

Drew McNaughton is the enrichment coordinator for Montpelier's public schools. Schools across the state have shut down due to the virus that causes COVID-19. So McNaughton has been working from home.

While at home he's decided to help organize a group of volunteers in the Marshfield and Plainfield areas who can go to stores to pick up items for those who may not be able. "It seemed like the natural thing to do. It seems like a natural response for a community to take care of the vulnerable populations," he said.

Health officials have said those that are older, have chronic health conditions or have a compromised immune system are most at risk from the virus. People are being told to stay home as much as they can and to stay at least six feet away from others in effort to keep the virus from spreading. Some who have tested positive for the virus or are showing symptoms are being told to stay home and self-isolate for 14 days.

McNaughton has been promoting the effort on Front Porch Forum and so far 22 people have signed up to volunteer. Those who volunteered have agreed to share their contact information with those looking for items to be delivered.

So far he said there's only been one request for delivery: a resident who needed heart medication. But McNaughton believes that will change the longer this goes on and the stricter the isolation requirements during the pandemic.

"There's going to be more people sheltering in place and it's going to be up to the healthy and the young to step up for once. The millennials are going to be facing an actual challenge," he said.

He said one of the hard parts about the pandemic is the anxiety people are feeling due to the uncertainty of how long this will go on with no defined end date.

"To me, that's the unnerving part," he said.

To help pass the time, he said he's been doing projects around the house and doing things outside. He said he would bet plenty of people will have renovation projects completed by themselves by the time this is all over.

"A lot of amateur carpenters are going to emerge," he said.

TRIBUTE TO DWIGHT GARDNER

Mr. BENNET. Madam President, I rise to honor the career of Dwight Gardner, who recently announced his retirement after providing decades of service to the State of Colorado. He most recently served on my staff as the regional director for southeast Colorado. Dwight has been a tireless advocate for the farmers, ranchers, and communities across our State. For decades, he has worked on behalf of communities throughout the region, from Pueblo to Raton Pass on the New Mexico border, and from the headwaters of the Arkansas River in Leadville, high in the Rockies, to the town of Holly in Prowers County.

Early in his career, Dwight worked alongside his brother to support the farmers of the Arkansas Valley as a cropduster. Living through the era of "buy and dry" land purchasing to divert water to meet the needs of a growing Front Range, Dwight understood early the value of advocacy for rural Colorado.

In 2000, he was elected to the first of two terms as a Crowley County Commissioner, and in that role, he was selected as chairman of the Southern Colorado Economic Development District to represent the interests of the 14 counties in the region. In 2007, my predecessor, Senator Ken Salazar, asked Dwight to join his office. I was fortunate that Dwight agreed to continue his service in my office in 2009.

Dwight employs a formidable array of skills to serve the southeast region of Colorado effectively. He builds strong relationships with people; he possesses a deep knowledge and respect for the heritage of Colorado; and he provides a constant presence when the issues demand it. He has engaged in the battle for Federal funds to build the long-promised Arkansas Valley conduit. He was witness to the important preservation of our national heritage at Camp Amache and Sand Creek. He helped shepherd the critical economic opportunity represented by the continuation of the Southwest Chief railroad line.

From local food production to manufacturing, from the decommissioning of the Pueblo Chemical Depot to establishing good neighbor relations at Fort Carson's Pinon Canyon Maneuver site, Dwight has been a steady presence and road warrior as he has advanced the common good across hundreds of miles of beautiful southern Colorado.

Going forward, I will miss Dwight's humility, his candor, and his keen understanding of what it means to be a son of rural America, attributes so needed as we work our way toward a better future. I am comforted to know that the next generation, represented by his grandsons Noah, Devlan, and Gatlan, have the benefit of his guidance. Colorado is grateful for his service.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO KARA FOUR BEAR

• Mr. CRAMER. Madam President, I want to congratulate Kara Four Bear, the principal at the New Town, ND, Middle School, for being one of two educators in the Nation to be presented with the Presidential Cybersecurity Education Award.

