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BANK PROMOTION TO HELP TEACHERS GOES VIRAL



The recent announcement of a promotion by Alpine Bank, above, to reimburse teachers for up to \$200 in classroom supplies drew a strong response from the local community.

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-In a [report released earlier this year](#) by the United States Department of Education, 94 percent of public school teachers reported spending their own money on classroom materials. On average, those teachers spent around \$479.

Here on the Western Slope, one local bank is doing something to help educators offset those costs. Alpine Bank recently announced a Teacher Reimbursement Promotion for educators in the Montrose, Delta and Ouray county schools.

To qualify, teachers must either have an existing Alpine Bank Liberty checking account with direct deposit, or open a new one, said Alpine Bank Marketing pro Lori Bachmann. In return, Alpine Bank will reimburse those teachers for up to \$200 worth of classroom supplies.

News of the Teacher Reimbursement Program drew so much interest (an ad for the promotion generated more than 16,000

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CITY CONSIDERS ASSISTANCE TO SOME HOME BUYERS; "WHO DO WE WANT IN THESE HOMES?"

Sunset Mesa Water tank to be replaced with 140-foot-tall standpipe

By Gail Marvel

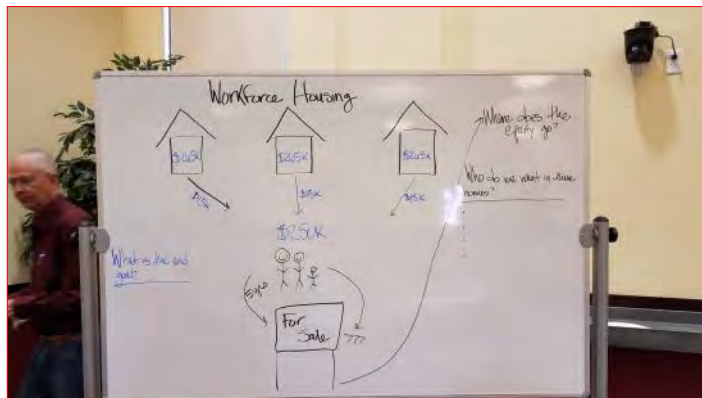
MONTROSE-City Council Work Sessions are normally held on the Monday prior to the regular council meeting on Tuesday. However, the Labor Day holiday necessitated moving this work session to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4, which was then followed by the regular city council meeting at 6 p.m.

Discussion Items

Montrose Airport Economic Impact

Study Report – Colorado Flights Alliance (CFA) Chief Officer Matt Skinner. Business Research Division, Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado Boulder and RRC Associates of Boulder reported

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Director of Business Innovation Chelsea Rosty used a whiteboard to prompt council discussion on Single-Family Housing Incentive Policies. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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ANSWERING THE CALL: MCSO DEPUTY LEO PETERS

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Deputy Leo Peters grew up in California where he came from a broken home, followed by a difficult foster care experience. He said, "As long as I can remember I wanted to be in law enforcement, but my parents and foster parents were not supportive. My foster dad did encourage me in whatever I wanted to be. He told me if my dream job was to be a trash man, that I'd be happy being a trash man. He supported my decision after I made the decision." In 1999, between high school and college, Peters vacationed in Montrose. He said, "I stayed for a couple of weeks, met my future wife and never left."

Peters was attending the police academy when the attacks on September 11 occurred, "I changed my career from law enforcement to the military." Peters served in the Air Force for 12 and a half years, moved back to Montrose in 2015 and once again found himself back in the Delta-Montrose Police Academy. He said, "POST [Colorado Peace Officers Standards and Training] certification expires after three years, so I had to go through the academy all over again."

Comparing the two academy experiences Peters said, "There was more structure. New statutes had come into place that were area specific. The first time I was just 21 years-old and not mature enough to handle the job. The second time when I got to the end I had more excitement rather than nervousness." Peters laughed and said, "There was a group of us who were older, so we all had the same aches and pains." Peters used the GI Bill to attend the second academy, "Halfway

through I was hired by Montrose Sheriff's Office on a conditional contract." He laughed and said, "The condition was that I would graduate!" Peters has been with MCSO just over three years and is certified as a Driving Instructor.

Peters finds his biggest stressor is balancing family with his work schedule. However, in the area of work-related stress he feels the weight on his shoulders right before he makes an arrest. He said, "When you're making an arrest you are taking away someone's freedom. I need to make sure I have all the facts. There are certain crimes in Colorado that require an arrest. I have to make sure that the evidence is there, rather than just someone trying to get another person in trouble."

The most enjoyable aspect of his job is the variety. He said, "The fact that you never know what you are dealing with. No call is ever the same. I can be doing an interview one minute and looking for a lost child the next."

In general, Peters feel the skill set that serves him well is his life experience. He said, "I grew up in a pretty rough household and on a personal level I can relate to a lot of the people we deal with. Because I've been there I know what they are going through, or I know someone who has been there. I'm empathetic."

When not working, Peters likes to hang out with family. He said, "I de-stress with home improvement projects. My wife collects pets so there's always a new pen, cage or hutch to build. I enjoy the fact that it makes her happy." The Peters' menagerie of pets includes chickens, goats and ducks. Peters said, "I have two dogs that are my buddies, a German Shepherd and a Mastiff. My kids have cats...but I don't



MCSO Deputy Leo Peters. Courtesy photo.

claim them."

As for career goals Peters said, "I'm happy with where I am right now. I'm a member of the Air National Guard and attend monthly training meetings in Aurora [CO]. I have four more years to go and that leaves little time to get more training in SO office."

In a message to citizens Peters said, "If you see something, say something. Property crimes on construction job sites are heartbreaking. People lose all the tools and equipment they've accumulated over a lifetime. If you see someone prowling around the area let us know so we can check it out. Don't wait for a week. No tip is too small and it might lead to people getting their stuff back."



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Montrose "Rocks"! is a local Facebook group, with over 2,500 members, that decorates rocks and hides them as a fun community activity. If you find a rock, you can keep it or re-hide it; the group just asks you to snap a photo of where you found it and post it to its Facebook page. The group also holds fundraisers where members paint rocks to be auctioned off to benefit a local non-profit. The group held an auction on August 4, 2018 with all proceeds benefitting The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club. Between rock purchases and donations, Montrose "Rocks"! raised \$500 for the Club! The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club appreciates the generosity of the group. For more information on The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club, visit www.bcbgc.org. For more information on Montrose "Rocks"! visit the group's Facebook page.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED FOR TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Special to the Mirror

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE – In conjunction with unincorporated San Miguel County, the Town of Mountain Village lifted all Fire Restrictions on Wednesday, Sept. 5 due to recent rainfall and decreased fire danger across the county.

"Town officials are pleased to lift restrictions and want to thank our community members and guests for their patience and diligence during this unusually dry season and ask to please be fire safe," said Marketing & Business Development Director, Bill Kight. For information on current conditions, future town restrictions for the Town of Mountain Village, and emergency preparedness information, please visit <https://townofmountainvillage.com/current-conditions>.



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views on the Mirror Facebook site alone) that Bachmann said she returned to her office after Labor Day weekend to nearly 400 email and phone messages.

"I had a ton of calls about this," she said, noting that the reimbursement requirements are simple. In addition to an Alpine Bank checking account with direct deposit,

teachers should present receipts for supplies purchased after the date the account was opened, Bachmann said. Expenses will be reimbursed, "So long as they are for the classroom," she said. The idea for the Teacher Reimbursement Program came from a similar and very successful program in Steamboat Springs. In addition to

Montrose, Ouray and Delta counties, the program is open to teachers in Durango and Telluride schools, she said.

"We know that teachers do spend a lot of their own money," Bachmann said.

To learn more, contact loribachmann@alpinebank.com, or call 970.369.5039.



