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Town council election not affected by COVID-19

■ Some amenities closed

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic affecting a variety of things locally and nationally, town residents will still be able to drop off their ballots for the upcoming April 7 Pagosa Springs Town Council election.

In a phone interview on March 30, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that voters can still mail their ballots in or drop their ballots off outside Town Hall, located at 551

Hot Springs Blvd.

“I think the stay-at-home order still permits people to go out and about and do those necessary activities like dropping off ballots,” Phillips said. “We’re still accepting them here and hoping people will continue to vote.”

Ballots should be mailed to P.O. Box 1859, Pagosa Springs, CO, 81147, Phillips explained.

Town Clerk April Hessman noted

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COVID-19 testing continues locally, surge expected in coming weeks

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

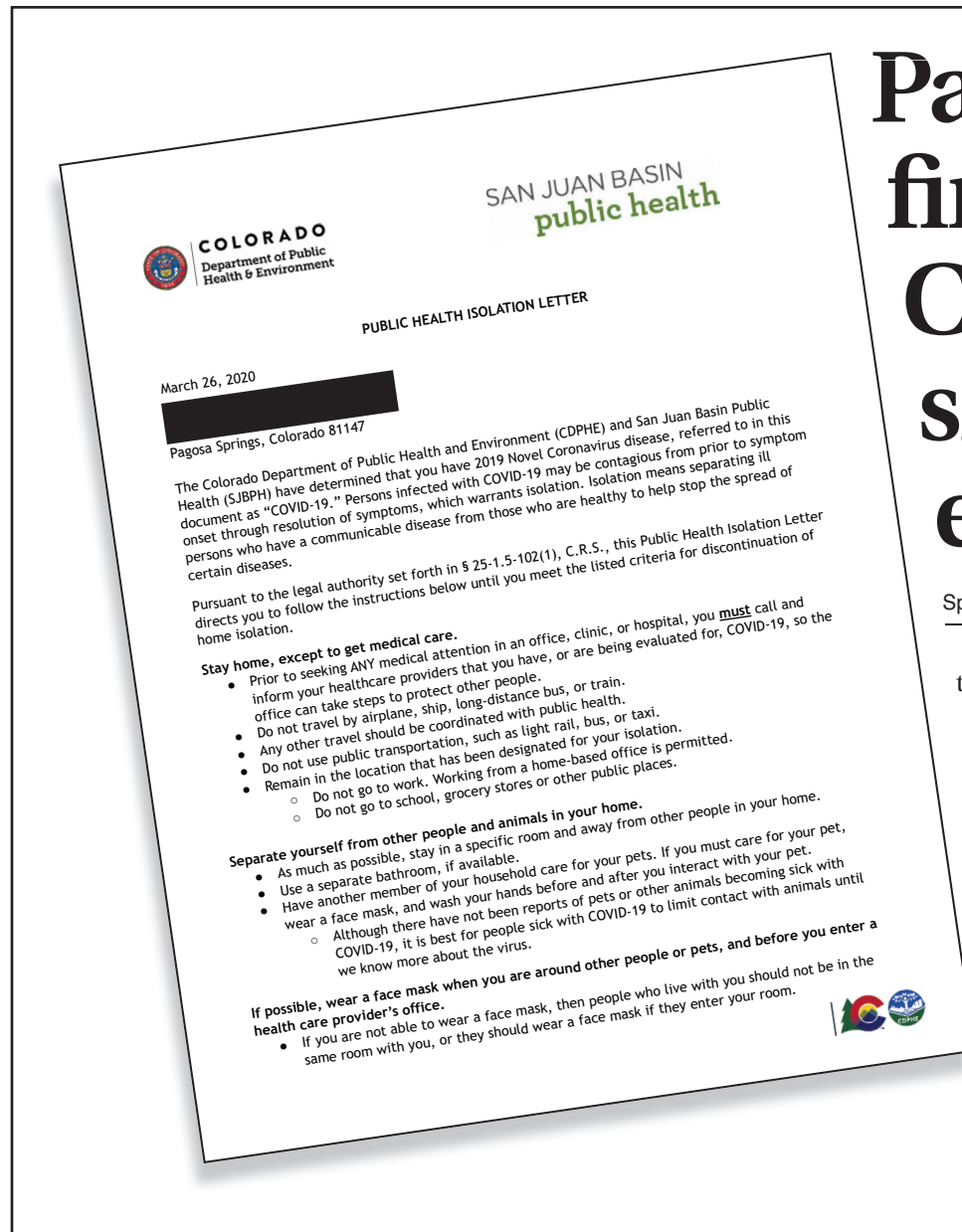
On Wednesday, March 25, Gov. Jared Polis added Colorado to the states with populations told to stay at home in order to help slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, which causes COVID-19 (coronavirus disease 2019).

That stay-at-home order then

went into effect on March 26 — the same day Archuleta County learned of its first positive test.

As of the end of the day Tuesday, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) reported 23 cases in La Plata County and one case in Archuleta County. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe announced Sunday that two

■ See COVID-19 A8



Pagosa Springs’ first identified COVID-19 case shares her experience

Special to The SUN

On March 23, a woman in Pagosa Springs was informed that her test for COVID-19 came back positive.

She reached out to The SUN on Saturday in an effort to share her story on the condition she remain anonymous — a wish The SUN is honoring.

The woman explained via email she wants to share her story “to try to ease people’s fears and also to educate them on the virus. How I did everything I could to keep from coming down with this nasty virus and still it managed to find me and knock me to my knees. Hand sanitizer is great, washing your hands even better, but still somehow I caught this virus.”

She also urges people to stay home. “You really have no symptoms for three to four days before you get knocked down and start running a fever and feeling like you have the flu. How many people could you infect during those 3-4 days? Stay home!”

■ See Experience A8



Photo courtesy Shari Pierce

Pagosans answer the call for masks to help medical workers

By Debby Donovan
Special to The SUN

It was less than two weeks ago when I received a call from the hospital asking if I would be willing to assume the role of coordinator for a community-wide volunteer effort to make masks for our hospital, the Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC).

It was a logical call for the hospital to make as I am one of the more than 70 women who make up a group of crafters called the Pagosa Stitchers. You

may remember previous articles I’ve submitted to The SUN about philanthropic efforts this group has undertaken. We contributed to the Pagosa Pals project which supplies our local police, fire and social services professionals with teddy bears to hand out to children in crisis. There are the scarves and hats we donate to a national program for active-duty military and their families. Then there are the chemo hats, blankets and eye masks we donate

■ See Masks A8



Photo courtesy Debby Donovan
A newer resident to Pagosa, Kim White, along with her mother, are in mass production of masks to support the needs of Pagosa Springs Medical Center.



Photo courtesy Debby Donovan
Longtime resident and master crafter Anlaug Adams sharing her talents for our hospital.

Food Coalition shifts to emergency action due to pandemic

By Pauline Benetti
Special to The SUN

What does it look like when a community mobilizes to confront an emergency? Archuleta County is doing that right now and this is what it looks like. The county, the town, medical facilities, food pantries, Archuleta School District, the Chamber of Commerce, many businesses and most of the county’s nonprofit organizations have all shifted into high gear.

This is about one of those community efforts. The Archuleta Food Systems Food Equity Coalition (Food Coalition) received a grant last fall to conduct a local food assessment and develop an implementation plan. The Food Coalition was using a community engagement approach to assess the local food supply/system with an eye toward reducing food insecurity and thus was in a good position to shift into emergency action as we entered into the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The Food Coalition functions as an organizing and coordinating agent and had already helped create working groups for the community food assessment/planning. The first among these being the Food Pantry Team, which has grown during the emergency food work to include all

Archuleta food pantries — Amazing Grace Church, Community United Methodist Church, Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, Restoration Fellowship Church and TARA Community Center (Arboles).

Food pantries have traditionally served the members of our community who need access to foods and supplies at no cost to them. They are now in overdrive to increase the supply of food available through their sites and to develop safe processes for distribution. Monetary donations to allow for targeted food purchases can be mailed to: P.O. Box 300, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

The community is also encouraged to donate nonperishables on a regular basis during this emergency time. Donation food boxes are set up at the UPS Store and Pagosa Brewing uptown. The list of items requested by the food pantries is available at foodcoalition4archuleta.weebly.com.

The Food Coalition, in partnership with the Senior Center, is working to connect seniors and other at-risk community members with food resources. A need was identified for a system that would receive and respond to both food donation calls and requests for food and shopping

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Positive mental attitude is essential

Editor's note: On Tuesday afternoon, Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger reached out with another message to the community, which we believe is important to share.

There's no place I'd rather be during a crisis than Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County. We are blessed to live in a small community of people who care about others and have leaders who recognize the value of cooperation and collaboration. Our leaders listen to the opinions of others, even when we don't agree, and we believe people possess great value, regardless of their views and actions.

Last Thursday, the town council held a work session to discuss ideas about ways to better serve during this time. Our town manager, Andrea Phillips, briefed us on recent events and we shared ideas. I was asked to provide another public statement.

I left the meeting nagged by a key question: "What do people really need right now?"

I woke Friday morning pondering the question as I prepared for a meeting with Andrea, County Administrator Scott Wall, and County Commission Chairman Ronnie Maez. I asked for their ideas and here are some thoughts. We would like

to thrive, but right now, survival has got to be the priority.

To survive for an extended period of time, an individual needs oxygen, water, food, clothing, shelter and a positive mental attitude (PMA). The most important thing to possess is PMA because, when "lost," the natural emotional response is fear, even panic. As we start to experience that fear, we must tell ourselves, "I won't give up," "I can do this," and "I will make it." I've been taught, and I agree, that PMA is essentially 80 percent of survival.

A group, or community, should possess these same survival essentials, and more. We need each other, and we need to work together with mutual respect and effective communication. We need to encourage and support one another. We need to share. This is a great time to truly help each other develop and maintain a positive mental attitude.

Your local community leaders are currently setting priorities and making many important decisions. We, as individuals and a community, must survive first, then we should strive to thrive. As leaders we must listen, gather information, and make the best decisions possible as unified public servants to promote

health — personal, group, community, physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and economic. Trust must be earned, but I ask you to trust your leadership as a whole. I ask in confidence, because I know many of them well, and they have my trust.

We will survive this season of challenge, and we can thrive in many ways, not necessarily economic. We will be a different community when this specific crisis ends, and we can be a better one. We have a wonderful opportunity to grow closer and work together more productively. It's already happening.

Please do your best to develop and maintain a positive mental attitude. Don't submit to the temptation to fear and be anxious about the future. Let's take one day at a time.

Isn't it interesting that crisis tends to bring out the best, or worst, in people? I see "the best" coming to the surface locally, and I've seen it here before. I repeat, I would rather be here, now, in our community, than any other place in the world. Don't give up. We can do this. We will make it.

God bless and protect you, your loved ones, and your neighbors.

Mayor Don Volger

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WHADDYA THINK? What's your favorite thing about spring?

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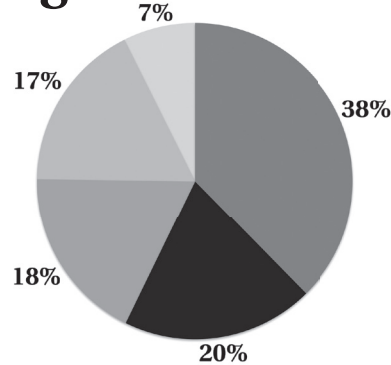
Warmer temperatures. — 38 percent

Flowers. — 20 percent

Rafting/river recreation. — 18 percent

Longer days. — 17 percent

Spring rain/snow. — 7 percent



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LOOKING BACK



From the April, 14, 1983, Pagosa Springs SUN. SUCCESSFUL YEAR — Tracy Smith, Kristi Ramsey, Steve Schaffer, Karl Kirkpatrick, Cathy Chase and Laura Caywood all placed high in the business related competitions held at Ft. Lewis College last week. The active club received numerous honors at the regional, state and area contest it took part in this school year.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of

April 2, 1920

Tuesday Dario and Adolfo Gallegos purchased the Day Strong ranch in the O'Neal park. The consideration was \$3,000, and added to their own ranches will give the Gallegos boys a total of 500 acres in one body.

Mrs. R.E. Shiles, manager of the Metropolitan hotel in the new Sullenberger block, will next week commence the installation of furniture and fixtures, preparatory to opening the hotel to the public on Saturday, the 10th.

Otis Snooks killed two large mountain lions Sunday. He noticed their tracks near where he was feeding cattle. With his dogs he trailed them. The largest one weighed 125 pounds and measured over eight feet. They were fat and their furs in fine condition.

Wm. Clark and Tony Army left Monday morning for the Stollsteimer ranch, which the former recently purchased from John Walker. The two young men will farm there this summer.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of

April 6, 1945

The Dyke Post Office was moved this week from the Dyke store building to the Chimney Rock store. The inspector arrived Monday to check out Mrs. Minnie Belmeier at Dyke and to check in the new postmaster, Mrs. Brayton Cooper at the new location. It is understood that the Dyke store will be closed as soon as the stock of merchandise can be disposed of.

Wanda Miskowic and Joan Wiley played several piano numbers at the Silver Tea Thursday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. Fred Catchpole. Mrs. C.O. Dunagan and Mrs. S. Lloyd Jones poured. Receipts, to be used for church charities, totaled \$20.10.

Men called to leave this Thursday to report for army induction at Fort Logan, are: Joe O. Archuleta, Arrie B. Gray and Rolando P. Garcia. Men who left Wednesday evening for their pre-induction physicals, were: Sylvan M. O'cana, Manuel T. Quintana, Candido Jaramillo, Miguel A. Gallegos, Worth Victor Crouse, Jacinto Abeyta, Jacobo Joe Archuleta, David R. Waldeck, Fidel A. Archuleta, Fitzhugh T. Havens, and Francis G. Teller.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of

April 2, 1970

Nose counting in this part of the country has started. Miss Marvel Bramwell is the crew leader and supervisor for this neck of the woods. She and her crew started actual enumeration work Wednesday, April 1. It is expected that two or three weeks will be required to do the job.

Last official United States population count and census was in 1960. At that time the population of Archuleta County was determined at 2,629. The 1960 census showed Pagosa Springs with a population of 1,374.

Snows on Wolf Creek Pass the first part of the week brought the season's total fall to 308 inches and more is in prospect as we go to press. Curtis Strain, snowplow boss on the hill, reports that the last storm left 42 inches of new snow at the East Side Highway Camp.

Last winter's total fall was 517-1/2 inches.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of

April 7, 1995

With the project to construct the new Dr. Mary Fisher clinic in progress, and the level of activity at Emergency Medical Services increasing with growth in the county, the Upper San Juan Hospital District recently increased the professional staff at EMS. Carl Macht, a long-time volunteer member of the Emergency Medical Services team, was hired on April 3 as the EMS equipment and facilities supervisor.

A native of Pagosa Springs, Macht graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 1965. He attended Western State College at Gunnison, and graduated from Adams State College at Alamosa. Following his graduation, Macht returned to Pagosa and has worked as a rancher since that time.

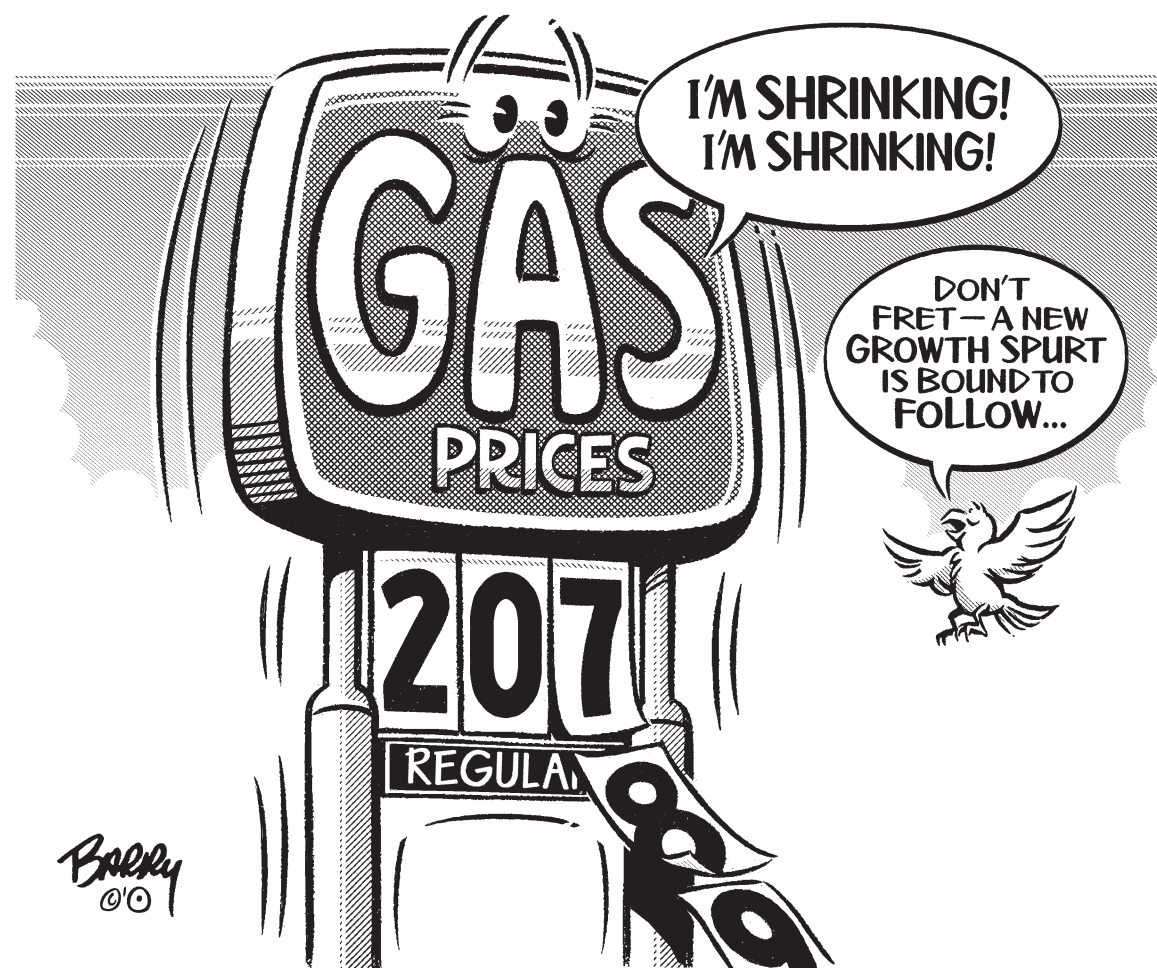
Macht was present when the first "real ambulance" was purchased for use in the county. He and several other individuals secured the loan for the purchase. "I risked the ranch on that ambulance," he said. "We got a note, and the county commissioners then bought the ambulance and ran the ambulance service (until it was turned over the Upper San Juan Hospital district in 1987).

