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When basketball ends, the sportsmanship continues

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Few could have predicted the end to the Colorado 3A basketball season.

After competing in the Great 8 at the University of Denver's Hamilton Gym, the winning teams — including the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates — weren't left to determine how to best compete against their next opponent in the Final 4.

Instead, they were told the remainder of the tournament would not be played after the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) office was informed by the University of Denver that the school would no longer be able to host the

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The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team ended its run for a state title in an unusual way: heading home with the final two days of the tournament canceled due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Photo courtesy Michael Pierce

COVID-19 testing criteria changes locally

Preparations continue for possible influx of serious cases

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Medical providers continue to make changes as the COVID-19, or coronavirus disease 2019, pandemic continues to evolve, with emergency orders in effect at the local, county, regional, state and national levels.

Locally, medical providers continue to be cautious testing individuals due to the shortages of test kits, masks and other protective equipment.

As of mid-day Wednesday, Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) CEO

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First responders taking extra precautions due to COVID-19

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As the COVID-19, or coronavirus disease 2019, pandemic affects the world and country, local law enforcement agencies are taking extra precautions to keep themselves and the public healthy.

Pagosa Springs Police Chief Bill Rockensock explained in an interview on Monday that the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) has not changed how it operates, "other than officers are being advised to use universal precautions and be more smart about what they do as far as keeping themselves healthy."

Those universal precautions include hand-washing and hand sanitizing, as well as keeping equipment clean.

"Just, more or less, they've been given some more advice about keeping their workplace clean, their cars clean, keeping their selves healthy so that they can properly respond," he said.

In the event of a case of COVID-19 in the town or Archuleta County,

Rockensock explained that the directions to PSPD staff will depend on how severe the situation is.

"If it's just one case, it's probably the same thing. If we have something more than that and it starts to spread, then we're going to have to look at some different options," he said. "But as of right now, we're not shutting down, we're not limiting contact as of right now."

All PSPD officers have personal protective equipment (PPE) and they are all trained on how to use it, Rockensock noted.

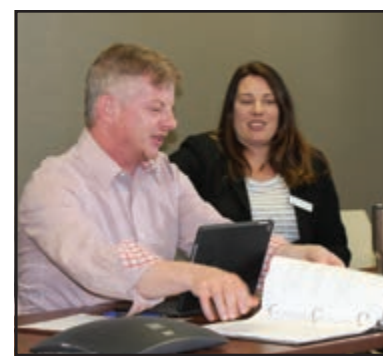
These PPE items include masks, face shields, gloves and shoe protectors, Rockensock described.

"It's standard-issue equipment. We have it all the time. We just don't use it all the time," he said.

If PSPD had to interact with an individual who had COVID-19, the department would make it mandatory to use those PPE items, he explained.

According to a press release from the Centers for Disease Control and

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SUN photos/Terri House

Pagosa Springs Medical Center hosts a meeting with regional governmental entities to support community-wide preparation to address COVID-19 on March 12. Attendees contributed to a community preparedness discussion including controls or closures that would help the community stay well and minimize a spike in cases that could exhaust the available hospital care in southwest Colorado.

Photos courtesy Jeff Laydon
Ilona Huck holds up a package of toilet paper to be auctioned off at the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir's annual fundraiser on Friday. Inset: Huck gives her grandfather, Tom Audetat, a hug for making the high bid of \$350 in support of the choir's educational programs.



Local schools close, move to online learning in response to COVID-19 pandemic

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

With Archuleta School District (ASD) closing school for students and staff on March 17 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Superintendent Linda Reed gave an update to The SUN on March 17 via email on how the district is handling the situation.

ASD announced on March 15 that the district would be in session and operating under its regular schedule on March 16, according to ASD's website.

However, on March 17, the district would begin "distance learning" for its students, according to ASD's website.

This closure extends into the week of March 23, which is the district's spring break, the district's website states.

Currently, ASD is planning on having staff and students report to

the buildings on March 30, Reed explained in her email.

"We have communicated to parents and staff to monitor their email towards the end of spring break to see if those plans are still in place," Reed wrote.

However, due to the fluidity of the COVID-19 pandemic, ASD is being vigilant and will follow directions from national, state and local governments as they are received, Reed added.

In conjunction with San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), ASD made the determination to close school, Reed explained.

"I was in regular communication with the director of San Juan Basin Health during last week and over the weekend. Because there were no active cases, we were trying to follow the guidelines that were established

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GUEST EDITORIAL

A message from Mayor Don Volger

Yesterday, as the mayor of Pagosa Springs, I signed Resolution No. 2020-05, "declaring a local disaster emergency due to imminent danger and impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)."

Medical professionals and disease experts agree that this virus spreads easily by touch, and progresses rapidly. Some victims don't even realize they've been infected, but some become seriously ill and die. This disease can affect so many, so quickly, that our medical resources could be consumed in a brief span of time, resulting in less care for those with other problems. When "triage" decisions become necessary, the consequences can be deadly. We may be able to prevent the draining of resources, and "flatten the (epidemiological) curve" by taking common sense precautions that, unfortunately, have other significantly negative side effects, primarily economic.

This is a different type of disease because of the effects it has had, and will have, on the global and local economy. People are not just inconvenienced. Many are confused and facing challenging financial hardships. The number of individuals and families forced to deal with those additional burdens will increase. But death and loss, will most likely increase before it's over. If I must choose between saving the lives of others and temporary financial gain, I choose life. Which do you choose?

The coronavirus will not be fatal for the majority who contract it, but may take the physical life of many who are most vulnerable. Many of those deaths can be prevented by making responsible and prudent decisions. We can all be responsible and prudent about social distancing, avoiding unnecessary contact, frequently washing hands, covering our mouths when we cough or sneeze, and being respectful to others who choose not to have physical contact during this challenging time. I'm a hugger and that's hard for me, but I will avoid offending others by subjecting them to unwanted contact. I will support them. I can love and encourage others, without physical touch, by being understanding and helping as needs arise.

I believe everything happens for a reason, even those life events which pierce us with pain, suffering, and loss. I believe in God and the importance of trusting Him always, especially in difficult times. I pray. I believe that there are lessons to be learned from all the circumstances of life. I don't believe I'm the Mayor, at this time, by coincidence. There is a reason. I'm expected to lead.

Each one of us must decide how we will maintain hope when things look chaotic and dark, and how to prepare for difficult, and hopefully unlikely possibilities, like a lengthy quarantine. We need to be sharing those helpful and creative ideas with each

other. Here is what I am doing.

I'll do what I can to fulfill my responsibilities and assume my authority. I will continue to love and support others regardless of their level of fear and anxiety. I'll work with others, and listen to those who know much more than me. I will act prudently and wisely to the best of my ability, with my God's guidance and grace. I'll not ask others to believe what I believe, but will be there for them as often as possible. I will pray the "Serenity Prayer":

"God, grant me the SERENITY to accept the things I cannot change, the COURAGE to change those things I can, and the WISDOM to know the difference."

I hope you will follow my lead.

I understand and accept the fact that you may not believe in God or prayer. But please spend some time directing your thoughts, meditations and/or prayers seeking ways you can help and encourage our loved ones, family, friends and neighbors during this difficult time. As we come together in unity, for a cause that's "bigger than us," we'll be stronger. We can't allow fear to guide our decisions. We'll get through this and be better on the other side if we support one another, work together and make wise decisions. I believe it with all my heart because I believe in God and the amazing people in our community. God bless and protect you and your loved ones.
Mayor Don Volger

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 19, 1920

The Stockmens and Merchants new bank building was disclosed this week, presenting a fine pressed brick front. All of the interior decorating has been completed and the institution is only awaiting the arrival and installation of the new fixtures before it is moved into the new building. W.D. Ewing of the Galbreath Tie and Timber Co., who is the designer and contractor, is busy receiving compliments for his artistic work.

Harry Tackett was an arrival Tuesday from Montezuma county, where he and his father have each taken up homesteads, to which they will shortly move.

J.O. Sullivan of Dyke was a pleasant caller yesterday. He has resigned the management of the Dyke store and postoffice and will soon take possession of his late purchase in that section, the former Warren Hall ranch. Mr. Sullivan plans to erect a new home on the ranch at once. Mrs. Brice Howard will assume the management of the store, while her sister, Mrs. Belford, will take charge of the postoffice duties.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 23, 1945

A Monte Vista truck, loaded with flour, dropped into an old cesspool in the rear of Hersch's store Monday afternoon. Didn't hurt the truck, but it took three hours to get it out of the hole.

The annual Amateur Hour for the benefit of the Red Cross will be held at 8 o'clock tonight (Friday) March 23rd. Harvey Catchpole will emcee the performance, and as an added attraction, Al Thomson will auction off seven cartons of cigarettes.

Adolfo Martinez attempted to carry letter mail to Upper Piedrans Monday on horseback, but got only as far as the Dunagan ranch, where the drifts made further travel impossible. He had tried to make the route last Friday, with a car, and found it out of the question. Wednesday, the county bulldozer, with George Humes at the controls, went out and plowed the road out.

Mrs. Floyd Bramwell and Mrs. Carl Eaklor spent Wednesday with relatives in Pagosa, returning to the West Side Camp that evening. They said that the recent snow storm kept the men busy for a straight 24 hour shift, to keep Wolf Creek Pass clear.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 19, 1970

Television has left the air in Pagosa Springs. If and when it returns depends upon when and if another 130 local residents pay the voluntary dues of \$15 per year. Members of the TV committee of the Lions Club decided March 15 that future commitments and operating costs could not be met with the amount of money paid in. There are approximately 390 to 400 users within the range of the three translators located on Oak Brush Knoll, southwest of town. 128 users had paid in full and seven had made partial payments. The TV committee says that at least 80 percent of the users must pay if TV reception here is to be self-financing.

Gilbert Davidson, of the Blanco, was appointed to fill a vacancy on the school board. This appointment was by unanimous vote of the other four members, Vic Poma, Mamie Lynch, Carl Rainwater and Grover Caywood. The vacancy occurred when Joe Hudson, an elected member, was absent more meetings than is allowed by law.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 23, 1995

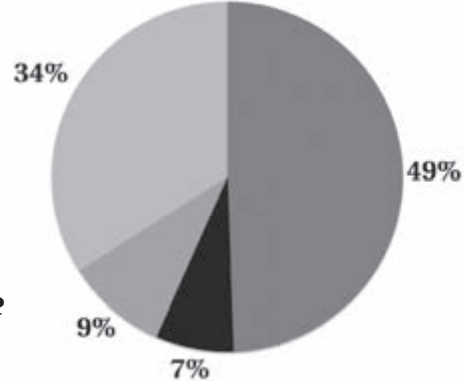
With Archuleta County in the midst of the latest real estate sales boom, and with increasing sales of parcels of land 35 acres or more, County Clerk and Recorder June Madrid is asking local title companies and surveyors to consider some moves to make buyers more aware of the nature of their purchases. Madrid said her office has recently received several documents involving the recording of 35-plus-acre divisions of large properties. In a subdivision process (parcels with less than 35 acres) there are strict conditions that must be met in order for the division to occur. Madrid said she is concerned that when surveys of the divisions of large properties are platted, developers should not use terminology that suggests the land has been subdivided and, thus, give the impression the county has sanctioned the division and is prepared to undertake actions associated with an approved subdivision.

WHADDYA THINK?

What are you doing for spring break?

Poll results (279 votes)

Avoiding COVID-19. — 49 percent
Heading for warmer climes. — 7 percent
Staying here, playing in the snow. — 9 percent
I wish I had a break. — 34 percent



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LOOKING BACK



From the March 10, 1983, Pagosa Springs SUN. 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS INSTALLED — Stacy Formwalt was installed as president of the Archuleta County 4-H council for 1983. Other officers include Stephanie Werner, vice president, Lannette Shahan, secretary-reporter, and Rachelle Jacobson, treasurer. The Archuleta County 4-H Council meets monthly and is responsible for all of the financial and organizational matters on a county basis.



Letters



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Valle Seco land exchange

Dear Editor:
It came to mind after I read the guest editorial by Kara Chadwick, the Forest Supervisor of the San Juan National Forest, extolling the virtues of the Valle Seco Land Exchange. Not one mention of anything negative, like losing the entire length of FS road 660a to private ownership, which both the public and hunters now enjoys. Like losing an entire meadow that is well known to hunters. Like losing four campsites in an area where campsites are at a premium. This will take place in only one area(7) of the eleven areas being traded. And remember that in order to gain control of the Valle Seco area, the forest service loses control of 472 acres that will become private ownership. Gates will go up, fences will be built, and no trespassing signs will appear. The guest editorial suddenly appeared in both the Pagosa Sun and Durango Herald after the Forest Service received nearly 3000 signed letters of opposition to the exchange.
It is my understanding that the Forest Service is supposed to remain neutral during the initial phases of a land exchange. Neutral? Hardly. It would appear that Forest Supervisor Chadwick already has the "approved" stamp in her hand.
Thomas Butler

the flu pandemic of 1918-'19, cities that prepared themselves properly, informed populace who brought themselves to enact intelligent regard for physical proximity as well as sanitary habits to usher out the pathogen that did not spare a visit to any corner of the globe, curtailed incidents of infection by 50% in their communities. Other townships taking a more blasé approach suffered twice the trauma.

It is my hope through the next months, despite the social distancing being emphasized, and the new habits being recommended, which will break us away temporarily from customs of affection and familiarity ... that we ironically, and actually, will come together as a community. That we will eventually come to look back upon this hardship as something we faced and overcame collectively, a story about an achievement that one day we'll be proud to tell: We helped each other and became a stronger community through this. Apropos, I believe, is the determination we will need as well to effectively confront the climate crisis.

Turn a challenge around and let it be a mark of character, a test of maturity that was passed. Let's be the kind of town and community that doesn't just let the fire burn but gets on it. Let's be exemplary.

Jonathan Dobson

Short-term rentals

Dear Editor:
Response to Summer and Chris

Pierce letter from March 12 issue
My family and I love visiting the Pagosa area from the Texas hill country and really enjoy the local newspaper where I always read the local letters and articles. Your letter caught my attention, as well as the story about local politicians begging for new money sources (nothing new there) ironically after record sales tax revenue, but I digress.

My long block in Pagosa Lakes probably has 100 homes on it and I couldn't tell you which homes are STR's a "gold rush" ... I think not. Your quality of life has been desecrated? Desecrated ... really. A home with a family of four to six guests is 'in reality a hotel' ... I think not.

You state the 'majority of profits' are spent in the property owner's state. How do you know the majority or maybe even a plurality of property owners aren't from Denver or Colo Springs, etc.? Why does it matter what state they live in anyway? What about the obscene profits from the [hot springs] admission or the lift ticket or the snowmobile tour or the horse-back ride or the hot-air balloon ride or the restaurant tab, etc., etc.? After all, this is the real money (locally spent profit).

I think you ought to know, your HOA can't just make up new rules to please you unless (most likely) they get a super majority of HOA members to agree to your rule-change. I reject an HOA or a city council telling what I can do with my property. Unless, of course, those HOA restrictions were pres-

ent when I purchased there.
You must know the three property owners on your "short block" well enough to ask them to 'let you know their house rules' and you will keep an eye out for them (... friends close and enemies closer). Why don't you ask the homeowner if they would insist their guests never build campfires, even though I doubt there was ever any fire threat to you or the surrounding neighborhood.

What is so "un-neighborly" about short-term renters. They all came from a neighborhood somewhere. Have you tried to make a point to meet each family "checking-in" ... 'hello, welcome to paradise. I'm the full-time local homeowner and I live here year-round and kinda keep an eye on things on the block ... Ya'll planning on skiing or hiking? Let me know if you need any "local" tips. Have you ever talked to one of them? Maybe you are on five acres and your neighbor on each side is on five acres ... uh oh, there goes that whole, 'my life has been desecrated' argument.

STR guests are not immune from the law. Why don't you post your no trespass signs and if they do trespass, you call the authorities.

No, Ms. Pierce, your words don't make me unhappy with you, but your hyperbole does concern me as does your virtuous assumption that your businesses 'truly add to the community'.

Michael Fredrickson
New Braunfels, Texas

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'Let's be exemplary'

Dear Editor:
Being the absolute political junky and news-fiend that I am in this age of abundance, where the many proud heirs of Cronkite and Murrow are followed like sun by moon each night with a Murderer's Row of late-night talk show hosts knocking it out of the park, pre-digesting the whirlwind for us trying to help us keep our balance (that is, until just this week when most of them went on hiatus citing social distancing concerns and a wish to deliver the vital and precedent-setting example of what our priorities should be), I came across two news stories that conflicted in a curious way.
The first was from CNN, titled, 'This Pandemic Risks Bringing out the Worst in Humanity'. You can imagine what it was about with images of stripped shelves that might be surprising to see in Russian let alone American supermarkets, tales of toilet paper hoarding and regrettable tribalisms. The next came from the New York Times, about the Great Alaska Earthquake of '64, and it offered the opposite take on how people might respond to a natural disaster with kindness and neighborly compassion, conscientiousness and charity. The Times article chronicles how in a time of societal upheaval, what people are given is a chance to turn a challenge into a story that ends up strengthening them. A community can define itself as one that will be proud to tell its story, or it can drop the ball and display pandemonium in the face of pandemic.
It is a historical fact that during

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Letters

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Letters

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'National staycation'

Dear Editor:
With the prospect of a nationwide shutdown of all non-essential services appearing imminent, it is likely that most of us will be taking unplanned time off. Opting to see this turn of events as a national staycation rather than a dreaded enforced isolation, I have begun making plans.

I am looking forward to catching up on my sleep. Ah ... to wake up without an alarm clock will be wonderful. The thought of a leisurely breakfast is enticing too. I'll catch up on my To-Do List around the house and maybe rediscover afternoon naps. I plan to make some of my favorite meals that have been relegated to "weekends-only" fare because they take time to prepare and cook. I plan to finally get around to trying some of those recipes that I've promised myself I would attempt if I ever get the time. I might get ambitious and dust off some of those old yoga stretch videos and have a go. Between naps I plan to work my way through that stack of half-read books on my nightstand.

Ah, this is sounding better and better all the time. Without having to travel to visit relatives, spending money at attractions, restaurants, and unnecessary merchandise, I think my staycation will be easy on my budget too.

Can you imagine how peaceful it will be in the world if the whole lot of us take staycations at the same time? Once it is over, we'll return to work and schools and social lives relaxed, rested and refreshed. Heck, we might even be polite and reasonable with one another.

I hope you enjoy your staycation.

Theresa Howard

Wash your hands

Dear Editor:
Since my last letter, there has been a news article about a baby sitter who found a firearm that "accidentally" discharged and killed a baby. I think the baby sitter "accidentally" pulled the trigger. I hope she was charged with the murder she committed.

OK, other matters. I spoke on the phone this weekend with two of my favorite friends in Austin. Both ladies have Ph.D.'s so I feel intellectually inferior when I talk to them. They are delightful ladies and do not hold it against me that I only have a law degree — a Doctor of Jurisprudence. One of the issues they brought up was the plight of a local family-owned restaurant they particularly enjoy. Because of the concern over the spread of the coronavirus — thank you, China [I don't mean that] — many small businesses just aren't going to make it.

So, wash your hands before and after, maybe use some hand sanitizer, but go back to your favorite local restaurant or business if you want them to be there when this is over.

Two recent articles in the Sun. Sales tax revenue for a like period a year ago is up just under 20%. In the same issue, the County Commissioners are talking about raising our taxes so they can do more things for us. How about repairing the potholes? The Town could do some of that, too. On that note, hitting a pothole can knock air out of your tires so get them checked. And, the potholes can do serious damage to your tires and front suspension. That is going to be an expensive repair.

Last for today. An article written by Daniel Schatz, a Scandinavian political scientist, takes Bernie to task for his misunderstanding about what Bernie calls a "democratic solution" to our problems and points out the success of that sort of system in Sweden. The fact is that the Swedish prosperous economy was built before the welfare system that exists there today. The article points out that Sweden has, "historically developed high levels of social trust, a robust work ethic, and considerable social cohesion." Things we just don't have. Bernie, there just isn't a free lunch any more, somebody paid for it.

Well, just one more issue today. When we, my live-in psychologist and I — perhaps I should be called the "live-in patient," — came to Pagosa Springs and decided it was a pretty good place, we started looking at homes for sale and available lots. One of our decisions was that we wanted to live on a paved street and we do. The cost of that paving was included in the cost of the lot we purchased. Paving is more expensive than dirt roads. So now, there are people in our community who live on dirt roads, a choice they made, who did not pay the extra cost of a paved road, are complaining about the dust, and are asking that something be done. Their idea is that all of the taxpayers should do something. "You made your bed, now lie in it." Note that I did not say, "lay." That is not a subject for a family newspaper.

Bill Hubbard

Pandemics end

Dear Editor:
Thank you to all our local agencies, including San Juan Basin Public Health, Pagosa Springs Medical Center and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for taking proactive measures to slow the COVID-19 pandemic, and for providing up-to-date, accurate information. Thank you to the State of Colorado for taking quick action to increase testing and secure other support for all of us.

Thank you to local businesses, organizations and individual people who are doing what we can to stay healthy. Thank you to The Pagosa Springs Sun for keeping us

informed and for believing in and practicing journalistic excellence.

Yes, it is difficult to practice social distancing in our friendly little town. We can all take care of one another, even at a physical distance. I am grateful to live in a place where it is easy to get outside, by myself, and that we have the technology to connect with one another digitally.

You don't have to be a news junkie, read the same story from 10 different sources every five minutes or believe everything you read. We do all have the capacity, however, to make informed decisions and to act responsibly. Thank you. We will get through this. As a friend reminded me, pandemics end.