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FUNDING AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS FOREST HEALTH, WILDFIRE RISK

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FORT COLLINS—A summer of destructive wildfires has served as an unfortunate reminder to Coloradans that many forested areas here remain unhealthy and fire-prone, and that the occurrence of fire in natural settings is inevitable. For those

interested in taking action, but who have simply lacked the means, funding is available to help address these concerns.

The Colorado State Forest Service announced today that for the next month it will be accepting proposals from Colorado HOAs, community groups, local govern-

ments, utilities and nonprofit organizations seeking funding to restore forested areas, improve forest health, and reduce wildfire risk on non-federal lands in the state.

The Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program helps fund projects that strategically reduce the potential wildfire risk to property, infrastructure and water supplies and that promote forest health through science-based forestry practices. Applications must not only promote forest health and address the reduction of hazardous fuels that could fuel a wildfire – such as trees and brush near homes – but also utilize wood products derived from forest management efforts.

Up to 25 percent of this program's total available grant funds also are allowable to fund the purchase of equipment that directly supports and expands on-the-ground opportunities to reduce hazardous fuels.

The state can fund up to half the cost of each awarded project; grant recipients are required to match at least 50 percent of the total project cost through cash or in-kind contributions. Projects can be located on private, state, county or municipal forest lands.

Applicants must coordinate proposed projects with relevant county officials to ensure consistency with county-level wildfire risk reduction planning. Follow-up monitoring also is a necessary component of this grant program, to help demonstrate the relative efficacy of various treatments and the utility of grant resources.

Applications must be submitted electronically to local CSFS Field Offices by 5 p.m. MST on Oct. 3, 2018. A technical advisory panel convened by the CSFS will review project applications and notify successful applicants next spring.

Applications and additional information about the Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program are available at CSFS Field Offices and online at <http://csfs.colostate.edu/funding>.



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USPS TO DELIVER MORE THAN 3.5 MILLION BALLOTS FOR GENERAL ELECTION

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DENVER— Colorado's next election is less than ten weeks away, which means the U.S. Postal Service is already gearing up to ensure a successful vote-by-mail process for the Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018 general election.

Beginning this week, USPS postal operations officials will meet with election representatives from each of Colorado's 64 counties to review vote-by-mail perfor-

mance in the most recent primary election and plan for the upcoming November general election. Voter communication is a key component to ensure that ballots have sufficient time to be processed, delivered, and counted.

"The Postal Service takes pride in the popularity of U.S. Mail as an efficient and effective means for Coloradans to participate in the voting process," said USPS Colorado-Wyoming District Manager Kevin

Romero. "The preparations we have made in unison with state and county election officials will enable USPS to deliver a record number of ballots in a timely manner to registered voters across Colorado in the fall."

Colorado is one of three U.S. States that sends ballots via mail to all active registered voters – Oregon (2000), Washington (2011) – and the Centennial State has consistently been a voter turnout leader nationally since the state legislature instituted ballot by mail elections in 2013.

Millions of ballots will be mailed out to voters three weeks before the November general election. USPS and Colorado's Secretary of State's office offer these reminders for voters:

- Every ballot is mailed to the address provided through the voter's registration file. To check the address on file for your voter registration visit www.GoVoteColorado.com.

- Be sure to sign the envelope when you return your mail ballot. Your county clerk must receive your ballot no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day. Postmarks do not count.

- The Postal Service advises all voters who wish to return their ballots through the mail to do so by Oct. 31, 2018, and to ensure each mailed ballot is affixed with appropriate postage to ensure timely processing. Voters who have not returned their ballot by the 31st are encouraged drop off their ballot in person at a 24-hour drop box or a voter service and polling center in order for it to be received in time.

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PALADINA HEALTH EXPANDS ACCESS TO DIRECT PRIMARY CARE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

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GRAND JUNCTION-Paladina Health has expanded its delivery of innovative primary care services to more patients in partnership with UnitedHealthcare and the State of Colorado. The expansion has increased access to Paladina Health's delivery of individualized healthcare for more than 2,000 state employees and family members in Grand Junction and the surrounding areas, bringing additional high quality healthcare options to local residents. Drs. Robert Boyer and Michael Gorman of Trailhead Clinics in Grand Junction

are among the first direct primary care providers to sign on with the Paladina Health statewide affiliate program. Drs. Boyer and Gorman will continue to operate under the Trailhead Clinics brand name and provide direct primary care to new and existing patients, which now includes state employees within a 25-mile radius of Grand Junction. State employees have had the option to take part in Paladina Health's direct primary care services since 2015 through a partnership with State of Colorado for employees who are on a UnitedHealthcare plan, but access to

Paladina Health doctors has largely been limited to Front Range residents until now. Since the program expansion launched in April 2018, about 500 Grand Junction-area state employees and families have taken advantage of the Paladina Health offering. Individuals can become independent Paladina Health members even if it is not currently an option through an employer-provided health plan.

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2017 COLORADO INSURANCE INDUSTRY STATISTICAL REPORT RELEASED

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DENVER - The Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), has released its "2017 Colorado Insurance Industry Statistical Report." In 2017, Colorado citizens spent over \$35 billion on premiums to 1,434 companies, and this report details the financial status and market share of those companies selling various lines of insurance in the state.

"This report is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to dig into the data and find out more about the insurance market here in Colorado," said Interim Insurance Michael Conway. "It is a great tool for in-depth research or just to answer simple questions." For each line of insurance, the report details the companies selling that insurance, where they are located, and their market share, based on the premium collected. It also shows the loss ratios for individual insurance companies - the ratio between the premiums paid to that company and the money it pays out. The information for this report comes from data filed with the Division or with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC).

What kind of questions can this report answer about the insurance industry in Colorado in 2017? Here are a few examples.

- Which company was the biggest seller of large group employer, major medical health insurance in Colorado? (*see page 285*)
- How many companies were selling earthquake insurance in our state? (*see pages 149-151*)
- What were the top five companies selling Medicare supplement insurance? (*see page 281*)
- What was the loss ratio for the number 3 company selling private passenger auto liability insurance? (*see page 179*)
- Where is the company located that had the biggest market share for aircraft insurance in Colorado (or, in insurance terminology, "Where is it domiciled")? (*see page 200*)

Find the "2017 Colorado Insurance Industry Statistical Report" at the Division of Insurance website - dora.colorado.gov/insurance; click on "Brochures / Reports" under "Get Informed."



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NATIONAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS HISTORIC ROADS MONTH

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FORT COLLINS – The leading international conference dedicated to identifying, preserving and managing historic roads is coming to Colorado this week.

Preserving the Historic Road (PTHR) conference is taking place at the Elizabeth Hotel in Fort Collins, from Thursday, Sept. 13, through Sunday, Sept. 16. It will feature a number of expert speakers, including several from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). It also includes tours along some of the state's scenic and historic roads, special events and field sessions. More information on the conference is available here: [http://](http://historicroads.org/)

historicroads.org/. Gov. John Hickenlooper also has proclaimed September as Historic Roads Month in Colorado, coinciding with the PTHR conference. In addition to citing the conference, the proclamation recognizes a number of other sites and locations that enrich the state's heritage:

- National Register of Historic Places – 61 bridges and 20 roads or highways, including Trail Ridge Road through Rocky Mountain National Park
- Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways - 11 of 26 are designated by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation as America's Byways, giving Colorado more national designations than any other state

-U.S. National Historic Trails - Three pass through Colorado: Old Spanish National Historic Trail, Pony Express National Historic Trail, and Santa Fe National Historic Trail

In 2017, Colorado attracted 84.7 million U.S.-based travelers, plus nearly one million international visitors who collectively spent \$20.9 billion and generated over \$1.2 billion in state and local tax revenue. In addition, for every one million dollars spent on historic preservation in Colorado, it leads to more than \$1 million in additional spending, 14 new jobs, and increases household incomes by \$636,700 across the state.

