symptoms of gas, intestinal spasms, upset stomach and other GI issues.

- Peppercorn — may help with gas and exhibit anti-inflammatory and weight-loss benefits.

- Orange peel — may be useful for preventing high blood pressure and stroke.

Mulling Spice Recipe

- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 2 whole cloves
- 3 whole allspice berries
- 3 star anise pods
- 2 teaspoons dried orange zest

Gather the ingredients in a tea bag, coffee filter or cheesecloth. Gather the edges and secure closed with toothpicks, rubber band, paperclip or a knot. Add to the beverage of your choice and heat. Enjoy with family or friends, or a good self-indulgence. Happy holidays.

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Dictionary Cards of Thanks

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your friend Kiana
Dear Rotary Club,

Thank you for the dictionary. I have already started looking stuff up. I love my dictionary. Thank you for getting us dictionaries with pictures. The dictionary is the best now I no how to spell some words

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Asher

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Esperanza

Dear Rotary Club,
thank you for Dictionary. I am

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Callie

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Public Notices

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Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
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Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.
Barbara L Betz Trustee of the Barbara L Betz Trust Dated September 5, 1991, et al.
Defendants
Case No.: 2020CV30080
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Christopher B. Conley
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC
700 South 21st Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814
Email: chris@jlegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):
Barbara L Betz, Trustee of the Barbara L Betz Trust Dated September 5, 1991

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Norma Weldon
Richard M Giles
Elizabeth Anding
Seville Sensenbath
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Kathleen Autry
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Helen Ann Garner
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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Masters Place Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc. Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901. Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: December 3, 2020 Last Publication: December 31, 2020 /s/ Christopher B. Conley
Christopher B. Conley
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC
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Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel: 970.264.2400
Village Pointe Property
Owner's Association, Inc.,
Plaintiff
v.
James T Umbarger, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2020CV30018
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF
TIMESHARE INTEREST
AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM
Sheriff Sale 2020-11

This is to advise you that a Sheriff's sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order recorded on January 6, 1989, and C.R.S. § 38-38-101. This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983 in Book 200, page 834. Reception No. 160495, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered July 9, 2020, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof
Owner(s):
PAGOSA TIMESHARE LLC
PHILLIP A THOMPSON
JOHN H ODELL
KATHRYN M ODELL
LYNN ROGER YOUNG III
DANIEL GOLDBERG
ABBY GOLDBERG
ADAM CHRISTOPHER HEAPHY
T & T TRANSPORTS INC
Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Association Assessments Due to: Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

HEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 1 o'clock P.M., on Friday, January 29, 2021, Sale Number: 2020-11 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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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.

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The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:

Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for Archuleta County, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed October 28, 2020, Rich Valdez, Sheriff
Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Lorena Medina
Lorena Medina, Office Manager
Exhibit A

Village Pointe Condominiums PHASE I
Matter Amount
Property Owner: PAGOSA TIMESHARE LLC
Unit Number: 7507
Building Number: 2
Unit Week Number: 7
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68
Interest: \$182.60
Late Fees: \$50.00
Costs: \$307.09
Attorney's Fee: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,669.37

Property Owner: PHILLIP A THOMPSON
Unit Number: 7502
Building Number: 1
Unit Week Number: 50
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68
Interest: \$182.60
Late Fees: \$50.00
Costs: \$307.09
Attorney's Fee: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,669.37
Property Owner: JOHN H ODELL and KATHRYN M ODELL
Unit Number: 7503
Building Number: 1
Unit Week Number: 7
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68
Interest: \$182.60
Late Fees: \$50.00
Costs: \$307.09
Attorney's Fee: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,669.37

in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, that property on which is located two (2) two-story buildings containing four units per building, which are designated, respectively, as Building 1, Units 7501, 7502, 7503 and 7504; and Building 2, Units 7505, 7506, 7507, and 7508 as per Plat File No. 331 A-E, Reception No. 0168713, and which are subject to that certain Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership dated December 30, 1988, recorded January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 0160495, Book 239, Page 2 and Second Amendment to Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums recorded January 16, 1990, at Reception No. 0168714, Book 280, Page 213, with the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, at such time as the final as-built plat has been recorded. Together with a vested remainder in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Village Pointe Condominiums PHASE II
Matter Amount
Property Owner: LYNN ROGER YOUNG III
Unit Number: 7514
Building Number: 4
Unit Week Number: 42
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68
Interest: \$198.18
Late Fees: \$50.00
Costs: \$307.09
Attorney's Fee: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,684.95

in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase II recorded in Plat File No. 332-322A-E, under Reception No. 171189 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to the First Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase II recorded May 3, 1990, Reception No. 171190, Book 292, Page 242, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. The property has located upon it two buildings described as Building 3, containing four units designated, respectively, as Units 7509, 7510, 7511 and 7512; and Building 4 contains four units designated, respectively, as Units 7513, 7514, 7515, 7516.

Together with a vested remainder in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Village Pointe Condominiums PHASE III
Matter Amount
Property Owner: DANIEL GOLDBERG and ABBY GOLDBERG
Unit Number: 7521
Building Number: 5
Unit Week Number: 10
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68
Interest: \$182.60
Late Fees: \$50.00
Costs: \$307.09
Attorney's Fee: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,669.37

Property Owner: ADAM CHRISTOPHER HEAPHY
Unit Number: 7520
Building Number: 5
Unit Week Number: 21
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68
Interest: \$182.60
Late Fees: \$50.00
Costs: \$307.09
Attorney's Fee: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,669.37

Property Owner: T & T TRANSPORTS INC
Unit Number: 7530
Building Number: 6
Unit Week Number: 41
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,129.68
Interest: \$182.60
Late Fees: \$50.00
Costs: \$307.09
Attorney's Fee: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,669.37

in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase III as recorded in Plat File No. 238A-F under Reception No. 179324 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration and Third Amendment to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase III recorded November 21, 1990, Reception No.

See Public Notices A15

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176323, Book 315, Page 350. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel. 970.264.2400

Eagle's Loft Property Owner's Association, Inc., Plaintiff

Karl Stauffer, et al Defendants

Case No.: 2019CV30095 COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

Sheriff Sale No. 2020-12

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered June 30, 2020, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s): Karl Stauffer

Fabiana Stauffer Kenneth Salleh Mary E Sallee

Charles E Rousenberg Jr. Walter Edward Randolph Scott Latoya Miete Bullman

Margaret E James, Trustee of the James Living Trust Agreement dated April 14, 1994

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.

Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

Association Assessments Due to: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.

Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"

Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

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The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

HEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 2 o'clock P.M., on the Friday, January 29, 2021, Sale Number 2020-12 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed October 28, 2020, Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado

By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager Exhibit A

Phase I of Eagle's Loft Matter Amount

Property Owner: Karl Stauffer And Fabiana Stauffer Building Number: 1

Lot (Unit) Number: 1

Unpaid Asmts: \$4,245.69

Interest: \$1,557.10

Late Fees: \$100.00

Costs: \$456.78

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$7,359.57

Property Owner: Kenneth Sallee And Mary E Sallee Building Number: 1

Lot (Unit) Number: 1

Unpaid Asmts: \$2,567.42

Interest: \$398.36

Late Fees: \$25.00

Costs: \$456.78

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$4,447.56

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Phase II of Eagle's Loft Matter Amount

Property Owner: Charles E Rousenberg Jr Building Number: 10

Lot (Unit) Number: 10

Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00

Interest: \$263.37

Late Fees: \$50.00

Costs: \$350.77

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$4,263.07

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Phase III of Eagle's Loft Matter Amount

Property Owner: Suzanne Quintana A/K/A Sanford Building Number: 3

Unit Week Number: 3

Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93

Interest: \$263.37

Late Fees: \$50.00

Costs: \$350.77

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$4,357.82

in Phase III of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 130203 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 13, 1984, Reception No. 124494, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").

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Phase IV of Eagle's Loft Matter Amount

Property Owner: MARGARET E JAMES, TRUSTEE of the JAMES LIVING TRUST under Agreement dated April 14, 1994 Building Number: 46

Lot (Unit) Number: 46

Unpaid Asmts: \$2,635.69

Interest: \$420.02

Late Fees: \$25.00

Costs: \$456.78

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$4,537.49

in Phase IV of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 132403 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").

