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Town contributes to relief programs

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

At special meetings Thursday evening, the Pagosa Springs Town Council and Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) approved a number of items aimed at helping local individuals, businesses and nonprofits who have been negatively affected by COVID-19.

Among them were emergency economic relief policies that provide certain fee and payment deferrals and waivers, as well as funding for community programs.

During the meeting, Town Manager Andrea Phillips projected that the council could allocate \$100,000 to \$125,000 for the programs it was considering, with that figure based off of an updated revenue projection and fund availability.

After having presented several possible scenarios on sales tax revenue at a work session the previous week, Phillips used a scenario that assumes a 50 percent sales tax reduction in March and July, a 75 percent

reduction in from April to June and a 10 percent reduction from August

In total, that scenario projects a 28.8 percent loss in sales tax as compared to the budgeted amount of \$2,904,809, making the projection with COVID-19 \$2,060,077.

The spending calculation also takes into account reduced fines and fees, as well as fund reserves that are required and available fund balances.

That amount, Phillips' spreadsheet reveals, leaves \$75,255.

She further explained that changes to the town's planned expenditures, including a hiring freeze and the possibility of changing or delaying projects meant the council could probably allocate \$100,000 to \$125,000 at the meeting, with the possibility of allocating more later.

The council allocated \$124,000 in funding during the meeting.

Emergency economic relief policies

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SUN photo/John Finefrock

Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez signed an Eggs-tra Special Eggs-emption for travel into and within Archuleta County. The Eggs-emption authorizes the Easter Bunny "to travel freely into and throughout Archuleta County for the essential service of Egg delivery." Gov. Jared Polis extended the statewide stay-at-home order through April 26 in an address to the state Monday night.

Six confirmed COVID-19 cases in county

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Archuleta County now has six confirmed cases of COVID-19.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) announced the five new cases on April 4.

According to a press release from SJBPH, these individuals are currently self-isolating and SJBPH will take all steps necessary to get in touch with anyone who had close direct contact with residents who are positive for COVID-19 to provide instructions for self-isolation, self-quarantining and monitoring of symptoms.

SJBPH declined to give information about where the five new cases were tested and does not disseminate demographic information about regional cases.

In addition to announcing the five new cases, SJBPH also reported on April 4 that all results from the SJBPH community test site at Pagosa

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Navigating a new digital landscape

Educators transition to online teaching

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

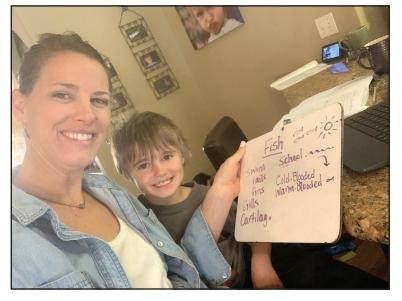
Archuleta School District teachers have not let the CO-VID-19 pandemic stop them

Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) third-grade teacher Melissa Thornton explained in an email to The SUN on Monday that she is using a combination of Google Classroom and her own YouTube channel to educate students.

from teaching their students.

The average day for Thornton's students involves lessons











Photos courtesy Kathy Faber Pagosa Springs Elementary School kindergartners won't let the coronavirus get in the way of their learning as students and parents work together to continue education from home as part of **Archuleta School District's** distance learning. Students work on assignments from home, but also are able to hear their teachers read stories and lessons.

in English language arts, math, physical education, art, enrichment activities and 20 minutes of independent reading time, she explained.

"Most of my students are logging in at 8:00 a.m. each day to complete our Daily Writing Prompt. I can provide written feedback, stay connected, and ask questions about how things are going or what needs they may have," Thornton explained.

For Thornton, the majority of her in-person teaching methods have been transfered to the online platform.

"We are maintaining connectedness with our students through Google Hangouts and phone conversations," she wrote. "We are even holding small group video chats to answer questions and reteach concepts. We have backed off of our regular in-person pace as to not overwhelm our families.

Assignments are turned in via upload to Google Classroom or through email to the teachers, Thornton explained.

As an educator, Thornton explained that she is amazed by PSES teachers rising to the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The students are our No. 1 priority and we will do everything we can to ensure their education continues," she added.

The transition to online learning has been an emotional one, Thornton noted.

"As teachers, we are continuously building relationships with our students. The COVID-19 virus may have slowed us down a bit, but it has not stopped us in any way," she wrote. "The building may be closed, but we are still ■ See Educators A8

COVID-19 symptom tracker launched

By Claire Ninde Special to The SUN

Today, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) launched an online, anonymous COVID-19 symptom tracking survey for use by residents in La Plata and Archuleta counties who suspect they have COVID-19.

With confirmation of community-level transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and lack ■ See Tracker A8

La Plata and Archuleta counties, the collected information will help to better understand whether the virus is increasing, remaining steady or decreasing in spread. Also, the short survey will allow SJBPH communicable disease staff to better understand the breadth of disease in the region to help inform

of widespread available testing in

Pierce, deGraaf and Burnett claim town council seats

Bv Chris Mannara

Staff Writer

Following the April 7 election, the three at-large town council seats have been filled with two new members and one returning member.

Shari Pierce earned a seat by garnering the most votes of the five candidates vying for a seat with 215

Mat deGraaf was re-elected to his seat with 188 votes; Rory Burnett earned the final seat with 139 total

Julian Caler earned 114 votes and Bill Hudson totaled 94 votes.

Two of those seats were previously held by David Schanzenbaker and Tracy Bunning.

Both Schanzenbaker and Bunning were elected in 2012 and were term-limited, meaning they could

not run again. In an email to The SUN on Wednesday, Town Clerk April Hessman explained that the town received 288 total ballots.

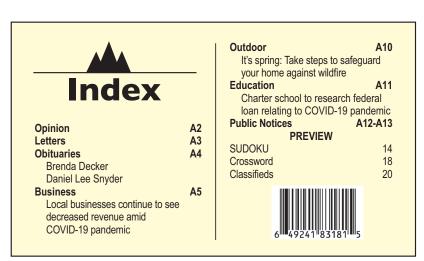
Hessman noted 1,054 ballots were mailed, putting voter turnout at 27 percent.

"The 288 ballots received were counted. There are a few ballots that I am waiting on, they have until next Wednesday to provide me with information," Hessman wrote, adding that if she receives those ballots it would alter the final count slightly.

In a phone call on Wednesday, Burnett explained that he is feeling good about earning a seat on council.

"I hope to accomplish a better relationship with the business community and the town council specifically in how we can foster just a more positive business-friendly environment," he said. "I would love to see the town council be more of a strategic partner with existing businesses and new businesses that would like to come to our community."

Pierce and deGraaf were not available by press time Wednesday.



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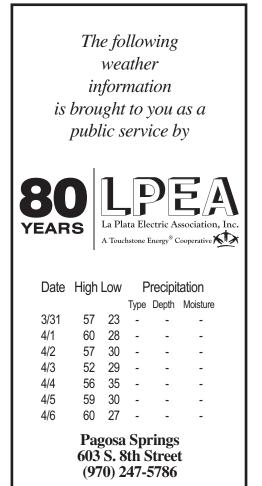
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EDITORIAL

Progression of a pandemic

We've spent hours and hours in meetings this past month.

We've watched and listened to our community leaders as they joined forces in the battle against COVID-19.

On Jan. 30, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a "public health emergency of international concern.'

On Jan. 31, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared the virus a public health emergency.

On Feb. 6, we penned The SUN's first editorial encouraging you to wash your

Nearly 500 people in China had died from the coronavirus and the number of confirmed cases of infection rose to more than 24,000 at that time.

We encouraged you to stay vigilant and shared the good news that as of that date, COVID-19 was not spreading in any community in the United States.

On Feb. 26, Rhonda Webb, CEO of Upper San Juan Health Service District, activated the district's emergency operations plan for a pandemic.

The first positive case of COVID-19 in Colorado was confirmed on March 5, and by March 11, that number had grown to 27 statewide.

Also on March 11, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic.

That same day, Gov. Jared Polis issued an executive order declaring Colorado

Poll results (277 votes)

Vote this week online:

Will you be following guidelines for

wearing a face covering

now that it is recommended?

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Not yet, but I expect to be. — 6 percent

Yes. — 54 percent

No. — 40 percent

a state of disaster emergency due to the presence of COVID-19.

More than 1,080 people in the U.S. had tested positive for COVID-19, as of the morning of March 11; at least 32 people across the country had died.

On March 12, Webb activated the district's Incident Command as part of its emergency operations plan to prepare and respond to the pandemic.

In that day's issue of The SUN, we discussed the importance of "social distancing" along with the lack of toilet paper and hand sanitizer. Stock markets plummeted in the wake of coronavirus fears.

As your hometown newspaper, we committed to keeping readers informed and posting to PagosaSUN.com and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ pagosa.newspaper throughout the public health crisis.

That same day, Pagosa Springs Medical Center hosted a meeting to coordinate emergency response by all governmental entities should there be a surge of patients.

On March 13, the President of the United States issued a proclamation stating that the "COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a national emergency."

On March 16, the executive director of San Juan Basin Public Health declared a local disaster emergency.

On March 16, the Archuleta County administrator declared a local disaster emergency and on March 17, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolu-

WHADDYA THINK?

Have you been laid off work or had your

hours reduced due to the pandemic?

tion extending the Declaration of a Local Disaster through April 21.

On March 16, Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger declared a local disaster emergency. On March 19, Town Council consented to a continuation of that dec-

laration. On March 26, the first Archuleta County resident was confirmed as presumptive positive for COVID-19. This week, there are

six people listed as positive in the county. As of press time, La Plata County has 35 cases, Colorado has 5,429 cases with the state's death toll at 179.

We've watched our passionate and dedicated community leaders including hospital and public health staff, emergency personnel, dispatch staff, emergency management team, law enforcement, health and human services, victim advocates, town and county staff, and elected officials working to make the wisest decisions in a battle against a complicated and mysterious virus.

We believe that those efforts have already made the difference and saved lives.

Who ever knew what going through a pandemic would be like or what tomorrow will bring?

We've experienced great economic pain and suffering as a community due to the pandemic; however, we believe the lives we have saved in our efforts to flatten the curve are worth it.

Please stay safe and healthy. Terri Lynn Oldham House

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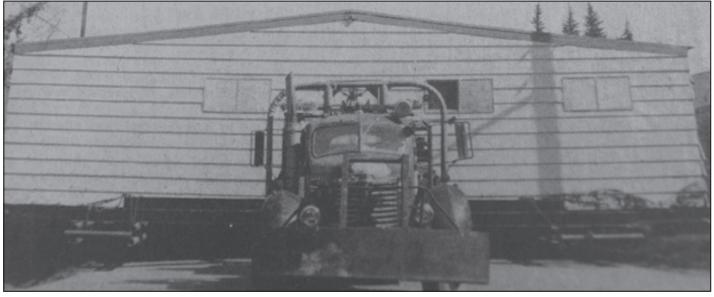
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LOOKING BACK

54%



From the May 5, 1983, Pagosa Springs SUN. TIGHT SQUEEZE - Rob Snow's crew found the roadways somewhat narrow as they moved the previous high school library building to its new location in Town Park. There it will become the new Archuleta County Library building. The Women's Civic Club is planning fund raising activities to help redecorate and remodel the facility.



LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago Taken from SUN files of

April 9, 1920

What might have been a serious accident occurred Wednesday when a load of lumber being hauled from the Galbreath mill by Herbert Loucks went over the bank at what is known as the E.T. Walker grade just east of town. One horse of the four-up was killed, Herbert miraculously escaping with a few minor bruises.

Mrs. Hettie Hill on Saturday disposed of her home and two acres of ground south of town, the flour mill site, to Mark Amyx. Yeah, a Sun ad did the work.

The home and landseekers are commencing to arrive.

A license to marry was issued yesterday to Mr. Alberto Lucero and Miss Sofia Martinez. Next!

On Wednesday the Levey brothers sold the Tiffany Mercantile Co. store to Wm. P. Davis and wife, of Bay City, Texas. It will be known as the Davis Mercantile Co.

75 years ago Taken from SUN files of

April 13, 1945

The Town Board has traded the former dump ground to Mrs. Fransequita Cordova for a 20-acre tract of land lying along the county road to Trujillo, just north of Rim Rock Hill, and adjacent to the road on the east. As this land is within 2 miles of the town limits, situated on a surfaced road, there will be no further excuse for anyone to unload trash along the roads and highways all around town, as has recently been the practice since the old dump ground became inaccessible for parts of the year, due to a change in the road right of way. The board members are to be congratulated for their attention to this badly needed improvement, and it is hoped that everyone will co-operate by using the newly acquired ground in disposing of their trash and junk, including their worn out and discarded automobiles.

At the regular meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service Friday afternoon, it was decided to eliminate the annual spring rummage sale, until fall, in view of the fact that there is already a drive on for used clothing for Relief of United Nations' bereft people.

50 years ago

Out of the Past — The old water wheel that so faithfully pumped water for the town of Pagosa Springs for many years ended its life this week. The old wheel, installed in 1933 or 1934 as a WPA project, was used to pump water to an earthen reservoir on Reservoir Hill until 1954 when electric and diesel pumps were installed. The old wheel no longer generated enough horsepower to pump water as town usage increased. Since that time it has been idle and was sold by the town recently, leaving the old water plant empty except for electric and diesel pumps.

Testing of the new water supply system and filter plant is again in progress. Local residents may notice changes in the town water at various times. The San Juan River is very muddy at the present and this is an ideal time for testing. Water Commissioner Modesto Montoya said that the water may have a milky appearance at times but this is air and will soon disappear.

25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

The school board Tuesday approved a proposal by high school principal Bill Esterbrook to create a "School to Work" program at the building. The School to Work program will ultimately involve at least 30 students — at different levels of the program. The program will be open to specified juniors and seniors (students identified with academic problems who could benefit from job-related instruction). School to Work goals are to allow students to complete essential academic courses, take courses on job-related survival skills and serve an on-the-job apprenticeship. After successful completion of core academic classes, a School to Work student will take four classes the first semester of the junior year — one of the classes being a preparatory "School to Work" class. The second semester of the junior year and first semester of the senior year, a student will spend the last two periods of the school day in an unpaid on-the-job apprenticeship. At the end of the first semester of the senior year — upon successful completion of course requirements — a student will have a choice: he or she can graduate at that point with a "Job Specific Certified" diploma, or return to school for one more semester, take four academic classes and graduate with a standard diploma.



Letters

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Vote by mail

Dear Editor:

Voting by mail should replace voting at the polls in it's entirety. The two institutions that can definitely be trusted is the County Board of Elections and the United States Postal Service. The money saved by eliminating the need for poll workers could be used to offer free postage on the envelopes used to vote by mail. The person voting would also have more time to consider what they are voting for and would not be confined to the hours of the polling place. It would also prevent unwanted entry to schools and churches from anyone trying to harm someone. In addition the voter would not be harassed by someone trying to place unsolicited campaign literature into their hand. The additional revenue would boost the Postal Service and perhaps keep it afloat until we as a country are able to vote online.

Voting by mail would solve the registered voter problem and guarantee safe passage of the ballots to the County Board of Elections.

Joe Bialek Cleveland, Ohio

Be prepared

Dear Editor:

The on-set of the Corona Virus has provided a number of lessons for our nation. As we see the empty shelves at the groceries stores and the closing of restaurants and ski areas it teaches us that being prepared for such eventualities is important in advance of their occurrence. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been recommending for many

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years that each household should maintain sufficient food, medical, and other essential materials (like toilet paper), for a 72 hour period when stores may not have sufficient supplies to purchase. The Corona Virus event has taught us that this recommendation is completely inadequate.

Another thing we have learned is that the government at any level is often unable to provide for every American in a time of emergency. Therefore, the lesson we should take away from our current experience it to provide for ourselves and not become last minute hoarders of materials at a time when many are in need of them. A properly prepared community of people who take the responsibility to provide for themselves will never need to resort to harming our neighbor by making mass purchases of food or other essential items at a time of shortage. On the other hand a self-reliant community will make investments over time, when there are plenty of essentials available. This does no harm to our neighbor and enables us in the time of an emergency, to reach out to assist others who are in need.

I would like to suggest that every household in Archuleta County, once things start getting back to normal, make the relatively easy investment in providing a three to four month supply of food, medicine, and other basic essentials. In this way, we will no longer be in competition with each other for limited goods and we will be far better prepared to help one another out if someone is in need. Such purchases need not occur all at once, but can be done a bit at a time as it can be afforded. A good supply of non-perishable food and other essentials will help us all face the next crisis together rather than turning one another into competitors for essentials that are in short supply.

We are each responsible for ourselves and our families. The government isn't responsible for either. Take care of yourselves and the next time we face such an emergency, then we can face it together. For now, stay safe, stay home,

Richard Bolland

Response to myself

Dear Editor:

be well.

Yes your right,I did Rant a little bit. And to my embarrasment, a little to much anger and pride.but as I wrote of a waitress, it was not really her who was on my mind.

The governor of Illinois has shut down my daughters two fitness studios. The clock is ticking and all he's worried about is the flu. Or is that all? I wonder, how many lives has he saved? How many has he already destroyed?

No, I don't believe this is about the flu. This is about fear, and they have convinced us all that we are going to cause someone close to us to die.

Death. It's the only certainty that all of us own and have in common. We will all die someday. Just like the men and women who have died to give us our freedom in this great country. Freedom that we have

given away so quickly and easily.

It must be illegal. The governors who have discovered that they are emperors sit in their offices and issue decrees, of who is essential and who is not.

I have to ask, how many million small businesses and families would you be willing to destroy to "maybe", save someone you love? My daughter.

Who is bravely raising three of my grandchildren. And yes, they would sacrifice all of you, to keep me. And all I want is for them to Live fearlessly And enjoy the freedom that is our birthright.

Dan Englund

Dedicated dispatch staff

Dear Editor:

The Archuleta Board of County Commissioners has acknowledged the week of April 12th-19th, 2020 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week. As the Emergency Communications Director for the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center, I am ecstatic that my dedicated dispatch center staff is being officially recognized.

Because the act of dialing 911 is often taken for granted and the heroic women and men who answer the public's calls for help are faceless and nameless, dispatchers are rarely included in the public's perception of first responders and emergency services. This is unfortunate, because a dispatch center is the literal hub of the emergency response wheel.

Dispatchers work long hours, 24/7/365. They miss birthdays, holidays, and anniversaries to report for duty and coordinate response and resource allocation during someone's worst day. The impact of constantly, day in and day out, handling the community's worst days takes a toll. Dispatchers have a higher incidence of PTSD than field officers — they are the first contact for people who are panicked, reeling, suffering, traumatized. Dispatchers are on the receiving end of the brunt of trauma, in real-time, and yet — they rarely come to mind when the public pictures public safety heroes. But can you imagine the terror and utter helplessness you would feel if you dialed 911 and ■ See Letters A4

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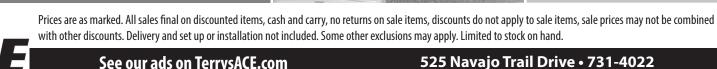


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no one answered?