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on the results of a November 2017 survey.

As stated in the work session packet, "The survey was mailed to a stratified random sample of 3,000 full-time resident households in the tri-county region, utilizing an address list provided by a commercial list vendor. The survey was also mailed to a random sample of 1,000 second homeowners in Ouray and San Miguel Counties identified through Assessor records."

The 79-page survey, requested by the council and paid for with tax dollars, is available to the public and can be found [online in the council work session packet](#).

Councilwoman Judy Ann Files said, "This is an amazing tool for us to put out to the naysayers who don't want us to support CFA."

Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Bowman said, "It's nice to put a number behind it and how CFA has an impact on the Montrose economy."

Council Barbara Bynum said, "So now we can go into our budget meeting and discuss the importance of putting money into CFA."

The report estimates that in 2017 residents in Ouray and San Miguel Counties have spent \$123M in selected retail and service sectors in Montrose County.

Elevate Franchise Agreement – City Attorney Stephen Alcorn and Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner.

Turner said, "DMEA US, with the trade name Elevate, has always been considering Triple-Play services [internet, cable entertainment and phone]. This permits the company to use public right-of-way to conduct their business and extend their network out. It's the only way to make it economical."

The city is permitted to use public right-of-way for utilities, gas, power, internet, etc. Turner said, "Only on telecommunication services are we allowed to collect a franchise fee. This has to be equitable for both Elevate and Charter." This item will appear in a future council agenda.

Single-Family Housing Incentive Policies – Director of Business Innovation Chelsea

Rosty.

The council directed staff to research giving financial incentives to home buyers in order to help offset the high cost of housing.

Rosty asked for direction from council, "Does the equity [then] belong to the City of Montrose, or to the owner?" Rosty asked specific questions to help guide the discussion, "What is the end goal? Where does the equity go? Who do we want to help? Who do we want in Montrose?"

Bynum said, "Our goal is to provide housing for people who want to work in Montrose. Provide housing at a price where people making median wage can afford to live [here]." Mayor Roy Anderson noted people are interested in applying for jobs in Montrose, but when they look at the cost of housing they don't apply. Rosty defined three subsidized housing models (Free Market, Delay Market and Forever Market) and council discussed the pros and cons of each model.

Rosty said, "There is a consensus [among council] about helping working families, but there is not consensus on [helping] the retirement community." Councilman Doug Glaspell said, "We don't want to subsidize something and then they sell or move to somewhere else." Bynum said, "How willing are we to spend or invest taxpayer dollars? How involved do we want to be in housing? I don't think we are ready to start this. There is a lot more we need to learn before we invest in this."

Councilwoman Judy Ann Files said, "An important part is who do we want to help? We don't just want to help the developer."

Comparing workforce housing subsidies to the subsidy awarded to the owners of the Vine Market & Bistro Restaurant Mayor Anderson said, "For now we need to be flexible if an opportunity like the Vine comes along."

Discussing the question, "Who do we want in these homes?" Glaspell expressed concern that the city might be putting itself into a litigation situation. City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said, "Yes, that's discrimination. Cities get into trouble with

the charge of protected classes, like someone over 55. I would much prefer a slow approach." Alcorn noted that Vail has a good program for subsidized housing, "But they are well-funded and staffed."

State Historical Fund Depot Roof Replacement Grant Contract - Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner.

The Denver and Rio Grande Depot, 21 North Rio Grande Ave., was completed in 1921 and acquired by the city in 1973. The roof underlayment has deteriorated and is a threat to the structural integrity of the building.

The city applied for and was selected to receive \$200,000 from the History Colorado State Historical Fund. With a city match of \$71,128 in local funds, the total cost of the project is \$271,128. The original roof tiles will be removed and then reused once the underlayment and any structural deficiencies are addressed.

Turner said, "These tiles are still being made, but we think we have adequate stock available."

Depot Roof Replacement Bid Recommendation – Facilities Manager Mark Armstrong.

Two commercial roofing companies attended the pre-bid meeting held on Feb. 20 and one bid was received on March 8.

Peak View Roofing Company of Colorado Springs Colorado submitted a bid for the project in the amount of \$246,480. A 10-percent owner's contingency in the amount of \$24,648 has been added for a project total of \$271,128. This project has been selected to receive grant funding from the Colorado State Historical Fund in the amount of \$200,000.

Armstrong said, "We're hoping to do it by early spring next year." This item will appear on a future council agenda.

Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee Resolution – Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko.

This resolution will establish a Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee for the purpose of evaluating, assessing and recommending funding initiatives for the Montrose Police Department (MPD).

CITY CONSIDERS ASSISTANCE TO HOME BUYERS From previous pg

Following discussion at the Aug. 20 work session Boyko revised the draft resolution and brought it back to council. Changes to the draft included removing any mention of sales tax and the city staff suggestion of the amount of a sales tax increase (\$0.55 on \$100) The number of committee members will be no less than 12 and no more than 18.

Speaking to the requirement that committee members must either live or work in the city Glaspell said, "My concern is who can be on it [committee]. There are a lot of retired people who live around Montrose who could offer input." City Manager Bill Bell said, "Our number one supporter would be ineligible to serve on the committee. He helped the county with their initiative."

Background: At the May 14 work session John W. Nelson (Crime Stoppers President) and James Haugsness (CASA Board member) approached council to suggest the city look at a city Public Safety Tax. Both Nelson and Haugsness successfully campaigned to put a Montrose County Public Sales Tax on the ballot, which voters supported.

Removing the residency/work requirement for the city's Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee would allow both men to serve on the committee.

Bynum said, "I can appreciate that we have people who could contribute to the community by being on the committee." Council removed the stipulation that committee members must either live or work in the city. Boyko said, "So far eight people have expressed interest in being on

the committee."

Sunset Mesa Water Tank Replacement Design Contract – City Engineer Scott Murphy.

The below-ground 3.0-million-gallon water tank situated on Sunset Mesa was built in 1960 and portions of the tank are structurally compromised. Repairs are estimated to cost between \$1 and \$2 million.

Staff is suggesting replacing the current tank with a 140-foot-tall standpipe. Murphy said, "This would change the Montrose skyline. It's probably double the size of the cell towers that are there now."

Bynum said, "This will allow us to store more water for the west side of town [Cobble Creek]."

Funding would come from the water capital improvement fund. Staff recommends award of a design contract to Farnsworth Group in the amount of \$174,839 for the Sunset Mesa Tank Replacement project.

The funding discussion prompted a question from council about the Riverwood Subdivision connecting to the city water system. Extending the city water system to Riverwood will cost \$600,000 and council was told at a work session that it would come from the water fund. The staff has now changed their mind about that funding source. Finance Director Shani Whittenburg said, "We found a different fund for the Riverwood Subdivision. That will now come from the Special Improvement District Fund."

Octoberfest Liquor Permit Application – City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo. Octoberfest will be held in Centennial

Plaza on Sept. 29.

General City Council Discussion

Councilwoman Judy Ann Files said she would help host a raft trip down the Uncompahgre River on Sept. 5 for the President of the American Medical Association and the President of the Colorado Medical Society.

Councilman Doug Glaspell brought several issues forward. He said, "I'd like to review and consider a lodging tax. We're lower than other areas. I'd like us to take a look at it. I'd like to see the Police Academy [sponsorships] taken out of the Colorado Mesa money we set aside. I'd like to see redistricting [council districts] for diversity. I'd like to pursue a Historic District for Grand Avenue, between North 4th and North 9th."

Staff Comments

Chief of Police Tom Chinn said, "The schools are safer in the last six months because of the involvement between the school resource officers and the staff at schools. They [school staff] are more aware today." City Engineer Scott Murphy gave an update on streets and the completion of projects. Files expressed concern about more disruption caused by the upcoming repaving of South Mesa Avenue east of the new Columbine School. Murphy said, "We were going to replace South Mesa next year, but the school built their curb too high and now we have to repave the street." City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo said, "We had 41 people attend the Alcohol Server Training Class. There are still two vacancies on the City Planning Commission."