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Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Unpaid Assessments: \$2,635.69

Interest: \$420.02

Late Fees: \$25.00

Costs: \$456.78

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$4,537.49

Phase III of Eagle's Loft Matter Amount

Property Owner: Walter Edward Randolph Scott And Latoya Miete Bullman Building Number: 28

Lot (Unit) Number: 28

Unpaid Assessments: \$2,499.15

Interest: \$376.89

Late Fees: \$25.00

Costs: \$456.78

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$4,357.82

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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel. 970.264.2400

Plarmigan Property Owner's Association, Inc., Plaintiff

Suzanne Quintana A/K/A Sanford, et al Defendants

Case No.: 2020CV30008 COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

Sheriff Sale No. 2020-10

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No. 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered June 30, 2020, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s): Suzzne Quintana A/K/A Sanford

McQuiddy Communications and Energy, Inc. Ross G Durbin

Blowers Wholesale Products, LLC Nustret Hajrulla

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Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No. 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Plarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc.

Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

Association Assessments Due to: Plarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc.

Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"

Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.

The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

HEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 11 o'clock A.M., on Friday, January 29, 2021, Sale Number 2020-10 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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THE NAME, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:

Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for Archuleta County, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed October 28, 2020, Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado

By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager Exhibit A

Phase I of Eagle's Loft Matter Amount

Property Owner: Karl Stauffer And Fabiana Stauffer Building Number: 1

Lot (Unit) Number: 1

Unpaid Asmts: \$4,245.69

Interest: \$1,557.10

Late Fees: \$100.00

Costs: \$456.78

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Unit Week Number: 3

Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93

Interest: \$263.37

Late Fees: \$50.00



Photo courtesy Guiseppe Margiotta

Members of the Knights of Columbus Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 7560 celebrated their 10th year of setting up the nativity scene in Town Park Dec. 5. Father Kenny Udumka blessed the nativity scene as it was being lit and parishioners sang Christmas carols led by Bill Norton. The nativity scene is lit at night and the council invites the public to stop by and reflect on "Keeping Christ in Christmas."

Thanks

PLPOA

PLPOA would like to give a massive thanks to Mike Le Roux and his crew with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Department for making Santa's entrance to Pagosa Lakes possible and amazing. Other behind-the-scenes key players that we would like to thank are Britt Brzoza, Zoe Bell, the Lewis Family and our very own Santa — Keith Cramer. Thank you event volunteers: River Pitcher, Cameron Lucero, Makenzie Wedemeyer, Samaya Dunn de Pulido and Ryan Slingerland. Last, but not least, for the endless hours and night of prep, I thank PLPOA staff: Allen Roth, Rick Starr, Joseph Rivas, Candace Selk Barnes and Larry Lynch.

Jenifer Pitcher, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association community lifestyle and communications director



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Winners of the 2020 Residential Lighting Contest were announced this week. First place went to the Lewis residence, 240 Paciente Place. A list of all participants is in this week's PREVIEW section.



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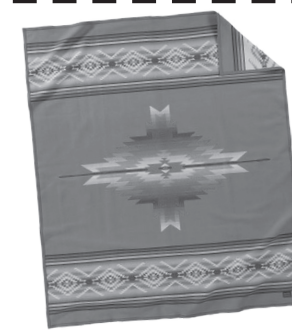
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From one kitchen to another: Readers share family recipes

Candy Cane Coffee Cakes

Submitted by Linda Rizzoto Manley. Sent in by Dawn Marie Olson.

2 packages active dry yeast
2 teaspoons baking power
1/2 cup warm water
2 teaspoons salt
1 1/4 cup buttermilk
5 1/2 to 6 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups chopped dried apricots

1/2 cup margarine or butter
2 eggs
1 1/2 cup chopped, drained maraschino cherries

1 jar apricot jam or jelly
Dissolve yeast in warm water in large mixer bowl. Add buttermilk, sugar, margarine, eggs, baking powder, salt and 2 1/2 cups of the flour. Beat on low speed, scraping bowl constantly, 30 seconds. Beat on medium speed, scraping bowl occasionally, 2 minutes. Stir in enough remaining flour to make dough easy to handle. Dough will be soft and slightly sticky.

Turn dough onto well-floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes. Let dough rise about 1 hour. Divide into three equal parts. Roll each part into rectangle, 15x6 inches. Place on greased cookie sheet. Make 2 inch cuts on 15-inch sides of rectangles at 1/2 inch intervals. Mix apricots and cherries.

Spread jam onto surface of dough lengthwise down center and then add cherries and apricots. Crisscross strips over fruit mixture. Stretch each rectangle to 22 inches, curve to form cane. Cover; let rise in warm place until double, about 1 hour.

Heat oven to 375 F. Bake until golden brown, 18 to 20 minutes.

Glaze (drizzle on cakes when still warm)

Mix 2 cups powdered sugar, 1/4 cube butter or margarine and 2 tablespoons milk until smooth and desired consistency. Add 1 teaspoon almond extract.

Decorate with cherry halves or pieces if desired.

Mama Stamberg's Cranberry Relish

Submitted by Lisa Scott.

This is a recipe we got from NPR. We love it so much, it's become a family tradition. For those that like cranberry and the tang of horseradish, this is a great accompaniment for the holiday dinner. It goes with any meat and is fabulous on a sandwich.

2 cups whole, raw cranberries, washed

1 small onion
3/4 cup sour cream
1/2 cup sugar

2 tablespoons horseradish from a jar ("red is a bit milder than white")

Grind the raw berries and onion together. ("I use an old-fashioned meat grinder," said Stamberg. "I'm sure there's a setting on the food processor that will give you a chunky grind — not a puree.")

Add everything else and mix. Put in a plastic container and freeze.

Early Thanksgiving morning, move it from freezer to refrigerator compartment to thaw. ("It should still have some little icy slivers left.")

The relish will be thick, creamy and shocking pink. ("OK, Pepto Bismol pink. It has a tangy taste that cuts through and perks up the turkey and gravy. It's also good on next-day turkey sandwiches and with roast beef.")

Makes 1 1/2 pints.

Ma's Cinnamon Rolls

Submitted by Kim Bristow.

My grandmother, Betty Warner,

grew up dirt poor in Gene Autry, Okla. When I was a kid, she was a school cafeteria cook. She and her co-workers could transform government commodities into delicious, filling meals from scratch for hundreds of kids. My favorite baked good from her kitchen at school and at home would be, hands down, her cinnamon rolls. These haven't been adjusted for altitude, but I've made them dozens of times in Pagosa and they always turn out delicious.

Dough

4 1/2-5 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup sugar
2 packages rapid-rise yeast
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups water
6 tablespoons butter
1 egg (room temperature)

Filling

1/3 cup white sugar
2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3 tablespoon butter, soft
Icing
2 1/2 cups powdered sugar
2 tablespoons butter
2-3 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine 2 cups flour with the sugar, dry yeast and salt until blended. Melt butter in the water, add to the flour mixture, add egg and beat for 2 minutes.

Add the remaining 2 1/2-3 cups of flour, beat for 2 more minutes until a ball forms. Knead on a floured surface. Cover and let rest for 10 minutes.

While dough is resting, combine sugar and cinnamon, set aside.

Roll dough into 15x10 rectangle.

■ See Recipes on next page



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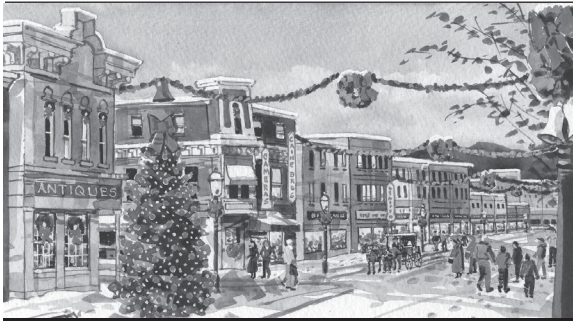
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Spread soft butter on dough and sprinkle on the cinnamon and sugar filling. Roll the dough tightly and pinch the edge of the dough onto the roll to create a seal.