Lisa Jensen

Wetlands

Dear Editor:
Living in Colorado is a privilege. Living in a small Colorado mountain town is an even bigger privilege. Pagosa is unique in many ways. We have the biggest stump collection in our pastures that we all inherited from the logging days. We have a wildflower called the Pagosa Skyrocket that exists only here in all of the world and the town and other conservation groups have worked hard to preserve it. We have a pass that is so notorious that CW McCall wrote a great song about it called "Wolf Creek Pass". Check it out on YouTube. Thanks to the Harmans for all they have done for this region and the Archuleta family, who have had a big influence on Pagosa. We also have the deepest known hot springs and a warm water wetland along the riverwalk that is exceptionally unique in Colorado. Anyone who has followed Pagosa's history (in large part, thanks to John Motter) knows how often these geothermal features are a center point.

One organization that has been a big part of this community is the Weminuche Audubon Society (WAS). This group is very concerned about protecting our birds and the other creatures that call this beautiful place home. Recently, this group became increasingly concerned with changes like the URA development tool and the meetings the Springs resort opened to the public to discuss a possible development. After all, these changes could have a profoundly detrimental impact on the hot springs and adjacent wetlands. Since the wetlands contain over 150 bird species and a multitude of other animals, the Wetlands Preservation Group (a subset of WAS members) banded together with Audubon support and did the research necessary to take a closer look at these issues.

Thankfully, after a concise yet thorough presentation, the Springs development has offered to heed this group's recommendations in the planning of their development. Additionally, PS Town Council is open to considering additional

protections needed to keep our unique wetlands along the riverwalk safe. Mayor Don Volger even guaranteed such would happen. This is a nice start and it shows how our citizens care enough to keep Pagosa the unique town it always has been.

Bob LeCour

'Prepare to protect our most vulnerable'

Dear Editor:
I was married for 41 years. The last 14 were filled with the agony, worry, and uncertainty of Sandy's breast cancer. My high school Sweet Heart died folded in my arms in a hospice bed. My God, if she and I could learn to compromise, adjust, and love each other over a life time, then our communities can do it too.

Why have we been fighting about right or wrong politics, us v's them ideologies, our differing ethnic origins, the color of your skin compared to mine? Suddenly, as a destructive virus is covering our earth, we've begun to see things differently.

What if we had been clamoring on a battle field, with the smoky haze of musket fire choking the air? When suddenly a tornado breached the mountain pass and roared down on us puny little humans. None of why we hated each other would matter.

Our elected representatives have been deeply polarized. Only now, as a natural disaster threatens us, have they begun to turn and close ranks.

We can have multiple parties with vastly different ideas. We can debate and discuss broad concepts. But we can't protect and build our communities in a climate of division.

Funny how humans mostly judge our level of threat by our immediate surroundings, what we can see, hear, smell. It's time to get a much broader perspective.

I'm writing on Sunday. 10 days
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Letters

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ago Spain was where we are now. Today they're in a Country wide lock down to stem the effects of COVID-19.

I'm an Independent voter and an independent thinker, as much as I can be. I don't understand policies well. That's why we've elected educated representatives. But I sure understand morality, decency, and love.

With my own eyes and ears, I can see and hear Donald Trump's daily lies. I see his history of defrauding students, cheating sub-contractors, cheating wives, and pursuing personal gain at other's expense.

Now with this Coronavirus he has dithered, lied, and wasted precious time. He has been ignorant, dismissive of our scientists, and has spoken lies. This greedy, corrupt, self-absorbed person, has no business being our President.

Trump has a New York Mobster mentality. He is ill fitted for the job we've given him. He rejects knowledge of law, governance, current affairs, and 250 years of blood sweat and tears that have built this country. This is not a position for on-the-job training.

Don't let fear mongering politi-

cians, or ultra wealthy people, set our course. We The People are who this democracy is for. Our brave Founding Fathers broke from a dictatorial King to start one of Human History's greatest experiments; The Unites States of America.

We ourselves have become too lazy and ignorant of history, science, social studies, geography, and how our lives are governed. It's time to study, work hard, and be We the People. It's time to see beyond our noses and prepare to protect our most vulnerable.

Prepare to vote this November.
Mitch Nielsen

Aspen Springs playground

Dear Editor:

Playgrounds are prolific breeding grounds for infectious transfer. Kids lick, slobber, & sneeze on surfaces as well as on each other. The last thing Aspen Springs V should be remotely considering is a playground right now. Playgrounds are a city thing anyway & have no place in a placid Rural Country setting.

I'd rather see the Metro District focus on/contribute to, the Environmental concerns of our Community. Please, address the Severe Noxious Weed & Prairie Dog

Invasion Problems, rather than maintaining a playground.

Prairie dogs dig holes & then eat healthy pasture grass roots from underground. Killing of pasture grasslands then enable noxious weeds to proliferate. Prairie Dog holes can be devastating leg breakers for Horses. Prairie Dogs also carry Plague.

Our little Valley was once a viable grassland pasture area that supported a healthy Wildlife Ecosystem. We can enhance this Valley's Environmental Health again. And, our property values would go up.

I'm a Biologist, former Genetics Research Associate, & former Certified Veterinary Technologist. Science doesn't care what you think, believe, or imagine. Science is real, factual, & we should guide our communal lives thru the factual wisdom of Science. We'll all be safer & healthier for it.

Biological/Environmental awareness, & positive enactment can restore, enhance, & enlighten our Quality of Life.

Leslie Sargeant

'Did it with love'

Dear Editor:

Why is it that we allow one political party to be called "Conservative" and the other one, "Liberal". I looked in my Bible for the word "conservative" and found it nowhere. The word "liberal" was used only in the context of helping others overcome their weakness, to liberate them to enjoy the glorious freedom as a child of God... yes, we are "One Nation Under God".

To me, "conservative" means to help others find their "way" to progress to a better life for themselves and their families. Leaders we elect must be a mix of both, maybe something like "common sense" would be nice.

Are they "out there"? Look closely and you might find them. I believe that is what our brilliant founders intended.

And I bet they did it with love.

Patty Tillerson

'Chose not to sink in fear but to rise in love'

Dear Editor:

As we all consider how best to protect our health, keep each other safe, and get a little crazy buying much more toilet paper than we'll need, I think we need to take a moment and be grateful for the folks in our community who offer especial grace to the rest of us.

I am grateful for teachers and school administrators that are taking extra time, effort, and concern to make sure our kids have access to education without undue risk of exposure to disease. They are managing anxiety well on our behalf, even as they face the complications in their own personal lives.

I am grateful for employees at grocery stores, convenience stores, and other businesses that sell essentials. They are patiently handling increased, unexpected workloads while dealing kindly with those of us whose anxiety is causing them to become uncivil.

I am grateful for public safety and health officers who are navigating new conditions with high levels of uncertainty, and doing so with the community's best interests in mind.

I am grateful for health care providers in every context — physicians, nurses, EMTs, home health providers, and on — for their capable and wise service. They have a sudden and greater burden, if not from an actual outbreak in our community then from the consequences of our fear and misinformation. And they patiently continue to administer the things that bring health and healing.

I am grateful for every community member who, in spite of finding herself in a position of losing money for reasons beyond our control, chooses to stay calm, hopeful, and thankful that we have such a good infrastructure and so much technology helpfully at our fingertips.

I thank God for every small grace, borne in individual people, that shines during this anxious season.

I invite your readers to publicly honor others in whom they have seen grace, so that we may all be buoyed by gratitude, and remember this time as a season in which so many chose not to sink in fear but to rise in love.

Emrys Tyler

Obituary

Steven Dale Oelschlaeger

Steven Dale Oelschlaeger was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Jan. 15, 1954, to Max and Daisy Oelschlaeger. Steve passed away on March 4 after a 4 1/2 year battle with liver cancer.



Steve grew up in Cedar Rapids. He was an intellectual and excellent athlete in high school. He attended Wartburg College on a cross-country scholarship, graduating with a degree in philosophy. He later pursued a graduate degree at Dallas Theological Seminary and became a pastor. He helped plant Grace Bible Church in Granbury, Texas. He blessed many people with his outstanding preaching of the word of God.

After working in the automobile industry becoming a successful salesman, he started his own company, Specialized Training Programs, as a consultant for Ford dealerships.

He loved to ski and hike in the mountains of Colorado. He blessed a lot of people with his ministry in Pagosa Springs while running a

halfway house. He was fun, smart, adventurous and charitable.

Steve married Carolin Opheim in 1975 and together they had two children. He married Gail Mickey in 1984.

Steve is survived by his wife of 36 years, Gail Mickey; previous wife Carolin; his son, David, and his wife Alexandra; and his daughter, Erin, and her husband, Jeff Gautney; his grandchildren: Briar, Reagan, Jace, Titus, Micaiah, Jordyn and Jady, as well as his brothers: Max, Dennis and Doug. He will be missed. Private family services will be held at a later date.

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County unemployment rises to 3.6 percent in January

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County increased to 3.6 percent in January from 2.7 percent in December 2019, with 6,672 people in the labor force and 238 of those claiming unemployment.

The unemployment information is disseminated by a press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment.

In December 2019, there were 6,783 people in the county's labor force, with 183, or 2.7 percent, claiming unemployment.

The total workforce decreased by 111 people over the course of the month, while the number of unemployed people increased by 55.

Looking at the January employment situation for the rest of the state, Huerfano County had the highest unemployment rate for the month at 7.4 percent, while Kiowa County had the lowest rate at 1.4 percent.

The unemployment rate in Colorado was up to 2.8 percent in

January from 2.4 percent in December 2019.

The December 2019 unemployment rate of 2.4 percent was the lowest ever recorded since the series began in 1976.

Statewide, the number of people actively participating in the labor force in Colorado increased 6,300 from December 2019 to January, to 3,180,800, and total employment increased 6,300 to 3,180,800.

The national unemployment rate increased 0.1 percent from December 2019 to January, rising to 3.6 percent.

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

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

employed.

The business establishment survey covers about seven times the number of households surveyed and is, therefore, considered a more reliable indicator of economic conditions.

Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by work site and the other measuring persons employed and unemployed by household, estimates based on these surveys may provide seemingly conflicting results.

From December 2019 to January, nonfarm payroll jobs in Colorado increased by 1,300 for a total of 2,814,800, with private-sector jobs increasing by 900 and government jobs increasing by 400.

Over the month, the largest private-sector job gains were in professional and business services, educational and health services, and construction.

Mining and logging declined over the year.

Over the year, the number of Coloradans participating in the la-

bor force increased by 62,800, total employment increased by 82,000 and the number of unemployed decreased by 19,300.

Other data that is gathered by the survey of business establishments includes private-sector average weekly hours, average weekly earnings and average weekly earnings.

Over the year, the average workweek for all employees in private nonfarm payroll jobs increased from 32.7 to 33 hours.

Average hourly earnings increased from \$30.10 to \$30.70 during the same time period.

"The annual growth rate of Colorado nonfarm payroll jobs was 2.1 percent in 2019, revised up from the previously published 1.9 percent. Colorado annual job growth has exceeded 2.0 percent the past eight years, the longest such streak since nine consecutive years from 1992 to 2000. The U.S. annual payroll jobs growth rate in 2019 was 1.4 percent," the press release reads.

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State labor department announces assistance during temporary shutdowns due to coronavirus

Special to The SUN

This week, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) announced assistance for workers and employers during temporary closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The guidance includes information for employees filing for unemployment insurance claims, as well as information on programs available for employers.

Workers who have a reduction in hours/wages may file an unemployment claim at coloradoui.gov. A list of resources and FAQs on how to file is available on the CDLE's website at

colorado.gov/cdle by clicking on "Coronavirus Information and Resources."

The department is also taking steps to reduce the impact of these claims on employers who have had to temporarily lay off staff due to closures or slowdowns. The CDLE encourages all employers to utilize paid leave and telework options for employees before utilizing temporary layoffs.

Employers can also consider alternatives to laying off staff through the CDLE's Work Share Program. More information is available at www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/node/23616 or by email at cdle_employer_services@state.co.us.

Unemployment insurance claims

If you are laid off due to business closures related to COVID-19, you can receive unemployment benefits, provided you meet all other eligibility requirements. File a claim online at coloradoui.gov/fileclaim. Indicate you expect to return to work and are job-attached to your last employer.

The CDLE will process unemployment insurance payments to ensure payment will continue to be paid in a timely manner.

For more information, visit colorado.gov/cdle and click on "Coronavirus Information and Resources." Updates will be released as they become available.

COVID-19: Late fees will be waived for vehicle registration

Special to The SUN

The Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has authorized all counties to waive late fees for vehicle registration renewals. This is in effect for the period of the governor's emergency order related to COVID-19. Customers are encouraged to utilize online services and self-service kiosks to complete eligible transactions.

The fee waiver will remain in place until such time as the emergency order is lifted.

"The Department of Revenue is allowing Coloradans to do more online and avoid in-person contact in our offices," said Executive Director Lu Córdoba. "We are proactively working to protect our customers and do our

part to help prevent the spread of the virus.

All Coloradans are encouraged to take advantage of the DMV's 35 online services before visiting a DMV office. Go to mydmv.colorado.gov, where you will find, in addition to driver's license renewals, many of the most popular services, such as:

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God's love is no less for us today. We sin and fall short in our relationship with God. But God's love stands. When we return to Him, He will always take us back no matter what condition in which we find ourselves.

May we share more with you about God's amazing love?

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Attorney general urges businesses to refund or credit cancellations due to coronavirus

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Attorney General Phil Weiser released the following statement applauding event organizers, airlines, hotels and other businesses that have displayed good corporate citizenship by refunding consumers or issuing credit for cancellations made with the safety of our community in mind:

"Coloradans have canceled sporting events, vacations and even wedding gatherings for the sake of their health. Their actions promise to slow the spread of the coronavirus and save lives. I applaud Governor Polis' leadership during this public health emergency and am proud of

how Coloradans are rising to this challenge.

"To do their part, businesses can act responsibly by providing refunds or credits to consumers who will not be able to use their services, whether hotel reservations, airline travel or other areas where accommodations can be made. I commend the many businesses that have already taken the lead by honoring the need to curtail travel and large events. For those who have yet to do so, I would strongly encourage them to act quickly. As for any businesses that promise refunds or credits and fail to deliver on such promises, we will quickly investigate any such conduct and be ready to take action to protect

consumers.

"Finally, I recognize that this public health emergency is hurting businesses and their employees, especially Colorado's small businesses. We all need to pull together to support one another and we stand ready to consider appropriate measures to support those who are hurt during this crisis."

Last week, Weiser issued a consumer alert warning Colorado residents about scams and extreme price gouging — raising the price of goods or services to an unfair or unconscionable level. The Attorney General's Office continues to work with Amazon and others to address complaints of extreme price gouging. The attorney gen-

eral has broad authority under the Colorado Consumer Protection Act to protect consumers from unfair, unconscionable or deceptive acts or practices.

If you notice any scams, fraud, price gouging or other attempts to take advantage of Coloradans during this public health emergency, contact Stop Fraud Colorado at (800) 222-4444 or www.StopFraud-Colorado.gov.

For the most accurate, up-to-date information about the coronavirus, go to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or the World Health Organization websites.

SBA disaster assistance in response to the coronavirus

Special to The SUN

With the recent State of Emergency declaration to combat COVID-19's spread in Colorado, we are dedicating our outreach to support the health, safety and economic prosperity of small businesses across the state. The State of Emergency declaration is an important step to access key resources to protect Coloradans and our economy.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering designated state and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for the working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the coronavirus. Upon a request received from a state's or territory's governor, SBA will issue under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the president, an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration.

Any such Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance declaration issues by the SBA makes loans available to small businesses and private nonprofit organizations in designated areas of a state or territory to help alleviate economic injury caused by coronavirus.

SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance will coordinate with the state's or territory's governor to submit the request for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance.

Once a declaration is made for designated areas within a state, the information on the application process for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance will be made available to all affected communities as well as updated on its website: SBA.gov/disaster.

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans offer up to \$2 million in assistance per small business and can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.

These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't

be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75 percent for small businesses without credit available elsewhere; businesses with credit available elsewhere are not eligible. The interest rate for nonprofits is 2.75 percent.

SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government's coordinated response, and the SBA is strongly committed

to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible.

For additional information, please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center. Call (800) 659-1955 (TTY: (800) 877-8339) or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Please note that although there is a "How To Apply" button on the SBA link, it may not be activated yet for this situation because the disaster declaration process isn't completed yet. Again, we will communicate better information when available.

From our experience with the 2013 northern Colorado flood,

we do recommend you gather key financial documents if you think you might need to apply for a loan:

- Federal tax returns for your business for the last three years.
- Personal federal tax returns for the last three years.
- A personal financial statement.
- Articles of incorporation.
- A business plan with financial projections might be helpful, but probably not required.

We are here to support our local businesses and entrepreneurs during these very challenging times. We will do our best to communicate useful business resources, and provide support, to mitigate the impacts of this health situation.

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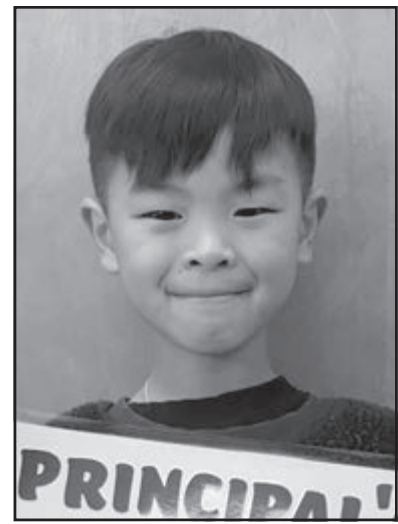


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Schools

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at the state level," Reed wrote.

From those communications, and seeing developments at the national and state level that occurred last weekend, Reed contacted SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon on the possibility of switching to "distance learning," she explained.

Additionally, Reed explained she discussed this idea with ASD Board of Education President Brooks Lindner.

Teacher teams by grade level at the elementary and middle schools and by department at the high school began working on this type of "distance learning" on March 13, Reed explained.

"Yesterday, we brought in additional staff to provide support to teachers so they could further refine and prepare materials to send home with students," she wrote. "Those students who were in school yesterday, took home a variety of instructional materials, depending on the grade level that included a chromebook and charger."

Parents of students who were not in school on March 16 were allowed to pick up materials for their children on March 17, according to Reed.

"Because the students are already familiar with multiple platforms, including in kindergarten, there didn't seem to be too much confusion or concern," she wrote. "I was able to visit all schools and almost all teachers yesterday and everyone seemed very confident of their ability to connect with their students through distance learning."

With school being canceled, ASD has been and will continue to implement the "highest level of cleaning care."

"We are in constant commu-

nication with the supplier of our cleaning materials regarding any new products that are available and our custodial staff participated in a refresher training on March 6th when schools were closed after parent teacher conferences," she wrote.

ASD will continue standard practice for cleaning buses as well, Reed explained.

According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), any school within the state that has a single confirmed case of COVID-19 in a staff member or student will have to close for a minimum of 72 hours for cleaning and social distancing.

"Any school with a second confirmed case of COVID-19 in a staff or student within a 30 day period requires a second minimum 72 closure for cleaning, testing and public health investigation," according to CDPHE's website.

Any school with three confirmed cases of COVID-19 within a 30-day period are required to close for a minimum of 14 days, CDPHE's website reads.

"Last week, we would have followed the 72 hour protocol from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment," Reed wrote, noting that the decision to move to "distance learning" was supported by Jollon.

After-school activities are currently in a "holding pattern," Reed described.

If school were to remain closed for an extended period of time, Reed explained that ASD will still work with parents and students to implement "distance learning."

"NO determinations have been made about how to address extended closures of schools due to

this. At around 10:30 today, we got word from CDE Communications that CMAS has been cancelled for this year," Reed wrote. "CDE is working with College Board on PSAT/SAT which is what high school students take. The fact that these exams are often required for scholarship applications, this is slightly different than CMAS."

The administration of end-of-the-year assessments, including the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS), will be paused for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year due to extensive school closures throughout Colorado to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Colorado Education Commissioner Katy Anthes announced Tuesday in a press release.

"With the extraordinary actions we are taking to prevent the spread of COVID-19, it's clear that we need to press pause on our CMAS tests this year," Anthes said. "Students and educators need to feel a sense of stability and normalcy before state tests can be administered and produce valid results. This also means we plan to pause our school and district state accountability system as it relates to state assessments for a year."

The Colorado Department of Education's accountability system is also on hold for this year, Reed noted.

"I applaud Commissioner Anthes and the State Board of Education for making this decision, in light of the situation," Reed wrote.

ASD's commitment is to compensate its employees whether they are hourly or salaried, Reed wrote.

District custodians will be cleaning while food service staff and bus drivers will be preparing and delivering food to its students, Reed explained.

"Teachers and paraprofessionals will be working with students, just in a different way than we normally do," she wrote.

ASD is currently doing the best it can for its staff, students and families during a stressful situation, Reed explained.

"As I said in my communication to both staff and parents, please give people grace. Everyone is working incredibly hard to meet the needs of children in incredibly unusual circumstances," she wrote. "I'd also like to commend our entire staff for going far beyond what is expected. I couldn't be more proud of the team with which I get to work."

Food service

According to a separate email from Reed, from March 17 through March 20, ASD's Food Service department will prepare breakfast and lunch meals for children 18 and younger.

Meals are available to be picked up from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at each

school, according to Reed's email.

"In addition, meals will be delivered by the transportation department to the regularly scheduled bus stops during the morning routes," Reed's email explains. "Students or their parent/guardians may pick up the meals at the time their children would normally be picked up by the bus. Our intention is to provide healthy food to all students during this uncertain time."