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Letters



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'Spins, misquotes and flat-out falsehoods'

Dear Editor:
I deeply dislike having to pen a letter about one near-editorial that was full of wrongs; loaded with spins, misquotes and flat-out falsehoods, all tightly wrapped in seething hatred. This is so disappointing but once again, K. M. appears to be an obvious Trump-hating machine, blinded to balanced reporting of the truth.

I have, for years, watched the liberal media along with conservative FOX; comparing them to one another. I could see, back then, a subtle differing of reporting. But, it was still watchable. In these last few years, the gulf of what is true has widened. I have now painfully decided to forego the mainstream media because they no longer honestly report, from all sides, the news when it pertains to our President. If they just reported balanced truth, I would still watch them.

A very recent case in point; 3 media outlets strongly touted, "Trump's endorsed medicine kills a man". Missing from that "reporting" was that the man just happened to have self-medicated himself. The med was an ingredient in a fishbowl cleaning product, a fishbowl cleaner that no clear-thinking person would imbibe. But, that wasn't reported. It almost makes Edgar Allen Poe beyond insightful when he said, "Believe half of what you see, and nothing that you hear."

I'm beginning to wonder if K. M. is longing to become a ghost writer for another person who mindlessly

rails against the President in your paper. The colloquialisms are regrettably starting to match the other person.

As K. M. maligns Trump as a horrible, deceitful, incompetent president, two democratic governors (Cuomo of NY and Newsom of CA), who obviously [politically] oppose Trump, have praised his cooperation with them regarding their needs. K. M. would have us believe the exact opposite.

This same writer wrote, "I Pray for our country" so I assume that K. M. is a person of faith. If so, isn't this person aware of the bible clearly saying that, "Satan is the father of lies"? Not exactly a ringing endorsement of such behavior. Willful gossiping is strongly condemned too.

I don't think a rational-thinking person has a problem with another narrating their reasonably-laden beliefs. But, spins, misquotes, falsehood, and outright lies, on any subject, are difficult to endure.

I cry out again, can we all seek to attain civility in our letters? Anything less can divide us and we deeply need unity right now. Stay very well, Pagosa. Let's beat this horrible, unknown and unpredictable, virus.

Stan F Counsell

Supermarkets

Dear Editor:
Along with the incredible article written by a very brave and thoughtful anonymous local woman that we have here in this week's edition of the Pagosa Sun, one of the most meaningful and noticeable acts of courage and downright valor that I've seen in our town, as we collectively lean our shoulder to the wheel of what it's going to take to bring ourselves safely through these months of challenge, is what the supermarkets are doing.

Attentiveness to clean carts and sanitized baskets is made obvious as soon as you walk into Natural Grocers, City Market, WalMart and Joy's. Everyone in the store is keenly aware of what is at hand and at stake, and our food stores are full of selfless employees giving their all, as if they are being paid \$100 an hour, to help every single person who arrives feel welcome and comfortable, to what extent that is possible. I want to reach out and say thank you. And also stick up for these hard working supermarket employees a little with a couple of hopes and recommendations, if I may.

Everyone working in these public places should be wearing quality masks from start to end of day. That protects them and us. Everyone working in these public places should be encouraged to wash their hands and faces every quarter-of-an-hour, at the very least. And, everyone working in these public places should be getting paid extra as of yesterday. Also, how about we turn off any atmospheric air circulation systems in these large stores? It seems to me that the molecule stirring might best be serving only the virus. Maybe some of this is already happening, and if so, thank you managers and owners.

This is the first time I have ever looked at these places and found more reason for emphasis on the first two syllables of the term 'supermarket' than the last two. I am

beside myself as I see the stores filling back up after the mad rushes on produce and product. The resilience and toughness and kindness we are seeing from our supermarkets is remarkable. With the way these class operations are pulling us through, I am a little ashamed to say how much I have taken them for granted basically all my life. That stops now.

Please, everyone stay safe. Let's be forgiving with one another as much as we're raising each other to the high expectations that are needed if each in our town holds in their own hands the well-being, health and safety of every other. Because we do.

Jonathan Dobson

Correction: Cannot renew driver's license

Dear Editor:
While trying to renew my CO drivers license online today, I was stymied by the following message: "Your transaction is unable to be completed at this time due to a notification from the nationwide driver database. Please contact Driver Services for additional information at (303) 205-5613."

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 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

Editor's note: The first paragraph of this letter was inadvertently omitted from last week's paper. It is reprinted in its entirety this week. The SUN regrets the error.

Change and choice

Dear Editor:
Change and choice. Change is difficult. So what can we count on?

Not all change is "bad", we look forward to most changes; a sunny new day, a new dress, shirt, toy, a new friend. Change is often refreshing. A change of mind, change of heart, hope for the future.

At this early morning hour my heart feels heavy, like a small bag of rice suspended from somewhere near my throat and then hanging down to the middle of my chest. Losses I've endured in my life I guess.

Changes are often progressions of other changes I've experienced. Some changes were happy exciting and full of hope. Some very hard.

We were pregnant. A new life that extended our own. Years of love, growth, challenge, friendship, and satisfaction. Then our door bell rings and we're told he has been killed by a drunk driver. Change.

Heavy, hard, agonizing change, permanent change that will never be the same. Loss so deep, vast, torturous, unbearable.

My heart is back in my chest, but it feels dark, sodden and squished. Like a large hand has grabbed my heart with a full grip and then squeezed, squeezed, squeezed until the drops of blood have finally been wrung out. Like a dish rag that's ready now to hang up to finish drying. Change.

Glad I felt and wrote that. Sud-
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Town approves agreement for new electric vehicle charging station

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its meeting on March 19, the Pagosa Springs Town Council took the next steps toward putting another, faster electric vehicle charging station at Centennial Park.

Those steps came in the form of a 4-2 vote approving a donation agreement with ChargePoint, authorizing staff to work with La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) on transformer upgrades and authorizing the expenditure of up to \$25,000 in installation costs from the General Fund.

The council first discussed installing the charging station at its Feb. 4 meeting, opting at that time to have staff continue looking into the opportunity.

ChargePoint approached the town to install a level 3 fast-charging electric vehicle station after ChargePoint received a \$10.3 million grant from the Colorado Energy Office to install 33 fast-charging sites in major travel corridors in the state, an agenda brief on the topic explains.

There is currently a level 2 charging station installed and in use in Centennial Park, with that station installed and managed by LPEA.

"There is currently no cost to charge at the site. It will remain in operation by LPEA. There would be a charge to the customer with the Level 3 station. The Level 3 station has a bigger footprint and takes about 30-60 min to charge a vehicle, versus a couple of hours with a Level 2 station," the agenda brief states.

The agenda brief further explains why both charging stations will be located at the same site. "They strongly encourage a site that will get a lot of traffic and be near downtown, in a walkable area so people can charge while they are shopping or visiting. They want the site to 'pass the mom test' - e.g. be safe, well lit, not off the beaten path, and be well maintained. It also should have a restroom nearby. The Centennial Park site by the domes has been selected by LPEA and ChargePoint as the best location. Other sites considered were the River

Center Area, Clock Tower/Adobe Lot, Town Hall and Mary Fisher Park," it states.

The Centennial Park site also already has a three-phase transformer serving the courthouse at the Centennial Park location that can be replaced with a larger transformer, the document indicates.

At the meeting, Town Manager Andrea Phillips informed the council that the town's portion of the installation is estimated at \$21,300. ChargePoint puts in \$20,000 and the grant puts in \$250,000.

The installation is not included in the town's 2020 budget, she explained, meaning the council would have to authorize the funding.

Phillips also noted that, per the grant, the station needs to be installed by the end of June.

The town, she noted, will own the station after five years.

"The site has to be in operation for a minimum of five years," the agenda brief states. "After five years, the site host can extend it and keep it in operation. There would be a warranty for the first five years and then after that the site host has to pay for the warranty at \$8,500/year. In addition, the site host is responsible from day one for the electricity costs. The rate can be set at a reasonable amount that is in line with the 'industry standard.'"

That electric cost is also outlined in the agenda brief.

"LPEA's Board has agreed to a new tariff rate for Level 3 Fast Charging stations," it states. "The rate is 6.2 cents per kWh off-peak, 26 cents per kWh on-peak, and a \$100 per month base charge. On-peak hours are only from 4pm to 9pm daily. The average rate that other stations charge to customers is 25 cents per kWh."

In response to a question from council member Matt DeGuise, Phillips suggested the site would probably not break even until at least year six, with that dependent upon several factors.

"We'll be lucky to break even after several years," she told council.

Council member Madeline Bergon asked about pursuing tourism

funds to offset the town's cost on the project and noted that she was hesitant to move forward without a full picture of what the town's cost benefit would be.

"I, for one, am not hesitant to pursue this," council member Mat deGraaf said. "I think that electric vehicles are the future and the infrastructure needed to support that, even though it doesn't look like it's going to make us money, I think it's important that we offer that sooner as opposed to later."

With no further discussion, deGraaf made a motion that was approved with a 4-2 vote. deGraaf, DeGuise, David Schanzenbaker and Mayor Don Volger voted in favor of the motion, while Bergon and Tracy Bunning voted against it. Nicole DeMarco was absent from the meeting.

In other business at the same meeting, the council:

- Heard an update on the public outreach process that was carried out for the town's WaterWorks historic site.

- Reappointed Jim Van Lier to the Board of Appeals for a five-year term as a regular board member.

The board currently has two vacancies — one for a regular member and one for an alternate member.

Those interested in serving should have experience in building or fire and be electors of Archuleta County, Phillips explained in an email to The SUN. Board members are jointly appointed by the town council and Pagosa Fire Protection District.

To submit a letter of interest, she explained, contact Town Hall. Letters can be emailed to ahessman@pagosasprings.co.gov or mgallegos@pagosasprings.co.gov.

"We are still here and answering phones so they can call with questions as well," she wrote.

- Heard a report from Tourism Director Jennifer Green about the state of tourism operations in town. Green told the board the Visitor Center had closed as of that day, but that the town's new app had launched to provide services to remaining visitors and brochures were placed

outside the Visitor Center.

She also explained that all advertising had been turned off in order to save money, be sensitive to the situation and not contribute to the problem.

She noted that every event she was aware of through mid-May had been canceled and, when the time is right, the town will do "aggressive advertising."

- Heard that the January sales tax was up 19.4 percent and was \$30,458 over the town's projection.

Phillips told the council that, per the town's policy that dictates how expenses should decrease if there's a sustained sales tax decrease, adjustments will be made as needed and the town may need to make adjustments to projects.

- Approved participating in the COLOTRUST Investment Pool.

- Agreed to move forward with THK Associates Inc. in the amount of \$73,370 for planning and design for the 26.5-acre parcel that formerly housed the sewer lagoons that is now known as Yamaguchi South.

"The Town is seeking a firm to assist in capturing community input on the future uses and design of the parcel," an agenda brief on the topic states. "Through a visioning process with the public and stakeholders, the Town can plan for future best use(s) of the land and plan for possible future development. ALOMR (Letter of Map Revision) has been completed and accepted by FEMA to designate the flood plain. Initial soil sampling was also completed in 2018 when the site was explored for buildability of the Town Maintenance facility. The parcel is zoned as OS-Open Space which is intended for parks and open space."

- Volger thanked the outgoing, term-limited council members, Bunning and Schanzenbaker, for their work on the board.

Bunning, Volger explained, served on the planning commission from 2000 until 2009, then on the town council beginning in 2012.

Schanzenbaker, he explained, served on town council from 2012 on.

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Letters



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denly I feel lighter. The cloth can breath again. The light breeze has gently blown amongst its fibers, expanding, opening, rippling gently in warming sunshine.

Change is the one thing we can count on, yet rarely control.

Love is life, something we need, want, fear, and often don't know what to do with. It's not automatic like breathing.

We breath every minute of every day. Natural, normal, easy. Don't need to think about it, ask, or look for it. Breathing's easy, fresh, good. Unless there's a change.

A virus? During one of those calm normal natural breaths. Easy in, easy out. Except this time the "invisible enemy" floated in on a droplet of moisture, and now clings to a tiny fiber, of one of the millions of sacks, that make up our lungs.

If I'm young, maybe in good shape, maybe my body takes care of it - maybe. If I'm older and have scarred tissues from previous illnesses. What then. Chance. Unknowns. Change.

We're just tiny specks on this earth. Births and deaths just come and go - like the breaths we take. Easy in, easy out. But in the moments that add up, becoming the lengths of our lives on earth, change isn't that easy.

Choice. The crucial thing. Choices are what you alone can make. Change happens no matter what. But what you choose is the power that you alone have to bend change, while you still have breath.

What choices will you make today? Will you love yourself and others? It's always your choice.

Daily I ask myself, how can I show love today? That's my choice

in the face of change.

Mitch Nielsen

Stand together

Dear Editor:

I am imploring anyone who writes hate letters against Republicans or Democrats to please stop. This is America and we are going through a very hard time right now. We need to stand together. Love your country and help where you can.

Georgia Sutherland

Society's sacrifice

Dear Editor:

We often recall society's sacrifice during WWII which had to with "things". But what did we have that kept us "going" spiritually during those years? It certainly wasn't "things". It was "life", real people getting together to meet the needs of all and keep our daily lives as "normal" as possible while doing everything we could to help "win the war". It was that "human" touch in our every day lives that filled our souls with joy amid days of sadness and tragedy. "Things" were not our major concern as we knew we could always find a way to make things last and no one went hungry. Yes, happiness prevailed because love was alive.

Because of those shortages, this current one sent many to the grocery stores to hoard as much "stuff" and "things" as possible, thinking that was the ticket to security. This current Emergency is different and defense requires us to sacrifice through isolation from others, a kind of sacrifice never experienced. In past wars, the enemy was "away" and our military kept us safe as we put their needs ahead of our own.

Today, the enemy is right here in our own back yard, and our "front-

line" soldiers are our medical and first-responder folks who are working feverishly to save lives and keep us safely at home. They are today's heroes. Sadly, our government was not prepared to meet their needs and they launched their efforts with very low supplies with which to fight. This will be a sad commentary for our history. As citizens, let's do all we can to support them as we did those soldiers in WWII.

Yes, old people have always died, folks have always gotten sick, but in the past, we were able to "overcome". All children "caught" those childhood diseases and Moms cared for them as the disease ran its normal course of 10 days to 2 weeks. One little story you might enjoy. Back in the fifties, one of mine, not yet of school age, came down with Scarlet Fever, a rather rare disease at that time and considered very serious. No panic. As a preventive measure, our Doc prescribed sulfa drug for all the kids in the neighborhood. Common sense, right? Yep, no others "came down" with it.

Let's hang together "in spirit" for now, we'll get through this. Easter Blessings to all.

Patty Tillerson

Help others

Dear Editor:

I read the letter to the editor last week regarding the checks that are coming, which he regards as welfare checks. This reader was trying to decide, based on his observations, whether to send the check back or help others in need. I too wondered about keeping the check, not because of the previous writers' diatribe about politically motivated decisions that may save lives. I have had the good fortune to prepare for this event,

but I personally know hard working people who are truly going to suffer from the layoffs, such as the waitress he so fondly spoke of. My response is keep the check and help others as needed based on your principles.

Why not donate the money to the hospital for more test kits or masks? There are ways to help our community and stay true to the values of self-independence and hard work. I believe Pagosa can keep people morally strong and help those in need. I hope you do the right thing and perhaps help the server you spoke of with a temporary non-interest loan or make it a gift since you understand the value of the service people we all love in Pagosa. We miss all our restaurants and especially the people who work there.

Melissa Zimmerman

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Upper San Juan Health Service District ballot set

Absentee voting encouraged

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Health Service District, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center, is slated to hold a polling place election on May 5.

Due to COVID-19, Designated Election Official Heather Thomas told the sitting board on March 24 that the district is encouraging people to vote via absentee ballot.

The election will determine which three of the five candidates will be elected to three-year terms on the board.

The candidates are: Kathryn Alfred (incumbent), Robert W. Brobst, Mark H. Ziegler, James C. Pruitt (incumbent) and Matthew

A. Mees (incumbent).

Registered electors who fall within the district's boundaries, which encompass parts of Archuleta, Hinsdale and Mineral counties, will be eligible to vote in the election, which is slated to take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 5 at the medical center, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

All ballots, whether voted in person or absentee, must be returned by 7 p.m. on May 5 to be counted.

