## **Blood donations needed**

Local drive set for April 2 – A9

## **Central Call Center established**

Range of assistance available – A9



# Local business owners discuss economic effects of COVID-19

**By John Finefrock** Staff Writer

COVID-19 has severely impacted businesses in the Pagosa Springs area.

The SUN interviewed a handful of local business owners and the stories were generally the same: Business is down over 70 percent for many; local companies are cutting more than half of their employees, sometimes more; and employers are working to find ways to help the laid-off workers amid the economic conditions that surround COVID-19.

"We're trying to keep our entire staff going and we're trying to do that so we can maintain the staff because it's not easy to find a qualified technician," said Bill Schwab, co-owner of Piedra Automotive.

Schwab explained his business is down 70 percent compared to the same week last year.

Schwab said his message for local community members was to "support local businesses" and said Piedra Auto is taking precautions recommended by the Centers for



Photo courtesy Audrey Bliss

# **COVID-19: Locals** urged to stay home

### **By Randi Pierce** Staff Writer

With the first known positive cases in the region being announced this week (in La Plata County and Hinsdale County residents), local health officials are continuing to encourage actions to slow the spread of COVID-19, or coronavirus disease 2019.

On Monday, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) issued an advisory urging "our community members to do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 and STAY AT HOME to every extent possible — especially if you are among the high risk category, to limit nonessential activities of daily life, and to See COVID-19 A8

minimize and prevent social contact. Those who exhibit symptoms must isolate themselves so as not to infect others.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) stated in a press release earlier this week that the community should assume COVID-19 is already circulating in the community and advised taking protective measures such as frequent hand-washing and staying at home as much as possible to slow the spread of the virus.

"We assume it is in our county," PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb told the board of the Upper San Juan Health Service District, which oversees PSMC, on Tuesday evening in

LPEA board delays rate increase and allocates \$90,000 to support community during COVID-19

### **By Hillary Knox** Special to The SUN

The La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors approved a rescue package Wednesday to support its members and community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

LPEA, which already announced it will suspend disconnects for nonpayment for its residential and small-commercial members until further notice, will now also delay its rate increase three months and allocate \$90,000 in unclaimed capital credits to utility bill assistance and local emergency response programs.

and LPEA employees, are a part of the communities we serve and we want to do what we can to help our neighbors in this time of need. We do not take these decisions lightly, as they will put additional financial and administrative pressure on the organization, but we feel strongly that this is the right thing to do."

The LPEA COVID-19 rescue package includes the following three elements:

### **Delay of rate increase**

The 2020 rate increase was unanimously approved by the board in January to generate the funds

Disease Control and Prevention to help mitigate the risk of clients and employees contracting COVID-19. Schwab also noted in the past he's

■ See Business A8

Georgia Bliss, age 3, creates a masterpiece while schooling at home due to closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Bliss attends Our Savior Lutheran Preschool. Gov. Jared Polis ordered suspension of "Normal In-Person Instruction at All Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools in the State of Colorado Due to the Presence of COVID-19" on March 18.

"LPEA is a not-for-profit electric cooperative, which means it is owned and operated by its members at cost," said Bob Lynch, LPEA board president. "We, the board

needed to update and improve LPEA's electric infrastructure, improve reliability to members and

### See Delay A8

# **County officials express frustration** at 'Stay at Home' advisory rollout

### **By John Finefrock** Staff Writer

Archuleta County officials and staff are frustrated with San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH).

On Monday, SJBPH issued a "Stay at Home" Advisory which urged, but did not mandate, that residents of La Plata and Archuleta counties stay home to slow the spread of COVID-19.

At the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners' (BoCC) work session on Tuesday morning, some county staff and officials expressed that they were frustrated that SJBPH did not circulate a draft of the advisory prior to it being released to the public.

"I, as the county attorney for Archuleta County, shouldn't find out about the home advisory on Facebook," said Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver at the work session, adding, "The fact that I had no email. there was no circulation of any draft of that advisory before it was issued — I found out on Facebook — that's ridiculous. That is them absolutely dropping the ball and not communicating with all the jurisdictions that they serve.

In a Sunday night email from Liane Jollon, executive director of SJBPH, which was obtained by The SUN and which Weaver and other Archuleta County staff and officials were copied on, Jollon gave an update of what happened at Sunday morning's meeting.

Per today's discussion, SJBPH will incorporate today's order into the SJBPH guidance document that we prepared today-- which reaffirms the State PH and Exec Orders and adds language to urge the residents of our counties to Stay-at-Home unless engaging in essential activities," the email reads.

Some county staff suggested that Jollon's use of "order" in the email was confusing because an optional advisory had been discussed.

In a phone call Wednesday morning, Weaver explained that he was out of town over the weekend and missed the email and noted SJBPH's actions showed a 'failure" in communicating with Archuleta County.

"There should have been that circulation of a draft, that at least Archuleta County was prepared to field phone calls for what it was and that never happened," Weaver said. "We got it the same time it was sent out to everyone else and that's a serious failure of chain of communication, chain of command."

Jollon, in an email to The SUN, indicated that Archuleta County staff were in attendance at a virtual meeting Sunday in which "two counties and four municipalities made the decision to issue guidance together."

"SJBPH along with leadership attendees from two

See Advisory A8

Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

Local basins are 102 percent of median this week, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Wolf Creek summit is 95 percent of median this week. Local basins could see another slight boost to snowpack totals as the National Weather Service forecasts snow through Friday night for Pagosa Springs.

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## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission sides with LPEA, rules complaint may proceed against power provider Tri-State

### **By Hillary Knox**

Special to The SUN

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) ruled on Friday that La Plata Electric Association's complaint at the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) may proceed against its power provider, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association.

Last November, LPEA filed a formal complaint with the PUC because Tri-State failed to provide an exit charge to help the utility evaluate its future. In response, Tri-State filed a motion to dismiss the complaint, arguing that FERC has jurisdiction over these matters, not the PUC. The PUC ruled it did in fact have jurisdiction over the complaint, denying Tri-State's motion to dismiss the case. But Tri-State also went directly to FERC, seeking to preempt the PUC's jurisdiction over the complaint. On Friday, FERC sided with LPEA and the PUC, ruling that the PUC's jurisdiction is not currently preempted, and the complaint can proceed to a hearing at

the PUC.

"We are thrilled our complaint against Tri-State can proceed to a formal hearing so we can obtain a just, fair and reasonable exit charge," said Jessica Matlock, LPEA CEO. "Since we don't have an exit number, we can't determine the best course of action for our members. LPEA has a strategic goal to reduce carbon 50 percent by 2030 while remaining cheaper than 70 percent of our Colorado cooperative peers, and to achieve this, we have to explore ■ See LPEA A8



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## **GUEST EDITORIAL**

# Life was simpler before COVID-19

COVID-19?

Those days when most students attended brick-and-mortar schools in town? When buses were delivering those students to school instead of delivering food to students at home to feed them and ensure food security?

Our lives have been turned upside down by this global pandemic.

To say that this past week has been a roller coaster is an understatement. The world seems surreal.

At work, we find ourselves debunking countless rumors. Emails pour in endlessly. The onslaught of news releases has been nonstop.

The unknown scared people. The unknown scares us. On March 14, when Gov. Jared Polis

closed down Wolf Creek Ski Area right at the start of the biggest week of spring break, our tourist-based economy came crashing down.

Two days later, a public health order closed bars, restaurants, theaters and casinos statewide.

We witnessed an amazing resilience in our local business owners as they were suddenly forced to change their business models in order to survive. Restaurants found themselves offering takeout and curbside orders.

The closure order was soon expanded

Can you recall what life was like before to hair and nail salons, spas and tattoo businesses.

Spring break can make or break a business in this town. Without those two weeks of income, many businesses could not get through the off-season and stay operational until summer.

In an attempt to help, SUN staff pulled together a list of business information to run on PagosaSUN.com and on our Facebook page for free to help those loyal businesses who have supported our efforts to provide quality journalism by advertising with us over the years.

Those same business owners found themselves counting the days remaining that they could afford to make payroll and pay rent. Many were forced to reduce staff, including management at The Springs Resort and Spa, who had the daunting task of laying off 100 people.

We know it was painful for both the business owners and their valued employees. The state's unemployment system crashed with the massive increase of claims.

The governor steps to the podium on what seems like a daily basis and the list of closures grows. Advertisers have canceled ads at an alarming rate.

We found The SUN right there with the growing list of businesses who were left wondering how to pay employees, how to stay operational in the days to come. We

also pondered how to pay for the \$21,000 shipment of newsprint.

This newspaper that you are reading right now has changed dramatically. It was produced by a smaller staff, properly distancing themselves 6 feet apart. Our already low-paid staffers have had their hours cut drastically.

There are no photos of events. There were no events. There are no new sports photos. There were no sports.

We were touched, however, by the parents who came to our call for photos of their children being schooled at home. Those picture pages can be found in The PREVIEW section. We also had locals share their snow photos. George Hunyadi is a local we can always depend on to shoot scenic and wildlife photos from the Chromo area of Archuleta County to share with SUN readers. He came through like always. These are examples of citizen reporting at its finest.

A local stay-at-home advisory issued on Monday created added concern, panic and confusion. Other communities in Colorado and in the state of New Mexico were issuing actual stay-at-home orders.

While we're not certain about the future and what the COVID-19 outbreak means to all of us, we remain steadfast in our commitment to serving our community. We can do this together.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

# 100 years ago Taken from SUN files of

March 26, 1920

The Cat creek section of the county again has a postoffice, this time at Lone Tree, but retaining the old postoffice name — Kearns. Benito Cordova, Lone Tree merchant, is the postmaster.

Fred Olme, native of Finland, who last fall purchased the S.L. Jones ranch southwest of town, made declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States before District Clerk Egger on Wednesday.

It is now believed that the new Sullenberger block will be ready for its tenants on April 1st.

In this issue the Hatcher Merc. Co. is offering some great bargains in groceries. Look their ad and prices over carefully before sending out that mail order.

Morris Hyler has brought in a nice bunch of dairy cows from his Blanco ranch.

Mrs. Harry Putnam came down from Pagosa a few days ago to assist Mr. Putnam with the spring work on the ranch, recently purchased from Cyrus Arny. Their three daughters remained in Pagosa until the close of the school term.

### 75 years ago Taken from SUN files of March 30, 1945

Beg your pardon. Last week The Sun erroneously stated that Adolpho Martinez attempted to carry the Upper Piedra mail route. It should have said "Adolpho Mestas.'

Collection during April of 150 million pounds of clean, used clothing for free distribution among the 125 million victims of war in Europe, is being asked by the United States Clothing Collection organization, headed by Henry J. Kaiser, industrialist and ship builder. The Lions Club of Pagosa Springs, will spearhead the drive here and has set up committees to handle the drive for used clothing here. Boxes will be placed in local stores where you can make your contribution. Be sure that the clothing is clean and mended, before you give it to this worthy cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Bussing purchased the Ben Lynch property on Pagosa Street, in a deal completed Monday. They will take possession May 1st, while Mr. and Mrs. Lynch and family expect to move into the Larmon house, second door east, on the same side of the street.



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## LOOKING BACK



From the April 14, 1983, Pagosa Springs SUN. HEALTH FAIR — Dr. Mark Wienpahl, Health Fair coordinator, and Don Ruth President of the Pagosa Springs' Lion Club will be on hand to assist fairgoers with health related questions on Saturday at the elementary school.



## 50 years ago Taken from SUN files of March 26, 1970

This Saturday, March 28, is the date of the annual Firemen's Ball. This event is sponsored by the local volunteer fire department and is usually one of the biggest and most enjoyable dances of the year. The dance will be held in the High School gym and music will be provided by the popular dance band, The Dennisons. Their music has been favorably received here at previous dances. Funds from the dance are used by the volunteer firemen to buy training aids, to help pay for special training, to defray expenses of training meetings and to an annual field day. The local department is composed of volunteers and none receive any pay. The town provides funds for major equipment and operation of the equipment.

Payment of TV dues has not been rapid and several more persons must pay before the stations are back on the air.

## 25 years ago Taken from SUN files of March 30, 1995

The project to build a park in South Pagosa took a huge leap forward March 21, with the announcement that the town received a \$60,000 grant from the Great Outdoors Colorado program — a funding system that will disburse \$4 million in Colorado Lottery monies to local government parks and recreation projects this year. The town applied in January for \$100,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado, with the town committing to a 15 percent match (most in the form of in-kind services). The South Pagosa Park project was one of 76 in the state to receive funding. The South Pagosa Park project has been underway since last fall, involving the residents of South Pagosa and garnering nearly \$10,000 in seed money donations to date from residents and businesses in the community. The park will be built across from the El Centro complex on South 8th Street. In a related matter, Pagosa Parks Director Doug Call announced that \$1200 in donations have been received to help fund continued work on the Reservoir Hill Trail system,

# Letters

*Letters to the Editor are printed* as received and are not edited for grammar or punctuation, but may have been edited for content or style.

### 'Earth has a way of getting our attention'

Dear Editor:

We have lived here in Pagosa for two years, after deciding to leave the gulf coast of Florida, which is increasingly paved over, chaotic with noise and traffic, with a Walgreens or Panera on every corner. We chose Pagosa from a list of places we felt could meet our physical and spiritual needs. We saw here a place that values nature not just for it's market place, but for itself. Darryl had visited here as a kid, and when we came to check it out we knew immediately that this would be home.

We arrived here to continue our work in transforming our lives and attitudes:

To live more simply

To consume less,

To know Earth in symbiosis, not as destructive agents sucking it dry.

To make peace with Earth in ways that could help create a livable future for everyone.

To hunt, but only with our cameras

To enjoy hiking in mountains, and walk the unique wetlands of this town.

To be true locals, not sunbirds. To be part of a community of caring, of watching birds, of enjoying the seasons.

We do not have our heads in the sand: we know Pagosa will grow. But how? We believe we represent the economic drivers of the future for this town: tourism devoted to preservation, to learning, to a progress which preserves and en-

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hances the voices of non-humans and humans alike. That is why we work as members of Audubon and related organizations ..

In a very real and visceral way, our task is supported and amplified by the pandemic we are all living with. Everyone is reducing, reusing, doing without. Earth has a way of getting our attention. Let us listen, and make thoughtful decisions about any development that may erode our unique place.

Diane Cirksena Darryl Saffer

### Welfare check Dear Editor:

Politics. They have finally found my attention.

A world full of people who choose to live in fear, and an inviting attempt offered To join the madness.

It's supposed to show up in the mail in the next two weeks. An insult to anyone who works for a living and fights their way through life without asking for anything from the government. One thousand two hundred dollars.

Our waitress. A pretty little thing who's been serving us drinks and food for the last two hours. We enjoy her smile and joke and flirt with her. She works with a mild sarcastic humor that is contagious and adds so much to our evening.

She tells us she's been laid off.

Just ten minutes ago, the governor of Colorado announced the shutdown of every restaurant and bar in the state for at least thirty days.

from the flu, some will. And to purposely shut down an entire economy is evil and politically motivated. And has fooled the best of them.

to ask ourselves. Do you want to die while your'e living? or while

coming in the mail. An arrogant invite to join the club that suckles at the political breast. I want to refuse it but I know others who could Dan Englund

# **Glad for Trump**

as our president during this attack of the Chinese communist virus. President Trump made decisions quickly, (based on facts instead of Democrat fantasies) and took the actions necessary to keep our country as safe as possible. Great Britain, in contrast did their usual arguing among themselves, took forever to make a decision and it will be July or August before British restrictions are lifted, (if it is safe then.) Mr. Trump is doing all that he can to keep Americans safe. Thank you, President Trump. Douglas Gould state and country to protect our health and economy. With 18% or more (so far) of households suffering job loss and many businesses shut down or failing, this is a plea for property taxes to be waived. We don't want families choosing between food and medicine or paying property taxes. Many of the government facilities and services are currently closed during this time so I propose that county governments waive property taxes for as long as the federal government is waiving student loan interest to allow families and businesses to get back on their feet after this devastating economic time. If you agree with me, please contact your county assessor's office, your county officials, your state legisla-

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Jeannine Harrington Boulder, Colo.

### Not a war zone Dear Editor:

As we navigate our new daily lives, trying to hold on to as much of what we view as normalcy as possible, I hear from friends in Italy, Germany, and across North America, and wonder what life is like today for refugees, from Syria or Yemen. Mexico or Honduras. As I drive to the grocery store and report back, by phone or email, to friends and neighbours about what I was and was not able to buy, and about which businesses and individual people seem "safe" — in this case, practicing social distancing and following strict sanitization protocols; as we offer to share our resources, whether food or wine or toilet paper; as I call friends and family across southern Colorado and around the world to check in on how they are doing, it occurred to me that this is a bit similar to living in a war zone.

But only a bit. Even though I am looking at empty shelves in the grocery store, even though our physical movement is curtailed more than many Americans could have imagined, even though so many of our daily routines and livelihoods are upended, we are not being bombed or shot at. We are not dodging snipers and landmines as we try to buy groceries. Many of us have comfortable homes to stay in, with reliable water and heat, and ways to communicate with our loved ones. (Keep in mind that many people do not and local organizations like food banks and Rise Above need our support now as much or more than ever.)

We are living in the midst of a pandemic, living through one of the greatest health, economic, social and cultural crises we have ever seen. We each must make choices about our own behaviour (as we always do). In the United States, we need leadership and help at the federal level, but we are not trying to survive a war.

Lisa Jensen

Inflated gas prices

Dear Editor:

Recently on a trip to Durango I noticed the regular gas prices per gallon is \$.20 to \$.25 cheaper than Pagosa. According to Gas Buddy. com In Westminster the price for regular is \$1.45 a gallon. The average gas price in Colorado for a gallon is \$2.22 according to my research. There appears to be some price gauging with our local fuel retailers in Pagosa. They have always increased the price during holidays to line their pockets generously. During this time of economic stress and uncertainty would it not be fair for these retailers to cut their profit margin to help people purchase other essentials.