Office hours

ASD's administration office and school office's will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 20, according to Reed's email.

From March 23 through March 27, school offices will be closed but the district's administrative office will be open during regular hours, Reed's email notes.

Pagosa Peak Open School

From March 16 through spring break, Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) will be closed, according to

a letter from PPOS School Director Angela Crossland.

"The shift from our project-based learning model to remote learning will be a big one for our staff, students, and families," the letter reads. "During the remote learning time, we will provide a mixture of both paper-based activities as well as online resources and class instruction. As these resources are developed by staff they will be rolled out to families."

Support for families will be available through Zoom meetings, office hours and on and offline educational resources, Crossland's letter explains.

"As a reminder, this is an evolving situation and we foresee this as the first of many communications to come," the letter reads. "We are working on a protocol for families to retrieve any items that their students may have within the school that are necessary during these times."

COVID-19

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Dr. Rhonda Webb reported that PSMC had done five lab tests, with one test coming back negative and four pending, with no critically ill patients locally.

In light of the current nationwide and local shortages of coronavirus COVID-19 diagnostic testing kits, masks and other protective equipment, the Colorado Hospital Association and San Juan Basin Public Health are recommending that hospital caregivers assume patients who present with COVID-19 symptoms have the disease, and treat them according to CDC guidelines—a practice PSMC is implementing. "No one in the nation has the ability to lab test an entire community to determine the true number of cases in the community," Webb told The SUN Tuesday.

At PSMC, testing is being reserved for critically ill, hospitalized patients who have COVID-19 symptoms.

Those who have COVID-19 symptoms but do not require hospitalization will be treated according to the protocol recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for persons who test positive for the disease.

"We are being proactive in preparing for a potential influx of patients who are seriously ill with coronavirus, and at the same time, ensuring our ability to continue caring for the many patients we normally see," Webb said. "As a community, we can flatten the pandemic curve and keep each other safe by practicing social distancing and good hand hygiene. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, self-isolate and call your healthcare provider."

Eventually, Webb told The SUN, even with limited testing, there will be a positive test.

She reiterated, "People need to hear that message: Flatten that curve."

PSMC reported that it may expand testing when more tests and protective equipment become available.

To further help prepare for the possible influx of cases, PSMC also announced several operational changes Tuesday, including medical visits by phone and postponing elective procedures.

"In an effort to encourage social distancing, PSMC is offering primary care and mental health visits by phone. In-person visits will continue to be available as medically appropriate," a press release from the organization states.

PSMC is also postponing elective surgeries scheduled from Wednesday, March 18 through Tuesday, March 31, and is tentatively scheduling elective surgeries for April 1

or later.

Resumption of elective surgeries will occur as appropriate, with the guidance from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), the Colorado Hospital Association and the CDC, the press release indicates.

PSMC patients who have questions about scheduled elective surgical procedures should call 507-3925.

PSMC's emergency department, walk-in urgent care, urgent and emergent surgical and diagnostic services continue to see patients.

"We know postponing elective surgeries is inconvenient to our patients, and we thank them for their understanding. Our goal is to make sure we ensure the safety of patients, visitors, and staff, and always have the resources on hand to care for all of our patients, including those who may contract COVID-19," Webb said. "As a community, each of us can help flatten a potential spike in COVID-19 infections by taking simple actions such as social distancing and visiting a doctor by telephone rather than in person when possible. Flattening the curve — the potential spike in coronavirus cases — will ensure our hospital has the capacity, including supplies, equipment, staff and other resources — to meet the ongoing healthcare needs of the community."

Webb reported Wednesday that PSMC also anticipates changing its visitor policy to no visitors, with very few exceptions, in an attempt to lessen extra human interactions.

Local mask shortage

To help meet demand for a potential influx of severe COVID-19 patients, PSMC is asking for the community to donate packages of unused N-95 masks and, if able, sew surgical masks for the facility.

Webb noted that, if the facility were to see a worst-case scenario, it would not have enough, pointing out that one Georgia hospital used a six-month supply of masks in a week.

She noted that PSMC would put out the materials and pattern and provide information for a YouTube tutorial on the project.

Anyone interested in sewing masks for PSMC is asked to contact Heather Thomas at 507-3815 or Heather.Thomas@PSMedicalCenter.org.

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 healthcare provider for a treatment plan.

Following are the phone numbers for local medical providers:

- PSMC: 731-3700.
- Pagosa Medical Group: 372-0456.
- Archuleta Integrated Healthcare: 264-2104.
- Those without a doctor can call SJBPH at 247-5702, option 1.

Prevention

The CDPHE suggests the following preventative actions:

- Frequently and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash, or use your inner elbow or sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you're sick, and keep your children home if they are sick.
- Clean surfaces in your home, and personal items such as cell-phones, using regular household products.

The CDPHE also suggests practicing social distancing:

- Don't shake hands. Instead, bump fists or elbows.
- When possible, increase distance between people to six feet to help reduce spread.
- Consider whether you want to take a trip or attend public gatherings.
- Follow CDC guidelines on travel.
- If there is ongoing spread in your community, consider reducing the number of large group gatherings or activities.
- Discourage children and teens from gathering in other public places if school is closed.

Where can I learn more?

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

- See related stories in this issue of The SUN.
- Visit www.PagosaSUN.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pagosa.newspaper for updates on community closures, business information and more.
- PSMC: <http://pagosapringmedicalcenter.org/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-update/>
- SJBPH: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/>
- CDPHE: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus>
- CDC: www.coronavirus.gov.
- World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/western-pacific/emergencies/covid-19>

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Lesson

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tournament due to concerns surrounding the global coronavirus pandemic.

That led to CHSAA canceling the remainder of the state basketball tournaments in all classes due to uncertainty at host sites and an emergency declaration by Denver.

That, coach Wes Lewis explained, left the girls sad and in disbelief.

"I think CHSAA made a very hard decision and they didn't make that decision lightly. The initial decision on Thursday to keep basketball going even though spring sports were postponed, was reasoned due to the emergency precautions that had taken at each state championship venue, and the fact that the tournament had already begun," PSHS Athletic Director Marcie Ham wrote in an email to The SUN. "When the staff at each venue notified CHSAA that they could not use their facilities any longer, CHSAA had to make an immediate decision. Knowing that things were moving forward quickly, I believe CHSAA took into account the safety of all involved and made the dreaded decision that no one would ever want to be faced with. The reactions on social media platforms were mostly negative, but our athletes took the high road and demonstrated extreme maturity and understanding. This is not the ending anyone wanted, but I think we can learn a lesson from the way our PSHS athletes handled this unfortunate situation."

Ham pointed to Teagan Stretton and Molly Graham as examples of that positive reaction.

In response to CHSAA's announcement on Instagram, Stretton wrote, "It's not like chsaa WANTED to steal the seniors' last games, or steal the opportunities to win a title. So much is out of their control, and this is completely uncharted territory. No doubt it sucks. As a little girl dreaming of these days, I never imagined my career would end because of a pandemic. But it is what it is. So, instead of saying 'all of our work was for nothing', be thankful for all that you do have, and were able to

accomplish. For the games you were able to play, and the experiences you were able to have. There are no words to make the athletes feel better about this situation. But if your calling chsaa a joke, then I guess the NBA, and NCAA are a joke also."

Later, in the comment section on the same post, Graham reached out to the athletes from St. Mary's and suggested a game at the local park, with St. Mary's Brooklyn Valdez responding and Pagosa's Miah Schoffner joking the teams could bond while being quarantined together.

Lewis reiterated to The SUN this week how proud he and his coaching staff are of the Lady Pirates, not only for the way they handled the state basketball tournament, but also for the people they are becoming.

"They're just such great kids and such joys to be around," he said, adding, "They're fine young women and they're hardworking young women and they're respectful and they're ... on a great path to becoming fine young women in society and hopefully basketball had a hand in shaping some of this."

Lewis' own daughter, Taylor, wrote a Facebook post indicating the importance of the sport in her own life.

She posted: "Dear basketball, From 2nd grade you have just about been my life. From all the laughs, tears, smiles, and anger you have brought me, never in a million years would I have imagined this is how goodbye would have been. Not knowing the outcome of what happened has left a heartache that is unexplainable. I am thankful that you have led me this far. The love I have for you will never lessen. What a ride it has been! #screwcoronavirus #wouldbeenstatechamps #24out #familyforever."

Positivity is also shining in the southeast part of the state, where Springfield science teacher Van Walker penned a letter to Baca County athletes, coaches and families that was shared by CHSAA.

That letter, in part, states: "Congratulations on your accomplishments and the numerous

Precautions

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Prevention (CDC), law enforcement personnel are also advised to have a trained EMT assess and transport anyone that they think might have COVID-19 to a health care facility.

Rockensock explained that this will be the process for PSPD moving forward.

"That's with anything we might think of though, not just COVID," he said. "If we have any idea that somebody has an infectious disease, we would do that first."

PSPD officers and employees have been mandated to clean all their work areas and vehicles, he explained.

Before and after an arrest, PSPD officers will use germicidal wipes to possibly stop any transmission of germs, he explained.

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

In an interview on March 16, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) Sheriff Rich Valdez explained that his department is taking extra precautions relating to cleaning and distancing.

ACSO deputies will also be wearing PPE in the event of dealing with someone with the COVID-19 virus.

"We're trying to avoid contact with people that may be affected. The normal stuff that you would do," he said. "Our biggest concern is the

detention side of it. We're still working on that."

As of March 16, the ACSO has "limited contact" with the public, according to a news release.

Many employees will be working remotely and patrol deputies will have an "alternative response system" in place to respond to non-emergent calls and reports by phone or email, the release states.

Emergencies will still be responded to, the ACSO release states.

"The Sheriff's Office does not want to compromise the safety of our citizens or employees," the ACSO release reads. "At the moment there will not be any walk-ins, civil processing, fingerprints or VIN inspections [performed] at our office. The closure will carry on through the rest of the week and we will reevaluate over the weekend."

Those who need assistance can call 911 for emergencies and 731-2160 for non-emergent responses, the ACSO press release notes.

State patrol

Colorado State Patrol (CSP) Trooper Josh Lewis explained that CSP is following the same guidelines that the CDC and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment have outlined in regard to proper hygiene and maintaining distance whenever possible.

"We've done a few things such

hours each of you has sacrificed to reach the pinnacle of your season, and perhaps, your high school athletic endeavors. Understandably, each of you is disappointed that your seasons were not able, due to circumstances far beyond any one person's or one organization's control, to culminate those efforts in the traditional format. No amount of words can describe what you are feeling and experiencing nor can they soothe that pain.

"However, please look at yourselves as the leaders that you are. Your leadership, as part of a team, has enabled you to accomplish your basketball goals, and today you distinguish yourselves as leaders of a much larger team; the leaders of the worldwide health crisis team. Today, your selflessness, your optimism, and your strength of character demonstrate powerfully, to everyone in our state and beyond, that you, as leaders, will always choose the correct course of action, rather than despair, that you will always elect to maintain a professional, winning disposition over the louder negativity of the masses and you will persevere through this crisis and others that may assail you or any teams with which you affiliate, through your indomitable spirit. The world needs leaders like you especially today and in the midst of uncertainty; your actions are the compass that guides, reassures, and inspires others to unify, to cooperate, and to overcome.

"So while you are unable to grasp the very prize that you desired and in the manner in which you had envisioned, now you have stepped into history on a much larger scale. You may not be able to talk about that championship game in 2020, but you will be able to tell your children and grandchildren that you were an integral part of a far greater team that played a critical role in slowing the 2020 pandemic in Colorado, the United States, and perhaps the world."

The full text of the letter can be found on CHSAANOW.com.

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as cancel large meetings, groups, trainings that would have people in close proximity," he said. "More or less, following the same guidelines and making sure our people are as safe as possible. Not contracting or spreading any type of illness as well."

Pagosa Fire Protection District

In an email to The SUN, the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) explained that the district's administrative offices were closed to public access as of March 18.

Burn permits will be available at www.pagosafire.org/permits-fees/.

Those with questions about burn permits can call the PFPD administrative offices at 731-4191, the email reads.

For other administrative or fire prevention needs, PFPD advises the public call 731-4191 to set up an appointment.

"Our goal is to always be available to the community and our number one priority is Emergency Response. If you have an emergency please call 911," the email reads.

Dispatch

In an email to The SUN, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center Director Kati Harr explained that dispatch has added additional lines of questioning to screen if callers have symptoms of COVID-19.

Town considers remote meetings, declares local emergency

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

In an effort to provide for public health and safety, the Town of Pagosa Springs issued a declaration of local emergency Monday afternoon.

"This follows similar declarations by the President, the Governor of Colorado, San Juan Basin Public Health (which covers La Plata and Archuleta Counties) and Archuleta County. La Plata County and the City of Durango have also issued declarations. This document allows for the Town to receive outside state and federal resources if needed, during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Mayor has authority to issue these per the Town Charter, which expire in 7 days unless extended by the Town Council. This will be on the agenda for Thursday's meeting. Mayor Volger would like us to proceed as a Town with 'reasonable and prudent' decision-making, and he feels that this is in line with that path," a Monday email from Town Manager Andrea Phillips to the Pagosa Springs Town Council states.

The town council is slated to meet at 5 p.m. this evening, Thursday, for its regular meeting. The town is encouraging the public to view and or participate in the meeting remotely. Join the Zoom meeting by computer at <https://zoom.us/j/510229935>, meeting ID: 510 229 935. Or, dial (669) 900-683, meeting ID: 510 229 935. Please remember to mute your computer or phone until it is time to speak.

"It should be noted that although there are no confirmed cases as of today in our county, the goal is to limit community spread and 'flatten the (epidemiological) curve' of the coronavirus due to

limited local health resources," Phillips' Monday email states.

In addition to the consideration of extending the declaration, the council will also consider a resolution that, if approved, will allow for remote participation in meetings in times of emergency.

The resolution would apply to the town council, Pagosa Springs Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Board, as well as other advisory committees, and would allow for meeting attendance via phone or other electronic means according to specific terms and conditions.

Those terms and conditions, as listed in an attachment of the draft document, are as follows:

"In any disaster emergency resulting from a contagious disease, or in the event the Governor of Colorado has issued a statewide declaration of emergency because of contagious disease, the following shall apply:

"1) Members of the Town Council may participate remotely in a council meeting or study session through telephonic or other remote means, provided that such means allow for the public to hear the council member and for the council member to hear both members of the public recognized to speak and other members of the council.

"2) Members of boards or commissions may participate remotely at meetings through telephonic or other remote means provided that such means allow for the public to hear the board or commission member and for the board or commission member to hear both members of the public recognized to speak and other members of the board or commission.

"3) The Town Council, Town Manager, boards and commissions

may exclude or limit the public from personal attendance at meetings provided that the meeting is available to the public either by telephone, over the internet or on television and the council, board or commission provides a means for public participation.

"4) The Town Manager may cancel any Town Council, Town committee, board or commission meeting and any meeting by another such body prior to commencement of such meeting to preserve the public health, safety and welfare.

"5) Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary or any procedural rules, the Town Council, Town manager, boards and commissions may continue consideration of any item on the published agenda of a Town Council, Town committee, board or commission meeting. Continued agenda items that are concept plans or quasi-judicial in nature shall be rescheduled to a time when the Town Council or Town Manager finds that the Town body and all interested parties will have adequate opportunity to participate in the consideration of the item. Any call-up consideration that would require an affirmative action of a Town body and that was continued under the provisions of this section shall be tolled from the date of continuance to the date when the Town body considers the call-up.

"6) The Town Manager may waive, alter, reschedule any time requirement, deadline, procedure, scheduled hearing, or other event required for a contract, license or permit from the Town."

If approved, the instructions on how to participate would be available at the top of each meeting's agenda. Agendas are available at <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>.

net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx.

Other prevention measures

In addition to considerations for remote meeting participation, the town has taken other steps in light of the COVID-19 risk, with those steps slated to be re-evaluated in a few weeks.

Those measures include, as Phillips outlined:

- Public access has been temporarily suspended for groups and activities at town facilities, including the Ross Aragon Community Center.

- The Pagosa Springs Senior Center is closed to congregate meals, games and classes. Drive-up meals and Meals on Wheels delivery will continue.

- Town staff is reducing in-person meetings and encouraging business to be conducted via methods such as conference calls, video conferencing and email.

- Town facilities are being sanitized as much as possible, including surfaces, doorknobs, railings and more, and encouraging good hygiene practices (such as staying home when sick, practicing social distancing and hand washing).

- Offering links to sources such as San Juan Basin Public Health and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on its website, www.pagosasprings.co.gov.

- Having Phillips and Police Chief Bill Rockensock be a part of the consortium of government and health entities having conference calls several times a week to monitor the situation and discuss response and preparedness.

The town is also continuing to offer online options for licensing permits and payments:

- Payments by check can be mailed or placed in the night drop box.

- Payments by credit card can be made online at Xpress Bill Pay or by calling 264-4151, ext. 238.

- Payments for court, traffic, or parking can be made by calling 264-4151, ext. 248 or 250.

- Business licensing, contracting licensing, and permits can be accomplished online through the CitizenServe portal.

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Chief Judge Wilson issues administrative order for Sixth Judicial District

Special to The SUN

Editor's note: The order printed below has been edited for length.

An administrative order in response to the COVID-19 outbreak was released Monday by Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson regarding court operations in the Sixth Judicial District, which includes La Plata, San Juan and Archuleta counties.

Whereas, the emergence of the COVID-19 virus has created a public health emergency, the courts of the Sixth Judicial District shall take all measures reasonably necessary to protect the health of the public, litigants, court staff and probation staff from the COVID-19 virus. It is therefore ordered that:

Effective immediately and continuing through and including April 3, the courts, including the probation offices, shall only hear cases that directly affect public safety. Such cases include:

1. Petitions for temporary civil protection orders and permanent protection order hearings;

2. Petitions for temporary emergency risk protection orders and hearings on emergency risk protection orders;

3. First appearance advisements for incarcerated persons and the initial setting of bail;

4. Revocation hearings on complaints to revoke probation involving an incarcerated defendant;

5. Proceedings necessary to protect the constitutional rights of criminal defendants, including bond-related matters and plea agreements for incarcerated individuals;

6. Detention hearings for juvenile delinquency cases;

7. Shelter hearings in dependency and neglect cases or other juvenile proceedings;

8. Petitions for appointment of an emergency guardian and/or special conservator;

9. Hearings on motions to restrict parenting time and parental abduction prevention;

10. Emergency mental health

proceedings;

11. Other proceedings deemed necessary by Wilson to prevent a substantial risk of imminent financial hardship or imminent risk to the health, safety or welfare of an individual or members of the community.

There shall be no jury trials held in the 6th Judicial District unless imminent speedy trial issues exist or exceptional circumstances apply. 17CR343, the People of the State of Colorado vs. Mark Redwine, shall remain set for status conference on March 19 to determine its status.

The clerk's offices and probation office shall operate on minimal staffing. The attorneys and the public are therefore encouraged to communicate with court staff via email or telephone to avoid any unnecessary personal appearances at any courthouse in the Sixth Judicial District.

The following provisions are effective April 6 through and including May 15:

Jury trials

All jury trials, except criminal trials with speedy trial issues or extraordinary circumstances, are to be reset for trial sometime after May 15. The court to which such case is assigned shall schedule a telephone setting conference with counsel or, if pro se, the parties to reset the case for trial.

For any jury trials that do occur, the jury commissioner has full authority to excuse individuals from jury service if they have a heart condition, diabetes, lung disease, are 60 years of age or older or suffer from other serious health conditions pursuant to currently established policies.

Judges conducting jury trials during the pendency of this order shall use all appropriate methods of limiting the number of jurors who are required to appear at the same time, including calling the jury panels to court in waves and using multiple courtrooms for jury selection to maintain appropriate

social distancing.

Judges shall limit the number of potential jurors in any one room in any courthouse of the Sixth Judicial District to 50. Judges shall be allowed to limit the number of spectators attending trials and hearings to ensure individuals in the galleries of their courtrooms maintain appropriate social distancing.

Alternatives to physical appearance in court

For all evidentiary hearings and for civil trials, the standard practice shall be that all witnesses shall testify by telephone. Upon request of a party, the judge hearing a case may allow in-person testimony. Due to the Confrontation Clauses of the Sixth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Section 16 of Article II of the Colorado Constitution, this paragraph shall not apply to criminal trials.

For all criminal cases where the defendants are in custody, all appearances that can be conducted via telephone or video conference shall be so conducted.

For all criminal docket day appearances, the judge of each court shall establish procedures that will maximize the ability of criminal defendants to appear by telephone in all appropriate cases.

Probation

Probation officers are to limit nonessential probationer traffic in the courthouse. Until further notified, face-to-face contact standards are modified to include the use of telephones and email communication in lieu of having the probationer report to the courthouse for appointments. This includes minimum-, medium- and maximum-risk level probationers. Presentence investigation report appointments and alcohol evaluation appointments may also be conducted through telephone, email or other means of technology.

Multiple districts cancel elections

By **Chris Mannara**
Staff Writer

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

Due to the lack of director candidates, the Timber Ridge Ranch Metro District election set for May 5 has been canceled.

According to a press release

from the district, new board members will be appointed at the May 18 meeting of the board at the Timber Ridge Clubhouse.

The Alpha Rockridge Metro District has also canceled its election set for May 5 due to lack of director candidates.

Owen Parker, Traci Bishop and Gary Lansdale were all elected to three-year terms, until May 2023.

William Kinsley and Tom Watts

were both elected to two-year terms, until May 2022.