I would want to recognize my staff at ACCDC for National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week any year for so many reasons. This year, though, recognition and appreciation seem especially salient. This team of amazing women has weathered so much recently—the County ransomware attack, the flooding of the center and subsequent evacuation, low-staffing, new management, failing equipment. And now, an international pandemic that is wreaking havoc on public safety and healthcare systems across the world.

While most citizens remain safe at home, my crew continues to report for duty. The team at ACCDC is always here, always ready to assist our community and user agencies. There is no event, no crisis, that can cause the dispatchers at our center to throw in the towel — they will only roll up their sleeves and get down to business. I am so thankful for this team and honored to work with them.

This upcoming week (and every week thereafter) I hope the public will, whenever they see flashing lights and hear sirens, remember who sent the cavalry and experience a brief moment of gratitude. I hope they will remember that, though the voice on the other end of the line may be faceless, that voice belongs to a person who chose to show up to serve their community during its darkest hours. I hope that, as we move through this new reality and beyond, we can all take a moment to feel deep appreciation for the amazing dispatchers at ACCDC and the crucial and under-acknowledged role they play in emergency services every single hour of every single day.

Kati Harr **Emergency Communications** Director, ACCDC

Valiant vs. vindictive

Dear Editor:

With the devastating coronavirus crippling our nation, we get an opportunity to see those who are willing to step up and help the American people through this difficult time. Witness President Trump signing a two trillion dollar stimulus bill, the Boston Patriots flying in a million masks from China, individuals across the nation making said masks, our valiant health care workers from coast to coast working unbelievable hours to save people's lives and American industry starting mass production of ventilators. The Trump administration has dispatched hospital ships, erected alternate care facilities and revamped trucking regulations so vital food and medicine can reach us. Though our president has not done everything perfectly (who could in these unprecedented circumstances) by and large he has stepped up big time. Even the Democrat governors of California and New York have praised his responsiveness. Sadly however, there is a part of our country that is more interested in being vindictive toward these efforts than in supporting the American people in this difficult time.

According to the Wall Street Journal, Democrat Pelosi is brewing up her own House select Committee on the Coronavirus Crisis endowed with subpoena powers, to investigate where the money from the two trillion dollar stimulus is being spent. This is completely unnecessary because Congress has already set up an Oversight Commission to keep an eye on this. So why is Pelosi wasting valuable time and effort to do this when our country desperately needs all the support and help it can get? A clue might come from Democrat Adam Schiff who is also conjuring up a pandemic review commission. Umm! When was the last time Pelosi and Schiff collaborated on anything of significance? It was the start of the impeachment fiasco which had weeks of star chamber proceedings before the American people were allowed to even know what was going on. Pity the American businesses, the backbone of our economy, that will be hauled before this next tribunal simply because they were hoping to survive by accepting money from our government. The American people quickly wearied of the last Pelosi/ Schiff witch hunt. Hopefully they'll speak up before this one begins.

Our country needs all the valiant leaders it can get during this difficult time. President Trump, for all his faults, has one outstanding trait. He is always cheering for the American people and our country. We need a lot less vindictive people like Pelosi and Schiff who are only interested in dragging down the other political party at any cost. Can anyone ever remember these two cheering for our great country? A frightening thought is that some people are thinking about turning our country over to these people. God help us all if that happens.

Charles Newton Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Becoming true servants

Dear Editor:

Triage. Medical people know instantly what that means. Three groupings: protect, save, or not.

Triage means horribly tough decisions. Medical staff having to decide who lives and who dies, as in battle. Imagine humans laying scattered on the ground before their eyes. Twisted limbs, pools of blood, tortured faces. All with only enough resources to save some.

With disconnected emotions, but fully engaged minds and years of training, Doctors must now make heart wrenching decisions. In a split second, a minuscule instant of determined clarity. Then move on to the next.

Man/Woman, Catholic/Jew, Black/White, all must fade from view. Now is the instant moment of decision. Decisions these professional servants must make.

I wish I didn't have to think about what our Community, our Nation, our world is now facing this Pandemic that has thrust humanity into chaos, apprehension, illness, and death. The enormous scale is unimaginable.

Personally, I've faced some tough times. I don't want to lose any of my daughters or granddaughters. Loss of my Wife and Son have been heartbreak enough. But I've been strong before. And I'll do my best again.

I understand agony, pain and loss. Many of you do too. I am sorry for your own losses. I'm sorry for deep unthinkable grief and for what many have already suffered. I'm sorry for what lies at our feet now, and for what's still coming.

Now is not the time for; Us v's Them, partisan politics, or intolerance of any kind. We're all Human and in this together.

Now is the time for love to rise, above division. Now is the time for kindness to rise, beyond separation. Now is the time to focus on who we are together, our shared humanity, our shared need. Now, let brave hope and shared purpose be our banner.

We can not march together in rank and uniform, as in wars past. We face a microscopic enemy that only scientists can see. But now

that this destruction is upon us, we can see the effects. Now we get it. And now we must act.

Act by staying home? By wearing gloves and masks? By separating together? Is an oxymoronic dichotomy now our battle cry, our marching orders? Yes.

Stay home in support of the brave warriors of care. Be careful for the sake of our grocery providers and essential workers, who put their very lives on the line.

Most, probably don't see themselves that way. They just need a stinking paycheck to provide for their families. We all need income and provision to do our part, even the part of staying home.

This is where our combined social muscle, becomes the engine to rise above individual capacity. This is what our Government is for. It is "We the People" unified.

Now is when we need strong, wise, compassionate leadership to face this challenge. True leadership is in becoming true servants. If one hopes to lead, one must become servant of all.

Mitch Nielsen

Mag chloride issues

Dear Editor:

I wish I could have a little faith in our county Road and Bridge as it pertains to mag chloride applications relative to which roads should be coated by the county and which roads the home owners should be paying for.

When I moved to Pagosa, the requirement was that 100 cars per day travel on the road for the county to apply mag chloride. I recall the car counters were placed in strategic locations and accepted that the results were accurately documented. More recently, the cars per day was increased to 200 per day. In my neighborhood area, the counters have not been visible. In fact, 2-3 years ago there were car counters at the entrances, at Sweetwater/ North Pagosa and at Capitan/North Pagosa with no other counters in the Twincreek Circle neighborhood nor exiting

It would seem to me that Road and Bridge has figured out how to get the homeowners to pay for mag chloride which, without the changes described, would have been applied by them.

Here's my beef. There are 54 homes that require access via Twincreek Circle. There are 10 homes on Sweetwater, yet, Sweetwater is getting mag chloride by the county and Iwincreek Circle nomeowners have been burdened with the cost.

In my opinion, criteria should be changed to represent the number of homes per road and not by car count which has not been represent accurately. At the very least, make accurate counts on all roads or just put your foot forward and do what you're there for, mag chloride our roads.

Sandy Sandoval

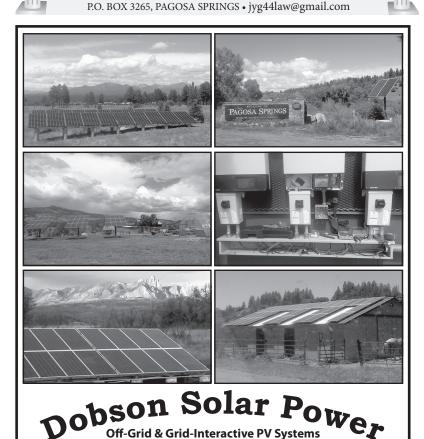
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John 14:27

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

- 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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Brenda Decker

Brenda Decker, 53, passed away on Wednesday, March 25, after a short battle with cancer. Brenda

was born October 11, 1966, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Mary Lu Graves. She lived in California until 1997, then proceeded to start a new life in Pagosa



Springs Colo., with her mother, Mary Lu, and young son, Dakota. There she met her husband, Warren Decker. They expanded their family with a daughter, Danielle, and step-daughter, Breann.

Brenda started and ran a successful pet grooming business. She was loved by all who came in contact with her. Brenda was passionate about saving animals and wildlife. In her youth, she worked for the Wildlife Waystation, where she helped care for and raise mountain lions, among other animals. The Wildlife Waystation made a huge impact on her life, not only with the animals, but also the people she came in contact with. Brenda was an incredible erything he

wife, mother and friend to many. Not only did she put others before herself, she was loyal and most giving friend anyone could ask for. Besides her family and friends, her heart belonged all animals. Brenda will greatly be missed.

Brenda is survived by her children: Dakota, Danielle, stepdaughter Breann, step-grandson Jaydon and husband Warren. She was preceded by her mother, Mary Lu. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Pagosa Springs Humane Society. A Celebration of Life will be planned at a later date.

Daniel Lee Snyder

Daniel Lee Snyder passed away on Thursday, March 26, from respiratory complications. He was 56.

He was a kid at heart who was never too tired to play with his grandkids, loved his wife and kids unconditionally and worked hard for ev-



accomplished.

He leaves behind his wife. Yevonne Snyder (Girardin); five children, Jazmyn Boren, Alissa Snyder, DJ Snyder, Ashley Orozco (Snyder), Amanda Kirtley (Snyder); five grandkids; sisters; his parents; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be a private service held at a later date. Donations can also be sent to Yevonne Snyder, 245 Westridge Road, Durango, CO

Many people have asked what they can do or how they can help since so many of us are standing here saying, "Now what?" So, the family has set this up in place of sending food or flowers to help with medical expenses. We're left with the memories of the love he gave us, how it felt when his strong arms hugged us, and a deeper appreciation for classic rock music. He was a major influence to us all, and will be missed by everyone who loved him. A donation page has been set up at tinyurl.com/ t3z6e4k.

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Business

Local businesses continue to see decreased revenue amid COVID-19 pandemic

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

Local businesses continue to be dramatically affected by the COV-ID-19 pandemic and owners are now honing in on government programs to help ease financial losses.

Davey Pitcher, president and CEO of Wolf Creek Ski Area, explained that having to lay off hundreds of workers from the ski area has been one of the most challenging aspects of the pandemic.

"We had 342 employees at the time that the governor wanted to have ski areas shut down, so it was a pretty big impact for them," Pitcher said, noting the ski area had to lay off all employees, both seasonal and year-round. "Certainly we've been trying to participate in the various government programs through the CARES [Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security] Act. We haven't been successful yet, but it's

Pitcher explained that Wolf Creek takes in its biggest revenue of the year during March, with about a

third of all business for the year typically occurring during the month.

Pitcher explained that Gov. Jared Polis' order to close all Colorado ski areas on March 14 came at the worst time economically for the ski area, as he was less than halfway through his biggest money-making month of the year.

Pitcher is still holding out hope that ski areas could be allowed to reopen in early May and that he'd be able to hire back some of his employees if that happened.

Realtor Lee Riley explained in an interview how the real estate landscape has changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, explaining the safety measures he takes when showing a house.

"Nobody touches anything," Riley said. "I turn on all the lights and turn 'em off and sanitize it on the way in and sanitize it on the way out, and people go in and get out. This is not a time that we let lookie-loos just wander around looking at houses unless you've been pre-qualified or, even better than that, pre-approved."

Riley explained he had a very

strong first quarter, but anticipates the second quarter "to be 180 degrees from what it was.'

Robbie Schwartz, co-owner of Spectrum Construction, explained a few projects that were set to go ahead have now been pushed back at least a year.

Schwartz explained that Spectrum has had to lay off some employees and explained that there's still many bills to be paid to operate the business amid the pandemic.

Schwartz explained that office rent, advertising, equipment storage, insurance on the construction equipment, insurance on vehicles, general liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance premiums are still due, even while construction slows amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Dave Shaeffer, co-founder of the Pagosa Medical Group, explained visits at the clinic are down about 30 percent and that revenue is down about 50 percent compared to last

Many business owners who spoke with The SUN cited that March is

generally their busiest month and the lack of tourists to the Pagosa Springs area has provided a big hit to their business.

"Our business is slower mainly because there's no tourists in town and people aren't skiing," Shaeffer explained. "So, at this time of year, at the end of spring break, we'd still be seeing a lot of skiers, ski injuries, plus cold and flu [patients].'

Schaeffer explained the government programs that he's looking at applying for financial assistance

"One is the Small Business Administration loan that we applied for and the next one is the CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program. That's one that — there's a good chance that that one will be forgiven, part of the stimulus where as long as we keep our employees on the payroll and keep paying them, despite the lower volume, they'll forgive that money down the road ... Medicare which is a big part of our practice, Medicare is going to pay us ... They're going to look back in time and see what they paid us for the last three months and then basically forward us that payment for the next three months," said Schaeffer, noting that the Medicare payments would have to be paid back "at some point, but

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) has seen impacts with its patient volumes, planned projects

"It's had a significant impact on all our volumes with the exception of inpatient," said Kathee Douglas, PSMC's chief operating officer.

"We know that our gross revenue for March was about a million dollars under budget and it was \$327,000 under what we did in March last year," PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb said. "March was not a great month ■ See Business A6

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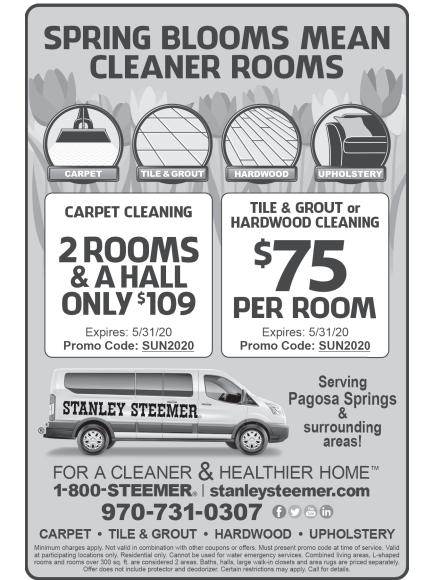
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Local COVID-19 assistance programs

By Mary Jo Coulehan Special to The SUN

As a result of the special Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting last Thursday, April 2, Pagosa Springs residents and businesses now have access to a few more assistance programs, due to the restrictions imposed by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many businesses are already applying for loan assistance through the newly passed CARES Act. Applications for businesses began April 3. Applications for self-employed and independent contractors opens April 10. Components of this act include the Emergency Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program and the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), both of which are managed through a Small Business Administration (SBA) lender. Local SBA-approved lenders in Pagosa now include First Southwest You can download applications for the PPP from these banks' websites.

We again caution businesses to apply for the loan program that most suits your business' needs. There are other regional and local programs that can also assist you. These programs include the Region 9 Disaster Assistance Loan Program, First Southwest Community Emergency Loan Fund and the FirstSouthwest Community Fund Micro-Grant Program. For nonprofits, you can

access the Community Foundation's Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) program. All of these loan programs can be found on the www. swcoda.org website under Archuleta

For residents impacted by lavoffs, several new programs are also available. The first program, the Workforce Incentive Program, in conjunction with the Pagosa Outreach Connection, will offer qualified applicants a \$200 gift card to assist with immediate needs such as food, utility payments and the like. Applicants can go to the town's website at www.pagosasprings.gov. Scroll down to the Local COVID-19 Assistance Programs and "Read More." The new page refers to the aforementioned programs as well as the individual assistance programs. Applicants will need to fill out an application with proof of a layoff, proof of Archuleta County residency and a description Bank, TBK Bank and Wells Fargo. of how the COVID-19 closures have affected the applicant economically.

> Take Out Tuesdays began Tuesday, April 7, and will run throughout the month of April. The Town of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Census 2020 and the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce are joining together to connect residents with free lunches offered by local restaurants while sharing critical and timely information about COVID-19 and Census 2020. Lunches, either with a set menu item or selection

of items, will be offered to residents from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until the food runs out at the various locations participating each Tuesday. The restaurant participation changes each week and there will be four to six restaurants. You can visit riffraffbrewing.com/takeout-tuesdays to find out which restaurants are participating on a particular Tuesday in April.

There are other organizations also offering free meals and grocery shopping. The long-serving Loaves and Fishes organization continues to serve a free take-out meal to the public every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall on Lewis Street.

For seniors, shut-ins and those needing assistance, Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) offers take-out meals daily except for Thursdays. In addition to the take-out meals, ASI is also offering grocery shopping services. Residents interested in signing up for these services can call the Archuleta Central Call Center at 422-7084.

We want Pagosa businesses and residents to receive as much assistance as they can. However, we also want the businesses to sign up for the programs that most meet their needs and financial status. Businesses are encouraged to contact the Chamber at 264-2360 or the Small Business Development Center at 247-7009 to receive guidance and assistance.



The recent volatility in the markets makes now a good time to review your portfolio and see if it's properly positioned. If no one has discussed with you the Secure Act and how recent market volatility affects your individual situation, give us a call for a second opinion.





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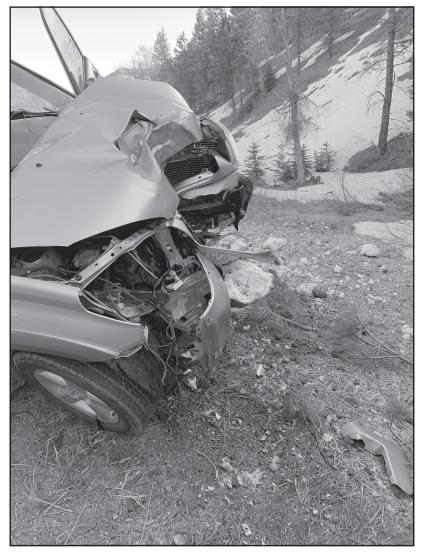
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The PFPD responded with two engines, one rescue truck, two chief vehicles, eight paid personnel and one volunteer. Firefighters assessed the vehicle for leaking fluids and fire hazards. One patient was transported by ambulance to local hospital facilities. Fire crews were on scene for approximately one hour. The cause of the accident is currently under investigation by law enforcement.

Businesses have 30 extra days to remit sales tax

Special to The SUN

Last week, the governor issued an executive order temporarily suspending the requirement for businesses to remit sales tax for 30 days. The executive order reads:

"Retailers that are required to file a sales tax return on April 20, 2020 pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 29-2-106, 39-26-105 and 39-26-109 may extend their April 20, 2020 filing and remittance deadline to be filed and paid in ply to the State-administered sales

full on or before May 20, 2020. This is a one-time extension of the April 20, 2020 filing and remittance deadline for State and State-administered sales taxes. However, a retailer that does not file the return and remit full payment on or before April 20, 2020 will not be permitted to retain the vendor fee described in C.R.S. § 39-26-105(1)(c) and (d) and the vendor fees described in the statutes, ordinances, and resolutions that aptaxes. I also direct the Department of Revenue to promulgate and issue emergency rules to extend the April 20th filing and remittance deadline to May 20, 2020."

The executive order is a deferment of the requirement of retailers to remit sales tax for 30 days, penalty and interest free, for the period of April 20 to May 20. The retailer, however, forfeits their ability to retain the vendor fee if they take advantage of this 30-day extension. The extension applies to all stateadministered local sales taxes but does not apply to self-collecting home-rule cities.