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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROVIDES \$1.6 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR THE RETURN OF NATIVE AMERICAN REMAINS AND SACRED OBJECTS



Photo courtesy National Park Service.

tion 10 of the Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to award grants to assist in implementing provisions of the Act. The National NAGPRA Program is administered by the National Park Service.

Indian tribes and museums in Oklahoma will receive more than \$450,000 in funding.

-The Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma, Delaware

Tribe of Indians, and Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma will each send representatives to museums in states outside of Oklahoma, including Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Texas, to view and consult on their NAGPRA-related collections.

-The Gilcrease Museum at the University of Tulsa and the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History at the University of Oklahoma will each host consultation visits with tribal partners, focusing on human remains and funerary objects in their collections that are of interest to tribes in Oklahoma.

-Ball State University will provide travel funds and coordination for two meetings in Oklahoma to consult with the tribes whose traditional homelands are in Indiana.

Special to the Mirror

WASHINGTON -- The National Park Service announced last week \$1,657,000 in [Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act](#) grants to return ancestral remains and cultural items to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

"Through these grants the National Park Service works with tribes, museums, and partners to facilitate the return of sacred objects and ancestral remains to native peoples," said National Park Service Deputy Director P. Daniel Smith.

The 16 repatriation grants will fund transportation and reburial of 243 ancestors and 2,268 cultural items. Funding will cover trips from Illinois to Washington, Alaska to Pennsylvania, and Oklahoma to New York, plus the cost of reburials in Colorado, Utah, and Wisconsin. In support of the repatriation process, the 19 consultation and documentation grants will provide funding for museum and tribal staff, travel, and where appropriate, collections digitization. Enacted in 1990, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act requires museums and Federal agencies to inventory and identify Native American human remains and cultural items in their collections, and to consult with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations regarding repatriation. Sec-



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NEW STUDENTS ENROLL AT FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

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DURANGO-- The Fall 2018 semester welcomed new transfer and freshmen students from all over the country and globe to Durango, Colorado.

Katelyn Rycenga of Montrose ; Rycenga's major is Biochemistry.

Jordan Budagher of Montrose ; Budagher's major is Biology.

Zachary Siegel of Montrose ; Siegel's major is Biology.

Cade Atwood of Montrose ; Atwood's major is Engineering.

Grace Gerhard of Montrose ; Gerhard's major is Environmental Studies.

Megan Nichols of Montrose ; Nichols's major is Exercise Physiology.

Paige Morrison of Montrose ; Morrison's major is Journalism & Multimedia Studies.

Shannon O'Meara of Montrose ; O'Meara's major is undeclared.

Renny Andersen of Nucla ; Andersen's major is undeclared.

Gavin Rojas of Montrose ; Rojas's major is Adventure Education.

Katelyn Skees of Montrose ; Skees's major is Psychology.

Eriqua Wilkes of Montrose ; Wilkes's major is Psychology.

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COUNCIL VOTES TO REMOVE ALCOHOL SETBACK FROM SCHOOLS, ESTABLISHES PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE MORE FUNDING FOR POLICE



and housing projects within the State. For the first time Montrose has reached the population criteria to be eligible for the bonds. There is low interest financing through this mechanism. There are many hoops to jump through and many of the dollars go unused."

Turner gave the council several options, "We do not have a project in the pipeline."

Staff recommended assigning their allocation to the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA). Turner said, "The bonds are tied to tax credits. This doesn't mean we are giving money away, it's just one-million dollars in bonding authority." Approved unanimously.

Resolution 2018-25 – Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko.

This resolution establishes a Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee for the purpose of evaluating, assessing, and recommending funding initiatives for the Montrose Police Department.

Boyko said, "This is the third time you've seen the resolution and this is the revised resolution."

Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Bowman wanted a deadline for applications and requested 30 days. Council set the application due date for Oct. 9 and they will conduct interviews on Oct. 15. Approved unanimously.

Brown Ranch Subdivision Filing No. 6

Final Plat – Senior Planner Garry Baker.

Councilwoman Files, who lives in Brown Ranch, recused herself and left council chambers.

Councilman Doug Glaspell, who previously heard this issue while serving on the Planning Commission, recused himself and left council chambers.

This Brown Ranch Subdivision final plat is 29 lots, open space tracts, an outlot and street dedications.

A hearing is not required because the final plat ratifies the preliminary plat. A cash warranty security in the amount of \$65,239 has been provided to the City. Approved by three votes, two abstain.

Citizens interested in the three-year lease, and the subsequent sublease, of the city owned Brown Center attended the council meeting on Sept. 4. Attendees were prepared to answer any council questions and offer support for approval of the lease. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Regular City Council meetings are held in Council Chambers at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Meetings are videotaped and can be watched live-stream, or by going to the city website. No Youth Council Representative was present for the meeting. Attendee David Stockton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call For Public Comment

No citizens addressed council.

Ordinance 2455 (second reading) – Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This ordinance, which disconnects property located at 1680 Chipeta Road, is a little more than half an acre in size. The area was adjacent to city property until 2017, when it was traded to Rick Adamson and the city's claim to the property was abandoned at that time. The area is not within any City utility service areas.

Currently the owner's property is split in half. Baker said, "This is so their entire property could be in unincorporated Montrose County." Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2456 (first reading) – City

Attorney Stephen Alcorn.

This ordinance pertains to the distance restriction between [Beer and Wine and Hotel and Restaurant liquor licenses](#) and schools. Current liquor license holders cannot be within 500 feet of schools. At the July 17, 2018 city council meeting Allen Frigetto, the owner of Froggy's, addressed council during the call-to-the-public and ask that they look at the issue. Frigetto's request prompted this ordinance.

Alcorn said, "We're excluding a lot of businesses and restaurants because of an arbitrary line." The State statute establishes the 500-foot limit; the State however allows municipalities to opt-out.

A hearing was held on this ordinance; however, no one from the public spoke. The ordinance removes any distance requirement for Beer and Wine and Hotel and Restaurant liquor licenses; however, it does not apply to liquor stores who sell for off-premise consumption. Approved unanimously.

Resolution 2018-24 – Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner.

Turner said, "Each year the IRS makes an allocation to be used for manufacturing

COUNCIL VOTES TO REMOVE ALCOHOL SETBACK FROM SCHOOLS From previous pg

Brown Center Lease and Sublease Agreements - Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner.

Turner gave a history of the Brown Center, a dormitory type facility, which is currently unoccupied. Under consideration is a three-year lease of the facility to Tuxedo Corn Company LLC for migrant workers and a sublease to Montrose Lighthouse, Inc for emergency shelter for the homeless during the winter.

Previously the lease agreement called for \$1 a month base rent. However, rather than maintaining the grounds themselves the lessees opted to retain the current maintenance contract for the facility for which they will pay \$590 a month base rent.

Turner said, "We think we have a lease

going forward that makes the building available for reuse. I hate to see vacant property. I think it is in our best interest to utilize the building for use in the community."

Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Bowman said, "Thanks to all those coming together to help find a solution. This is not a permanent homeless solution." No one will be allowed to put a camper, motorhome, or pitch a tent on the site. There will be no overnight stays outside of the dormitory.

Leonard Felix, owner of Olathe Spray, spoke to council in favor of the lease agreement. Approved unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Public Information Report – City Manager Bill Bell.

Bell deferred to City Engineer Scott Mur-

phy for an update on street projects. Niagara, Hillcrest and Rio Grand are nearing completion.

Murphy said, "It's challenging to get all of our subcontractors together." Murphy reported on the river trail clean up and the start of the bidding process for next year's street projects.

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo said, "There are two vacancies on the Planning Commission. Applications are online, or you can call the Clerk's Office at 240-1422."