G. Margiotta

### **Cannot renew** driver's license Dear Editor:

Upon contacting Driver Services, I found 1) they had no information, 2) they agreed that an anonymous, secret database was preventing my renewal, 3) they could not assist in any way, 4) I should just continue trying to renew online every few days in the hope that the problem would resolve itself, and 5) if it continues to fail, I should go to the Durango DL Office in person in July, assuming they are open at that point, to renew in person, and 6) that somehow the people in







While I have chosen not to die

We, who were once fearless have your hiding?

My very first welfare check is use the money. I'm not sure which way I'll go?

# Dear Editor:

I am glad we have Donald Trump

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be received by The SUN by noon on Tuesday (deadline may move up due to a holiday), email submissions are preferred

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### 'Waive property taxes'

Dear Editor:

Unprecedented times require unprecedented measures. We are seeing measures throughout the



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the Durango office will be able to resolve this problem, even though Drivers Services cannot, and 7) that it might be that my name has been flagged because someone with a similar name has an actual problem.

I have no driving issues, citations, or convictions of which I am aware. So I find myself in a position where the government is in effect accusing me of something that should prevent me from renewing my drivers license but won't tell me what that accusation is, nor how to clear my name. They offer no evidence, much less proof to justify the accusation. They offer nothing in the way of assurances that I will be permitted to drive a vehicle after my current license expires this summer.

This seems more than a little totalitarian to me. Processes like this should not be allowed to exist in the United States.

I have contacted Governor Polis' office in the hopes that he will have someone fix this issue.

But I wonder how many others in our state and our country will be similarly accused and inconvenienced.

Dan Mayer

### Favorite restaurants

Dear Editor:

We all have one or more favorite restaurants in Pagosa. As long-time residents, we estimate that we have eaten at our favorite restaurant over 500 times. We hope that they survive this current crisis so we can eat there again. We are sure that you feel the same way about your favorite place.

What can we do to help? Use the take-out option that most are offering and maybe leave a generous tip. You can also order take-out alcoholic drinks as our Governor has waived the current law that Letters

prohibits such action. Our prayer is that all of the restaurants in Pagosa will be able to survive and still be here when normal life returns. Pat and Sheila McKenzie

Trump tests negative

Dear Editor:

In January, US Intelligence warned the WH of a looming pandemic, but the MAGA president relies on his "hunches" rather than on information from our trained Intelligence personnel.

So, the administration failed to take responsible steps in the face of a serious threat. The president told us to stay calm. It will all be over soon. It's all media hype. While he dithered and dissembled, we lost our window to stockpile the tests which were used so successfully in South Korea to contain the virus.

Now, we're isolated, misled, and worried about our lives and our livelihoods. Meanwhile, the prevaricator-in-chief simultaneously claims that "no one saw this coming" and that he "had a feeling it was a pandemic all along."

When asked if he takes any responsibility for the evolving disaster, the braggart-in-chief blames previous administrations, even though he axed the executive branch team responsible for coordinating a response to a pandemic (2018.)

Just last weekend, the president said that the Feds were there to back up the states if they fail. Doesn't he understand that failure equates to unnecessary deaths? Our dedicated health professionals are begging for the PPE they need. The "like, very smart person" tells them to reuse their masks.

Americans need a leader capable of effective action. In this arena, Trump tests negative every time. I pray for our country, for our health professionals, and for the victims

of this president's incompetence. K. Muth

### 'We do not have my confidence'

Dear Editor: What are they/we doing?

I started to read this weeks paper today and as expected the cover was much about COVID-19. Two pictures taking up much of the front page space are incredible examples of inaction or spinning wheels or cluelessness or false hope.

The first, "Pagosa Springs Medical Center hosts a meeting with regional governmental entities to support community-wide preparation to address COVID-19", shows 16 people in a small room sitting 6 inches to no more than 18 inches from the next person. The Pagosa Springs Medical Center is the entity designed and trained to take care of us if there is medical problem, the lead in a medical crisis, and they host this, in this manner, under current CDC guidelines. What are they doing? They do not have my confidence.

The second "Ilona Huck holds up a package of toilet paper to be auctioned off" shows a room full of people (maybe 100), many high risk older people, sitting in close quarters around tables sharing fun, drinks, and who knows what else. Amazing that our community is gathering in numbers far greater than the CDC recommends and at far closer distances than the CDC has recommended. Sad to see that in Free America, where government involvement is shunned until we need them, we need some government mandate and rule to do what's needed to stop a possible crisis. We can't seem to treasure our freedom enough to do the right thing for everyone. What are we doing? We do not have my confidence.

Mike Schaefer

# **Public Meetings**

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, March 26

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

### Friday, March 27

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors focus group facilitation. 6 p.m., 7 Parelli Way. Saturday, March 28

of Directors strategic planning facilitation.9 a.m., 7 Parelli Way.

### Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

### Thursday, April 2

**Dispatch Executive Management** board. 9:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Southwestern Water Conservation District regular board meeting. Time to be determined, 841 E. Second Ave., Durango.

### Friday, April 3

### COVID-19 and the flu Dear Editor:

As COVID-19 spreads across the world, the news has been saturated with information regarding data, protection advice for self and community, prevention measures by our governments, etc.

However, one piece of important news information that has been minimal at best is how does COVID-19 compare with the devastation of death that is caused by the flu. Recent data states there have been approximately 400 (3/22/20) COVID-19 resulting deaths in the US. In contrast, there have been approximately 35,000 flu deaths in the US this season with 2 more months to go (61,000 deaths 2018-2019) per the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Approximately 170 million vaccines were administered for the flu this season.

Please keep in mind all data is not factual. It is only estimated and a moving target with vast ranges even from the CDC and World Health Organization (WHO). The flu has been studied for decades with the first vaccine developed in1930. Study of COVID-19 is in its infancy. We have read/heard a lot of scientific guesstimates thus far, but keep in mind it will take a year or more to even come up with a specific vaccine for COVID-19. We can look optimistically at the existing drugs Remdesevir typically for Ebola and Chlorquine which is an anti-malarial drug. Time will tell.

In any case, COVID-19 certainly activated massive governmental measures to mitigate the COVID-19 spread with a positive ripple effect to mitigate the spread of the flu and other diseases. And, of course, exercise the age old remedy to minimize the spread of any infection by emplementing frequent hand sanitizing/washing, covering your mouth and nose while sneezing and coughing, limited physical contact, minimize touching of the face, etc.

Both diseases are worldwide. However, the flu season in our part of the world generally lasts from September through May. COVID-19 is believed to not be seasonal as it has spread during the current summer months of the southern hemisphere as well. The incubation period (from the time of infection to the appearance of symptoms) of the flu is generally 3 days. Whereas the incubation period for COVID-19 has been found to be 5 to 6 days. Therefore, the flu can spread (and be treated) faster than COVID-19 per the World

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He was a proud WWII vet and upon passing donated 50 percent of his estate to the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County.

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He is survived in death by his daughter, Dena Sudden; son-in-law Mark; grandson Ryan, of Phoenix,



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# County purchases magnesium chloride for local roads

### By John Finefrock Staff Writer

On March 17, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) authorized a \$411,562.32 contract to buy magnesium chloride, a product that helps retain strength and settle dust on gravel roads.

"Magnesium chloride is hydroscopic," said Archuleta County Public Works Director Bob Perry in an interview with The SUN. "What it does is it actually attracts moisture and that's what it's designed to do."

Perry explained that there is about 15 percent clay in road surface gravel.

"That clay is the binder that holds the rock in place, and if it gets dry and it gets hard, then it breaks up in little fine pieces then that's the dust you see flying in the air. If

chloride will do, it'll pick up the dew in the morning and then it keeps the water from evaporating quite so fast out of it. It keeps that clay soft and then it holds the rock in place and also keeps the dust down," Perry said.

Two bids came to the county for the magnesium chloride contract. The \$411,562.32, or 78 cents per gallon from Desert Mountain Corp., was awarded the contract. The other bid was from GMCO Corporation for \$473,297.67, or 89 cents per gallon.

The bid was for 527,644 gallons, the amount "to be delivered and applied to Archuleta County various roads in 2020" according to the March 17 BoCC meeting agenda.

Perry explained that the Town of Pagosa Springs is under an Envi-

vou keep it slightly damp like mag ronmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandate to reduce particulate matter in the air.

> "Pagosa Springs is under an EPA mandate for particulates," Perry said. "They have to do certain things because they are a high particulate area in Pagosa Springs. Anything within a certain distance — I think it's a mile or 2 miles, of Pagosa Springs ... is also under that mandate.'

> Perry said any county road that is not paved that has an average daily traffic (ADT) count of more than 200 cars has magnesium chloride put down at county expense.

Perry explained the magnesium chloride costs about \$3,200 per mile of road that it is applied to.

For roads with less than 200 ADTs, residents on a county road can band together and pay for the magnesium chloride themselves, which the Road and Bridge Department does on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested residents can inquire to the Road and Bridge Department.

For maintaining the roads, Perry said typically they start blading on May 1 and noted, "It depends on what Mother Nature's doin' to us."

"Right now we're doing a lot of spring grading, because Mother Nature has allowed us to," Perry said. "This is the first year in the four years I've been here that we've been able to grade this early in the year."

Perry noted there are about 40 miles of paved road and 280 miles of gravel road that Archuleta County's Road and Bridge Department maintains.

About one-third of the gravel roads receive magnesium chloride, Perry said

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# 911 bill working its way through state legislature

### By John Finefrock Staff Writer

House Bill 1293, a bill that would create a new statewide 911 surcharge in Colorado, is currently working its way through the state legislature.

'There is a 9-1-1 funding crisis on the near horizon," the "Passthrough 9-1-1 Surcharge Fact Sheet" reads, a document authored by the Colorado 9-1-1 Task Force Legislative Subcommittee.

The document explains that a state mandate for 911 communication centers to migrate to Emergency Services IP network (ESInet) could

### LPEA temporarily suspends disconnects for nonpayment of electric bills during **COVID-19** pandemic

### **By Hillary Knox** Special to The SUN

Effective immediately, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) will temporarily suspend disconnects for nonpayment of electric bills for its residential and small-commercial members.

"We are aware of the deep economic impact the COVID-19 pandemic will have on the local economy," said Jessica Matlock, LPEA CEO. "We are owned by our members and want to express empathy and solidarity with our communities during this difficult time. Our phones are open. Any

raise the cost of telephone service istrator and dispatch board subcomupwards of 1,600 percent for dispatch centers across the state.

Archuleta County Emergency Communications Director Kati Harr told The SUN last month that the ESInet migration will increase the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center's telephone costs from \$752 to \$3,009 per month, a 300 percent increase.

"... the migration to the ESInet is only the first step for implementing NG911 (Next Generation 911). Full NG911 implementation will require a number of other features and services to be added to the network over time. Each one of those features and services will come with additional costs," the "Passthrough 9-1-1 Surcharge Fact Sheet" reads.

NG911 will assist in more accurate location information for wireless callers, according to Harr.

HB 1293 would allow the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to establish a separate, statewide 911 surcharge on all telephone bills.

Currently, Archuleta County has a \$1.25 per month surcharge added to cellphones and landlines with billing addresses in Archuleta County that get routed to the dispatch center. The new surcharge would be in addition to that.

The Archuleta County Combined **Dispatch Executive Management** Board and the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners are in the process of submitting an application to the PUC to raise the local surcharge from \$1.25 to \$2.25 per month.

Former Archuleta County admin-

mittee member Greg Schulte has explained multiple times over the past year that telecommunications companies don't always disburse 911 surcharge revenue where it's supposed to go.

Schulte noted that phone companies have "zero incentive" to disburse the funds to the correct agencies and also said the system was "jacked up" and that "it's so complex no one knows what to do about it."

HB 1293 has auditing provisions aimed at holding telecommunications carriers accountable to ensure 911 surcharges are going to the proper emergency services entity.

Harr has strongly suggested that local Archuleta County residents look on their phone bills to make sure the E911 surcharge is being dispersed to Archuleta County.

AT&T Public Relations Manager Suzanne Trantow wrote in an email to The SUN, "We collect and disburse E911 fees at the direction of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission" when asked if E911 revenues are typically dispersed to the correct emergency services agency.

In the same email, Trantow wrote that "Customers can see taxes and fees on their statement."

Jaci Louise, president of the 911 Solutions Inc. and co-chair of the Colorado PUC 9-1-1 Advisory Task Force Legislative Subcommittee, told The SUN in an interview on March 16 that dispatchers are generally under a tremendous amount of stress.

She reported that dispatchers get post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) more frequently than field personnel who respond to emer-

gency scenes.

"So when you're dispatching something you take a call, you ask the same questions, you get the same information and then you dispatch it in the same script," Louise said, adding, "That in itself helps compartmentalize what's actually happening, but there are still overall effects."

Louise agreed with Harr's suggestion that local consumers ensure their 911 surcharges are being dispersed to the proper 911 authority.

"I would encourage all consumers to look at their line items on their bill and make sure that they are being remitted to the proper authority, Louise said.

Louise said HB 1293 has language in it that the PUC could pay for audits of telecommunications companies to find out if 911 surcharges are being dispersed to the correct emergency entities.

She also agreed with Schulte's statement that cellphone companies have "zero incentive" to disperse the funds correctly, noting that "today" that's true.

Representatives from Verizon wrote in an email to The SUN that they would investigate the surcharge issue, but did not provide a statement for this article.

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members having trouble paying their bill should call us to discuss options. We are in this together."

While no residential or smallcommercial utility services will be disconnected during the suspension, LPEA members are still expected to pay their bill when they are able, either through a flexible payment plan or third-party funding assistance. Members should contact LPEA at 247-5786 for more details.





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# Business

# Restaurant and bar owners get creative to stay afloat

Rep.

The joy of eating out after a long they can make day, the fun of meeting friends for a drink or the convenience of buying a cup of coffee on the way to work have disappeared from our lives for a while. Gov. Jared Polis has ordered all dine-in establishments closed as we practice strict social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Delivery and take out are still options.

The accompanying jobs have also disappeared: the front-of-the house staff, chefs and cooks, dishwashers, bartenders, suppliers, truck drivers and cleaning crews. In a domino effect, also gone is the money these people make to pay rent, mortgages, utilities, food, travel and gasoline.

Throughout the country, restaurant and bar owners are trying to stay afloat, while patrons are trying to encourage their survival. Hundreds of people have been laid off, helping contribute to the 20,000-plus in Colorado who have filed for unemployment.

We in District 59 live in an area reliant on tourism, small businesses and the service industry. When all are virtually demolished overnight, the industry must adjust as our economy suffers.

Some businesses are being creative

In Bayfield, Eepa's Pizza is serving free "Stir Crazy Kits" for kids, so ate cash now, with the promise of

their own pizzas at home, with help from donations from the Pine Valley Church. And thanks to the current suspension of

McLachlan's liquor license Report requirements, the restaurant

zas, with beer or wine, for the adults.

sells full piz-

Seasons of Durango has takeand-bake meals with wine pairings for its customers. You can call, order and have someone meet you curbside with dinner.

The Pagosa Baking Company is doing its best not to lay off employees. They surveyed their customers through Facebook to determine their favorite foods so customers can order by phone or at the front door. Delivery is at a drive-up window; they are keeping most of their staff busy, and paid.

For Father's Daughters Pizza in Durango, gift certificates are becoming an important source of income. Their delivery and curbside business is still moving forward, but the certificates insure immedifuture customers later.

The beer and wine sales have attracted people to many restaurants they may have not tried before. Customers are still eating at home, but with the bonus of experiencing fine dining and the accompanying beverages. Several district restaurants said this practice is keeping them afloat.

Other establishments, because of their location, have found it hard to stay open.

Climb Elevated Eatery in Lake City had to lay off two of their four employees last week, then closed its doors until May on Friday. Their location, the owner said, in a small town with no tourism at the moment, made staying open difficult. Ouray County restaurant owners have the same lament.

Gunnison has several positive coronavirus diagnoses; tourists are not permitted in town, and all hotels and motels are closed. Residents over 60, those in the highest risk age, are not allowed in bars or restaurants.

Now that tourists aren't allowed in Silverton, either, owners of The Avalanche closed Monday. The town simply doesn't hold enough people to support the few restaurants.

Many bars and restaurants have closed, and whether it's permanent or temporary is difficult to say.

More are likely to join them.

Owners interviewed were more worried about their employees than their profits.

Some governmental help is available: the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans for Small Business is loaning up to \$2 million to help. HUD is suspending foreclosures and evictions. FHA is insuring mortgages. The federal government is working on a national paid family leave program. Deadlines for federal and state tax filings have been delayed. As of writing, Congressional leaders are negotiating a bill to provide financial support to businesses and individuals. Please look out for additional economic assistance from the federal government.

For more information, go to www.covid19.colorado.gov/.

What can we do to help our economy's restaurant and bar infrastructure?

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• Tip well. Many staff members have been relying on their tips to pay their bills.

We are all in this together.

## PAWSD to hold hearing on monthly surcharge increase for affordable housing

### By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

**By Hillary Knox** 

Special to The SUN

On May 14 at 5 p.m., the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board will hold a public hearing to discuss and potentially decide on fee waivers for affordable housing, and a potential water and wastewater surcharge to make up the money lost with the fee waivers.

The proposed monthly surcharge would be 68 cents for water and the wastewater surcharge would be 22 cents per equivalent unit (EU), PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey explained in an interview on March 18.

"That would be for everybody. That would be for your water bill, my water bill and everybody else's water bill," he said.

Initially, the PAWSD board was looking at increasing the capital investment fee (CIF) for other homes, Ramsey explained.

The proposed CIF for a new home, for example, would have been \$660, Ramsey noted.

"This way, it's not just made on new houses. It's made on all existing ratepayers," he said.

The CIF waivers for affordable housing were initially discussed by the PAWSD board at its regular meeting on Jan. 16.

A worksheet presented at that meeting shows, for potential affordable housing developments that are under 60 percent area median income (AMI), PAWSD would be willing to waive 100 percent of its CIF fees.

For developments that are 60 to 80 percent AMI, PAWSD would be willing to waive 50 percent of its CIF; for developments that are 81 to 100 percent AMI, PAWSD would only be willing to waive 25 percent of its CIF, according to the worksheet.

again revisited by the board at its

the fee waivers due to the lost revenue for PAWSD.