The San Juan River Village Metro District canceled its election set for May 5 due to lack of director candidates.

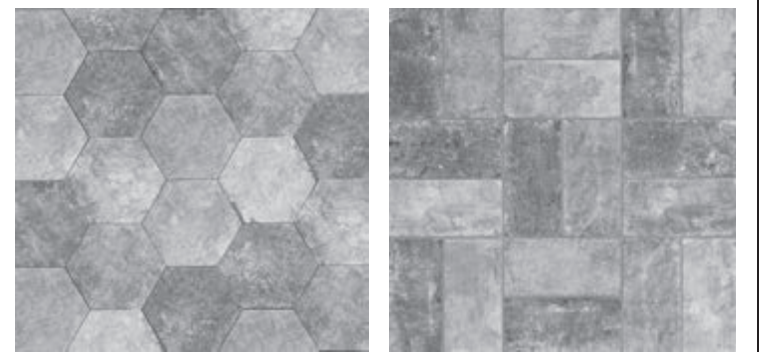
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Doug Hampton was elected to a two-year term, until May 2022.

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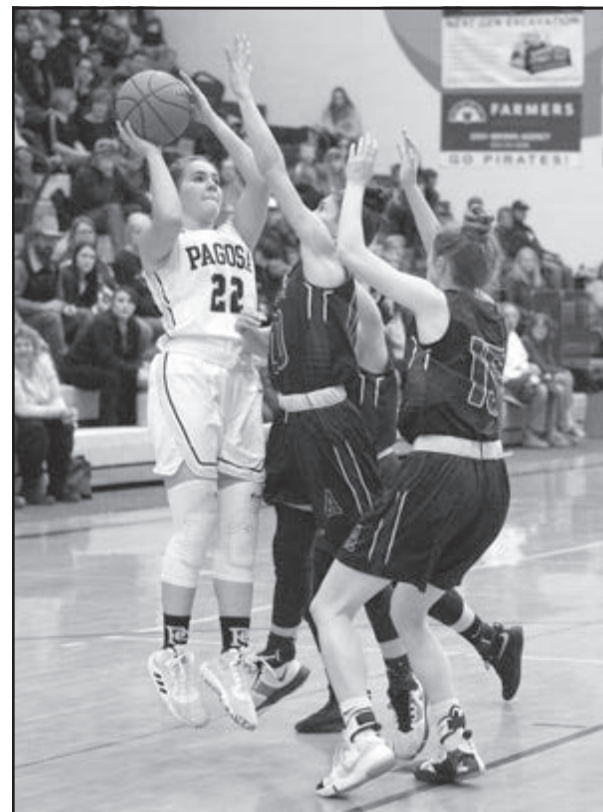
Taylor Lewis, player of the year and first team.



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Teagan Stretton, honorable mention.



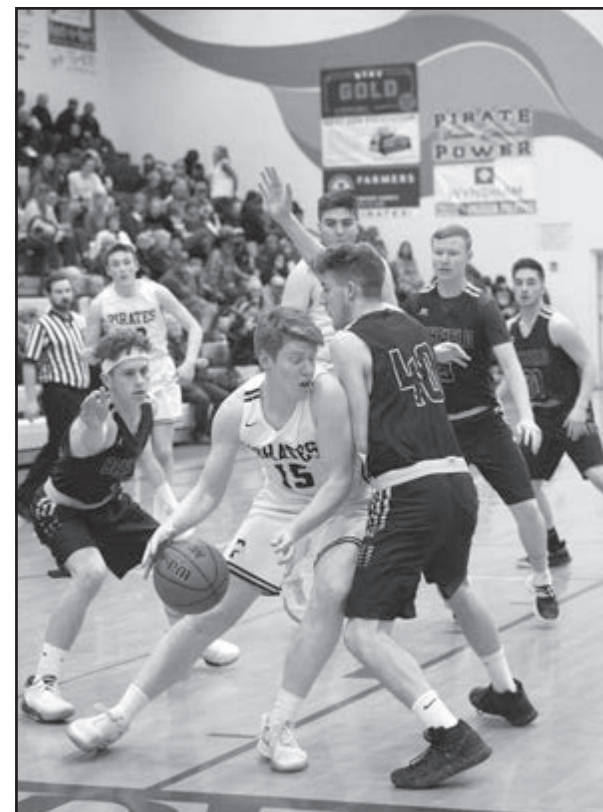
Elsa Lindner, honorable mention.



Mitch Lewis, first team.



Mason Snarr, first team.



Ryan Lewis, first team.

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Several Pagosa Springs High School basketball players were honored for their work on the court this season as the Intermountain League all-conference teams announced.

Lady Pirates end shortened season with win at state playoffs

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

While they weren't able to take on No. 1 St. Mary's for a chance to make it to the championship game of the 3A state tournament, the No. 5 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates ended the season on a high note on March 12 — with an upset of the No. 4 Delta Panthers in the Great 8.

Following that game, the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) announced that its host venue, the University of Denver,

had stated it could no longer host the tournament due to concerns surrounding coronavirus.

That left the Lady Pirates standing as one of the top four teams in Colorado 3A basketball with a 20-4 record on the season and 9-1 Intermountain League mark.

The other teams remaining were No. 1 St. Mary's, No. 10 Eaton and No. 6 Centauri.

Coach Wes Lewis explained the feel of the Great 8 game wasn't that different, but leading up to the game was.

"It was kind of an emotional roller

coaster in the fact that you'd heard rumblings and grumblings that they may not have it, and then it came out that we were going to have it with no fans and then about an hour later they said fans, up to four per player, and I think we ended up with about 65 or 70 people there," he said. "We've played the 8:45 game before, and that's really all you're going to have there anyway."

But, despite the roller coaster, the Lady Pirates logged a 45-27 win over the Panthers, who entered the game with a 21-3 record.

"I was really proud of the kids for

just, you know, staying focused on the game. ... When you played the first game of the day with very little time to figure out who can or can't be there, you know, I thought our kids played well in light of all that," he said.

The Lady Pirates scored in the first possession of the game and went on to build a 14-7 lead by the end of the first quarter.

"The kids were really good. They played good defensively. We struggled a little bit at the end of the first half. They switched their defense. They came out and played zone to

begin with and we did a really nice job attacking their zone," Lewis said, adding, "We had a little bit of a bad stretch ... about halfway through the second quarter, we went to man-to-man defense and we kind of struggled. We had a few turnovers, we had some missed shots. Really, they kind of went on a 5-0 run to end the first half."

Although up 19-14 at the half, Lewis noted the Pirates had been up by 12 earlier in the half.

At halftime, the Lady Pirates talked more about Delta's man defense in preparation for the second half

in anticipation the Panthers would continue that defense.

"Delta was playing man defense again, and our kids were a lot, lot better running our man offense and they got some shots to go down and ... executed a bit better and whatnot," Lewis said.

From there, he said, the Lady Pirates were able to build a "nice lead again before Delta started applying full-court pressure late in the game, forcing some Pirate turnovers.

"But still, the game was pretty in hand. We pretty well milked the clock ■ See Pirates A11

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Pirates

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in that fourth quarter and the kids did a pretty good job," he said.

By the end of the third quarter, the Lady Pirates were leading the

Panthers 33-18.

"I would say this game was like most of the games we've had all year long," Lewis said. "All year long, it was just contributions from across the board. I mean, no one player stood out more than the others. It was just a total team effort. Great defense."

Stats for the game were not available by press time Wednesday.

Pagosa then began to prepare for St. Mary's, whom they were slated to take on Friday.

"We had watched film on St. Mary's until 10 o'clock," Lewis said.

He added that he feels the Lady Pirates had been playing their best basketball since losing to Ignacio has been locked in, not allowing more than 33 points in a game.

"Obviously they're an outstanding team," he said of St. Mary's, "but we

really had a high level of belief that we could win the game or be in the game ... make it a really close game there."

Then, that same night, the team's members began seeing on social media that the remainder of the tournament had been canceled.

"I was 100 percent disappointed, but not 100 percent shocked," the coach said.

He added, "It's really hard. It's hard to put it into emotion because you don't feel like you ... won your last game, but you also don't feel like you lost. It's a really strange emotion, and it kind of hits me in waves," he said.

Lewis noted he also hasn't been able to see the team to wrap up the season.

"My heart goes out to the girls, and now with this whole coronavirus thing, we can't have a meeting, an end-of-the-year meeting. We can't have a uniform check in. It's a really strange thing. I've done this for 20-some years and I've not been through anything anywhere similar to it with not having a true ending to a season and not having a true champion."

He noted the team talked for at least an hour the night of the cancellation.

"I had about five or 10 minutes there to gather my thoughts ... and was trying to do my best to find something to make them feel a little bit better. They were pretty upset, a

lot of girls were crying and in disbelief. I did my best to try to just put a positive spin on it, and explain to them there are bigger things in life than basketball, and thank God we got to play our one game," he said.

But, he pointed out, the team also got to end its season on a win—something not many teams get to do.

The Lady Pirates will see five senior players graduate this year: Taylor Lewis, Teagan Stretton, Hailey Griego, Elsa Lindner and Miah Shoffner.

"We've got a great tradition. I think over the last, you know, 10 years, 12 years, I don't think there's been a more successful 3A girls' basketball program as far as number of wins, trips to the state tournament ... that sort of thing. And it's just been a really good tradition. We're going to lose five really good kids, five really good seniors and they're going to be heavily missed, but you always miss your seniors, no matter which year it is. And there's a lot of good pieces coming back and there's a lot of good young kids in seventh and eighth grade right now that are coming up. ... I just see a really, really bright future for the Lady Pirates."

On Tuesday, CHSAA announced it "will recognize individual participants from the CHSAA State Basketball Championships with a memento in the coming weeks to recognize their leadership and resolve during that week."

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Coach Wes Lewis, coach of the year.

Spring sports season delayed

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Colorado high schools will have no spring sports and activities that fall under the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) until at least April 18.

CHSAA announced March 12 that it has suspended its spring activities, including practices and competitions, until April 6 "to address concerns surrounding the on-going COVID-19 pandemic."

Then, on Tuesday, CHSAA announced that the moratorium had been extended through April 18.

"In light of Governor Jared Polis' announcement Monday (March 16) afternoon where new restrictions were mandated to slow the advance of the COVID-19 virus narrowing the minimum standards for public gatherings, we are announcing that the Association will follow the guidelines that went into effect at 8:00 a.m. today and will remain in effect for 30 days," CHSAA Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green said Tuesday, according to CHSAAANOW.com.

The moratorium went into effect Friday, March 13, leaving many schools, including Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS), left to cancel upcoming games and tell student athletes they could not practice or compete for the time being.

"When I met with spring athletes and coaches on Thursday after school, the overwhelming sup-


port by both groups was amazing," PSHS Athletic Director Marcie Ham wrote in an email to The SUN. "Of course there were some questions about why now and what exactly the spring would look like, and I think that was to be expected, but the general feel and attitude was positive and understanding. Our coaches and athletes have shown an outstanding resilience beyond what I have seen throughout social media. It has reminded me of the amazing community in Pagosa Springs."

CHSAA's announcement on CHSAAANOW.com states, "The situation will be monitored and evaluated with key decision-makers from around the state to determine when, or if, to resume the spring season."

The day before announcing the postponement, CHSAAANOW explains, Blanford-Green "convened a digital conference with more than 50 administrators, representing diverse levels of leadership from all parts of the state to collaboratively create a plan. That group arrived at a consensus to support the decision made by the CHSAA office."


"I want to thank the Board of Directors, membership and CHSAA staff for their support and guidance," Blanford-Green said. "The collaborative decision-making has been in the best interest of our students and school communities, and it hasn't gone unnoticed."

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Triple Impact Student-Athletes of the Week

Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates basketball team



Comments from Pagosa Springs High School Principal Sean O'Donnell: "The 'Triple Impact Athlete' is defined as an individual who makes themselves, the game, and their teammates better. This year's girls' basketball team exemplifies every aspect of this definition. On Thursday March 12th, the PSHS girl's basketball team soundly defeated Delta in the first round of the CHSAA class 3A state tournament. They were set for a rematch against the returning state champion St. Mary's Pirates in the semi finals on Friday when CHSAA was forced to cancel the remainder of the state tournament due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

"The many years and hours of preparation, dedication, and sacrifice put into an opportunity to compete for a state championship came to an end late that Thursday night. While they were not able to play the remainder of the tournament, our girls picked themselves up as any great athlete does, and handled their situation with grace and humility. Having the opportunity to watch these young ladies over the course of the last four years, there was not a team we competed against that showed more respect for their opponents, officials, and ultimately the game itself. These girls represented themselves, this high school, and the entire community of Pagosa Springs so very well. We couldn't be more proud of them. Though, the competition to determine the state champion for 2020 was cut short, these girls will always be champions in our eyes."

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County declares local emergency, outlines safety protocols

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

On Monday, Archuleta County Administrator L. Scott Wall issued a Declaration of Local Disaster in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"While, to date, there has not been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Archuleta County, I am making this declaration as a proactive step to ensure that Archuleta County is in the best possible position to respond if, or when, COVID-19 is confirmed within our community. Making this declaration will allow Archuleta County to secure any needed resources more expeditiously, implement emergency plans as necessary and to become eligible for state and federal emergency funding should such funding be needed," a Monday press release from Wall states.

On Tuesday, Wall explained more about the declaration at the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners' regular meeting.

"I don't want people sitting in the audience to think this is some kind of catastrophic thing we're doing," Wall said. "It's a step, a procedural step."

"It's basically just a step that we have to take so that we can be eligible for federal funds if we need to expand any of the county's money," Commissioner Ron Maez said. "Then we can get, through procurement, we can get these monies reimbursed back to Archuleta County if and when we ever need to do these expenditures."

"It's much more of a formality in order to make your stuff consistent with what the state and the federal government wants to go through this process," Wall said, adding that the declaration "in no way emulates what the governor's done to our community."

Asked for clarification on that statement, Wall wrote in an email to The SUN, "Basically, we do not intend to do anything that hurts our local business owners or their employees. Also, there is no action required from our citizens in response to the emergency declaration."

County Attorney Todd Weaver

explained at the meeting that the declaration will expire after the commissioners' regular meeting on April 21 unless the commissioners take action to change the expiration date.

One local hotel owner spoke during public comment and outlined how businesses are hurting in the county.

"We are suffering badly, as a business, all the lodgers are," the hotel owner began, adding, "We definitely would like your help, the county, [for] funds and programs for businesses to help us survive. Because we have concern that some businesses may not survive."

Weaver explained that Region 9 Economic Development District of SW Colorado is meeting on Thursday to discuss possible emergency loans for business owners in the region.

"I think our state needs to come up with something else to incentivize you guys for your loss," Maez said. "It's not mine to decide but I think we can send a message."

Maez noted in a follow-up phone call that he believes that state orders closing all ski resorts and mandating that food establishments only deliver or have carry-out service "should have been thought out more."

"I'm an employer here and I'm having trouble. My people are having trouble, so this is very difficult for everybody," Commissioner Steve Wadley said, who owns a local restaurant. "We all need to get through this and it'll pass. It's a tough time, it's gonna be a tough two months, but the sun shines, the birds are singing. We'll get through it."

In a follow-up phone call, Wadley suggested that he's relying on advice from San Juan Basin Public Health as to what measures to take to ensure community safety.

In follow-up phone calls, Wadley and Commissioner Alvin Schaaf both urged the public to stop panic buying and hoarding staples like toilet paper.

County staff

A letter sent to county staff on Monday outlines some specifics of how the county will operate to protect employees and the public

from COVID-19.

"If offices are closed, employees will be paid their regular pay, but will be expected to be on stand-by for phone calls or to respond to emails, if applicable," the letter reads.

"In the event that any county employee is tested for COVID-19, then all the employees in that particular department will be sent home and that office will close until the test results are confirmed, which is generally four days. Employees who are tested must provide written notice from the doctor or hospital of the testing. Employees will be paid for this four day waiting time. If the results come back positive, all the employees in that department will remain self-quarantined in their homes for an additional fourteen days and will be paid for this time as well. Employees in self-quarantine will be expected to be available by phone or email during normal business hours," the letter continues.

County administration office

As of press time Wednesday afternoon, the county administration building at 398 Lewis St. was still open to walk-in visitors to conduct business.

County staff reported that next week's commissioners' work session may be call-in only for members of the public, though that had not been finalized by press time Wednesday.

The press release issued by the county on Monday states, "The County will avoid or postpone scheduling unnecessary hearings that might draw a large audience," and, "For meetings that do take place, the County will post signs requesting that attendees practice social distancing and that sick persons not attend."

Other county offices

The Archuleta County Clerk's, Assessor's and Treasurer's offices, which are all located at the courthouse at 449 San Juan St., are not accepting walk-in visitors and have advised residents to use phone or email to handle their business with

those departments.

The contact information for each department is as follows:

- Assessor's Office, 264-8310 or assessor@archuletacounty.org.
- Clerk and Recorder's Office, 264-8350 or govotcolorado.gov or mydmv.colorado.gov.
- Treasurer's Office, 264-8325 option 1 or treasurer@archuleta-county.org or archuletax.com.

There is also a drop-box located outside the courthouse that can be used to drop off payments or documents. The drop box is under 24-hour surveillance.

Archuleta County Department of Human Services

Archuleta County Department of Human Services (DHS) Director Matt Dodson told The SUN Tuesday that the department has been preparing for increased COVID-19 measures for the last few weeks.

He encouraged all citizens wanting to apply for access to human services to use coloradopeak.secure.force.com.

The drop box located in front of Town Hall on Hot Springs Boulevard can also be used for DHS correspondence, Dodson explained.

"I feel we are positioned as well as possible for switching gears on the fly as directed to do so or in response to public safety," he said.

Jail construction

Representatives for Nunn Construction, which is managing the construction of Archuleta County's new jail, said COVID-19 has caused no delays and construction is still on schedule.

The reps explained that they have contacted all of their subcontractors to see if any materials would be delayed and no delays have been reported.

The new jail is expected to open this summer.

Extension office and 4-H

All extension events and 4-H events and club meetings have been canceled, with the exception of the master gardener course, which still continues online.

Archuleta County Extension Agent Robin Young noted in a phone call Tuesday that she strongly encourages 4-H participants to still buy and care for their animals for the annual sale at the county fair in August, as the extension office is operating as if the county fair will occur as normal this summer. john@pagosasun.com

Food pantry updates and ways you can help those in need

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, most food pantries and related services still remain open.

Some services have changed how they distribute food, with some switching to drive-up only options.

The most common advice to help those in need from the local food pantries: Donate food.

Many of the food pantries are running low on supplies due to excess demand, and food can be dropped off at various donation sites around the county.

Food pantries

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

Representatives from St. Patrick's explained that the food they have available to give out is much less than normal and encourage local residents to donate food to barrels on the side of St. Patrick's Parish Hall.

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

• Community United Method-

ist Church at 434 Lewis St. is running its food pantry on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Representatives from the church explained that they will most likely run out of food rations for this week, they guessed around Wednesday afternoon, due to increased demand.

A community fund that will aid multiple food pantries has also been created to bolster offerings at Amazing Grace Community Church, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Community United Methodist Church.

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

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

• Amazing Grace Community Church at 77 Navajo Circle in Aspen Springs has operates its food pantry on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday during the same hours.

Pastor Mark Disbrow explained that food disbursements will occur as normal and if someone feels sick or has flu-like symptoms to stay in their car and either call or flag someone down to receive curbside

service.

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

• John Paul II Catholic Church at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. has canceled its food assistance program until March 31, though is still accepting food donations just inside the church.

• Restoration Fellowship Church at 264 Village Drive is listed on Archuleta County's website as having a food pantry on Sundays at noon and on the third Monday of the month from noon to 2 p.m.

The SUN could not confirm the pantry is still in operation by press time Wednesday.

Diapers and baby formula

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

While the giveaway is marketed to participants who take classes at the facility, anyone can stop by to receive diapers and formula if they are in need.

Aspire is also accepting donations of diapers, as well as formula that is not expired. john@pagosasun.com



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DA opposes state bill, county works to build new courthouse

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

The county commissioners discussed a state bill, the Harman house remodel and building a new courthouse at their work session on March 10.

Sixth Judicial District Attorney Christian Champagne called in to the work session to discuss Senate Bill 20-172, a Colorado bill that would require a bail hearing within 48 hours of someone being arrested.

"I'm in favor of smart and wide bail reform," Champagne told the commissioners. "I think it's a good idea. I think we have a lot of people in jail that don't necessarily need to be there, but I don't think this bill fits that category. The biggest issue we've got is not that people are not seeing the judge in a timely fashion, the biggest issue we've got is the judges are — people are staying in jail because the bail is too high. So, my argument against this bill is it's not hitting the mark. The mark is we want fewer people in jail because of pre-trial detention then we need to be looking at bail reform about the amount of bail, the types of bail, not the timeliness of bail. So, the idea that we need to have a bail hearing within 48 hours, not only does it miss the mark, but it places a tremendous burden on the counties. That's why I'm asking for your support through CCI [Colorado Counties Inc.] and whatever other county lobbying outfits that you guys work through to let our legislators know that the county does not support this, that the DA's office does not support this either."

Champagne noted the bill is working its way through the state legislature and recently passed through the state judiciary committee.

"There are some provisions to try to reduce the burden on rural counties; however, I think they fall short," Champagne said. "We're still gonna have to staff, we're still gonna have to conduct these hearings, it's just a major burden on what's already a difficult ask to get people invested in this profession. And asking them to work weekends is going to be a major morale — it's corrosive to

morale."