Cut into 12 equal pieces and place pieces equally separated on a greased half-sheet baking pan. Let rise until doubled (at least an hour). Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Let cool for a couple of minutes while you mix the icing. If you want a thicker icing, add less milk. Spoon icing in the middle of each roll (or drizzle if you like thin icing).

Poppy Seed Chicken Casserole

From the Everett family kitchens.

4 chicken breasts or a rotisserie chicken (cooked and cut up into bite-size pieces or shredded)

1 26-ounce can cream of chicken soup

1 16-ounce carton of sour cream
1/3 can of water (in your soup can)

40 Ritz crackers, crushed
2 tablespoons poppy seeds
1/2 cup butter or margarine

Desired seasonings: pepper, salt, garlic, onion powder, chili powder or whatever else you think would be good

shredded cheese (optional)
diced green chile (optional)

Mix cream of chicken soup, sour cream, water (add liquid until you reach desired consistency) and any optional ingredients with chicken and pour in 9x13 baking dish. Melt and pour butter or margarine over the crackers and add poppy seeds (this is a topping). Spread topping over chicken. Top with shredded cheese if desired.

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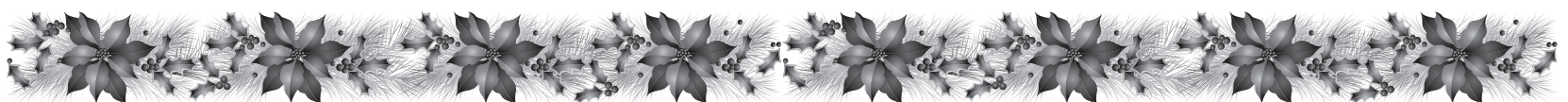
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By Nancy Rea
Salvation Army

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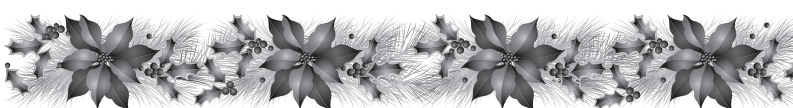
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Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By Paulette Heber
Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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

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

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, Dec. 20, our theme is knowledge.

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

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

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sistance. The volunteers you see bell ringing provide you an opportunity to generously give so folks in need can receive a helping hand from Salvation Army. Please give the bell ringers a wave and drop a donation in the kettle.

To anyone who has ever made a contribution, thank you for partnering with Salvation Army. Working together, using your generous donations, lives are being impacted in our community. The needs are many this year. In case you haven't had the opportunity to drop a donation in the kettle, would you please consider mailing a check to: Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1567, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at the red kettle, please call Nancy Rea at 946-2499. Merry Christmas and thank you.

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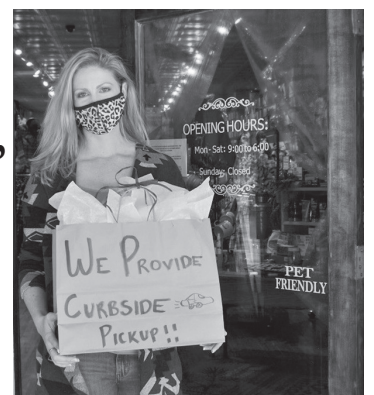
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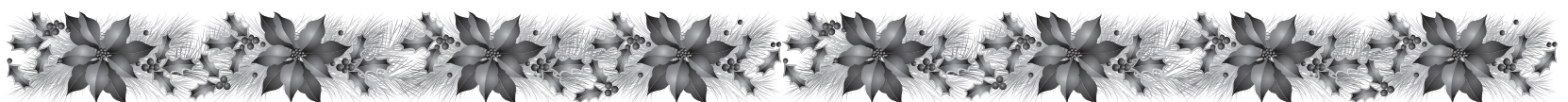
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Christmas tree facts

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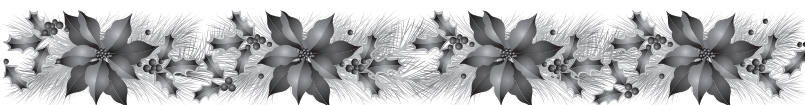
One of the most recognizable symbols of the holiday season, Christmas trees can be seen in private homes, public spaces and many prominent locations beginning each December. Christmas trees come in all shapes and sizes, and families may prefer certain types of trees, including aromas, needle types and fullness.

Christmas trees have a diverse history. The following are some facts about Christmas trees that holiday celebrants may or may not be familiar with:

- Many harvested Christmas trees do not grow in the wild, but are raised on farms. Christmas trees are an agricultural product.

- Roughly 1 million acres are dedicated to tree farming.

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- Approximately 25 million to 30 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States every year.
- The top Christmas tree-producing states are Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Washington.
- It can take as many as 15 years for a tree to grow to the typical height required of a Christmas tree.
- Every state in the United States grows Christmas trees.
- Germans are credited with bringing the first Christmas trees into the home and decorating them in the spirit of Christmas. The first recorded reference to the Christmas tree dates back to the 16th century.
- Tree farms are beneficial to the environment because they reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the air and help counter global warming.
- The most common Christmas tree species are balsam fir, Douglas-fir, Fraser fir, noble fir, Scotch pine, Virginia pine and white pine.
- Christmas trees can be recycled into mulch.

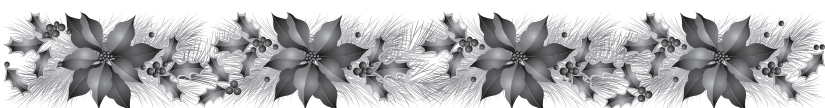
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Holiday Church Events



All events listed in December Church Events Calendar are free of charge. Submit events to editor@pagosasun.com.

Sunday, Dec. 20

Vespers at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. 5 p.m. Online. The theme for this evening's service is joy. This ecumenical service features scriptures, readings, poetry and traditional music designed to bring comfort and joy to your holiday season. Join the livestream by visiting www.stpatrickspagosa.org or view anytime after the event on the church's YouTube channel. All are welcome.

Interdenominational Candlelight Service. 6 p.m., New Thought Center for Inspirational Living, 3505 W. U.S. 160. Participants are welcome to bring a potluck dish. For more information, call (970) 309-6067.

Thursday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Mass. 4 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Christmas songs will be sung half an hour before Mass. Reservations need to be made; call the Parish Office to reserve your place. Streaming will be available. For more information,

call 731-5744.

Christmas Eve Service. 4 p.m. Pagosa Bible Church. Online only. The PBC Brass and the Noel a cappella vocal quartet will be performing. Go to www.pagosabiblechurch.org. For more information, call 731-3120.

Christmas Eve Service. 5 p.m. A Zoom Christmas Eve service of worship and special music. You'll find the livestreaming service at www.stpatrickspagosa.org. For more information, call 731-5801.

Christmas Eve Mass. 8 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 445 Lewis St. Christmas songs will be sung half an hour before Mass. Reservations need to be made; call the Parish Office to reserve your place. Streaming will be available. For more information, call 731-5744.

Friday, Dec. 25

Christmas Day Mass. 9 a.m., John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. The Nativity of the Lord. PCC Family Mass. Reservations need to be made; call the Parish Office to reserve your place. Streaming will be available. For more information, call 731-5744.

Christmas Day Service. 10 a.m. A

Zoom Christmas service of lessons and carols featuring members of the congregation reading beloved scripture passages and joining in to sing favorite Christmas carols. You'll find the livestreaming service at www.stpatrickspagosa.org. For more information, call 731-5801.

Thursday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Mass. 5 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Reservations need to be made; call the Parish Office to reserve your place. Streaming will be available. For more information, call 731-5744.

Burning Bowl Ceremony. 6 p.m., New Thought Center for Inspirational Living, 3505 W. U.S. 160. All are welcome to participate to let go of the old and welcome in the new for the coming year. Potluck to follow.

Wednesday, Jan. 1

New Year's Day Mass. 9 a.m., John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Reservations need to be made; call the Parish Office to reserve your place. Streaming will be available. For more information, call 731-5744.

New Thought plans candlelight service

By Lisa Burnson
New Thought Center
for Inspirational Living

"As light overcomes the darkness, so the radiant presence of Love and Peace dissipates fear, hate, and confusion." — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center this Sunday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. for our Interdenominational Candlelight Service. There will be no morning service on this date. Participants are invited to bring a potluck dish.