Following a lengthy discussion, PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh made a motion to approve the fee waivers for each AMI.

"I move to approve the affordable housing incentives as presented and modified, with the understanding that we're looking towards financing it with an increase to our monthly service charge per EU," Walsh said.

Before a formal vote, PAWSD board member Paul Hansen noted that he believes this was a bad idea and that he is "wholly against it."

"I'm not sure it's a good idea, but I believe it's what the people want," PAWSD board member Blake Brueckner said.

The motion passed via a 3-1 vote with Hansen voting against. chris@pagosasun.com

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These CIF fee waivers were March 12 meeting, which sparked a discussion on how best to finance

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) will modify its operating procedures to proactively respond to the growing novel coronavirus pandemic. Under its Continuity of Operations Plan, LPEA will prioritize the continuation of reliable electric service to its more than 46,000 meters while also protecting the safety and health of its employees and members.

"Given LPEA's essential mission to power the lives of our communities, it's vital that we proactively address all potential threats that would prevent us from achieving that," said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. "We've been closely monitoring the ongoing situation with the novel coronavirus. ... We believe it's LPEA's civic duty to be proactive and

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• In-home energy audits will not be conducted. Members can still call LPEA for remote assistance at 247-5786.

• LPEA meeting facilities are closed to all public events. Existing events will be canceled or postponed.

• Board meetings will be held remotely via video conference. The public will be able to participate virtually, and meetings will be recorded for later viewing. Access details will be made available at lpea.coop/

rently scheduled for May 16, at Pagosa Springs High School, may be postponed.

• Staff are canceling nonessential travel and conducting meetings virtually

• LPEA is encouraging members to pay their bill from home. Members can receive their bill via email, make energy payments using a credit card or pay from a checking account through the LPEA SmartHub App. The pay-by-phone automated system is also available 24 hours per day. For more information on payment options, members should call 247-5786.

LPEA will resume normal operations as soon as is safely possible. For more information and updates from LPEA, members should visit lpea.coop/coronavirus.

# PAWSD temporarily closes lobby to public

### **By Justin Ramsey** Special to The SUN

Based on guidance from the local health department and the Centers for Disease Control for combating the spread of the CO-VID-19 virus, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District has temporarily closed the district's customer service lobby to the public.

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• Call our office at 731-2691 to make a credit or debit card payment by phone. We may be experiencing an increase in call volume during this time, so please be patient.

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We know that guidelines are changing daily and we will keep you informed of any further changes as they develop. We will get through this together and we look forward to returning to our normal lobby hours as soon as possible.

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# Community input sought in use of Running Iron Ranch

### By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

At a joint meeting on March 12 that featured members of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD), San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) and members of the Weber family, a discussion was held about a variety of topics pertaining to the Running Iron Ranch.

The property is jointly owned by PAWSD and SJWCD, which includes an agreement from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) that includes terms that both entities have to abide by.

Terms of the agreement were reported on in the Jan. 30 issue of The SUN.

There is an ongoing 15-year lease with the Weber family; that lease expires on Jan. 3, 2023, according to PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey.

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

During the March 12 meeting, Ramsey explained that when the lease expires, there are a variety of things that can happen.

The Weber's gravel and/or grazing lease on the property can be extended, an open bid can be held for either lease, the property can be opened to be a park run by the town, county, or Colorado Parks and Wildlife, or nothing can be done, Ramsey described.

On March 2, Ramsey noted that PAWSD and SJWCD representatives met with Kathy and Don Weber to further discuss what to do regarding their leases.

According to Ramsey, the Weber family is interested in extending both the gravel and agricultural leases.

According to Andy Weber, there is about three to five years left in the gravel quarry on the property, Ramsey noted.

"When the existing quarry runs out, they would actually like to keep equipment up there so they could actually import gravel into to actually be crushed with their existing equipment," Ramsey said.

If the gravel lease is not extended, per the state's mining and reclamation laws, the property would have to be reclaimed before the Webers fully exit the property, Ramsey described.

"So, they will take care of the scars that are on there. The roads will remain," he said.

Ramsey added that he did not know what would be a fair number for a new gravel or grazing lease.

There are two structures on the property, with one home being in "pretty bad disrepair," Ramsey explained.

One idea for that structure is to coordinate with Pagosa Fire Protection District for a burn exercise, Ramsey noted.

The other structure is not in "disrepair" Ramsey noted, but added that it is livable and someone is currently living in it.

"There's no gravel in this community. If we don't find some, we got a whirlwind of problems here in the next three years," Andy Weber said.

The reason why the Webers want to keep the gravel lease is because they can haul and pull gravel to already permitted areas on the site, Andy Weber explained.

"To finish out what we're doing right now, a lot of that will be reclaimed and done. We just want our one area where the crusher sits right now on the back to take care of and do stuff," Andy Weber said.

The Webers do not know what would be a fair lease for the property, Andy Weber noted.

Selling the entire property is not an option because of the penalties associated with the CWCB agreement, Ramsey noted.

Ramsey advised the Webers to come is worth keeping, but noted that he is

up with their own proposals.

### The present

According to Ramsey, in a walkthrough of the property with a state representative and the Webers, a 21acre parcel near the San Juan River on the property was addressed.

Following that walk-through, Lucas West with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety recommended that the 21 acres be removed from the lease.

That agreement has been given to the Webers for them to review. Ramsey noted.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh noted that if there can be interest garnered to build a reservoir on the property then that should be prioritized over extending leases.

"I don't see it that way. I don't think anything is going to happen up there for 40 years," Walsh said. "For me, the taxpayers have invested \$10 million in an asset that's maybe worth \$4 million today, so whatever provides the best benefit to those taxpayers is what I'm going to support."

In regard to a lease, SJWCD President Al Pfister noted that it needs to be more than what is currently agreed to.

Currently, the 15-year lease consists of four different agreements for \$1 a year, equating to a total of \$60, according to Ramsey.

There are a variety of things that can be done on that property as long as it doesn't hamper the ability to construct a reservoir on the property in the future, Ramsey noted.

Pfister noted that the SJWCD has not found any partners for a potential project.

"It might even be worth entering into discussions with the state about giving them a long-term lease. About making that a state park," Walsh said.

PAWSD board member Paul In regard to potential leases, Hansen explained that the property

### Candidates for LPEA 2020 Board of Directors election verified

### **By Hillary Knox**

### Special to The SUN

La Plata Electric Association's (LPEA) independent election supervisory committee has verified candidates for the cooperative's 2020 board of directors election.

LPEA has four director districts, established geographically. Each year, LPEA's membership elects four representatives to the LPEA Board of Directors, one from each district.

"LPEA is a cooperative, which means we are owned by our members," said Jessica Matlock, LPEA CEO. "All LPEA members in good standing are qualified to vote for the directors who represent them. As the directors make decisions that impact everyone, I encourage members to learn about the candidates and vote to make sure

District 2, south and west La Plata County: Two new candidates, Doug Fults and John Lee Jr., are vying to fill the seat to be vacated by retiring director Davin Montova

District 3, city of Durango: Incumbent Rachel Landis is being challenged by new candidate Dave Nulton.

District 4, north and east La Plata County: Incumbent Guinn Unger is being challenged by new candidate Sue McWilliams.

More details on the candidates and how to submit ballots will be distributed in the ballot packet to be mailed to all members in mid-April 2020. To be counted, ballots must be received no later than 4 p.m. on May 15.

Election results will be confirmed at LPEA's annual meeting, currently scheduled to take place on May 16 at Pagosa Springs High School. Given the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the meeting may need to b

against continuing the gravel operations on the property.

"Just because in the future, if we do build a dam, then we're going to need a lot of gravel," he said.

One idea is to get the community involved to see what it would like done on the property, SJWCD board member Bill Hudson explained.

"To see if there is anybody in the community, other than the Weber family, that has an interest in building affordable housing, building a park, in doing whatever is needed in our community," he said.

Walsh explained that he was not very hopeful about someone coming forward with a proposal for a potential project.

"I suppose you could draw up some very broadly based RFP [request for proposal] that this property may be coming available in January of 2023," Walsh said.

Town Planner James Dickhoff suggested that the SJWCD could seek what the site could be used for from the public and then develop an RFP.

SJWCD board member John Porco later suggested that a request for information (RFI) be submitted to the public.

"Because we're not really asking for a formal proposal with dollars. We're not asking for a quotation," he said.

Going to the public through an RFI would be a good idea given the nature of the property, Pfister added.

"I think we owe it to the public to go out and ask for input for potential alternatives for what might happen there," he said.

However, it should be made aware to the public within the RFI, the various restrictions that are within the CWCB agreement regarding the site, Pfister added.

"Within one or two months you can put this out and get some sort of feel for what the community wants to do," SJWCD Doug Secrist said.

The RFI would not require detailed responses, but rather simple ideas of what could be done on the property, Ramsey added.

"It sounds like what we're aiming for is to direct staff to put together what we're going to refer to as an RFI," Ramsey said.

Pfister explained that the SJWCD will discuss the RFI at its next board meeting on April 20. chris@pagosasun.com

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Candidates for the 2020 election are as follows: District 1, Archuleta County: Bob Lynch, current LPEA board president, is running unopposed. Pending formal approval by the LPEA board, Lynch will be reappointed.

postponed. In this instance, the current directors will continue to serve until the annual meeting can be held to officially confirm the new directors. For the latest details on the annual meeting, visit lpea.coop/ annual-meeting.

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# **Business**.

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petitioned local governments to spur growth in industries besides tourism so the local economy wouldn't be so handicapped by the number of tourists in the area.

Bob Hart, owner of Mountain Pizza and Taproom, said that once Gov. Jared Polis issued an executive order on March 14 that closed Colorado ski areas, including Wolf Creek Ski Area, Mountain Pizza immediately noticed a drop in sales.

'When I look at sales for last week compared to the same week a year ago, we're about 80 percent off compared to a year ago," Hart said.

Hart noted he hasn't yet had to lay any employees off, but some staff hours have been cut about 50 percent.

"We really, really appreciate our customers that are still coming for takeout only, and supporting our business and employees by doing so," Hart said.

Bill Delany, owner of Good Earth Meds, a local marijuana dispensary, reported he hasn't had to lay anyone off, but business has suffered.

As of Tuesday, Delany explained, Good Earth Meds has transitioned to curbside service only.

Delany explained that, until a

# OVID-19

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a report about COVID-19 efforts at PSMC.

"We have been working hard at PSMC to flatten the curve. We feel that we have to flatten the pandemic curve to avoid exceeding the capacity of the hospital and our region to care for patients. To slow the spread, we have been following the advice of the CDC, local public health has been great, and we haven't been trying to stay a step or two ahead of where ... other people are by looking at other states in our nation, other countries in our world, and, again, trying to flatten those curves down so that we do not have a surge of patients that overwhelm all of our hospitals' ability to care for them like is happening in New York City and like is happening in Seattle and other places," she said, adding later, "This is unprecedented in our lifetime, no doubt about that."

Webb reiterated that local providers have not tested many due to shortages in testing supplies, such as the viral transport media needed to get swabs to the testing labs.

"We've been trying to preserve those tests because they've been in such short supply," she said, explaining that PSMC, like others, have been treating people who present with the symptoms as positive and providing treatment plans.

Out of 10 tests performed locally, she reported, three were negative and the results are pending for seven.

As of press time Wednesday, no cases had been reported in Archuleta County, four cases had been announced in La Plata County and 912 confirmed cases were reported in the state, with 11 deaths.

Webb also pointed out the fact that the number of COVID-19 patients in Colorado requiring hospitalization tripled over a six-day span, from 26 on March 18 up to 84 as of

prepare to care for any COVID-19 patients requiring hospitalization.

"We feel like we have to prepare for the worst and pray for the best," Webb said of the planning efforts.

Webb also told the board there has been an outpouring of support, with dentists and others donating N-95 masks and community members sewing masks that can be used to help preserve N-95 masks.

PSMC has also postponed its elective surgeries, which helps PSMC have more personal protective equipment on hand.

Webb noted it takes an estimated 22 yellow personal protective gowns a day to treat a COVID-19 patient in isolation.

### Archuleta County testing

PSMC Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese reported to The SUNWednesday that SJBPH is planning to operate a mobile testing site in Archuleta County with 50 tests available. Details of that testing site will be announced on www.Pagosa-SUN.com when available.

### **PSMC changes**

PSMC announced earlier this week that all patients seeking care at PSMC will be screened for illness upon entering the facility. Screening consists of a series of questions about one's health, including potential exposure to the virus, along with scanning for fever.

Additionally, PSMC is no longer allowing people to visit or accompany patients, except a parent/ guardian visiting or accompanying a minor child.

"We continue to care for patients in outpatient, emergency department, and other areas, and we're taking additional steps to protect the health and safety of patients and staff," Webb stated. "Like many hospitals, we have limited resources,

are exposed to COVID-19 and need to be quarantined, they will be unable to care for patients in what could quickly become an extremely busy time.'

new order took effect Wednesday,

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to do curbside service or not, but it

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made in person using Good Earth's

curbside service. Identification is

always required and service is only

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in person.

PSMC continues to care for patients who need emergency care, urgent walk-in care, urgent and emergent surgical care, and diagnostic services.

### COVID-19 symptoms and medical contacts

COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Those who experience these symptoms should self-quarantine and call their health care provider for a treatment plan.

Following are the phone numbers for local medical providers:

PSMC: 731-3700.

• Pagosa Medical Group: 372-0456.

• Archuleta Integrated Healthcare: 264-2104.

• Those without a doctor can call SJBPH at 247-5702, option 1.

### Where can I learn more?

Several local, state and national health organizations are offering information on COVID-19:

• See related stories in this issue of The SUN.

• Visit www.PagosaSUN.com and on Facebook at www.facebook. com/pagosa.newspaperforupdates on community closures, business information and more.

• PSMC: http://pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org/coronavirusdisease-2019-covid-19-update/

• SJBPH: https://sjbpublichealth. org/coronavirus/

• CDPHE: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novelcoronavirus

• CDC: www.coronavirus.gov.

• World Health Organization: https://www.who.int/westernpawill reopen on Saturday morning, according to Dianna Bell, who owns the business with her family.

Tony Simmons, owner of Pagosa Brewing and Grill, said that his business had taken a "dramatic hit."

"We normally serve like 300 people a night and we're not anywhere close to that," Simmons said, adding, "We're changing our entire business model from on-premise to off-premise."

Simmons explained he's trying to keep as many employees as possible but had to whittle down his payroll from about 50 to about 18 people.

Pagosa Brewing has online ordering and curbside pickup and is now doing delivery with a minimum \$25 order.

Simmons' advice for local residents: "Take care and take out."

Local jewelry and fine art store Lantern Dancer decided to temporarily close its doors until May 1. Its online store is still in operation and can be accessed at LanternDancer. com.

"We believe for the safety and health of all in our community, it is best to close our store and to stay

# Delay.

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keep up with the cost of inflation. Delaying the effective date of the rate increase from April 1 to July 1 will cost the utility roughly \$1 million. To offset this loss, the board approved a withdrawal from LPEA's emergency rate stabilization fund, which was created in 2019 to safeguard business operations in emergency situations. The board views the creation of this fund as fortuitous, because it can now be used to help LPEA members in this time of great need.

## Allocation of \$90,000 in

As LPEA is a not-for-profit utility delivering service to its members at cost, any payments made by mem-

# Advisory.

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with fewer options for healthcare and urge individuals to do their part by staying home was an appropriate next step. Per this discussion SJBPH prepared advisory Monday and sent to all Policy Group invitees at same time as sending public," Jollon's statement reads. The Archuleta County staff and officials who called in to Sunday morning's meeting were Archuleta County Director of Emergency Operations Mike Le Roux, Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez, Undersheriff Derek Woodman and County Commissioner Ron Maez. County officials and staff initially suggested the "Stay at Home" order was not discussed, but later cited that information can get lost in virtual, call-in meetings. Valdez explained the language of a "Stay at Home" advisory was discussed, but his understanding was that it hadn't been decided that SJBPH would issue anything to the public, especially the next day. Valdez also explained he voiced concern that SJBPH would possibly issue an advisory themselves instead of running it through an established chain of command. "How can they just send out orders without utilizing our Emergency Operations Center that we have in place?" Valdez said in a phone call Wednesday, adding, "We recognize that San Juan Basin Health has a lot on their plate and we want to ensure that our community is safe and we want to work together to make sure everybody's safe, but we have a sys-

home," Lantern Dancer manager Leanne Goebel wrote in an email to The SUN.

Jason Cox, co-owner of Riff Raff Brewing Company, said his business had to lay off a majority of its staff, citing how "extremely difficult" the circumstances are for everyone in the local community.

Cox explained that Polis's executive order to close the ski resorts came at the worst economic time for Pagosans, as many local businesses use increased spring break revenues to stay in the black until the summer season.

Cox's message to local Pagosans: 'We're all in the same boat, and we're all friends and neighbors.'

Cox, who is also the broadband communications manager for the Archuleta County Broadband Services Office, reported that since about 1,700 Archuleta County students are now doing their work online, the Internet infrastructure has largely held up, noting that some areas, like around Hatcher Lake, are pushing full capacity.

The Springs Resort and Spa laid off "a large portion of its team" this

to provide their electric service are

placed into a patronage capital ac-

count in each member's name, usu-

ally referred to as "capital credits."

When the cooperative is able, capital

credits are "retired" and returned to

members as bill credits or by check.

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and \$7,500 each will be provided to

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be "unclaimed."

week, according to a March 24 email to The SUN from Springs owner David Dronet.

In his email, Dronet outlined steps The Springs took to ensure 'what's best for our employees."

'The lay-offs under state law provide the most immediate, and largest amount, of money to our team by compensating them for their earned time-off," the email reads. "We cut checks to our employees the same day for that time-off, as well as all wages earned up to that point, so they received funds immediately and ahead of regularly scheduled payroll check dates.'

Dronet wrote that lay-offs allow for "faster rehiring when this national emergency subsides."