In a phone call last week, Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman explained that currently, a judge has to review a case within 48 hours after arrest, but does not have to hold the bail hearing within that time frame.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners ratified Chair Ron Maez's signature on a letter of opposition to SB 20-172, sent to the Colorado General Assembly, at its meeting on March 17.

Courthouse update

The commissioners also met with Sixth Judicial Court Executive Eric Hogue, Sixth Judicial District Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson and other court staff to discuss the new courthouse that is expected to start being constructed in August.

The Sixth Judicial District and Archuleta County Courts vacated the Archuleta County Courthouse in mid-September of 2017 citing health and safety concerns with the building, and have held court in La Plata County since.

In a phone call Wednesday, County Administrator Scott Wall outlined the financing picture for the courthouse project.

- The courthouse will cost about \$6.1 million, though Wall noted that architect estimates can be way off from what actually gets bid.

There are also variables like whether to build two courtrooms or three, explained Wall, though the county is hoping to get enough grant money to build a three-courtroom courthouse with a community room.

- Archuleta County has been awarded \$1.9 million from the Underfunded Courthouse Facilities Commission, and Wall noted the county will ask them for another \$1 million in the fall.

- Wall and Commissioner Steve Wadley will present to the Department of Local Affairs (DoLA) this week to try and get about \$500,000 to pay for the design work on the project and hope to get more grant money from DoLA later this year.

- There is about \$4 million in the county's Strategic Reserve Fund the county may use, with Wall saying,

"The least we use of the taxpayer's money, the better."

Wall said, "The commissioners have committed to getting [the courthouse] done in one way or the other."

The Underfunded Commission's \$1.9 million grant comes with a stipulation that the county must hire a project manager for the courthouse project, which is estimated to cost at least \$100,000, according to Maez.

The county commissioners and Wall have expressed they wish they didn't have to get a project manager due to the cost.

Marty Galvin, finance manager at the Colorado Judicial Department, who signed the county's \$1.9 million grant award letter, explained that many other courthouse projects across the state have used a project manager, which has been very beneficial.

He said that project managers have "more than paid for themselves" by representing the interest of the owner, in this case the county, in ensuring projects are on time and on budget.

"From our perspective, it's a very reasonable aspect of a project, of a multi-million dollar project like this, to have someone who is representing the county and indirectly the Judicial Department in the state of Colorado for the amount of money that we're putting into the project," Galvin said.

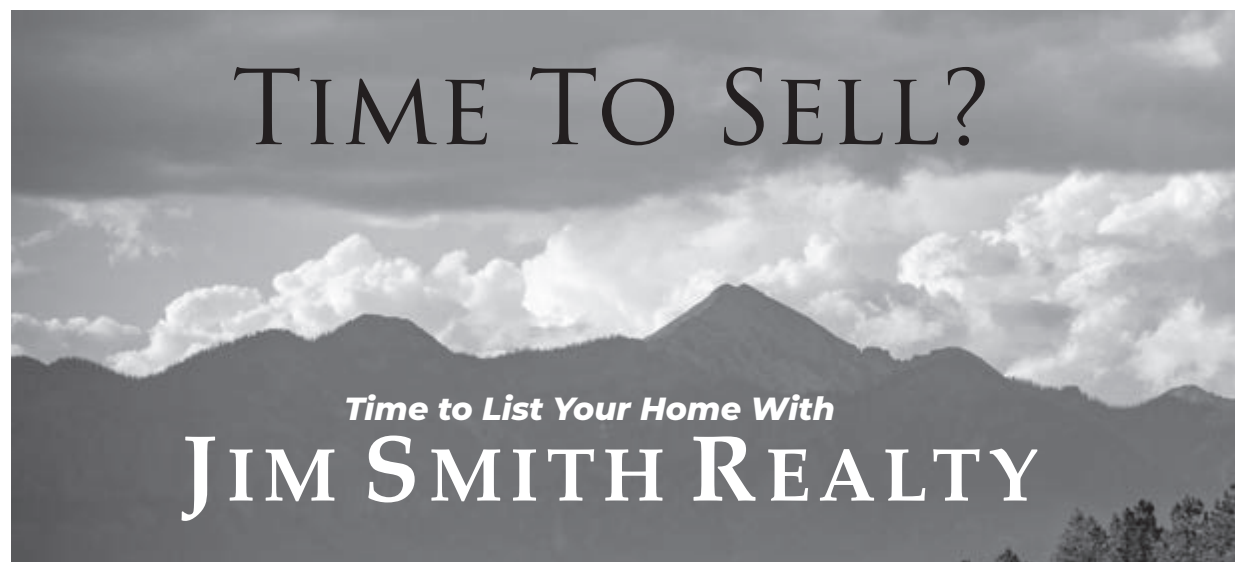
Hogue reported that he will submit a capital request to get the furniture for the courthouse paid for by the state and will submit a security grant that could pay for much to all of the security technology like cameras, monitors and metal detectors.

Harman house remodel

Architect Courtney King and some of her staff were in attendance at the work session on March 10 as well.

King is the architect of the Harman house remodel, which is being retrofitted to house the sheriff's office and the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center.

The Harman house is the former home of Norma and Fred Harman ■ See County A18



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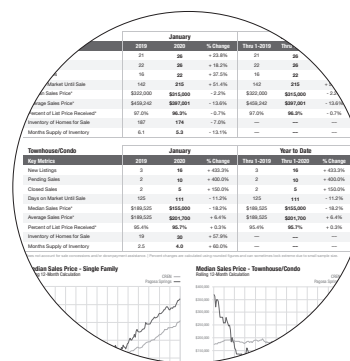
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Family Night

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Pagosa Springs Elementary School families enjoy a night of dancing, eating and quality time at The Stars of Fine Arts Family Night on March 11. Families and students enjoyed the sights and sounds of the local book fair and were also treated to a dinner served by teachers.



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Thursday, March 19

Zoom conference call with San Juan Basin Public Health regarding business supports and communication efforts relating to COVID-19. 2 p.m., see https://zoom.us/j/3266817136.

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m. Join the Zoom meeting by computer https://zoom.us/j/510229935, meeting ID: 510 229 935. Or, dial (669) 900-683, meeting ID: 510 229 935. Please remember to mute your computer or phone until it is time to speak.

Tuesday, March 24

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

Town Planning Commission, Board

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

Upper San Juan Health Service District regular board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, March 25

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

Thursday, March 26

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

Friday, March 27

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

Saturday, March 28

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors strategic planning

facilitation. 9 a.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Wednesday, April 1

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board. 4:30 p.m. See town website for participation information.

Thursday, April 2

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

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

Friday, April 3

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

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

Saturday, April 4

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

Tuesday, April 7

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

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

Wednesday, April 8

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

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Pine Ridge Extended Care Center, Bee Hive Homes, Visiting Angels enact safety measures in wake of coronavirus

By Terri House
Staff Writer

On March 11, it was reported by Business Insider that more than 60 percent of coronavirus deaths in the U.S. are linked to a nursing home in the state of Washington.

As of Friday, 26 coronavirus deaths had been linked to Life Care Center nursing facility in Kirkland, located 20 minutes north of Seattle.

A long-term care facility, Life Care Center has been dealing with the outbreak of coronavirus for weeks.

According to Business Insider, more than 51 coronavirus cases have been confirmed among Life Care residents and about 70 staff members have also presented symptoms of COVID-19. Many of the staff have not been tested for the coronavirus because of test shortages. First responders who answered calls from Life Care Center were exposed to the coronavirus, including 27 firefighters and three police officers who were quarantined.

"Patient zero" has not been identified. The Life Care Center incident has spurred some changes in Pagosa Springs.

Pine Ridge Extended Care Center

Pine Ridge Extended Care Center in Pagosa Springs took proactive action on Monday to restrict individuals from entering the building in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, according to a statement released by Corporate President and CEO Joyce Humiston.

"The current COVID-19 outbreak situation means that it is critical that we take every precaution possible. We must prevent this virus from entering our center," the statement reads. "Protecting our residents' health and safety is our top priority."

"The CDC has done a careful review of the death rate in the elderly, especially those with

dementia or chronic diseases. Experts are recommending we take action to limit individuals from entering our building and to ensure sick employees stay home."

According to Humiston, early data in the COVID-19 outbreak shows the following, which is why Pine Ridge has taken this action now:

- "The mortality rate for people over 80 in the general population is 15% in China."
- "The World Health Organization report estimates the mortality rate at 21.9% for those over 80."

- "At the nursing home in Washington state, there have been 50 residents who have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. As of March 9, 2020, 19 of those have died. This is a high death rate."

Humiston explained that there is a risk of people who appear to be healthy visiting a nursing home and spreading the virus by infecting the residents.

"Studies of past viral epidemics where recommending prevention was delayed were not effective. These studies show that the sooner we limit interactions with each other and wash your hands frequently virus spreads more slowly," wrote Humiston.

BeeHive Homes of Pagosa Springs

On Thursday, BeeHive Homes of Pagosa Springs restricted visitation of residents to home health staff and physical therapists, explained Felicia Storey, administrator.

"The majority of everybody has been thankful and grateful. ... It is our jobs to protect their family," Storey added.

"Due to the severity of the COVID-19 virus the State of Colorado has increased safety measures and we are now going into a NO VISITOR policy until further notice. This is for the safety

and health of our residents which is our top priority! Please feel free to contact San Juan Basin Health at 970-247-5702 for any questions you may have," reads a safety update from Storey to families of BeeHive residents.

Visiting Angels

Visiting Angels offers in-home living assistance for the aging and disabled.

The organization's chief operating officer, Michelle Johnson, explained on Friday that Visiting Angels is urging its clients and families to also limit outside visitation whenever possible to avoid infecting those who are more vulnerable.

"Our teams are following the Centers for Disease Control and our state agency guidelines," noted Johnson. "All employees are being educated on-going about the virus."

Notice of Public Health Order 20-20

"At this time, I find it necessary to implement emergency measures to restrict visitors to skilled nursing facilities, assisted living residences, and intermediate care facilities in Colorado to protect the health of the residents of these facilities," an order released Friday from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment states.

That order implements emergency measures and restricts visitors to skilled nursing facilities, assisted living residences and intermediate care facilities in Colorado to protect the health of the residents of the facilities.

"I am ordering that Colorado licensed or certified skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities and assisted living residences implement visitor restrictions and daily facility screening protocols for those entering the facility, in order to reduce the likelihood of possible introduction of COVID-19 into these facilities," reads the order.

CDC considers ways to expand membership

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A discussion on how to increase membership for the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) was held at the CDC board's regular meeting on March 11.

CDC board member Jim Garrett explained that the CDC should offer some sort of opportunity to socialize as well as an opportunity for public service.

"There's a lot of people in this community who certainly are involved in business, but there's a lot of additional people who are retired and many of them have business backgrounds," Garrett said. "And they would very much welcome, I believe, opportunities to socialize."

Potentially, the CDC could provide an opportunity for those groups of people to serve in ways that could draw upon their experiences, he explained.

Some ideas that could appeal and attract those types of individuals could be things such as a cash bar that allows for socialization at an event, he noted.

"I think we could probably do that with a lot of events," he said.

Another idea proposed by Garrett involved more inclusive meetings.

This could be done by having a member forum within the CDC's meetings, he explained.

"Just set aside on the agenda an opportunity for any member to come, and maybe even non-members, to come and make a contribution on a matter that they think is important," he said.

Once a quarter, the CDC could have a happy hour in association with a meeting that would be about half an hour, he explained.

"It seems to me that it's worthy of considering the notion of trying to create more attractions to bring people into our meetings and get people more excited about the potential of being part of the CDC," he said.

In response, CDC board member Justin Ramsey noted that it sounded like a good idea.

Ramsey also suggested creating focus groups to figure out how to entice these individuals to get them to meetings.

CDC board member Matt De-Guise noted he liked the idea of getting retirees who had previously

been involved with businesses to become members of the CDC.

"They might want to get into that mentoring kind of role or share their knowledge of their successes," he said.

There is a big need for socialization within the organization, CDC President Jodi Scarpa explained, adding the CDC could use more marketing and communication on what the organization is doing.

"We have so many resources in the community that still seem to be separate," CDC board member Mary Hunt said. "It would be really nice for me personally, as a citizen, to have some knowledge of people I may not necessarily meet or have access to."

Hunt later added that a separate, informal, event could be put together by the CDC to discuss a variety of topics such as broadband or opportunity zones.

Membership is part of one of the CDC's strategic plan goals of community outreach, Garrett noted later.

Garrett later added that he could come up with a draft plan regarding membership outreach for the board's March 23 work session. chris@pagosasun.com

San Juan Shootists cowboy fast draw club to hold club match

By Dave "Mongo" Miller
Special to The SUN

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Mike Dixon, senior director, DMV, added, "We also implemented a more thorough process for cleaning our facilities and

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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Eagle's Loft Property Owner's Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.
MARK MCCARTHY
Case No.: 2019CV30096
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Christopher B. Conley
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC
700 South 21st Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814
Email: chris@hjcleg.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): MARK MCCARTHY**
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 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, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Eagle's Loft Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Eagle's Loft Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.
Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.
Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions:
Exhibit A
Phase III of Eagle's Loft

Matter Amount
Property Owner: MARK MCCARTHY
Building Number: 14
Lot (Unit) Number: 17
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 17
Lien Amount: \$5,827.59
In Phase III of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 1302023 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on May 30, 1984, under Reception No. 123459, as amended by that First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 13, 1984, Reception No. 124494, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
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Interest: \$376.89
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$2,901.04
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Property Owner: MARGARET E JAMES, TRUSTEE of THE JAMES LIVING TRUST dated April 14, 1994
Building Number: 46
Lot (Unit) Number: 46
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 16
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Unpaid Asmts: \$2,635.69
Interest: \$420.02
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$3,080.71
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/s/ Christopher B. Conley
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Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC
700 South 21st Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901
Atty. Reg. No.: 51651
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of David Lee Snyder, Deceased
Case No. 2019PR10
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 2, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.
Sharman Alto/Personal Representative
P.O. Box 1765
Arboles, CO 81121
Published March 5, 12 and 19, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Jacquelyn M. Schick a.k.a. Jackie Schick, Deceased
Case No. 2020 PR 30005
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 6, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.
Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law
190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Published March 5, 12 and 19, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE
SALE NO. 2020F001**
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 6, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s) Christopher Keesh
Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt COLORADO HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTHORITY
Date of Deed of Trust June 05, 2019
County of Recording Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust June 06, 2019
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 21903179
Original Principal Amount \$142,373.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$142,373.00
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby 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. UNIT D, TIMBERLINE TOWNHOUSES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED MAY 16, 2000, AS RECEPTION NO. 20004431, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.
Also known by street and number as: 311 E Golf Place Unit D, 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, 05/07/2020, 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 3/12/2020
Last Publication 4/9/2020

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: 01/06/2020
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:
Alison L. Berry #34531
Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9800 S Meridian Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File # 19-023537
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Lot (Unit) Number: 10
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 50
In Phase II of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 119119 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that First Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on October 7, 1983, in Book 203, Page 564, Reception No. 119119, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").
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Matter Amount
Property Owner: Walter Edward Randolph Scott And Latoya Miete Buffman
Building Number: 28
Lot (Unit) Number: 28
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 51
In Phase III of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 130203 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on May 30, 1984, under Reception No. 123459, as amended by that First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 13, 1984, Reception No. 124494, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").
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Property Owner: MARGARET E JAMES, TRUSTEE of THE JAMES LIVING TRUST dated April 14, 1994
Building Number: 46
Lot (Unit) Number: 46
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 16
In Phase IV of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
Unpaid Asmts: \$2,499.15
Interest: \$376.89
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$2,901.04
Phase IV of Eagle's Loft
Matter Amount
Property Owner: MARGARET E JAMES, TRUSTEE of THE JAMES LIVING TRUST dated April 14, 1994
Building Number: 46
Lot (Unit) Number: 46
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 16
In Phase IV of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132

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Phase II of Masters Place Matter Amount Property Owner: Phyllis E Allen Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 43 Lot Number: 7308 Building Number: 001C Payoff Amount: \$2,000.70 of Masters Place Condominiums Phase II, according to the Condominium Map as recorded under Reception Number 177633, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Masters Place Condominiums recorded under Reception Number 161911 and amendments and supplements thereto, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations"). Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Unit in Masters Place Condominiums in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: March 12, 2020 Last Publication: April 9, 2020 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel. 970.264.2400 Peregrine Townhouses Property Owner's Association, Inc. Plaintiff v. Edgar Frederick Benner, et al. Defendants Case No.: 2020CV30007 Attorney for Plaintiff: 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*.

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 this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice. This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Peregrine Townhouses for failure to pay assessments to Peregrine Townhouses Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below. Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901. Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions: Peregrine Townhouses Phase II Matter Amount Owners: Martha A Gardner and Frank E Gardner Building Number: 4 & 5 Lot (Unit) Number: N/A UDI Points: 94.500 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,222.65 Owners: Marianne T Chiffelle and Thomas L Chiffelle Building Number: 4 & 5 Lot (Unit) Number: N/A UDI Points: 105.000 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,245.83 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase II, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173554, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. 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 III Matter Amount Owners: David E Pritts Building Number: 9 and 10 Lot (Unit) Number: 7817, 7818, 7819 and 7820 UDI Points: 77.000 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,115.36 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Peregrine Townhouses Phase V Matter Amount Owners: Ronald Grant Shake Building Number: 22 Lot (Unit) Number: 7843-7844 UDI Points: 49.000 Unpaid Asmts: \$915.57 Owners: Intermountain Coach Leasing, Inc. Building Number: 25 Lot (Unit) Number: 7849-7850 UDI Points: 63.000 Unpaid Asmts: \$949.83 Owners: Michael E Ward Building Number: 24 Lot (Unit) Number: 7847-7848 UDI Points: 154.000 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,835.52 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, subject 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 9901974, 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 VII Matter Amount Owners: Charles P Zarrelli Building Number: 33 Lot (Unit) Number: 7865-7866 UDI Points: 49.000 Unpaid Asmts: \$810.82 Owners: Jay D Reynolds Building Number: 35 Lot (Unit) Number: 7869-7870 UDI Points: 77.000 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,035.94 Owners: Gregory Washington and Nenah Washington Building Number: 35 Lot (Unit) Number: 7869-7870

UDI Points: 154.000 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,819.17 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VII, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20005495, subject to Third Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 20002414, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: March 19, 2020 Last Publication: April 16, 2020 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 Published March 19, 26, April 2, 9 and 16, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel. 970.264.2400 Platmap Property Owner's Association, Inc. Plaintiff v. Suzanne Quintana A/K/A Sanford, et al. Defendants Case No.: 2020CV30008 Attorney for Plaintiff: Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814 Email: chris@hjlegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): SUZANNE QUINTANA A/K/A SANFORD MCQUIDDY COMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY, INC J CLARKE JONES ROSS G DURBIN BLOWERS WHOLESALERE PRODUCTS, LLC SANDRA COLLIER DONALD E JETT DONNA KASSEL JETT

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 Total: \$1,371.12 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 Platmap 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. 01592219 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 Platmap Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Platmap Townhouses – PHASE V Matter Amount Property Owners: Ila Nell Holden Unit Number: 7229 Building Number: 15 Unit Week Number: 42 Unpaid Asmts: \$1,125.00 Interest: \$205.48 Late Fees: \$25.00 Total: \$1,355.48 Property Owners: Barbara Vincent and J.F. Vincent Unit Number: 7230 Building Number: 15 Unit Week Number: 44 Unpaid Asmts: \$795.95 Interest: \$145.31 Late Fees: \$25.00 Total: \$966.26 in that parcel of land being a portion of Parcel D, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded under Reception No. 139304, Plat Filed 314A-C, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, on which is located one building containing two, one level townhouse units designated, respectively, as Building 15, Units 7229 and 7230 described as Platmap Phase V as recorded in Plat File No. 341, under Reception No. 179511 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 Platmap 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 Platmap 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*.