Our sanctuary is sanitized and set up for social distancing.

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Upcoming events

Meditation Circle is held each Wednesday at 6 p.m. (weather permitting). All are welcome.

Band practice is every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join our band. Please text Bruce at 507-0739 to join or for band information.

Thursday, Dec. 31, 6 p.m. New Year Burning Bowl ceremony. Release the old and welcome in the new. Participants are welcome to bring a potluck dish.

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The New Thought Center has a large library of inspirational and spiritual books. To borrow or donate a book, please come to the New Thought Center prior to Sunday service or Meditation Circle.

About us

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

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

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St. Patrick's offering live worship and special programs during December

By Sarah Riehm
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church has been busy decorating the building and the sanctuary in preparation for Christmas guests. The centerpiece of the sanctuary is the beautiful Chrismon tree, decorated lovingly by members of the church's Altar Guild.

The Chrismon tree tradition began in 1957 in a Lutheran church in Virginia and has become a popular Christmas tradition in churches of many denominations. The word "Chrismon" is a combination of the words CHRISTmas and MONogram. Each of the Chrismon ornaments represents symbols of the Christian faith, from the sign of the fish to the Chi Rho monogram — the first letters in the Greek word for Christ.

"The Chrismons on our tree are a very special part of our Christmas tradition here at St. Patrick's," said Lynne McCrudden, head of the church's Altar Guild. "They were handmade by a cherished and dedicated member of our congregation, Linda Warren, who passed away in 2015. This lovely Chrismon tree first appeared in our sanctuary in 2012 and we hope to continue Linda's tradition long into the future."

"This year, worship during the Advent and Christmas season is quite different," said the Rev. Lyn Burns, who serves as interim rector. "Our sanctuary is closed, but we still offer our regular 10 a.m. service of worship via livestreaming through the church's website."

You'll find the livestreaming service at www.stpatrickspagosa.org, by clicking the WORSHIP tab on the top. That page also includes links to prior worship services as well, so if you miss the 10 a.m. service, you can watch it any time later. Sunday morning worship offers the traditional Episcopal Rites of Worship, as well as music of the season played on the organ by Music Director Sarah Riehm.

St. Patrick's will also offer a traditional Christmas Eve service of worship and special music at 5 p.m. on Dec. 24. A Zoom Christmas service of lessons and carols will be broadcast at 10 a.m. Christmas morning, featuring members of the congregation reading beloved scripture passages and joining in to sing favorite Christmas carols.

"This year, we are offering something new to the community: a 5 p.m. Candlelight Vespers service," Burns said. "We think of this as our Christmas card to the community. The service is an ecumenical, community-friendly service of poems, prayers, scripture and music designed to refresh the spirit and bring peace to the soul."



Photo courtesy Sarah Riehm

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church's Chrismon tree is pictured with, left to right, the Rev. Lyn Burns; Nancy Crouse, senior warden; Lynne McCrudden, head of the Altar Guild; and Wendy McAllister, head of the Food Pantry.

So many people are facing extraordinary challenges this season, so we wanted to be a source of comfort and joy for our community."

According to Riehm, "We know many people miss our Unplugged series that used to be offered monthly. Until we can meet again

in the sanctuary, we hope these Vespers services will serve in a similar way, as a place of spiritual retreat and renewal. I hope you will join us on Dec. 20."

Vespers services are available live or through the church's YouTube channel. **See Worship on next page**



Photo courtesy Sarah Riehm

Dr. Todd Holman staffing the new broadcast booth at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

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Worship

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Tube channel — see the links in the earlier paragraph.

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"Once we realized that COVID closures would be with us for several months, we needed to find a way to reach our members, many of whom are part-time residents scattered across the country," he said. "Now, members near and far can continue their cherished worship traditions. We also hope to be a resource for anyone longing to experience a worship service, as most in-person options are not currently available."

Holman is joined by a dedicated A/V crew: Dr. Sam Pittmon, Heidi Tanner and Bill Crouse.

During December, St. Pat's Food Pantry crew has been unusually busy preparing food boxes for the community. Wendy McAllister, head of a group of dedicated volunteers, said that the need is especially great this year.

"Our community is facing significant challenges due to COVID. We are giving out about 35-40 food boxes per week. Starting next week, we will distribute Christmas-themed boxes to bring an extra measure of joy to those in need. We provide food boxes to anyone who shows up," said McAllister. "If you or your family needs food, please stop by our pantry on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon. If you need a food box delivered, our transportation network will see that you receive a box."

She added, "St. Patrick's Food Pantry is of part the Archuleta County Food Coalition as well. There are six food pantries in the network who work closely together to support each other and our

community. At least one of the six food pantries is open each day of the week to ensure access to food for those in need."

To allow our volunteers time to enjoy this Christmas season, we will be open one day per week the last two weeks of December. Distribution will be on Wednesday, Dec. 23, and Thursday, Dec. 31, from 10 a.m. to noon. Call the church office at 731-5801 for additional information. If no one answers, leave a message and someone will get back to you promptly. St. Patrick's Food Pantry is located in the Parish Hall north of the church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

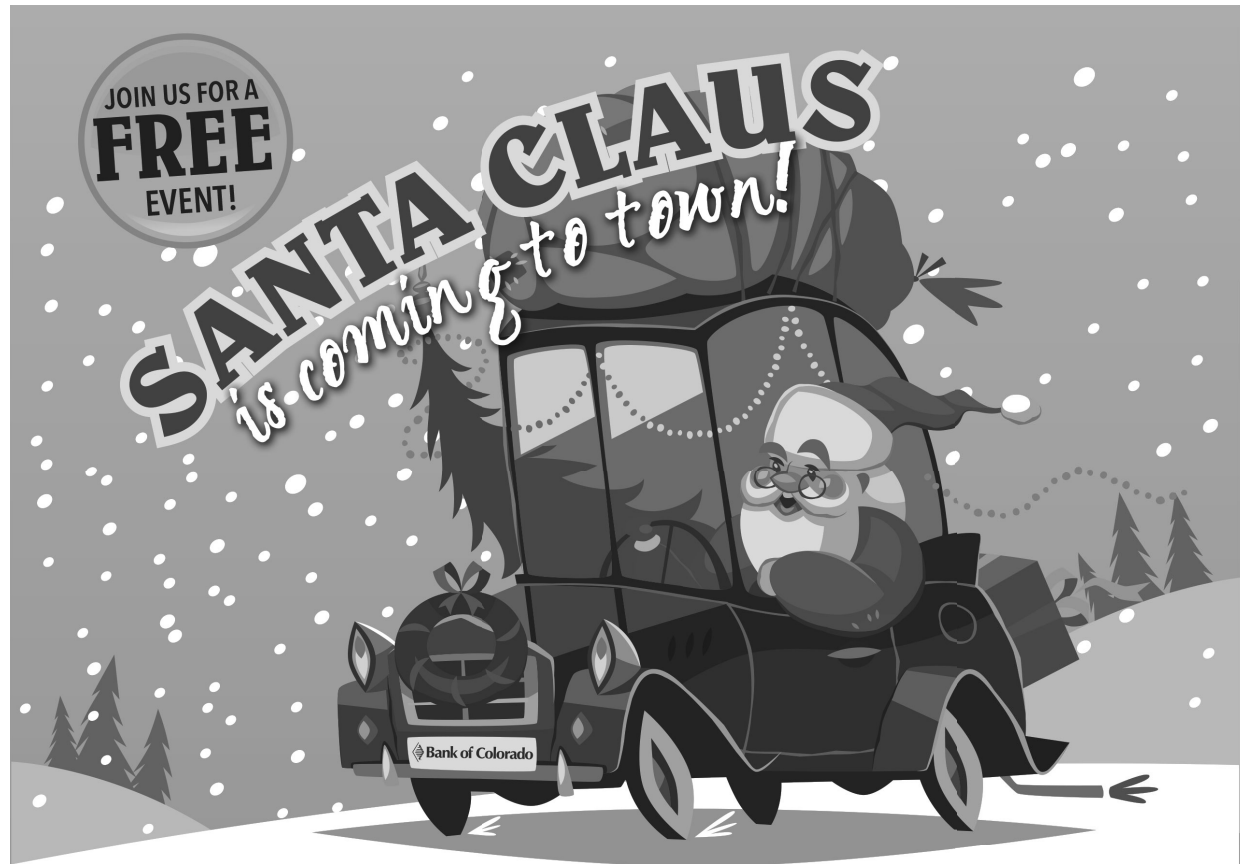
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If you feel moved to contribute shelf-stable dried or canned goods to St. Patrick's or any of the food pantries of Archuleta County, collection boxes are located at the UPS Store or at Pagosa Brewing and Grill. Financial donations are also gratefully accepted.