The U.S. Department of Education received nominations for 43 educators from 23 States for this inaugural award. Kara Four Bear's selection was based on her passion for developing digital literacy and safety skills in her students and then helping them make real-world connections with what they learn.

She has led her school in establishing robust, global, and relevant education programs using curriculum provided from the National Integrated Education Research Center. This curriculum challenges students to put into practical use their lessons in topics such as cyber ethics and cyber law.

They start this curriculum as sixth graders and continue through middle school and high school. Through various class projects and State, regional, and national competitions, they explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and the careers available in these fields.

This Presidential Cybersecurity Education Award was established on May 2, 2019, by President Trump's executive order on America's Cybersecurity Workforce. The Department of Education was charged with creating this award within 1 year and in consultation with the Deputy Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism at the National Security Council and the National Science Foundation.

Because the demand for STEM careers continues to grow in my State, our Nation, and around the world, there is a critical need for students to excel in these subjects. Because women continue to be underrepresented in careers focusing on computer science and cybersecurity, the challenge is even greater to encourage girls to develop the creative thinking and problem-solving skills needed in these careers at an early age.

The New Town students joined young North Dakota women from Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, West Fargo Sheyenne, and Williston schools last month in the Girls Go CyberStart competition, sponsored by the SANS Institute. North Dakota had the highest nationwide participation per capita for the second year in a row, and I commend all who participated in this competition.

Inspirational educators like Kara Four Bear are leading the way to increase opportunities for North Dakota students to prepare for careers in the field of cybersecurity. I thank her for her passion for cyber education and for being an inspiration to what can be done to successfully create this level of excellence in schools across the Nation. •

RECOGNIZING GOOD SHEPHERD HOUSING AND FAMILY SERVICES

• Mr. KAINES. Madam President, the formation, development, growth and success of Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, GSH is a story that exemplifies the very best in people-to-people programs. Started in 1974 as a "helping hand" volunteer-run organization by members of the Mount Vernon community, including several churches and local businesses, the founders of GSH established a volunteer board of directors to steer the organization's efforts to help those experiencing homelessness in the Greater Mount Vernon community.

Today, GSH is a vital affordable housing and services provider with a 10-person professional staff and a \$2.7 million operating budget. GSH remains true to its founding vision and mission. GSH works every day to reduce homelessness and enable self-sufficiency by

providing permanent affordable rental housing, emergency financial services, budget counseling, and case management to hundreds of working families in Fairfax County. Then, as now, GSH helps struggling families create and sustain a better way of life for themselves and their neighbors.

In 1975, GSH acquired its first property on Holland Road, built and furnished a home, and moved in a struggling refugee family of nine and began providing them ongoing support services, starting them on the path towards self-sufficiency and housing stability. Two months later, several Laotian and Vietnamese refugee families received housing assistance upon their arrival in the community. For the next several years, GSH continued to serve families and individuals needing housing and emergency financial assistance. Under the leadership of its board, GSH functioned solely with the support of volunteers and individual donations.

Today, with its affordable rental housing portfolio of 100-plus leased and owned units, as many as 120 struggling families are housed and supported every year in GSH housing. GSH's emergency financial assistance program assists an additional 200 households a year by preventing evictions or providing security deposits. GSH case managers also provide service referrals to another 200-plus households each year to receive community services to address their healthcare, transportation, and food needs.

Additional support services and programs are offered to move resident household to greater self-sufficiency. The Children's Resources Program supports the 110-plus schoolchildren residing in GSH affordable housing units and ensures their educational needs are met. Various financial counseling programs help low-income female heads of household create a healthy consciousness around money and empowers them to begin to establish financial security.

A president/chief executive officer, vice president/chief operating officer, financial manager, and development director lead the day-to-day operations of GSH. They are assisted by staff of six full- and part-time employees. A 16-member board of directors oversees its work, while a leadership council of 23 key community stakeholders in the service area provides advice and guidance on the needs and human services trends within the community and the impact of GSH programs in meeting those needs.