Obtaining an absentee ballot

An application for an absentee ballot may be filed with Thomas by emailing Heather.Thomas@PSMedicalCenter.org or at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd. (between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.) until the close of business on April 28.

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Marquez, Berman will appear on primary ballot

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Elections Office announced on March 17 that June E. Marquez and Nate Berman collected the required number of signatures and will appear as Republican candidates on the ballot for the June primary election.

They are both vying for a four-year term for county commissioner, District 1.

To appear on the ballot following the County Assembly, the candidates were required to obtain 100 valid signatures, Election Administrator Tomi Bliss explained in an email to The SUN.

County commissioner seats are voted on at-large by all eligible Archuleta County electors.

Register to vote or check your registration at: www.govotecolorado.gov.

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Republican County Assembly accomplished

By Deborah Van Gundy
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County commissioner candidates supported by the Republican Assembly process are Ronnie Maez in Commissioner District 1 and Warren Brown in Commissioner District 2.

On March 21, within the guidelines of the governor's edict concerning gatherings, the Archuleta County Republican Central Committee (ACRCC) held its County

Assembly. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Colorado Republican Party issued emergency by-laws allowing the ACRCC to carry out its County Assembly on the date, time and place as originally planned using procedural changes.

One of the purposes of the County Assembly was to choose the official candidate(s) of those seeking a local political office through the assembly process of the Republican Party.

Los Pinos Fire cancels election, withdraws mill levy ballot question

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Los Pinos Fire Protection District has canceled its election set for May 5 due to not having more director candidates than offices to be filled.

Kirk Becker, Chelsea Hamilton and Donald Preston Rea were all

elected to three-year terms, until May 2023.

Additionally, the district, via a resolution from its board, has also withdrawn the authorization to submit a ballot question to the electors of the district regarding a mill levy increase due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Treasurer extends property tax deadline in response to governor's executive order

The Archuleta County Treasurer's Office will accept first-half property tax payments, interest free, until April 20 in response to an executive order from Gov. Jared Polis.

The first-half payment deadline was March 2, but from now until April 20 Archuleta County will accept delinquent first-half payments without interest, according to Archuleta County Treasurer Elsa White.

White told The SUN in a Tuesday phone call that the full

tax payment due by April 30 and the second-half tax payment due by June 15 are not impacted by Polis's order at this time.

Polis's order gave county treasurers the authority to waive delinquent interest on first-half property tax payments.

The treasurer's office is not currently accepting walk-in visitors due to COVID-19 concerns. The office can be reached at 264-8325 (option 1) or at treasurer@archuletacounty.org.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, April 2

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

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

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

Friday, April 3

Southwestern Water Conservation District annual water seminar. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., 841 E. Second Ave., Durango. Update regarding COVID-19.

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

Saturday, April 4

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors strategic planning facilitation. 9 a.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, April 7

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting. 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Wednesday, April 8

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

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation regular board meeting. 5:30 p.m. Join Zoom meeting at https://zoom.us/j/649077192. Meeting ID: 649 077.

Thursday, April 9

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

Monday, April 13

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting. 4 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, April 14

Archuleta School District Board of Education elementary school visit. 8 a.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, 141 S. 10th St.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education regular meeting. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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Business

Record number of unemployment applications flooding into Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) is receiving an unprecedented number of unemployment applications in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We started seeing a surge of applications to our system really starting the week of [March] 16th and we saw the greatest volume really after the 18th," said Cher Roybal Haavind, deputy executive director and chief communications officer for the CDLE, in a phone interview Monday, noting Gov. Jared Polis' executive order that closed all ski resorts in the state had a significant impact.

Haavind explained that from Monday, March 23 to Sunday, March 29, the CDLE received about 100,000 applications.

"These are preliminary, unofficial claims numbers, these are only the number of applications received," Haavind said.

The previous single-week record for initial claims filed and processed in Colorado was 7,749, and Haavind discussed the difference between that number and the 100,000 applications from last week.

"One is an official data point that's submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor every Wednesday, embargoed until the next day for release and that's when you see the national — they call them 'initial jobless claims numbers,'" Haavind said. "So, they're the official numbers from each state that each state reports into the U.S. Department of Labor on a weekly

basis."

Haavind continued, "The 100,000, these are just claims that have been submitted online, through our online application process and why there could be a difference is for a number of reasons," citing that wage verification and eligibility determination are two of the factors.

The official number of initial unemployment claims for the week ending March 21 is 19,745.

Haavind explained how the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act will bolster the CDLE's unemployment offerings.

"The two main areas that will have the most impact: One, is a category of workers who are not yet eligible for unemployment and that's self-employed or independent contractors. The CARES Act that was signed into law last week includes that worker category as now being eligible for unemployment. The other provision within the CARES Act is an additional \$600 a week on top of a claimant's weekly benefit amount. So, in Colorado, around \$400, \$450 is the average weekly benefit amount and that \$600 for every claimant is on top of their weekly benefit amount. Those are two pretty substantive changes and impacts to our state unemployment insurance program," Haavind explained.

Haavind explained the CDLE is still waiting on guidance from the federal government.

"We are still eagerly awaiting guidance from the federal government both to tell us how to admin-

ister these and to tell us how we will get reimbursed," Haavind said. "Even in the last few days, we've had a lot of interest, especially from self-employed workers, about when they can start filing for those benefits and, unfortunately, Colorado, like every single other state, is not yet set up to receive these new claims, but we hope to have more information as the week progresses."

February employment numbers

The SUN received employment data from CDLE for February, which does not reflect how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected job and unemployment numbers across the state.

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County increased to 3.7 percent in February from 3.6 percent in January, with 6,640 people in the labor force and 248 of those claiming unemployment.

The unemployment information is disseminated by a press release from the CDLE.

In January, there were 6,435 people in the county's labor force, with 238, or 3.6 percent, claiming unemployment.

The total workforce increased by 205 people over the course of the month, while the number of unemployed people increased by 10.

Looking at the February employment situation for the rest of the state, Huerfano County had the highest unemployment rate for the month at 7.9 percent, while Kiowa County had the lowest rate at 1.4 percent.

The unemployment rate in Colorado was unchanged from January at 2.5 percent.

Statewide, the number of people actively participating in the labor force in Colorado increased 5,600 from January to February, to 3,186,400.

The national unemployment rate decreased .3 percent from January to February, dropping to 3.5 percent.

The unemployment rate, labor force participation, total employment and the number of unemployed are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from this survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

However, nonfarm payroll jobs estimates are based on a survey of business establishments and government agencies, and are intended to measure the number of jobs, not the number of people employed.

From January to February, nonfarm payroll jobs in Colorado increased by 3,100 for a total of 2,816,900, with private-sector jobs increasing by 1,000 and government jobs increasing by 2,100.

Over the month, the largest private-sector job gains were in other services, financial activities, and professional and business services.

The largest over-the-month decline was in construction.

Over the year, the number of Coloradans participating in the labor force increased by 65,700, total employment increased by 81,700 and the number of unemployed decreased by 16,000.

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New community and business COVID-19 resources

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Special to The SUN

There is a new regional website that has been created by Region 9 and the Community Foundation along with other agencies such as the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and local counties and towns. This website was originally designed to provide a "one-stop" location for community members for the 416 fires. This site has now been expanded to include all five Region 9 counties in southwest Colorado.

The website is very comprehensive and broken down into Public Health, County Resources, and Business Resources. All of the relief programs that we will be mentioning, and more, are on this website. This website is a wealth of information, from finding the right loan program and downloading the forms to questions and answers from ThinkHR and Mammoth HR groups helping businesses weed through all the different programs and employee-related questions about laying people off, Workshare programs, payroll tax programs, etc. Make this your go-to site, www.swcoda.org, for your business questions. People seeking information can also call the Central Call Center at 422-7084.

COVID-19 relief programs for businesses

There are relief programs to assist businesses in this dire time of closure and layoffs. Here are some of the more prominent programs. However, there are more programs available and they can be found on the new regional COVID-19 informational website, www.swcoda.org.

The big program that businesses have been waiting for is the Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program or EIDL. Small businesses can apply for a \$10,000 grant in advance of an SBA Disaster Loan and receive payment within three days of the SBA receiving the documents. At this initial time of applying, businesses need to complete the forms on the SBA website. Loans can be used for rent, mortgage, payroll,

paid sick leave, materials or other operational items. After this part of the application process has been completed, the SBA will require that you provide additional forms such as payroll information for 12 months, tax returns, business leases and business certification. Even if you do not qualify for the full loan, the understanding is that the \$10,000 "grant" will not be required to be paid back. Go to <https://www.sba.gov/disaster/apply-for-disaster-loan/index.html> to start the process.

The Paycheck Protection Program is a grant/loan program for those businesses that want to apply for money to keep their employees on payroll. The program allows you to apply for a maximum of 250 percent of your average monthly payroll. These funds must be used for payroll, but can also be used for rent, mortgage, utilities or other debt obligations. Loan forgiveness applies if: you keep the same number of full-time equivalents per month as you did between Feb. 15 and ending on June 30 or starting Jan. 1 and ending Feb. 29. There is also forgiveness if the employer maintains total wages and salaries at 75 percent of the wages and salaries to the employee for the most recent full quarter during which the employee was employed before the covered period. Total forgiveness amounts will not be included in taxable income. If businesses do not meet the forgiveness guidelines, then this grant program turns into a loan program with applicable low-interest rates set by the SBA. So, it is important that businesses understand this is not free money. There are strict guidelines they must adhere to.

There is undisclosed individual and employee assistance programs coming down the pike for self-employed, independent contractors and those with limited work history. The initial guidelines we see is that this program may cover up to 39 weeks of unemployment insurance. Stay tuned for more information.

The Region 9 Disaster Assistance Loan Program provides loans for businesses up to \$10,000. This

program offers zero percent interest if the loan is paid back within six months. After six months, the interest only goes to 1 percent and thereafter to a prime rate. This application process is also easy, with employers needing to put forth a Job Development Statement indicating what the funds will be used for, how the COVID-19 crisis has impacted your business, number of employees at the time of the event, cutbacks and other general questions. Contact Brian Rose or Jenny Stollar, business loan specialists at the Region 9 offices, at www.scan.org.

The Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County, at the time of writing this article, are also looking at ways to enhance the existing loan and assistance programs to our community. The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado has the CERF program (Community Emergency Relief Fund). Business and individuals can apply to this fund for assistance through www.swcommunityfoundation.org. Donations to this relief fund are also graciously accepted. There is also the Pagosa Outreach Connection, which has been serving Archuleta County emergency needs for over 15 years. Requests are for emergency onetime needs.

Nonprofit organizations can take advantage of several programs that are out there through the Rocky Mountain Health Foundation, Nifty Fifty and Caring for Colorado just to name a few. Funding may also be available through the El Pomar Foundation. Requests should be directed to regional council members Mary Jo Coulehan or Lisa Scott.

This article scratched the surface of what is coming on board for our businesses and individuals. Here are some tips: Contact your bank now. See what types of programs might be available to you through their services. One local bank has an Emergency Loan Relief Fund set up with low interest rates. Contact your mortgage lender or property management company to inquire about rent reduction, deferral or forgiveness. If you need a loan, find the right one for you. The SBDC has

consultants available to help you through the process. Instead of laying off, can you participate in the Workshare Program? Can you reduce hours of operation instead of offering full-time services? Most businesses have already gone through the downsizing process, but it is just a gentle reminder. Have you done a cash-flow statement for your business for at least the next two months? More information is being released every day.

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Town moving forward with judge appointment

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

At its meeting on April 8, which will be held remotely, the Pagosa Springs Town Council is anticipated to consider an agreement with Justin Fay to serve as the municipal court judge.

The move would fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Clayton Buchner, who was appointed the town's attorney on March 3 and subsequently resigned as judge.

On March 19, the council formally accepted Buchner's resignation as municipal court judge and opted to move forward with appointing Fay, who currently serves as an assistant judge for the town.

Fay is currently presiding until an appointment is made, an agenda brief on the topic states.

"The Municipal Court Judge is appointed by Town Council by resolution and presides over municipal court. Court dates are typically four days each month (two back to back days, twice per month). In addition to court dates, the Judge meets with court staff and signs orders, as required," the agenda brief explains. "The Town typically enters into an employment agreement with the Judge, who is considered a part time employee."

At the meeting, two options for moving forward with the appointment of a new judge were presented to council by Town Manager Andrea Phillips:

- Appoint Fay since he was appointed the assistant judge following a recruitment process in the January 2019 and is qualified for the position.
- Advertise for recruitment.

Phillips noted that Fay has expressed interest in the position and is qualified, also serving as a county court judge.

According to the agenda brief, Fay was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 2006 and is an active licensed attorney.

Phillips noted that the town's other assistant judge, Diane Knutsen is based out of Greeley and may not be able to serve as the presiding judge.

To recruit someone new, Phillips estimated, would take four to six weeks.

Council member Mat deGraaf noted that he was happy with Fay and with Buchner's recommendation of Fay.

"I am confident that Judge Justin P. Fay will continue the sterling reputation of the court and provide seamless, unwavering support to the community in his role as Acting Municipal Judge. Judge Fay is highly skilled and competent with an unparalleled judicial temperament, and he would be my choice as the successor Presiding Municipal Judge," Buchner wrote in his resignation letter.

The April 8 meeting is slated to begin at 5 p.m.

Remote meetings

At the same March 19 meeting, the six council members present (four in person and two on the phone, with Nicole DeMarco absent) heard and approved Resolution 2020-08, which allows for remote participation in meetings once a local emergency has been declared.

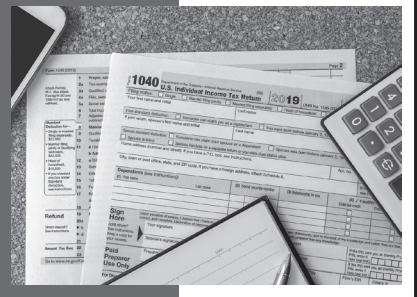
While the local emergency is in place, the town council and advisory boards will hold electronic meetings, with public login information provided at the top of each meeting's agenda at <https://www.pagosasprings.co.gov/> (click on the "Meetings and Agendas" tab at the left).

Earlier in the meeting, the council unanimously voted to continue the town's emergency declaration until May 1.

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Region 9 unveils two programs to help struggling businesses

By **John Finefrock**
Staff Writer

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado has announced two programs to help struggling regional businesses amid the COVID-19 pandemic: the Disaster Assistance Loan Program and the Enterprise Zone Project.

"The Business Support Loan Fund and the Enterprise Zone (EZ) projects are two different programs/tools," wrote Region 9 Executive Director Laura Lewis Marchino in an email to The SUN. "We set up the Disaster Assistance Loan Fund and ... Region 9 also received approval for the EZ Contribution Project, so if you contributed money to the 'Business Support' Contribution Project, you would get a 25% tax credit on your donation and the money would help Region 9's Disaster Assistance Loan fund for low interest loans [to] go further."

A flyer about the Disaster Assistance Loan Program illustrates some of the specifics of the program, which include:

- Loans are available for amounts between \$1,000 and \$10,000.
- Loans can help cover "essential business expenses" such as payroll, rent and utilities.

Local reps recommend completing census online or by phone

By **John Finefrock**
Staff Writer

The U.S. Census Bureau has suspended 2020 Census field operations and is encouraging residents nationwide to use 2020Census.gov or the telephone to submit information, according to local census representatives.

"Based on continuing assessments of guidance from federal, state and local health authorities, the U.S. Census Bureau is suspending 2020 Census field operations for two additional weeks to April 15, 2020. The Census Bureau is taking this step to help protect the health and safety of the American public, Census Bureau employees, and everyone who will go through the hiring process for temporary census taker positions," a Saturday press release from the U.S. Census Bureau reads.

In an email, Archuleta County Complete Count Committee co-chair Mary Jo Coulehan wrote about the importance of the local residents completing the census.

"With the current pandemic situation, people should realize how important it is for them to register. Census funding affects the programs that all our counties are tapping into at a federal and state level, so EVERY person counts. Most of us are at home, so take a few minutes and fill out the census!" Coulehan's email states.

Coulehan wrote in a subsequent email that while citizens can respond by phone, mail or online, the census prefers online and phone.

2020Census.gov includes a map that details response rates across the country.

As of Wednesday morning, the national "self-response rate" was 36.2 percent, Colorado's response rate was 38 percent and Archuleta County's was 16.2 percent. Neighboring La Plata County's response rate was listed at 27 percent.

Detailed instructions about how to respond to the 2020 Census can be found at <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>
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• The loans are zero percent interest if paid back in less than 6 months and have 1 percent interest if paid back between 6 and 12 months.

• The loans can include flexible collateral.

• Streamlined applications are due April 9 to Jenny@scan.org or Brian@scan.org.

Interested parties can contact Jenny or Brian for applications and are also available at scan.org.

"The Region 9 Disaster Assistance Loan Program is designed to help those that are currently in business and who have a plan to continue their business operations after the COVID-19 crisis," a flyer about the program states.

"As part of the application process we would like to request a Job Development Statement, a Personal Financial Statement, 2019 Year end Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet (or tax return if completed) and a written narrative describing how the funds will help support your business during the coming months," the flyer states.

The flyer provides "guiding questions" for the written narrative part of the application, which include:

- How long have you been in business?
- How many employees did you have prior to the COVID-19 event?
- How will the loan funds be spent?
- How are your operations currently impacted by the current crisis?

The Disaster Assistance Loan Program serves Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties and includes the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes.

"Disaster Assistance Loan applications will be accepted through April 9th, with funding to begin immediately thereafter," a press release states.