"I welcome everyone in the community to join us for worship online, either our regular Sunday Service, Vespers or the beautiful Christmas Eve Service," said Nancy Crouse, St. Patrick's senior warden. "In these extraordinary times, I believe that by focusing on the real reason for the Christmas season, peace and hope can be found."

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Members of the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, along with St. Nicholas, gathered, made and delivered various items for residents of Homelake. Items included blankets, quilts, holiday greetings and more.

Holiday goodies delivered to veterans home at Homelake

By Linda Hobbs
Sarah Platt Decker Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

Members of the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, along with St. Nicholas, gathered, made and delivered various items for residents of Homelake.

The members made 33 homemade lap blankets and quilts, and coordinated with schools to pre-

pare 90 holiday greetings by school children from Pagosa Peak Open School and the eighth-grade class at Pagosa Springs Middle School.

Additionally, the members donated two large American flags, blank greeting and note cards, postage stamps, gift wrapping and various art supplies, monthly calendars, periodicals and various other items. All donations will be used for holiday distribution and to add to the activity closet at Homelake.

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Preview Calendar

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

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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. 18

HER Story. 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. In-person meetings have been postponed due to COVID-19. If you are interested in a virtual option, email us at contactus@riseaboveviolence.org.

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. 19

Weminuche Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. Volunteers will count and record all of the birds that they see within one of eight zones in Pagosa Springs. If you live within the count circle and prefer to participate by counting birds at your feeders, you can do so from the comfort of your home. We will provide forms and instructions. Following protocols, we will not be carpooling. All in-person gatherings will be done outside with masks and social distancing. For more information and to sign up as a volunteer, email weminuche.audubon@gmail.com.

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, Dec. 21

Writing Challenge. Facebook. For all ages. Calling all writers: Challenge your creativity. Challenge details will be posted on the library's Facebook page. New challenges posted. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Pagosa Peak Open School Food Pantry. 4-7 p.m., Pagosa Peak Open School, 7 Parelli Way. This after-hours food pantry will provide food boxes through a drive-through service. Please note that this is a pilot program to determine the needs for our community in an after-hour service.

Tuesday, Dec. 22

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

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Wednesday, Dec. 23

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.

Saturday, Dec. 26

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, Dec. 28

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Wednesday, Dec. 30

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“And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.”

Luke 1:30-31

Mary faced an angel. The angel said to her “Do not be afraid” of me or what is going to happen. Joseph, the shepherds in a field, and Zechariah were also told “Do not be afraid” when angels appeared and told them what was happening or coming. The birth of the Savior was imminent. Ultimately he would die to take away sin and rise to show we can live again.

Before He went back to heaven He told His disciples “I am with you always to the end of the age.” Joseph was told to name the newborn son Immanuel which means “God with us.” He still is.

“Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful.” John 4:27

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Long-term care outbreaks increase and a consolidated comparison website

By Kay Kaylor
PREVIEW Columnist

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

An increase in COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care is occurring in Colorado and a few of the region's care facilities have had outbreaks for the first time starting in November. Families and friends must feel helpless about protecting

Area Agency on Aging

their loved ones. One of the standard procedures in an outbreak involves direct help from both the state and local health departments, which work with the facility staff to prevent further spread and to arrange care practices.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that facilities should have a plan to regularly communicate with residents, family members and health care personnel.

As noted on its website, "Communications should include information describing the current situation, plans for limiting spread within the facility and recommended actions they can take to protect themselves and others."

Given the difficulties during such emergencies, concerned families and representatives might need to advocate for communication, although privacy laws restrict giving some details. Suggested means of facility communication include electronic meetings, regular emails, daily messages left on a phone line and frequent updates posted on websites. A contact person should be designated. The state health department also has provided a staffing resource for facilities that need extra help or to temporarily replace staff who are ill.

Care compare replaces eight health care websites

Starting Dec. 1, Medicare created a new website, medicare.gov/
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Winners of the 2020 Holiday Lighting Contest announced

By Jennifer Green
Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board

The Pagosa Springs area has been bright with holiday cheer this season.

The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board, The Pagosa Springs SUN and La Plata Electric Association are pleased to announce the winners of the 2020 holiday lighting contest. We want to thank all of the participants; everyone did an amazing job and our judges had an extremely difficult time choosing.

The winners of the Business Lighting Contest are the following: First place, Neon Mallard; second place, Four Corners Hydroponics; and third place, Two Old Crows.

The winners of the Residential Lighting Contest: First place, Lewis residence, 240 Paciente Place; second place, Bush residence, 601 Stevens Circle; and third place, Losee residence, 732 Cloud Cap Avenue.

Thanks again to all of the participants. We are already looking forward to next year's contest.

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3	4500 US-160
4	240 Paciente Dr
5	732 Cloud Cap Ave
6	226 Wilderness Dr
7	601 Stevens Cir
8	301 Bonanza Ave
9	185 Brook Dr
10	52 Oakwood Cir
11	44 Haystack Cir

Business contest

1	157 Pagosa St
2	209 Pagosa St
3	286 Pagosa St
4	317 Hot Springs Blvd
5	165 Hot Springs Blvd
6	468 Lewis St
7	2105 Eagle Dr
8	42 Pinon Causeway
9	189 Talisman Dr
10	189 Talisman Dr Suite B
11	140 Country Center Dr #2
12	100 Country Center Dr
13	68 Bastille Dr #3

Residential and business addresses for the 2020 Pagosa Springs Area Holiday Lighting contest have been announced, with participants turning on their lights for viewing on Friday and Saturday evenings from Nov. 27 to Dec. 31. A special panel of judges has been selected and the contest winners will be announced in The Pagosa Springs SUN on Dec. 17.

Map courtesy Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board, Google

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

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

In a wintertime pinyon-juniper woodland, the hammering sound usually associated with woodpeckers may reveal the presence of a small juniper titmouse. When feeding on pinyon seeds and juniper berries, the titmouse cracks the hard shell by pounding it against a tree branch. While holding it with its feet, it pries the shell open with its stout bill to extract the seed. Its chickadee cousin employs the same strategy to open sunflower seeds.

This active bird with the fun name is all gray, paler below than on top. Titmice are named for their high-pitched calls and mouse-like scurrying behavior within a tree. They have a round, stout bill and beady black eyes. The raised crest of head feathers match its perky appearance with its inquisitive nature.

Titmice pairs remain together for life and defend territories all year. They generally don't migrate from their breeding grounds, surviving winter by storing seeds in tree crevices. Outside of winter, their diet is insect rich. They are cavity nesters, utilizing natural holes in dead trees and stumps, abandoned woodpecker holes and nest boxes.

Juniper titmice are habitat specialists of juniper-pinyon woodlands. The most reliable place to find them in our area is near Navajo Lake. Their small range includes Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and southwest Colorado, with nearly half of their breeding territories found in New Mexico. As with the pinyon jay, the main threat to the survival of juniper titmice is the conversion of pinyon-juniper habitats to pasture land.

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

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Photo courtesy Gwen Wall

Last weekend's snow storm put a magical touch on Pagosa Country, including this lighted tree.

Aging

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care-compare, for the public to obtain information about health care providers and replacing, for example, separate nursing home and hospice compare pages. Users might have to first close related pop-up boxes and then they enter a zip code and select a type of provider. A list appears, along with a map. Aside from general informa-

tion, various tabs and links provide ratings and inspection reports. Hospital and home health services also are among the eight types of providers.