The Springs also set up a "Springs Family Pantry" where "our team can access food, supplies and other resources for free," which Dronet noted in a phone call was set up to help laid-off employees.

A detailed list of business hours and operational changes businesses are making is regularly updated at PagosaSUN.com.

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the Community Emergency Action Coalition and the Pagosa Outreach Coalition.

### Suspension of disconnects for nonpayment

As previously announced, LPEA had suspended all disconnects for nonpayment until further notice. While no residential or smallcommercial utility services will be disconnected during the suspension, this is not a debt forgiveness program. LPEA members are still expected to pay their bill when they are able, either through a flexible payment plan or funding assistance. Members should contact LPEA at 247-5786 for more details.

tem in place in order to work through those and we want to make sure the system is being utilized so the public is informed properly and that we don't create mass panic.'

Valdez and other county officials and staff noted they received numerous phone calls about the advisory in the days after it came out.

Maez explained in a phone call Wednesday that his main concern was that SJBPH didn't follow an Weaver said, adding, "It's a scare tactic, from my point of view."

"It's probably well meaning, but I think it sends the wrong message and makes people panic," County Administrator Scott Wall said.

"As severe as COVID is as the virus, what we're also trying to do is manage people and their expectations and the panic, and we're trying to obviously do it as normally as possible, but advisories that come out like that without review and discussion create more pandemonium at the shopping centers," Le Roux said, adding, "They should be petitioning for different orders to come down to allow things to be more normal." "Realistically, we want to make sure that we recognize this is a major health issue," Valdez said at Tuesday's work session, adding, "When you have somebody making decisions in a silo and not going through the Emergency Operations Center, [it doesn't] allow us the opportunity to vet those and get down to the resources that we have available. But, what ends up happening is we end up reacting instead of being progressive and jumping ahead of the game." Valdez added that being caught by surprise with a health advisory "overwhelms" the sheriff's department. Wall told Maez, "I don't think they understand the protocol of emergency operations," referring to SJBPH. Valdez, Maez, Le Roux and Jollon all expressed that they want to work together with partner agencies, especially in times of crisis, to ensure public safety. Woodman reported that the Tuesday evening news said that Archuleta County was under a mandatory "stay at home" order and wanted to ensure the public knows SJBPH's advisory is not a mandatory order, just a suggestion.

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counties and four municipalities made the decision to issue guidance together at COVID 19 multijurisdictional Policy Group meeting Sunday morning. There was a good discussion of public health orders and recommendations. The consensus was that issuing public health guidance to highlight the gravity of spread in communities

assign \$90,000 to assist those in its service area as follows: \$50,000 will be allocated to assist LPEA members who cannot pay their bills due to job loss and business closure; \$25,000 will be allocated to the Community Emergency Response Fund;

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every option available."

Tri-State currently supplies LPEA with 95 percent of its power under a contract that runs through 2050. In 2018, more than half of that power — roughly 56 percent — came from coal, a higher percentage than other electricity providers in Colorado. Tri-State's credit rating was also recently downgraded by S&P, another cause for LPEA concern.

"Our current contract ties us to Tri-State's generation portfolio and established chain of command that he had already agreed to with Jollon.

Maez explained that he and Jollon had agreed that information like an advisory would go through Le Roux and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), be reviewed by the BoCC and, if approved, given back to the EOC to be disseminated to the public, noting that process was not followed before the "Stay at Home" advisory being issued to the public.

At Tuesday's work session, Le Roux asked Weaver if SJBPH has the legal authority to make an advisory into a mandatory order.

"Based upon the statute ... it appears that they would have the authority as the — 'cause they are Archuleta County's health department," Weaver said, adding, "Since they are the health department, in the statute they are allowed to, in situations like this, where it's a health emergency to issue orders and that would cover Archuleta County because they are our health department."

Weaver and Le Roux both expressed concern that the way the advisory was written made it look like an order.

"This advisory was written in such a way that it looked like an order and it's caused some confusion within our community," Le Roux said.

"When people are reading through that, it doesn't come across as we're advising people to stay at home, it comes across as an order,"

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demand," said Matlock. "This denies

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zations eager to invest, innovate and generate much more electricity than we are currently allowed. We would love to partner with them to grow this local industry, but until we have an unbiased exit number developed by a regulatory body, we cannot evaluate our future and what is in the best interests of our members.'

LPEA anticipates direction from the PUC soon regarding next steps and an evidentiary hearing following this decision from FERC.

# Archuleta County Central Call Center established

By Mary Jo Coulehan Special to The SUN

With the collaboration of several organizations and individuals, including the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Archuleta County will have a central call center. The number for the call center is (970) 422-7084. Callers will be calling into a main number.

They have the choice then for La Plata or Archuleta County. When the caller selects Archuleta County,

an individual will come on the line and assist you with questions you may have and record your needs and forward to an agency that could assist you.

There is a range of assistance programs from food sources, to meals, to filing for unemployment, to business financial assistance programs to counseling services. The call center is designed to assist people with finding the resource that might be able to help them.

The needs of the community are great. Food security is one of the greatest concerns right now. The request for weekly food boxes has already been seen to increase and the demand is expected to grow in the upcoming weeks. If you are able at all, please consider buying an extra item or two and donate to one of the food distribution locations noted in a related article in this week's SUN.

There are also ways that you can contribute money to the central food sourcing. More information will be available in the upcoming weeks and on the Chamber website, www.pagosachamber.com. Don't hesitate to use the central call center number. People are there to help you and direct you to the appropriate agencies or to try and answer even simple questions you may have about assistance or a question of clarification. Additional questions can be directed to Mary Jo Coulehan at the Chamber at 264-2360.







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# **Community Emergency Relief Fund activated**

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### Colorado extends income tax payment deadline to provide relief during COVID-19 emergency income tax payment, regardless of make estimated income tax paydress the questions and concerns

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Department of Revenue (CDOR) announced that it will extend the income tax payment deadline by 90 days to July 15. This extension will be similar to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) extension. However, this payment extension applies to any qualifying

the amount.

Coloradans will now have the option to pay any 2019 income tax payments that would normally be due on April 15 by July 15 without penalty or interest. This extension only applies to money owed by taxpayers for the 2019 tax year.

Taxpayers who are required to

ments for the 2020 tax year are also being granted an extension. Estimated payments due on April 15 and June 15 may be paid any time on or before July 15 without penalty.

The department is continually monitoring this evolving situation and responding in real-time to ad-

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of Coloradans. To help keep the public informed, CDOR has set up a COVID-19 page where we will post all updates and changes related to taxes, deadline extensions, services and penalties. Please visit www.Colorado.gov/

Tax/COVID-19-Updates for more information.

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# Blood donations needed to alleviate critical shortage

### **By Randi Pierce** Staff Writer

Vitalant, the second largest blood provider in the country, is urging groups to continue organizing blood drives and for individuals to continue donating blood unless local public health officials specifically direct otherwise, warning that canceled blood drives can devastate the blood supply and impair patient care

Further, Centura Health, one of the state's largest health care providers, is warning that there's a critical shortage in the state.

"Blood drives at schools, churches, community groups and religious institutions — which represent more than 60% of the nation's blood supply — are events critical to health care in our country, and if canceled, could jeopardize patient care," a Vitalant press release states.

A Centura press release explains that, due to increased precautions around social distancing, local blood centers anticipate a 20 percent decline in donations this week alone, and up to a 35 percent

decline in the coming weeks. It is important to note that blood donation is not considered a large social gathering, and individuals who are well and healthy can safely donate blood. Having a well-stocked inventory of blood products is crucial for health care facilities, as trauma, cancer and sickle cell patients routinely benefit from blood donations.

"In these difficult times, giving blood is something healthy individuals can do to help the sick. The only source for blood-literally in many hospital procedures, the source of life-is another human being," Dr. Ralph Vassallo, Vitalant's chief medical and scientific officer, is quoted as saying. "We need people to donate blood today, while following guidance from the CDC and other agencies.'

Claire Ninde, director of communication for San Juan Basin Public Health, reported to The SUN Wednesday that the public health agency is "in support of blood drives, knowing that the entities conducting these locally are following best practice protocols to keep people safe."

## PFPD modifies activity due to COVID-19

**By Pagosa Fire Protection District** Special to The SUN

unteer staff are responding to all calls for assistance as normal.

The administration office is currently closed to walk-in traffic.

has activated the Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) in response to the COVID-19 protective measures that are now in place in southwest Colorado. These measures, such as closures, cancellations, self-quarantines and social distancing, are necessary to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission, and particularly to preserve and protect the capacity of our local health care facilities.

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Updates to PFPD administrative closures, community relief responses and links to current health information can be found on the PFPD website and Facebook page.

## Three more local elections canceled

### By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

Three more local districts have canceled elections due to the number of nominees equaling the number of positions available.

The Loma Linda Metro District canceled its election, set for May 5.

Glenn Unrath, Donnie Timmons and Kent Jennings were all elected to serve three-year terms, until May 2023. David E. Parker III was

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elected to a two-year term, until May 2022. The Aspen Springs Metro Dis-

trict also canceled its May 5 election.

Kelly Evans, Jami Venturini and Pam Wallis were all elected to threeyear terms, until May 2023.

Additionally, the Piedra Park Metro District canceled its May 5 election due to lack of director candidates.

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Team Pagosa Alpine Ski Team poses for the camera. Pictured, back row, left to right: Kelly Faber, Jared Carstensen, coach Wayne Walls, Dalton Walls, coach Bryan Looper and Delta Buck; front row, left to right: coach Nancy-Lu-Walls. Chris Brown and Jason Reece.

### Photo courtesy Nancy Walls

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The Team Pagosa Springs Special Olympics basketball team competed in the Southwest Regionals held in Grand Junction last month. Pictured, back row, left to right: head coach Bryan Looper, Sirvando Ramos, Nick Voelker, Dalton Walls, Zack Irons, Jared Carstensen and assistant coach Wayne Walls; front row, left to right: Brynn Looper, Kelly Faber, Chris Brown, Colle Looper and Jason Reece.

# **Team Pagosa Springs Special Olympics athletes** compete in regional and state competitions

### By Nancy-Lu Walls Special to The SUN

Team Pagosa Springs Special Olympics athletes competed in regional and state competitions and brought home big honors in February.

competed in the Southwest Regionals held in Grand Junction at Grand Mesa University on Feb. 15 and returned home with second-place honors after being tied for first place. The playoff game was close,

with the Grand Junction Top Guns squeezing by Pagosa with just an The 10-member basketball team eight-point lead. In addition, our

back first- and third-place honors in the women's division at the meet.

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Kelly Faber scored double gold in the young Women's Advanced Alpine Super G and Giant Slalom; Dalton Walls brought home triple gold in the young men's Intermediate Alpine Super G, Slalom and Giant Slalom division; and Delta Buck earned double gold and a silver in the Intermediate Women's Alpine Super G, Slalom and Giant Slalom division.

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Delta Buck, left, won first-place honors and Tricia Sierpiejko (right) finished in third place in the Special Olympics Southwest Regional basketball skills division in Grand Junction at Mesa State University last month.



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# Education

# **Archuleta School District takes additional** steps in response to COVID-19 pandemic

### **By Chris Mannara** Staff Writer

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education adopted and approved a variety of items to better prepare the district at a special meeting on March 23.

The ASD board first voted to approve a declaration of local disaster emergency that, according to the declaration, "will assist and permit continued access to local emergency funds, Federal and State assistance, adjustments to policies, procedures, and ordinances to ensure the public's health."

ASD Superintendent Linda Reed explained that, currently, she is not aware of any resources.

"This just allows us to access them should they become available. Other districts have passed this declaration," Reed said.

the first and second reading of revisions to its policy regarding electronic participation in school board meetings.

The policy, policy BEAA, was revised to reflect Gov. Jared Polis' signing of House Bill 20-1301 into law on March 18.

According to the bill summary, under existing law, a school board may adopt a policy that allows board members to participate in board meetings electronically, but a quorum of board members is required to be physically present in one location to convene a meeting.

"The bill requires that board members attending electronically be included in the number of members present necessary to convene a meeting," the bill summary reads, adding, "The bill expresses the general assembly's intent that a board's policy authorizing electronic par-

Additionally, the board held ticipation include a procedure for board member who attends and ensuring that electronically participating members have real-time access to materials presented at the meeting.

According to ASD's BoardDocs website, the district is currently in the process of setting up Zoom meeting capabilities prior to its April 14 meeting.

The changes made to policy BEAA adds a sentence that defines a meeting that is open to the public, specifically describing it as, "A meeting at which one or more Board members attend and participate by electronic means shall be open to the public, except for periods in which the Board is in executive session. A quorum of the Board, including members physically present and members attending electronically, is required to convene a meeting."

Additionally, a sentence added to policy BEAA explains that any participates in a meeting electronically will have access to any materials that are presented and available to board members who are physically present at the meeting.

The ASD board also approved a resolution that grants emergency powers to Reed.

"This resolution will give the superintendent the authority to take actions in support of the continued education of students during the COVID-19 emergency and also to comply with guidance from appropriate health or governmental authorities or necessary for other effective responses," ASD Board President Brooks Linder said.

The resolution is in effect only as long as the COVID-19 pandemic is in effect, Lindner explained, adding that the resolution was developed by the Colorado Association of School Boards.

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# Archuleta School District outlines decreases in tax rates

### By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

Total tax rates for Archuleta School District (ASD) have dropped 13.86 percent since last year, with a variety of other changes occurring in the past year, according to a report from ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson.

The report, given to the ASD Board of Education at its regular meeting on March 10, outlined the changes in the district's general mill levy rates, its mill levy override (MLO) rates, its abatement rates and its debt from the Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) bond.

Hodgson's report notes that general rates have not changed from 2019, staying at 21.014 mills.

However, ASD's MLO rate dropped from 5.942 mills to 4.529 mills, a decrease of 1.413 mills or 23.78 percent.

The total MLO override amount went from \$1,700,000 to \$1,457,047, a decrease of \$242,953 or 14.29 percent.

The abatement rate for ASD

because, according to Hodgson's report, the district has a final partial payment due on the bond in November of 2020 and the district already has those funds.

In total, ASD'S mill levy rate in 2019 was 29.700 mills; however, Hodgson's report notes that in 2020 total tax rates fell to 25.585 mills, a decrease of 4.115 mills or 13.86 percent.

"Because of the decision that the board made in setting the tax rates in December, our tax rates have decreased double-digit amounts, percentage-wise," he said. "That's a bit unusual, so I just want to make sure everyone is aware of this, that this happened."

There are two reasons the tax rates went down, Hodgson explained, one of them being the state taking over the expenses for full-day kindergarten and ASD opting to not charge taxpayers the \$242,953 set aside for full-day kindergarten through its MLO.

This decision was made at the Dec. 10, 2019, meeting of the ASD oard. The district was receiving those funds from an MLO passed in November of 2018. At that time, Archuleta County voters approved Ballot Issue 5A, which concerned increasing property taxes for a seven-year period for funding for ASD; voters approved increasing taxes \$1.7 million annually for the seven-year period (beginning in 2019 and ending after collection year 2025). ASD's MLO funds are being used to recruit and retain highly

qualified teachers and staff; fund full-time school resource officers for safety; and provide required funding for Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) to increase staff salaries and improve school safety.

"I applaud and thank the board for making that decision," Hodgson said.

The other reason why ASD's tax rate dropped is due to the debt payment for PSHS, Hodgson explained.

"So, we did not need to tax the bond repayment fund any money this year," he said. "Those two combined dropped the property tax rate, the mill levies.'

### Impacts

Within his report, Hodgson also detailed how these decreased tax rates would have an impact on a variety of Archuleta County residents. All examples noted within



For example, a residential property worth \$200,000 could see its taxes for ASD go from \$427.68 to \$365.87 in 2020, according to Hodgson's report.

A residential property worth \$500,000 could see its taxes for ASD go from \$1,069.20 to \$914.66 in 2020, according to Hodgson's report.

A business worth \$200,000 would see its total tax bill drop \$1,722.60 to \$1,483.93 in 2020, Hodgson's report describes.

A business worth \$1 million would see its total tax bill drop from \$8,613 to \$7,419.65 in 2020, Hodgson's report describes. chris@pagosasun.com



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went from 0.084 mills to 0.042 mills, a difference of 0.042 mills or a 50 percent decrease.

Hodgson's report also notes that the debt for ASD from the PSHS bond went from 2.660 mills to zero in 2020. This marks a difference of 2.660 mills or a 100 percent decrease.

The debt rate will be zero in 2020

## **School district** approves independent contractor contract with LeBlanc-Esparza

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

In an effort to acclimate soonto-be Archuleta School District Superintendent Kym LeBlanc-Esparza, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education approved an independent contractor contract at a regular board meeting on March 10.

LeBlanc-Esparza was named the new superintendent for ASD on Jan. 28.

Current ASD Superintendent Linda Reed announced her retirement in June of 2019, stating that the 2019-2020 school year would be her last with the district.

According to the independent contractor contract, LeBlanc-Esparza will work with Reed prior to starting in her position as superintendent in order to get more acquainted with the school district.

The contract also states that it will be "beneficial" for the district to have Reed share her knowledge and experience of the district with LeBlanc-Esparza.

The terms of the agreement, according to the contract, start on March 10 and end on June 30.

ASD's responsibilities as outlined in the contract are to make See Contract A12



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## Pagosa Peak Open School details plans for possible move upstairs

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

At a regular meeting of the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors on March 16, School Director Angela Crossland outlined to the board a proposal she had for a potential upstairs renovation of the Parelli building in which the school is currently housed.

The plan outlines space for kindergarten classrooms, multiage classrooms, offices for finance and the school director, as well as a cafeteria.

"The next step as far as that is to take that rough drawing and we need either an architect or an engineer to draw that up so we could submit that to the local authorities as well as the state authorities for approval," Crossland explained.

Once PPOS has that drawing it can also put out a request for proposals on the different items within the plan, she explained.

"There are very few walls that have to be taken out or built based on the drawing," she said. "That was kind of my goal, was to be able to section off the upstairs in a way

number of kids in the class.' Crossland added that she want-

ed to minimize the number of things that had to be changed within the plan.