The vendor fee is a percentage of the sales tax collected that a retailer is allowed to retain in order to cover the

Webb noted that the medical cen-

ter's finances for January and Febru-

ary were great, but PSMC's revenue

went into the red once it stopped

Douglas pointed out that March's

decrease will continue to impact the

center in the coming months with

ing for funding to help with business

year for us because of our HVAC

project. At this point we're not sure

we'll be doing the HVAC project, we

just are on hold with that until we see

what happens with this pandemic.

But now, with this, it will be a ... it's

going to be a hard year for everybody.

We run a tight margin just like our

area restaurants, so I just know that

it's going to be a challenge," she said.

for voluntary reductions in pay from

staff members who could afford it.

number of our employees who

voluntarily" cut time, even an hour

or two, to help PSMC's bottom line,

she said, noting PSMC has not laid

owns the Pagosa Springs City Market,

The Kroger Company, which

Webb explained PSMC also asked

"We were very moved by the

Webb explained PSMC is apply-

"It was already going to be a tight

performing elective surgeries.

lowered cash collections.

expenses incurred by collecting and remitting state sales tax. The state vendor fee is currently 4 percent of the sales tax remitted and is capped at \$1,000 per filing period. Local vendor fees vary.

The department is continually monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation and responding in realtime to address the questions and concerns of Coloradans. To help keep the public informed, the Colorado Department of Revenue has set up a COVID-19 page where it will post all updates and changes related to taxes, deadline extensions, services and penalties.

Please visit www.Colorado.gov/ Tax/COVID-19-Updates for more information.

El Pomar Foundation approves \$90,000 to nonprofits in region

By Claire Girardeau Special to The SUN

El Pomar Trustees approved \$90,000 allocated among 11 nonprofit organizations in the southwest region in February and March. Through the foundation's grant making processes, the following organizations were awarded funding in Archuleta County:

• Archuleta Seniors Inc. — \$10,000 in general operating support and \$5,000 for needs related to CO-VID-19; competitive and Colorado Assistance Fund.

• Community United Methodist Church — \$2,500 food distribution needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund.

• Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Foundation — \$10,000 for a new ambulance and \$2,500 for the purchase of supplies related to COVID-19 medical services; competitive and Colorado Assistance Fund.

· Loaves and Fishes of Archuleta County Colorado — \$1,500 for food distribution needs related to CO-VID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund.

El Pomar Foundation's Colorado Assistance Fund is a \$1 million fund providing immediate aid in areas affected by the outbreak of COVID-19. To date, more than \$350,000 has been distributed to nonprofits and government entities across the state that are providing emergency services, meeting basic human needs and supporting access to appropriate health care. Because grants are made only to organizations nominated by El Pomar regional council members or public health departments, El Pomar is not accepting applications to the Colorado Assistance Fund.

Extended filing dates for personal property and oil and gas production declarations

By Natalie Woodruff Special to The SUN

Executive Order D 2020 22 from Gov. Jared Polis extends the responsibility to file certain documents and information typically due to county assessors by April 15.

This order does not affect payment dates or forgive the necessity to file. The order extended the filing date to June 15. To facilitate the extended filing date, there are some other dates that will be changed as well. They are as follows:

Notices of Value for Personal Property and Oil and Gas will now be sent out no later than Aug. 3.

Oil and Gas values will be Aug. 3-18.

Notices of Determination for Personal Property and Oil and gas Values will be sent out no later than

The County Board of Equalization will hold hearings regarding Personal Property and Oil and Gas values will be held Sept. 14-29.

Protest for Personal Property and

Business -■ Continued from A5 has provided a "Hero Bonus" for its employees during the coronavirus for us in 2019."

> outbreak. The supermarket chain will provide all frontline grocery, supply chain, manufacturing, pharmacy and call center associates a \$2 bonus above their standard base pay for hours worked March 29 through April 18, according to a press release from the company.

Business interruption insurance

Some local businesses have applied for "business interruption insurance.'

Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Jo Coulehan explained that all businesses she has spoken to who have

applied have been denied. Business interruption insurance typically includes coverage for things like a natural disaster, according to TrustedChoice.com, but Coulehan noted that insurance does not cover business closures due to a government order.

Coulehan explained that Chambers across the nation are petitioning that the insurance language be changed to include losses due to a government mandate for businesses to shut down.

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Rural Colorado faces different struggles

In early March, many rural Coloradans initially assumed they would be safe from COVID-19; the television coverage showed crowded cities, huge, overflowing hospitals and long lines at the grocery store. We wanted to be immune. We wanted to just continue with our daily lives.

Then we couldn't ignore it any

Gunnison County now has one of the highest per-capita incidences of COVID-19 in the state. It has affected people living in Crested Butte and Gunnison, the small towns of Pitkin and Parlin, and those living miles from anyone. The county has closed itself off, limiting entrance to only those with essential needs, like groceries or gas. The virus does not care if they are rural or not.

It has taken a while for nearby areas to feel the effect, but now every county in Colorado has someone who is either being tested or diagnosed. Per capita, the impact on rural Colorado is just as dramatic as it is elsewhere.

Rural issues are different than the urban versions. Our hospitals are stretched thin even during healthier times. Many do not have ICU rooms or have a limited number of ventilators. Their staffs are capable, but small. Bed space is scarce and additional resources, such as more staffing and more personal protection equipment, are difficult to find.

can be seen

When people in Hinsdale County get sick, they

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at their Lake City Area Medical Center, but if their symptoms are serious, they are taken to Grand Junction, 160 miles away, or to the Gunnison Valley Health Hospital, which is at capacity.

The public health departments in Southwest Colorado are utterly remarkable. Not only are they doing everything they can to organize, treat patients and advocate for more testing, supplies and medical professionals, they also communicate regularly with their communities about the current situation.

Communication in the rural areas can be difficult, at best. In Durango, many homes receive only New Mexico news, unless they are on DISH or DirectTV; getting any information from Denver

about what's going on in Colorado is necessary, but challenging. We are told to get our information and testing locations online, but we can only do that if we are equipped with broadband.

The testing, of course, like all of Colorado, is not sufficient. Most of us suspect there are a lot of people who have COVID-19, and anyone with symptoms should self-isolate. Everyone in Colorado is being asked to wear face masks out in public, whether they feel well or not.

Some people, particularly ranchers and farmers, do not have the luxury of staying inside, away from others. They need to be working constantly outside, meeting people when they go in to town for supplies, but are facing a dwindling demand from farmer's markets, restaurants, schools and universities. Prices are falling. So many consumers are losing their jobs and may be buying less when the markets open again.

The mountain counties have lost their tourism base, affecting every aspect of their economy, while also having a high number of coronavirus cases, likely brought in by their international visitors. The Colorado Tourism Board is ramping up promoting resort areas this fall, where

people can drive, but with a slowing economy, the recovery could be more sluggish than in urban areas.

What happens if you live in a rural area and your grocery store runs out of food? Or toilet paper? We just suffer a little. Many of us do not have an alternative store to visit, but, because we live in smaller towns, we generously share our resources with others. We make do.

Since all students are now out of school, the rural districts are emailing work, mailing packets to students, having students pick up work outside the schools or, in some cases, teachers are driving miles to personally drop materials off at front doors.

The federal and state governments have taken special note of rural Colorado, offering help with housing, rent, small business loans, utilities, some debt retirement and financial assistance to individuals, counties and cities. Visit http://www.sba.gov or http://www.covid19.colorado.gov for updated information.

Rural Colorado is alive and mostly well, and, though we face different struggles than other parts of Colorado, we haven't lost our sense of neighborhood or endurance.

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Rotary authorizes \$15,000 for food and community needs in COVID-19 crisis

By JoAnn Laird

Special to The SUN

While the Pagosa Springs Rotary clubs are widely known for their fun and imaginative fundraising events such as the Kentucky Derby Party, Ice Melt Contest, Las Vegas Casino Night, Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance and Gary Morris concert, you may not know how far-reaching the results of the monies raised actually go. It's all about the club's motto, "Service Above Self."

Locally, one of our largest endeavors goes to scholarships for Pagosa Springs High School graduating students. Since 1983, Rotary has awarded over \$450,000 to 174 students to be used for advanced education in colleges and trade schools. In 2019 alone, \$37,000 was awarded.

Rotary supplies weekly manpower and food to the elementary school Backpack Program, filling in the need for food left by the deadly disease will be forever gone. gap between Friday's school lunch program and the Monday morning educational and humanitarian

bell. Rotarians pick up highway trash, place benches for those awaiting public transportation, give beautifully crafted dictionaries to every third-grader, endow teacher mini-grants to defray their expenses, donate monies and items to the Food Pantry, help fund the Geothermal Greenhouse Project, host foreign students for the Student Exchange Program plus send local students to study abroad, fund expenses for high school students to attend RYLA (a leadership training program) and assist the town with the Fourth of July parade — rewarding, fun and, in some cases, life-changers.

Internationally, we are the face of eradicating polio from the world. We're almost there. While polio still exists in two countries, between Rotary International and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, it is only a matter of time before this

Your local Rotary also funds

efforts to Niger and Senegal, and has donated medical vehicles in Pakistan. Rotary monetarily assists other regional clubs with funds for some of their projects, like the installation of clean water systems and wheelchairs in Mexico and Central America.

Wanting to be there when our community is in need, Rotary has just authorized an additional expenditure of \$15,000 for food and other community needs related to COVID-19 crisis. Rotary knows its 2020 fundraising efforts may not be as good as in years past, for obvious economic reasons; however, they will do what they can to help. After all, isn't it all about "Service Above Self?"

There are two Rotary clubs in Pagosa. The original and largest club meets on Thursdays at 11:59 However, at this unprecedented time and until further notice, meetings are held via the free and easy downloadable app Zoom. This is your invitation to attend a meeting from the comforts of your home on Thursdays at noon. The Mountain Morning Club

a.m. at Pagosa Brewing and Grill.

generally meets every Thursday, at 5:30 p.m., also at Pagosa Brewing and Grill, but is not meeting at

Incredible speakers educate us about subjects from life after forest fire to the most current information available on the COVID-19 virus. Both clubs would love to have you as a guest, should you consider the giving of your to time to better our community. For more information, see www.pagosarotary.org.

\$200 gift cards available to residents laid off or with reduced hours

By Kimberly Domingo

Special to The SUN

ly employed by, or recently laid off (within the last four weeks), from an employer located within Archuleta County.

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Public Meetings The following meetings are subject to change. information. 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 El-

ementary School, 141 S. 10th St. Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to

Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting. 4:30 p.m. See town website for participation information.

obtain the log-in information.

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

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

Wednesday, April 15

Southwestern Water Conservation District board teleconference. 9 a.m. Call (605) 475-5618, 797282#.

Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting. Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Upper San Juan Library District board meeting. 4 p.m. See https://us04web.zoom. us/j/826961330, meeting ID: 826 961 330.

Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority Commission. See town website for participation

information. **Town of Pagosa Springs Historic** Preservation Board. 5 p.m. See

town website for participation

Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosasun. com with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.

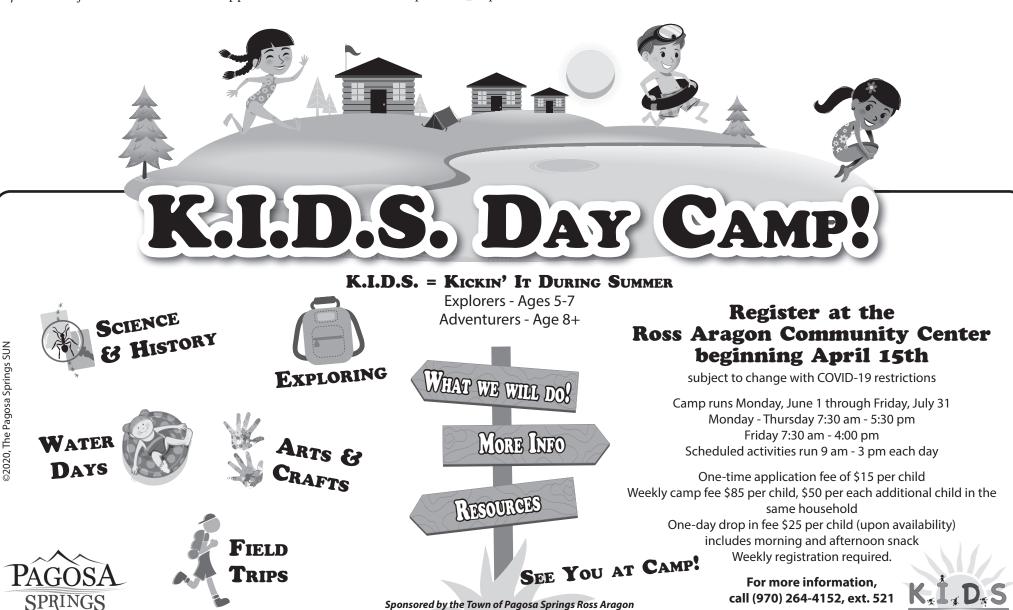
In coordination with the Pagosa

Outreach Connection (POC), a project of the United Way of Southwest Colorado, the Town of Pagosa Springs is offering onetime assistance in the form of \$200 gift cards to individuals residing in Archuleta County who have been laid off or had work hours significantly reduced due to COVID-19 closures.

Applicants must be current-

Applications will be reviewed and disbursements will be made on

The link to the application with more specifics is available here: www.pagosasprings.co.gov/vertical/sites/%7B175F1D4C-10BE-47AA-AF3E-C1BCDE2446A6%7D/ uploads/Workforce_Incentive_Ap-



Community Center Parks and Recreation Department

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Resolution 2020-09, an emergency economic relief policy approved unanimously by the town council, provides for:

- Business licenses (new and annual renewals): deferred collection of fee for 90 days with no late fees or penalties.
- Plan review fees: waiver of fees. Development application fees: waiver of fees.
- Building permit fees: deferred collection of fees (50 percent of fee due at building permit application and remaining 50 percent due at time of issuance of Certificate of Occupancy).
- Geothermal heating utility payments: deferred collection of monthly utility payments for 90 days with no late fees or penalties starting with February payment due in March (deferred for February, March, April).
- Lodging tax collections (town only): deferred collection of monthly lodging tax payments for 90 days with no late fees or penalties starting with March payment due in April (deferred for March, April, and May).

Resolution 2020-03, the economic relief policy approved unanimously by the PSSGID, provides for deferred sanitation utility payments for 90 days with no late fees or penalties starting with the February payment due in March. This is only for accounts that were in good standing as of the effective date of the resolution.

Region 9 Disaster Assistance Loan Program

The town council also opted to partner with the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado on the Region 9 Disaster Assistance Loan Program to increase the funding available for Archuleta County businesses.

The program, as an informational flyer provided to the council states, "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."

It provides low-cost \$1,000 to \$10,000 loans to help cover essential business expenses such as payroll, rent and utilities.

The loans are provided without interest if paid back within the first six months, with 1 percent interest for six to 12 months, converts to prime interest rate after one year and amortizes on a 24- to 48-month term with flexible collateral.

In speaking with the council, Region 9 Executive Director Laura Lewis Marchino explained the agency wasn't sure what the demand would be, with other programs coming down from the state and federal

She noted that Region 9 had received 10 applications as of that day and in two weeks had fielded 169 calls.

She later added that Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation was looking at putting money into the program also.

In response to questions from council member Matt DeGuise, Lewis Marchino explained that, since it is a loan program, Region 9 is hoping the money will be paid back and returned to the town.

The council opted to add \$20,000 to the fund, doubling the amount previously available, and voted to have council member Nicole De-Marco sit on the loan committee.

For more on the program, visit https://scan.org/uploads/DALP_ Program.pdf.

Emergency micro-grant program

The council then considered partnering with the First Southwest Community Fund (which is managed through First Southwest Bank) to provide seed money for an emergency micro-grant program in Archuleta County.

The program provides grants to

small businesses and nonprofits who have been adversely affected by COVID-19.

The funding, an agenda brief on the topic explains, "is designed to enable businesses to keep their operations going and prevent job loss."

The funding, it states, can be used to cover staff costs, wages or other expenses that will prevent job loss or layoffs, and cover utilities or other business operational costs to "keep the lights on." Funding cannot be used for debt payments.

The funds, Phillips told the council, would not be expected to be paid

"They can deploy this very quickly," Phillips said of the program.

Following discussion on what parameters would allow the town's funding to help more, the council unanimously voted to contribute \$30,000 to the fund, which will serve Archuleta County businesses with five or fewer employees. Grants will be available for \$1,500 to \$3,000.

The first deadline to apply is April 10 and the second deadline to apply is April 24.

For more information on the program and how to apply, visit https:// www.fswcf.org/covid-19.

Pagosa Outreach Connection

The council members then turned their attention toward helping individuals who have been laid off or had their hours drastically reduced due to COVID-19.

For that, the town council considered partnering with the Pagosa Outreach Connection (POC) to provide onetime payments.

In beginning the conversation, council member David Schanzenbaker asked about the possibility of getting real-time unemployment filing information, citing the large number of filings in March and indicating the town needed to be prepared for a large response.

The council members then

delved into the parameters for the payments, with council member Madeline Bergon suggesting the parameters shouldn't be too strict and the payments should help promote peace of mind and a positive mental

She gave the example of someone being able to use the funding for something like a garden.

Michelle Huck of the POC told the council that the POC sees its assistance as a hand up, not a hand out, and the folks who sit on the board are very conservative with assistance.

She noted the program tries to cap assistance at about \$800 and tries to make sure it doesn't have the same people frequently requesting

Later in the meeting, she explained the typical request is \$800 to \$1,400 for rent.

POC's Kim Domingo added that the program also makes sure applicants are tapping into other resources, and noted the council could have a representative on the board.

Phillips noted that the program the POC has set up is fantastic, adding that council's goal is to provide immediate gap financing.

Huck explained that the POC had talked about a smaller group considering the requests (the board is normally 20-25 people, and could be four or five for requests for the town's funds) to make disseminating the help from the town more streamlined.

Throughout the discussion, multiple council members suggested having employers report their numbers of people laid off or reduced, as well as the identities of those people to help streamline the process of getting money into the hands of those people — an idea council member Tracy Bunning spoke against later in the meeting, expressing concerns with its legality.

With that, the council members pivoted to having the POC verify employment.

Council discussed several different funding amounts for the

program throughout the discussion, finally landing on putting \$50,000 toward the program and putting a \$200 cap on each request.

That onetime payment will go toward those who have been laid off or had a 50 percent reduction in hours due to COVID-19.

Bergon will sit on the committee. For more information on applying for the funding, see related article in this issue.

COVID-19 Community Emergency Relief Fund

The council also considered putting money into the COVID-19 Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF).

"The Community Foundation of SW Colorado created a Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) to provide assistance to non-profits serving people impacted by CO-VID-19. https://www.swcommunityfoundation.org/cerf/," the agenda brief for the item states.

The brief further states: "Donations are now being accepted to deploy funds to community-based organizations directly responding to the most vulnerable members of our community.

"Service organizations can seek grant funding through the CERF to help families and individuals. The CERF accepts donations from individuals, organizations, businesses, and governments. Assistance includes food banks (e.g. Food Equity Coalition), housing assistance and other programs meeting basic needs. Should Council wish to donate funds to the CERF, they can be earmarked for nonprofits serving our community."