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- 5 Peter I, for one
- 9 Word said in grace
- 14 University V.I.P.
- 15 Hick
- 16 Jousting weapon
- 17 Moral decline
- 19 ____ of roses
- 20 Some are endangered
- 21 Pull a _____ (cheat)
- 23 Judge's issuance
- 25 Anagram of "mite"
- 26 Existence
- 29 Rocky, e.g.
- 33 Bank, at times
- 35 Put into words
- 36 Texter's chuckle
- 37 Bailiwick
- 38 Beautify
- 40 Corn Belt state
- 41 Drool catcher
- 42 College credit
- 43 Inspector of cartoons
- 45 African wildlife reserve
- 48 Bonnie's beau
- 49 Like some threats
- 50 Speak at length
- 52 "The Return of the King" king
- 55 Writer of satire
- 59 Place for a cookout
- 60 Without a doubt
- 62 Balances
- 63 "Pardon me..."
- 64 Char, as a steak
- 65 Grassy plant
- 66 Capone nemesis
- 67 Kind of palm

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- 3 Marathon, e.g.
- 4 Amazon snake
- 5 Cornered, in a way
- 6 Twilight sight
- 7 2, on an ATM
- 8 Coral ridge
- 9 Criticized severely
- 10 Second of two
- 11 Study of insects
- 12 Read a bar code
- 13 Drought-ridden
- 18 Funeral song
- 22 Under the weather
- 24 Tuscan dish
- 26 Spills the beans
- 27 Otherworldly
- 28 Drunk
- 30 Seasoned sailor
- 31 Made cattle sounds
- 32 Tickle pink
- 34 Elite soldier
- 39 Bite the dust
- 40 Inactivity

DOWN

- 1 Gambler's concern

- 42 Set free
- 44 Stage presence?
- 46 Trim
- 47 Showy spring flowers
- 51 Wild callas, e.g.
- 52 Makes like
- 53 Carry on
- 54 Delhi bread
- 56 Inking
- 57 Smelting waste
- 58 Novice
- 61 Ship's pronoun

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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P	R	E	Y		T	A	C	O		H	E	M	E	N

Answers: A. sugary B. dessert C. candy D. pastry

Solve the code to discover words related to candy and sweets.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 5 = S)

- A. 5 25 15 8 11 12**
Clue: Very sweet
- B. 2 16 5 5 16 11 23**
Clue: After-dinner meal
- C. 18 8 14 2 12**
Clue: Sweet food
- D. 13 8 5 23 11 12**
Clue: Doughy dessert

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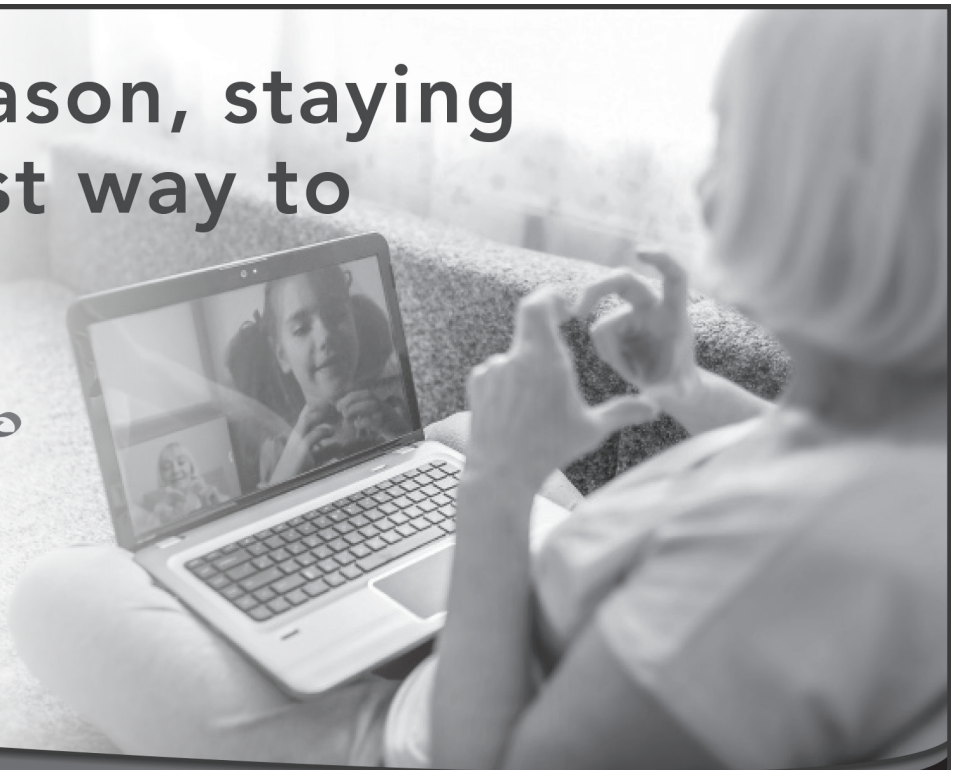
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San Juan Stargazers suggest ending 2020 looking up

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

There are times when the night sky gets exceptionally interesting and even exciting. That is what happened during the last 50 years that the ancient people lived at Chimney Rock. You can learn more about it at any of our Night Sky Programs given from May to September, on two Friday nights each month.

The dates for 2021 have not been set as yet, but check out our website, sanjuanstargazers.org, in a few months. Plan on coming to one of our programs this summer. As a local, you do not have to pay extra for a reservation; just arrive early (not sure of the regular cost) and we should be able to include you.

December 2020 is one of those times when interesting things are going on in the sky. We will end this difficult year looking up and being reminded that we live in an amazing universe. You can add your own commentary about it if you like. It just makes me happy.

On the evening of Monday, Dec. 21, which is the winter solstice, Jupiter and Saturn, the two giant gas planets of our solar system, will appear closer to each other than they have for 400 years, since July 16, 1623. In astronomy it is called a “great conjunction.” Some people are calling this one a “Christmas Star” because a similar conjunction possibly took place the year of Christ’s birth, but included an additional planet and it was called the “Star of Bethlehem,” which the three wisemen from the east noted to search for the Christ-child, born in a manger. Their famous gifts were gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In 1623, the conjunction took place so close to the sun that it probably was not visible. The last time it was readily visible was about 800 years ago, on March 4, 1226. Think of what that time period was like, called the Dark Ages. What did they think it was? What did it mean? A lot has happened and changed since then.

During these first three weeks of December, Jupiter and Saturn are seen in the southwestern sky in the hour after sunset each night getting closer and closer. It is also considered rare because of how bright the planets appear. It will be noticeable that the planets do not twinkle as stars do. They can be viewed best with a telescope, better with regular binoculars,