Asked if Region 9 has ever set up a Disaster Assistance Loan fund before, Lewis Marchino wrote in an email, "No this is a new fund, but we set it up in our policies so we can reactivate when/if other disasters occur."

Lewis Marchino said in a phone call Wednesday morning that Region

9 had at least 28 applications for emergency loan funds and 168 businesses had made inquiries about the money.

Asked what additional information she'd like to get out to the public, Lewis Marchino wrote in an email, "...we have been talking to First [Southwest] Bank's Community Fund to make sure we don't duplicate the limited funds to the same businesses and just triage and collaborate between our current customers. Helping our businesses will take all of us."

Lewis Marchino explained in a follow-up phone call that First Southwest Bank is doing a similar loan program and the communication with the bank is to ensure that the loans from them and Region 9 are not being disbursed to the same few businesses.

"We don't want to double dip," she said.

Enterprise Zone Project

"To assist businesses that have had to close or had their services limited, Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado (Region 9) was approved for an emergency Enterprise Zone Project," a press release from Region 9 about the program reads. "Any donation of \$100 or more is eligible for a 25% State Tax Credit. Donations will be put towards a Business Support Fund, helping businesses cover

immediate needs from rent, payroll, insurance, utilities and with grants and low interest loans while their doors are closed. This EZ Project will help fill gaps from other State and Federal programs that businesses might be eligible for."

"Being able to respond to the emergency needs of regional businesses to help them navigate the COVID-19 crisis will result in less permanent job loss and economic impact in our rural communities," Lewis Marchino is quoted as saying in the press release. "Our region had 56,119 jobs in 2018 (latest data available) and with the mandated closures, we know jobs will decline and we want to keep job losses as low as possible."

"The focus of this fund will be on businesses that were forced to close on short notice; the anticipated ability to survive and re-open in 60-90 days; a positive track record and ability to leverage this funding with other sources like other banks, Region 9 loan funds, or other programs," the press release continues.

In a phone interview Wednesday, Lewis Marchino said that contributions to the EZ Project could allow Region 9 to extend how long they can offer zero interest loans and even expand the program.

More information about these programs and resources for businesses can be found at scan.org.
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Masks

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to PSMC, but not all in our group sew and I wasn't sure those who did could meet the magnitude of the requested need.

The problem was easily solved the minute the hospital put out a request for additional help from the community. Within 24 hours, I was tied to my computer answering questions and queries from more than 100 potential volunteers about how they could participate. Since then, we have established what I like to call a team of mask-making warriors. This group is comprised of sewing and quilt guild members, nurses and medical staffers, youngsters and those who are seasoned,

4-H'ers, professional seamstresses, grandmothers, aunts, mommies and their progeny, singletons and families who are dedicated to making a difference, not because they have to, but because they want to. The kindness in their hearts and the sense of obligation to our community has been a privilege to see unfold. As of this writing, our friends and neighbors have handmade and donated 527 masks to be used by non-frontline clinicians at PSMC. Many more are on the way.

Within a week of this community-wide effort, there was a global shortage of elastic as people around the world were also trying to deal with the deficit of personal protec-

ive gear in their communities. That didn't stop our intrepid crew from coming up with inventive ideas to meet this shortfall. For example, Pagosan Heidi Barrett cleverly contacted the Goody Hair Accessory company and managed to convince them to donate 400 elastic headbands to us, which will be a great substitute for elastic. Neighbor Brenda McCall is using opaque women's tights cut into bands as a replacement. I can't begin to tell you how many of the volunteers have ordered hundreds of yards of elastic and await delivery for what will make up the next rounds of donations. In the interim, these volunteers have created their own

network to share ideas, techniques and materials to meet the hospital's need.

At some point, when life has resumed to our new post-virus normal and our mask-making volunteers are no longer needed, I want to share with you the names of all the individuals who are helping to make

a difference in our community as they deserve to be recognized for their selflessness, ingenuity and compassion.

In the meantime, I write this as I thought you should know of these individuals who have come together to help make our community a safer place. And, possibly, when you are

bragging to others who don't live here about our incredible lifestyle with all its beauty and endless possibilities for enrichment, I hope you will also mention how proud you are to be a Pagosan due to the caliber of the individuals who live here and how they go the extra mile in times of need.



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Health care workers clad in personal protective equipment prepare for Tuesday's drive-through COVID-19 testing site at Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Workers performed 43 tests during the event.

COVID-19

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of its employees had tested positive.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) listed 2,966 cases across 50 counties with 69 deaths.

Additionally, the CDPHE reported 16 outbreaks at residential and non-hospital health care facilities in the state.

But, as Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese indicated Tuesday, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (<https://covid19.healthdata.org/>) data suggests there could be a surge of patients somewhere in the span of mid-April to mid-May.

She noted, however, that a surge can happen at any time with one exposure.

To help prepare for that surge, Bruzzese explained, PSMC is working on a regional approach to care and continues to monitor areas where surges are occurring now.

PSMC is also assessing staff on an on-going basis to limit exposures, is managing resources and is working to obtain more personal protective equipment.

Testing in the region has also increased.

PSMC hosted a drive-through testing event on Tuesday afternoon, with SJBPH now waiting on the results of 43 tests done Tuesday, according to Claire Ninde, SJBPH director of communications.

Due to limited swab and testing supplies, PSMC uses the following criteria for testing: patients with symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, shortness of breath) and are either hospitalized, health care workers, first responders, or meet certain epidemiological criteria.

Pagosa Medical Group (PMG) is now working with a private lab and is offering tests to symptomatic patients of all ages.

Dr. Dave Shaeffer of PMG reported to The SUN Wednesday morning that PMG has done 26 tests. Of those, 15 have come back negative and 11 are pending.

For more on how to be tested at PMG, visit <https://pagosamedicalgroup.com/> or Pagosa Medical Group on Facebook.

Stay-at-home order

According to the state's website, under the order, you should stay home as much as possible except for critical activities including:

- Obtaining food and other household necessities including medicine.
- Going to and from work if you are a critical employee.
- Seeking medical care.
- Caring for dependents or pets.
- Caring for a vulnerable person in another location.

- Participating in outdoor recreation at a legally mandated safe distance of 6 feet or more from other parties.

While outdoor recreation and going to essential businesses are allowed under the stay-at-home order, residents are urged to be vigilant about maintaining the needed distance while out and about, with the order stating, "All individuals currently living within the State of Colorado are ordered to Stay at Home whenever possible. Individuals living in shared or outdoor spaces must at all times, to the greatest extent possible, comply with Social Distancing Requirements, and may leave their Residences only to perform or utilize Necessary Activities."

New advice on face coverings

SJBPH issued a press release Wednesday afternoon mirroring what is surfacing at a global level — recommending covering one's nose and mouth when leaving the home for essential travel to the grocery store, doctor or pharmacy.

"Safely cover your face with a bandanna or homemade cotton face covering, reserving hospital grade masks for health care workers and those who are sick," the press release states.

The press release indicates that studies indicate that there is no reason to not use a face covering as a precaution, and wearing something over your nose and mouth can provide an additional layer of protection for those who must go out.

"Many aren't aware they are spreading COVID-19 as they carry it without having symptoms, or their symptoms are mild," it explains. "The spread of the virus occurs primarily through droplets from an infected individual, which fabrics can filter. A face covering helps lessen the risk for a healthy individual to breathe in droplets as well as lessens spread from one who may not realize they're sick. When face coverings are combined with frequent hand washing, they help reduce the transmission of infections.

Wearing face coverings also serves as a strong message to others that these are not normal times, and that we all need to change our behaviors to stop a devastating epidemic. As more residents start wearing face coverings, this action may be regarded as an act of solidarity, showing that all residents are on board with the responsible steps needed to reduce the spread of the virus.

"Also, face coverings are a good way to remember not to touch your face. Wearing a face covering will deny you access to your own face and make you conscious of how

often you are tempted to touch your nose and mouth."

SJBPH continues to stress that staying at home and physical distancing (at least 6 feet away from another person) are the best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- To safely adhere a face covering:
 - Tie long hair back.
 - Wash your hands well.
 - Secure the face covering over your nose and mouth.

- Do not touch your face or the face covering. If you do, sanitize your hands thoroughly.

- Leave the covering on until you can safely remove it.

- Remove your face covering immediately if it becomes wet or if you feel you've been in contact with someone who is sick.

- To safely remove a face covering:
 - Wash your hands.
 - Grab the face covering by the area that goes over your ears.
 - Take the covering off, keeping the outside of it away from your face, and place directly in the washing machine or a site where you will appropriately sanitize.
 - Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

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.
- PMG: 372-0456.
- Archuleta Integrated Health-care: 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.newspaper for updates on community closures, business information and more.
- PSMC: <http://pagosapublichealth.org/>
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Experience

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she wrote.

Even after her official quarantine period is over today, she explained, she will remain at home to be sure she does not spread the virus and to build up her immune system.

"So much is unknown about this disease that I would rather be cautious than take a chance of spreading it," she wrote. "Elderly people do not do well with this virus, and we have a lot of senior citizens in our community."

The woman reported to The SUN that she feels better every day and is getting stronger.

"Thank you to all the health care professionals at Pagosa Springs Medical Center for the help they gave me that morning," she wrote in a separate email. "Blessings to all of you for what you do."

In her words

I live in Pagosa Springs and tested positive for COVID-19. It's my hope the information here will help you understand a little more about how this nasty virus arrived in our beautiful mountain town. I'm the first and I'm certain I won't be the last.

It all started when I took a business trip out of the country. On Monday, March 9, I noticed a slight cough, but didn't think much about it. My destination was wet and cold and I'd been running from dawn to midnight since we arrived.

On Wednesday, March 11, I flew back to Durango where my husband picked me up at the airport. We had agreed before I left that I would go into isolation and no kissing for two weeks. Thank goodness we made this agreement.

On Thursday morning, I started to get worried as the coughing became worse, I ached all over and my head was pounding like I had a migraine. So I called my doctor and spoke to his nurse. She advised me if I didn't have shortness of breath, it wasn't COVID-19. And at that time, I was breathing fine.

Food

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assistance for homebound members of our community. Those calls will come through the Archuleta County Call Center and be routed to volunteers who will then gather information from the callers to help respond to food needs appropriately.

In conjunction with this service, Meals on Wheels, Wilderness Journeys, Archuleta County's Mountain Express Transit and Visiting Angels are working together on the transportation/delivery system of this emergency food work. Individuals supporting this work will be offered training in personal safety and safe food handling. Additionally, the Food Coalition is working with the Pagosa Baking Company to establish a restaurant-food pantry partnership that will add to the food supply in this emergency and that would serve as a model for future efforts in food waste prevention and resource recovery.

The Growers of Archuleta County is a second Food Coalition working group. This group is working to increase local production of food through several channels. Growers in the county who have greenhouses have been contacted and are in a unique position of being able to plant extra produce right now and are being encouraged to do so. County backyard growers and farmers and ranchers are being con-

Friday, I ran a noticeable fever and went to bed. Saturday, I stayed in bed sleeping and taking Advil. Sunday, I realized when I walked across the room, I was starting to sound like a six-pack-a-day smoker as I gasped for air.

Monday, I don't remember much as I felt so bad and switched to Tylenol. But early Tuesday morning, I woke up about 2 in the morning shivering. My temperature was 102.9 degrees, and I was gasping to breathe. Unable to sleep, I went into our living room and spent the rest of the night with two big blankets covering me and the heating pad at my back.

During the night, I started to get worried as I struggled to breathe. Early that morning, I made the decision we were going to the ER. In my 63 years on this earth, I've never been to the emergency room. Knowing it was probably COVID-19, and I was highly contagious, I called the ER in advance.

At first, I think the staff was skeptical, as they should be. When we arrived, the nurse came out to the parking lot all gowned up with a mask on. She took my vitals and, by this time, my fever had broken. They did a regular flu test to rule out influenza. Then, the ER doctor came out and listened to my lungs and said, "I think you have COVID."

By this time, I suspected as much. The hospital had limited test kits at the time, but they decided to use one on me. They asked me to self-isolate, which I agreed to. We went straight home from the ER and I returned to bed, running a fever once again.

That day, we noticed my symptoms seemed to worsen after taking ibuprofen and I switched to aspirin. Two days later, my fever broke.

During the next week, our neighbors and friends brought us food and left it on the deck. No one was allowed into our home while we waited for the results. My husband self-quarantined with me and it was

an anxious time as we watched the news of the growing pandemic.

Nine days later, the call came from the hospital ER doctor. "You have COVID-19." No, I wasn't shocked. The ER doctor had warned me and my own intuition kept telling me this was not bronchitis or the regular flu.

The staff at Pagosa Springs Medical Center was excellent, they were professional and sympathetic. But if you really want to stop the spread, we need the results right away. That's not the hospital's fault, but the testing facilities, which are overrun.

Thank goodness I did not leave my house since the trip to the ER on March 17. I'm now under quarantine for another 10 days and I've not had a fever in almost two weeks.

Slowly, I'm starting to feel better. Not great, as I tire easily and still have a tendency to run out of air. My chest hurts less, but occasionally, it will tell me it's time to sit down. The cough is still there, but not as bad. It's going to take time to heal.

While I was out of the country, I took every precaution. I wore leather gloves, used almost a full bottle of hand sanitizer, tried not to touch anything, but somehow the virus still found me.

At this time, I feel very fortunate that I'm a healthy, stubborn 63-year-old who had no underlying health problems and believe that's the reason I survived. That and lots of rest. Slowly, I'm trying to build my strength back, but I'm going to stay home until the end of April. My immune system needs time to rebuild to protect me and the virus is still out there.

Thank God, my husband shows no signs of it, and he's in isolation with me. For the safety of everyone, including our health professionals, please stay home. Take this virus seriously and use every precaution to avoid it. Most of all, at this time, do not travel. My travel destination was beautiful and I want to return, but not until this is over. Stay home. Stay safe.

tacted to plant extra food when the season arrives. Information regarding safe handling and transportation resources for moving food to the different food pantries is in process right now and will be supplied to the growers.

Other Food Coalition groups that are actively engaged in the food work include the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS), Communities Group (Arboles and Aspen Springs) and the Youth Rise class at Pagosa Springs High School. These groups contributed to the community food assessment work and, since COVID-19, have adapted their involvement in response to the needs of the community.

During this time, clear communication in our county is critical to keep our community informed and up to date as we respond to this rapidly changing situation. The county is working on communications with the community starting with the Archuleta County Call Center at 422-7084. This call center can connect community members with resources and agencies that can help answer questions.

Of course, calls for medical assistance should always go to 911 or to individual medical providers; and other needs (food shopping, building food boxes, securing food and supplies, fundraising, outreach, covering phone line for food related

ning and Mat deGraaf.

Town amenities closed

In response to Gov. Jared Polis issuing a statewide stay-at-home order, the town has closed the skate park at Yamaguchi Park as well as playground equipment at all town parks, Phillips explained.

Phillips noted that town park bathrooms have been closed for a couple of weeks now, but portable toilets are available in some locations.

"The parks themselves and all the trails are open. Res Hill is still open," she said.

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support) can now be directed to a central Archuleta County Call Center at 422-7084 and will be routed to the appropriate agency or individual.

Finally, the Food Coalition website — foodcoalition4archuleta.weebly.com — includes the Archuleta County Call Center number, 422-7084, an emergency food request form, a volunteer form and information regarding supportive services offered by food pantries (with a list of needed foods), schools, Senior Center and the Department of Human Services. Requests will be routed to the appropriate agency or individual.

There are many ways that one can become engaged in community emergency work. We invite those who choose to donate funds toward these efforts to contact us at fssearchuleta@gmail.com to learn how their funds can be used to support those involved in securing food and related supplies in response to identified and emergent needs.

Correction

Last week's issue of The SUN contained a quote from Pagosa Springs Medical Center CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb that said, in part, "... we haven't been trying to stay a step or two ahead ..."

The correct quote is: "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 have 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."

The SUN regrets this error.

Navigating through tough times: Archuleta School District addresses transition to distance learning

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As students have transitioned to online learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Archuleta School District (ASD) has taken a variety of measures to ensure that the transition has been smooth for staff and students.

ASD will continue to practice distance learning through at least April 17 following Gov. Jared Polis signing an executive order on March 18 suspending in-person learning in public and private schools from March 23 through April 17.

ASD has provided Chromebooks to all students at all levels, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed explained in an email on March 24.

The district also loaned 30 Chromebooks to Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS), Reed added.

ASD is also working to get outdoor Wi-Fi access points set up so that Pagosa Springs High School Students (PSHS) can download their work and take it home; even if they don't have Internet access where they live, Reed explained.

"Additionally, Centerpointe Church has kindly directed their WiFi access towards their front entrance so that students can drive up and download what they need to work at home and then upload it when completed," she wrote.

Working partially as ASD's information technology (IT) contracting lead and as the Archuleta County Broadband Services Technical Manager, Eric Hittle of Echo IT Consulting outlined some of the work done in an email to The SUN on March 27.

"Early on, when we at ECHO IT realized the possibility of having to send Chromebooks home with students for distance learning was likely, we recognized that universal access for all student families was going to be an issue," Hittle wrote.

From there, Hittle explained that he contacted Colorado's state broadband director, Tony Neal-Graves, to gather contacts for CenturyLink, one of the larger incumbent providers.

Hittle added that he also reached out to representatives from Archuleta County providers Visionary Communications and Zito Media.

"James Rigas, President of Zito in Pennsylvania, was very receptive and he and his board came up with a very good program for both low income students, and non-student families the very next day," Hittle explained.

This program gives access to its 20-by-2 megabit Internet service free of charge for two months to low-income residents, according to a press release from Zito Media.