"Because every time we build a wall, we risk that we're going to have to change the fire suppression system, that type of stuff," she said.

All of the classroom spaces within the plan would be able to hold the appropriate number of students, Crossland noted.

"Currently, we are looking at probably having \$150,000 max to complete the work. So we are going to need to fundraise some more for the kitchen remodel definitely that would be downstairs and then possibly some other things along the way," she said.

The atrium upstairs should be secured in some way, Crossland explained.

"Though the state may not require that, to me, it's a safety hazard bringing small children upstairs without it," she said.

PPOS board member Mark Weiler explained that he objected to the idea of the school holding itself to a different level than the state

that was equitable based on the requirement for safety in regard to the atrium.

> "I believe that the state sets the code and they're the one we answer to," he said. "I do not have the same level of confidence in anybody's skill in this building to create rules and regulations for health and safety that are superior to those of the state."

> The atrium itself is a liability and PPOS could be sued and be liable should anything happen, PPOS Business Manager Chenni Hammon commented.

> "It's best to cover our assets. Especially if we have already identified it as a potential problem, that just leaves us even more liable because we knew about it before," she said.

> Weiler explained that if PPOS were to do anything different than the state code, "that's the first thing a lawyer will look at."

> If PPOS were to follow the state's code, it would not have liability, Weiler noted.

> "If you make rules that are different than the rules the state says you should make, you now have a liability," he said. "I would strongly suggest you get a legal opinion and

## Food pantry updates and ways you can help those in need

### By John Finefrock Staff Writer

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, local food pantries are stressed for

supplies, but remain open. Many local food pantry representatives have urged members of the public to donate food if they wish to help those in need in the community.

### Food pantries

• St. Patrick's Episcopal Church at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. is operating its food pantry on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will receive curbside service.

Local residents can donate food in barrels on the side of Parish Hall.

Food donations are accepted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every weekday except for Thursday.

 Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. is running its food pantry on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. These hours are subject to change. The pantry is operating as a curbside service.

A community fund that will aid multiple food pantries has also been created to bolster offerings at Amazing Grace Community Church, St.

Patrick's Episcopal Church and Community United Methodist Church.

Both monetary donations to the fund and food donations can be made at 434 Lewis St.

Church representatives recommend donating food, money or sanitary supplies to help those in need.

 Amazing Grace Community Church at 77 Navajo Circle in Aspen Springs operates its food pantry on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sundays during the same hours. Curbside service is available.

 Loaves and Fishes at 451 Lewis St. offers free lunch on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Because of COVID-19, the lunch is currently carryout only

· John Paul II Catholic Church at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. is offering a food pantry on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon with curbside service only. Food donations are accepted just inside the church.

 Restoration Fellowship Church at 264 Village Drive has a food pantry on Sundays from noon to 1:30 p.m.

"Then we have a Monthly Food Distribution Program that is seperate from our food pantry," an email to The SUN from Leah Smucker, office administrator for the church, reads.

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"It is a government program that we host called TEFAP and it happens at our church every 3rd Monday of the month the times for that are 11:30am-2pm."

Restoration Fellowship's food pantry offerings are by appointment only.

### Diapers and baby formula

 Aspire Medical Services and Education at 602 S. 8th St. has diapers and formula to give to those in need. Aspire is also accepting donations

of diapers, as well as formula that is not expired. Some local businesses that are

also accepting food donations to the local food bank are the uptown UPS Store and Pagosa Brewing and Grill.

Generally, Aspire is open Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., but call first at 264-5963; they are not accepting walk-ins for diaper and formula giveaways.

Wilderness Journeys is also working with local food pantries to coordinate some food delivery, but suggested that local residents contact their local food pantry, and Wilderness Journeys directly, to set up the details.

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listen to that legal opinion."

According to Hammon, PPOS did get the opinion of the state fire marshal, who recommended the atrium needed to be secured.

During a previous school tour with families upstairs, Crossland explained that some parents showed concern about the atrium.

"I think if we do it with an architect or an engineer helping us approve what we're doing meets building codes, it doesn't open us up for liability," she said. "I would like to be able to say we've done it within an engineer's drawings and their code in what needs to happen."

Once the Parelli building is purchased and if PPOS looks to rent the bottom level of the school, the atrium security could also help with sound, Crossland explained, adding that the atrium is, "like an amplifier."

In a follow-up interview on Monday, Crossland explained that the idea is to move things upstairs by this August and open in September.

"We do have some fundraising left to do in order to complete all of it. But the first parts of it, I would hope would happen between now and September 1," she said. "Next school year we would actually open upstairs and that would allow us to have classrooms with more segmented-off walls and their own space.'

Another benefit of the move upstairs would be to provide more security for the school and its students, she added.

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# Contract

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known and available to LeBlanc-Esparza all of the district's policies and procedures.

"The current Superintendent will share her knowledge and experience of the District with LeBlanc-Esparza and will schedule building tours and meetings with school and community leaders and stakeholders," the contract reads.

According to the contract, ASD will pay LeBlanc-Esparza \$560 per day for up to 10 days for services provided under this agreement.

Additionally, ASD will reimburse LeBlanc-Esparza for travel expenses including mileage, lodging and meals.

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Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel. 970.264.2400 Eagle's Loft Propert Owner's Association, Ind Plaintiff

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Building Number: 1 Lot (Unit) Number:

Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 50 Unpaid Asmts: \$4,245.69

Interest: \$1,557.10

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Interest: \$398.36 Late Fees: \$25.00

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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.

MARK MCCARTHY Case No.: 2019CV30096 Attorney for Plaintiff Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814 Email: chris@hjclegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): MARK

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 Eagle's Loft ondominium for failure to pay assessments to Eagle's Loft Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below. Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at

Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901. Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions

Exhibit A Phase III of Eagle's Loft Matter Amount Property Owner: MARK MCCARTHY Building Number: 14 Lot (Unit) Number: 17 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 17 Lien Amount: \$5.827.59

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 May 30, 1984, under Reception No. 123459, as amended by 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").

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 Eagle's Loft vnhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described

real estate. Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: February 27, 2020 Last Publication: March 26, 2020 /s/ Christopher B. Conlev Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 7290 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 blished February 27, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado

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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 Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Unpaid Asmts: \$2,499.15

Interest: \$376.89 Late Fees: \$25.00 Total: \$2.901.04 Phase IV of Eagle's Loft Matter Amount Property Owner: MARGARET E JAMES, TRUSTEE of the JAMES LIVING TRUST

under Trust Agreement dated April 14, 1994 Building Number: 46

Lot (Unit) Number: 46

Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 16 in Phase IV of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 132402 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").

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 Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Unpaid Asmts: \$2,635.69 Interest: \$420.02 Late Fees: \$25.00 Total: \$3,080.71 Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: February 27, 2020 Last Publication: March 26, 2020

/s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Str Fort Smith, AR 72901 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 Published February 27, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

### COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2020-001

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 6, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records. Original Grantor(s) Christopher Keehr Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS Current Holder of Evidence of Debt COLORADO HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTHORITY Date of Deed of Trust June 05, 2019 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust June 06, 2019 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21903179 Original Principal Amount \$142,373.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$142,373.00 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby

### THOUSAND OAKS . CA 9136 JOHN VINCENT ZIGLER 3293 SUNSET HILLS BLVD THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91362

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 1993, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

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the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 83, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS

**RECEPTION NO. 74885. IN THE OFFICE OF THE** CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY COLORADO.

Account Number: R012432 Schedule Number: 569930202033

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 1992-00585/2009-00988 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate o

purchase therefore to Archuleta County That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquen property(and special assessment) taxes assessed

against said property for the year 1992 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of CHRISTOPHER BARRETT DOOHAN and JOHN VINCENT ZIGLER for said year 1992. That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 10th day of

February 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property:

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to ARCHULETA COUNTY

On the 22nd day of July 2020, unless the same has been redeemed

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

Witness my hand this 26th day of February 2020 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

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

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

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GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2008, the then County Treasure of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

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

LOTS 70 - 71, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885. IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.

Account Number: R012423 Schedule Number: 56993020202 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00701

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2007 That said real estate was taxed or specially assesse the name(s) of HASCO INC for said year 2007. That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 10th day of February 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to ARCHULETA COUNTY On the 22nd day of July 2020, unless the same has been redeemed Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any

time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed

See Public Notices A13

buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per

building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219

and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as

per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County

Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and

subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration

to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval

Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page

43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorde

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple

absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Ptarmigan Townhouses in that percentage

interest determined and established by said Declaration

Matter Amount Property Owners: Deborah L Settler, Kathleen J Powers,

Trustee of the Powers Living Trust, dated July 16, 2001 and Samantha R Powers, Trustee of the Powers Living

in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units

per building which are designated, respectively, as

Building No. 12, Units 7223 and 7224; Building No. 13, Units 7225 and 7226; and Building No. 14, Units 7227

and 7228 as per plat recorded on November 3, 1988, in Plat Map No. 327 under Reception No. 159241, in the

Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta

for Archuleta County, Colorado.

for the above described real estate.

Trust, dated July 16, 2001

Unit Number: 7226

Building Number: 13

Unit Week Number: 4 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00

Interest: \$221.12

Total: \$1,371.12

Late Fees: \$25.00

Ptarmigan Townhouses - PHASE IV

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Witness my hand this 26th day of February 2020

/s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published March 12, 19 and 26, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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 Teal Landing Property Owner's Association, Inc. Plaintiff Patrick Padilla, et al. Defendants Case No.: 2020CV30001 Attorney for Plaintiff: Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814 Email: chris@hjclegal.com Atty\_Reg. No: 51651 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): PARICK PADILLA SONIA PADILLA MANUEL S TURREY CONSUELO G TURREY WILLY JEAN BAPTISTE TRACY S REOME SCOTT E REOME MAXINE EUGENIA NORBORG VALERIE A NORBORG CAROL A ENGLAND GEORGE L ENGLAND

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complain 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 Teal Landing Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Tea Landing Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below. Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions:

Exhibit A

As of January 6, 2020 Teal Landing Condominium Phase One Matter Amount

Property Owner: Patrick Padilla and Sonia Padilla Building Number: 11 Lot (Unit) Number: 1111-1116, 1121, 1124-1126

UDI Points: 105.000

Unpaid Asmts: \$722.99

Property Owner: Manuel S Turrey and Consuelo G Turrey

Building Number: 11 Lot (Unit) Number: 1111-1116, 1121, 1124-1126 UDI Points: 500.000

Unpaid Asmts: \$4,236.65

of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase One- as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20102922, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded at Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded at Reception Number 20102923, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

Teal Landing Condominium Phase Three

Matter Amount

Property Owner: Willy Jean Baptiste and Georgette C Rambaran

Building Number: 13 Lot (Unit) Number: 1311-1316, 1321-1323, 1325-1326 UDI Points: 154.000

Unpaid Asmts: \$1,218.84 Property Owner: Tracy S Reome and Scott E Reome

Building Number: 13 Lot (Unit) Number: 1311-1316, 1321-1323, 1325-1326 UDI Points: 77.000

Unpaid Asmts: \$1,229.38

of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Three- as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20106879, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923. Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing

20209497 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. 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 Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: March 12, 2020 Last Publication: April 9, 2020 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901A tty. Reg. No.: 51651 Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. 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 Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc. Plaintiff Samuel Lee Gray, et al. Defendants Case No.: 2019CV30100 Attorney for Plaintiff: Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814 Email: chris@hjclegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): Justin Michael Vauthie Christian Renee Vauthier **Betty Mathison Thomas** Lori Nicole Dutton Phyllis E Allen Michael Pura Erica Pura Vance Douglas Weesner Pamela Kay Harrison 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) for failure to pay the Monthly Payments to Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below. Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith AB 27001 Smith, AR 72901. Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions: Teal Landing Condominium Phase Three Amount Matter Property Owner: Lori Nicole Dutton Building Number: 13 Lot (Unit) Number: 1311-1316, 1321-1323, 1325-1326 UDI Points: 105,000 Pavoff Amount: \$5.816.18 of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Three- as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20106879, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161 and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 2010565, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20106880 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. 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 Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Teal Landing Condominium Phase Four

Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number

Matter Amount Property Owner: Pamela Kay Harrison Building Number: 14

Lot (Unit) Number: 1411-1413 1415-1416 1421-1426

UDI Points: 315,000 Payoff Amount: \$17,723.20

Property Owners: Justin Michael Vauthier and Christian Renee Vauthier

Building Number: 14 Lot (Unit) Number: 1411-1413, 1415-1416, 1421-1426

Property Owners: Samuel Lee Thomas and Betty Mathison Thomas Building Number: 2 & 3 Lot (Unit) Number: 7803-7806 UDI Points: 64.000 Payoff Amount: \$6,394.52 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase I. as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173553, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. 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 Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Phase II of Masters Place Matter Amount Property Owner: Phyllis E Allen Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 43 Lot (Unit) Number: 7308 Building Number: 001C Payoff Amount: \$2,000.70 of Masters Place Condominiums Phase IL according to the Condominium Map as recorded under Reception Number 177633, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Masters Place Condominiums recorded under Reception Number 161911 and amendments and supplements thereto, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations"). 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 Unit in Masters Place Condominiums in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: March 12, 2020 Last Publication: April 9, 2020 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN 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 Peregrine Townhouses Property Owner's Association, Inc. Plaintiff Edgar Frederick Benner, et al. Defendants Case No.: 2020CV30007 Attorney for Plaintiff: Christopher B. Conley Haves, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814 Email: chris@hjclegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): MARTHA A GARDNER FRANK E GARDNER MARIANNE T CHIFFELLE THOMAS L CHIFFELLE DAVID E PRITTS RONALD GRANT SHAKE INTERMOUNTAIN COACH LEASING, INC. MICHAEL E WARD RESORT RECLAMATIONS, LLC CHARLES P ZARRELLI JAY D REYNOLDS GREGORY WASHINGTON NENAH WASHINGTON YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to

established by said Declaration for the above described

real estate

Matter

Peregrine Townhouses Phase I

Amount

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 Peregrine Townhouses for failure to pay assessments to Peregrine Townhouses Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.

Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith. AR 72901.

Building Number: 3

Interest: \$263.37

Late Fees: \$50.00

Unit Week Number: 52

Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93

Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions: Peregrine Townhouses Phase II

Building Number: 4 & 5

Lot (Unit) Number: N/A

Matter Amount Owners: Martha A Gardner and Frank E Gardner

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 Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Peregrine Townhouses Phase VII Matter Amount Owners: Charles P Zarrelli Building Number: 33 Lot (Unit) Number: 7865-7866 UDI Points: 49,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$810.82 Owners: Jay D Reynolds Building Number: 35 Lot (Unit) Number: 7869-7870 UDI Points: 77,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,035.94 Owners: Gregory Washington and Nenah Washington Building Number: 35 Lot (Unit) Number: 7869-7870 UDI Points: 154,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,819.17 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VII, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20005495, subject to Third Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 20002414, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado, 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 Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: March 19, 2020 Last Publication: April 16, 2020 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 7290 Atty, Reg. No.: 51651 Published March 19, 26, April 2, 9 and 16, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN.* 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 Ptarmigan Property Owner's Association, Inc. Plaintiff Suzanne Quintana A/K/A Sanford, et al. Defendants Case No.: 2020CV30008 Attorney for Plaintiff: Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814 Email: chris@hjclegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): SUZANNE QUINTANA A/K/A SANFORD MCQUIDDY COMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY, INC J CLARKE JONES ROSS G DURBIN BLOWERS WHOLESALE PRODUCTS, LLC SANDRA COLLIER DONALD E JETT DONNA KASSEL JETT KATHLEEN J POWERS, TRUSTEE OF THE POWERS LIVING TRUST, DATED JULY 16, 2001 ILA NELL HOLDEN J.F.VINCENT 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 Ptarmigan Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Ptarmigan Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below. Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901. Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions Ptarmigan Townhouses - PHASE I Matter Amount Property Owner: Suzanne Quintana A/K/A Sanford Unit Number: 7206

County, Colorado, and further subject to that certain Third Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded on November 2, 1988, under Reception No. 159242, in Record Book 233, Page 171 and rerecorded on November 21, 1988, under Reception No. 0159517 in Record Book 234, Page 283, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Ptarmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Ptarmigan Townhouses - PHASE V Matter Amount Property Owners: Ila Nell Holden Unit Number: 7229 Building Number: 15 Unit Week Number: 42 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00 Interest: \$205.48 Late Fees: \$25.00 Total: \$1,355.48 Property Owners: Barbara Vincent and J.F. Vincent Unit Number: 7230 Building Number: 15 Unit Week Number: 44 Unpaid Asmts: \$795.95 Interest: \$145.31 Late Fees: \$25.00 Total: \$966.26 In that parcel of land being a portion of Parcel D, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded under Reception No. 139304, Plat Filed 314A-C, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, on which is located one building containing two, one level townhouse units designated, respectively, as Building 15, Units 7229 and 7230 described as Ptarmigan Phase V as recorded in Plat File No. 341, under Reception No. 179510 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to that Fourth Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded May 22, 1991, Reception No. 179511, Book 331, Page 164 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Ptarmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: March 19, 2020 Last Publication: April 16, 2020 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 Published March 19, 26, April 2, 9 and 16, 2020 in *The* Pagosa Springs SUN. Request for Proposals: Auditing Services The Archuleta School District #50 JT is accepting Proposals for CPA firms to audit the financial records of the school district, or to audit the financial records of Pagosa Peak Open School, or to audit the financial records of both entities. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., April 3, 2020, at the Archuleta School District #50 JT Administration Building, P.O. Box 1498, 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa

Springs, CO 81147. Copies of the complete RFP can be found on the District's website: www.mypagosaschools.com in the "District" section. Alternatively, specifications can be obtained at the Administration Office, Monday - Thursday from 8-4 Mat deGraat or by sending an email to mhodgson@pagosa.k12.co.us Julian Caler Published March 19 and 26, 2020 in The Pagosa Bill Hudson Springs SUN. Rory Burnet

3-year term until May 2023 Donnie Timmons Kent Jennings David E. Parker, III 3-year term until May 2023 2-year term until May 2022 /s/ Glenn Unrath

Glenn Unrath, Designated Election Official Glenn Unram, Designated Election Oriotat Contact Person: Carol Peachey Email: Iomalindametrodistps.sec@gmail.com Address: PO Box 3932, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Published March 26, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for "FINAL Major Design Review" for the proposed construction of 34 rental housing units along with community clubhouse and office space for The Department of Human Services. The site is located at 450 Hot Springs Boulevard, across from Town Hall. The Design Review Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 5:30pm in Town Hal Located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd, to consider the FINAL Design Review Application. To comply with the current social distancing recommendations, the agenda will include instructions on how to join the meeting via video conference and/or telephone.