■ See Stargazers on next page

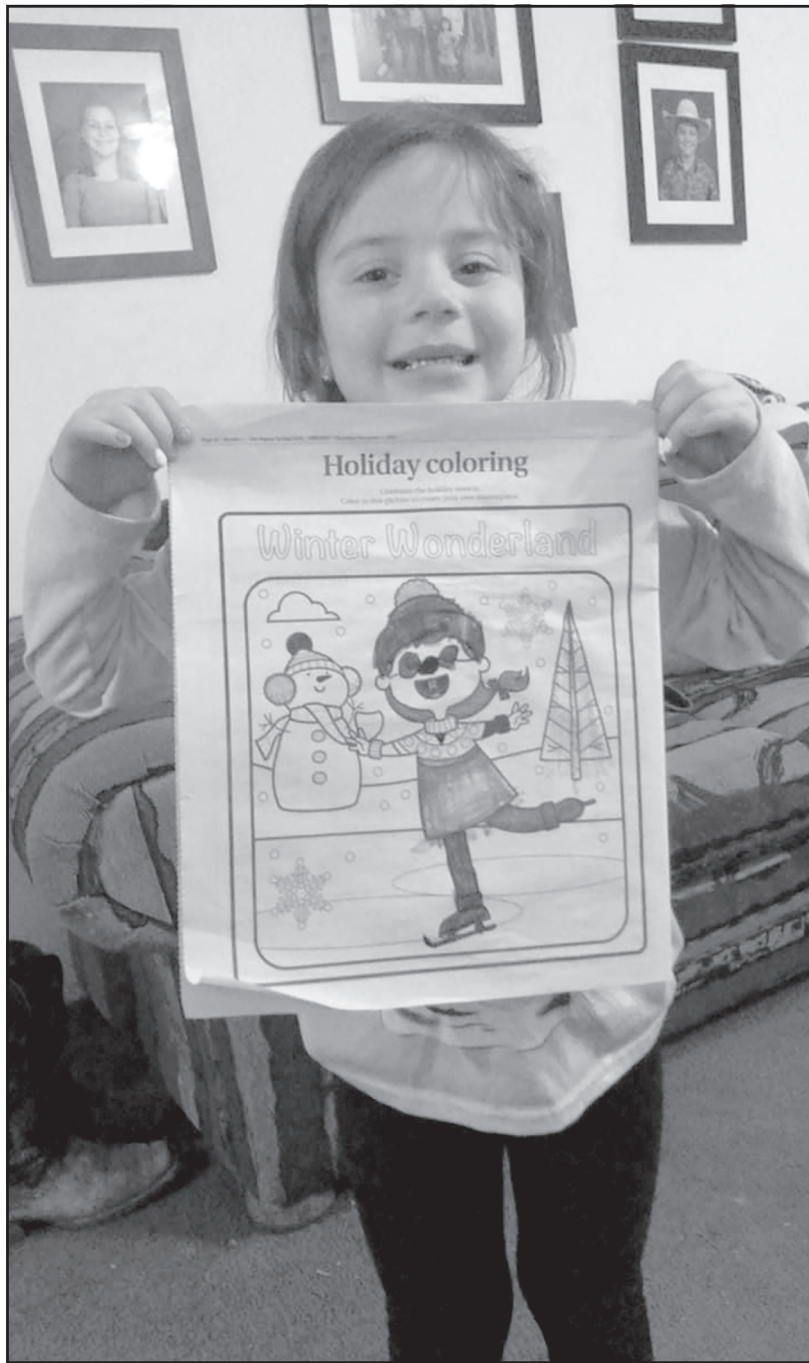


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Bristol Jacobson gets into the holiday spirit coloring a festive page from a recent PREVIEW.



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■ **continued from previous page** but also quite well with the naked eye. So, step out any night to take a look. Jupiter and Saturn are actually 400,000,000 miles apart. This conjunction will not be seen again until March 15, 2080.

I want to mention the significance of the winter solstice on Dec. 21. As the days progress from the fall equinox, daylight becomes

shorter and shorter. We all know the feeling of waking up and it is still dark and then in the p.m., the school bus arrives as the sun is setting and, too quickly, it is too dark to play outside.

The winter solstice is that magical day when the daylight hours stop getting shorter and days slowly, but surely start to lengthen. That is why the ancient people held big celebrations and it was easy for Christianity to turn this time of year into

a celebration of Christ's birth. He actually was not born in the winter.

There was and is another special event taking place in December. The Geminid meteor shower of 2020, which peaked the night of Dec. 13, was supposed to be wonderful, but was not visible this year from my neighborhood. This meteor shower happens every year in mid-December, when the earth passes through the debris or dust trail of asteroid 3200 Phaethon. The Geminids can generate more than 100 "shooting stars" each hour. They can be exciting to watch if

you are warmly dressed and have hot chocolate in hand.

The Deep Space Mysteries calendars are an annual fundraising project for the San Juan Stargazers astronomy club. They are a constant reminder that we live in an amazing universe and have much to learn.

Astronomy Magazine, the world's best-selling astronomy magazine, produces the calendars,

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filled with dramatic images of nebulae, spiral galaxies, planets, star-forming regions and other mysteries of deep space. Many of the best Hubble photos are featured, one for each month, with several paragraphs describing and giving other information, so you will learn the most important facts. After 12 unique fantastic pictures with information, you will have a basic summary of astronomy. It is great for students of all ages.

The days of each month detail planet visibility, meteor showers, conjunctions and other observing opportunities, as well as moon phases and major astronomical events. Wouldn't it be cool to know what planets you are seeing any given night? Living in Pagosa, we have to take advantage and enjoy our exceptional night skies.

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The San Juan Stargazers are part of the Astronomical League, which includes clubs from all over the U.S. We have a website, www.sanjuanstargazers.org. Our club address is P.O. Box 2217, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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Pagosa Bar on Pagosa Street downtown has been a popular meeting place for decades and once upon a time hosted a bare-knuckle fight featuring Jack Dempsey before he became world champion.

Exploring Chimney Rock

We've been quoting from an archaeological study of prehistoric human ruins and artifacts found on Chimney Rock by Dr. Frank W. Eddy of University of Colorado at Boulder during the summer of 1970. At the end of last week's column, Eddy had estimated the human population at that time

drought which affected the entire San Juan Basin about this time could have forced the Ancestral Puebloans to look for a better agricultural climate.

It has even been theorized that they left for religious reasons, reasons not obvious to us, but of sufficient importance to cause thousands of people to migrate southward. Whatever their reason for leaving, they were gone before the end of the 12th century A.D.

They are thought to have moved to the Rio Grande Valley in New Mexico. The earliest Spanish explorers in what became New Mexico encountered several Pueblo villages. Many of those villages remain, the oldest continuously occupied villages in the United States. Theories reconstructing the daily life, religion and customs of the Ancestral Puebloans are, to a large extent, developed from studies of today's Pueblo Indians.



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

from 1,215 to 2,005 people.

Continuing from last week, the Chimney Rock pueblo examined by Eddy is a three-story building containing residence rooms, store rooms and kivas. It is so like a current Pueblo Indian structure found in Chaco Canyon that Eddy concludes Chimney Rock was constructed and lived in by colonists from Chaco Canyon, probably men of a priestly order.

It was occupied from A.D. 1076 to A.D. 1125, a duration of 50 years.

Scientists still speculate as to what caused the Ancestral Puebloan (previously known as Anasazi) people to leave Pagosa Country in A.D. 1125. When the first Hispanic explorers and settlers from back east came to Pagosa Country, no one was living on Chimney Rock.

Some think the Ancestral Puebloans were under pressure from nomadic Indian tribes and moved south for safety.

Others speculate that a severe



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• To those we serve through the Community Café, our meals pay a double dividend — they nourish us and make us healthier and more active. This is reflected in our consumer surveys, where those who participate in our programs report our services increase their independence (86 percent) and help them stay in their own homes (81 percent).

• In addition to serving individuals 60 and better, we also provide information that supports individual and community caregivers and family member engagement, and offers new resources for wellness, aging, activities and education.

• One of the biggest effects from our work is seen among the 95 percent of our consumers who report that our programs provides them with social opportunities. Our Meals on Wheels drivers may be the only visitors that many of our participants engage with on a regular basis, which is a key part of maintaining connections during this remarkable and challenging time.

We miss our friends — those regulars, as well as those who just stop by once in a while. We are looking forward to welcoming back all of our community members who enjoy the games, meals, lectures and other activities we usually hold at the café.

We will continue to work towards reopening in accordance with health department and state guidelines. In

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the meantime, our website now regularly provides freely available links to a bevy of virtual — both live and recorded — fun, educational, and social opportunities. You can learn more at: <http://www.pseniors.org/>.

Take-out meals continue

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, Dec. 17 — Roasted

garlicky lemon chicken, spaghetti squash, Mediterranean beets, milk, salad and chocolate cake.

Friday, Dec. 18 — Roast beef caprese on ciabatta with pesto, ginger carrot soup, milk, salad and cranberry cheesecake.

Monday, Dec. 21 — Chicken paprikash, glazed sweet potatoes, milk, salad and pear hand pie.

Tuesday, Dec. 22 — Boeuf bourguignon with rice, sauteed broccolini, baguette with butter, milk, salad and eggnog cheesecake.

Wednesday, Dec. 23 — Minestrone soup, mini grilled cheese sandwich, milk, salad and banana pudding.

Thursday, Dec. 24 — Closed for Christmas Eve.

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.

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Library operations going well under COVID Level Red rules

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Meg Wempe, library director, and her staff report that library operations are going well under the current COVID Level Red: Severe Risk restrictions — albeit sometimes with service a little slower than usual.