City Council Comments:

Mayor Pro-Tem Bowman promoted the last concert of the Summer Music Concert Series.

Mayor Roy Anderson encouraged youth to apply for positions on the Youth Council.

KIDS SKI FREE AND DISCOUNT PASS FROM COLORADO SKI COUNTRY NOW OPEN

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-Registration for the Colorado Ski Country USA (CSCUSA) 5th and 6th Grade Passport Program and the Colorado Gems Card for the winter 2018-19 season is now open. The popular Passport Program offers access to 22 ski areas across the state by giving fifth graders three days of completely free skiing or snowboarding at each ski area and sixth graders 88 days on the slopes for less than \$1.20 per day. The program is ideal for families new to the sport or new to the state as well as experienced lifelong skiing families. Fifth graders who have never skied or snowboarded are eligible for a free lesson and equipment rental.

The Colorado Gems Card provides discounted skiing and riding access to eleven of Colorado's most authentic ski areas through buy one, get one free or 30 percent discounted adult lift tickets. Kendall Mountain, owned and operated by the town of Silverton, joined the Passport and Gems Card programs in the middle of the 2017-18 season.

CSCUSA 5th and 6th Grade Passport Program

The 5th Grade Passport provides fifth graders three days of free skiing at 22 CSCUSA member ski areas. The 6th Grade Passport allows sixth graders four days of skiing at the same 22 ski areas for \$105 if participants register during the early season, after which the price will increase to \$125 until January 31, 2018. Additionally, CSCUSA's First Class lesson program complements the 5th Grade Passport Program and provides fifth graders who have never skied or snowboarded one free ski or snowboard lesson and equipment rental.

To register for the Passport Program and for more information about First Class Lessons, parents can visit www.ColoradoSki.com/Passport. The CSCUSA Passport Program enjoys the support of presenting sponsor Christy Sports, which provides a free equipment rental to all Passport families, and program partners Credit Union of Colorado and HEAD Wintersports. Participating resorts in the 2018-19 Passport program include: Arapahoe Basin, Aspen Highlands, Aspen Mountain, Buttermilk, Cooper, Copper Mountain, Echo Mountain, Eldora, Granby Ranch, Howelsen Hill, Hesperus, Kendall

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Participating resorts in the 2017-18 Gems Card program include: Arapahoe Basin, Cooper, Echo Mountain, Eldora, Granby Ranch, Hesperus, Kendall Mountain, Loveland, Monarch, Powderhorn and Sunlight.

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COUNTY REVISES PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL, PLANS TO REVISIT SUBDIVISION REGS

Mallard Court Homeowners at Odds Over Re-Plat of Error-Filled Subdivision



Property owner Lynn Thompson spoke against a re-plat of Pond's Edge Subdivision.

MONTROSE-Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Chair Keith Caddy recognized City Councilor Doug Glaspell in the audience at the start of the [regular meeting on Sept. 5](#). "Thank you for coming Doug."

No general comment was received from the public, and consent agenda items passed unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Commissioners unanimously voted to approve [Resolution 52-2018](#), adopting a revised Personnel Policy Manual. Human Resources Director Leslie Quon read the resolution aloud.

"...I would like to thank Leslie, her staff, our legal team, our elected officials, and everybody that helped work on this," BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash said when Quon had finished. "It was a collaborative effort and I think we have a much better document that's more easily read and applied to our system for our employees. "Thank you all for an outstanding job."

Caddy noted, "We took a 101-page document and turned it into a 37-page document. Got rid of a lot of the stuff that was in it, trying to make our government work a little more efficiently and effective."

Commissioners unanimously voted to [appoint Halli Smith to the Montrose County Fair Board](#) for a three-year term to expire on Sept. 5, 2021.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Coming before the BOCC for the third time was the [Amended Big Mac's Minor](#)

proposal [to lift a plat note](#) (specific to a minor subdivision, the plat note would require a county road if the owner is to subdivide as a minor again).

Commissioners discussed available options, including continuance, denial, or as-is approval.

Said Commissioner Sue Hansen to applicant Robert Lovato, "When we looked at your property, to require a road seemed like it didn't make a lot of sense for that particular piece of property...it brought up the opportunity to review the subdivision regs for the future. We want to make sure that we follow the regulations that we put in place...we're inclined not to want to violate those rules."

Rash moved to deny the request to lift the plat note, but noted that he would consider waiving fees for a new application from the same applicant if subdivision regulations were to be revised.

Applicant Lovato asked about a time frame for review of the subdivision guidelines.

Planning & Development Director Steve White said, "I think there's a number of issues...you're looking at probably at least six months."

Lovato asked to be kept informed as planning meetings progressed. "...I am willing to take that time frame and be patient, and hopefully get a favorable decision without creating any chaos in the County."

Caddy said, "The bigger, broader picture is what we're looking at...we want to make sure it's fair for everybody that's subdividing and the contractors and the private individuals and making it equitable across the board for everybody that's involved."

Said Lovato, "I think that we have come to realization that a rubber stamp doesn't work for every human that's walking down the road or every piece of property that exists within the County. I really do appreciate you and the planning commission taking time to review this."

Commissioners voted unanimously to deny the proposal to lift a plat note, and

Rash invited Lovato to participate in the planning commission meetings.

Back before the BOCC for the second time was Item E-2, which involved [a request to remove the 12' walking path easement on Ponds Edge Subdivision-Lots 1,2,3,8,9,13 and old Shavano Minor Replat-Lot 1](#).

All members of the Mallard Court Homeowners Association, with the exception of the Lot 7 owners, had agreed to the removal of the outer walking path. Citing a need for further research, the BOCC continued the matter from the Aug. 1 BOCC meeting to Sept. 5.

Steve White said, "...There was some concern about making sure that you had enough information from the homeowners association ...some other issues have come up recently; the county attorney and assistant attorney have discussed this in depth...I was able to drive each of the County Commissioners individually out to the site so they could look at it, no contact with anybody...at this point we can continue the discussion."

Assistant County Attorney Carolyn Clawson said that the percentage of HOA members voting for the replat, "...actually by vote exceeded the 67 percent required."

Speaking against the replat and removal of the outer walking easement was Ponds Edge Lot 7 Owner Lynn Thompson, who said that all easements in the subdivision are appurtenant and interconnect, and would be vacated by the action if approved. "...It is actually one large easement...it cannot exist if separated from the land that it is attached to...vacating it would literally vacate every easement within that property."

"That would deny us our water access rights to water that we have to get to and our rights that we paid for when we bought this land."

White reminded commissioners that the plat was being amended, and that "removing a 12-foot walking path does not remove other easements." Also, Irrigation has nothing to do with the walking

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path, White said. "It's not a water easement...it's a walking path easement."

Applicant Beverly Wyberg, secretary to the Mallard Court Homeowners Association, said that the original plat was found to have 11 errors after being re-surveyed. "We have spent over \$6,000 so far; we didn't create these errors...when we bought into that subdivision we should have had a correct plat...we have gone to a lot of time, a lot of money; 12 out of 13 lot owners support this...we have done our due diligence, we have done our homework. We do feel we are entitled to a correct plat." Lynn Thompson spoke again, "It is one easement throughout the whole development, and it's for the use and enjoyment of all the owners who paid for that right." Clawson said, "Mr. Thompson raises a good point...it's a tough choice." Commissioner Sue Hansen asked, "Is anybody being restricted from

reaching their headgate, their water?"

Lynn Thompson said he had been asked by another lot owner to discontinue his use of the outer walking path easement to access the headgate.

"It was the intent of the developer (Norm Brooks) that the path be used by us to get to our water...they're trying to deny us our water rights."

Said Katrina Thompson, "We have over 800 feet of inner walking path in our yard and it invades our privacy...if you vacate those outer paths it is going to place a burden on us. Following more discussion and feedback from property owners, Cadby reminded those in attendance that the County's only role was to approve the subdivision replat.