To access the meeting agenda, staff report and proposed development application, click the Meetings and Agendas tab on the left-hand side on the Town's website home page at pagosasprings.co.gov. You may also view the application on our website under Departments -> Planning -> Pending Land Use Development Projects. We encourage interested parties to contact the Planning Department prior to the meeting date, with any questions or comments via phone at 970-264-4151 x221 or email at cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov. Written comments will be forwarded to the Design Review Board for their consideration.

This is an opportunity for you to review the proposed project and provide comments for the Design Review Board's consideration in their determination on the Final Design Review Application

Published March 26, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN

Notice of Cancellation of Regular Election by the Designated Election Official Notice is hereby given by the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District, Archuleta County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before elections, there were not more candidates for director positions than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 5, 2020 is hereby canceled pursuant to Section 1-13.5-513(6) C.R.S. The following candidates are hereby declared elected: Kelly Evans 3-year term until May 2023 Jami Venturini 3-year term until May 2023 Pam Wallis 3-year term until May 2023 By Shane B. Tuller Designated Election Official For Aspen Springs Metropolitan District PO Box 488 Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 PH: 970-731-5656 Published March 26, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF REGULAR ELECTION BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION

OFFICIAL FOR THE PIEDRA PARK METROPOLITAN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Piedra Park Metropolitan Improvement District, Archuleta County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty third (63rd) day before the election or thereafter, there were not more candidates for Director than offices to be filled. including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 5, 2020 is hereby cancelled. By: /s/ Moira Risinger Designated Election Official

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NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

STATE OF COLORADO TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN and particularly to the

electors of the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter and the Municipal Election Code, the municipal election of the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, will be held on Tuesday April 7, 2020 A.D. between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The corporate limits of the Town of Pagosa Springs shall constitute one precinct. The election shall be conducted as a mail ballot election. The ballots will be mailed to the eligible electors of the Town no earlier than 22 days prior to the election and no later than 15 days prior to the election. The drop-off location for the delivery of mail ballots and receipt of replacement ballots shall be located at the Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Boulevard, in the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, which shall be open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning at least 22 days prior to the election day and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on

election day. In order to vote in the election, an elector must be eighteen (18) years of age as of the day of the election be a citizen of the United States of America, be registered with the Town Clerk or Archuleta County Clerk, not be in prison, and have legally resided for at least twenty-two (22) days immediately preceding the election in Colorado within the municipal limits of the Town as of the date of

follows:

TOWN COUNCIL

the election The questions to be voted upon at the election are as

Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161. and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 2010565, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20106880 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for

Archuleta County, Colorado. 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 Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described

- Teal Landing Condominium Phase Six
- Matter Amount Property Owner: Maxine Eugenia Norborg and Valerie
- A Norborg Building Number: 16
- Lot (Unit) Number: 1611-1616, 1621-1626
- UDI Points: 105,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,102.50

of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Six- as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20304272, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580 First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20106880, First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20110747, Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147. Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20204765, Fifth Supplementa Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20206614, First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded December 12, 2002 as Reception Number 20211905 and any future supplemental Plats of Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

Teal Landing Condominium Phase Seven Matter Amount

Property Owner: Carol A England and George L England

- Building Number: 17
- Lot (Unit) Number: 1711-1716, 1721-1726 UDI Points: 28,000
- Unpaid Asmts: \$1,286.82

of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Seven - as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20209496, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominiun recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20106880, First Amendment to Second Supplementa Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20110747, Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147, Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20204765, Fifth Supplementa Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20206614, First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20211905 and Sixth

Supplemental Declaration of Condo

UDI Points: 154,000 Payoff Amount: \$13,202.75

of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Four- as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20203146 subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580. First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20106880 and Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple bsolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Teal Landing Condominium Phase Six

Matter Amount

- Property Owner: Vance Douglas Weesner Building Number: 16
- Lot (Unit) Number: 1611-1616, 1621-1626
- UDI Points: 128,000 Payoff Amount \$21,078.90

of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Six- as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20304272, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20106880, First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20110747. Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147, Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20204765, Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20206614 First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded December 12, 2002 as Reception Number 20211905 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado, 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 Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described

ELK RUN TOWNHOUSES BLDG 5 Amount Matter Property Owners: Michael Pura and Erica Pura Building Number: 005A Lot (Unit) Number: 7117 UDI Points: Payoff Amount: \$8,725.49

of Elk Run Townhouses as recorded in Plat File No. 323 under Reception No. 0151975, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Second Amendment to the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded December 1, 1987, under Reception No. 0151976 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. 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 Elk Run Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and

UDI Points: 94,500 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,222.65 Owners: Marianne T Chiffelle and Thomas L Chiffelle Building Number: 4 & 5 Lot (Unit) Number: N/A UDI Points: 105.000 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,245.83 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase II, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173554, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Becorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado 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 Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described eal estate Peregrine Townhouses Phase III Matter Amount Owners: David E Pritts Building Number: 9 and 10 Lot (Unit) Number: 7817, 7818, 7819 and 7820 UDI Points: 77.000 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,115.36 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County. Colorado. 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 Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described eal estate

Peregrine Townhouses Phase V Matter Amount Owners: Ronald Grant Shake Building Number: 22 Lot (Unit) Number: 7843-7844 UDI Points: 49,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$915.57 Owners: Intermountain Coach Leasing, Inc. Building Number: 25 Lot (Unit) Number: 7849-7850 UDI Points: 63,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$949.83 Owners: Michael E Ward Building Number: 24 Lot (Unit) Number: 7847-7848 UDI Points: 154,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,835.52 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, subject Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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 Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI Matter Amount Owners: Resort Reclamations, LLC Building Number: 26 Lot (Unit) Number: 7851-7852 UDI Points: 308,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$3,158,70 Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99011974, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership of Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556. and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Total: \$2.675.30 Property Owner: McQuiddy Communications and Energy, Inc. Linit Number: 7207 Building Number: 4 Unit Week Number: 52 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,083.53 Interest: \$203.19 Late Fees: \$50.00 Total: \$2,336.72 Property Owner: J Clarke Jones and Dorene R Jones Unit Number: 7203 Building Number: 2 Unit Week Number: 31 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,461.25 Interest: \$304.50 Late Fees: \$75.00 Total: \$2,840.75 Property Owner: Mark A Collier and Sandra Collier Unit Number: 7203 Building Number: 2 Unit Week Number: 22 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00 Interest: \$205.48 Late Fees: \$25.00 Total: \$1.355.48 in that property which is described as Parcel 'E'-Ptarmigan Townhouses as recorded in Plat Sheet No. 324 & 324A under Reception No. 153256, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded February 4, 1988, under Reception No. 153260 and re-recorded on February 18, 1988 under Reception No. 153557 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Ptarmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate Ptarmigan Townhouses - PHASE II Matter Amount Property Owners: Ross G Durbin Unit Number: 7214 Building Number: 007B Unit Week Number: 36 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93 Interest: \$263.37 Late Fees: \$50.00 Total: \$2,675.30 Property Owners: Donald E Jett and Donna Kassel Jett Unit Number: 7212 Building Number: 6 Unit Week Number: 31 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00 Interest: \$205.48 Late Fees: \$25.00 Total: \$1,355.48 in that property on which is located four (4) one-story buildings containing two (2) one-level townhouses units per building which are designated, respectively as Building No. 5, Units 7209 and 7210; Building No. 6, Units 7211 and 7212; Building No. 7, Units 7213 and 7214; and Building No. 8, Units 7215 and 7216 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 325 under Reception No. 156199, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain First Supplemental Declaration to Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156200, Book 219, Page 33-38, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Ptarmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Ptarmigan Townhouses - PHASE III Matter Amount Property Owners: Blowers Wholesale Products, LLC Unit Number: 7222 Building Number: 11 Unit Week Number: 41 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93 Interest: \$263.37 Late Fees: \$50.00 Total: \$2,675.30 in that property on which is located three(3)one-story

The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking a bid for purchase and removal of the old cabin on Reservoir Hill. Please visit the town website: www.pagosasprings.co.gov and click on the invitation to bid tab. Published March 19 and 26, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for "FINAL Major Design Review" for a proposed building addition at the Quality Inn located at 174 Hot Springs Blvd. The applicant is proposing a 1,523 square foot (SF) addition to the Hot Springs Blvd side of the existing southern building, consisting of a 934 SF guest lobby and 589 SF guest suite.

The Design Review Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 5:30pm in Town Hal Located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd, to consider the FINAL Design Review Application.

To access the meeting agenda, staff report and proposed development application, click the Meetings and Agendas tab on the left-hand side on our internet home page at pagosasprings.co.gov. You may also view the application on our website under Departments -> Planning ->

Pending Land Use Development Projects. To comply with the current social distancing suggestions. the agenda will include instructions on how to join the meeting via video conference and/or telephone

We encourage interested parties to contact the Planning Department prior to the meeting date, with any questions or comments via phone at 970-264-4151 x221 or email at cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov. Written comments will be shared with the Design Review Board for their consideration.

This is an opportunity for you to review the proposed project and provide comments for the Design Review Board's consideration in their determination on the Final Design Review Application

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The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for "SKETCH Major Design Review" for the proposed mixed-use expansion of the existing Rose Restaurant on the lot adjacent to 408 Pagosa Street. The proposal includes a 3,000 SF main floor restaurant addition including an outdoor dining plaza. Two upper floors will contain 6 dwelling units on 2nd and 3rd floors of 3,700 SF and 3,300 SF respectively.

The Design Review Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 5:30 pm in Town Hall Located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd, to consider the SKETCH Design Review Application. To comply with the current social distancing suggestions, the agenda will include instructions on how to join the meeting via video conference and/or telephone

To access the meeting agenda, staff report and proposed development application, click the Meetings and Agendas tab on the left-hand side on the Town's website home page at pagosasprings.co.gov. You may also view the application on our website under Departments -> Planning -> Pending Land Use Development Projects. We encourage interested parties to contact the Planning Department prior to the meeting date, with any questions or comments via phone at 970-264-4151 x221 or email at cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov. Written co will be forwarded to the Design Review Board for their consideration.

This is an opportunity for you to review the proposed project and provide comments for the Design Review Board's consideration in their determination on the Sketch Design Review Application.

Published March 26, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN

### NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

AND CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Loma Linda Metropolitan District, Archuleta County, Colorado, that before the election, there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates: therefore, the election to be held on May 5, 2020 is hereby canceled pursuant to section 1-13.5-513(6) C.R.S. The following candidates are hereby declared elected. Glenn Unrath 3-year term until May 2023

Town of Pagosa Springs By: /s/ April Hessmar April Hessman Town Clerk

Published March 26, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for "Public Utility Easement vacation" to vacate the utility easement along the northern property boundary of 6 Bienvenido Circle.

The following public hearings will be held to consider this Vacation of Public Utility Easement:

Town Planning Commission Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 5:30 pm

Town Council, Thursday April 23 and Tuesday May 5,

2020 at 5:00 pm All hearings will be held in Town Hall Located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. To comply with the current social distancing recommendations, the agenda will include instructions on how to join the meeting via video conference and or telephone

To access the meeting agenda, staff report and proposed development application, click the Meetings and Agendas tab on the left-hand side on the Town's website home page at pagosasprings.co.gov. You may also view application on our website under Departments -> Planning -> Pending Land Use Development Projects. We encourage interested parties to contact the Planning Department prior to the meeting date, with any questions or comments via phone at 970-264-4151 x221 or email at cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov. Written comments will be forwarded to the Design Review Board for their consideration.

This is an opportunity for you to review the proposed project and provide comments for the Design Review Board's consideration in their determination on the Final **Design Review Application** 

Published March 26, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for "FINAL Major Design Review" for the proposed reconstruction of the Pool House for the Best Western located at 3505 W. U.S. Highway 160. The proposed 4,173 square foot (SF) re-development will consist of a 3,098 SF pool house, 813 SF front patio and 262 SF back patio.

The Design Review Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 5:30 pm in Town Hall Located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd, to consider the FINAL Design Review Application. To comply with the current social distancing recommendations, the agenda will include instructions on how to join the meeting via video conference and/or telephone.

To access the meeting agenda, staff report and proposed development application, click the Meetings and Agendas tab on the left-hand side on the Town's website home page at pagosasprings.co.gov. You may also view the application on our website under Departments -> Planning -> Pending Land Use Development Projects. We encourage interested parties to contact the Planning Department prior to the meeting date, with any questions or comments via phone at 970-264-4151 x221 or email at cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov. Written comments will be forwarded to the Design Review Board for their consideration.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Betty Jo Quintana, Deceased

Case No. 2020PR30008

Springs SUN.

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before July 26, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Harold D. Cruz, Personal Representative 12532 East Harvard Circle Aurora, Colorado 80014 (303)919-3997 Published March 26, April 2 and 9, 2020 in The Pagosa



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PAGOSA SPRINGS I ADY PIRATES

# YOU ARE OUR CHAMPIONS

During the regular season and in the post season, you played with the hearts of champions.

With the unprecedented cancellation of the state basketball tournament at the Final 4 level, you acted with grace.

You represented our community in a respectable manner and you should be proud of that, just as we are proud of you.

Your team of young women has an attitude that will take you far in life.

We are proud of you!

Your families, your fans, your school and your community have benefited from the actions of you and your coaches both on and off the court and you should take pride in your accomplishments.

Thank you for setting the example.

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# It's about how the story ends

The subject seems to be on everyone's mind — toilet paper. Should we go or stay home? Travel the high seas or keep our feet on solid ground? Do we need to selfquarantine?

I am not one to live in fear, but today's calm seems to be upended as we consider our health and that of those around us. Not to mention how a lack of balance can cause us to lose our peace of mind.

For our 50th anniversary, our children sent me and my Sweet Al on a cruise. We enjoyed every minute. Like a scene made for Jack and Rose, I stood at the front of the ship with my muumuu blowing in the wind. Supporting me from behind, Al's teeth rattled as the waves struck against the hull.

April is upon us. Ten years later and the topic came up again. Our youngest daughter wanted to send us on a cruise as we celebrate number 60. "It's a historic landmark, we can go as a family."

'Uh, NO! You are not going to get me on a boat after everything we are seeing on the news. It won't be historic ... it will be hysteria."

We love our children, but we are not taking any chance that would involve being forced to be in a cabin with them for weeks on end. Not even the temptation of an endless buffet is worth that level of bonding.

We will just stay out on the Blanco and watch the geese fly overhead as the ice breaks up on the river. Besides, there is still Sunday night dinner with the family.

Our son went to the grocery store. He came back and said that most of the vegetables and canned goods were sold out.

My Sweet Al and I have gone through many storms together. We have endured the strong winds and the high waves they cause. It's fair to say that we have even hit a few icebergs along the way. With or without a cruise, or canned goods, we know that our love and life will go on. We also know that our freezer is full. It is a perfect time to work our way to the bottom.

Like most things in life, this too shall pass. No, we are not being ignorant. We just choose to embrace



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Like most things in life, this too shall pass. No, we are not being ignorant. We just choose to embrace the day and take things head on.

the day and take things head on. We wouldn't have gotten this far in life had we approached things any differently.

When we feel the pull of the ocean around us, it is our faith that keeps our foundation firm.

Everywhere I turn, there is more and more talk that seems to do little but incite panic. Dare I say that it is hard not to let it creep in as we hear of different event closures. Certainly, the canceling of gatherings can make a person a little nervous.

My Monday writers' group decided to postpone meeting for a few weeks. I had to wrestle with my own convictions. I felt like we



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needed to be there to support one another. Then, again, sometimes supporting others comes when we allow them to be where they feel the most comfort. There is always video conference should we really need to see each other.

Our government officials are asking us to be more attentive. We are being told to wash our hands more frequently, to be sensitive to the spread of germs. We are even being asked to distance ourselves more often than not. It can't be all bad. Imagine how much time we now have to read a good book or to finally clean out the cellar.

I'm not being Pollyanna. Far from it. I'm just recognizing where I am, where my Sweet Al and I are. Yes, we are creatures of habit and like our structure, but can operate outside of the norm for now.

As for any panic that we could feel? It's a bit exhausting and doesn't seem to drive a healthy course. For now, we will re-prioritize and focus on the things that are more important to us today.

Final brushstroke: One of the greatest lessons in life is knowing that lesus survived in the wilderness. That is all that this time is really, just a walk through our own wilderness. We can horde toilet paper or fill every room with canned goods, but it will do nothing to guide our hearts through difficult times. Yes, we need to be prepared for tomorrow and take care of our health. But, if we have read the last chapter of "the Book," we already know how the story ends.

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# **Health First Colorado waivers** to keep people at home

### By Kay Kaylor PREVIEW Columnist

At San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA), I have two main part-time roles. I advocate for residents in extended care and assisted living residences as the region's lead long-term care ombudsman. I also am a Senior Medicare Patrol and State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor. Information on the many aging and care concerns will be included here.

Health First Colorado offers long-term care Medicaid for both living in your own home and living in a nursing home. The Medicaid benefits meant to help keep people in their homes are under the general category of Home and Community Based Services Waivers. These waivers also exist for children and specific medical conditions, but the one most common for people age 65 and older is the Elderly, Blind or Disabled (EBD) waiver.

People who qualify for the EBD waiver after age 64 must have a "significant functional impairment" that requires support at a level comparable to the services a nursing home provides. The 2020 income requirement for a single person is less than \$2,349, based on the Federal Supplemental Security Income limit times three. For a single person, the countable assets are less than \$2,000 and for a couple less than \$3,000.