Council opted to contribute \$20,000 to the fund with the caveat it would benefit Archuleta County residents.

Economic recovery task force

Phillips then surfaced the idea of forming an economic recovery task for taking a more wholistic look at recovering from the pandemic.

"Beyond the immediate strategies for assistance for businesses and individuals impacted by the pandemic, mid-term and longer-term strategies will be needed to help impacted businesses, as well as our local economy as a whole. The Council may wish to consider working with our partners to start an Economic Recovery Task Force (name TBD) that would begin meeting very soon with stakeholders to plan for when businesses can reopen and economic recovery beyond this time," an agenda brief on the topic states. "Impacts to our local economy will be seen in March/April and perhaps for several months beyond. Ideally the businesses can reopen soon and people can get back to work, but we will need to prepare now for the future impacts that could be felt for a while."

The council members approved of the idea, with Mayor Don Volger and Matt DeGuise volunteering to sit on the task force.

"Yes, I strongly support this decision," Bergon said.

Take Out Tuesdays

The town also voted to allocate \$4,000 for an initiative called Take Out Tuesdays.

According to the Web page for the initiative, "Sponsored by the Town of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Census 2020 and the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Takeout Tuesdays aims to connect Archuleta County residents with local restaurants while sharing critical and timely information about the local government response to COVID-19. This program represents a community effort to bring some normalcy while managing through Stay at Home orders and social distancing requirements during the month of April.'

For more information on the program and participating restaurants, visit https://riffraffbrewing.com/ takeout-tuesdays/.

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Springs Medical Center (PSMC) on March 30 came back negative for the virus.

The community testing site provided tests for 40 individuals and resulted in no lab-confirmed positive tests for the highly contagious novel coronavirus but warned, "Despite these test results, the COVID-19 virus can be missed with current testing."

"With both the shortages in widespread testing and the possibility of tests missing the virus, please ontinue to self-isolate if you have symptoms. This is particularly important in a small community with less access to healthcare," said Liane Jollon, executive director of SJBPH.

SJBPH advises individuals who have COVID-19 symptoms — such as fever, dry cough and shortness of breath — to assume that they have the virus and follow Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) guidance

on isolation. On Monday, Gov. Jared Polis extended the state's stay-at-home order

through April 26. "All residents of Archuleta County are urged to continue to make responsible choices to protect your community and stay at home," Jollon said. "Each of us carries outsized responsibility to keep our families, our friends and our entire communities healthy and safe. Right now, our individual actions are the only tools we have to stop the spread of the highly contagious virus.'

While also urging that safety measures be taken, regional officials continue to prepare for a potential surge in cases, though models are not in agreement in their predictions of when that surge will hit.

Models range from Colorado having hit peak resource use over the weekend to that peak hitting at varying times during the spring and summer dependent upon how Coloradans adhere to social distancing guidelines.

"Your actions are saving lives," CDPHE Executive Director Jill Hunsaker Ryan said at a Monday press conference in urging Colorado residents to continue wearing a cloth face covering when out of the house.

She reported that an estimated 17,000 to 18,000 Coloradans have had COVID-19, not including people who were infected but asymptomatic, though she noted testing and surveillance is only capturing about 28 percent of cases.

"We are still at the beginning of this epidemic," she said, pointing out that they are starting to see stress on the health system in the state and adding, "We are certain our peak has not hit.

Dr. Rachel Herlihy, state epidemiologist, explained the spread of cases is slowing based on the amount of time it is taking the number of cases in the state to double, but added, "Now is not the time to back off.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb indicated PSMC continues to plan with other regional hospitals, health care facilities and community sites to prepare, and has made changes to its facility to better treat patients both with COVID-19 and other ailments.

Everyone who enters PSMC including employees, is screened for fever and other COVID-19 symptoms, and those entering the facility should be wearing masks.

Webb and Kathee Douglas, chief operating officer, explained that PSMC continues to work on obtaining more personal protective equipment (PPE) and is setting up a new system to sanitize some masks to allow them to be safely reused.

The facility has also implemented changes in patient rooms to minimize possible exposures.

Staying safe

SJBPH has urged citizens to "keep ourself, your family, and your friends and neighbors safe" by:

- Staying at home.
- Washing your hands thoroughly and frequently.
- Staying 6 feet away from others when out in public.
- Covering your nose and mouth when out in public.

"We know that Coloradans across our state are making personal sacrifices to prioritize the public health and safety of their family and neighbors," Polis said recently. "The better job we do at staying home and wearing facial masks whenever we absolutely must go out to contain the virus in Colorado, the sooner we can return to something resembling economic normalcy. Refusing to stay at home will only extend the state's economic pain."

For more information on making your own cloth mask, visit https:// www.coloradomaskproject.com/.

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 Healthcare: 264-2104. • Those without a doctor can call

SJBPH at 247-5702, option 1.

How to be tested

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.

volunteers

PSMC is compiling a list of volunteers to call on if there is a surge of patients or a medical personnel

staffing shortage. "In an effort to be proactive during the COVID-19 pandemic, Pagosa Springs Medical Center is creating a list of medical personnel who are willing, ready, and able to volunteer at Pagosa Springs Medical Center should a need for additional person-

nel arise," PSMC's request states. ical personnel, including those who have retired but still have a valid license and/or certification in Colo-

rado, are eligible to volunteer.

Where can I learn more?

Several local, state and national health organizations are offering

- See related stories in this issue of The SUN.
- on community closures, business information and more.
- SJBPH: https://sjbpublichealth. org/coronavirus/.
- coronavirus. • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.coronavirus.gov.
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For more on how to be tested at PMG, visit https://pagosamedicalgroup.com/ or Pagosa Medical

Group on Facebook. Call for medical

All certified and/or licensed med-

All requests and/or inquiries regarding volunteering should be sent o Krista Starr, medical staff office manager, at krista.starr@psmedicalcenter.org.

information on COVID-19:

- Visit www.PagosaSUN.com and on Facebook at www.facebook. com/pagosa.newspaper for updates
- PSMC: http://pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org.
- CDPHE: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-
- World Health Organization: https://www.who.int/westernpa-

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the level of medical and hospital preparedness. Once an appropriate amount of information is collected from the symptom tracker, it will be reported in aggregate form on SJBPH's website. The form is available in English and Spanish at sjbpublichealth.org/

coronavirus. Tuesday morning's case count for COVID-19 in La Plata County was 29 and Archuleta County is six and SJBPH has performed 146 tests in both counties. However, the COVID-19 virus can be missed with current testing, which is why this tracking form was developed.

For individuals who have CO-VID-19 symptoms such as fever, dry cough and shortness of breath, SJBPH advises that they assume to have the virus and follow Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) guidance on isolation and asks that individuals complete the online symptom

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

Educators

Continued from front their teachers and will continue to use whatever means possible to continue to build those relationships with our students and prepare them

for the next steps in their lives." PSES kindergarten teacher Kathy Faber explained in an email on Monday that parents and students can access daily lesson plans and practice reading and math skills from

the kindergarten website. "Each teacher has an individual page for the children to be able to listen to their teacher read stories and practice daily routines such as letters, sounds, and sight words,"

she wrote. As a kindergarten teacher, Faber explained that she has to imagine her students in front of her as she goes

through lessons and stories. "We ask them questions and pause to give them time to answer. We may ask them to tell their family their responses," she explained. "We want it to feel as normal as possible for the children, so we try to teach as

if we are all in class together. Kindergarten teachers are checking student progress through various platforms, but are also asking parents to take pictures of certain assignments and either have them text or email the pictures to the teachers, Faber explained.

Faber added that they have been encouraging parents and children as they learn at home, offering sample schedules, but also encouraging them to play and spend time together as a family.

"It is incredibly difficult not being with our kindergarten kids. We miss them. There is a hole in our hearts for sure. That's the most difficult part," Faber wrote, adding that she is proud of students and their families for stepping up. PSES Reading and Math Interven-

tion Teacher Stacy Lewis explained

in an email on Tuesday that her

families progress in learning in any way she can. 'Within these first few weeks, I

have communicated with families explaining that I am an additional resource that can help them during

this time," she wrote. Lewis explained that she has been able to translate the majority of her

work to the online learning platform. "During distance learning, I speak with students through Google Hangouts throughout the day. The fourth grade team and the Summit Learning platform have given the fourth grade students I work with experience in different modes of online

instruction," she wrote. Lewis also helps students via her YouTube channel with vowels, con-

sonants and sight words.

Middle school In an email to The SUN on April 6, Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) Principal Chris Hinger highlighted the work of multiple teachers for their work done in Google

Classroom. These teachers include: fifthgrade English language arts teacher Natalie Baca, sixth-grade science teacher Kylie Morris, seventh and eighth-grade math plus teacher Isaac Moening-Swanson, art teacher Julie Ogier, eighth-grade science teacher Anita Hinger and eighth-grade math

teacher Andrew Guinn. Hinger also shares a principal's message to students via his own

YouTube channel.

High school Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Principal Sean O'Donnell noted in an email on Tuesday that all the PSHS teaching staff is doing the best they can in pushing their content out on Google Classroom and through Google Meetings.

PSHS Art teacher Jenna Gannon has been utilizing a YouTube channel in order to inform students about various projects from interior design to 3D projects.

Pagosa Peak Open School

role involves helping students and Students and teachers alike at Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) have been connecting via online learning through Zoom, according to an email from PPOS Instructional

Coach Emily Murphy. "Class rituals continue through circle times where students have the opportunity to share their work, feelings and ideas. Lessons hold tight to hands-on experiences with children using beans and Legos to count along with their peers; songs they sing together; books they make, read and then share; and seeds they plant as starts for a school garden,'

Each PPOS student has the option to participate in their school work with weekly paper packets, Zoom calls, Google Classroom, or check-in calls at home, Murphy explained. PPOS School Director Angela

Crossland explained in an email on

she wrote in an email on Tuesday.

Wednesday that PPOS students are still participating in art classes via Google Classroom. "Karla our Kindergarten advisor began Zoom connects related

to their animals and art project," Crossland wrote. Additionally, Crossland has been working with sixth-grade students on assignments, specifically one relating to using 3D printing technol-

ogy to solve problems. "Perry, our music teacher, has videos on a youtube channel as well as in a Google folder as some students can not access youtube from their computers," Crossland wrote. "These videos teach about music and highlight local musicians. Lexi our Americorp food security member has been adding nutrition and cooking videos as well.'

Crossland explained that she is proud of the PPOS team for embracing the change and being creative with the transition to online learn-"Each one of them has a growth

mindset in this time of change. I am also proud of our parents as they have embraced the changes as well, have given us quality feedback, and have really engaged in distance learning," Crossland wrote.

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County has less money to build courthouse than initially planned

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

Archuleta County staff and officials have less money available to build a new courthouse than originally planned.

At the county commissioners' work session on Tuesday, Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton explained that \$650,000 in the county's Justice System Capital Fund, which was intended to be used to build a new courthouse, is being consumed by the county's new jail and remodeling the former home of Norma and Fred Harman III to house the sheriff's office.

'We're over budget on the detention center and the sheriff's office remodel looks to be much more expensive than we thought it would be, and as a result, we're looking at maybe having \$45,000 if we're lucky in the justice system fund," Walton said.

The capital facility projects that are expected to draw from the county's Justice System Capital Fund are:

• The county's new jail, currently being constructed in Harman Park, had an original "Guaranteed Maximum Price" (GMP) of about \$14.5 million, and Walton wrote in an email Tuesday that the cost is now projected to be about \$16.2 million.

GMPs can rise due to unanticipated costs, according to Archuleta County Administrator Scott Wall.

In an email Tuesday, Wall couldn't pinpoint exactly what drove the price up on the new jail, but pointed to rock excavation that was unanticipated, and expensive, as one of

• The county is also remodeling the former home of the Harmans to eventually house the sheriff's office and the dispatch center.

Many numbers for how much the remodel would cost have been thrown around over the last six months by government staff and officials, with some members of the

Dispatch Executive Management Board saying that Walton told them that the county could only afford about \$283,000 to complete the remodel.

Wall told The SUN Tuesday that estimates for the remodel are now about \$150 per square foot.

The Harman House is 4,195 square feet, putting a rough estimate for the remodel at \$629,250, about \$340,000 more than initial estimates.

• The initial plans for the county's new courthouse, which included two or three courtrooms and a community room, had cost estimates between \$4.9 million and \$5.7 million, though county officials noted Tuesday the design may have to change to bring the cost down.

Archuleta County has received two grants for the courthouse project, one from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DoLA) for just under \$370,000 to complete design work on the building and a \$1.9 million grant from the Colorado Underfunded Courthouse Commission.

Both grants require some matching funds from Archuleta County, which Walton explained at the meeting could be difficult to come up

"So, we come up with a few hundred thousand more and we can match the DoLA grant and we can get the design in, then we don't have any money left to match the [underfunded] court grant, not in 2020," Walton said. "So, in 2021 maybe we do because we can budget some stuff, but, really, all these problems really came into focus in trying to rework all of our estimates in light of the expected recession and that really clarified what a mess it was becoming."

The county was also expected to use some of the about \$4 million it has in its Strategic Reserve Fund, but Walton explained that amid the COVID-19 pandemic and a possible economic recession, that may not be a good idea.

"It no longer looks wise at all for the county to use any of its strategic reserves on a capital project because it looks like it will be necessary in order for base services to survive over the next three to four years," Walton said.

Walton added, "We would barely have money to put up a tent in 2020 by the time we're done with design and the sheriff's office.'

Eric Hogue, Sixth Judicial District court executive, who was virtually attending Tuesday's work session, urged for the county commissioners to find funds to build the courthouse.

Hogue suggested that Walton was providing "misconceptions" about the specifics of the two grants and thought there could be some wiggle room at DoLA and the underfunded commission in which the county would still be able to use the grant money this year.

Hogue explained that the courts are currently paying thousands of dollars per month out of its own budget for the Archuleta Combined Court Clerk's office and Probation Department located on Eaton Drive — costs that Archuleta County has not had to incur.

Hogue urged the county commissioners to make the courthouse a priority and said there may not be grant funding in the next few years due to the economic downturn from COVID-19.

"What I'm asking for is for someone who can put the courthouse at the top of the list," Hogue said, adding, "Given the state budgetary outlook, I don't know if there will be significant chunks of money in the underfunded grant piece next year or the year after. That is funded straight from the legislature."

In an interview Wednesday morning, Archuleta County Commissioner Ron Maez explained the county may have to tweak its original plans from a two- or threecourtroom design down to possibly just one courtroom.

"Moving forward with the courthouse we are gonna have to take a strong, serious financial look at the county budget and its affordability to build a courthouse," Maez said, adding,"We may not be able to build a three-courtroom courthouse, which is what is needed, but we may need to look at what it would cost to lay out the footprint for a three courtroom courthouse and then build a one courtroom courthouse with a community room."

Maez, who grew up in Archuleta County and said he plans to "die here," pointed out that, historically, Archuleta County has taken half measures in constructing new buildings that later cause problems.

"We always build less than what we need and then keep on wanting more for the rest of our lives," he said.

It is unclear the exact steps the county will take to free up funds to pay for the new courthouse, though Walton explained Tuesday there is "a path" to getting it built, floating the option of borrowing money from the county's Road and Bridge Fund to pay for the project.

In a phone call Wednesday, County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that there is a way the Sixth Judicial District courts could order Archuleta County to build the courthouse, adding there also could be a legal mechanism where Archuleta County could be ordered to raise the county's mill levy to pay for the project.

Weaver noted he was unclear of the specifics of what that would take.

Wall, Maez, Walton and Hogue are expected to speak with DoLA and the underfunded courthouse commission about the specifics of the two grants in the upcoming weeks, and Wall noted Tuesday, he's looking at the county's budget with Walton to see what they can cut to help pay for the new courthouse.

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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month Dodson noted that DHS is fully important role that communities

By John Finefrock

Staff Writer

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Matt Dodson, director of the Archuleta County Department of Human Services (DHS), highlighted strategies for child abuse prevention in a press release issued late

The press release reads: "Research shows that protective factors are present in healthy families. Protective factors are attributes of individuals, families, communities, or the larger society that decrease risk and promote healthy development and wellbeing. Some things you can do to develop protective factors in your family:

- "• Nurturing and Attachment: Connect with your children at the end of each [day] with a hug, smile, or a few minutes of listening and
- "• Knowledge of Child Development: Ask parenting questions with your family doctor and teachers.
- "• Parental Resilience: Surround yourself with people who support you and make you feel good.
- ". Social Connections: Participate in community and school activities. "• Concrete Support for Parents: Make a list of people or places to call
- for support. '• Social and Emotional Competence: Provide regular routines, especially for young children."

"April is a time to celebrate the

play in protecting children and strengthening families," Dodson is quoted as saying in the press release. "Everyone's participation is critical. Focusing on ways to connect with families is the best thing our community can do to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect.'

In a phone interview, The SUN asked Dodson and members of the local DHS team how the statewide stay-at-home mandate amid the COVID-19 pandemic could impact the safety of children in the area.

"What we know about times of increased stress is that people may not react in the same ways they normally would," Dodson said. "So, during this month I think it's recognition of being as supportive of all community members, especially those who may be raising children and experiencing stressors ... Even just checking in with folks who you think might be dealing with things that are creating some distress for them is one way just to provide that additional support to folks. Neighbors leaning into neighbors, looking out for one another.'

Ben Fox, case worker with DHS, explained how, with students completing school online instead of in person, they aren't being seen by mandatory reporters on a daily basis who are legally required to report any

suspicion of child abuse or neglect. "With kids being home from school and also socially isolated —

it's gonna be really important on neighbors and people who are still maintaining those social ties with these families to just be aware," he said, adding, "Because the normal structures that were in place, that add an extra layer of protection are just not there without kids going to

A press release from Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) makes the same point.

"Mandatory reporters, teachers, school staff and child care providers make up a significant percentage of calls to the Colorado Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline, but with schools closed and physical distancing in place across the state, calls to the hotline have dropped by about half," CDHS Executive Director Michelle Barnes is quoted as saying in the press release. "That's why it's so important that everyone who may be concerned about a child's wellbeing make the call to the hotline at 844-CO-4-Kids.'

Archuleta County DHS Child/ Adult Protection Supervisor Lacy Brown explained more about how community members can help prevent child abuse and neglect.

"I think it's gonna be really important that we continue to try to get that information out to the public of, 'Make sure you are reporting if you are seeing things, even if you have the slightest bit of concern.' Your neighbor above you is screaming and you can hear kids there, those kind of things," she said.

operational during the COVID-19 pandemic and that his office has been "operating at 100 miles an hour" in helping members of the public get access to the services "We're doing our best to really

ramp up resources for folks when they call, making sure that it's directed to essential services, essential resources. In particular, food assistance, which can weigh heavily on folks when there isn't sufficient food and access to Health First Colorado Medicaid.'