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Platmap Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Platmap 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: Platmap 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 Interest: \$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 Interest: \$205.48 Late Fees: \$25.00 Total: \$1,355.48 in that property which is described as Parcel 'E', Platmap 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 Platmap Townhouses recorded February 4, 1988, under Reception No. 153260 and re-recorded on February 18, 1988 under Reception No. 153557 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Platmap Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Designated Election Official For Alpha Rockridge Metropolitan District Published March 19, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF ELECTION And CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS 1-13.5-513(6), 32-1-104, 1-11-103(3) C.R.S. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Alpha Rockridge Metropolitan District, Archuleta County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before elections, there were not more candidates for director positions than offices to be filled, including candidate filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 5th, 2020 is hereby canceled pursuant to Section 1-13.5-513(6) C.R.S. The following candidates are hereby declared elected: Owen Parker 3-year term until May 2023 Traci Bishop 3-year term until May 2023 Gary Lansdale 3-year term until May 2023 William (Bill) Kinsley 2-year term until May 2022 Tom Watts 2-year term until May 2022 Gary A. Lansdale Designated Election Official For Alpha Rockridge Metropolitan District Published March 19, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF REGULAR ELECTION BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the San Juan River Village Metropolitan District, Archuleta County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidate filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 5, 2020 is hereby cancelled pursuant to 1-5-209(1.5), C.R.S. The following Candidates are declared elected: Steve Wilkins - 3 year term until May, 2023 Addi Greer - 3 year term until May, 2023 Carrie Wienckowski - 3 year term until May, 2023 Doug Hampton - 2 year term until May, 2022 By Cynthia Purcell Designated Election Official and Contact Person San Juan River Village Metropolitan District PO Box 5551 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 PH: (970) 946-8385 Published March 19, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

The Colorado's Timber Ridge Ranch Metropolitan District Election for May 5, 2020 has been canceled as the number of nominees equals the number of positions available. New Board members will be appointed at the May 18, 2020 Board meeting at the Timber Ridge Clubhouse. Published March 19, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for FINAL Major Design Review for a proposed development of a 11,717 square foot Vehicle Tire Sales and Service facility proposed at 3039 Parelli Way. The Design Review Board will consider the applicants Final Major Design Review Application at a public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 5:30 pm in Town Hall located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information or anyone wishing to provide comments, please contact the Town Planning Department at 970-264-4151 x221 or attend the public hearing. Public comments will be accepted at the public hearing and prior to the meeting in writing. Published March 19, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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

Position	Amount
4-H Coordinator	39,317.44
Accountant	54,982.47
Accountant	33,463.28
Accountant III	36,942.40
Accounting Clerk III	45,090.08
Administrative Assistant	51,771.85
Administrative Assistant	11,181.17
Administrative Assistant	20,797.81
Administrative Assistant	19,027.11
Administrative Assistant II	42,439.98
Administrative Assistant II	42,580.48
Administrative Assistant	40,397.39

Administrative Assistant 16,400.02 Adult/Child Prot Casework II 44,931.95 Adult/Child Prot Casework II 14,998.28 Building Number: 13 282.32 Airport Maintenance Tech 37,784.04 Airport Manager 65,807.02 Alt. Senten. & Pre Trial Coord 62,808.89 Animal Control Officer 41,123.70 Animal Control Officer (PT) 2,968.68 Appraiser I 35,372.62 Appraiser I 28,066.90 Appraiser I 34,029.95 Appraiser I 3,823.46 Arboles Trans Station Fill in 918.08 Arboles Transfer Station Atten 10,760.81 Assessor 70,200.00 Bus Driver 14,504.33 Bus Driver 21,114.20 Bus Driver 1,858.03 Bus Driver 1,019.16 Case Svcs Aid/Fraud & Claim Te 41,644.05 Caseworker I 5,422.29 Caseworker I 44,973.88 Caseworker I 26,640.22 Caseworker I 30,045.35 Caseworker I 31,044.64 Caseworker I 11,876.80 Caseworker I 56,860.52 Chief Building Official 46,510.56 Chief Building Official 43,409.05 Chief Deputy Clerk 52,738.14 Chief Deputy Treasurer 44,195.54 Child Support Legal Tech 46,030.04 Child Support Legal Tech 12,502.13 Child Support Legal Tech 23,847.20 Code Enforcement Officer 76,806.00 Commissioner 78,836.42 Commissioner 2,700.00 Commissioner 70,200.00 Commissioner 70,200.00 Compliance & Prog. Coord. 11,056.51 Computer Support Spec. 49,627.45 Cons Emergency Comm Mgr 12,720.01 Cons Emergency Comm Mgr 40,457.70 County Administrator 36,046.13 County Administrator 97,850.00 County Attorney 114,557.75 County Clerk 73,479.20 County Clerk 2,736.92 County Coroner 40,200.16 County Surveyor 3,300.00 County Surveyor 462.00 County Treasurer 1,350.00 County Treasurer 82,750.00 County Treasurer 41,171.73 Court House Security Officer 36,433.31 Deputy Assessor 46,046.88 Deputy Assessor 46,198.43 Deputy Clerk - Elections 2,560.00 Deputy Dir. Of Emer. Mgt 55,887.92 Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk I 35,733.87 Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk I 34,724.02 Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk I 34,724.01 Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk I 22,171.71 Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk I 5,867.21 Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk I 3,102.72 Deputy of Emerg. Mgt. 39,540.44 Deputy Treasurer 42,194.66 Deputy Treasurer 37,429.42 Detective 63,469.47 Detective 28,113.77 Detective 41,285.13 Detention Officer 22,297.13 Detention Officer 54,676.38 Detention Officer 45,428.81 Detention Officer 20,007.01 Detention Officer 49,274.18 Detention Officer 47,391.80 Detention Officer 13,467.42 Detention Officer 24,063.75 Detention Officer 24,880.66 Detention Officer 21,862.27 Detention Officer 20,303.51 Detention Officer 7,352.82 Detention Officer 865.87 Detention Sgt. 61,837.76 Detention Sgt. 70,152.40 Development Director 21,667.65 DHS Attorney 37,531.52 Dispatcher 44,627.09 Dispatcher 51,144.79 Dispatcher 45,940.73 Dispatcher 41,997.80 Dispatcher 48,561.20 Dispatcher 41,846.36 Dispatcher 42,801.72 Dispatcher 42,394.87 Dispatcher 17,032.24 Dispatcher 24,139.47 Dispatcher 8,401.75 Dispatcher - PT 808.00 Election Judge 232.00 Election Judge 242.00 Election Judge 150.00 Election Judge 1,085.00 Election Judge 1,120.00 Election Judge 219.00 Election Judge 219.00 Election Judge 219.00 Election Judge 219.00 Elections Administrator 43,080.03 Elections Deputy 16,902.25 Eligibility Technician 49,968.69 Eligibility Technician 32,995.28 Eligibility Technician 34,075.20 Eligibility Technician 42,803.45 Emergency Operations Director 75,774.38 Engineering Tech 36,721.43 Equipment Operator I 29,215.21 Equipment Operator I 36,460.80 Equipment Operator I 2,188.14 Equipment Operator I 19,345.44 Equipment Operator I 18,040.70 Equipment Operator I 2,682.88 Equipment Operator I 11,014.41 Equipment Operator I 7,152.68 Equipment Operator I 646.40 Equipment Operator I 43,401.94 Equipment Operator II 44,923.12 Equipment Operator II 38,176.79 Equipment Operator II 35,924.18 Equipment Operator II 36,043.51 Equipment Operator II 27,758.65 Equipment Operator II 51,912.22 Equipment Operator III 44,115.83 Equipment Operator III 43,147.63 Equipment Operator III 39,862.40 Evidence Tech. 36,490.17 Facilities Maintenance Tech 41,194.79 Family Advocate 40,286.21 Finance Director 100,072.70 Fleet Shop Supervisor 63,011.27 General Labor 694.40 General Labor 509.60 General Labor 925.40 General Labor 658.00 General Labor 282.80 General Labor 658.00 General Labor 186.20 General Labor 613.20 GIS Analyst 52,905.09 Human Resources Administrator 69,095.17 Human Services Director 106,615.76 IT Director 64,703.87 Lead Dispatcher 55,004.96 Lead Landfill Operator 56,272.84 Lead Mechanic 42,777.82 Mechanic 14,733.89 Mechanic 19,917.43 Mechanic I 7,505.76 Mechanic I 20,761.58 Office Assistant 1,129.20 Office Assistant 1,788.00 Office Assistant 18,132.74 Office Manager 54,978.00 Operations Commander 71,913.26 Operations Lt. 3,409.02 Paralegal/Executive Assistant 56,532.68 Patrol Deputy 47,347.16 Patrol Deputy 7,011.84 Patrol Deputy 44,501.88 Patrol Deputy 44,547.25 Patrol Deputy 50,643.41 Patrol Deputy 48,387.61 Patrol Deputy 43,242.51 Patrol Deputy 48,578.14 Patrol Deputy 47,893.11 Patrol Deputy 10,256.78 Patrol Deputy 34,169.48 Patrol Sergeant 72,594.49 Personal Property Appraiser 59,341.04 Planning Manager 37,877.24 Planning Technician 57,928.77 Planning Technician 35,540.13 Planning Technician 32,599.99 Planning/Permit Technician 34,409.22 Program Coordinator 48,475.57

PT ADMIN. ASSISTANT 9,544.09 PT Records Tech 25,208.10 PT-Office Assistant 5,046.60 Public Wks Operations Mgr 60,979.90 Public Works Director 93,575.74 R & B Foreman 69,583.18 R & B Foreman 55,034.55 R&B Supervisor 68,065.21 Recording Supervisor 47,068.92 Resource Manager 56,005.23 Roadway Inspector 51,195.51 Seasonal Firefighter 13,275.44 Seasonal Firefighter 8,774.88 Service Writer 40,363.40 Sheriff 91,661.44 Solid Waste Facilities Op. 18,426.57 Solid Waste Facilities Op. 27,517.22

Solid Waste Facilities Op. 32,712.66 Solid Waste Facilities Op. 35,263.67 Solid Waste Facilities Op. 12,563.64 Stationation 48,404.45 Sub Bus Driver 5,612.53 Sub Bus Driver 8,910.90 Sub Bus Driver 466.52 Sub Bus Driver 9,257.21 Sub Bus Driver 15,806.19 Sub Bus Driver 3,850.16 Undersheriff 72,672.90 Veterans Services Officer 45,820.71 Weed & Pest Supervisor 57,648.15 Weed & Pest Technician 11,495.35 Weed & Pest Technician 10,196.07 **7,615,651.89** Published March 19, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
ABC LEGAL SERVICE, INC.	ACSO-NON SERVICE REFUNDS	32.00
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	FLEET-PARTS & SUPPLIES	1,285.98
AFIAC	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	1,891.18
ALPINE PORTABLE TOILETS LLC.	CLOMAN PARK-PORTA TOILET	117.80
ALSCO	FLEET/B&G-UNIFORMS	369.94
AMERICAN LEGION POST #108	VETERANS-MEMB. FEES R. TAYLOR	45.00
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INS.	COUNTY LIFE INSURANCE-JAN/FEB/EAP	3,700.74
ANGELA M. GALLEGOS-ALUALU	DHS CW FC EMERGENCY SUPPLIES-REIMB.	500.00
ARCHULETA COUNTY SOLID WASTE	COUNTY DISPOSAL	350.00
ARCHULETA COUNTY TREASURER	HARMAN HOUSE 2019 TAXES	2,728.70
ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT	DHS EL POMAR GRANT	2,012.15
ARCHULETA SENIORS, INC.	1ST QTR. 2020 CONTRIBUTION	38,750.00
AT YOUR DISPOSAL	COUNTY-DISPOSAL	514.00
AT&T MOBILITY LLC.	ACSO-CELL PHONES/DHS DATA SERVICE	3,411.00
AUTO TRUCK GROUP, LLC.	FLEET-2020 SAND SPREADER	5,675.00
AWARD ALLIANCE, LLC.	CLERKS-NAME TAGS	22.70
AZTEC MACHINE & REPAIR, INC.	FLEET-PARTS	327.77
BANK OF COLORADO	EMPLOYEE HSA CONTRIBUTIONS	100.00
BANK OF THE SAN JUANS	DISPATCH-OAN PNT/EMP. HSA CONT.	5,096.62
BAUER ELECTRIC	DISPATCH-GENERATOR INSPECTION	285.00
BENJAMIN FOX	DHS PREV/INTEVENT/REIMBURSED	70.28
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	COUNTY-GAS	3,374.49
BUCKSKS TOWING & REPAIR	FLEET-TOWING	391.50
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	COUNTY COPIER CONTRACT	2,283.45
CCOERA- EMP RETIREMENT	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	84,999.26
CDW GOVERNMENT LLC.	IT-SOFTWARE/EQUIP/OEM-LAPTOP & PROJ.	12,779.49
CECILIA A. PARSONS-HOPPER	BLDG-PERMIT FEE REFUND	889.08
CENTURY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	SW-LOADER RENTAL	9,000.00
CENTURYLINK	COUNTY TELEPHONES/DISPATCH-E911	3,349.57
CHERYL WILMER	DHS SE ACCOUNTANTS MGT PER DIEM	313.40
CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INS.	CTY HEALTH INS-JAN/FEB (LESS PRE PAY)	200,293.61
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	COUNTY-FIRST AID SUPPLIES	68.97
COLORADO CORONERS ASSOC.	CORONER-2020 DUES	1,287.00
COLORADO COUNTY CLERKS ASS.	CLERKS-2020 DUES	1,217.37
COLORADO DEPT. OF LABOR	AIRPORT-FUEL STORAGE PERMITS	140.00
COLORADO DEPT. OF REVENUE	STATE WITHHOLDING	17,476.00
COLORADO DOCUMENT SECURITY	CLERKS & ELECTIONS-SHREDDING	110.00
COLORADO HI-TEK, INC.	R&B-OAK BRUSH TOWER RENT	3,098.76
CONNIE CHUBBUCK	DHS CS COURT MEAL	16.00
CONTECH ENGINEERED SOL.	R&B-CATTLE GUARD	1,980.00
COUNTY HEALTH POOL	HR-EMP HLTH INS ROUNOUT	9,450.00
COUNTY SHERIFFS OF COLO.	ACSO-SHERIFFS' CONF. REGIST	150.00
COURTNEY KING STUDIOS LLC.	SO REMODEL-DESIGN CONCEPT	5,050.00
CUNNINGHAM SWAIM, LLP.	ATTY-TESTIMONY	175.00
DAVIS ENGINEERING SERVICE	R&B-ENGINEERING	5,221.00
DB TECH INC.	IT-FIBER REPAIR	7,894.32
DEBORAH B. GLICK	DISPATCH-RENT MARCH	1,195.45
DELTA DENTAL OF COLORADO	CTY FEB. DENTAL INSURANCE	4,941.25
DELTA RIGGING & TOOLS, INC.	FLEET-TIRE CHAINS	1,107.58
DESERT MOUNTAIN CORP.	R&B-GRANULAR ICE MELT	3,191.44
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COVID-19: What the public needs to know about water and sanitation

By **Chris Mannara**
Staff Writer

Amid the coronavirus pandemic, municipal water and sewer providers have addressed some common concerns among the general public.

At a regular meeting of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors on March 12, District Manager Justin Ramsey noted that COVID-19 cannot be spread through drinking water.

"It's very susceptible to chlorine," Ramsey said. "We do keep chlorine in our water."

However, COVID-19 can be found in sewage, Ramsey noted, adding that there are other unhealthy things found in sewage as well.

"What the CDC [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] and the state recommends for our sanitation workers is, 'don't take any different precautions than they already should be taking. Because you're dealing with nasty stuff,'" he said.

The only way PAWSD could be

affected by COVID-19 is if too many staff members were to get sick, Ramsey added later.

According to Ramsey, the state of Colorado has put together a program, called CoWARN [Colorado Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network] that allows PAWSD to "share" equipment and staff.

"So if PAWSD gets hit real hard with this, I can call Durango and say 'I need two water operators' and if they have them available, they'll send them to us," he said. "It sets out how we're going to pay for it and pay them back and so on and so forth."

In a follow-up interview on March 17, Ramsey noted that PAWSD is now a part of CoWARN.

Additionally, Ramsey noted that PAWSD has run into issues with citizens using and flushing items that cause problems with PAWSD's infrastructure.

"It is causing somewhat of a problem. It's not a major catastrophe, but it is definitely clogging some pumps and causing a little bit of issues," he said.

On March 17, PAWSD's adminis-

trative offices closed to the public indefinitely, Ramsey explained in an email.

PAWSD customers will still receive regular water and wastewater service, Ramsey noted.

"You may still reach us by phone. To pay with cash or check, please place your payment in an envelope with your account number on it and distinguish it between fill station and utility payment, and place it in the lockbox located outside of the gates of the PAWSD driveway (the PAWSD brick sign.)," Ramsey wrote. "It will be checked each morning, and payments posted by noon each day, so please plan accordingly."

Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained in an email to The SUN on March 17 that the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District is not doing anything different in terms of treatment.

"As always, we ask that people not flush anything down the toilet that is nonflushable. Those should go in the waste can," she wrote.

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COVID-19 and pets: Owners should take precautions

By **Chris Mannara**
Staff Writer

While there is no definitive evidence that pets can contract COVID-19, or coronavirus disease 2019, pet owners should still be careful and take the necessary precautions.

Dr. Kitzel Farrah from San Juan Veterinary Hospital explained that both the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention don't feel like, at this point, pets can spread the virus.

"But it's not known 100 percent yet whether that's true," she said. "There were a couple of cases in China in dogs that have the virus. But whether or not they truly were infected with the virus or were just carrying parts of the DNA and RNA from the humans that they were around that were sick is not clearly known yet."

Those two animals tested positive for this particular strain of coronavirus, Farrah noted.

"Those animals were asymptomatic. They showed no signs of disease at all," she said. "Those animals lived with people who are sick, and probably they contracted it from the people, not the other way around."

It is also not certain that those animals were sick themselves; they may have just gotten contaminated virus from the people they were living around, Farrah added later.

"That's what they don't know. Were they just accidental cases? Were they just acting as a fomite?" Farrah said.

A fomite is described as an "object to carry a pathogen from one susceptible animal to another," according to The Center for Food Security and Public Health.

Animals could potentially act as a fomite, Farrah noted.

The American Veterinary Medical Association suggests that if anyone is sick with COVID-19 it is best for them to "limit their handling" of pets, Farrah explained.

It is recommended that someone in the household who is not sick handle the pet, Farrah added.

"If you're well, don't worry about it. Feed and handle your animal per normal," she said.

However, if you are a single pet owner and you've contracted the

virus, it is recommended that owners don't sleep with their pets, she added later.

"You would probably wear a mask, wash your hands before you feed your pet, wash your hands after you feed your pet," she said. "But we wouldn't be taking the pets out of the household or anything like that. They would stay at home with the people."

San Juan Veterinary Hospital and other veterinary clinics will not be mandated to shut down in the case of the virus, Farrah noted.

"We will still be able to provide veterinary care. It may be more on an emergency-type basis rather than business as usual," she said, "but there will be ways that veterinary

care will still be available to animals."

If someone has the virus locally and their pet has an elective surgery coming up, San Juan Veterinary Hospital will ask them to reschedule, she explained.

If clients have a sick pet there could be virtual exams held, she added later.

"We may come up with situations where we would have a non-infected member of their household bring animals to the clinic, but not come into the clinic," she said. "We're coming up with strategies following Colorado and American Veterinary Medical Association on how we should come up with strategies to continue to care for animals during the pandemic."

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III and was acquired by Archuleta County last fall.

King reported that the construction documents will be done in the first few days of April and that the project will be able to go out to bid on April 3.

King noted that the work still falls within her initial estimate of \$100 to \$150 a square foot that she made in December.

The Harman house is 4,195 square feet. At the lowest estimate King made of \$100 a square foot, the rough cost for the remodel would be about \$419,000.

In a phone call last week, Maez explained that the cost of the remodel, plus the \$600,000 the county paid for the home (which included about 5 acres) is still cheaper than building a sheriff's office and dispatch center from the ground up.

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Volunteer at Chimney Rock

Chimney Rock Interpretative Association needs you.



Photo courtesy Chimney Rock Interpretative Association

Join the Chimney Rock volunteer team

By Denise Fisk
Special to The PREVIEW

Are you new to the area? Looking for something to do? Want to change your life in a positive way? Do you enjoy just being outside in our wonderful part of the state? If you can answer “yes” to any of these questions then I have something for you to consider.

I answered “yes” to those questions myself and became part of a wonderful nonprofit organization called Chimney Rock Interpretative Association (CRIA). Having lived in Pagosa Springs only a short time, a year ago I discovered the amazing volunteer opportunities this wonderful group had to offer.

I discovered, in the process of becoming a volunteer, that CRIA provides visitors to Chimney Rock National Monument with an enjoyable yet meaningful educational experience. It is a fun way to learn about the ancient Pueblo people and the uniqueness of this, their home, through interpretative tours and special programs. And, amazingly enough, even though I knew nothing about the monument, I could still volunteer and they had a place for me that capitalized on my existing skills.

Once I learned how important it was to preserve this special place, I was consumed with a desire to learn even more and to share it with our many visitors who have traveled from as far away as Belgium and South Korea to experience the national monument.

Did you know that CRIA is the largest organization of volunteers in our county? For more than 25 years, CRIA has been in partnership with the San Juan National Forest to share the history of the monument. In 2012, CRIA was named volunteer organization of the year by the USDA Forest Service nationwide. As a 501(c)(3) organization, CRIA's mission is to preserve and protect this heritage, yet share it with our

visitors so they might learn and enjoy the monument and keep the history alive. But to do all this, we need your help.

Each year, CRIA must recruit new volunteers to meet the increased demand in visitation to the monument and to replace volunteers who have stepped down from their service. Without our volunteers' skills and time, it would be impossible to do all that we do through our tours and special programs and keep the monument as a “must stop” when traveling southwestern Colorado.

We have a variety of volunteer positions, from maintaining the trails to describing the night sky, facilitating the needs of our visitors and leading tours of the area. We offer a wonderful mentoring program to get you up to speed in your specific area, and our excellent training resources will make you quickly feel confident during your volunteer time at the monument. Our biggest need this year is for leaders willing to take a tour of our two trails. And not to worry. You do not need a degree in anything to be a tour guide. We have all the information you need to become an “expert” in a short time.

The importance of sharing this heritage with our children as well as adults, and the important role Chimney Rock played in the history of southwestern Colorado, cannot be understated. Maintaining and sharing this with future generations is the priority of CRIA as well as the

San Juan National Forest. Chimney Rock plays a role in our tourism culture and helps our local economy as a whole. Would you consider volunteering and helping us?

The health and safety of the public has always been paramount for CRIA. In response to the recent closures across the county and country, CRIA's volunteer open house set for Friday has been canceled until further notice. For more information on volunteer opportunities with CRIA, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133, where our friendly staff is eager to discuss your options.

CRIA offers a great, in-depth training program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers. This year, volunteer training is on April 24 (orientation for new volunteers at the monument in the great outdoors) and on April 25 at the Tennyson Building Event Center located at 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Planning for alternative “virtual” training is underway if conditions warrant. RSVP required by calling 731-7133. CRIA also offers on-the-job training where new volunteers are mentored by seasoned volunteers and managers.