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# Curtains Up Pagosa announces scholarship recipients

### By Dale Johnson Special to The PREVIEW

Juliana Ellesmore was a beautiful, brilliant and talented young woman of 19 who loved music and singing and life, and whose life was cut short by a tragic accident.

A music scholarship was created to honor her memory and spirit. Curtains Up Pagosa has been partnering with Juliana's family and friends in managing this generous scholarship program.

Elise Yeager, a 2019 high school graduate, moved to the Pagosa area recently and has been seen on stage performing in high school, Curtains Up Pagosa and Thingamajig productions, where she was most recently seen as Alice in "Alice in Wonderland." She studies voice with Dale Scrivener.

Antonia Bussoli, also a 2019 high school graduate in Pagosa, has been active in the performing arts since she was a young child. Start-



Antonia Bussoli

ing freshman year, she performed in every high school and Curtains Up Pagosa production that came along. Antonia was the 2019 recipient of Best Performing Artist with the high school's performing arts



Elise Yeager

program. She also studies voice with Dale Scrivener.

Both of these outstanding young women are grateful to have been able to pursue their vocal studies under the Juliana scholarship.

# What coronavirus teaches us

**By Jonathan Thompson** Special to The PREVIEW

In the time of coronavirus, I headed to southern Utah's remote canyon country to do some extreme social distancing.

All I knew when I emerged a few days later in western Colorado was that the world was ... confusing. I half-expected to find empty highways and shuttered businesses. What I witnessed was an armada of black SUVs, loaded down with passengers and skis, all headed to the resort town of Telluride. This was mid-March.

Clearly, a lot of folks were determined not to let a deadly pandemic get in the way of their ski vacation. It occurred to me then that perhaps things weren't so bad after all. If that many people were still headed for the slopes, the crowded restaurants, bars and supersized petri dishes — er, hot tubs — then surely the danger of the virus had passed, right? Wrong.

What I was witnessing was just one instance of an ad hoc failed response to a crisis. It resembled a magnified version of the global response to climate change in which half the population is in panic mode, while the other half insists on life as usual.

I saw this play out in even starker relief in the supermarket in Montrose, which serves as a supply town for mountain towns to the south, including Telluride. The parking lot was packed, and at first



glance things inside seemed fairly typical for a ski season Saturday. The avocados and bell peppers were stacked high in the produce section and the fancy cheese bin was overflowing. Then I noticed the potatoes were all gone.

I hurried back to the rice and beans aisle only to find what I ascertained to be high-risk folks — older, frail-looking — staring at empty shelves. It was the same with the dried pasta section, where all that remained were a few boxes of gluten-free stuff. I grabbed them and anything else that would give me sustenance for the next week or so while I lived and worked out of my car.

Back out in the parking lot, a massive Cadillac Escalade and a handful of Chevy Suburbans were lined up in front of the liquor store. One woman told her companion to move the car closer because "we've got way too much to carry."

Then it felt like a cascade: Meetings were canceled, my kids were being ordered to vacate their college dorms immediately, giving them little choice but to get on planes and fly across the ocean back to Bulgaria, where I live. Restaurants were shutting down. Meanwhile, the ski vacationers were stocking up on booze. Did they think they're immune? Or did they believe President Trump when he first downplayed the virus, even calling it a hoax?

It's tempting simply to roll one's eyes: They'll get what they deserve, while those who hole up in their houses and try to do their part to mitigate the virus's spread will stay healthy.

Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. By continuing on with their lives, the vacationers could negate the efforts of the conscientious crowd and likely spread the virus to the people working in the restaurants, hotels and shops.

Climate change is no different. It does little good for one person to reduce their carbon footprint if all around them everyone else — with the encouragement of the federal government — drills for oil, burns natural gas or coal and consumes without limits, as if the climate catastrophe were just another media fixation.

What we need to battle both this virus and climate change is a coordinated, society-wide response. We need leaders who aren't afraid of taking bold, decisive action, regardless of how it might impact the stock market or the bottom line of political donors. It truly is a matter of life and death.

That same day, March 14, Colorado Gov. Jared Polis took decisive action: He ordered every ski area See Writers on next page



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Shown in this photo are two buildings located on Lewis Street. On the left is the first Archuleta County school building and on the right is the first Catholic Church. The buildings are on the north side of Lewis Street between 3rd and 4th streets.

# Pagosa Country pioneers

One of the most interesting Pagosa Country pioneer family histories describes how a persevering woman overcame what, to many, would have been unsurmountable obstacles to raise her young family to become leaders in their new- found home.

Our story begins when Harry C. Macht was born in New York City July 11, 1877. He accompanied his parents to Colorado Territory when he was 6 years old. On Thanksgiving Day, 1899, he married Lena Adams. They had three children, son Ray, daughter Reva who died in infancy, and his brothers, Will, Jule and Joe. Harry was active in community affairs as he ranched until his passing in May of 1942.

Lena K. Adams, his wife, was born in Newton, Kans., on Oct. 4, 1877. At an early age, she moved to Durango, Colo., where she lived until marrying Harry. She died Dec. 11, 1951.

Joe J. Macht was born in New

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in the state to shut down and then imposed restrictions on public gathering places. San Juan County, home of Telluride, went farther: mandatory lock down, shelter in place, all tourists and nonresidents must leave and mandatory testing of the entire population by a private company.

Now we just need the same kind of resolve to tackle the climate crisis.

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York City in 1871. At the age of 7, he moved to Del Norte, Colo., and in 1883 he arrived in Pagosa Springs with his widowed mother, three brothers and one sister. He moved to Glendale, Ariz., in 1929 and to Aztec, N.M., in 1942. He married Hazel Adams in 1915 and the couple had two children before he passed away in July of 1947.

Jule Macht was born Dec. 1, 1878, in New York City and passed away June 14,1963. He was the youngest son of Carl and Victoria Macht, the brother of Joe J., Harry, and Will, and sister Mrs. Harry Hampton. The family moved to Del Norte when he was a boy. The father, Carl, passed away in Del Norte and the mother, Victoria, moved the family to Pagosa Springs in 1883.

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# Library closed, but many services available online, books available by download

### By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

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You may want to save this column if you are interested in any of the items below for the future.

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"It is with a heavy heart that we made the decision to close," said MegWempe, library director. "Traditionally, libraries have always been a place of refuge and comfort in times of emergency. But, as we all know, this is a highly unusual situation, and the health and safety of our patrons and our community must be our top priority.

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### Books on CD

"House on Fire" by Joseph Finder is a Nick Heller mystery. "A Divided Loyalty" by Charles Todd features Scotland Yard Detective Ian Rutledge. "The Museum of Desire" by Jonathan Kellerman is an Alex Delaware mystery. "Salt River" by Randy Wayne White is a Doc Ford adventure. "A Long Petal of the Sea" by Isabel Allende centers on refugees fleeing Franco's Spain. "A Longer Fall" by Charlaine Harris is the second book in the Gunnie Rose series. "Into the Fire" by Gregg Hurwitz features an off-the-books government assassin. "When You See Me" by Lisa Gardner is a murder mystery. "The Look-Alike" by Erica Spindler is a psychological thriller. "A Small Town" by Thomas Perry is a suspense story about 12 prisoners who orchestrate a successful escape.

### Large print

"Apache Lament" by Patrick Dearen and "Shadow Rider: Ghost Warrior" by Joey Sharman are westerns. "Hart's Hollow Farm" by Janet Dailey is book four in the New Americana series.

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■ continued from previous page The family first lived in one of the abandoned Fort Lewis buildings remaining on Pagosa Street in town before moving to a ranch on Turkey Creek Road. He married Jennie Belle Flaugh Nov. 7, 1901. Jule was always active in community affairs. He also built a brick house in town which remains on the corner of 3rd and Pagosa streets, formerly the site of the first Baptist Church in Pagosa Springs. His daughter was Mrs. Fern Hott.

William (Will) Macht was born Jan. 2, 1870, in New York City to Carl and Victoria Macht. Will married Myrtle Adams in 1894. In 1904, they moved to San Diego, but returned a short time later to Pagosa Springs, where they homesteaded a ranch just north of the cemetery. He passed away Dec. 8, 1963.

Next week we'll take a closer look at how the widowed mother and her sons fared on the wild Pagosa frontier.



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### Other nonfiction

"The Hope of Glory" by historian and Pulitzer-Prize winner Jon Meacham reveals rich historical and theological insights into the seven last sayings of Jesus.

'Olympic Pride, American Prejudice" by Deborah Riley Draper and Travis Thresher explores the

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experiences of 18 African Americans who competed in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. "The Letters of Cole Porter" is a collection of letters written by one of America's greatest songwriters. "Still Sideways" by Devon Raney is the memoir of a man who persevered and adapted after being 85 percent blinded in a surfing accident.

"Untamed" by Glennon Doyle is a memoir of a woman overcoming personal discontent and family issues to set boundaries and make peace with herself. "Why We're Polarized" by Ezra Klein explores our current climate of division and dysfunction. "Author in Chief" by Craig Fehrman is a look at our presidents and the books they wrote. "The Future We Choose" by Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac outline two possible scenarios for our planet depending on whether or not we meet the 2015 Paris Agreement targets.

### Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

'The Big Lie" by James Grippando is the 15th book in the Jack Swyteck legal thriller series.

### Other novels

"Once Upon a Caribbean Summer" by Lisa T. Bergren is a romance featuring two treasure hunters. "These Ghosts Are Family" by Maisy Card explores the effect of an explosive secret on a Jamaican family. "Selah" by Lisa T. Bergren is book three in the Sayer Baron's Daughters series.

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# Working from home can be a challenge

By Robin Young **PREVIEW** Columnist

The global spread of COVID-19 has shifted our everyday way of life including some of us now working from home. Even if you already work from home, this unprecedented event has affected us all. With the technology and ways to connect us with our devices, we will continue to adjust to work/ life at home.

We all have different living environments at home. No matter what your environment is, you'll need to change some of your habits and routines to make working from home a success. We have routines we do at home and routines when we are at work. Everyone who works remotely must figure out when to work, where to work, and how to create boundaries between work and personal life.

If you're new to working remotely, decide what will be right for you to help you stay productive and maintain balance. Think about these things:

• Make a dedicated office space. This will help you keep all your things in one area. You'll want your work area to be comfortable and out of the way of distractions, even though you will still encounter them, especially if you have school-aged kids at home. Be sure to set ground rules with others that live with you.



• Creating a morning routine can be a blended effort with your at-home routine and office routine. Deciding you'll sit down at your desk and start work at a certain time is one thing. Creating a routine that guides you into the chair is another. What in your morning routine indicates you're about to start work? It might be making a cup of coffee. It might be returning home after a walk. It might be getting dressed (wearing pajama pants to work is a perk for some, but a bad strategy for others). A routine can be more powerful than a clock at helping you get started each day. Then again, having the flexibility to begin at your own pace can have its advantages, too.

• Having clear guidelines for when to work and when to call it a day helps many remote workers maintain work-life balance. That said, one of the benefits of remote work is flexibility and sometimes you need to stop what you are working on and do a house chore, walk the dog or take care of family. Sometimes, hours can go late into the night. If you do work late, allow

yourself to sleep in a little the next morning to make up for it.

• Taking breaks is an important part of good physical and mental health. Take longer if you need to. Go outside and walk around. Moving around and fresh air will help you come back focused and energized. That's good advice if you are working at home or at the office.

 Socializing with colleagues can alleviate loneliness, disconnect and isolation which are common problems in remote work life, especially for extroverts. Start a group text or email with a trivia question or a funny meme. Maybe your company will set up a chat channel where remote employees can talk about common thoughts about life in the COVID-19 time. It's important to figure out how much interaction you need to feel connected and included. Even if you're highly introverted and don't like socializing, give a few interactive experiences a try so that you're familiar with them if you ever decide you want them. If you're not at a company with a strong remote culture, you may need to be more proactive about nurturing relationships.

• Working remotely requires you to overcommunicate. Tell everyone who needs to know about your schedule and availability often. When you finish a project or important task, say so. Overcommunicating doesn't necessarily mean you have to write a five-paragraph essay to explain your every move, but it does mean repeating yourself. It's better that everyone be tired of hearing your schedule than not knowing what your schedule is.

• Take advantage of the perks. If you are home with your family, take time to do something with them each day. Make a special treat, play a game or put them to work cleaning the house. Take time to do something you have wanted to get done but have been putting it off. It could be cleaning out your refrigerator or doing a crossword puzzle. Why should you do it? Because you are working from home and you can. Successful remote-athome workers are very disciplined, but it takes time to acquire that self-control. After all, it takes serious focus to do any full-time office job from an unconventional space. That said, everyone lets their attention drift sometimes. If you find yourself working one minute and cleaning out closets the next, don't reprimand yourself too harshly. Instead, take advantage of the fact you can go to work in your jammies, take an hour break to clean that closet, or just take extra time for yourself or your family. Working remotely comes with unique perks. Take advantage of them. You deserve it.

• Keeping a positive attitude will help you get through the day with less stress. Be patient with others. Remember that this is new territory for all of us and we are all having to adjust.

Above all else, figure out what works best for you. Sometimes the answer is apparent, but other times you might need some inspiration from other people who are in the same boat. We have a sup-See Viewpoints on next page



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

### Wednesday, April 1

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### Friday, April 3

**Best Management Practices for** Produce Safety. 2:30-3 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: https://zoom. us/j/187245762, or call in at (253) 215-8782 or (301) 715-8592. Meeting ID: 187 245 762.

### Tuesday, April 7

Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church library. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Vets for Vets at 507-3005 for more information.

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### Friday, April 17

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Presents Turkey Hunting 101

Seminar. 3-6 p.m., Extension Office, U.S. 84. The seminar is open to anyone interested in learning how to turkey hunt. CPW will also host a mentored turkey hunt for qualified youth and women applicants. The mentored hunting event will span the weekend of April 18-19, following the seminar. Hunts will occur on private properties around Pagosa Springs. No hunting experience is necessary, but selected hunters must possess a valid hunter safety card and a spring over the counter turkey hunting license by April 17. Applications must be received by April 1 and selected hunt participants will be notified by April 3. For more information, call Doug Purcell 799-0843.

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# Viewpoints

continued from previous page portive community, whether you find them on social media, online through blogs or just reaching out to someone with a good oldfashioned phone call will help you get through this time. We are all in this together.

### **CSU Extension events**

All CSU Extension in-person events have been canceled. The events scheduled in the Exhibit Hall have been canceled as well. There are no 4-H in person activities happening at this time, either. We will inform you when activities resume.

If you need to get in touch with the Extension office, we will be returning phone calls and answering emails at this time. Please call the office for more information at 264-5931 or visit our website at https://archuleta.extension. colostate.edu/. Or, see us on facebook https://www.facebook.com/ CSUARCHCTY.

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# Drive-through pick-up meals continue at the Pagosa Senior Center

By Cheryl Wilkinson PREVIEW Columnist

The Pagosa Senior Center has taken a proactive step and, as of Thursday, March 26: We are continuing our temporary closing of the congregate dining room due to coronavirus. Our clients are the most at risk for the virus

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 those age 60 and above. 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. Our daily menu is posted on our website at psseniors. org and is below.

Please call 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We will Senior News

also continue 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, March 26 — Turkey sausage soup, bacon green beans, buttered corn, milk, salad and Key lime pie.

Friday, March 27 — Beef Philly cheesesteak, roasted cauliflower soup, avocado/tomato salad, milk, salad and peach cobbler.

Monday, March 30 — Pork posole stew, squash calabacitas, tomatoes Provencal, milk, salad and .

Tuesday, March 31 — Crunchy baked catfish with creamy Dijon

mustard sauce, caramelized butternut squash, broccoli with butter, milk, salad and pineapple pie.

Wednesday, April 1 - Hot turkey salad, garlic green beans, corn chowder, milk, salad and pumpkin pie.

Thursday, April 2 — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned asparagus, dinner roll with butter, milk and salad.

Reservations and cancellations are required. You can make a reservation at 264-2167 by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you would like to drive through and pick up a meal at the Community Café at the Senior Center in the Community Center.

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.

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# When it's time to take action

### By John Lough Special to The PREVIEW

Most of us have few hesitations about taking actions to correct life's small problems. We might complain about poor restaurant service, return yesterday's defective purchase or visit our doctor about a troubling health issue.

But are we are ready and willing to take action when the problem we're facing turns out to be the actual life we're living?

Too often, our response to real life issues and disappointments is to simply push them aside or to feel sorry and depressed that things aren't going right. Unfortunately, allowing yourself to wallow in anger or blame or feelings of helplessness when life isn't giving you all you expect from it doesn't fix anything. Instead, you need to turn such feelings into positive energy to help in building the better life you desire.

A starting point is simply sitting down with yourself and identifying what things have you feeling that your life isn't working out the way you once planned. While the realities of daily living often take a toll on the optimistic visions we all once had, you need not surrender totally to the problems and shortcomings you face.

Instead, you can begin to take small steps toward living the life you really want. One step is simply finding your own voice. It's necessary to be able to express your feelings when things are disappointing you. Speaking up doesn't mean that you're being selfish or overbearing. You simply want to be honest and to have others better understand what's troubling you.

If the demands of an overly busy schedule don't leave you time for people and events that would make you feel more positive about your life, learn to say "No" when necessary. Your aim should be for the changes, even small ones, that help you move toward the life you want. Identify your strengths and

interests and then put time into nourishing them. Begin by taking one daily action that moves you closer to your desired life. It can be something simple, like rewriting your resume, cleaning out old files or a cluttered closet, or reconnecting with an old friend.

Your goal is to create an overall balance in your life. A life that is too busy often ends up without room for those people and activities that can help you better connect with the real you and the life you feel you should be living.

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## How to clean when faced with a shortage of supplies

### Special to The PREVIEW

In light of concerns about COVID-19, various health organizations have issued specific instructions on how to maintain personal safety and cleanliness. These recommendations involve using common household products to sanitize homes, offices and public spaces. As people take such precautions, many are stocking up on extra essentials — resulting in shortages.

Everything from hand sanitizers to paper towels may be hard to find on grocery store shelves, leaving some to wonder what they can do to remain safe without sanitizers?