Commissioners unanimously approved the re-plat based on findings of fact.

A [final item of old business](#) was passed unanimously, an agreement with Stephen

B. and Deborah K. Hill for a deed of easement on land owned by Montrose County north of the Hills' property at 21675 Uncompahgre Road.

In other business, Commissioners approved [a proposal to create three lots within 74 acres](#) at the Longview Minor Subdivision and a [proposal to divide a 1.47-acre lot into two single family residences](#) at the Frangos Minor Subdivision.

Commissioners convened as the Montrose County Local Liquor Licensing Authority to approve [a special events permit](#) for the annual Ute Indian Museum Gala on Sept. 7, and convened as the Montrose County Board of Health to hear a presentation on the new Public Health Improvement Plan by West Central Public Health Partnership Coordinator Margaret Wacker. The BOCC reconvened, and with no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ART & SOL

SENIOR COMMUNITY CARE PACE WELCOMES NEW CHAPLAIN



Senior CommUnity Care Chaplain Justin Williams. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

REGIONAL-Volunteers of America and Senior CommUnity Care PACE (SCC-PACE) is pleased to announce Justin Williams, as the program's new full-time Chaplain. Williams will share his time between the program's two day center sites in Montrose and Eckert serving the spiritual needs of the program participants.

"My faith in Jesus and my calling to be a pastor is what connects me most to the mission of PACE and Volunteers of America. I want to bring people to the knowledge and active service of God," Williams said.

His responsibilities will include leading devotions, worship services, celebration of life services, one-on-one meetings with

participants and staff, counseling and end of life and bereavement support.

Williams holds a Master of Theological Studies and is half way through completing a Master of Divinity. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

He heard about the PACE program while volunteering at The Homestead at Montrose, the organization's assisted living community.

Williams said he was attracted to the position because "chaplain ministry and pastoral ministry both work with people to help them grow in their faith."

Williams is a pastor at Christ in F.O.C.U.S. Church in Norwood, what was formerly Norwood Southern Baptist Church. F.O.C.U.S. stands for family, outreach, community, unity and service.

Williams said he has several goals for his new position: he desires to be an encouragement to the program participants and staff, build relationships with local ministries and ministers in order to involve them in the lives of the participants, and to utilize program staff who desire to be more involved with spiritual care and create opportunities for them to provide that service to Senior CommUnity Care PACE

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participants. Williams grew up in Grand Junction and Colorado Springs. He currently lives in Norwood with his wife Kristin. The couple has a baby boy on the way, who is due Oct. 24th.

He enjoys many things about life in Western Colorado.

"I love the mountains and fresh air," he

said. "I like to play guitar, sing, "Jeep" in the mountains and dabble in photography."

His parents are Tobey and Lisa Williams of Delta, Colo. His mother is the Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator for SCC-PACE in Eckert and his father is a bi-vocational pastor and businessman.

The PACE model uses a comprehensive interdisciplinary team approach, providing services and care to individuals, age 55 and over, who otherwise might require nursing home level of care, but with the services from PACE are able to remain in their home and connected to their community.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

LEGENDS & TRUE TALES WALKING TOUR WILL BE SEPT. 11

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-This will be the last "Legends and True Tales" walking tour left for this year so come and enjoy the "Unknown Stories of Downtown Montrose" on Sept. 11, starting at 6 pm. This short walk will take you to the alleys of our historic downtown where you will learn the locations of our first jails and courthouse, along with some of the stories of our famous visitors who had "come" to town to work, live or visit. Be sure to join us for some of the unknown stories that had happened behind the closed doors in our historical buildings, the cost is \$8/person, and space is limited. Please call 249-2085 for reservations or information.

MONTROSE COMMUNITY BAND PRESENTS FIESTA MUSICA SEPT. 30 @ THE MONTROSE PAVILION

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Join the Montrose Community Band on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 3 pm at the Montrose Pavilion for a free concert entitled Fiesta Musica. The band will be playing a variety of music from south of the border and Spain with selections of El Camino Real, Amparito Roca, The Mask of Zorro, Blue Tango and more. This concert is proudly sponsored by Flower Motor Co. For more information visit www.montroseband.com or call [970-596-1188](tel:970-596-1188).



COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

LAKE CITY IS ONCE AGAIN UNCORKED



*Artists to perform at the Lake City Uncorked Wine & Music Festival include Halden Wofford and the Hi*Beams, left, and Terri Hendrix with Lloyd Maines, above. Courtesy photos.*

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LAKE CITY-Get your tickets today for the Lake City Uncorked Wine & Music Festival Sept. 15! Featuring musical acts Lions Share, the Cody Sisters Band, Freddy & Francine, Terri Hendrix with Lloyd Maines,

and Lake City favorite Halden Wofford and the Hi*Beams, and Niceness. Music between acts provided by Bruce Hayes.

Gates open at 10 a.m., music begins at 11 a.m. and wine flows at noon. Wine and Music tickets are \$65 each and commem-

orative glasses can be purchased inside the gates. Music Only tickets are \$45. Beer and food is available for sale inside the Historic Downtown Park venue. This is a family friendly event.

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LEARN ABOUT THE FLOCKS OF HOUCK @ COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY TALK SEPT. 19

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Colorado Archaeological Society presents "The Flocks of Houck," a discussion of ancient Puebloan turkey raising in Northern Arizona. Blythe Morrison of Durango, Colorado will present her research into the presence of turkeys in archaeological collections from Northern Arizona Puebloan sites dating to AD 800-1250, before and during the transitional period when turkeys became an important food for Pueblo people. She will use information from noted artifact collections, turkey bones, and other data from site excavated in the 1960s and stored at the Museum of Northern Arizona. Ms. Morrison currently serves as a Collections and Consultation specialist at the Fort Lewis College Center of Southwest Studies. The talk will be Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street. The public is invited; no charge.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS:ARTS & EDUCATION

BLM ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PUBLISHES DOMINGUEZ-ESCALANTE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ESSAYS

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION— A newly published book of essays by artist-in-residence Joe Colwell highlights the scenery and serenity of Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area. Sponsored by Colorado Canyons Association, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, *Echoes of Time: Reflections on the Mesas and Canyons on the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area* is a first-time artist-in-residence production for the National Conservation Area.

Local author Colwell was selected to share his experiences and promote public appreciation of the dramatic landscape of

D-E NCA. One of Colwell's goals while writing *Echoes* was to help people reconnect with nature and understand their relationship with natural places. "I hope with my thoughts and reflections on the D-E NCA I can influence a few people to see what's out there in their backyard," said Colwell, the first artist-in-residence for D-E NCA.

The artist-in-residence program promotes awareness of the exceptional places protected within the BLM's National Conservation Lands. Artists are inspired by and translate the natural and cultural resources of public lands.

"Colorado Canyons Association is proud

to support BLM's artist-in-residence program.

The public lands in Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area are inspiring for all who visit and Joe Colwell does an outstanding job of capturing the heart and soul of this area," said Colorado Canyons Association executive director Joe Neuhoof.

The book will be available at the [Colorado Canyons Association](http://ColoradoCanyonsAssociation.org) bookstore in the BLM Grand Junction Field Office and online. Learn more about the BLM's artist-in-residence program by visiting <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/artist-in-residence>.

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Indigenous Peoples Day - San Miguel County

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

TESSA LARK TO PERFORM AT BOB SAUNDERS THEATER IN TELLURIDE

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE-Palm Arts is partnering with the Telluride Chamber Music Association to present a very special performance by award winning violinist Tessa Lark at the Bob Saunders Theatre in Telluride, Colorado Sunday, Sept. 16 at 6 pm.