Asked if child abuse is prominent in Archuleta County, Dodson replied, "I would say our community is not insulated from the issues of child abuse and neglect and/or maltreatment. We certainly have similar concerns and things reported to us as any of the larger communities or metropolitan areas. I would describe one of the unique strengths of our department and our community is there has always been an interdependence on community partners and services because of our geographic location, and I think that because of that we have really good communication lines between our law enforcement personnel, first responders, school district — and together I think we align very well as far as our mission to make sure that kids have opportunities to be safe and protected from harm and beyond that just to thrive."

■ See Prevention A10



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Outdoors



It's spring: Take steps to safeguard your home against wildfire

By Bill Trimarco Special to The SUN

As we all are trying to be healthy and adjust to life during the CO-VID-19 pandemic, it is easy for life's other issues to take a back seat in our attention theater

This is pretty normal during stressful times. It does not change a lot of inevitable events, however. The sun still rises and sets each day. The days are getting longer again. The birds are bringing their songs back to fill the morning. Green is beginning to show through the brown veil of last year's grasses. That means that mud season will soon be upon us.

Close on the heels of mud season is our inevitable wildfire season. I know it is hard to imagine this right now, but southwestern Colorado is still in moderate to severe drought conditions. Once things start to dry out, we will start to see wildfires again.

There is no way of predicting how many fires we will have or whether or not one will directly impact our community, but we do have a responsibility to ourselves, our families and our neighbors to make preparations for the inevitable. Please don't assume that it can't happen here just because it has not happened recently. Wildfire is a serious threat to almost every home in our county. Ignoring that fact will never make it go away. Understanding what the threat is can help us prepare for it.

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Eberlien said. "We are providing

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By Barbara Khan

Special to The SUN

health and safety.

there were many small lightning seen a significant wildfire for over caused fires every year. These frequent fires cleared the forests of underbrush and small trees, leaving stately ponderosa behind. With thick bark and high branches, they would thrive as the low-level fires cleaned out their competition for the scant moisture in this semi-arid landscape.

The ponderosa forests back then usually carried 25 to 60 trees per acre, big giants with 3-foot diameter trunks and park-like spaces between them. After those were clear-cut by early loggers, things grew back. There was a major difference, though. We started suppressing every fire that we could and we were really good at doing that. Without fire to clear the forest, crowded ponderosa sprouts grew into stunted, small-diameter forests with 200 or more trees per acre. Gambel oak kept growing underneath the tree canopy, never being burned back. White fir began to grow beneath the larger trees. All of this unchecked growth has created fuels that lead from the ground like a ladder up to touch the tree canopy. That is one of the reasons that the fires which for millennia served to clear the forest of underbrush have now become huge mega-fires. And, by the way, most of our local towns and subdivisions have been built in the middle of this environment, often with no planning for the inevitability of wildfire. On average, the ponderosa forests in this area experienced a beneficial, small wildfire every seven to 10 explore and settle the Pagosa area, years. Most of our forests have not

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Recreation closures

100 years. That is a lot of time for unchecked growth of potential fuel.

The pinon and juniper landscape has different characteristics, but is highly flammable and also has not seen its natural burning cycles.

A lot of our residents here feel very safe because their homes are nowhere near the forest. Unfortunately, that may not make a difference. Most of the homes lost to wildfire are never directly touched by the flames. No, you did not misread that. Most of the structure loss is caused by the blizzard of embers that blow ahead of the fire, starting spot fires outside of the area that is burning. Those embers can travel over a mile.

During the West Fork Complex Fire in 2013, embers blew farther than 2 miles across the Continental Divide and ignited the Rio Grande National Forest, forcing the town of South Fork to evacuate. All it takes is one ember landing on some kindling and you have a new fire start. Usually, you will see hundreds of embers swirling ahead of the fire. If those embers can enter your house or find some kindling on or near your house, there is a good chance that your house will catch fire, too.

Spring is clean-up time for a lot of us. This is a great time to take steps to safeguard your house, also. Some basic steps can make a big difference:

- Clean the leaves and pine needles off of the roof.

Forester announces developed recreation site closures and fire restrictions

 Clean the eaves troughs. • Make sure all attic and soffit vents have 1/8-inch metal screen-

- Chimneys need spark arrestors (they keep birds out of your woodstove, too).
- Repair any holes or gaps in the siding.
- Crawl space vents need 1/8-
- inch metal screening. • Rake up leaves and needles
- within 10 feet of the structure. • Remove all combustibles on,
- under or near wooden decks. • Install metal screening under the deck to keep duff and critters
- Maintain decks and stairs. Dried-out wood is more flammable than oil stained or painted wood.
- Use noncombustible fencing within 5 feet of the house. (If you cannot do that, then clear the combustibles from either side of the fence for its entire length.)
- Move firewood piles at least 30 feet away from structures.

• Remove any combustible plants within 10 feet of the house.

- Within 30 feet of the house, mow grasses to a 6-inch height
- Ornamental junipers and spruce are highly flammable.

Those are some good spring fire cleanup tips. If you want to learn what else you can do, especially with the vegetation within 100 feet of your home, check with Wildfire Adapted Partnership at 385-8909. Sign up for its E-News at wildfireadapted.org to get information on free site assessments and the popular chipper rental rebate

Prevention

■ Continued from A9

Dodson explained that, in 2019, DHS had 283 reports of child maltreatment in Archuleta County. He said about 86 of those met the statutory requirement for DHS to assign it as abuse and neglect.

Dodson explained why the six preventative measures listed at the beginning of this article are good strategies for preventing child

"When parents are approached from a place of building relationships and kind of building rapport as opposed to catching them in the act, they seem to be more receptive to the things that were in that press release," he said.

Dodson also outlined what parents and community members can do to help keep some "normalcy" in children's routines amid the CO-VID-19 pandemic.

"Provide as much normalcy for kids as you can during times when they're not doing what they would be doing on a day-to-day basis," said Dodson. "Providing reassurance to them, making sure they have some routine in their world and feel safe to ask questions — 'cause certainly they will be responding to what's going on in the media and how adults are behaving around them."

Fox noted that the Archuleta

County DHS Facebook page will have a link to different resources and advice pages about child abuse prevention, posted each weekday in April.

Need for foster parents will 'very likely soar'

In a follow-up email, Dodson explained that the need for foster parents will "very likely soar" in the upcoming weeks.

"As I connect with colleagues around the State and Country, it has become very apparent that our need for foster care providers will very likely soar in the upcoming weeks, months and into the future as individuals and families experience increased stress, anxiety and fear," Dodson wrote.

"We want to keep our community whole," Dodson said in a follow-up phone call. "And that means keeping our kids local when they can't be cared for in their family of origin ... Our kids deserve the opportunity to remain home and by home, I mean within our com-

More information about child abuse prevention, becoming a foster parent and all DHS services can be found at https://www.archuletacounty.org/91/Human-Services.

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By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

All five local lakes are now full, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

Lake Hatcher, Stevens Lake, Lake Pagosa, Lake Forest and Village Lake are all full this week. Total diversion flows remain at

4.5 cubic feet per second (cfs). The West Fork diversion and Four Mile diversion are still con-

tributing 3 cfs and 1.5 cfs, respectively. From March 27 through April 2 of this year, total water produc-

tion was recorded at 9.79 million gallons. Contributing to that total, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 6.38 million gallons.

Last year in that same time frame, water production totaled 11.28 million gallons.

This week, snow water equivalency (SWE) is 25.9 inches. Last week, it was 26.4 inches.

The SWE median has increased, however, going from 31.7 inches to 32.2 inches this week.

This week, SWE data is 80.4 percent of median, compared to last week, when it was 83.3 percent of median.

This week, precipitation data is recorded at 26.5 inches. Last week, it was 25.9 inches.

The precipitation median has increased as well, going from 33.5 inches to 34 inches this week.

Precipitation data is 79.9 percent

of median this week. Last week, it Check your crawlspace for working sump pumps, was 78.8 percent of median. produced 3.41 million gallons and the Hatcher water treatment plant chris@pagosasun.com

PFPD's Marvin Johnson promoted By Pagosa Fire **Protection District**

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The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) announces the recent promotion of Marvin Johnson from lieutenant to captain.

Johnson began his volunteer firefighting career with PFPD in March 2009. His primary response zone is from Station 7 in the Chro-

Johnson is a vital member of PFPD, participating on emergency calls, training and instruction, station care and apparatus main-

Fire Chief Randy Larson said, "Capt. Johnson has been a dedi-

cated member of the PFPD since 2009. His dedication and service has been exemplary. His promotion is well deserved, and I am sure that Capt. Johnson will continue



Johnson

to serve the PFPD and the Chromo area with pride and dedication. I want to personally thank him for his service."

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- Take Centers for Disease Conol and Prevention precautions to prevent illnesses like COVID-19.
- vices, such as restroom facilities and garbage collection. • Prepare to pack out trash and

• Prepare for limited or no ser-

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or lanterns) with shut-off valves in an area at least 3 feet from any flammable materials are exempt from Prohibition No. 1.

4. Residents, owners or lessees within the areas listed above who are using a fire in a permanent dwelling with an effective and properly installed USDA- or SAEapproved spark arrestor, are exempt from Prohibition No. 1.

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Entering closed areas or igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or smoking on national forests and grasslands is a violation of federal law and may result in consequent fines and possible jail time.

All offices are conducting business and providing virtual services. For specific forest and grassland information, please visit the region's forest and grassland directory at https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/r2/home/?cid=stelprdb52615 99&width=full.

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Education

Charter school to research federal loan relating to COVID-19 pandemic

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

Following a special meeting on April 5, Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) will wait to apply for a governmental loan pertaining to the

COVID-19 pandemic. The loan, entitled the Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) is a loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) that helps businesses keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The PPP, according to the SBA's website, is for any small business that employs less than 500 employees, private nonprofits or 501(c) (19) veterans organizations that have been affected by COVID-19.

This loan would be fully forgiven if funds are used for things such as: payroll, interest on mortgages, rent and utilities, according to the SBA's

However, at least 75 percent of

for payroll, according to the SBA's

Payments on the PPP loan would be deferred for six months, the SBA's website notes.

During the meeting on April 5, PPOS School Director Angela Crossland explained that PPP is just one of many ways the federal government is trying to assist.

Along with the PPP loan, PPOS could also pursue two other financial relief funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, she explained.

PPOS could qualify for the Emergency Education Relief Fund, Crossland noted.

This is a program that features \$3 billion given out to each state's governor, Crossland described.

"The governors can decide for grants, for schools, higher education, emergency child care faciliwould be up to our governor to decide which way he is going to divvy up our money."

Another method of relief is the Education Stabilization Fund, which features \$14.5 billion, Crossland explained.

"This will actually be given out to the schools through Title 1 and we are a Title 1 school and we qualify for some of those funds when they come down," she said.

The PPP loan would give out \$359 billion to small businesses, Crossland noted.

"I think as a charter school we are a 501(c)(3). We qualify for the payroll protection plan act and it will cover two-and-a-half months of payroll," Crossland said. "It starts as a loan out to us at about 1 percent interest and the first payment wouldn't be due for 60 days.

However, PPOS may not qualify for the PPP loan because the school could be classified as a government entity and not a nonprofit, Crossland explained.

"It really is unknown, but if we were going to take that risk, we should apply early," she said.

If PPOS were to qualify for the PPP, the school might be giving up the other two funds, Crossland noted.

"We might be giving up that possibility and I'd like some time to investigate that," she said.

Applying for this funding source as a nonprofit but also applying for another loan, for example a USDA loan, as a school could "interrupt" other funding sources PPOS is looking at, she added.

"My biggest concern is that we're giving up other funding sources by taking that funding source," she said.

PPOS board member Mark Weiler explained that he believed the school should apply.

"If indeed it impinges on any other federal government program, it's not designed to do that," Weiler

the forgiven amount must be used ties all can get those," she said. "It's designed specifically to ensure continued employment in small enterprises."

Weiler suggested that PPOS apply for the PPP loan and allow the lending institutions to make the determination as to whether or not PPOS qualifies for the funds.

Later in the meeting, PPOS board member Bill Hudson explained that there are about 30 million businesses that could qualify for the PPP loan.

"I think this program was established to help small businesses that are not able to pay their employees because of being shut down or because of economic damage that's been done by the various public health policies that have been passed in the various states," Hudson said.

According to Hudson, PPOS is not in the position where it has been shut down as classes are still in session online.

PPOS also still has per pupil revenue coming in, he noted.

"I don't think this program was intended to help a government entity and I think we're a government entity," Hudson said. "I'm hesitant to rush into an application that could damage our chances to get our USDA loan, that could damage our chances to get these other funds that were meant specifically for schools like ours."

Following further discussion, Hudson made a motion that Weiler, Crossland and PPOS Business Manager Chenni Hammon do some research on the PPP loan program and discuss the item again at the board's next meeting on April 13.

That motion passed unanimously by the PPOS board.

In other business

The PPOS board also approved a resolution at the April 5 meeting that allows for electronic participation in school board meetings.

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By Bruce Wilmsen Special to The SUN

The Daniels Fund has announced that Pagosa Springs High School's Emma Audrey Happ has earned a place in the Daniels Scholarship Program.

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Pagosa Peak Open School Director Angela Crossland captures the attention of students while discussing how to use a positive mindset on March 10. Since taking the position of school director in the fall of 2019, Crossland has worked hard to instill project-based learning to the highest degree, but to also connect with students and provide every child with mentorship.

Choice and opportunity:

How PPOS School Director Angela Crossland looks to make an educational impact on students

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

Education can often take on a traditional meaning of students sitting down, reading a book and taking a test. For Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Director Angela Crossland, education means so much more than that.

"I think of education as an opportunity for both the students within our building and within our community," she said in a recent

Those opportunities do not just start and end with the students, Crossland noted, but also carry over to PPOS's staff.

"We are very different from that," Crossland said of the traditional thought on education. "It's an opportunity to, yes, read a book, but it often isn't a text book. It's an informational text, it's a website, it's a fictional text that we can learn

In a classroom, a student has the opportunity, with multiple sources, to create their own opinion on any given subject, Crossland noted.

Crossland began her role as PPOS school director in the fall of 2019, taking over for former school director James Lewicki.

Previously, Crossland served as the instructional guide, grant coordinator and assessment coordinator for Mountain Middle School in Durango.

Growing up, Crossland explained that she never thought she would want to be a classroom teacher; however, a mentor at a Girl Scout camp where Crossland was working gave her a new perspective on her future career.

Crossland explained that she worked at this camp as early as 16 years old, and that mentor was getting a degree in environmental education.

"I thought to myself, I can get paid to play in the dirt with kids?" Crossland said. "That's what kind of struck my desire to be able to move forward and look at it."

Originally, Crossland got her bachelor's degree in environmental education and natural resource management in hopes of running youth programs at environmental centers

"I did that for a few years before somebody asked me to come to the classroom," Crossland said, noting that it was a long-term substitute position for about two months.

What Crossland liked about that time in her life was having the same students over and over again in a class and watching them grow.

"That was really important to me to know that kids were developing relationships that were healthy with adults related to education," she said.

However, as a student, Crossland explained that she struggled

"If you would have talked to most of my elementary and middle school teachers, they would be surprised I became an educator because of those struggles," she said. "I think my struggles in school, at a younger age, I think always made me a better educator because I could relate to the kids that were

That perspective allowed Crossland to put herself in the students' shoes and understand what they

"I think that I can look back on my education and I can pinpoint a couple of teachers that really affected me," Angela

Crossland said. "I look back at the qualities that they have and want to be able to instill some of those things in myself as well as educators around me."

were going through.

"Often my students would say, 'This comes easy to you,' and so, I do tell my students about my struggles and I think they're often surprised that I struggled in reading or that I struggled in math,"

Those struggles, as well as having to overcome those hurdles, gave Crossland a growth mindset, she noted, adding that those are important things to teach the kids.

The transition and the future

The decision to take the position of PPOS school director was one that was based in a need to be challenged, Crossland explained.

In her last position, Crossland explained that she found a lot of reward in helping a school to build systems and structures that will last for a long time.

"I got to a point where maybe that challenge wasn't there anymore," she said. "I wanted to go back to that challenge of a young school that is needing some sup-

With PPOS still being a relatively young school, having opened its doors in September of 2017, Crossland explained that she understood there would be challenges.

What comes with those challenges is the ongoing effort to increase test scores at PPOS, she explained.

PPOS's work plan was an important thing to develop early on to get all the stakeholders in the school on the same page, she explained.

PPOS also is working on being able to support its teachers with professional development, Crossland added later.

"The standards are the beginning points for our projects this year," she said.

Importance of it all

Crossland noted that she understands how important teachers and educational leaders are to students in all forms of education.

"I think that I can look back on my education and I can pinpoint a couple of teachers that really affected me," she said. "I look back at the qualities that they have and want to be able to instill some of those things in myself as well as educators around me."

About three months into her first teaching position, Crossland explained that she went to her mom to get the contact information for her former first-grade teacher.

The reason behind this was so that Crossland could send her a thank you note for the compassion and kindness she showed Crossland when she was a student.

"I think all kids should have those teachers that they look back at," she said. "But I don't believe that teacher that they look back at is their best friend. I think of it as somebody who created boundaries for them, that helped support them, that believed in them.'

Some of her most rewarding experiences as an educator involved taking students outside of the classroom walls and learning through experiences, she noted.

Those experiences included backpacking, traveling to Australia. New Zealand and other places across the world on educational

"I think for kids to learn through those types of experiences has been a phenomenal part of my education career," she said.

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of those experiences to students in regard to project-based learning, she explained.

"It seems like so many people are willing to get involved," she said. "We've found some great fieldwork to be able to go out."

Local PPOS elementary students have shown Crossland a new energy and imagination to learning.

That's been great to come and see," she said. "Some of that is partially the kids in Pagosa. They have this energy and enlightenment and they want to share and they're very open to new people.'