The Environmental Protection Agency states that coronaviruses are some of the easiest types of viruses to kill because they have an envelope around them that enables them to merge with other cells and infect them. If that protective coating can be disrupted, the virus can't do its job. For those having trouble finding well-known cleaning agents, these alternatives may suffice.

### Hot water and soap

The reason hand-washing is at the top of the list of sanitizing methods is because it is so effective at washing away viruses and bacteria. Friction from scrubbing with soap and water can help break the protective envelope, states the EPA. Soap and water can clean all surfaces in a home, especially when applying a little extra elbow grease.

### Hydrogen peroxide

As people clear isopropyl (rubbing alcohol) off the shelves, do not discount hydrogen peroxide. The CDC says household hydrogen peroxide at 3 percent concentration can deactivate rhinovirus, the virus that causes the common cold, within six to eight minutes of contact. Coronavirus is easier to destroy than rhinovirus, so hydrogen peroxide may be effective at combating that virus as well.

Natural items can be used for general cleaning, but have not been endorsed for use on COVID-19 disinfection. In lieu of shortages, white vinegar, baking soda pastes, and citrus oils and juices could fill the void of chemically based cleansers for other home tasks.

# Crafts for the not-so-crafty hobbyist

### Special to The PREVIEW

Creativity lends a lot to everyday life. School parties are made that much better by intricate dessert designs. Handmade blankets tend to be more inspiring and cherished than mass-produced alternatives. Because of that, many people find hobbies that inspire their creativity to be incredibly rewarding.

While crafting is a hobby that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skill sets, some people are more craft-inclined than others. That doesn't mean those with little arts and crafts experience cannot make items they can be proud of. The following are a handful of projects for inexperienced crafters who may feel as though they have two left thumbs.

### Dress-up premade items

Sandra Lee made a career of teaching people how to blend some prepackaged food items with other ingredients to create semi-homemade menus. Anyone can use the same mentality to put together craft projects without having to start from scratch. Search the hobby stores or department stores for items that can be paired together. For example, why not glue a 4-by-6-inch picture frame to the top of candlestick holder for an ornate and interesting design element at home? Mason jars can be embellished with just about anything — from ribbon to fabric to glitter — giving them a decorative touch. Simply giving an item a new coat of paint or adding some decorative tacks or hooks can easily change its look and give it a crafty feel.

# Grow comfortable with a computer printer

Homespun graphic arts can be mastered by just about anyone with access to some clip art, fonts and basic design software. You may also be able to find free apps or shareware online providing ready-made templates. Print out cute labels or tags that match party themes and put them on favor bags or prizes. Print cute slogans on cardstock and staple them to a small, filled plastic baggie to serve as classroom gifts. Make a collage of different images and print them out to frame. Or, snap a picture of a particular pattern or design element that fits with a room's theme and then frame that image for matching artwork.

### Make soaps or candles

Thanks to the bevy of kits available at craft stores, it's easier than ever to make your own soaps or candles at home. All it usually takes is melting down the medium, adding the desired scents and colors and then allowing them to set in a mold or container. The result may seem like you worked for hours when really it was a relatively easy task. These handmade products can make great hostess gifts or nice touches when guests stay over at your home.

### Personalize clothing

You do not have to be an artist to create T-shirts, aprons or other items that have that personalized touch. If you do not want to hassle with the mess of fabric paints or pens, use iron-on stencils or letters. Another idea is to create your own stencil (fire up that printer again), cut out your design or letters and then use a bleach pen sold in the laundry or cleaning aisle to color in the design. Let it sit and then launder for a faded and fun project.





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# School days

Scene ... schooling at home. With schools closed to help slow the spread of COVID-19, Archuleta County students took the classroom home, with a little help from their families, fluffy friends and (mostly for the parents) caffeine.





























# **Bird of the Week**



Photo courtesy Ben Bailey

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the blue-winged teal.

Among the ducks that summer here, the blue-winged teal is one of the last to arrive and the first to leave. It is a long-distance migrant, wintering as far south as Chile and breeding across much of the central U.S. and Canada into the Arctic. In North America, only the mallard is a more abundant duck.

This dabbling duck feeds on mudflats and in shallow marshes and ponds, where it is often found along the edges. Like many birds, in spring and summer it needs the extra protein of insects, larvae and invertebrates for producing eggs and feeding young, but its diet mainly consists of seeds, plant parts, grasses, sedges and pond weeds.

Blue-winged teals are small, crow-sized ducks with rounded heads and large black bills. In breeding plumage, the male has a brown body covered with dark speckles and a white patch near his rear. His slate blue head is cut by a bold white crescent behind the bill. Females have brown patterned plumage, a darker head cap and dark eye line. In flight, beautiful powder-blue and green patches display on the wings.

Young blue-wingeds mature quickly and are often left to fend for themselves before their first flight at six weeks. In fall, some migrating groups consist entirely of young birds, suggesting that the migratory route is instinctive, not learned.

Bird-watching is a great antidote to the current troubling news and an activity any family can share. When our Audubon chapter can resume group activities, they will be posted on our website, www.weminucheaudubon.org, or at www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

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# COVID-19: Mental health and physical health are not two separate things

Special to The SUN

Mental Health Colorado President and CEO Vincent Atchity released the following statement:

If you've ever doubted that mental health and physical health are closely related, you're probably not so doubtful anymore.

As we learn about more cases of COVID-19 and all the measures that are being taken all over the world, you may find yourself growing increasingly anxious. Our mental health and physical health are not two separate things.

Some anxiety is normal, especially in times like these. But we need to be careful not to let our anxiety get the better of us. Our anxiety has an influence on everyone around us, especially children. Use conversations with your children as an opportunity to convey facts and set an emotional tone.

Accept anxiety as an integral part of human experience. Try not to overestimate the threat or underestimate how well you can cope and adapt. We tend to exaggerate the danger of unfamiliar situations. In addition to the physical prevention measures you've surely learned by now, there are important things that you can do to support your mental health and ease the anxiety you and your friends and loved ones likely feel.

Stay busy and engaged in the necessary activities of life. Make a conscious effort to be present to your immediate tasks and surroundings. Avoid consuming toxic amounts of information about things over which you have no control. Be physically active, preferably outside, where the sounds and sights of the natural world, and the sunshine, can help put the drama of our human world in a healthier perspective.

Help someone who may feel alone. As immunocompromised and high-risk patients are being advised to stay home as much as possible, some of us may experience feelings of loneliness and isolation. Offer to run an errand for someone who is at higher risk of getting sick. Take this time to call a longtime friend, chat outside with your neighbors or send a care package.

It's in times like these that we have an opportunity to make ourselves most valuable to others and that is good medicine for distracting us from our worries about ourselves. Times like these also offer us all an opportunity to pause and reflect - alone and together - about how much we value our lives and each other, and about how much we depend on our communities to sustain us and help us thrive. This kind of reflection is also an excellent anodyne for our mental health, especially when it reminds us to put our values into action.

If you feel like you need more support during this time of uncertainty, visit our resource page.

If you are more seriously concerned about your own mental health or that of someone close to you, you can call the Colorado Crisis Services at (844) 493-8255 or text "TALK" to 38255.

So, remember to breathe. Focus on what you can control. Take the recommended steps from public health officials. And don't miss this chance to practice active kindness to all.

## A spring craft combining fantasy and fun

### Special to The PREVIEW

Spring is a season of rebirth marked by flowers pushing through the soil and tender green leaf buds appearing on trees.

As adults begin tinkering in their gardens and clearing away the vestiges of another winter, children also can get into the spring gardening spirit — with a touch of whimsy mixed in. A fairy garden is the perfect project.

Fairies are mythical beings of romance and folklore that appear in ancient stories passed down by various cultures. Diminutive in size, fairies are often depicted as spiritual or supernatural beings in possession of magical powers who live in close proximity to mortals. Fairies tap into the imaginations of children, who may be enticed by fairies' mischievous and/or magical attributes. A desire to capture fairies can inspire a great spring crafting project.

Fairy gardens can be constructed in just about any container and make an enchanting addition to a home landscape, patio or child's bedroom. It's easy to get started today.

Begin by collecting the materials needed. Materials will vary depending on each individual project, but some good suggestions include:

• a container, such as a flowerpot, basket, wine barrel, or another vessel that will hold soil

• potting soil

stones, pebbles and glass baubles

pea gravel

• small plants, such as clover, moss and succulents

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Begin by filling the container with the soil. Then arrange the plants as desired while still in their individual potting containers to get an idea of the layout. When the design is established, use a spoon or small trowel to plant the greenery.

Now is the time when the whimsy can set in. The child can create a fairy home, a garden, walkways, and much more with natural materials. Many craft stores even sell ceramic and plastic fairy furnishings. Gravel and stones can add color and extra appeal. Some peat moss or trailing Spanish moss can serve as the finishing touches.



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## It's always the right time of year for fresh apple pie

### Special to The PREVIEW

Certain foods are synonymous with particular holidays or times of year. For example, few people can imagine celebrating Valentine's Day without ample supplies of chocolate on hand. And what summer barbecue is complete without grilled hot dogs and hamburgers? While these foods and others are must-haves during certain times of the year, that doesn't mean they cannot be enjoyed whenever a craving arises.

Apples, and particularly apple pie, are a staple of many holiday season celebrations. But apple pie is just as delicious in March, April, May, etc., as it is during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. That's especially true when the apples are fresh. Whether yours is a seasonal or nonseasonal craving for apple pie, be sure to satisfy it with this recipe for "French Apple Pie" from Mollie Cox Bryan's "Mrs. Rowe's Little Book of Southern Pies" (Ten Speed Press).

### French Apple Pie

Makes one 9-inch pie 1 recipe plain pie pastry (see below)

- Raisin filling
- 2/3 cup raisins
- 6 tablespoons water
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 11/2 teaspoons all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 2 apples (preferably a tart variety)
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch

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- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon butter, softened

To make the raisin filling, combine the raisins, water and lemon juice in a heavy saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil, then lower the heat to medium-low and cook, stirring occasionally until the raisins are plump, about 15 minutes.

Separately, combine the corn syrup, flour and sugar and mix well, then add to the raisins and continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until thick and syrupy, about 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and cool until the mixture is just warm, about 10 to 15 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line a 9-inch pie plate with 1 rolled-out crust.

Peel the apples, cut them into thin wedges, and put them in a large bowl. Separately, combine the sugars, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cornstarch, then add to the apples and gently stir until evenly mixed.

Spread the apple mixture in the crust in an even layer, then spread the raisin filling evenly over the apples. Brush the rim of the crust with water, cover with the second rolled-out crust, seal and flute or crimp the edges, and cut a steam vent in the center.

Bake for 40 to 50 minutes, until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack for 1 to 2 hours, until completely cool.

To make the icing, combine the sugar and water and mix well. Add the butter and mix until smooth. Brush over the top of the cooled pie before serving.

### **Plain Pie Pastry**

- Makes two 9-inch pie crusts
- 2 cups all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup vegetable shortening
- 5 to 7 tablespoons cold milk

Sift the flour and salt into a bowl. Cut in the shortening with a pastry blender until it is the size of small peas. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of the milk over part of the flour mixture. Gently toss with a fork and push to the side of the bowl. Sprinkle another tablespoon of milk over another dry part, toss with a fork and push to the side of the bowl. Repeat with the remaining milk until all of the flour mixture is moistened.

Press the dough together to form 2 equal balls, then flatten into disks. Roll out the crusts right away, or wrap the dough tightly, smoothing out any little wrinkles or air pockets and refrigerate for up to 2 weeks. On a lightly floured surface, roll out each ball to a thickness of 1/8 inch. Use a light touch and handle the dough as little as possible.



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### **Bv Lisa Burnson** Special to The PREVIEW

"You may not end up where you were going, but you will always end up where you were meant to be." — unknown.

As we enter into the season of spring, we are aware of buds on the trees and daffodils popping up through the soil. Nature is providing the gift of fresh beginnings.

This Sunday, March 29, at 10:30 a.m., we welcome all to consider a spiritual restart with our presentation: "Time For a Spiritual Reboot: Go Inward To Receive Your Blessings!" Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure.

For those unable to attend our service, please watch the replay on Pagosa New Thought YouTube.

We welcome people of all religions, cultures, races and lifestyles to our services, where we celebrate the Science of Mind and positive thinking.

Our community of affirmativeminded people share joy, laughter and awareness of connection to spirit and our ability to co-create a life of infinite possibilities.

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### Upcoming events

Group Meditation, each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Fountain of Youth Exercise and Yoga Stretches, each Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Prosperity Class, each Monday at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required.

### Cancellations

Due to public health concerns, we are canceling the following events until further notice:

Petroglyph Presentation, scheduled for Thursday, March 26, is canceled.

Earth Day Activities, scheduled for April 17 through 19, are can-

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something pertaining to crafts.

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Stories To Tell Us, scheduled each Sunday at 2 p.m., is canceled.

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# The Weekly Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Kind of wave 6 Atomizer output
- **10** Celestial body
- 14 Come up
  - 15 Reedy instrument
- **16** Legal prefix
- 17 It may be
- spontaneous
- **19** Pop the cork
- **20** Dummy's perch 21 Hyphenated word in TV
- credits 23 Capone trade-
- mark
- **25** Double-cross
- 26 Artist's medium
- 29 Spread out, as fingers
- 31 Escorts
- 33 Tank filler 36 Reduce, \_\_\_\_, recycle
- 37 Figured out
- 38 Fountain order
- 40 Teaching degree
- **41** What meditation
- can be 44 Desist's partner
- **45** Upward slope
- 46 Hypothesis
- 49 Data holder
- 50 Burdened
- 53 Just for men
- 57 Rant and
- 58 In single file
- 60 Hand-fist
- connector
- 61 Tumbled
- 62 Dissolve, as ties
- 63 Top of the line
- 64 Dimwit
- 65 Sniper position

### DOWN

- 1 Bulletin board item
- 2 Caddie's offering
- **3** Kind of store
- 4 Danger in old homes



- **39** Shoddy goods
- seller 42 Barn area 43 Emulate van
- Eyck
- ops
- 46 Beat rapidly
- 47 Throw with
- effort
- 48 Roof overhang
- 49 Passed out in Vegas?
- 13 Long-limbed 18 Hawk over-
- priced tickets 22 Take another

5 Romanian

6 Lawnmower

7 Long-legged

8 Chimney residue

9 Easily defended

10 Like many two-

11 Rhino relative

12 Field of play

part

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monetary unit

- look at
- **24** Horror movie staple
- **26** Peel, as an apple
- 27 Scored 100 on 28 Gulf war missile
- 29 Sleep soundly?
- 30 Bread for a gyro
- 32 Countless years
- **33** Boarding place
- 34 Comparable (to)
- **35** Split-off group

44 Like many CIA

- 51 From the top 52 Supermarket section
- 54 Pioneering DVR brand
- 55 Congregation's cry
- 56 "American Gigolo" star 59 Nile biter
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# The water boy wrestler: part three

### By Daris Howard

Special to The PREVIEW

Coach had put our marshmallow water boy, Curly, in to wrestle, claiming there were no other heavyweights. Coach said Curly could win team points by default. We stuffed him into my uniform each time, and it was so tight he walked like a ballerina. Then, at the championship round, we found out there was a huge Mack-truck-size heavyweight from the home team.

After Curly ran for his life at the first whistle, Mack had caught him at the edge of the mat and dragged him back to the center. Curly had grabbed hold of the edge of the mat, rolling it up as he went. As we all helped unroll the mat and tape it back down, Curly quietly asked me, "Howard, how many stalling warnings do you get before you are disqualified?"

"You get two warnings with no point loss," I replied. "Then, on the third and fourth times, you lose points. It isn't until the fifth time that you are disqualified."

"Five times!" Curly hollered. "I've got to go through this four more times to be disqualified!"

We got the mat taped down, and the referee lined up Curly and Mack. Now the whole crowd was watching with great anticipation, grinning and holding their breath as the ref blew his whistle. Curly jumped the whistle with an incredible burst of speed, the likes of which I had never seen him demonstrate before. Even running in small ballerina-type steps because of the tight wrestling suit, he almost made it to the bleachers. But then Mack dove and caught Curly's ankles. Curly flopped onto his belly on the hardwood floor right by our team bench. Curly grabbed desperately for anything he could. Unfortunately for Lenny,

he was within grabbing distance, and Curly latched onto Lenny's ankles, pulling Lenny off the bench onto the floor as Mack pulled Curly back to the mat.

The ref was choking so hard he couldn't blow his whistle to call them out of bounds, so Mack kept dragging Curly, who was dragging Lenny, back to the center circle. Lenny was desperately trying to pull free of Curly's grasp, and the palms of Lenny's hands were sliding, squealing across the wood floor.

Lenny's kicking was wriggling him out of Curly's grasp, and, as they reached the edge of the mat, Curly let go of Lenny and again grabbed the edge of the mat. Once more, the mat started to roll toward the center. The ref, who could hardly breathe, let alone blow a whistle, started waving his arms like he was driving crows off a grain field. Finally, Mack stopped dragging Curly, and Curly stopped dragging the mat.

The ref took some time to catch his breath, and when he had, he could barely be heard over the laughter of the crowd as he pointed at Curly and chortled, "Stalling! Second warning!"

"Only the second one!" Curly yelled. "I can't run any faster. Can't we just skip to the fifth one and call it good?"

The ref was perplexed. No one had ever asked for extra penalties before. He didn't know what to say, so he simply said, "I can't. It's against the rules."

Coach, his face now red from embarrassment, wasn't sure what to do. Coach was the only one not laughing besides Curly, Mack and Lenny with his scraped-up hands. As we unrolled the mat again, Coach grabbed Curly by the arm. "Why don't you just pin yourself or something, for crying out loud?! It couldn't be worse!"

Coach, of course, was speaking figuratively, but Curly thought he was serious. To make matters worse, Curly apparently thought it was a good idea. After the mat was again secured, the ref lined the two opponents on opposite sides of the circle and, even though the laughter of the crowd had not totally subsided, he blew the whistle.

And Curly set out to do just what Coach suggested: to get himself pinned to end this match.

To be continued once more.



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