Violinist Tessa Lark is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2018 Borletti-Buitoni Trust Fellowship and a 2016 Avery Fisher Career Grant. She was the Silver Medalist in the 9th Quadrennial International Violin Competition of Indianapolis, and winner of the 2012 Naumburg International Violin Competition. She has been called one of the most captivating artistic voices of our time. She has consistently been praised by critics and audiences for her astounding range of sounds, technical agility, and musical elegance. Also the recipient of a career grant from the Leonore Annenberg Fellowship Fund for the Performing and Visual Arts in 2014, Ms. Lark continues to expand her relationships with orchestras on stages worldwide. Ms. Lark has been a featured soloist at numerous U.S. orchestras since making her concerto debut with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra at age sixteen. She performed at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall in 2017 on Carnegie's Distinctive Debuts series, and again the following year as part of APAP's Young Performers Career Advancement showcase. Ms. Lark has appeared at such venues as Amsterdam's Concertgebouw, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, the Perlman Music Program, San Francisco Performances, Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts, Ravinia's Bennett-Gordon Classics series, Troy Chromatic Concerts, Chamber Music Tulsa, Caramoor's Wednesday Morning Concerts, the Seattle Chamber Music Society, and the Marlboro, Yellow Barn, Olympic, and Music@Menlo festivals.

Highlights of her 2017-18 season include a recital at the Phillips Collection in Washington, DC; a return to the Troy Chromatic

series; an appearance with the Carmel (IN) Symphony Orchestra featuring the world premiere of Love Letter, a concerto written for her by Michael Thurber; debuts with the Buffalo and Binghamton (NY) philharmonics, the North Mississippi and Springfield (MO) symphonies, and Boston's Longwood Symphony Orchestra.

In January 2019 she makes her debut with the Albany (NY) Symphony Orchestra, performing the world premiere of a violin concerto written for her by Michael

Torke. Ms. Lark has been soloist with the Cincinnati, New Haven, Hawaii, Santa Fe, Indianapolis, Cheyenne, Santa Cruz, and Peninsula symphony orchestras; the Louisville Orchestra; CityMusic Cleveland; the New Juilliard Ensemble Chamber Orchestras; and internationally with the Chinese Opera and Ballet Symphony.

A passionate chamber musician, she has toured with musicians from Ravinia's Steans Music Institute and, during the 2017-18 season, with Musicians from Marlboro. Her piano trio, Trio Mod tre, took top prize in the 2012 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition. Ms. Lark has collaborated with a growing list of renowned artists including Mitsuko Uchida, Itzhak Perlman, Miriam Fried, Donald Weilerstein, Pamela Frank, Kim Kashkashian, Peter Wiley, and Ralph Kirshbaum. She joined Caramoor Virtuosi as a result of her participation in Caramoor's Rising Stars Series.

Keeping in touch with her Kentucky roots, Ms. Lark performs and programs bluegrass and Appalachian music regularly and collaborated with Mark O'Connor on his CD "MOC4," released in June 2014. She also plays jazz violin, most recently performing with the Juilliard Jazz Ensemble at Dizzy's Club Coca Cola in New York City. She premiered her own Appalachian Fantasy as part of her Distinctive Debuts recital at Carnegie Hall, where she also gave the world premi-



Award winning violinist Tessa Lark. Courtesy photo.

ere of Michael Torke's Spoon Bread, written specifically for her stylistic capabilities.

In addition to her busy performance schedule, Ms. Lark has served on the faculty of the Great Wall International Music Academy in Beijing, and, as a From the Top alumna, is active in their arts leadership program as a performer and educator. Ms. Lark's primary mentors include Cathy McGlasson, Kurt Sassmannshaus, Miriam Fried, and Lucy Chapman. She is a graduate of New England Conservatory and completed her Artist Diploma at The Juilliard School, where she studied with Sylvia Rosenberg, Ida Kavafian, and Daniel Phillips. Ms. Lark plays the 1683 "ex-Gingold" Stradivari violin on generous loan from the Josef Gingold Fund for the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis.

"To have such a gifted performer play in an intimate theatre space like the Bob is a real treat for our community," says Programming and Development Director Chris Vann. "Partnering with the Telluride Chamber Music Association has allowed us to make this performance a reality" added Vann.

Tickets: Tickets for this and all Palm Arts events are available at www.telluridepalm.com Tessa Lark tickets: \$15 student, \$45 adult, \$50 day of performance

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Celebrating the visual arts in T-ride

ART WALK ... For some time the Telluride Arts District has been hosting first Thursday of the month Art Walks (except for Nov., Dec., and May). Driving up to San Miguel County's county seat is a chore from Norwood -- for business or for pleasure. But I happened to make it last week after a solo foray up to Lizard Head, looking for those elusive mycelial fruiting bodies that we so often find strewn around the spruce-fir forests beneath Sheep Mountain ... Mostly I

wanted to see my friend Meredith Nemirov's new work at MiXX projects + atelier's *Into the Woods* show. Her tapestry-like hanging of attached paintings that floated on one whole wall was a study in contrasts -- two mid-sections of aspen, one dark and one bright. And the delight in this piece was one panel with almost-visibly vibrating hummingbirds ... Art Walk is as much a social happening as a sales opportunity. I got to harangue Meredith's significant other, Jorge, and my erudite pal Ian Bald, which was easily as much fun as enjoying the art work. And the biggest surprise was catching the Lindell's singing and playing at the MiXX. I hadn't seen them perform in years, although they live just south of us in Montezuma County. I had a couple of their CDs back in my politico days when I was traveling regularly, and I remember listening to them a lot, the CD playing over and over as my car ate up the miles. They call their unique style "post-apocalyptic mountain folk-rock & dark desert fever pop." As soon as I heard Kim's hauntingly beautiful voice at the MiXX, I was transported back to a lost land of ecstatic driving where music was a road as sure as the pavement. And Chris has these great solo riffs to dazzle the brainwaves. If you haven't heard their music, check out their website. They have a new album called *Long Holiday Motel*. Highly recommended ... Although I stayed too long at the MiXX to catch the many wonderful art



Kim & Chris Lindell performing at the MiXX during Telluride's September Art Walk (photo by Art Goodtimes).



Russula xerampolina sautéed in sunflower oil on a paper plate (photo by Art Goodtimes).

sites Telluride hosts these days, I did visit Slate Gray Gallery. It's a spot on Telluride's changing main drag that I'd seen but never entered. I was delighted again. Their show was called *Desert Dwellers*, and was full of fascinating work. Julie McNair, who used to have her own fine gallery, had three marvelously painted fish. Santa Fe's Geoffrey Gorman, the show's star, had a menagerie of colorful desert dweller sculptures. Felice House had a slew of intriguing female portraits, of which *Becoming Ocotillo* was the most arresting. But the piece that caught my eye and wouldn't let go was Alexandra Eldridge's *Holy Trinity* -- a collage of images in a fantastical diorama that made me think as well as feel. Got to meet several lovely women there, including gallery owner Beth McLaughlin. Highly recommended ... Though getting close to the 8 p.m. closing time, the lights were still on at Telluride's flagship Gallery of Fine Art, where the inimitable Bärbel Hacke still dominates the floor, hosting great shows -- like the current Malcolm Liepke exhibition. Sensual, sultry (mostly) woman (mostly) portraits framed in wild swathes of color inflame the eye, attract the heart. It's a dazzling mix of figurative and abstract. Highly recommended ... Made it over to the Telluride Arts HQ Gallery in time to thank Kate Jones for the splendid work she's done hosting Art Walk and promoting the arts in Telluride. And was lucky

to catch the rousing last song of one-man band phenom, Tyler Simmons ... Can't believe I missed out on opening night at Ah Haa for Josephine Fallenius, Abby Fox & Rebecca McFarland, as well as more than a dozen other interesting shows. Just means I'll have to return for my own art walk. And it will be worth the drive.