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Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions: Exhibit A As of January 6, 2020

Teal Landing Condominium Phase One Matter Amount Property Owner: Patrick Padilla and Sonia Padilla Building Number: 11

Lot (Unit) Number: 1111-1116, 1121, 1124-1126 UDI Points: 105,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$722.99

Property Owner: Manuel S Turrey and Consuelo G Turrey Building Number: 11

Lot (Unit) Number: 1111-1116, 1121, 1124-1126 UDI Points: 500,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$4,236,65

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Teal Landing Condominium Phase Three

Property Owner: Willy Jean Baptiste and Georgette C

Rambaran Building Number: 13 Lot (Unit) Number: 1311-1316, 1321-1323, 1325-1326 UDI Points: 154,000

Unpaid Asmts: \$1.218.84 Property Owner: Tracy S Reome and Scott E Reome Building Number: 13

Lot (Unit) Number: 1311-1316, 1321-1323, 1325-1326 UDI Points: 77,000

Unpaid Asmts: \$1,229.38

of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Three- as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20106879, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161 and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 2010565, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20106880 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in

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Property Owner: Maxine Eugenia Norborg and Valerie A Norborg

Building Number: 16 Lot (Unit) Number: 1611-1616, 1621-1626 UDI Points: 105,000

Unpaid Asmts: \$1,102.50 of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Six- as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20304272, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20106880, First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20110747, Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147, Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20204765, Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20206614, First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration 20211905 and any future supplemental Plats of Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk

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Teal Landing Condominium Phase Seven Amount Property Owner: Carol A England and George L England

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Building Number: 17 Lot (Unit) Number: 1711-1716, 1721-1726 UDI Points: 28,000

Unpaid Asmts: \$1,286.82

of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Seven - as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20209496, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923. Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20106880, First Amendment to Second Supplementa Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20110747 Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Tea Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147, Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20204765, Fifth Supplementa Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20206614, First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20211905 and Sixth Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20209497 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort

Smith, AR 72901. Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions: Teal Landing Condominium Phase Three Amount Property Owner: Lori Nicole Dutton

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

UDI Points: 105,000 Payoff Amount: \$5,816.18

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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

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Property Owner: Vance Douglas Weesner Building Number: 16 Lot (Unit) Number: 1611-1616, 1621-1626

UDI Points: 128,000

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Property Owners: Michael Pura and Erica Pura Building Number: 005A

Lot (Unit) Number: 7117

Payoff Amount: \$8,725.49 of Elk Run Townhouses as recorded in Plat File No. 323 under Reception No. 0151975, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Second Amendment to the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded December 1, 1987, under Reception No. 0151976 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount Property Owners: Samuel Lee Thomas and Betty Mathison Thomas Building Number: 2 & 3 Lot (Unit) Number: 7803-7806

UDI Points: 64.000 Payoff Amount: \$6,394.52 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase I, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173553, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval

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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"). Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Unit in Masters Place Condominiums in that percentage interest determine and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: March 12, 2020 Last Publication: April 9, 2020 /s/ Christopher B. Conley

Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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

Edgar Frederick Benner, et al. Case No.: 2020CV30007 Attorney for Plaintiff: Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814

Owner's Association, Inc.

Email: chris@hjclegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): MARTHA A GARDNER FRANK E GARDNER MARIANNE T CHIFFELLE THOMAS L CHIFFELLE DAVID E PRITTS RONALD GRANT SHAKE INTERMOUNTAIN COACH LEASING, INC. MICHAEL E WARD

RESORT RECLAMATIONS, LLC CHARLES P ZARRELLI JAY D REYNOLDS GREGORY WASHINGTON NENAH WASHINGTON YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of

publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the mplaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

this summons shall be complete on the day of the last

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Peregrine Townhouses for failure to pay assessments to Peregrine Townhouses Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.

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

Smith, AR 72901. Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions: Peregrine Townhouses Phase II

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. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine

vnhouses in that percentage interest determined and

established by said Declaration for the above described Peregrine Townhouses Phase III Amount Owners: David E Pritts Building Number: 9 and 10 Lot (Unit) Number: 7817, 7818, 7819 and 7820 UDI Points: 77,000

Unpaid Asmts: \$1,115,36 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine

whouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described Peregrine Townhouses Phase V Amount Owners: Ronald Grant Shake Building Number: 22

Lot (Unit) Number: 7843-7844 UDI Points: 49,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$915.57 Owners: Intermountain Coach Leasing, Inc. Building Number: 25 Lot (Unit) Number: 7849-7850 UDI Points: 63,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$949.83 wners: Michael E Ward Building Number: 24 Lot (Unit) Number: 7847-7848

UDI Points: 154,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$1.835.52 Peregrine Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, 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.

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

Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI Matter Amount Owners: Resort Reclamations, LLC Building Number: 26 Lot (Unit) Number: 7851-7852 UDI Points: 308,000

Unpaid Asmts: \$3,158.70 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99011974, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership of Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556,

and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and

established by said Declaration for the above described Peregrine Townhouses Phase VII Matter Amount Owners: Charles P Zarrelli

Building Number: 33 Lot (Unit) Number: 7865-7866 UDI Points: 49,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$810.82 Owners: Jay D Reynolds Building Number: 35 Lot (Unit) Number: 7869-7870 UDI Points: 77,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,035.94 Owners: Gregory Washington and Nenah Washington Building Number: 35

Lot (Unit) Number: 7869-7870

UDI Points: 154,000 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,819.17 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VII, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20005495, subject to Third Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 20002414, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: March 19, 2020

Last Publication: April 16, 2020 s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 7290 Published March 19, 26, April 2, 9 and 16, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel. 970.264.2400 Ptarmigan Property Owner's Association, Inc. Plaintiff

Suzanne Quintana A/K/A Sanford, et al. Defendants Case No.: 2020CV30008 Attorney for Plaintiff: Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814 Iel. 479.242.8814
Email: chris@hjclegal.com
Atty. Reg. No.: 51851
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):

LIVING TRUST, DATED JULY 16, 2001

SUZANNE QUINTANA A/K/A SANFORD
MCQUIDDY COMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY, INC J CLARKE JONES ROSS G DURBIN BLOWERS WHOLESALE PRODUCTS, LLC SANDRA COLLIER **DONALD E JETT** DONNA KASSEL JETT KATHLEEN J POWERS, TRUSTEE OF THE POWERS

ILA NELL HOLDEN J.F.VINCENT YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filled with the court in this action, by filling with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last

publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Ptarmigan Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Ptarmigan Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.

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

Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions: Ptarmigan Townhouses – PHASE I Matter Amount Property Owner: Suzanne Quintana A/K/A Sanford Unit Number: 7206 Building Number: 3 Unit Week Number: 52 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93

rest: \$263.37

Late Fees: \$50.00 Total: \$2,675,30 Property Owner: McQuiddy Communications and Energy, Inc. Unit Number: 7207 Building Number: 4

Unit Week Number: 52 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,083.53 Interest: \$203.19 Late Fees: \$50.00 Total: \$2,336.72 Property Owner: J Clarke Jones and Dorene R Jones Unit Number: 7203 Building Number: 2

Unit Week Number: 31 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,461.25 Interest: \$304.50 Late Fees: \$75.00 Total: \$2,840.75 Property Owner: Mark A Collier and Sandra Collier Unit Number: 7203

Building Number: 2 Unit Week Number: 22 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00 rest: \$205.48 Late Fees: \$25.00 Total: \$1,355,48

in that property which is described as Parcel 'E'-Ptarmigan Townhouses as recorded in Plat Sheet No. 324 & 324A under Reception No. 153256, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded February 4, 1988, under Reception No. 153260 and re-recorded on February 18, 1988 under Reception No. 153557 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta

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

Ptarmigan Townhouses - PHASE II Matter Amount
Property Owners: Ross G Durbin Unit Number: 7214 Building Number: 007B Unit Week Number: 36 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93 Interest: \$263.37 Late Fees: \$50.00 Total: \$2,675.30

Property Owners: Donald E Jett and Donna Kassel Jett Unit Number: 7212 Building Number: 6 Unit Week Number: 31 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00 Interest: \$205.48

Late Fees: \$25.00 Total: \$1,355.48 in that property on which is located four (4) one-story buildings containing two (2) one-level townhouses units per building which are designated, respectively as Building No. 5. Units 7209 and 7210; Building No. 6, Units 7211 and 7212; Building No. 7, Units 7213 and 7214; and Building No. 8, Units 7215 and 7216 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 325 under Reception No. 156199, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain First Supplemental Declaration to Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded

219, Page 33-38, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Ptarmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156200, Book

Ptarmigan Townhouses – PHASE III
Matter Amount Property Owners: Blowers Wholesale Products, LLC

Unit Number: 7222 Building Number: 11 Unit Week Number: 41 Unpaid Asmts: \$2,361.93 Interest: \$263.37 Late Fees: \$50.00

Total: \$2,675.30 in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder

for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Ptarmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate Ptarmigan Townhouses - PHASE IV

Matter Amount Property Owners: Deborah L Settler, Kathleen J Powers Trustee of the Powers Living Trust, dated July 16, 2001 and Samantha R Powers, Trustee of the Powers Living Trust, dated July 16, 2001 Unit Number: 7226 Building Number: 13 Unit Week Number: 4 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00

Interest: \$221.12

Late Fees: \$25.00

in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 12, Units 7223 and 7224; Building No. 13 Units 7225 and 7226; and Building No. 14, Units 7227 and 7228 as per plat recorded on November 3, 1988, in Plat Map No. 327 under Reception No. 159241, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and further subject to that certain Third Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded on November 2, 1988, under Reception No. 159242, in Record Book 233, Page 171 and rerecorded on November 21, 1988, under Reception No. 0159517 in Record Book 234, Page 283, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple

absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Ptarmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Ptarmigan Townhouses - PHASE V Amount Matter

Property Owners: Ila Nell Holden Unit Number: 7229 Building Number: 15 Unit Week Number: 42 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00 Interest: \$205.48 Late Fees: \$25.00 Total: \$1,355.48 Property Owners: Barbara Vincent and J.F. Vincent

Unit Number: 7230 Building Number: 15 Unit Week Number: 44 Unpaid Asmts: \$795.95 Interest: \$145.31

Late Fees: \$25.00

Total: \$966.26 in that parcel of land being a portion of Parcel D, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded under Reception No. 139304, Plat Filed 314A-C, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, on which is located one building containing two, one level townhouse units designated, respectively, as Building 15, Units 7229 and 7230 described as Ptarmigan Phase V as recorded in Plat File No. 341, under Reception No. 179510 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to that Fourth Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded May 22, 1991, Reception No. 179511, Book 331, Page 164 in the Office of the County

Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Ptarmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: March 19, 2020 Last Publication: April 16, 2020 /s/ Christopher B. Conley

Christopher B. Conley
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

Published March 19, 26, April 2, 9 and 16, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN.* NOTICE OF POLLING PLACE ELECTION FOR UPPER SAN JUAN HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN and particularly to the electors of the Upper San Juan Health Service District ("District") of Archuleta, Hinsdale and Mineral Counties, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular election of the District shall be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Board of Directors

of the District has designated the following polling place:
Pagosa Springs Medical Center 95 S Pagosa Boulevard Pagosa Springs, Colorado At such election, the electors of the District shall vote

for Directors to serve the following terms of office on the Board of Directors of the District: Three (3) Directors for Three-Year Terms The names of persons nominated and terms of office for which nominated are as follows:

Kathryn Alfred for Three-Year Term Robert W. Brobst for Three-Year Term Mark H. Zeigler for Three-Year Term James C. Pruitt 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

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

Published April 2 and 9, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs

SUN.

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

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 Petitts Circle, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and 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 Sur 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: 01/27/2020 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 & Mann, P.C. 355 Union Blvd. Ste 250, Lakewood, CO 80228 (303) 274-0155 Attorney File # CO10136 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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Betty Jo Quintana, Deceased Case No. 2020PR30008 All persons having claims against the above-named

estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before July 26, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred. Harold D. Cruz, Personal Represen 12532 East Harvard Circle

(303)919-3997 Published March 26, April 2 and 9, 2020 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. **COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION**

Aurora, Colorado 80014

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2020-003 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust

On February 6, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records. Original Grantor(s) SAMUEL WHITNEY HOTCHKISS and REBECCA ANNE HOTCHKISS Original Beneficiary(ies) MARGERY LYNN PRUESSNER

and WILLIAM D. ROLFE

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt KJ NORTHERN TRUST, SHANE LAVERY TRUSTEE (66% INTEREST) and KEN JILLSON (33% INTEREST)

Date of Deed of Trust September 28, 2015 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust September 28, 2015

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21507115

Page No.) 2150/715
Original Principal Amount \$71,200.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$61,921.33
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 A-17, CROWLEY RANCH RESERVE PHASE 1,

ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED JULY 30, 1993 AS RECEPTION NOS. 93003888 AND 93003889 COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO Also known by street and number as: 325 Mary's Court, Chromo, CO 81128. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF

THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST. NOTICE OF SALE

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

in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 06/04/2020, 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 4/9/2020

Last Publication 5/7/2020 Name of Publication 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: 02/06/2020 Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of

Archuleta, State of Colorado By: /s/ 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: Heal K Dunning #10181

Brown Dunning Walker PC 2000 SOUTH COLORADO BLVD., TOWER TWO, SUITE 700, DENVER, CO 80222

Attorney File # 3938-016

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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1/2015 Published April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX

LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: JAMES PATRICK MATTHEWS 3023 N. UNIVERSITY AVE

LITTLE ROCK, AR 72207 TRACEE MATTHEWS 3023 N. UNIVERSITY AVE. LITTLE ROCK, AR 72207 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at

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

LOT 1 OF BLOCK 12 IN LAKE PAGOSA PARK,

ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR

RECORD MARCH 13, 1970 AS RECEPTION NO. 72998 THROUGH 73013. Account Number: R005439 Schedule Number: 569908207001 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03685 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to KENT TAYLOR

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of JAMES PATRICK MATTHEWS and

TRACEE MATTHEWS for said year 2015.
That said KENT TAYLOR on the 11th day of March 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to KENT TAYLOR

On the 26th day of August 2020, unless the same has Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any Deed.

Witness my hand this 17th day of March 2020 Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published April 9, 16 and 23, 2020 in The Pagosa

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for "SKETCH Major Design Review" for the construction of a 17,115 square foot facility for a new Archuleta County Courthouse proposed at 85 Harman Park Drive. 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. To comply with the

current social distancing recommendations, the agenda will include instructions on how to join the meeti 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 ne page at pagosasprings.co.gov. You may also view the application on our website under Departments -> Planning -> Pending Land Use Development Projects.
We encourage interested parties to contact the Planning Department prior to the meeting date, with any questions or comments via phone at 970-264-4151 x221 or email

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

at cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov. Written comments

will be forwarded to the Design Review Board for their

Sketch Design Review Application.
Published April 9, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION

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

6843 VIA CAMPESTREL LAS CRUCES. NM 88007-4955 MATTHEW O. MILES 6843 VIA CAMPESTREL LAS CRUCES, NM 88007-4955 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2015, the then County Treasure

of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to SHEREE M. BALA the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 17 IN LOMA LINDA SUBDIVISION UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD MAY 2, 1978 AS RECEPTION NOS. 91217 AND 91218. Account Number: R014075 Schedule Number: 588717202007 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2015-03418

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to SHEREE M. BALA That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of ANNEMARIE A. MILES and MATTHEW O. MILES for said year 2015.

That said SHEREE M. BALA on the 11th day of March 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property

to SHEREE M. BALA On the 26th day of August 2020, unless the same has been redeemed Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any

time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Witness my hand this 17th day of March 2020

/s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published April 9, 16 and 23, 2020 in The Pagosa



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the newspaper.

Golden Peaks Stadium sported Friday night lights last week as part of the #BeTheLightCO movement. The movement aims to provide a beacon of hope for students during the pandemic. Pagosa Springs High School has announced the stadium lights will be turned on for a period each Friday night to provide a beacon of hope.





Photos courtesy SUN readers For high school seniors. Saturday was the prom that wasn't. Some of them gathered in group settings online to share with friends. Pictured top rignt, Jack Foster and his friends held a virtual prom on Zoom. Top right: Kylie Keuning is all dressed up in her prom dress with nowhere to go. Right: Seniors Tay Barker, **Mason Blakemore and Tad** Hittle pose with their nonexistent prom dates.



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TARA free food pantry established and growing in Arboles

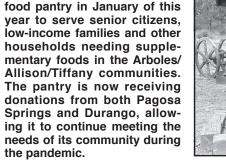
By Susan Gibson Special to The PREVIEW

The nonprofit TARA Community Center in Arboles started a free food pantry of dry and canned goods in January of this year, servicing senior citizens, low-income families and other households needing supplementary foods in the Arboles/Allison/Tiffany communities. It has grown exponentially every month since then. But, with the COVID-19 crisis, the three-day-a-week access to the food pantry is not now available, as the TARA Center building is currently closed until further notice, per the COVID-19 guidelines.

"So, Pine River Shares, out of Bayfield, stepped up and offered fresh food for a drive-through CO-VID-directive safe distance distribution in the parking lot of TARA," said TARA Food Coordinator Susan Halkin. "Saturday, March 28, was the first drive-through and we were so pleased with the number of cars and people coming through. That success has now led to so much generosity, as we are now getting

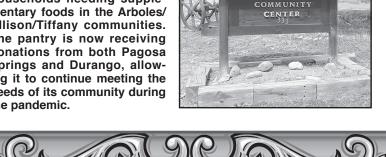
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fresh food contributions from food banks, food coalitions and food drives in both Pagosa Springs and Durango, as well as a ton of donations from our local Arboles community, so are going to try doing this weekly for as long as we can."

The drive-through distribution is conducted at the TARA Community Center parking lot on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon, though those hours may be expanded.

"People can now request canned and dry goods from our inventory list when they come through for the fresh food on Saturdays and we will have them available for pickup or delivery later in the week," said Halkin.

Fresh food, dry goods and canned goods are welcome from anyone who would like to give. Just contact Halkin at 883-0017 or email her at halkin2000@yahoo.com.

The TARA Community Center is a nonprofit formed in 1993 as the TARA Historical Society at Navajo Lake. Its mission statement is "to preserve the culture and history of this unique multi-ethnic TARA community, to establish a dynamic facility to gather and share ideas and information and to create a sense of community for all residents of the TARA area."

TARA is an acronym for Tiffany, Allison, Rosa and Arboles — the four communities affected by the Navajo Dam/Lake project of the late '50s and '60s.

The center, during non-healthcrisis times, serves weekly senior lunches and supports seasonal community special events, including an annual Easter egg hunt at the Navajo Lake park, a Fourth of July parade, a chili cook-off and silent auction, and Christmas in Arboles, as well as hosting other

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gatherings.

The lower level of the center has the TARA Food Pantry, a library, a "bargain corner" of household goods and clothing, and a children's library and play area. The TARA Historical Society is also found in the lower level and is currently hard at work creating a historic museum of documents, pictures, maps and personal interviews with long-time Arboles area

The outside grounds at TARA include a large playground, basketball/tennis court and covered pavilion for outdoor eating and entertainment.

Further expansion plans are to refurbish a donated historical bunkhouse into a community thrift store and local artisan outlet for crafts and jewelry.

TARA Community Center is located at 333 Milton Lane in Ar-





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Winners of ice melt contest announced

By JoAnn Laird Special to The PREVIEW

Spring is sprung and the Lake Hatcher ice melted enough to drop the 55-gallon barrel containing a clock to the depths of the lake. This proved bad news for the clock, but great news for three lucky people who won some serious money.

The contest was based on guessing the exact date, hour, minute and second that the ice would melt enough to drop the barrel in the water, thus stopping the clock. According to the clock reading, this happened on March 26 at 3:53 and 41 seconds. Missing the exact time by an astonishing two minutes and 15 seconds and winning \$1,000 for the closest guess was Lisa Gamber; second place, winning \$500, was Dawn Eggleston; and third place went to Warren Brown, winning \$250.

Sounds like an easy contest, but there's more than meets the eve. Getting the barrel on the lake's 2-foot-thick ice late in early February was a bit of a chore, as there's always the chance of slipping and falling. Retrieving the barrel from the cold watery depths is another

An unsuccessful attempt to retrieve the barrel happened on March 27, but not to be deterred, the recovery happened on March 31. Under the watchful eye of Chief



Photo courtesy JoAnn Laird

The barrel and clock have been retrieved from the bottom of Lake Hatcher, and the winners of Rotary's ice melt contest have been announced.