To qualify for the service, residents must provide documentation that their household qualifies for an income-tested government program such as Medicaid or housing assistance.

Residents must also not have any outstanding debt to Zito for the previous year, have not been a Zito

Internet customer for the previous 60 days and reside in a Zito service area.

Once the two months of free service expires, the price adjusts to \$24.95 per month and customers can disconnect service at any time.

Because ASD also has students that are from Dulce, N.M., Hittle also reached out to a state representative to get in touch with a representative from Dulce's lone Internet provider, Windstream, Hittle explained.

Windstream offers what are called Lifeline benefits. Those who wish to see if they qualify for benefits can visit www.lifelinesupport.org.

"Visionary has also come up with a program that will be administered via the School District to connect eligible students without Internet to their fixed wireless network at a reduced cost as well," Hittle wrote.

Principal perspective

For Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) Principal Chris Hinger, the transition to distance learning was smooth as teachers planned for the shift on March 13.

Following the deployment of about 500 Chromebooks to students, Hinger explained that almost all of PSMS teachers and students use Google's education platform.

"Teachers regularly use this online platform to assign learning activities and often assess students as well. During the four days before spring break, students engaged in daily learning activities, utilized office hours where they conferenced with staff and completed various learning tasks," he wrote in an email to The SUN on March 27. "We gathered feedback from students and parents and have revised and developed grade level distance learning procedures to kick off the last quarter of the year."

PSMS had little training to do in order to make the shift to distance learning due to the school using a local Google certified trainer for a couple of years, Hinger explained.

"The challenge now and will be the topic of training in the future is how to best actively teach using various online tools," he wrote. "Challenges like this always bring with them opportunities to grow. We have the opportunity to evolve our teaching repertoire during this time and become masters of both in-person teaching and online teaching."

However, the transition to distance learning has not been without its challenges, Hinger explained, citing students who don't have Internet access and student engagement.

"Our teachers and students are accustomed to face-to-face, in-person teaching and learning. Teachers are masterful at student engagement and have numerous strategies to get students to lean in to their learning," he wrote. "Students are used to this time of learning environment and respond. Distance learning depends greatly on the student engaging on their own based on their motivation."

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic causing stress for the whole community, PSMS is working to support student learning and providing the best distance-learning opportunities, Hinger explained.

"We will also need to have tremendous understanding for the various family situations out there during this difficult time," he wrote. "I'm very proud of how digitally savvy our staff is and how smoothly we were able to transition to distance learning. I also commend our IT department for creating such a rock solid online learning platform to use in school and outside of school."

For Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) Principal Justin Cowan, the switch to distance learning required an "all hands on deck" approach.

PSES maintenance staff as well as Assistant Principal Chantelle Jordan and ASD Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares began the process of assigning Chromebooks to students, Cowan explained in an email to The SUN on March 28.

"This freed me to meet with each team throughout the entire day and deploy their plan of action. The challenges included teachers learning digitized platforms, preparing learning packets for all kids, and teaching school at the same time," Cowan wrote. "The challenges revealed the character of my staff; they were simply ready to move forward and put in the extra time and effort to ensure their kids education continued."

Training for online learning for PSES staff required two stages, according to Cowan.

These steps included a brainstorming session on remote learning and demonstrations of online platforms for video creation and online delivery of content, Cowan explained.

Following that step, Cowan explained that on March 16 he heard each grade level team present its plan for distance learning.

"Our media specialist recorded each team's needs, then spent the remainder of their planning with them to teach them how to use the platforms they determined would work best for their students," he wrote. "Given these two stages of training, we then relied upon each other for advice and technical knowledge as we put together our plans. Having very tech-savvy staff sped this process along."

Throughout the entire process, Cowan described himself as being grateful for the information flow from Reed, as well as the help and support from the other members of the ASD and PSES team in getting Chromebooks into students' hands.

Cowan also praised PSES's custodial staff for their job keeping the school clean, as well as ASD's transportation and food service team for delivering meals to students during the pandemic.

"I am blessed to work with a staff who immediately began planning,

learning, and teaching at the same time. This could have been a frantic time; instead it was a time we came together in a systematic manner to put together a 'Care Reigns Here' approach to continue our kids' learning," he wrote. "It was exhausting, but we did it and will continue to do so. Now, my concerns turn to our parents. They are in a tough situation as their world just got more complicated overnight."

Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Principal Sean O'Donnell wrote in an email on March 30 that PSHS has done the best it can given the conditions.

"One of the obvious challenges is internet access for all of our students. We have made the technology (i.e. Chromebooks) available, but internet access is still a requirement to access much of the content," he wrote. "We are trying to work individually with students to provide alternative ways to complete coursework if students are not able to get online."

PSHS staff is currently learning as they go in regard to an online learning environment, O'Donnell explained.

Fortunately, most PSHS teachers were already using Google Classroom as a way to instruct and distribute content, O'Donnell explained.

"I am proud of the staff in our district for their professionalism, responsiveness, and flexibility during this unfortunate turn of events. We know things will not be perfect, but we will strive to do the very best we can for all the students in our school community," he wrote.

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Director Angela Crossland explained that the transition for the charter school has been going well.

"With it being a huge change for the staff, families, and students I have encouraged us to all have patience and grace with each other," she wrote in an email to The SUN on March 31.

PPOS has been utilizing paper packets that include choice activities that students can do for each subject, Crossland noted.

Additionally, PPOS has also conducted office hours via Zoom as well as prerecorded music, cooking and art lessons, she explained.

"As a school that focuses on Project Based Learning and Place-based education, the transition has been big for us," she wrote. "Teachers were trained to use Google Classroom as well as Zoom for online platforms to help facilitate the online portion of our distance learning."

Food distribution

Reed noted that ASD will continue its food distribution program through April 17 as well.

More information on that program can be found at the district's website, www.mypagosaschools.com.

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Charter school receives clean audit, adds two board members

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

For the fiscal year 2019, the Pagosa Peak Open School received an unmodified opinion from its auditing firm, Mayberry and Company LLC.

Principal Tim Mayberry explained to the board during its regular meeting on March 16 that the firm did not have any real concerns with PPOS's finances while conducting the audit.

"You do contract out your accounting," May-

berry said of PPOS's certified public accountant, Bart Skidmore. "Our biggest thing though is even though you are contracting out that service, we want to make sure and emphasize that you guys want to take as much ownership as you can internally so that you don't have to rely on your outside accountants any more than you have to."


PPOS has been trending in a better direction financially, Mayberry indicated, adding the more comfortable the school is with its financial information, the better the process will be.

"Overall, no real issues going through your books. Everything looked fine," he said. "You do receive a clean opinion."

In other business

Also at the March 16 meeting, the PPOS board appointed Gary Hedgecock and Elly Osmera to the board following interviews conducted at a work session earlier that day.

Hedgecock and Osmera were not available for comment by press time on Wednesday.
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7	\$6,157
8	\$6,294
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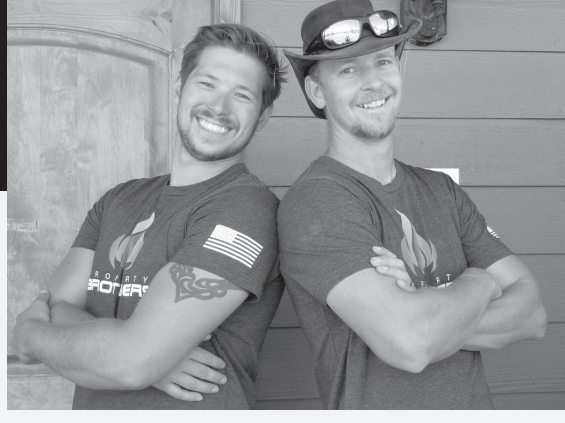
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Public Notices

The Archuleta County Housing Authority will submit an application to the Colorado Division of Housing (DOH). The purpose of this application is to request \$1,000,000 to develop 34 of rental or homes for purchase at 450 Hot Springs Boulevard.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2020-091
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.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN, UNIT D, TIMBERLINE TOWNHOMES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED MAY 16, 2000, AS RECEPTION NO. 20004431, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.

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

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

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Building Number: 13
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Unpaid Asmts: \$1,229.38
The of The 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 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 20105655, 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.

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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
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
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 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 20105655, 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.

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 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.

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 20106880, 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 any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Property Owner: Carol A England and George L England
Building Number: 17
Lot (Unit) Number: 1711-1716, 1721-1726
UDI Points: 68,000
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 Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 2010747, Third 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.

Property Owner: 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.

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 II, 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").

Property Owner: Phyllis E Allen
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 43
Lot (Unit) Number: 7308
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Payoff Amount: \$2,000.70
of Masters Place Condominiums Phase II, 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").

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Matter Amount
Owners: Martha A Gardner and Frank E Gardner
Building Number: 4 & 5
Lot (Unit) Number: N/A
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 Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Property Owner: Mark A Collier and Sandra Collier
Building Number: 2
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.

Property Owner: Michael Pura and Erica Pura
Building Number: 005A
Lot (Unit) Number: 7117
UDI Points: \$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 Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Property Owner: Resort Reclamations, LLC
Building Number: 26
Lot (Unit) Number: 7851-7852
UDI Points: 308,000
Unpaid Asmts: \$3,158.70
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99019174, subject to 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.

Property Owner: Charles P Zarelli
Building Number: 3
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 20024144, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Property Owner: Barbara Vincent and J.F. Vincent
Building Number: 15
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Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.
Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions: Platamign Townhouses – PHASE I
Matter Amount
Property Owner: Suzanne Quintana A/K/A Sanford
Building Number: 7206
Building Number: 3
UDI Points: 52
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93
Interest: \$263.70
Late Fees: \$50.00
Total: \$2,675.30
Property Owner: McQuiddy Communications and Energy, Inc.
Building Number: 2707
Building Number: 2
UDI Points: 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
Building 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
Building Number: 2
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00
Interest: \$205.48
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,355.48

Property Owner: Ross G Durbin
Building Number: 7214
Building Number: 007B
UDI Points: 36
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93
Interest: \$263.70
Late Fees: \$50.00
Total: \$2,675.30
Property Owners: Donald E Jett and Donna Kassel Jett
Building Number: 7212
Building Number: 7210
UDI Points: 36
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 townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 6, 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. 156200, 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 Platamign Townhouses recorded on 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.

Property Owners: Blowers Wholesale Products, LLC
Building Number: 41
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93
Interest: \$263.70
Late Fees: \$50.00
Total: \$2,675.30
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. 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 Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platamign Townhouses recorded on November 2, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 327 under Reception No. 159241, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and further subject to that certain Third Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platamign Townhouses recorded on November 2, 1988, under Reception No. 159242, in Record Book 233, Page 171 and re-recorded 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.

Property Owner: Ilia Neil Holden
Building Number: 15
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00
Interest: \$205.48
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,355.48
in that parcel of land being a portion of Parcel D, Third Platamign Village Lake, recorded under Reception No. 98304, 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 Platamign 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 Platamign 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 Platamign Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
Platamign Townhouses – PHASE V
Matter Amount
Property Owners: Ilia Neil Holden
Building Number: 15
Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00
Interest: \$205.48
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$1,355.48
Owners: Barbara Vincent and J.F. Vincent
Building Number: 15
Unpaid Asmts: \$795.95
Interest: \$145.31
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$966.26

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NOTICE OF POLLING PLACE ELECTION FOR UPPER SAN JUAN HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT

Mark H. Zoigler for Three-Year Term
James C. Gault for Three-Year Term
Matthew A. Mees for Three-Year Term
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be filed with the Designated Election Official of the District at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or via email to Heather Thomas (Heather.Thomas@PSMedicalCenter.org) until the close of business on the Tuesday immediately preceding the election (Tuesday, April 28, 2020). All absentee ballots must be returned to the Designated Election Official by 7:00 p.m. on election day.
UPPER SAN JUAN HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT
By /s/ Heather Thomas
Designated Election Official
Published in: The SUN
Published on April 2 & 9, 2020
Published April 2, 9, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Published Notification of RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING
RE-EDUCATED ON APRIL 2, 2020
The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for "SKETCH Major Design Review" for the proposed mixed-use expansion of the existing Ross 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 28, 2020 at 5:30 pm in Town Hall Located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd, to consider the SKETCH Design Review Application. Please note this hearing is rescheduled from April 14, 2020. To comply with the current social distancing suggestions, the agenda includes 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 pagosaspings.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@pagosaspings.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 Sketch Design Review Application.
Published April 2, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION AND CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Los Pinos Fire Protection District, Archuleta County, Colorado, that by resolution of the Board of Directors the authorization to submit a ballot question to the electors of the District on May 5, 2020 seeking a mill levy increase was withdrawn due to the local disaster emergency in response to the coronavirus and that there were not enough candidates for director than offices to be filled at the election; therefore the election to be held on May 5, 2020 is hereby cancelled pursuant to C.R.S. § 1-13-5-13.
The following candidates are hereby declared elected:
Kirk Becker Three-year term until May 2023
Chelsea Hamilton Three-year term until May 2023
Donald Preston Rea Three-year term until May 2023
Contact Person: Rebecca Finders
Email: rfinders@lospinosfire.com
Telephone: (970) 585-0261
Address: PO Box 319, Ignacio, CO 81137
Published April 2, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2020-002

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On January 27, 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) Alexander Archuleta
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for Home Bridge Financial Services, Inc., its successors and assigns
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Deed of Trust March 22, 2019
County of Recording Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust April 05, 2019
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21901810
Original Principal Amount \$250,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$249,670.79
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN, Lot 17 of Block 13 in AMENDED ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 1, according to the plat thereof filed for record March 22, 1971 as Reception No. 74229
Also known by street and number as: 265 Pettis Circle, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 05/28/2020, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 4/2/2020
Last Publication 4/30/2020
Name of Publicatio Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 4/27/2020
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Amanda Ferguson 44893
Halliday, Watkins & Main; , P.O. 355 Union Blvd. Ste 250, Lakewood, CO 80228 (303) 274-0150
Attorney File # C0101926
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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Published April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Betty Jo Quintana Decesed
Case No. 2020PR30008
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the person 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 Springs SUN*.

Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.
Defendants
Case No.: 2020CV30008
Attorney for Plaintiff: 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*.

San Juan Basin Public Health closes lobbies to public; services still available by appointment, phone and online

By Claire Ninde
Special to The SUN

Effective March 26, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) announced that its Pagosa Springs office at 502 S. 8th St. will close its lobbies to the public. Services will be available by appointment only until further notice.

SJBPH is making this change in order to follow social distancing recommendations, the governor's "stay at home" order and to protect our community. SJBPH staff is still working and available to all clients.

Community members needing copies of birth and death certificates should submit applications online or by mail. SJBPH staff are available to assist with questions and payments online or by phone. All certified copies will be returned to applicants via mail. Due to this change, there will be a slight delay in receiving a birth or death certificate.

SJBPH Sexual Health and Immunization clinics will be available for consults over the phone, birth control pickups and essential appointments. Other client-centered services are still serving clients

over the phone, or with alternative modes of interaction. Call one of our team members to find out more:

- Pagosa Springs office front desk: 264-2409.
- Durango office front desk: 247-5702.
- Vital statistics: 247-5702 or 264-2409.
- Care coordination: 335-2073.
- Communications: 335-2044.
- Environmental health: 335-2052.
- Immunization clinic: 335-2011.
- Health insurance literacy: 335-

2021.

- Nurse Family Partnership: 335-2083.
- Public Health Emergency and Response: 335-2017.
- SafeCare: 335-2041.
- Women Infants and Children: 335-2018.
- Sexual Health Clinic: 335-2015.
- Single-entry point/options for long-term care: 335-2075.
- Thriving Communities: 335-2091.

For the most up-to-date information, visit SJBPH's website at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/>.

The Blotter

Items listed in The Blotter report where an alleged incident occurred and the nature of the incident. Readers should not assume employees or owners of a place of business or a parking lot reported as the scene of an event are involved as perpetrators of the incident.

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
Calls for service over three weeks: 356.

March 9 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, reckless endangerment, Surrey Drive.

March 9 — County warrant, Eaton Drive.

March 9 — Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, County Road 988.

March 9 — Found property, County Road 600.

March 9 — Information only, U.S. 160.

March 10 — Failure to appear (bench warrants), Talisman Drive.

March 10 — County warrant, Goldmine Drive.

March 10 — Driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, Goldmine Drive.

March 10 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.

March 10 — Agency assist, Hot Springs Boulevard.

March 11 — Information only, U.S. 160.

March 11 — Information only, U.S. 160.

March 11 — Trespass warning, Midiron Avenue.

March 13 — Second-degree burglary, domestic violence, all other thefts, third-degree assault-simple assault, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, County Road 600.

March 13 — Agency assist, North Pagosa Boulevard/County Road 600.

March 14 — Illegal possession or consumption of alcohol by minor, Lake Street.

March 14 — Found property, U.S. 160/Boulder Drive.

March 14 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, Rainbow Drive.

March 15 — All other thefts, Lake-side Drive.

March 15 — Drove vehicle without insurance, expired license plates, careless driving, Eagle Drive.

March 15 — Death, McManus Road.

March 16 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, disorderly conduct-misdemeanor, Eagles Loft Circle.

March 16 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, disorderly conduct-misdemeanor, Eagles Loft Circle.

March 21 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, Park Avenue.

March 21 — Criminal impersonation, fraud by check-other method, Pike Drive.

March 23 — Violation of bail bond

condition-felony, County Road 600.

March 23 — Violation of bail bond condition-felony, County Road 600.

March 24 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Blue Jay Drive.

March 24 — Trespass warning, North Pagosa Boulevard/Lake Forest Circle.