“Because libraries have been declared an essential service, we are very glad that we can continue serving our community’s needs while still keeping patrons and staff safe. With circumstances changing quickly, though, we encourage you to email or call with any questions that you may have about our operations — and to keep up to date with state and county COVID guidelines,” she said.

Here is the current status at your library:

- We are limited to 15 patrons at a time plus staff in the building, since we must operate at only 25 percent capacity.
- We remain open on Thursdays from 1 to 7 p.m., with 1 to 2 p.m. reserved for seniors and higher-risk populations.
- Other hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with 9 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 only for individuals or members of the same household, 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.
- 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 a very limited basis. Please call for an appointment. 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.

Special note

“We want people to always feel welcome in the library and to experience a very friendly vibe when they visit,” Wempe said. “But we need to remind everyone that, similar to other public indoor spaces in Colorado, we must follow the executive order that requires people ages 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.”

Christmas closure

Your library will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 in celebration of Christmas, but curbside service will be available until noon Thursday, Christmas Eve.

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in our current COVID world, our annual holiday Hot Chocolate Hula-laloo has had to adapt — and move to your homes rather than take place at the library. We have free materials for crafts, activities and packets to make hot chocolate at the library for you to pick up until supplies run out. Have fun at home.

New knitting takeaways

We have added free knitting takeaways to our collection of crafts and activities you can pick up at the library entrance during open hours to take for your in-home enjoyment. We'll have patterns craft ideas, instructions and some limited supplies available.

New writing challenge

Twice this month, we are posting a new writing challenge on the library's Facebook page. The current challenge was posted Dec. 7 and the next one will be Dec. 21. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating. This is a free, all-ages activity.

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.

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 kids

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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 is suspended for the time being due to COVID safety concerns.

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 Dec. 17-30 theme is writer friendships. After you finish the walk, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library.

Tech Time

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.

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Free in-person classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. by appointment. Please register so we can keep it to a small group in our limited open spaces. No walk-ins, please.

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Children's programs on Facebook

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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.

Nonfiction

“The Last Days of John Lennon” by James Patterson is a biography of the Beatles star and the man who murdered him. “Bag Man” by Rachel Maddow and Michael Yarvitz explores the investigations that exposed Spiro Agnew's crimes and drove him from the vice presidency. “The Meateater Guide to Wilderness Skills and Survival” by Steven Rinella provides tips, techniques and gear recommendations for the outdoor enthusiast. “Drawing Action Scenes and Characters by Shikata Shiyomi contains more than 600 illustrations to help beginning artists create manga.

Western books on CD

“Tin Star” by Jackson Lowry is a Ralph Compton Sundown Riders western. “Massacre at Whip Station” by Dusty Richards is a Tim O'Malleys of Texas western. “Buz-zard's Bluff” by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a Ben Savage, Saloon Ranger western.

Large print

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to know to address the reality of racism today. “How To Raise an Elephant” by Alexander McCall Smith is book 21 in the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series. “Wyoming True” by Diana Palmer is a western romance. “Fool Me Twice” by Jeff Lindsay is a Riley Wolfe adventure. “Piece of my Heart” by Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke is an Under Suspicion TV show story.

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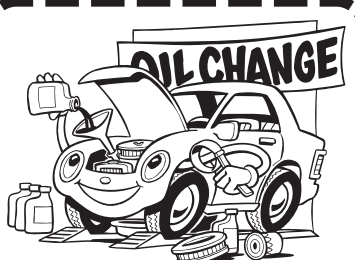
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The caterpillar crawl

The words of a beautifully penned song kept playing in my head. "Earth to God" by John Rich: "We need your light, we need your love. If ever we need a direct line to God is now, save us now in our darkest hour."

Certainly, if there is one thing we have learned to do in 2020 it is to pray. How important a time when we truly need a direct line to God.

There have been years where I felt like I was on a roller coaster, while others, a lazy river. But 2020 is a different beast, or bug, all together. It seems like we are experiencing the caterpillar crawl.

Jonathan Cahn writes, "Caterpillars see with wormlike eyes, think wormlike thoughts, and live wormlike lives, but to these earthbound creatures a miracle happens ... They allow themselves to die to the old, to the earthbound wormlike life and begin a metamorphosis."

Could it be that our future holds a time of great color at unimaginable heights? From stop and go, or in most cases no go, to the whimsy of kite-like flight.

Feet to earth, where has 2020 found us? For most, it is hunkered down, sheltered from society and kept in a dark place. Where information is streamed and where interaction requires isolation in tether. Zipping in and out the door has been replaced with Zooming in and out of a chair.

Like the caterpillar, we are hanging onto the tree, waiting for a change. Not sure what tomorrow will look like, or if we will even recognize come what may. It sounds so bleak, unless we equally hold on to where this crawl will take us.

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where they are. Friends and neighbors have joined (gloved) hands to help one another. And, while we don't like the general topic of conversation, dialogue is taking place between strangers as they pass on the street. Has the intentional push and pull that moves us today replaced the frenzy and impatience of years past?

Life has needed to reinvent itself. But, today's isolation and distance are not a full stop, merely a pause as the back catches up with the front.

Yes, it may feel like we are hanging upside down. It happens in nature all the time. Should life be any different for those with 16 feet versus those with only two?

Perhaps it is time to spin ourselves into a protective enclosure. After all, we've already learned how to live with the changes of isolation. Now could be the time when our hearts need to be transformed.

We cry to rise up. We even cry for wings to fly. I'm sure I am not the only one who has cried out to heaven to see myself lifted beyond the depths where I crawl.

If life's journey has taught us anything, it is that time must not make haste. The monarch will only show when it is fully formed. It takes seven to 11 days for the chrysalis to turn into a butterfly. While we have been in what feels like a cocoon for 10 months, just imagine the beauty of our own transformation when we finally

take flight.

It is for certain that we won't like all of the change that surrounds us. We never do. But, every circumstance requires wings to fly above and beyond, regardless of where we find ourselves.

As I hear John Rich singing in my head, "save us now in our darkest hour," I am reminded of the words of Isaiah. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Final brushstroke: The caterpillar likely crawls through life, unaware of the purpose for which it is born. It is then transformed into an amazing creature that brings color and life to all it touches. Perhaps we need to see Christ in the chrysalis. Is it possible that 2020 is just a stage of our metamorphosis, when breaking free of our circumstance means becoming the beautiful creature of heaven's calling?

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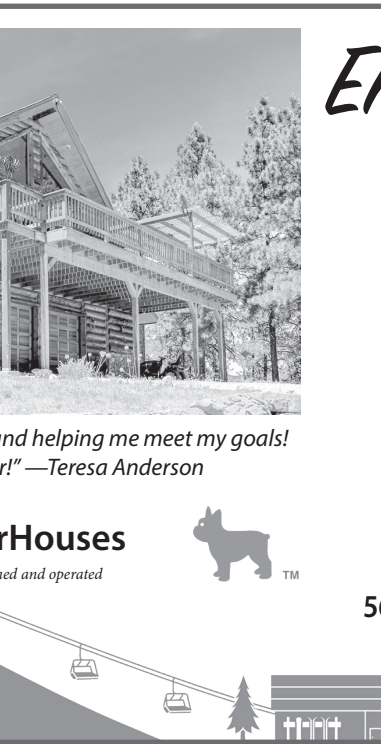
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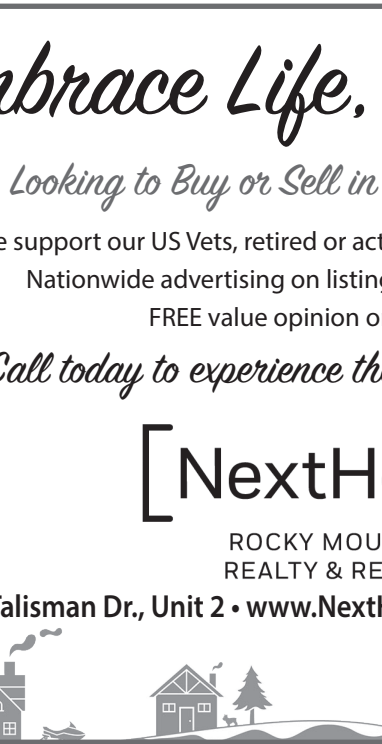
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