Randy Larson and Deputy Chief Karn Macht of the Pagosa Fire Protection District, a 20-foot rescue boat was launched with firemen Lyle Hoffschneider and Anthony Ferguson. Although tethered to the shore in case of an incident, two additional firemen were at the ready, if needed, as required in the two in, two out rescue method. This method proved the right choice for these highly trained firemen, as the barrel was swiftly and safely retrieved from the lake and brought to shore.

 $Al\bar{l}$ proceeds from this contest will go toward the Rotary Scholarship Fund for Pagosa Springs High School graduates.

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Updates given for virus situation

By Kay Kaylor PREVIEW Columnist

I advocate for residents in extended care and assisted living residences as the region's lead longterm 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.

To prevent the spread of the CO-VID-19 virus, San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA) employees have been working at home to continue with advocacy and counseling. Colorado ombudsmen are restricted from visiting nursing homes and assisted living residences and will evaluate the situation with weekly calls.

However, per federal law, ombudsmen will continue to advocate for the health, safety, well-being and rights of residents. The local and state health departments and federal agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are regularly giving guidelines to long-term care facilities to prevent and deal with infections. Temporary regulatory waivers also have been issued.

An additional concern during this time is the isolation of older adults. Calling, sending mail and

Area Agency on Aging

using remote video with friends and neighbors will help keep everyone connected.

Due to the virus situation, Medicare has updated its coverage and relaxed some of its rules, such as the three-day hospital stay before covering skilled nursing care after a hospital admission. This is to

make room for more hospital beds. Telehealth benefits have been expanded to keep people from going directly to health care providers unnecessarily.

Unfortunately, new types of scams are emerging. For example, emails with a COVID-19 live map that appear to be from Johns Hopkins University will download a Trojan computer virus if you click on the link. Don't respond to calls, texts, online offers or emails about government checks or virus vaccinations and cures, and do not give out personal information. ■ See Agency on next page

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.



A story with a question: 'Who am I?'

Movie watching is a good way to spend time in self-isolation. It's been awhile since my Sweet Al and I watched the same movie two days in a row, then talked about it over the many that followed.

"Ford v Ferrari" is based on a true story. Two lead characters, Christian Bale played Ken Miles and Matt Damon played Carroll Shelby.

This was a story about friendship — hidden heroes in their own right, Ken Miles, a fearless British race car driver and Carroll Shelby, an American automotive designer. Theirs, a story with a subtle but profound message or rather, a question: "Who am I?"

Ken Miles was a gifted man, also a hothead who knew more than his contemporaries. He could listen to the roar of an engine or feel the float of a chassis and tell you exactly what it was thinking.

Miles was someone Henry Ford II, Deuce, needed if he was going



Betty Slade



to compete against Enzo Ferrari's racing team in the '66 Le Mans. But, he wasn't a company man. He was someone who played by his own rules.

He didn't have the sponsorship that provided him a car. That said, he had something money couldn't buy. He was born to drive.

Carroll Shelby believed in Ken and knew his talents stretched beyond anything known at the time. He decided to put his business, Shelby American Raceway, on the line. Anything to give Ken Miles a chance to show what kind of racer he could be on the track.

twist. It had less to do with a checkered flag and more to do with the relationship forged between two men. I thought it was an excellent

story, but one that challenged its critics. "Why did this story happen in the first place and why should we care? There was something crucially important missing from the film," written in an article signed by McGuffin. "McGuffin," a term coined by Alfred Hitchcock. It is the thing that drives the action in a story forward. Or, as written of this film, something the critics felt was missing.

Shelby loved racing, but had a heart condition that pushed

him out from behind the steering wheel. His would become a battle

against corporate politics and dif-

ficult personalities in order to see his friend run the green flag.

haven't seen the movie. I will say,

that "the win" was an unexpected

I won't be a spoiler for those who

I would tell "McGuffin" that I care. The twist of a real-life plot seemed to eclipse the story of how two men conquered the world they lived in. The movie was so much more than racing cars at 200 mph and 7,000 rpm.

In fact, I think the critics missed the real meaning of the story. It was

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This was known as the Born's School, located near the foot of Wolf Creek Pass circa 1900. These are Dutch Henry's children and the teacher, appropriately enough, was Miss Darling.

School days, school days

My latest reflection on history is that not much has changed more over the years of my life than the public schools. Nowadays, we take for granted that our county school system will take care of educating our youth. Not so many years ago, each little valley in our county had its own school system complete with a school board and taxing mechanism. How many of you remember this song?

Nothing to do, Nellie darling? Nothing to do, you say?

Let's take a trip on memory's ship

Back to the bygone days. Sail to the old village schoolhouse.

Look in there and see, there's love you, Joe"



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

you and there's me

A couple of kids once more. School days, school days Dear old golden rule days Readin' and 'riten' and 'rith-

metic
Taught to the tune of the hickory

stick

You were my queen in calico I was your bashful barefoot beau And you wrote on my slate, "I ove you. Joe"

When we were a couple of kids.

I started school in Oregon in 1940 and during the fourth and fifth grades had the privilege of attending a two-room country school with eight grades in one room and the teacher's residence in the other room. When I was good, I had the privilege of holding the flag while the teacher led us in the flag salute. How many of us remember that?

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

And to the republic for which

One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

More next week on old time schools and school districts in Archuleta County.

Lane

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about a man who couldn't promote himself, a man whose ability to achieve was suppressed and the friendship that allowed them to accomplish more than they could have on their own.

A Forbes' writer stated that the film missed the mark because it didn't portray the real story behind Ford's image. "(it was) A slide

show narrated by Lee Ioccoca, who worked with Ford at the time and known as the Father of the Mustang ... tells how the rot in the company was much deeper than the film convevs."

Final brushstroke: We don't need to be on a pit crew to see the exhaust of corporate dissension as it tries to cover its tracks. We just need to know the story of two

friends who stand at the finish line, filling in where the other misses. They didn't need the image of a corporation to make them who they were, just a friendship that achieved more than the world of motor sports ever could.

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John 14:27

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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.
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Rise Above Violence needs your help during this community crisis

By Ashley Wilson Special to The PREVIEW

Along with other nonprofits and businesses in our community, Rise Above Violence is experiencing challenges during this community crisis. We are thankful that we are able to continue to serve our community and be available to victims, but we are experiencing a much higher call volume and those cases are more intense. We are asking for the support of our community.

There are many ways you can

1) April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. One amazing way you can help Rise is to participate in our now virtual events. During April every year, we have a lineup of events, some to raise funds, other to shed light and bring awareness to our community. We are working hard to be creative in how to bring these events to you in a digital way.

Today, Thursday, April 9 — Join us for our regularly scheduled Coffee Talk on Facebook Live. We will get started at 9 a.m.

Monday, April 14 — We will open our virtual exhibit of the "What were you wearing?" Gallery. Local artists have paired with us to share powerful stories to dispel the myth that sexual assault has anything to do with what you are wearing.

April 24 — Seventh annual Push Up Challenge. This year's event will be hosted on Google Hangout Meet. All competitors will sign up at GoFundMe Charity, your platform to raise funds for Rise during this annual campaign. Categories will be limited this year to Individual Female and Individual Male.

April 29 — Denim Day. What is Denim Day? It is a symbolic gesture of solidarity against sexual violence. Participate in our social media event and be entered for a prize. Post a picture in your denim with a caption of why you wear jeans or who you are wearing jeans for. Post a video of you taking a walk in your jeans and get two entries.

Stay up to date and get more information by following us on Facebook or checking out the website riseaboveviolence.org

2) You can also help by sharing all month long and beyond on all your social media accounts. Right now it is more important than ever to ensure that those who are experiencing violence know that there is still help. By keeping Rise in everyone's news feeds we can send a very clear message to those that see the posts that they are not alone. Rise will respond to every call 24/7. The hotline is 264-9075. Rise also now has video chats that are safe and secure through a telecounseling service. Some ideas for posting: You can share what Rise shares on both Facebook and Instagram. You can show off a selfie in teal; teal is the color of sexual assault awareness month.

3) Volunteer for Rise. If you have time right now to consider volunteering to answer hotline calls, Rise offers volunteer training online. You can contact Rise

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at 264-9075 or email Jacey, our volunteer coordinator, at jacey@ riseaboveviolence.org.

4) If you are in a position to give financially, Rise can still use your support. You can support a pushup challenger, you can give on our website and you can also sign up to be part of our Snowball Club. The Snowball Club is a monthly gift of

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\$10 or more. The \$10 supports one crisis call, so by signing up to be a monthly donor you are ensuring support for our 24/7 crisis support line all year long.

Join with Rise in offering a collective voice that says sexual assault is not acceptable in our community. Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County. Forty Victims of sexual assault were served by Rise Above Violence last year, in 2019, but we know there are many more who do not come forward. By participating with Rise in this month's activities, you are giving voice to victims in our community and making a clear statement that sexual violence will not be accepted in Pagosa.

Rise is a nonprofit organization which promotes the belief that all people have the right to live free from violence. Rise provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving over 350 victims each year. Rise also works to eliminate violence through education for youth and our community. All programs and services are free and confidential, including emergency prevention education and empowerment programs. Visit www.riseaboveviolence.org for more information or call 264-9075 to talk to an advocate today.

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If you think you had a bad week

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Mark walked in the back door. threw the dirty ball cap on the bench and kicked off his work boots. "I need a warm shower and a cold glass of iced tea. Friday didn't come soon enough."

Mark let the hot water roll down his back as thoughts of the week surfaced. Things started out well enough on Monday, but went downhill in a hurry. The new contract looked great on paper. Everything spelled out to the "t" and a tight timetable meant things needed to go as planned.

The house inspection confirmed termites in the support beams under the front porch. A colossal hit to the budget.

Tuesday morning, a fight broke out on the work site and a couple of work hands received their final paycheck. With a shortage of manpower, the schedule took a major blow.

On Wednesday afternoon, a contractor botched an order. Delays pushed projects back even further. Time became a commodity of high demand.

By Thursday, Mark's nerves were paper thin. He put out one fire only to have another ignite somewhere else. Hourly workers showed up to work and the time clock ticked off the minutes, while they waited on deliveries. Suppliers delivered as promised, but workers goofed off. One step forward, two steps backward.

Friday finally arrived. Payday for contractors, laborers and his own cut of the draw. The paycheck

A Matter of Faith

almost made up for the headaches. He put his truck in reverse and backed out the driveway. Blindsided. Mark hit his breaks too late. The vehicle came out of nowhere. The police officer seemed nice enough, but the ticket stung. The perfect ending to a terrible week.

Mark stretched out in his favorite recliner and sipped the cold drink as he switched on the flat screen. The local weatherman smiled into the camera. "Good Friday and Easter promises to be warm and sunny. Great day for Easter egg hunts.'

'Good Friday. Hah, not from where I sit." Mark sighed. As he relaxed his mind wondered back to last Sunday's message and the pastor's remarks.

"If you think you had a rough day or week, think about Christ's final days. Nothing compares to his sufferings, physically and mentally before his crucifixion."

The preacher's voice resonated in Mark's mind. "Betrayed by Judas for 30 pieces of silver. Denied by Peter three times. His best friends, co-workers and relatives ran to the bushes terrified as armed guards dragged Jesus off.'

The fake trial put things into motion. No one came to his defense to testify of his innocence.

The various legal institutions paraded Jesus before the crowds as they spit in his face and ridiculed

The punishment intensified. Ordered by the authorities to be beaten, soldiers displayed no mercy as they laid stripe after stripe upon his back. The angry crowd yelled "Give us Barabbas and crucify Jesus." The final verdict guilty, punishable by death.

The pastor continued, "Condemned to die on a cross, crucified for our sins.'

This week proved a real test to Mark's walk with Christ. Truth, he failed miserably. He bowed his head and asked forgiveness for his crabby attitude. In the stillness, the weariness lifted.

"The story doesn't end with his death. After three days, Jesus walked out of that tomb. Because of his resurrection, we received the promise of eternal life." The minister paused. "Let that sink in."

"Because He lives, we are also assured of an abundant life. Why wait for heaven to enjoy the benefits?"

Mark thought about the words of an old hymn, "Because he lives, I can face tomorrow." Jesus paid the ultimate price and sacrificed his life for mine.

In retrospect, Mark's week didn't look so bad after all. Because of Jesus, life was better than he deserved.

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." — Isaiah 53:5.

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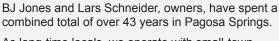
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New Thought community to consider 'The Great Awakening'

By Lisa Burnson Special to The PREVIEW

All are invited to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, April 12, for our YouTube presentation: "The Great Awakening: Our Time to Renew, Rebirth our Spiritual Faith, and Walk our Truth." Join Shayla White Eagle McClure on our YouTube channel Pagosa New Thought on Sunday featuring live spirited music with Bruce Wayne and our music department, and Theresa Howard, our meditation guide.

There are free conference prayer and inspiration calls on Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. — (605) 475-3200 PIN 645907# with the Rev. Dr. Temple Hayes — and on 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.

Meditation Circle is held each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Cancellations

Special to The PREVIEW

Due to public health concerns, we are canceling the following

military service: one during the

Vietnam War, the other in the Viet-

nam War. Both served with pride,

and commitment to duty and

honor of country, but one served

gallantly for his country's sover-

eignty and his personal freedom.

possible on Christmas Day by my

son and girlfriend, Tran. In addi-

tion to Christmas, it was a time to

celebrate Paul and Tran's gradua-

tion from Texas Wesleyan's Gradu-

ate School of Aesthetics, and Tien

Tien and I were alone at a picnic

table. Instantly, our connection

was much more than our children

dating. We were former soldiers. I

knew from my experiences in the

Army that his challenges and sac-

rifices were far superior to mine. I

listened intently his answers to my

Soon after formal introduction,

and Val's 72nd birthdays.

Their acquaintance was made

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, is canceled.

Fountain of Youth and Yoga Stretches are canceled until further notice.

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NTC is a New Thought center based on fostering living a spiritually centered life and promoting the philosophies of the Centers for Spiritual Living and the Agape Centers. NTC honors all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the Divine.

We welcome local talent to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Have a hand in making a difference. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

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

Request a concentrated affirmative mind treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing

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questions comments and a story I will hold dear and in confidence. Veterans have a way of connection more than other camaraderie. My torm of corvice ended in

Two men were born within 24 hours of each other, though My term of service ended in December 1968. For more than separated by 12 time zones and another decade, Tien fought, sur-Eastern/Western culture. One grew up on the west side of Cleveland, rendered, was held captive and Ohio, the other, I learned from endured until 1980, when he made seventh-grade world geography his way to the United States. He endured, and was personally vicclasses, French Indochina. torious, and became a U.S. citizen. Each served their country with

A 2019 Christmas story

of respect and joy

The Vietnamese or Chinese duck and oriental fruits and vegetables added to our dinner. I hope Asian cuisine will become, like Szedka, another Valentine family tradition.

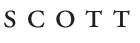
To my friends who served during the Vietnam War, thank you and welcome home, and those who shouted against the war, we can all take solace in knowing because of our efforts, many Vietnamese, who fought for their freedom, found freedom in the United States.

Now get on with living 2020 to the fullest

Stay grateful, my friends.

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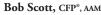




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Update on your library's services, free legal clinic and reminder on 2020 Census

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:

- 1. No drop-offs, please. We're asking you to keep all materials that you have checked out until this crisis is over instead of returning them to the library chute or to the uptown dropbox to keep exposure and contact at a minimum between us all. As always, you do not need to worry about overdue fines.
- 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 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, please keep yourself, your family and your community safe by following all the health advisories from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at its website at 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 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."

Please complete your census form now

The last official notice we saw stated that only 36.2 percent of Colorado households have responded to the 2020 Census. The national rate was 34.7 percent at that time.

The 2020 Census is important because it will determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, directly affect hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding for local and regional agencies and projects like health clinics, fire departments, schools, social services like Medicaid, even roads and highways for the next decade.

For the first time, you can respond to the census online, by phone or by mail—a major benefit as we all work hard to stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

When you respond to the census, your answers are kept anonymous. They are used only to produce statistics. The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. The law ensures that your private information is never published and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

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

Free legal clinic in a new format

The free legal clinic normally held at your library each month still will be held via phone on Friday, April 10, from 2 to 3 p.m. — but in a new format befitting our cur-

rent stay-at-home environment. Instead of clinic patrons coming in person to the library, the volunteer attorney will call each clinic patron directly by telephone.

To be added to the sign-up sheet for these calls, send an email titled "Sign-up for Free legal Clinic," with your first name and phone number, to ruby@pagosalibrary. org. The volunteer attorney's time is limited, so the first to sign up will be the first served.

We plan to continue offering this free legal clinic each month, even during the stay-at-home order. Our volunteer attorney can answer your questions related to civil law including unemployment benefits, landlord-tenant issues and more.

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"Trace Elements" by Donna Leon is a Commissario Guido Brunetti mystery set in Venice. "Sisters By Choice" by Susan Mallery is book four in the Blackberry Island series. "You Are Not Alone" by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen tells of a woman seduced by the glamor of two sisters. "The Other Mrs." By Mary Kubica is a murder mystery. "Long Range" by C.J. Box is a Joe Pickett mystery.

How-to and self-help books

"The Gift of Forgiveness" by Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt is about one of the most difficult challenges in life — learning to forgive. "Every Airbnb Host's Tax

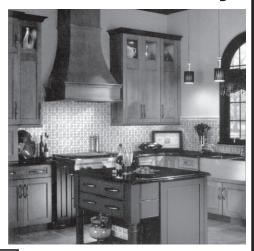
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Senior shopping assistance program offered

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.

Drive-through pick-up meals continue

We are continuing our temporary closing of the congregate dining room due to 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.

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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

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

Friday, April 10 — Pork sausage, biscuit and gravy, spinach, homestyle potatoes, milk and salad.

Monday, April 13 — Turkey Rachel sandwich, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, milk, salad and brownie.

Tuesday, April 14 — Braised roast beef, harvest potatoes, glazed carrots, dinner roll with butter, milk and salad.

Wednesday, April 15 — Chicken piccata with orzo, eggplant gratin, stir-fried asparagus, milk, salad and lemon dessert.

Thursday, April 16 — Ham with pineapple sauce, baked sweet potato, broccoli with butter, milk, salad and cranberry salad.

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

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Other nonfiction

"Whistle Blower" by Susan Fowler is the story of the author's journey to Silicon Valley to fight for justice for women at Uber. "Becoming a Man" by P. Carl explores one man's gender transition at age 50. "Fully Grown" by economist Dietrich Vollrath contends that a longterm slowdown is a sign of success, not failure, in our economy. "Father of Lions" by Louise Callaghan is the story of the man who saved the animals in the Mosul Zoo. "A Delayed Life" by Dita Kraus tells the story of the librarian of Auschwitz. "Pulpit Fiction" by Gregg Powers and Ed Nolan compares what preachers are saying from church pulpits compared to the breadth of what the scriptures say.