March 24 — Reckless endangerment, drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, open container in a motor vehicle, crimes against at-risk adult/juvenile-third-degree assault, reckless driving, third-degree assault-simple assault, Nutria Circle.

March 25 — Death investigation-death investigation, Wildwood Drive.

March 25 — First-degree criminal trespass other intent, second-degree burglary, all other thefts, criminal impersonation, U.S. 160.

March 25 — Harassment by phone or computer, Seminole Drive.

March 26 — Stalking, harassment-calls repeatedly, domestic violence, Talisman Drive.

March 27 — Recklessly discharges a firearm, Coyote Drive.

March 27 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 84.

March 27 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, child abuse-negligence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, Oakwood Circle.

March 28 — Information only, South Pagosa Boulevard.

March 28 — Animal complaint, Bonanza Avenue.

March 28 — Harassment-repeated communications, invade, harassment by phone or computer, Monument Avenue.

March 28 — Information only, Bastille Drive.

March 29 — Domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, child abuse, Robin Drive.

March 29 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, U.S. 84.

March 29 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, criminal mischief, domestic violence, violation of restraining order, County Road 988.

March 29 — Open burning in unincorporated Archuleta County, River Run Drive.

Pagosa Springs Police Department
Calls for service over two weeks: 141.

March 8 — Identity theft, Aspen Village Drive.

March 9 — Theft, Eagle Drive.

March 10 — Dog at large, Hermosa Street.

March 10 — Careless driving/failed to notify police, San Juan Street.

March 13 — Identity theft, Hot Springs Boulevard.

March 13 — DUI, San Juan Street.

March 14 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

March 14 — Criminal impersonation, Pagosa Street.

March 14 — DUI, San Juan Street.

March 15 — Trespass warning,

U.S. 160.

March 15 — Criminal mischief, Lewis Street.

March 17 — Suspended license/expired plates, North 4th Street.

March 17 — Careless driving/failed to notify police of accident, South 10th Street.

March 18 — Criminal trespass, 15th Place.

March 21 — Burglary/criminal mischief, Lewis Street.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

March 16 — Yelena Rodionova, criminal impersonation-gain a benefit, driving under the influence, 18 months probation, 25 days jail suspended, 48 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$2,895.75.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

March 9 — Samuel C. Chronowski, speeding too fast for conditions, total fines and costs — \$157.50.

March 11 — Eric O. Norum, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$120.50.

March 12 — John R. Archuleta, invasion of privacy, five years probation, two days jail, 58 days electronic surveillance, total fines and costs — \$4,364.50.

March 16 — Evan M. Wieters, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$198.50.

March 18 — Joshua J. White, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$154.50.

March 18 — Satpal Singh, speeding 5-9 over limit, total fines and costs — \$192.50.

March 18 — Mack A. Newman, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$163.50.

March 18 — Craig S. Maloney, U-turn unsafely-disobey "U-turn" sign, total fines and costs — \$172.50.

March 18 — Lisa K. Jubela, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

March 18 — Rebecca E. Jacobson, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$163.50.

March 18 — Jarud Igo, seat belt not used, seat belt not used, child restraint not used, total fines and costs — \$317.50.

March 18 — Christopher B. Amaral, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

March 18 — Darryl Christopher Zito III, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$120.50.

March 20 — Mark L. Geier, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$198.50.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

March 9 — Juvenile, following too closely, four points off, total fines and costs — \$146.

March 9 — Alyssa Forrest, careless driving, leaving scene of accident, 10 points off, total fines and costs — \$352.

March 9 — Salvador Ray Jr., following too closely, four points off, total fines and costs — \$146.

March 10 — Yolanda Salas, failed

to yield to stop sign, three points off, total fines and costs — \$116.

March 10 — Samantha Laramie, following too closely, four points off, total fines and costs — \$146.

March 10 — Cheryl Romine, left scene without providing information, careless driving, 16 points off, total fines and costs — \$352.

March 17 — Richard Leher, animal running at large prohibited, total fines and costs — \$60.

March 17 — Edwin Mueller, obscene conduct, 12 months unsupervised probation, 12 hours community service, \$250 fine suspended, \$85 probation fee suspended, total fines and costs — \$85.

March 17 — Megan Patterson, driver operated vehicle without insurance, four points off, \$708.02 restitution, operated vehicle without required headlamps, driver's vision obstructed through required glass, total fines and costs — \$350.

March 17 — Patricia Casados, speeding 10-19 mph over limit, four points off, total fines and costs — \$197.

March 17 — Mariah Vasquez, careless driving, four points off, total fines and costs — \$335.

March 17 — Danita Dickinson, failed to yield at stop sign, four points off, total fines and costs — \$116.

March 17 — Cheryl Lien, failed to drive in single lane, three points off, contempt/failure to appear, total fines and costs — \$211.

March 17 — Juvenile, unsafe backing, two points off, total fines and costs — \$72.

March 19 — Lew Woodard, animal running at large prohibited, total fines and costs — \$60.

March 19 — Lew Woodard, animal running at large prohibited, total fines and costs — \$85.

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San Juan National Forest offers virtual services during stay-at-home order

By Esther Godson
Special to The SUN

The San Juan National Forest (SJNF) began offering virtual services at its visitor desks on March 18 to protect the health and safety of employees and members of the public during the COVID-19 outbreak following guidance from federal and state authorities.

Following Colorado's stay-at-home order, which went into effect March 26 at 6 a.m., the SJNF will continue offering a suite of services.

Many of your questions can be answered over the phone. Customers needing information, permits or maps are encouraged to call the following phone numbers during

regular business hours for prompt customer service:

- Pagosa Ranger District: 264-2268.
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Please leave a voicemail if your call isn't answered and be sure to give a callback number. Our staff will call you back as soon as possible. The health and well-being of our employees and the people we serve are our top priority. We are monitoring

the COVID-19 situation closely and we will make any necessary changes should the need arise.

"As we work through an unpredictable and rapidly changing situation, health and safety is our number one priority," said Forest Supervisor Kara Chadwick. "We are committed to continuing to support our communities and fulfill our mission as we all work together to minimize the impacts and spread of COVID-19."

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Coach Wes Lewis, Coach of the Year.

Gas prices hit four-year low

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected numerous things across the country and globe; it has even had an effect on local gas prices.

According to a press release from AAA, as of Wednesday, the national pump price for regular gasoline dropped below \$2, specifically to \$1.984, marking the cheapest average in four years.

Colorado's average price as of March 31 falls under the national average price with the state's average listed at \$1.958, according to a AAA gas prices map.

Last week, Colorado's average regular gas price was \$2.051.

Archuleta County's average gas price was reported by AAA as being \$2.235, compared to La Plata County's average of \$2.362.

Montezuma County had an average gas price of \$2.431.

However, El Paso County had an average gas price of \$1.902; Arapahoe County had an average gas price of \$1.848.

Gilpin County had the highest reported average gas price out of the counties surveyed with an average gas price of \$2.699.

Elbert County had the lowest reported average gas price out of the counties surveyed with an average gas price of \$1.686.

Gas prices within the state have been affected due to COVID-19's affect on demand and due to international conflicts, Skyler McKinley AAA Colorado's director of public

relations, explained in an interview on Tuesday.

"Demand is absolutely plummeting for a variety of reasons," McKinley explained.

"Demand is low not only just for crude oil, but what citizens see at the pump, he added.

"Crude oil demand is way down because there is not a lot of shipping going on. There is not a lot of airplane traffic going on," he said. "Separately, we also see low domestic demand for gasoline. People are not driving."

McKinley noted that this is a good thing due to numerous stay-at-home orders being enacted across the nation.

"Even though that this is the time of year where we typically see demand increase, we're not seeing it because there's so many factors because of COVID-19 keeping people away from their cars and not driving," he said.

Another impact involves a price war between Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), largely driven by Saudi Arabia and Russia, McKinley explained.

Russia is not an OPEC member, but is a major producer of crude oil, he explained.

"Those two are really kind of fighting it out in the global crude oil market and, as a result of that, crude is very cheap," he said.

Price variance explanation

Typically, on the eastern side

of the state, gas prices are below the national average, while on the western side, gas prices are above the national average, McKinley explained.

"It's a function of two things. Again, demand, more urbanized areas tend to have demand factors that drive the price down. There's more competition in the markets," he said. "Also, it's just where our gas is coming from."

On the eastern side of the state, gas tends to come up from Texas or come down from North Dakota, he explained.

The western side of the state receives its gas from Utah and California, he explained further.

"There's just different, smaller dynamics at play in the gas mar-

ket," he said.

For example, Montrose County and Mesa County had average gas prices of \$1.953 and \$1.910, respectively, which McKinley described as "the major urban area for the Western Slope."

"While in more rural counties, they don't have that competition that then overrides what we see with the supply side of the market," he said.

Another factor that affects gas prices is who controls the majority of the market share, he added.

"It all depends on the pull of the market and how much these individual companies are able to negotiate with suppliers," he said.

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Forest and Fire Learning Series to be livestreamed

By Dana Hayward
Special to The SUN

The Mountain Studies Institute will host its third annual Forest and Fire Learning Series the first three Wednesday evenings in April from 6 to 8 p.m. Learning about forest health is something you can do while you're at home helping to maintain public health.

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professionals, academics and fellow fire nerds on the Mountain Studies Institute Facebook page for a livestream of informational presentations and interactive Q&As about how communities in southwest Colorado understand, plan for and live with fire.

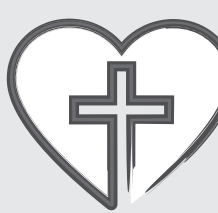
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High-tech for the high-waisted

I have taken a deep dive into the world of cloud-based technology. I was lost in the weeds and challenged in the beginning. As time has gone on, I suddenly felt like I am being lifted up in a hot air balloon. It is something that I could only describe as exhilarating and scary at the same time.

Due to the need for social distancing, my writer's group decided to postpone our weekly meeting. The decision was met with disappointment although it had to be made.

I told my Sweet Al that I had an idea. I wanted to turn the writer's group into an online video conference.

He, of course knowing me all too well, said, "Your ideas are like a wild hair that needs to be plucked. And, you won't rest until you do it."

I have been a part of webinars and video conferences for a couple of years. I haven't, however, had to orchestrate an entire team's attendance and agenda until recently. This goes beyond mere talking points. As a host, I would need to be ready to field questions about cameras, microphones and virtual etiquette.

Most of the members of my writers' group are of a certain age. There were some apprehensions when I first presented the idea of having a virtual meeting. But if I could do it, anyone could.

It is one thing to experience your own learning curve. Magnify that by 200 when you are trying to walk someone through their own. Of the 20 or so attendees in my weekly writer's group, only a small handful have attended an online meeting.

Before my first video call, I had to ask my son how to install the application. Now I know how to share my screen. But please don't ask me to tell you how to do it unless you want to see my impression of a deer in headlights.

I felt like such a grownup as I turned on my computer the Monday morning of our first online meeting. I had tidied up my office and made sure my makeup was camera ready. I knew that there

Artist's Lane

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were some first-timers, so I made a list of potentially asked questions and had an expert in attendance.

It was 9 a.m., time to open the meeting. Being on a Web camera is new for some. It made me wonder how many people would show up while eating their breakfast. Who would be in their pajamas or running through their house after an obnoxious pet?

Thankfully, everyone joined just as if the meeting were in our usual public space. Although there were

a few hiccups as we got underway, it wasn't before too long that everyone seemed to be interacting and participating like old pros.

They say that you need to care for your own house before you worry about someone else's. Perhaps I should have remembered that before I started my video conference. About half way in to my meeting, there was my Sweet Al. He was standing in the background in his camouflage pajama bottoms and his straw woven cowboy hat.

He decided this would be the day that he took inventory of his guns. Then there was Whiskey. Each time Al passed by, his beloved dog followed.

Pajamas, gun, dog, repeat. How did this happen? With all my preparation to host a virtual meeting, I had forgotten to tell my Sweet Al that he would be on camera if he wandered around while we were in session.

There is certain etiquette in being on a Web camera. Who would have thought that the host would have missed a cue from her own lesson plan?

Final brushstroke: The idea that our writers followed through to take part of emerging technology is a big deal. We made things happen, even for those who were out of their comfort zone. It is important to note, however, that there are some who may be more comfortable than others. Just ensure they don't look like they are bushwhacking in the background. If they are, tell them to smile for the camera.

Readers' comments

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Gracelyn Kiker named performing arts apprentice

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) and the Pagosa Springs High School Performing Arts Department partner together in sponsoring a student apprentice program that supports an eighth-grade actor participating in the annual high school musical and CUP summer show.

The student chosen must have participated in a number of performances and musicals, show a high level of interest in the performing arts, and have exhibited both leadership skills and a strong sense of maturity and responsibility.

This year's eighth-grade performing arts apprentice is Gracelyn Kiker, who has been hard at work in rehearsals for the high school's spring show, "Matilda the Musical."

Kiker's first show was CUP's "Snow White," where she was a forest animal. Other productions with CUP include: "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Hollydaze," "Elf," "The Nutcracker," "Tarzan" and "Willy Wonka." She was also cast as Young Cossette in "Les Misérables," and in "The Jungle Book" and "Willy Wonka" with Thingamajig Theatre Company; high school musicals were "Mary Poppins" and "Matilda."

Kiker has taken voice lessons and piano lessons with Venita Burch for many years and has

played saxophone with the Pagosa Springs Middle School band. She enjoys playing ukelele, guitar and bass; and additionally takes dance lessons. Kiker has been the recipient of several vocal and dance scholarships through CUP.

Although performances for "Matilda" were recently postponed, Kiker has been very strong and a standout vocalist in her rehearsals as Hortensia, one of Matilda's classmates and friends.



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Archuleta County free legal clinic set for April 10

By Brad Glover
Special to The PREVIEW

Despite the COVID-19 closures of libraries across Colorado, your Ruby Sisson Library will still host our popular monthly legal clinic Friday, April 10, from 2 to 3 p.m.

We are able to do this and keep clinic patrons safe because our volunteer attorneys already work remotely. As a work-around, instead of clinic patrons coming in person to your library (which is closed), the volunteer attorney will directly call each clinic patron's telephone, using the phone number provided to library staff. Although legal clinic patrons will see a slight shift in how our free legal support is delivered, they should experience no significant disruption in service.

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Beyond Words International: Rocking the crisis locally and beyond

By Rachel Ophoff
Special to The PREVIEW

Olivia Craig rocks. When COVID-19 forced the closure of Pagosa Springs High School, this 16-year-old sophomore launched a drive to keep replenishing our local food banks.

We at Beyond Words International (BWI) were delighted, but not at all surprised. All three of our student ambassadors, a vital part of our volunteer team, have the same can-do attitude. Craig didn't wait for us to suggest this. With the help of her mother, she launched her own social media blitz, reaching out to her friends, family and community to make it happen.

Monetary donations are coming in and we at BWI are doing our small part to help facilitate that process. Also, there's a box on her family's front porch for nonperishable donations. So far, they've made two supermarket runs, helping replenish the Methodist Church's food pantry.

Craig's spirit of service makes her a great fit for BWI. Founded in December 2018 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, BWI is a nonpolitical, nonreligious organization offering humanitarian aid, psychosocial support and arts programming such as dance, creative writing and visual arts to empower and aid survivors of severe trauma in their healing process.

What does that mean?

If you could see compassion wrapping its arms around the planet, you would get a glimpse into BWI's mission. Last summer, our team partnered with a local organization in Greece working with Syrian refugees to provide a healing art program, as well as education in math, English and technology. In October 2019, we began traveling to the U.S. border to provide humanitarian aid and support to a local organization, Team Brownsville, serving approximately 2,500 asylum seekers in Matamoros, Mexico. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, we've turned our attention to local concerns, including Rise Above Violence. Lastly,



Photo courtesy Beyond Words International

When Pagosa Springs High School closed due to COVID-19, Olivia Craig launched a drive to keep replenishing local food banks.

we are in touch with contacts who work closely with at-risk children in Pagosa to assist with utility bills and other unmet needs.

What do these concerns have in common? And why art, dance and education in addition to funding for food, shelter and medical care?

We serve survivors of trauma at home and abroad. Most relief organizations must strive to provide the necessities of life. Already organized in their localities, they have navigated the physical and governmental logistics. Bargaining in

cold sometimes hurts more than it helps. BWI partners with established nonprofits to supplement their ongoing efforts, and bring an additional dimension of healing.

BWI's founder and president, Casey Crow, traveled abroad for 10 years, studying and working in refugee camps. As she assisted the residents with the complexities of displacement, she noticed an absence of programs to help with the severe psychological trauma that comes with being forced from your

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Clinic

■ continued from previous page directly by telephone. For this reason, it is important that a reliable phone number be included when you sign up. To be added to the sign-up sheet, send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic," plus your first name and phone number, to ruby@pagosalibrary.org.

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A fictional story about the heroism of the citizens of Archuleta County during a devastating pandemic that has brought down the governments across the world isolating them from all support, especially since a natural cure is found there.

The story was written and published by local author d. William Roberts in 2013.

During the present emergency shut down of local businesses the book is only available through Amazon.com for the paperback and audio book, and Kindle for the ebook. Once the restrictions are lifted the paperback and audio book will be available at Bookends on main street and can be signed out at the Ruby Sisson Library.

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Dos and don'ts at your library during COVIC-19 pandemic

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Gov. Jared Polis' mandatory stay-at-home order for all residents of Colorado because of coronavirus applies to your library, of course. That means some disruptions to our services to you and your families — but several resources still are available from the comfort of your home.

Let's start with three don'ts:



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2. Our front door/curbside pickup service has been suspended, so you will have to wait until the library reopens to pick up new books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.