CRIA is the nonprofit organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at Chimney Rock National monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest.



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Pictographs and petroglyphs presentation set for March 26

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Author Judith Jubb will be giving a presentation on pictographs and petroglyphs on March 26 at 6 p.m. at the New Thought Center at 3505 W. U.S. 160. All are welcome to attend.

Jubb is a member of San Juan Stargazers and is involved in the star parties at Chimney Rock National Monument for the upcoming lunar standstill, which has been celebrated there since ancient times.

Jubb has had an interest in archeology since her childhood in Colorado. She studied art history at Maryland Institute of Art, and found fossils and ancient artifacts in Colorado, Arizona, Egypt and Morocco. She has written articles that have appeared in international publications on myths and religions, and her artwork is well-known.

Jubb's professional career has been as an art appraiser. She is the founder of Metempyriion Foundation, a philanthropic nonprofit charity, and in 2013 she was presented with the Sedona Chapter of National Association of Women Business Owners Award in the nonprofit category.

Using her natural talent of dowsing for water and buried artifacts, she has helped reclaim Native American sacred sites in Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona and British Columbia. For several years, she worked with the Hopi people regarding the drought issues in the southwestern states.



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Granddad goes to Vegas

How will Grandma keep Granddad down on the farm once he sees Sin City?

My Sweet Al was ecstatic to be invited to the NASCAR race in Las Vegas, Nev. He packed and re-packed for days as he prepared for his trip.

This would be an incredible opportunity to take a trip and spend time with our son-in-law and our grandsons. I wish I had a memory of having fun with my grandmother. I don't ever remember laughing or having fun with her. Then again, that was a different time and age for me.

I said to Al, "Do you know what this trip means?"

"Yes, I'm going to the races. I get to see my man win. I want to stand by his car and have my picture taken."

"No Al, it should be more than that. You are spending time with your grandsons. One day, they will carry this trip in their hearts as a memory of time shared with you."

I should have wished his trip just included him standing next to his favorite race car. Not 24 hours into his trip, the pictures started flowing. The first picture to cross my desk was my Sweet Al and his grandsons, flanked by two showgirls from the strip.

There he was, beaming from ear to ear squeezed between two scantily clad women in headdress, short-shorts and really large ... feathers. Even as they towered over him, there he stood, bigger than life.

When he arrived home, I asked, "Well, how did it go?"

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"I sat and watched a woman play roulette for nearly four hours. She was beautiful and had big diamonds on her hands."

"You were just captivated by her big diamonds?"

"Yes." He said, "And all the old men were running around with younger women on their arms."

I wasn't sure if I wanted to know anything more, but I had to ask, "What about the race?"

"Oh that. We got rained out the first day, so we just ate a lot. But when the race did start, it was really loud."

"So did you bond with your grandsons?"

"Well, I guess I did. They pushed me around in a wheelchair from one casino to another so I could see everything."

My Sweet Al shared story after story. Meanwhile, I wondered if anyone could peel back the layers of gambling, beautiful women and the bright lights of Las Vegas to see what truly lies within.

I decided I didn't want to know anything more, but I was reminded just how much the noise of the world can crowd out the important things in life.

I couldn't help but wonder if anyone knew what really goes on underneath the noise and exhaust

at the racetrack. I reminded Al about a conversation we had the week before. We talked about a young man who found the one thing that was important to him amidst the scream of a 200-mph car and thousands of fans.

It was the first NASCAR race of the year. The Daytona 500 brimmed with excitement for the new season and with great expectancy for Anthony Pasut. He was a fueler on the pit crew for Chris Buescher's team who had been in an accident the previous year.

An out-of-control car ran into Anthony and injured his right leg during a pit stop incident at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. His road back was a hard one. It took hours, weeks and even months of physical therapy just to be able to walk again, let alone to be fit enough to get back in to the pit.

His statement: "Sometimes we get so involved in our careers, we forget what is most important, to know who God is and His grace." Back on his driver's pit crew, now with a greater vision for life than just the single car that nearly ended it.

Final brushstroke: After a wild ride with his grandsons, my Sweet Al came home with a bigger vision of life. Even through the sights and sounds of that place, he was able to know the blessing that comes from the unique moments that shape us. Thankfully, that was all he took from his weekend away.

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The San Juan Stargazers will not meet in March

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

The San Juan Stargazers will not hold a regular meeting in March. We hope that the health situation will be better by the time of our April meeting.

Looking at the magnificent night sky in Pagosa is a safe and awe-inspiring activity.

Keep looking up, especially at

night.

The San Juan Stargazers are part of the Astronomical League, which includes clubs from all over the U.S.

We have a new website, www.sanjuanstargazers.org, as well as an email address, sjstargazers@gmail.com, and a club phone number, 335-8286. Our club address is P.O. Box 2217, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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Black or white: the only choices

By Mike Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

A famous athlete gave an interview about his faith journey. He uses the term binary to describe Christianity. This means only two choices, black or white, with no gray. He may be onto something.

Binary is hidden everywhere in plain sight. Every piece of information on the planet can be stored in a computer by a combination of ones and zeros. Other examples include day and night, plus and minus, on and off, and dozens more.

He believes Christianity is all about rules, structure and traditions. Follow the rules and they welcome you. Black and white are the only choices. He may be right.

Churches have strayed from the teachings of Christ. Jesus taught inclusion, not exclusion. Church was held in people's homes as he shared a meal. He sat around a table with prostitutes, beggars, tax collectors and other outcasts of society.

The disciples asked Jesus what laws needed to be followed for their sins to be forgiven. He mentioned only two. Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength; and love your neighbor as yourself. The disciples knew Jesus asked the impossible. A blood sacrifice needed to be made on their behalf or they

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would be banished to hell. Jesus became that sacrifice.

The athlete did not believe a loving God would send most of His creation to a fiery hell. Let's agree with him and create our own god. Here are some options:

- No god, heaven or hell exist. Ignore all the signs of a created universe by a supreme being. Atoms decided to multiply and mutate to become an individual being with billions of cells.

- A god who only lets good people into heaven. All others cease to exist. By what standard does this god judge? Make up our own so we can be self-righteous and judge others.

- A god who lets everyone into heaven when they die. Regardless how wicked, selfish or prideful. This god turns everyone into a loving, generous and humble person. We live in tranquility throughout eternity.

- A god who creates a universe where no good or evil exists. People are puppets or choices are limited

to the ones he gives us.

- Or, a God who created us with a free will to make our own choices and accept the consequences. One who only asks us to love Him and others as ourselves. God would have a trial, be our judge and find us guilty. There would be a punishment so severe no one would choose it if there was an option.

Is it possible to please God if we can't obey His laws or rules? If good deeds aren't enough, what is? How do we avoid hell? Believe in the gospel message. Jesus was sent by God to save mankind from their sins. Trust Jesus is who He says He is. He died on a cross, was resurrected on the third day and sits at the Father's right hand.

Sounds rather binary. Live life our way and go to hell or believe in Jesus and go to heaven. A relationship with Jesus does not make us perfect in this life, but transforms our hearts into a more compassionate one. The choice may be black or white, but with Jesus in our hearts we view the world in living color, everyone a unique creation of God with the need of a savior.

"Confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." — Romans 10:9 (NKJV).

That's all it takes.

Walking 'Fearwards' in faith

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." — Dr. Martin Luther King.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, March 22, at 10:30 a.m. for our presentation, "Walking Fearwards in Faith — Living the Words of God's Message of Love." It is time to embrace faith, dismiss fear and be the example of The Law of Attraction in wellness and upliftment. Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure.

Meetings of "Stories to Tell Us" are suspended due to health concerns. Topics/weekly assignments

will be posted on the website, Stories2TellUs.com, for participants to write.

We welcome people of all religions, cultures, races and lifestyles to our services, where we celebrate the Science of Mind and positive thinking.

Our community of affirmative-minded people share joy, laughter and awareness of connection to spirit and our ability to co-create a life of infinite possibilities.

We will have spirited live music.

Upcoming events

Thursday, March 19, 6 p.m.: Spring Celebration Gratitude Prayer.

Sunday, March 22, 6 p.m.: New Moon Drumming Circle with potluck.


Thursday, March 26, 6 p.m.: "Pictographs and Petroglyphs" presentation with Judith Jubb.

About us

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.

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Pagosa Country pioneers

Today's column focuses on the Macht family, early day Pagosa pioneers. I had the privilege some years ago of spending considerable time talking with Ray Macht about Pagosa history and his family history.

A drive through town a few weeks ago and a follow-up tele-



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

phone call is what triggered this column. I started with a question: Have you ever driven past something year after year without really looking at it? OK, so I'm the only one to be so careless.

As it happened, I was driving eastward down Lewis Street through its intersection with 3rd Street, the entry to Mesa Heights. I enjoy that drive almost daily because it isn't unusual to see wild turkeys and the town mule deer herd in that vicinity. As I eased through the intersection, a phenomenon from the right caught my eye. What is that, I wondered? Standing there on the east side of 3rd Street between Pagosa and Lewis streets were two two-story brown frame buildings.

My mind began to churn. On the south end of that same block next to the two buildings is a red brick building. The idea fermenting in my mind was, somewhere, sometime, that red brick building had been built by pioneer Jule Macht. I knew Jule had run a cattle ranch up in the headwaters of the Little Blanco River. It was common during pioneer days for ranch homesteaders to maintain a home in town. That way they could go to the



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

Pioneer Eudolphus M. Taylor, shown with his team in this photo, lived near the Jule Macht house in town. He likely had a carriage house for the team shown in this photo.

store, go to church and the kids go to school without fighting the snow between the ranch and town. It seemed logical to assume that the two buildings on 3rd Street next to the red brick house had been built by Jule Macht. He would likely have needed a building in which to park carriages and carts and a place to keep a horse or two.

And, so, last week, I placed a phone call to John and Jean Taylor, who, along with other Pagosaites, were enjoying Arizona sunshine

while the rest of us shovel snow.

Jean Taylor is a descendant of the Macht family. She answered my questions by confirming the guess that those buildings on 3rd Street had been built by Jule. She said he owned almost half of that city block. I also referred to a story on the Macht family I had written in The SUN a few years ago based on information from Ray. The family history as Pagosa pioneers is worth repeating, so watch for it in next week's column.

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Wednesday, March 25

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

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

Thursday, March 26

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

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Monday, March 30

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network. 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

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Saturday, April 4

HomesFund Homebuyer Education Class. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Community Center. Tired of renting? Learn what it takes to become a homeowner. The class will cover budgeting, credit, insurance, lending and down payment assistance programs, real estate, inspection, and home maintenance. Space is limited. Visit www.homesfund.org to register. Call 259-1418 for more information.

Archuleta County Genealogical Society. Dr. Hank Slikker will continue the story of his family's immigration from the Netherlands to California.

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Library closed, online resources available

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Dear Ruby Sisson Library patrons and community,

Thank you for continued understanding as our community navigates in these unprecedented times. To support the nationwide effort to limit the gathering of people, in an attempt to flatten the curve, the library board has made the decision to close the Ruby Sisson Library starting Tuesday, March 17, at noon. All library programs, classes, meeting room reservations, events and outreach, were canceled last Friday. We will be closed through April 5.

In the next couple of days, library staff will determine ways to serve you best in these uncertain times. We encourage you to watch our library website, Facebook page and e-newsletter for content we'll be sharing.

We are determining details for the ability in providing curbside pickup of hold items or replenishing items. We will have staff answering the phone between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you have questions, please contact the library at 264-2209 or email the library, ruby@pagosalibrary.org.

Though our physical location will be closed, Wi-Fi will be available 24/7 in the library's parking lot. We also have a variety of materials available to you digitally. Naming just a few, you can download e-books and e-audiobooks through our CloudLibrary app on your smartphone or tablet.

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resource TumbleBook Library, you can find children's books and audiobooks. To access all of these resources, simply go to pagosalibrary.org and select the gray tab towards the top of the page that says "Online Resources."

We are asking that you keep all materials that you have checked out instead of returning them to the library or the uptown dropbox. As always, you do not need to worry about overdue fees.

We will increase the number of items that you can have checked out during this closure.

We encourage everyone to check with authoritative sources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as well as San Juan Basin Public Health for up-to-date recommendations and information.

The library board of trustees will continue to monitor this situation and keep our community apprised should circumstances change. The health and safety of our patrons, staff and the local community is of utmost importance during these uncertain times.

Take care,
Meg Wempe, director

Tax and census help

Tax forms and instructions are available at your library. Visit pagosalibrary.org/taxinformation for more details and useful links.

To familiarize yourself with

the questions that will be asked on the census, your library has a sample copy of the print census questionnaire in English and Spanish. Please visit pagosalibrary.org/census-2020 to view a video that demonstrates how to fill out the census online.

How-to and self-help books

"Cured" by Dr. Jeffrey Rediger describes how to create an environment that sets the stage for healing. "You Can Have It All, Just Not at the Same Damn Time" by Romi Neustadt, a successful entrepreneur, wife and mother, describes how you can set priorities and learn to say no when too many requests are coming at you. "Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling Teens" by Debra Bell provides tools to help your teen successfully transition to the post-high school and adult years. "Modern Crochet Bible" by Sarah Shrimpton provides more than 100 contemporary crochet techniques and stitches. "Modern Quilt Bible" by Elizabeth Betts offers more than 100 techniques and design ideas for the modern quilter.

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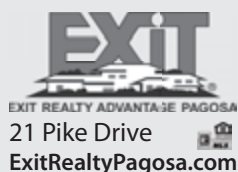
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Other nonfiction

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Academy Award films on DVD

We have two more 2019 Academy Award films: “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” won the best supporting actor award for Tom Hanks. Disney’s “Frozen II” was nominated for best song. As well, “Roma,” best director and best foreign language film in 2018, has just been released on DVD in the U.S. Also, “Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice” won best documentary in the AARP Best Movies for Grownup awards.

Other DVDs

“The Murder of Emmett Till” is an American Experience PBS home video. “Sandition,” based on the unfinished novel by Jane Austin, is a PBS Masterpiece series. Stephen King’s “Doctor Sleep” is the next chapter in “The Shining” story.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

“The Warsaw Protocol” by Steve Berry is a Cotton Malone book that focuses on why precious relics are disappearing. “Pretty as a Picture” by Elizabeth Little features a movie editor drawn into real-life murder investigation. “Dark Corners of the Night” by Meg Gardiner is the Edgar Award-winner’s latest thriller. “Cocunut Layer Cake Murder” by Joanne

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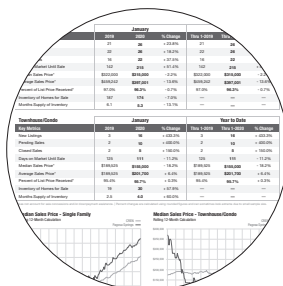
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The migratory northern pintail (*anas acuta*) ranges from North America to Eurasia. With in-flight speeds of 65 mph, pintails are among the first to migrate in spring and fall. Their name is acquired from the male's tail feathers. It's nicknamed "The Greyhound of the Air" due to the elegant, swift flight in V-formation. Other names are spike and sprig.

Depending on sex, pintails weigh from 1-3 pounds and are 20-30 inches long with wingspans of 30-38 inches. Markings vary between sexes. Males display a chocolate head, slender brown neck, a white line from the head through the neck, white breast, long black tail feathers and lighter brown back and wings. In flight, a green speculum (inner wing feathers) is evident.

Females flash a bronzy speculum. Hens are dull, lack the white stripe and have brown/white mottling. Both sexes have gray bills, legs and feet.

Sexual maturity is at one year, and they breed from April to June in wetlands, wet meadows and grasslands. While courting, the female preens the drake and he stretches his neck, tips his bill, gives a whistle and preens his wings, displaying his green speculum. Both greet with a lift of the chin and a chase.

Nesting occurs along wetlands, in fields and in tall grass for protection. The female scrapes the ground close to water, forms a shallow bowl, adds grass and down to the depression, and then lays three to 12 greenish eggs. Incubation period is 22-24 days.

Pintails filter insects and seeds with their bills and feed on grains, aquatic insects, crustaceans, worms, and snails in fields and wetlands. Ducklings feed on dead insects until fledged in 45-47 days.

Loss of wetland habitats, destruction of nests from agriculture practices and cultivation of grasslands affect population numbers, which have declined 70 percent in 50 years. The North American Waterfowl Management Plan works with farmers on restoring wetlands through habitat improvement.

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Infectious disease surveillance: What we are learning from bats and mosquitoes

By Ty Betts and Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

We know surveillance is used to keep an eye on convenience stores and homes; it is also used to monitor the spread of infectious diseases. Of course, video cameras will not work to spot viruses or bacteria, so researchers at Colorado State University (CSU) are working to create other methods that allow us to watch out for infectious disease harmful to humans.

Anna Fagre, Ph.D. student in CSU's Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology, investigates how bats might be useful for disease surveillance. In Uganda, Fagre studies bats in caves visited by humans for recreational or religious purposes to determine what diseases or viruses might be present in that area.

"We look at the potential for bats to act as reservoirs for these viruses," Fagre said.

Through non-lethal sampling, Fagre collects blood, saliva and fecal samples to find out what diseases exist in the bats. This information allows the researchers to determine if a particular disease might spread via blood through arthropod vectors like mosquitoes or through the bat's own fluids.

As the first veterinarian to receive the \$25,000 Robert E. Shope International Fellowship, Fagre specializes in understanding the parasites found on bats, such as ticks and bat bugs, to study how these arthropods might transfer diseases from bats to humans. But her team intends to take data collection a step further.

"When we trap the bats, we'll be microchipping them, kind of like you would a dog or a cat, so we can identify the bats moving forward," Fagre said.

With GPS technology, the team will be able to track individual bats, view where they have been and examine whether they've picked up a disease between samplings. This can be extremely valuable in pinpointing where a virus is spreading from or what population of bats has been infected.

"It allows us to get a step ahead of the virus," Fagre explained. "If we know which viruses are present in the bat populations, and we know that humans are interacting with these bats by coming into these caves, then we know exactly which pathogens or viruses to be monitoring for in the human population."

This information can help doctors to diagnose the problem more

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quickly in patients with unknown illnesses.

Mosquitos are the ultimate antagonist to the human species, spreading deadly diseases responsible for more deaths than the totality of all our wars. But CSU researchers intend to use mosquitoes to keep a watchful eye on the diseases these insects carry.

Bekah McMinn, graduate student researcher in Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology, is working on a pilot study in Guatemala to test whether we can detect and monitor pathogens in mosquitoes that have recently fed on humans or animals, a method she says could make surveillance of viruses much easier.

"Being able to sample blood from humans and animals in mosquitos is a huge sample source that we can utilize for a number of things," McMinn said. "The number of applications is kind of limitless."

By capturing and testing mosquitoes that have recently fed on humans or animals, this study looks to determine whether viral, bacterial or parasitic organisms that are found in the blood of those humans and animals can also be detected from the blood-meal of mosquitos. This method, known as xenosurveillance, allows scientists to monitor pathogens circulating in humans, even diseases the mosquitos aren't necessarily responsible for spreading. Some

of the pathogens the scientists are monitoring include dengue fever, Zika and other viruses.

Xenosurveillance could also track the movement and introduction of pathogens into livestock, such as the Rift Valley fever virus, which is responsible for significant economic consequences from livestock deaths in Africa.

"If we're able to use mosquitoes as a way to surveil our livestock populations and our deer populations and see if Rift Valley fever virus is actually circulating here, it would rapidly expand our ability to detect and react to this foreign introduction," McMinn explained.

The use of bats and mosquitoes for disease surveillance can change the way we monitor and prepare to combat diseases. If these methods are proven effective, the risk of being caught off-guard by an outbreak could be greatly diminished. "The impetus behind this project is disease preparedness," Fagre said.

And while Fagre recognizes that bats are potential vectors for disease transmission, she underlines the value they hold ecologically and as an extraordinary species.

"They provide a lot of important ecosystem services like insect control and pollination," Fagre said. "We want to better understand the ecology of the bats so we can minimize interactions between humans and bats when the bats are infected with something."

Programs suspended

At this time, the Extension office is suspending all Extension and 4-H activities and events until April 10, at which time the COVID-19 situation will be reassessed. The office is open until further notice. Please only come for essential county business. Thank you.

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- Hosea 11:1

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God pictures for Israel how much He loved her. Israel is called from sin and serving idols to follow God. Yet Israel often returns to their former ways. God's amazing love is witnessed in Hosea 11 as He continues to care for Israel though God's people often went back to idols. When God's compassions are kindled he cannot execute his fierce anger.

God's love is no less for us today. We sin and fall short in our relationship with God. But God's love stands. When we return to Him, He will always take us back no matter what condition in which we find ourselves.

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Temporary change in meal programs and activities at the Senior Center

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

The Pagosa Springs Senior Center has taken a proactive step and, as of Thursday, March 19, we are continuing our temporary closing of the congregate dining room due to coronavirus (COVID-19). Although there are no confirmed cases in Archuleta County as of Monday, our clients are the most at risk for the virus.

In order to continue providing meals, we will continue to offer hot meals and a salad with a drive-up option under the portico at the Ross Aragon Community Center. These meals will be available Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

There is a \$4 suggested donation for those age 60 and above. The cost per meal for anyone age 59 and under is \$10.

The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread. Our daily menu, included below, is also posted on our website at psseniors.org.

Please call 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We will also continue our Meals on Wheels program.

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

Community Café menu

Thursday, March 19 — Pork baked ziti, broccoli/cheese soup, Italian spinach with mushrooms,

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focaccia bread with butter, milk and salad.

Friday, March 20 — Tuna melt, roasted potatoes, onions and red peppers, steamed asparagus with lemon, milk, salad bar and crisped rice treat.