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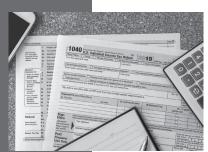






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Bird of the Week



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the black-necked stilt.

As the weather warms and the shorelines of our local lakes thaw, shorebirds will return to Pagosa Country. One of the most distinctive of these is the black-necked stilt (himantopus mexicanus). A robin-sized bird with a relatively long beak, lanky, flesh-colored legs, white undersides extending up under the neck and onto its face, and a black back and hood, this inhabitant of open, shallow water seems to have a sense of purpose and elegance in its gait.

These birds feed on aquatic invertebrates, amphibians, small fish, and various insects and insect larvae.

Females take the lead in selecting a mate by initiating a ritual in which the female stretches out her neck and preens her feathers. Males respond in like fashion, followed by the pair dipping their bills in the water and repeating the preening behavior with increasing enthusiasm and splashing until the act of copulation is consummated.

Mated pairs share responsibility for incubation of their eggs and chick rearing, producing one brood of two to five chicks per year. Hatchlings are born ready to run within about two hours of emerging from their shells.

They are ground nesters with nests typically located together in loose colonies, allowing for group behaviors that dissuade predators, like the "Popcorn Display" which involves circling a predator, calling out loudly and jumping in the air. Individuals may also deceive predators by acting like they are sitting on a nest, then flying away when approached. Blacknecked stilts can also be very territorial, to the point of attacking chicks of their own kind that wander into their neighborhood.

Black-necked stilt populations have been relatively stable over the past half century or so. Recent sightings indicate that they are expanding their summer range northward, perhaps in response to climate change. Because they are dependent on wetlands as their primary habitat, loss of wetlands to development, water diversions and drought represents the major threat to the long-term survival of this species.

When our Audubon chapter can resume group activities, they will be posted on our website, www.weminucheaudubon.org, and at www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

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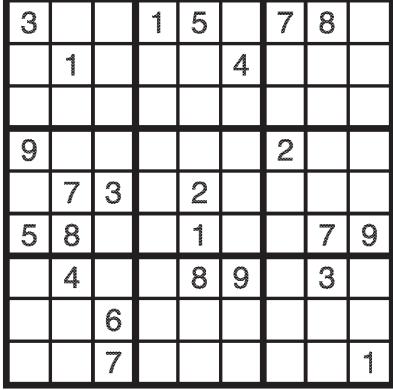
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What students learned in math class 2020

By Daris Howard

Special to The PREVIEW

Over the years, I have found that one of the students' greatest criticisms of any math class is their claim that they didn't learn anything. Therefore, as part of their final, I have the students list 10 things that they have learned. These items can be anything at all in relation to the class. They are allowed to write their list ahead of time and bring it to the final if they want. Most observations are quite normal, but some make for interesting reading.

It has been a while since I have shared any, so I thought I'd do so

- 1) I learned that your best odds in gambling come from not doing it at all.
- 2) I learned that math is easier the second time around and can even be understood the second time.
- 3) I learned that skipping class is hard on your grade.
- 4) I learned that Jessica, the girl sitting next to me, works at Victoria's Secret and can get great discounts. (Written by a girl.)
- 5) I learned that Professor Howard was right. Sitting closer to the front reduces distraction and helps me learn better.
- 6) I learned that I should have paid more attention in high school.
- 7) I learned I should have went [sic] to the writing center sooner to learn how to write better.
- 8) I learned that the guy next to me overreacts about everything.
- 9) I learned that math is used in almost everything. This really stinks for those of us who are mathematically impaired.

10) One of the things I learned that will stick with me the most is your quote, "If you are not failing now and then, you are not reaching high enough." I was always afraid of failure, but now I realize it is a normal part of becoming better.

11) I learned that college isn't like what I did in high school. It is important to listen the first week so you know there are assignments due right from the beginning.

12) I learned I am more than happy to pay an accountant to do my taxes rather than do them myself. They are confusing.

13) I learned that when I feel good about a test, I probably did bad. But I also learned that if I feel bad about a test, I still did bad.

- 14) I learned that it is fun when the teacher makes a small mistake on the board, and no one catches it until he has worked the problem for 15 minutes. It is fun watching him have to redo all of it once he gets to the end and realizes something is wrong. Of course, my problem is I get to the end and don't realize something is wrong even when it is.
- 15) I learned the only way to really do well in math is to do the homework until it is understood, not just finished.
- 16) The most annoying thing ever is when someone brings food that has a strong smell into class, especially if it doesn't smell very good. Of course, since I have been morning sick, nothing smells good.
 - 17) I have built a good relation-

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Answers: A. vehicle B. maintain C. engine D. mechanic

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to car care. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 21 = e)

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Clue: Car or truck

9 8 12

Clue: Take care of

12 11 8 12 21

Clue: Converts power into motion

D. 26

Clue: Fixes cars

ship with my calculator, and we have become friends. I didn't like it very much before.

18) I learned not to come late the second day of class when we mark our seat on the seating chart, or I get stuck at the front by the projector screen.

19) I learned that if I plan to be an artist or a freelance writer, I better marry a man that makes a good living. When we did our budget project, I found out I would be in a lot of trouble because I probably wouldn't make much.

20) I learned that Cassie, the girl sitting next to me, is very obnoxious and funny while Professor Howard is very kind and funny.

21) I learned that my girlfriend is in love with my roommate.

22) I learned that Professor Howard is highly entertaining, spiritually motivated, and numerically inclined, while still wearing '70's-style clothes.



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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, April 9

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

Friday, April 10

Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m., No registration required. Despite the COVID-19 closures of libraries across Colorado, your Ruby Sisson Library will still host our popular monthly legal clinic. 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. Your library staff will schedule all appointments and the volunteer attorney will call each clinic patron 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. This is a free legal clinic via computer link for parties who have no attorney. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran's benefits and civil protection orders. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Saturday, April 11

TARA Food Pantry. 11 a.m.- noon, TARA Community Center, 333 Milton Lane, Arboles. Servicing senior citizens, low-income families and other households needing supplementary foods in the Arboles/Allison/Tiffany communities. People can now request canned and dry goods from the inventory list.

Monday, April 13

Rise Above Violence: 'What were you wearing?' Gallery. The 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. Call 264-1129 for more information.

Wednesday, April 15

Mountain Studies Institute Forest and Fire Learning Series. 6-8 p.m., Mountain Studies Institute Facebook page. Streaming live. Learn about the social implications of post-fire landscape recovery and La Plata County's Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire. Speakers are Dr. Chad Kooistra and Alison Layman.

Tuesday, April 21

Archuleta County Democratic Club.

Abby Burk with Audubon Rockies will present.

Wednesday, April 22

Resilient Archuleta Earth Day. 6 p.m. 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.

Friday, April 24

Seventh Annual Push-Up Challenge Fundraiser. This year's event will be hosted on Google Hangout Meet. All competitors will sign up at GoFundMe Charity, your platform to raise funds for Rise during this annual campaign. Categories will be limited this year to Individual Female and Individual Male.

Denim Day. Noon. Denim Day is a symbolic gesture of solidarity against sexual violence. Participate in our social media event and be entered for a prize. Post a picture in your denim with a caption of why you wear jeans or who you are wearing jeans for. Post a video of you taking a walk in your jeans and get two entries. Wear your jeans with a purpose: Support survivors and educate yourself and others, riseaboveviolence.org.

Saturday, May 2

Virtual Walk for Moms. 8-11 a.m. Honor the superhero in your life by walking for a young mom. Instead of coming together at the park, we are going to encourage teams to dress up, and then walk in their neighborhoods while taking a video or photo and sharing it. We will livestream the event and post videos and photos on Facebook. We will all enjoy the outdoors in small numbers, but celebrate together from our various neighborhoods. Visit aspirepagosa.org.

Friday, June 5

Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass Festival.

11 a.m., Reservior Hill. Bringing the best in folk, bluegrass and newgrass music. A weekend of incredible bands, musicians, and performers; children's and adult jam camps, workshops activities, vendors, food, beverages and more

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Saturday, June 27

Auction for the Animals. 6 p.m., Community Center.

Saturday, July 11

Pagosa Duathlon. 6:45 a.m., Brockover Road. For more information and to register, go to www.riseaboveviolence.org.

Seeds of Learning Presents Dancing with the Pagosa Stars. 5:45 p.m., Community Center.

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New to working from home full time? Here's how to stay productive

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As the coronavirus pandemic threatens public health and the U.S. economy, more people are working from home on a regular basis. The move follows social distancing guidelines as an attempt to slow the outbreak, but keeping scattered workforces connected and productive can be challenging for managers and employees.

'This is new terrain for all involved, but employees and their companies can come out of this stronger by learning how to work together even better while they're physically apart," said Dr. Jim Guilkey, author of "M-Pact Learning: The New Competitive Advantage — What All Executives Need To Know."

"Optimally, working remotely can sharpen the skills you have and open new avenues of training that broaden skill sets and increase results. But technology alone can't smooth the transition to remote working, and both employees and business leaders must learn how to implement new structures and some new or tweaked processes,"

Guilkey offers tips for both managers and associates to make working from home work out well for their companies:

For employees

• Get started early.

"When going to the office, you normally get up and out the door early," Guilkey said. "At home, this is more difficult. Get up, take a shower and get started."

 Create a dedicated work space. People who haven't worked remotely may need to experiment with different approaches to find what setting works best for them.

to the office doesn't mean you can't have an office. Dedicate a specific work," Guilkey said. "You should your actual office. This creates the correct mindset for being produc**ACROSS**

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• Structure your day like you would in the office.

"Workers need to adopt exceptional conscientiousness when it comes to dividing their day into intensive work, communications, personal time and family life," Guilkey said. "Have an agenda. Schedule meetings and project time and stay on schedule.

For managers

Set expectations.

"It is vital that employees know what is expected of them," he said. "When will you be available? How long will it take to get back to someone?

• Create a cadence of communication. Without daily face-to-face interaction, there's more importance on communication.

"A rhythm of communication is vital — daily check-ins, weekly one-on-ones, weekly team meetings, etc.," Guilkey said.

• Take a video-first approach.

'Video, with all the current technology, is the most effective means of remote communication," Guilkey said. "Invest in reliable tools."

• Maintain company social bonds. One drawback of working remotely is the potential breaking of social bonds that are necessary for productive teamwork.

Video conferencing or a quick Google chat with a colleague is vital to keep relationships strong," he said. "Employees miss faceto-face banter and impromptu discussions in the physical office, so seeing faces on the screen daily is optimal for morale and a sense of normalcy.'

He added, "Employees and employers can take this unprecedented time as a time to improve individually and as a company. Working from home and working well together can go hand-in-hand when everyone is pulling even harder in the same direction."

"Just because you're not going room or surface in your home to associate your home office with WORD SCRAMBLE Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cars. $\mathsf{T}\,\mathsf{M}\,\mathsf{O}\,\mathsf{O}\,\mathsf{R}$ Answer: Motor

The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke 14 15 16 **10** Long in the tooth 17 18 19 21 24 26 28 32 33 29 35 38 39 40 42 19 "___ and shine!" 20 Empty group, in 44 45 46 48 49 50 53 55 58 52 54 57 28 Sequel's sequel 63 68 70 69

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- 4 Skin softener
- **5** Top of the heap

- 9 Salad ingredient
- 55 Kind of lily
- **59** 7-Up alternative
- 61 Ideal, as a society
- 63 Butcher's cut
- **64** Torah teacher
- **67** Something to pull
- **68** Get the pot going
- 69 Dentist's tool
- 70 Falls behind
- **71** Look intently
- **72** Santa's reindeer, e.g.
- 73 It's genuine, in Germany

36 Rock from outer space

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37 Garlicky mayonnaise

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ment, for short

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Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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It's time for Wyoming to face the truth

By Dustin Bleizeffer Special to The PREVIEW

You can't overestimate how more than 40 years of coal-fueled prosperity has shaped Wyoming's culture and politics. One result is the bitterness that many in the state express when they talk about coal's demise.

Gov. Mark Gordon, in his State of the State address, summoned both the swagger and the fury that characterizes the coal narrative today: "We produce better energy more safely and with more attention to the environment than anywhere else on the planet. And yet our industries are still discriminated against, maligned and decried as dead. Well, not on my watch!"

What some in Wyoming might consider discrimination, others might cite fighting for their lives in the face of sea-level rise and deadly wildfires. Still, Wyoming is mourning a real loss and you can hear it expressed in a coffee shop in Gillette or the state capitol in Cheyenne.

The mourning is for an industry that paid the state's bills. Coal mining built excellent K-12 schools and community colleges while modernizing Wyoming's four-year university. Coal helped Wyoming amass a wealth fund with an estimated value of \$20 billion.

Coal is responsible for helping to create the term "Gillette Syndrome"—the boomtown phenomenon of acute social disruption due to rapid industrial growth — and then enabled the same town to demolish that reputation by building a thriving community with world-class amenities.

Coal gave Wyoming what few rural communities have — economic security.

The pitfalls of a fossil-fueled economy, however, are no mystery. No other state in the nation had a more narrow economy than Wyoming, focusing on coal, oil and natural gas. Those industries were already stumbling toward new lows before the COVID-19 pandemic tightened the screws. What faces the state's leaders now is finding a new economic base — shifting from supporting an industry to supporting its towns and counties.

So far, that doesn't appear to be happening. New Mexico has launched an ambitious strategy to divest from coal-fired power while providing financial aid to communities to prepare for the transition away from coal. In Wyoming, lawmakers pitched legislation to penalize utilities for using renewable energy. Wyoming lawmakers passed a bill requiring utilities to install financially risky carbon-capture systems, allowing each utility to recover up to \$1 billion in carbon capture capital from ratepayers.

Writers on the Range

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Colorado recently established a "Just Transition" collaboration and a fund to help coal communities reorient toward a sustainable future without coal. In Wyoming, lawmakers floated a raft of bills this winter that come to the aid of the coal industry itself, offering up an estimated \$48 million in benefits and expenditures while offering little in direct aid to coal workers.

"I keep wondering if all our politicians are behind the curve when it comes to public opinion," said Larry Wolfe, a longtime energy-industry attorney and lobbyist in the state. "I think the people who live in these communities know their future is in serious doubt if they're mining coal or operating a coal-fired power plant, or their livelihood is dependent on all the ancillary industries."

Ben Alexander is senior program advisor at the Resources Legacy Fund, a nonprofit conservation group with bases in California and Montana. A few years ago, he set out to find modern-day examples of energy-dependent communities in the West that are finding success in building a new local economy.

"There were not a ton of places," Alexander said. "But there were some in Wyoming."

They include Sheridan County and Wyoming's coal capital, Campbell County. Alexander said he found dozens of local leaders in those counties carefully working to expand the local tax base, investing in training and paving the way for new businesses.

Alexander said that some local governments started planning because they didn't have the tremendous savings that the state had accumulated.

"The finality of it (coal), I think, has led to better decision making and more focus on what other options are available," he said.

It's cathartic for a state and for a community to collectively mourn a loss. But it can also slip into a kind of indulgence that doesn't lead to good policy. If Wyoming is going to survive this historic economic transition, state leadership is going to have to realize it cannot succeed in saving the coal industry.

What the state can do is face reality and help to save local communities.

Dustin Bleizeffer is a contributor to WritersontheRange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He has worked as a coal miner, an oilfield mechanic, and for 20 years as a statewide reporter and editor. He lives in Casper, Wyo.

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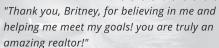
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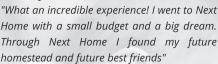


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Earth Week programs announced

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The 50th anniversary of Earth Day is coming. Before COVID-19 changed our way of life, the Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS as it is known locally), the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP), and the Mountain High Garden Club (MHGC) were working hard on activities that, well, basically, you could only do face to face.

The MHGC was going to lead us off with the annual Garden Expo, where people and organizations come together to exhibit their tools, resources and knowledge on all things gardening. Now they are encouraging everyone to just get out there and garden. Grow food for you, your family, your neighbors, friends and those in need. It's Victory Gardening 2020.

Earth Week events are still happening during Earth Week, just virtually. Resilient Archuleta has partnered with SOS and the GGP to host three great presentations.

The first presentation — to take place on Monday, April 20, at 6 p.m. - is the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (Co-CoRaHS), a nationwide network of volunteer weather observers. CoCoRaHS volunteers collect more than 12,000 precipitation reports every day. It was founded right here in Colorado after the founder, Nolan Doesken, reached out to the community for measurements to gain a better understanding of a deadly flood. Today, these reports are used by National Weather Service forecasters, emergency managers, river forecasters, city planners, researchers, the U.S. Drought Monitor and many more. If you have a passion for weather and are interested in making a difference with your reports, this network is probably a great fit for you. Peter Goble, a service climatologist at the Colorado Climate Center at Colorado State University, will be giving a brief overview of the history of CoCoRaHS and explaining how to participate.

The next presentation will be on Earth Day, April 22, at 6 p.m. with Dr. Heidi Steltzer, who is a mountain and Arctic scientist,

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explorer and science communicator. She has spent 25 years conducting field studies on mountain and Arctic hillslopes in Colorado, Alaska, Greenland and, recently, China to understand how healthy ecosystems provide for human well-being. She's pioneered studies on the impacts of earlier snowmelt through experimentally accelerating snowmelt and monitoring plant and ecosystem responses. Dr. Heidi Steltzer is a lead author for the chapter on High Mountain Areas in the 2019 IPCC Special Report on the Oceans and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate. In January, she was invited to provide recommendations on the climate crisis to the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and Technology. She will be sharing with us what she shared with Congress — we should aim to be a resilient nation, a good neighbor and work together to develop new narratives about the environmental issues that we are witnessing and that are impacting our well-being.

Mountain communities are a special place to live. We invest in one another and in exploring the mountains that surround us. The current crisis is a reminder that though we may feel isolated, our mountain regions are interconnected to the deserts nearby and to distant communities in other countries. Our resilience depends on growing the connections among people.

To wrap up the week, the GGP will be sponsoring a shortened, condensed version of its Environmental Film Festival. We will be airing the movie "How We Grow" so we can watch it together and have a conversation with the filmmakers (we're hoping they can join us). "How We Grow" is the documentary film collaboration between Haley Thompson and Tomas Zuccareno. Both were equally moved by the passionate community of

local farmers and ranchers in the Roaring Fork Valley and want to share their story in hopes of empowering future generations to join the movement. We will discuss how we can apply the movement here in our area.

Each of the presentations are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of Earth Week each starting at 6 p.m.

CoCoRaHS — April 20, 6 p.m.: https://zoom.us/j/155157171, meeting ID: 155 157 171. Call-in number is (346) 248-7799 or (669) 900-6833.

Climate Talk — April 23, 6 p.m.: https://zoom.us/j/133064826, meeting ID: 133 064 826. Call-in number is (253) 215-8782 or (301)

715-8592.

"How We Grow," a GGP-sponsored film — April 25, 6 p.m.: https://zoom.us/j/133064826, meeting ID: 133 064 826.

For more information, please email robin.young@colostate.edu or call the office at 264-5931 and leave a message to be returned. We hope you will join us.



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