The current service area lies within the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts of South Fairfax County, mainly along Richmond Highway from Alexandria to Lorton, where many low-income workers live. The deepest pockets of poverty in Fairfax County are here. For example, according to 2016 U.S. Census Bureau data, 66,618 people 5.9 percent or 1 in 17 Fairfax County live in poverty i.e., below the Federal poverty level of \$24,600 per year for a family of four. Based on census data disaggregated at

the ZIP code and neighborhood level, several of the neighborhoods in the GSH service area report that 10 to 15 percent of their households live in poverty.

For more than 45 years, Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services has had one outcome in mind: to ensure that the households it serves reach housing stability, build financial resources, and never face the possibility or reality of homelessness. Every year, GSH programs stretch and grow to make this outcome a reality for its residents. Recently, several local Northern Virginia and Metropolitan Washington, DC, agencies recognized the affordable housing contributions of GSH through grant awards that help finance the programs. As the need for its services unfortunately continues to grow at a staggering pace, GSH will continue to step up, lend a helping hand, and empower its clients to do the same.●

RECOGNIZING PINECREST BAKERY

• Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize a small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit at the heart of our country. It is my privilege to recognize a family-owned small business that is not only a Miami staple, but has helped feed thousands of Floridians impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. This week, it is my pleasure to honor Pinecrest Bakery, of Pinecrest, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 2012, Efrain Valdes and Joel Rodriguez founded Pinecrest Bakery. Years earlier, these longtime friends met in Miami's Little Havana and formed a bond over their shared Cuban heritage and love for its cuisine. When Efrain's family moved to Pinecrest, he noticed a lack of Cuban restaurants in their new neighborhood. Seeing this as an opportunity, Efrain and Joel opened the original Pinecrest Bakery in December 2012. Their welcoming atmosphere and delicious food proved a hit, with lines regularly forming out the door. Soon, Pinecrest Bakery expanded its hours to become Miami's premier 24-hour Cuban bakery.

Eight years later, Pinecrest Bakery expanded to 17 locations, with 3 more on the way. Their original menu of Cuban coffee and pastries now includes meal and catering menus and a food truck. Pinecrest Bakery is earning accolades for its delicious cuisine and emerging as a leader in the local business community. The business remains family-owned, with several members of the Valdes and Rodriguez families serving in key leadership and food production roles. Additionally, their strong sense of family has built a tight-knit and supportive team.

Like many other small businesses, Pinecrest Bakery stepped up to help their community during the coronavirus pandemic. The shortage of

essential goods in stores prompted them to sell their bulk supplies of milk and eggs directly to customers. In mid-March, Pinecrest Bakery ramped up their existing partnership with Farm Share, a nonprofit organization that connects Floridian farmers with surplus produce to local businesses and organizations for distribution. Using its Pinecrest location as a distribution center, Pinecrest Bakery provided approximately 200,000 pounds of free food to nearly 10,000 families in south Florida. The American Legion recognized Pinecrest for donating hot meals to healthcare workers and first responders.

When the U.S. Small Business Administration launched the Paycheck Protection Program—PPP—Efrain and Joel applied immediately. The PPP provides forgivable loans to impacted small businesses and nonprofits who maintain their payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic. Recently, Pinecrest Bakery received their PPP loan, which has enabled them to keep their employees paid and continue their work to feed south Florida.

Pinecrest Bakery is a remarkable example of how small businesses can leverage local connections to support their communities in times of crisis. I commend their work with Farm Share and leadership in the Miami area.

Congratulations to Efrain, Joel, and the entire team at Pinecrest Bakery. I look forward to watching your continued growth and success in south Florida.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4750. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Autographa californica Multiple Nucleopolyhedrovirus Strain R3; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10005-93-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4751. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Real Estate Appraisals" (RIN1557-AE86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4752. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rule: Revised Transaction of the Current Expected Credit Losses Methodology for Allowances" (RIN1557-AE82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4753. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of