Monday, March 23 — Orange chicken with brown rice, citrus asparagus stir-fry, snow pea medley, milk, salad bar and poached pears.

Tuesday, March 24 — Pulled pork, loaded baked potato bar, cream of zucchini soup, milk, salad bar and Mississippi mud pie.

Wednesday, March 25 — Shrimp scampi with orzo, pineapple casserole, broccoli salad, breadstick with butter, milk and salad.

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

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

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always pick up. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation

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The Knights of Columbus annual Lenten fish fry has been canceled. Don Heitkamp and Mark Bergon made the sign announcing the cancellation.

Create family memories with cookies

Special to The PREVIEW

Oatmeal is a versatile ingredient found in desserts, breakfast foods, savory dishes and so much more. While it is enjoyed in many different dishes, for cookie lovers, oatmeal shines brightest in cookie recipes.

Homemade cookies not only fill the kitchen with delicious aromas, they are a comfort food prepared and enjoyed with others. Many recipes are even passed down among generations. This recipe for "Pecan Toffee Oatmeal Cookies" from Laurie McNamara's "Simply Scratch: 120 Wholesome Homemade Recipes Made Easy" could become a family favorite in no time.

Pecan Toffee Oatmeal Cookies

- Makes 3 dozen cookies
- 1-1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 3 cups old-fashioned oats

3/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted

1 cup toffee pieces
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone liners.

In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt and set aside.

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream together the butter and both sugars until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add the vanilla. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing and scraping down the sides of the bowl after adding each egg. Gradually add the flour mixture until just combined.

With the mixer on low, stir in the oats, pecans and toffee bits.

Using a 2-tablespoon scoop, measure out the cookie dough onto the prepared baking sheets, spacing them 1/2 inch apart. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, rotating the baking sheets halfway during bake time for even baking.

Let cool on the baking sheets for 5 minutes before using a spatula to transfer to a wire rack. Repeat with the remaining dough.

These cookies are extra delicious when served warm.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 15 Make, as money
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- 22 Like some questions
- 24 Moscow landmark
- 26 Puniest pup
- 27 Bird feeder filler
- 28 Skin salve
- 32 Early hit for The Jackson 5
- 34 Passed out cards
- 36 Make last, maybe
- 37 Peggy and Brenda
- 39 Taxpayer's fear
- 41 Pinochle's low card
- 42 Betrothal notice
- 44 Natural rope fiber
- 46 Get the picture
- 47 Employ robots
- 49 Campus military org.
- 51 Bob of The Grateful Dead
- 52 Conference site
- 55 Van Gogh's "Sunflowers", e.g.
- 59 Cloth for suits
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- 61 Marine growth
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- 64 Do penance
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- 48 Suffer illness
- 50 Mine-boring tool
- 52 Fit for a king
- 53 Burning bright
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- 56 Mambo king
- 57 Graphic symbol
- 58 Little nipper
- 62 Had a bite

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Is the stress in your life affecting your waistline?

By John Lough
Special to The PREVIEW

These days, there are numerous things that can add stress to our daily lives. Maybe it's family or financial issues. Maybe it's pressures at work or even that daily commute. Perhaps you find yourself feeling stressed and upset over the latest news reports even though they're about things occurring far from you and beyond your control.

Most of us, when we face anxiety and stress, try to find ways to limit such feelings. One of the most used methods to minimize our stress and make ourselves feel better, if only for a short time, is by turning to food.

Not necessarily a conscious decision, stress eating is a common way to cope with uncomfortable thoughts and feelings. It's a natural reaction. Many foods affect our moods and feelings. They may remind us of better, simpler times (think "comfort foods"), or may actually bring reactions that make us feel better (yes, that "sugar high"), if only for a little while.

The problem with stress eating is that it can have a variety of negative effects, with the most common one being what we see when we step on that bathroom scale. So how can you avoid using food as a stress reliever?

A starting point is to focus on when and why you're eating. Experts advise keeping a food diary, just for a few days, in which you record what you eat, when you eat and what you're feeling at the time. What many people find is that, without realizing it, they've been snacking, often unhealthily, not because they're really hungry, but simply because they're feeling

stressed.

It's important to realize that the food you're eating doesn't make the stress or your problems go away, and that it actually may be increasing your stress as you add on unwanted pounds.

You want to deal with this problem by analyzing the sources of stress in your life and trying to see if there might be ways to reduce or manage that stress. Consider looking to non-food-related activities, like exercising, reading, gardening or other similar relaxing activities. Sometimes, simply being aware

of what is triggering your stress-related eating is enough to help you avoid it.

Overcoming stress-related eating can be a challenge, but it is possible. If your eating issues are affecting your health, consider talking to your family doctor or a counseling professional specializing in this area.

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Make way for the zombie apocalypse

By Asta Bowen
Special to The PREVIEW

As if its year-round wildfires weren't enough, California is leading the way toward a zombie apocalypse. But, unlike flames roaring across the landscape, this apocalypse is happening quietly, just below the surface. And its scope is staggering.

Imagine the great swaths of forest that once blanketed much of this continent; now imagine an army of tree-eaters, billions strong, who suddenly show up and start mowing down everything in their path.

Dubbed a "zombie apocalypse" by University of California scientist Joe Gaydos, this is happening right now — in the sea instead of on the silver screen. The forests are kelp, large brown algae that live in cool, relatively shallow waters close to the shore. They grow in dense groupings and feed and shelter thousands of fish, invertebrates and marine mammal species.

The invaders are sea urchins and the destruction has profound repercussions.

Northern California has lost an estimated 90 percent of its kelp forests along a 200-mile stretch of coastline; marine scientists at Bodega Bay have called it an "unprecedented" shift in which oceans are warming, starfish are dying and purple sea urchins are taking over.

It's a story told round the globe in one form or another, from Norway to Nova Scotia, Australia to the Aleutians. Once-lush beds of massive kelp, up to 100 feet tall and teeming with wildlife, have been replaced by stony "barrens" overrun by urchins and not much else.

If that's not creepy enough, a

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major villain in the Pacific scenario may well be "The Blob," an epic rise in surface water temperatures that lasted several years and may be coming back. Sea-star wasting disease, which virtually eradicated a key predator of the urchins, has been linked to such warming waters.

A little about sea urchins, those pretty pin cushions of the ocean floor: no brain, no heart, underneath all the stingers, it's mostly nerves and sex and appetite. Given the balance of nature, the logical fate of a species that eats itself out of house and home, while wildly reproducing, should be starvation.

But this is where the real zombie act shows up: it seems that if things get bad enough, urchins can deploy to a near-death state. Thus, the species manages to endure in the very environment it trashed, not just for days or weeks, but months and years. It's a brilliant survival strategy; red urchins are known to live up to 200 years, with oldsters showing such a remarkable lack of decrepitude that scientists are asking what this creature might teach us about longevity itself.

In fairness, it's hard to worry about sea urchins run amok when you can see the glow of wildfire from your living room.

Besides, there's also a theory that kelp forests and urchin bar-

rens are simply two sides of an ecological coin that is going to flip back and forth over time. We think of the sea as a mighty, immutable force that can take care of itself — which in the end it may be — but tell that to the seals, the codfish, the seabirds, the humpback whales and now the kelp forests vanishing before our eyes.

Tell it to the abalone divers facing a closed fishery. Tell it to the atmosphere, losing yet another place to stash excess carbon. Tell it to all the crustaceans, fish and marine mammals who will have to look elsewhere for food and shelter. Tell it to the coastal communities whose shorelines will now bear the brunt of storm surge unbuffered by that biomass of kelp.

Tell it to Oregon, who's next on the urchins' menu. Washington, are you listening?

We can take the chance that ocean warming is just a blip on the radar, but until our own species develops the ability to live for centuries, other measures are in order, measures like the emergency rule just approved by the California Fish and Wildlife Commission. It would allow recreational divers to harvest unlimited purple urchins off the Mendocino coast that lies at the "epicenter" of the devastation.

Even this may prove too little, too late; but knowing what we already know, carrying on as usual may be the scariest movie of all.

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Seven ways to start getting organized

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Becoming more organized is a popular resolution each new year. However, like many resolutions, people's commitment to being more organized tends to wane.

Being unorganized can adversely affect productivity, state of mind, motivation and even happiness. Sixty-seven percent of people surveyed in an Alpha Phi Quarterly study believed they could save up to 30 minutes a day if they were more organized. And, a Huffington Post survey determined worrying a home isn't clean enough or organized enough is the fifth most common stress trigger for Americans.

Getting and staying organized requires commitment. Having some handy tips at the ready to facilitate the process can make things go more smoothly.

1. Determine what organization means to you. Being organized might mean one thing to you and something else entirely

to someone else. Some may put form before function. Others may be interested in the aesthetics of a neat-looking space. Once you have a handle on what being organized entails to you, you can get to work.

2. Start with what motivates you most. Perhaps this is a room in the home that has become overrun with clutter. Or maybe it's getting finances organized so you can save for a dream vacation. When you accomplish your biggest goal, the seemingly smaller ones may seem less difficult.

3. Declutter your mind. Think of a busy mind as a computer that has that turning hourglass or spinning color wheel icon when it's stuck on a process. Every application stalls because the computer cannot do everything at once. The same thing can happen in the brain. Sit down and make a to-do list of what's on your mind. Then start prioritizing tasks. This will do wonders to clear your head.

4. Create deadlines for yourself. An open-ended timeline to get things done may promote procrastination. Deadlines may provide motivation.

5. Avoid distractions. Try to remove as many distractions as possible. When working on a chore, hire a babysitter to look after the children or step away from social media so you can focus on the task at hand. Interruptions only slow you down.

6. Think before you acquire. Once you are organized you may have challenges fitting new items into the mix. If you're getting ready to purchase something new, carefully consider its usefulness and determine in advance where it will go, and whether or not you have the space.

7. Be accountable to another. Having help getting organized can mean delegating certain tasks or enlisting someone to check in with you to see if you're on target. Embrace this system of checks and balances.

Becoming organized is a process, but once you get the hang of it, it can be easier to stay organized.

Late winter the best time to prune trees

By Teddy Parker-Renga
Special to The PREVIEW

With spring around the corner, the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) is reminding residents that late winter is the best time to prune most trees. Trees are still dormant at this time of year and, unlike in early winter, wound closure will happen sooner if pruning occurs just prior to the time new growth emerges.

"Pruning trees during the late dormant season maximizes growth and allows the tree owner to spot problem areas and build strong structure for the long term," said Vince Urbina, urban and community forestry manager for the CSFS.

Urbina noted that although some elms, maples, birch and walnut trees may visibly exude sap if pruned in the late winter or

early spring, this should not harm the tree.

The CSFS offers the following tree pruning tips:

- Know what you want to accomplish before you start pruning. Don't remove any living branches without a good reason or specific objectives in mind.

- Remove any torn, dead or broken branches.

- For shade trees, develop or maintain one dominant vertical top stem, or leader, and don't cut off the tops of trees.

- Space the main branches along the trunk and prevent branches below the permanent canopy from growing upright or getting too large.

- Always prune just outside the branch collar, the point where one

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Six steps to start researching your genealogy

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Identifying one's family history and lineage can be an exciting and rewarding endeavor. Many people are compelled to trace their ancestry and ultimately gain much from having done so.

Interest in genealogy has grown in recent years. The popular and free family tree application FamilySearch Family Tree had 1.6 million contributors in 2018 who added 28 million new people to the global tree. Thousands upon thousands also utilize other genealogy resources to paint a more accurate picture of

their histories.

According to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, more than 26 million people shared their DNA with ancestry firms as of the start of 2019. MIT predicts that number will rise to 100 million by the end of 2020.

Those ready to get started on researching their lineage may wonder where to start. These guidelines can map the way.

1. The first step is to work from the known to the unknown, advises The New England Historic Genealogical Society's American Ancestors program. Write down names, dates, places of birth, marriage and

death announcements, and other pertinent information you can dig up from looking at personal effects. This will provide a starting point and serve as a springboard for further research.

2. Establish what you want to learn about your family. Maybe you simply want to have a complete family tree that dates back to a particular ancestor? Perhaps you want to see where your family name originated? Identify what is behind your interest and allow those goals to guide your research.

3. Access census records, military records, travel documents and other

official papers, which can provide key clues to family history. These can be researched individually, but many people like using resources like Ancestry.com because their databases pool information from a variety of sources. The National Archives offers free access to its records database at www.archives.gov/research/databases.

4. Consider privacy concerns before digging deeper. Acquiring DNA testing and sharing results in an effort to connect with relatives has become a popular side effect of genealogy research. However, experts advise caution before submitting any DNA samples. MIT Technology Review indicates that, if the DNA collection trend continues, the companies that hold this data will have genetic information on more than 100 million people. The Review goes on to say, "as these databases grow, they have made it possible to trace the relationships between nearly all Americans, including those who never purchased a test."

5. Learning new information can be overwhelming, so it's best to focus on one family story at a time rather than tackling the entire family tree in one sitting, suggests the service Findmypast.

6. Connect with like-minded individuals if you find that your genealogy interests expand beyond personal history. Family historians often connect via social media or through local genealogical societies.

Genealogy research is a growing pastime that can reveal secrets and insight into one's family history. It's never too late to start uncovering information.

Candle crafts tap creativity

Special to The PREVIEW

Crafting is enjoyed by children and adults. Even the most ardent arts and crafts enthusiasts might be surprised to learn that their favorite hobby can offer a number of benefits related to their health and well-being.

Research shows that regularly engaging in crafts can have tangible health benefits. The rhythmic and repetitive movements of certain crafts, as well as the need to focus one's attention, can produce a calm that helps anyone, including those who may experience anxiety, according to health and self-care resource Berkeley Wellness.

In an online study published in the British Journal of Occupational Therapy that surveyed more than 3,500 knitters, researchers found knitting was "soothing" and "restful" and had meditative or zen-like qualities.

The sense of accomplishment after completing a project is another great reason to engage in arts and crafts, which also may boost cogni-

tive health by protecting certain neurological pathways in the brain.

There are many ways to engage with arts and crafts. Woodcrafting, painting, mosaic work, and metal arts are some popular activities.

One time-honed craft activity that is good for beginners or advanced crafters alike is candle-making. Today's craft stores sell many different types of waxes and products that can produce beautiful scented candles.

Teacup candles

Candles can be housed in various vessels, but a clever turn is to use teacups or mugs to mimic the look of popular beverages. There's also the reassurance that such beverage holders can withstand hot wax.

Start by visiting a craft store and choosing a type of wax. Gel waxes are versatile and can boil, pour

and set up easily. They'll also be mostly translucent, which is great for replicating the look of various drinks. Follow the instructions on the packages for usage and invest in coordinating wicks, colorants, and appropriate scents.

It's also necessary to choose a style of candle. In a teacup, a tea-colored hue wax paired with a lemon scent can be reminiscent of a hot cup of lemon tea. Use other glasses or mugs to replicate the looks and scents of hot chocolate, mimosas, cappuccinos and much more.

As you become more comfortable, experiment with incorporating molded wax embellishments, such as lemon slices, ice cubes, berries, or even cinnamon sticks. This will help drive home the realism and whimsy.

Treasure these candles for use around the house or gift them to others on special occasions.

Trees

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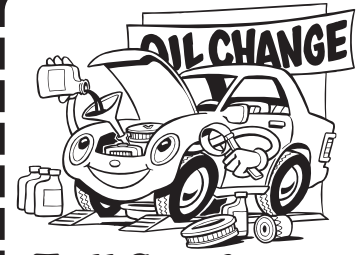
branch leaves a larger one (or the trunk), often discerned by raised or wrinkled bark.

- Limit pruning of newly planted trees to the removal of dead, damaged or crossing limbs, or those interfering with the main stem.

- Avoid removing too many of a tree's branches in any one year, which puts undue stress on the tree.

- Consider recycling pruned limbs by having them ground into mulch.

If a job requires running a chain saw overhead or removing large branches or entire trees, Urbina noted it is best to contact an insured, ISA-certified arborist. A list of these professionals can be found at www.isa-arbor.com. For more information about urban tree care, go to csfs.colostate.edu.



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Three simple ways to eat healthier every day

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Diets can be difficult to navigate. Since no two people are the same, a healthy diet that satisfies one person won't necessarily satisfy another. Vegetarians might be perfectly happy without chicken or steak, while some people might shudder at the notion of never indulging in the occasional filet mignon.

While the most effective diets tend to be those that emphasize

nutrition while still allowing individuals to indulge in some of their favorite dishes in moderation, the following are three ways that everyone, regardless of their personal preference, can eat healthy every day.

1. Eat lots of whole-grain carbohydrates.

Fad diets tend to paint carbs as the enemy, but various studies have shown just how integral carbohydrates, particularly whole-grain varieties, are to a healthy

diet. One such study published in 2018 in the medical journal *The Lancet Public Health* found that diets that got between 50 and 55 percent of their calories from plant-based carbohydrates like whole grains were associated with a lower risk of mortality than low-carb diets that favored animal-derived protein sources. When buying carbs at the grocery store, shoppers can opt for whole-grain varieties, including whole-grain pastas, brown rice and cereals. That won't require sacrificing flavor and makes for a simple way to eat healthier every day.

2. Make a concerted effort to eat more fruits and vegetables.

The United Kingdom-based National Health Service, which is the largest single-payer health care system in the world, recommends eating at least five portions of fruits and vegetables

every day. That may sound like a lot, but it's pretty easy to incorporate all those healthy fruits and veggies into a diet. For example, add a serving of antioxidant-rich blueberries to your cereal bowl each morning. At dinner time, allow vegetables to take up the most real estate on your plate. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note that diets rich in fruits and veggies can help people control their weight and may even reduce their risk for certain diseases, including cancer.

3. Kick added sugars to the curb.

Avoiding added sugars is another way anyone, regardless of their food preferences, can eat healthier every day. Healthy foods such as fruit contain natural sugars, and these don't pose a threat to overall health. However, added sugars, which the Harvard Medical School notes are found in many

foods and can include honey, molasses and corn syrup, can increase a person's risk for various conditions and diseases, including obesity, heart disease and diabetes. Fruit contains fiber that slows the absorption of natural sugars, but the body digests added sugars much more quickly, leading to an uptick in blood sugar levels that can ultimately contribute to diabetes. Added sugars can be found in a host of foods and beverages, including some that aren't generally considered unhealthy, like bread, certain breakfast cereals and pasta sauces. When shopping, consumers should read nutrition labels and avoid products with excessive amounts of sugar.

Eating healthy does not require people to abandon their favorite foods. A few simple adjustments can be all it takes to improve the nutritional value of your diet.

Spring cleaning can alleviate allergies

Special to The PREVIEW

Allergies affect people of all ages. The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) reports that allergic rhinitis affects between 10 and 30 percent of the world's population. In addition, the prevalence of allergic diseases has risen in industrialized nations for more than 50 years.

Seasonal allergies tend to be the strongest in spring and autumn. Allergies can be exacerbated by many factors, including in homes where improvements are being made. Regular housecleaning can remove many common allergy triggers and help alleviate symptoms.

Knowing which common home improvement mistakes can aggravate allergies can help homeowners avoid them.

Suit up

Before any cleaning begins, allergy sufferers should don face masks and rubber gloves to prevent themselves from breathing in allergens or having them touch their hands, where they can be transferred to the face or elsewhere. Those cleaning should also wear clothes that can be easily removed and laundered after a day's work.

Clean windows singularly

Prolonged exposure to outdoor allergens, such as pollen, mold or ragweed, can aggravate allergies. Therefore, if windows are being cleaned, do one at a time and then promptly close the window. Having the air conditioning running can help filter the air as well.

Use exhaust fans

The AAAAI recommends using an exhaust fan in the kitchen and bathrooms to reduce the levels of moisture in these rooms and filter out potential allergens and odors. Moisture can eventually lead to the growth of mold and mildew, which isn't healthy for anyone, including

allergy sufferers, to breathe in.

Invest in a HEPA filter

Vacuums with HEPA filters can trap allergens that are so small that they pass through regular vacuum filters. That means instead of containing them, these small particles are only being shot back into the air where they are easily breathed in.

WebMD suggests vacuuming once or twice a week to keep carpets and floors as clean as possible. Plus, don't forget to vacuum upholstered furniture and drapes as well.

Launder with hot water

When it comes time to wash linens, do so in hot water, which can kill dust mites residing in sheets and blankets. Employ mattress covers to further protect against dust mite allergies.

Shampoo smart

Shampooing a carpet may cause moisture to become trapped in the carpet fibers, leading to increased dust mites or mold growth. Spot-clean stains instead. Otherwise, hire a professional cleaner who will clean and dry the carpet as quickly as possible.

Damp dusting is better

When cleaning up dust or home renovation debris, use a damp cloth or a vinegar solution to wipe down surfaces. This helps trap small particles instead of sending them into the air.

Treat mold issues

Mold can trigger allergic reactions, so it is best to keep it out of a home. Solutions that contain at least 10 percent bleach can be effective at killing mold, but it's best to prevent mold from growing entirely. That means keeping tabs of any moisture issues and addressing them immediately.

Allergies can be problematic, but routine home cleaning in the right way can help alleviate symptoms.

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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL is accepting applications for a Preschool teacher to start in the fall. Please call Anette at (970)731-3512 or stop by at 56 Meadows for an application.

PATROL DEPUTY. Archuleta County Sheriff's office is accepting applications for the position of Patrol Deputy. Applicants must be Colorado P.O.S.T certified. For job description and wage details, please visit www.archuletacounty.org. Submit a Sheriff's Office application and resume to Human Resources, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or fax (970)264-1879 or email to rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

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