3. Please do not make donations of books or other materials until
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BWI

■ continued from previous page home. This lack of psychosocial support inspired Crow to merge her education with her passions for dance and service. She dreamed of an organization that would provide both humanitarian and art healing services for those suffering from extreme trauma. And BWI was born.

When teams from BWI go to work internationally, we hit the ground running. We serve alongside local relief agencies. Having already ascertained their needs and cemented our relationships,

we bring only what they need, lend support to their ongoing efforts, and use our gifts to further enhance the lives of the displaced and traumatized. The statistics of women and children who are abused in refugee situations are staggering. The need to address the psychological consequences of exile and abuse is overwhelming. The power of art and dance in expressing and healing trauma is astonishing.

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I doubt Craig thought she rocked when she began collecting donations. She was thinking about hungry people. I love working with people like Craig, her partners Lauren and Nell, and the rest of our BWI team. We invite you to join us at BWI.

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your library is able to reopen.

Here are the resources that still are available to you via our website at www.pagosalibrary.org:

1. You can view your account and place holds — but because of the suspension of courier service between Colorado libraries, you are able to place holds only on our library's items at this time. All the new books and CDs in this column qualify, as they are in our collection. When the library reopens, our staff will pull the holds you placed while we were closed.

2. Many of our online learning resources can be accessed from your home with your library card. To highlight a few, you can download e-books and audiobooks through our CloudLibrary app on your smartphone or tablet. IndieFlix allows unlimited streaming access to award-winning shorts, feature films and documentaries. By using the online resource TumbleBook Library, you can find children's books and audiobooks. To see them all, go to our website at pagosalibrary.org and select the gray tab towards the top of the page that says "Online Resources."

3. As always, you can access Wi-Fi from your car in our parking lot — with your windows and doors closed, please.

4. Staff is working from home, so if you have a question you can email ruby@pagosalibrary.org or call us at 264-2209 and leave a message. We are returning messages Monday through Friday to assist patrons.

This situation is quickly evolving. You can stay up-to-date with what we're doing through our website or our Facebook page. In the meantime, stay safe by following all the health advisories from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at its website, www.cdc.gov, and San Juan Basin Public Health at www.sjbpublichealth.org/.

"Traditionally libraries have always been a place of refuge and comfort in times of emergency," said Meg Wempe, library director. "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."

"We only hope the resources

outlined above will be of use to you and your family until we can open our doors again.

"Take care and stay safe."

It's census time now

To complete the census online, go to www.my2020census.gov or call (844) 330-2020 for the English version and (844) 468-2020 for the Spanish version.

Remember that WiFi is available from your car in the parking lot 24/7, even during the library closure. You can visit pagosalibrary.org/census-2020 to view a video that demonstrates how to fill out the census online.

How-to and self-help books

"The Bulletproof Diet" by Dave Asprey describes a new diet created by this Silicon Valley multimillionaire in his mid-20s. "Maui Revealed" by Wizard Publications is the fifth edition. "Guide to Colorado Backroads and 4-Wheel-Drive Trails" by Charles A. Wells and Matt Peterson is the fourth edition. There's also a Northern Colorado version. "Healing Depression Without Medication" by Jodie Skillicorn is a psychiatrist's guide to balancing mind, body and soul.

"Find Your Path" by country singer Carrie Underwood shares the author's Fit52 fitness plan. "Minimal Metal Jewelry" by Kieu Pham Gray contains 21 projects with step-by-step instructions. "Rock Your Rental" by Joanne and Rosanne Palmisano provides style, design and marketing tips to boost your bookings.

Other nonfiction

"The Real Wolf" by Ted B. Lyon and Will N. Graves explores the science, politics and economics of coexisting with wolves in modern times. "Giants of the Monsoon For-

est" by Jacob Hill takes us deep into the teak forests of Burma and India to learn about the extraordinarily intelligent elephants who carry the logs. "The Complete Guide to Fighters and Bombers of the World" by Francis Crosby features 1,200 wartime and modern identification photographs. "They Are Already Here" by Sarah Scoles is a revealing look at the UFO culture.

"Velvet Rope Economy" by New York Times business reporter Nelson D. Schwartz details the many ways the wealthy and privileged exploit their advantages and increase income inequality. "Nobody Will Tell You This But Me" by Emmy-nominated TV writer Bess Kalb is a memoir about her deep relationship with her grandmother. "What You Should Know About Politics ... But Don't" by Jessamyn Conrad is a nonpartisan guide to all the issues facing us today.

Large print

"A Good Neighborhood" by Therese Anne Fowler follows two families in a tight-knit North Carolina neighborhood. "The Case of the Wandering Scholar" by Kate Saunders is a Laetitia Rodd mystery.

Books on CD

"Trace Elements" by Donna Leon is a Commissario Guido Brunetti mystery set in Venice. "Fearless" by Fern Michaels is a romance with a surprise suspense twist. "The Numbers Game" by Danielle Steel looks at relationships that come together and then fall apart. "Gunpowder Express" by Brett Cogburn is a Widower James western. "The Lost Colony" by A.G. Riddle is a new sci-fi thriller.

"The First Cell" by Azra Raza offers criticism of how we mistreat

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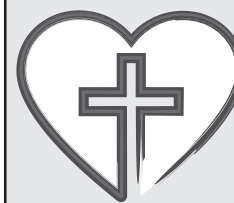
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John 14:27

In light of health concerns for our community, the Pagosa Springs Church of Christ has suspended all public assemblies until further notice. This includes our Bible classes and worship services.

A website you may go to on Sunday for worship at home is <https://polishingthepulpit.com/>. The service will have congregational singing, prayers, communion thoughts, a Bible study with Dan Winkler, and thoughts on giving.

With more time available you might like to spend some of it in studying at home.

- If you are struggling with faith or have questions go to <https://www.doesgodexist.org/>. John Clayton was a former atheist who came to belief in God through science. He was a science teacher specializing in physics and earth science.
- A site designed to study the Bible in a safe environment: <https://www.mathetis.org/>. You may study alone or form a small group.
- In Search of the Lord's Way may be listened to on KWUF radio at 1400 AM radio every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.
- The following programs may be viewed on DISH TV Sunday mornings on channel 3, KCDO:


6:30 a.m. Let the Bible Speak

7:00 a.m. The Truth in Love

7:30 a.m. In Search of the Lord's Way

If you need to talk, please call the church building and we will get in touch with you. As the virus continues to spread please pray for leaders, the workers on the front lines, the sick, those who have lost loved ones, and those working on vaccines and cures. We pray life is back to normal soon.

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The Older Americans Act passes and Census 2020

By Kay Kaylor
PREVIEW Columnist

I advocate for residents in extended care and assisted living residences as the region's lead long-term care ombudsman. I also am a Senior Medicare Patrol and State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor. Information on the many aging and care concerns will be included here.

For a bit of good news in these troubled times, on March 25 the Supporting Older Americans Act of 2020 was signed into law, extending the 1965 Older Americans Act (OAA) for five years with increased funding. As noted in earlier articles, the act connects older adults and their caregivers with services to help people age with health, dignity and independence. Although the act expired Sept. 30, 2019, the services continued, such as home-delivered and senior center meals, the national long-

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term care ombudsman program, abuse and neglect prevention, legal advice, in-home care and transportation.

It also includes provisions of the Younger-Onset Alzheimer's Disease Act, which gives people under age 60 and their families who are living with this disease access to OAA programs.

Census 2020: Everyone counts

Invitations to complete the U.S. Census began in March and questionnaires are scheduled to be mailed to all houses in mid-April. Due to COVID-19, it is advanta-

geous for people to respond by phone, (844) 330-2020 in English or (844) 468-2020 in Spanish, or online at 2020census.gov. Online services include accessible features like Braille and large-print guides and an American Sign Language video guide. The information is confidential, is never published and cannot be used against you, and the answers are kept anonymous.

Most important, \$675 billion is at stake for states to distribute in communities for schools, public works and social services like Medicaid. The census numbers will determine Colorado districting lines and how many representatives Colorado will have in Congress.

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare. For further information, please call 403-2165 or send an email to leadombudsman@sjbaaa.org.

Library

■ continued from previous page cancer, how we can do better and why we must. "The Undying" is a memoir by poet Anne Boyer of surviving breast cancer as she experienced hoaxes and corporate lies during her treatment. "The Stakes 2020 and the Survival of American Democracy" by Robert Kuttner details the author's belief that a progressive Democrat has a better chance of beating President Trump than a moderate.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Beheld" by TaraShea Nesbit tells of a stranger's arrival in the fledgling colony of Plymouth, Mass., and a crime that shakes the community.

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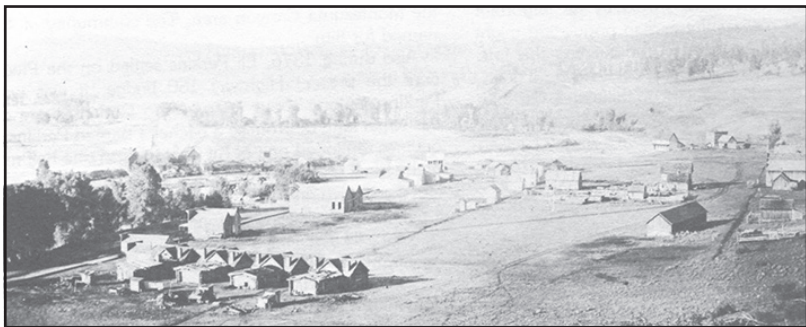


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This 1896 photo looking south across the main business block of Pagosa Springs shows the four officers' barracks lined up along the north side of 3rd Street on lots now covered by the middle school gymnasium.

Early Pagosa pioneers

Macht was an old and honored name in Germany. Carl Macht crossed the Atlantic, landing in New York City, where he lived for a time before moving west, first to Del Norte, Colorado Territory, where Carl passed away. He left his wife, Victoria, with three sons.

Victoria successfully brought her young family and all of their belongings across the then wild and woolly Continental Divide from Del Norte to Pagosa Springs in 1883. The roads across the mountains were not the paved thoroughfares we enjoy today. The road surfaces were encumbered by rocks, fallen trees and gullies created by heavy rains and the runoff from melting snow.

Wagon wheels mired in mud holes had to be dug out by hand and everybody had to push and shove to help the teams get up the steep inclines. Going down was just as difficult. It was sometimes impossible for the teams to avoid getting run over by the loaded wagons behind them. One tactic used by these wagon travelers crossing the mountains was to fell a large coniferous tree and cut its length to reduce its weight so the mother and her three young sons could attach it to the back of the wagon, where it dragged along the ground, reducing its tendency to bump into and spook the laboring team.

The task of managing the team across such terrain would have been difficult for a husky man, let alone the beleaguered mother and



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her young sons. They also had to manage campfires for cooking and warmth, harness and unharness the teams, shoot wild game to have meat to cook over the campfire, and be ready to meet the challenge of menacing grizzly bears and other fanged and clawed wilderness creatures.

The family first lived in one of the abandoned Fort Lewis buildings remaining on Pagosa Street on the main downtown business block. They later homesteaded on a ranch on Turkey Creek Road, where the widowed mother with her three sons established a successful cattle ranch. The family recalls harsh winters during which the bark was peeled from willow branches in order to keep the cattle alive. At other times, one or more of the boys journeyed to San Diego and worked as carpenters and took other forms of employment in order send money to their mother to keep the ranch going.

New Thought community to hear about heart power and healing

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m. for our presentation, "Heart Power — The Beauty of an Open Heart — Love is the Answer for Planetary Healing." Join Shayla White Eagle McClure on our YouTube channel on Sunday for live spirited music with Bruce Wayne and our music department and Theresa Howard, our meditation guide.

Free conference prayer and inspiration calls

Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m.: (605) 475- 3200, PIN 645907# with the Rev. Dr. Temple Hayes.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.: (605) 475-4002, PIN 285254# with McClure, with roundtable talks with several spiritual leaders across the country for spiritual upliftment.

Walk heartward to heal.

Cancellations

Due to public health concerns, we are canceling the following events until further notice:

Earth Day Activities, scheduled for April 17 through 19, are canceled.

Stories To Tell Us, scheduled each Sunday at 2 p.m., are canceled.

Fountain of Youth and Yoga Stretches are canceled until further

notice.

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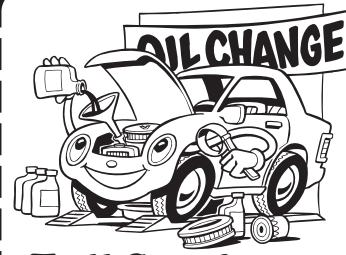
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No ordinary quake

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

Bev loved her little family and squeezed as much time together as feasible on the weekends. This evening, they planned to enjoy the teenagers' soccer game in the park.

After a quick Saturday lunch, she laid her two youngsters down for naps.

Her husband, Jeff, headed back outside to finish yard work. The distant hum of his mower broke the silence in the quiet neighborhood.

Bev dipped her hands into the warm soapy water in the kitchen sink. An anxious sensation she couldn't quite put her finger on created an uneasiness in her abdomen. Lost in self-examination, she gazed out the window.

Bev's mind wandered back to last Sunday morning. Burrowed beneath the big comforter, the family had snuggled and giggled. Their safe haven protected from the world. Guilt tried to sneak in and spoil the memory.

Sam and Claire loved to attend Children's Chapel and often begged to go. Sometimes she and Jeff put forth the effort, loaded everyone into the car and traveled the short distance to church. Bev knew church was important, but she cherished their family time.

Her mom dropped less-than-subtle hints about the benefits of church each time they talked. Miles apart, Mom set aside time for long conversations. She always managed to put a positive spin on life's unpredictable challenges.

The floor shifted, the house shook and dishes rattled inside the cabinet. Bev snapped out of her brooding. An earthquake.

She grabbed the towel off the counter to dry her hands as she raced into the living room. With a quick toss, the towel drifted to the floor as she maneuvered around fallen lamps and shattered family photos.

Her head began to spin and a fit of nausea rose to her throat as she darted down the hall. Focused on the safety of her babies, Bev's arms ached to hold and console them.

She opened the door and quickly scanned the room. Toys scattered on the floor and books, once straight in a bookcase, laid half-opened on the carpet. She held her breath and listened for a small whimper or whisper. Where are they? Maybe in the closets or under their beds. Nowhere. Vanished. Gone.

She raced back through the house and yelled "Sam, Claire," as panic deep inside her chest began

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to surface. Maybe they snuck outdoors. She reached the front door as Jeff bolted in.

Fear gripped Bev's heart. "I can't find Sam and Claire."

"Pray they didn't sneak out." Wide-eyed Jeff waved his hands in a frantic attempt to describe the destruction. "Power lines mingled with downed trees up and down the block. The erratic beep and racket of alarms pierce the air. Wrecked vehicles on the street, drivers missing, while passengers stand around in shock. Unbelievable. This was no ordinary quake. Something major caused this damage."

Bev rushed to retrieve her cellphone from the kitchen island. She needed to talk to Mom. Deep within she realized even if by some miracle the phones connected, her Mom would not pick up. Nothing. Dead silence.

"Mom warned me, but I never took her serious." She began to sob, not from fear, but grief created by a tremendous loss.

"Let's go. We'll knock on every door till we find them. Someone knows something." Jeff reached for her hand.

Bev stared at him with a crazed

look on her face. "I know."

"Talk to me, Bev. Help me out. Now is not the time for riddles. If you know, then tell me."

"Jesus came back. He took the kids and Mom to heaven and left us stuck here." Bev crushed her head into Jeff's chest and sobbed.

"No." Jeff shook his head as the weight of the words hit him and he collapsed on the couch.

"I'm clueless where to start. How do we pick up the pieces without Claire and Sam?" Jeff held his head in his hands and wept.

Bev sensed a small shred of hope as she walked to their bedroom and retrieved the Bible stored in her closet, a present from her mom on their wedding day.

She hurried back to where Jeff still sat motionless. "We start here. We ask God to forgive us, to help us through the hard times and survive one day at a time." She pressed the priceless gift to her chest. "The answers were here all along; we chose to ignore them."

Jeff, unable to speak, stared at the Bible and nodded his head. They sat together on the couch, held hands and bowed their heads in prayer.

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Senior shopping assistance program offered

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

The Pagosa Senior Center has initiated a senior shopping assistance program during this period of pandemic emergency. Many members of our community are practicing social distancing and voluntary isolation and access to groceries and prescription medicine has been identified as a critical need. A hotline has been established to connect with a senior center volunteer to get the process started. The access number is 422-7084.

Volunteers are needed to help staff telephone lines and to perform the actual shopping tasks. In Pagosa Springs, contact Rod Hubbard at (303) 594-5117 to volunteer.

Senior News

Drive-through pick-up meals continue

We are continuing our temporary closing of the congregate dining room due to coronavirus and COVID-19. 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 pick up. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program.

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

The Community Café menu

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

Friday, April 3 — Chicken fajitas, charro beans, roasted zucchini, tomatoes and onions, milk, salad and flan.

Monday, April 6 — Shrimp and grits, yellow squash medley, spinach and mushroom sauté, milk, salad and poached pears.

Tuesday, April 7 — Turkey tetrazzini with noodles, Italian green peas, caramelized butternut squash, milk, salad and Key lime pie.

Wednesday, April 8 — Beef meatloaf, mashed cauliflower with gravy, broccoli with garlic and butter, milk, salad and cherry cream cheese pie.

Thursday, April 9 — Chicken enchilada suizas, refried beans, Parmesan baked zucchini, milk, salad and German chocolate cake.

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 pick up a meal at The Community Café at the Pagosa 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 a meal. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days. We want to thank everyone for their support by observing our reservation policy. This helps ensure that everyone with a reservation receives a meal, and enables us to provide additional and healthier meals.

Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, April 2

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

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.

Wednesday, April 8

Study on Biblical Feasts. 7 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Call to verify meeting. Are you interested in learning about the biblical/Jewish festivals? Come join the fun as we study these appointed times. Hosted by Rabbi Gene Dwinell. Call 946-5262 or email ahavatadonai@gmail.com for more information.

Thursday, April 9

Coffee Talk with Rise. Rise Above Violence will be using Facebook Live and other videos to support this event. Follow Rise on Facebook to learn more.

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Rise Above Violence available 24/7

By Ashley Wilson
Special to The PREVIEW

You will still see teal ribbons on main street despite all that is happening.

The town is quieter right now, much has to be closed as we work to protect our community from the COVID-19 virus, but sexual assault and domestic violence do not stop. Research actually tells us that the number will go up during this time of crisis. Domestic violence is likely to increase by 50 percent, according to the World Health Organization, and evidence is coming out of places affected before the U.S. to support that, as reported in the New York Times. Those that were already isolated by their abuser now have no daily escape because work has halted, people they might normally go to for help are self-quarantined. Stress is high as jobs may have been lost or reduced and people may be afraid. Eight out of 10 victims of rape knew the rapist and 51 percent of female rape victims report being raped by an intimate partner (RAINN), so social isolation does not help these numbers, it makes them worse. This is why Rise Above Violence does not stop.

You will still see teal ribbons line the streets; Rise wants to send the message that you are not alone. There is still help 24 hours a day, seven days a week if you are experiencing violence.

Teal is the color for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and now more than ever Rise wants the community to stand with victims and survivors. The ribbons help us acknowledge the 40 victims of sexual assault that Rise helped in 2019. They also help us acknowledge that two out of every three sexual assaults go unreported; and during a national crisis the likelihood is that many more will not report.

Our culture tells victims that their story is not important and they will not be believed. We see this through the staggering statistic of how many rapists actually face jail time — only 3 percent.

What can our community do, especially right now? Take the time to share on your social media platform, Rise will be posting messages on Facebook and Instagram. This could be the lifeline to those experiencing sexual assault or domestic violence. This will communicate to them that people have not forgotten these issues, that there is still help. We can use this time and the platforms we are on to make a difference and educate our community.

Believe survivors and challenge victim blaming. While you may not be able to be physically present if someone reaches out to you, believe them. Rise advocates are available around the clock for victims and for friends or family that are concerned. We can help provide you information on how to support someone in your life who is experiencing or has experienced rape or domestic violence.

Victim blaming happens all the time; you see it in media headlines, in the response of those whom the victim discloses to and often in the court system. When someone questions what a victim could have done differently, he or she is participating in a culture of victim blaming. Challenge anyone you hear or see doing this. As a culture we need to start placing blame where it belongs — on the person perpetrating the violence.

This year, Rise has a full lineup of events for the month. We are working to move toward virtual events and we need your help. Join us virtually throughout the month to learn more and to show your support of victims and survivors in our community.

April 9: Coffee Talk with Rise. We will be using Facebook Live and other videos to support this event. Follow us on Facebook to learn more.

April 13: "What Were You Wearing?" gallery will be held virtually. This important show helps to dispel the myth that rape has anything to do with what a victim is wearing.

April 24: Push-Up Challenge fundraiser. We are getting creative with this annual event and will have updates soon.

April 29: Denim Day. We typically take a walk around main street and ask our community to wear jeans in support of survivors. As things unfold, we will update about how you can participate in this important awareness event with Rise.

Rise provides free 24/7 support, even though this pandemic, to victims, survivors and their support network. If you need information on how to help a friend or family member, we are here for you, too. Our 24/7 hotline number is 264-9075. Rise remains committed to serving our community through these uncertain times. Rest assured that our hotline is being answered and there is help if you need it.

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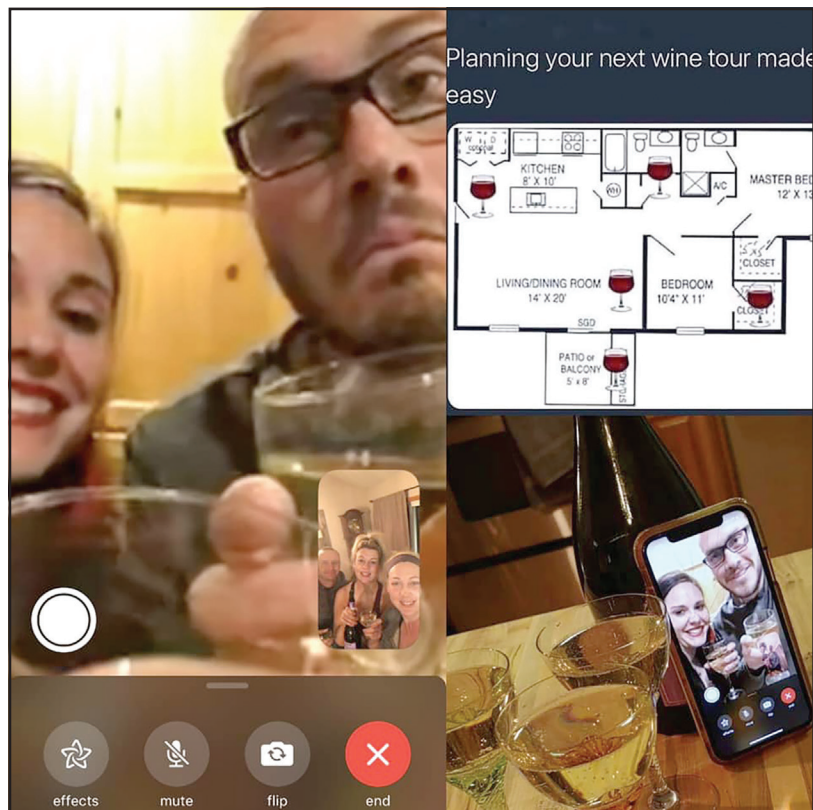
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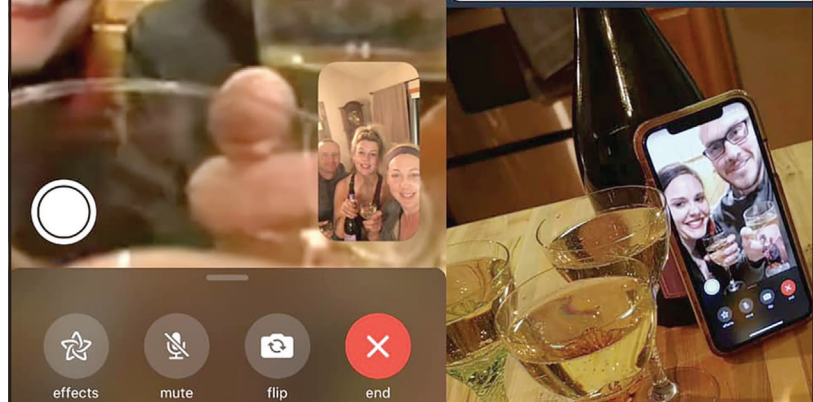
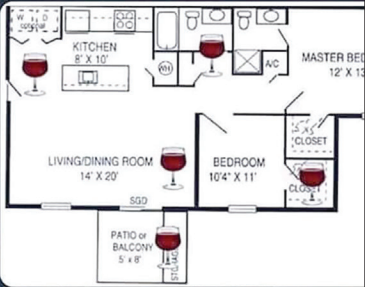
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STAY-AT-HOME ORDER

Scene ... staying at home to help stop the spread of coronavirus. SUN readers shared their photos of their activities at home since Gov. Jared Polis issued a stay-at-home order on March 25.



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Victory gardening in 2020

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Charles Lathrop Pack pioneered the “Victory Garden” movement in the United States during World War I. A self-made millionaire, Pack was also very community-minded and was enthusiastic about promoting the importance of self-sustainability of food supplies in the U.S.

He went on to become the president of the U.S. National War Garden Commission. During his time there, he instigated the victory garden, or as they were sometimes called “food gardens for defense.” These gardens were meant to be supplemental and contributed to the food supply in times of shortage and rationing.

The need for victory gardens continued into World War II. Agricultural Secretary Claude Wickard started promoting the need and in December of 1941, the Department of Agriculture produced pamphlets to guide growers in all areas from the farm to the cities on how to grow food. Neighborhood and community committees were formed with veteran gardeners guiding new gardeners on how to garden. Land Grant universities through the Smith-Lever Act helped with education through their Extension agents. Guided by the Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the national 4-H program produced a significant number of crops and animal products to feed soldiers during WWII.

Skip ahead about 80 years later and here we are, faced with a different kind of emergency for our food supply. Our nation (not to mention other countries) are on lockdown to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus and people panicked. It was evident when the toilet paper started disappearing off the shelves. Then it got worse, people were hoarding food. You couldn't find fresh produce, eggs, milk, bread and other perishables. My hope is that they consumed it or preserved it before it went bad.

The fear is twofold: first, people

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don't want to have to interface with others at the grocery store and they buy up what they can thinking it will last them; and second, there will be a shortage and/or that the delivery trucks won't come. The fear is the unknown.

So, what can we do? Grow victory gardens. Thank goodness it's gardening season and if you have to be stuck at home, you may as well plant some vegetables, fruit or herbs this spring. Even if you live in small spaces, you can grow some sort of veggie or greens. The excess food can go to a food bank, neighbors, friends and family. CSU Extension has many resources on how to grow food and we will be giving classes via Zoom soon. Stay tuned.

The Archuleta County Food Coalition is working hard to provide food to people in need. If you are in need or are able to help, please go to <https://foodcoalition4archuleta.weebly.com/> and fill out the form.

Upcoming events

April 3 from 2:30 to 3 p.m. — Best Management Practices for Produce Safety. To join the Zoom meeting, visit <https://zoom.us/j/187245762> or call in at (253) 215-8782 or (301) 715-8592. Meeting ID: 187 245 762.

April 22 at 6 p.m. — Resilient Archuleta will be hosting a Zoom gathering on Earth Day. Please join us via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/133064826> or call in at (253) 215-8782 or (301) 715-8592. Meeting ID: 133 064 826.

There is no need to register or sign up; just join in.

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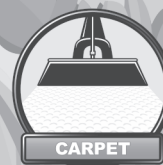
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Tips for parenting children during the coronavirus pandemic

By **Stephanie C. Nash**
Special to The PREVIEW

This is an unprecedented time in our world and, understandably, there are many questions and concerns due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The shutdown of schools, business establishments and restaurants combined with social distancing and self-quarantine have resulted in major changes to how we navigate our daily lives.

Families with children of all ages are impacted by these changes. Parents are creatively looking to adapt to new routines to support their children while seeking to establish responsibility, peace and joy in the household. The balancing act can bring both rewards and challenges.

Staying at home and following the directives from government officials is important. We all need to find safe and meaningful ways to support our children, one another and seek self-care. Here are some tips to help.

Tips for family and self-care while home:

- Do frequent hand-washing with soap and water. When not available, use hand sanitizer.

- Wash or clean incoming groceries before bringing them into your home.

- Wipe down common household surfaces that are used frequently, such as the kitchen counters, dining table, door knobs, refrigerator handles, bathroom counters, faucet handles and other surfaces.

- Create a calm tone in your home. Adults should strive to be self-aware. Anxiety may be high for adults in the home, but it is important to provide reassurance and calm to your children—they are watching and listening to how you respond to this crisis.

- Check in with your loved ones and talk with your children about their thoughts and feelings. For younger children, follow their lead. Be honest and use appropriate talk. Limit child viewing of daily news broadcasts. For older children, be honest and have age-appropriate discussions. Validate their concerns while providing reassurance and understanding for their feelings.

- Maintain routines as much as possible. Young children especially

will need structure that replicates a school week. Make time for snacks and movement breaks.

- Give daily, positive affirmations and encourage family members. This might be as simple as saying, “Wow, you are doing great at sharing the game with your sister” or “Thanks for being helpful by clearing off the table” or “You were so responsible with your online assignment.”

- Offer healthy and nutritious snacks and meals.

- Use the time at home to engage in activities with your family—such as board games, baking, puzzles, home projects, book discussions, arts and crafts, jam sessions, home recitals, dance and exercise workouts, yoga, barbecue, cookout, front porch picnics and more.

- Set boundaries. Give yourself permission for some quiet time/space during the course of the day. For many parents or guardians, that might mean getting up before everyone else or having a quiet time to pray, meditate or do breathing exercises.

- Encourage family chores that are age-appropriate for everyone in the family. Offer praise for completed chores and talk about how everyone is working together.

- Set intentions and realistic expectations for yourself. One way to do that is to write down what you intend to accomplish for the day.

- Exercise self-compassion. Be kind to yourself during this time of challenges.

The gratitude for the commitment and compassion of first responders and health care providers is beyond measure. Thoughtful expressions of kindness from friends and neighbors within our communities continues to reflect humanity at its best.

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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.weminuche-audubon.org, or at www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

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- 5 Crosswise, on deck
- 10 "Now hear ___!"
- 14 Song for a diva
- 15 Pigeon's perch
- 16 Utterly detest
- 17 Small brook
- 18 Book you can't put down
- 20 Speed
- 22 Mind-boggler
- 23 High cost of leaving?
- 24 Slinky's shape
- 25 Margarita fruit
- 26 Grocery store haul
- 30 Stephen King's home
- 32 Netflix offering
- 33 Sib for sis
- 34 Not tricked by
- 35 Bartender's mixer
- 36 Urban eyesore
- 37 Till bill
- 38 Soupy "Oliver Twist" fare
- 39 Slug's trail
- 40 Third in rank
- 42 Horsewhip
- 43 Picnic hamperer
- 44 Boastful display
- 47 Part of AWOL
- 50 Like many a rescue
- 51 Place for early 20th century TB patients
- 53 Tethered toy
- 54 Fox or turkey follower
- 55 Flaxlike fiber
- 56 Minute amount
- 57 "Dear" advice-giver
- 58 Pass, as time
- 59 Soon, to a bard

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- 27 Responsibility
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- 30 Like some points
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- 45 Likewise
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The water boy wrestler: the final part

By **Daris Howard**
Special to The PREVIEW

Coach had put Curly, our marshmallow water boy, in to wrestle, claiming there were no other heavyweights. Coach said Curly could win team points by default. We stuffed Curly 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 Mack-truck-size heavyweight from the home team.

After Curly ran for his life twice, only to be dragged back to the center by Mack, Coach was embarrassed and facetiously suggested to Curly that he should just pin himself. Curly apparently thought that was a good idea.

The two wrestlers again lined up across from each other. The instant the whistle blew, Curly flopped on his belly, then rolled onto his back, arms outstretched, right in front of Mack. Mack was confused. He looked like a deer caught in the headlights. He looked at Curly on the mat, then back at the ref, then back at Curly, then back at the ref. The ref, who had overheard Coach's suggestion to Curly, was gasping and choking. His face was red, and his whole body shook as a gurgling came from his throat. Coach was yelling at Curly to get up. But Curly lay there as Mack continued to stare, unsure what to do.

The ref's inability to blow the whistle caused the time on the clock to run out for the first round. As the buzzer sounded, Curly still lay there. Finally, the ref, not knowing what else to do, got enough air to blow his whistle and pointed at Curly, who was still lying in the center circle. "Third stalling!" Then, pointing at Mack, the ref raised two fingers. "Two points."

Curly could hardly get off his back. He was like a turtle flipped over. To make matters worse, the wrestling suit kept stretching and popping as he tried to rock onto his stomach. Finally, he rolled over and struggled his way to his feet. He got right up in the ref's face. "What are you talking about? I wasn't stalling. I got on my back as fast as I could.

I was pinned, and you know it. I demand you call a pin."

The tears were now flowing down the ref's face. He obviously had never had anyone demand he call a pin against them before. It probably went against all the rules he knew. He shook his head. "I can't call a pin if your opponent isn't on you."

"But I was flat on my back!" Curly argued.

"I'm sorry," the ref retorted. "It wasn't a pin."

I heard an old man sitting behind our bench say, "This is the best entertainment I've had in years. I would have paid \$50 to see this show."

The coin was tossed, and Mack won the toss. For a second, he almost took the down position, but then it seemed to occur to him that if Curly was on top, he would probably run, and it would end up being another chase. So Mack took the top position. The ref signaled for quiet, and finally the crowd simmered down. Curly knelt, gasping for air as the suit cut off his breathing.

Mack got on top and put his arm around Curly. The ref blew his whistle, and Curly rolled so fast onto his back that he rolled right out from under Mack, who dropped flat on his stomach. As Mack scrambled to his knees, Curly, realizing he had rolled too far, started trying to scoot himself back over to Mack.

As Mack knelt there, staring at Curly inching his way back over, Curly's voice suddenly rang out through the gym. "Get over here and pin me, you moron!"

Mack, finally coming to himself, jumped toward Curly, landing on him with a thud. Curly let out a grunt and yelled, "Not so hard, you idiot!"

With both Mack and Curly trying to move Curly into a pin position, they seemed to be working against each other, and neither could get Curly's shoulders flat on the mat. Finally, the ref, apparently having a feeling of mercy come over his heart, and desperately needing to stop laughing so he could get some air, slapped the mat, ending Curly's torment.

From under Mack, Curly's voice sounded loudly. "It's about time!"

Mack kindly helped Curly to his feet.

The crowd cheered and clapped. "Never seen anything like it in my life," the old man behind us chortled to his friend.

As the heavyweights took the medal stand, and Curly was announced for his second-place medal, the crowd rose and gave him the only standing ovation I have ever seen at a wrestling tournament.

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