SPEAKING OF LIZARD HEAD ... Not much luck up there. Starting to chill. Snow on the peaks. I found a fistful of Xerampelina. Cooked 'em up. Ate 'em. I know Andy Weil calls it his favorite edible, but I found it bland. Without salt it was almost tasteless, as I sautéed them in sunflower oil. Truffle salt made it better ... Our monsoon drizzles have left the surface green with grasses and forbs, but the duff at the base of the spruce trees was bone-dry. Wiggled my fingers into the soil there and it was dry all the way down.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY WEEKEND ... Planning is underway for San Miguel County's third annual celebration of the re-named Oct. 8 holiday. This year the Telluride Institute is hosting five speakers: Roland McCook of Montrose, Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk of Towaoc, Rick Chavolla of New York City, Eutimia Cruz Montoya of Denver and Glade Hadden of Delta ... The organizers are still looking for donations,

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lodging assistance in Telluride, and volunteers to make six events happen, which will include a healing workshop, presentations, roundtables and a poetry performance.

For information, visit www.tellurideinstitute.org/indigenous-peoples-day.

ODDS & ENDS ... Love the Telluride bumpersticker: *I'm Against Whatever War's Next* ... Phil of High Country Bicycles in Norwood found a Pigeon Horntail Wasp last week. It's a very big wasp, more like a cicada, with what looked like a mean stinger. But it wasn't. It's an ovipositor for depositing eggs in wood. This wasp doesn't bite or sting. But it's as menacing-looking as they come ... Ute Mountain Ute Ernest House, Jr., head of the Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs, has resigned to take a position as senior policy director at Colorado's Keystone Policy Center.

THE TALKING GOURD

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The HIFU treatment
went well yesterday & all
heart poetry's good

Great news! Heal on, George
Poetry's good for something
even if it's bad

Thank you, Art, you are
another reason to hang
around a while more

Love it -- we should do
tweets in haiku form if we'd
another lifetime

Add a new social
media to our over-
the-top bucket lists

Whoo - You set a pace
an old fart like me cannot
imagine matching

Still I'd rather die
with poems undone than
with a catheter on

-George Sibley & Art Goodtimes
A collaboration

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & OUTDOORS

ENJOY THE FALL FOLIAGE WITH COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

Special to Art & Sol

COLORADO-Though summer doesn't officially end until Sept. 22, fall colors are already beginning to appear across the State of Colorado. Colorado Parks and Wildlife invites you to plan your fall excursions, making the most of those fleeting fall colors. Whether you are looking for wildlife viewing, picturesque hiking trails or a scenic foliage drive, Colorado has got it all.

If you are interested in witnessing the changes to nature autumn brings, Colorado's 41 state parks are a perfect place to start. With fall bringing dramatic changes to the aspen leaves, as well as unique animal mating rituals such as elk bugling, state parks are a great place to access all that the season brings. Take a weekend away at State Forest State Park to witness a phenomenal showing of changing aspen trees. If you are more interested in elk viewing, head to Mueller State Park to join a group hike to seek out the bugling elk and a chance to witness bull elk competing for females. While making the most of the wildlife viewing opportunities autumn presents, always remember to practice ethical wildlife viewing.

"Autumn is a wonderful time of the year to enjoy Colorado's state parks. With opportunities to view wildlife and appreciate our fall colors in beautiful settings, our state parks are great places to experience the best aspects of the season. With the potential for fall colors to arrive a bit earlier this year, make sure to get outside and enjoy this special time before it passes for



Plan your visit to see fall foliage at Pearl Lake State Park. CPW Courtesy photo.

another year," says Julie Arington, Park Manager at Steamboat Lake State Park.

Fall in Colorado provides opportunities for those looking for a solo adventure, as well as those seeking some family fun. With hundreds of miles of trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding as well as a wide variety of camping options, Colorado's state parks are sure to have a trail or site to fit every age, ability and interest. Whether you are interested in a nature walk at Barr Lake, a horseback ride at Golden Gate Canyon, a mountain bike ride at Mancos, or a relaxing overnight yurt stay at Pearl Lake, fall in Colorado has something that everyone will enjoy. As the air becomes brisk, you may find a

scenic drive preferable. Begin your drive at Trinidad Lake State Park, and wind your way through the Highway of Legends down to Lathrop State Park.

Along the way, you'll be rewarded with views of mountain peaks and groves of changing aspens. If you're looking for a new take on fall color viewing, head out to southwest Colorado for a visit to Navajo State Park.

You will have a chance to witness the desert mountains, buttes, and mesas while they are highlighted by pockets of colorful brilliance and interest.

To find state parks with fall activities you may be interested in, please visit our Park Finder, as well as the CPW calendar.



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AMERICAN LEGION POST 24 hosts Bingo every Saturday and Sunday at 7pm, at the Bingo Connection, 2075 East Main Montrose. Its open to the Public. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.. For more info call Tom at 260-8298.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS meeting every 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m. at Friendship Hall in Montrose. All veterans with at least a 10 percent service connected disability are welcome. For more information call [\(970\)964-4375](tel:9709644375).

MONTROSE TOASTMASTERS

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MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING

Noon - third Fridays. Hampton Inn, [1980 North Townsend Ave](https://www.hamptoninn.com/location/1980-North-Townsend-Ave). Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

MONTHLY-

Sept. 10-Citizens' Climate Lobby on Monday Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m., Montrose Library meeting rm. Meet with other concerned citizens to influence legislators to pay attention to the environment.Citizensclimatelobby.org local contact 970-240-9146.

Sept. 11-"Legends and True Tales" walking tour... come and enjoy the "Unknown Stories of Downtown Montrose" on Sept. 11, starting at 6 pm. Be sure to join us for some of the unknown stories that had happened behind the closed doors in our historical buildings, the cost is \$8/ person, and space is limited. Please call 249-2085 for reservations or information.

Sept. 11-Alpine Photography Club Meeting is Sept. 11, 7 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room, Montrose Library, 320 S 2nd St. All are welcome to attend.

Sept. 15-16-Tribute to Aviation at Montrose Regional Airport, 9am to 4pm.

Sept. 15 - Museum of the Mountain West presents "Romancing the West," a journey through the trials and triumphs of the people of the west, celebrating their diverse cultures, lives and legacy from the Old West through the Great Depression, The Golden Age of Hollywood, and into the Modern West. Performances by Romancing the West's Cowboy Poet/Balladeer Butch Martin and Singer and Songwriter Christina Lynn Martin.

Sept. 15-Join us at 3 p.m. for the Notes of Grace benefit concert. Bring your lawn chair and kick back at the Pow Wow Arbor at Confluence Park in Delta. Enjoy tunes from Ghost River, Fast Eddie & The Lugnuts and The Scones! \$15 admission at the gate for 21 and older; under 21 is free! Enjoy a barbecue and a beer garden, too! Call/text 970-773-8290 for more info or find us online!

Sept. 15-Ouray Ice Park – Uncompahgre River Canyon Cleanup & BBQ, Saturday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Join the Ouray Ice Park and Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership volunteers to pick up litter and debris in the ice climbing areas of the Uncompahgre River Canyon in Ouray. Then, enjoy a BBQ party to celebrate our efforts. For info: <http://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/events/>

Sept. 15- 2nd Annual Mexican Heritage Celebration at Fort Uncompahgre. Events from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. include horse-drawn wagon rides, live music featuring Mariachi singer Alberto Mejia and Las Cruces family band A Lifetime to Overcome, a cumbia dance contest, a children's folkloric dress contest, piñatas, crafts and games for kids, heritage portraits, vendors, and a wide variety of traditional Mexican food and drink. Admission for the daytime event is free. The Fort's gates reopen at 6 p.m. when popular dance band Agrupación Clave 5 takes the stage. Admission for the evening event is \$15, with admission limited to adults and youth aged 13 years older, accompanied by a parent. For more information: www.mexicanheritagedeltaco.com, 970-874-8349

Sept. 17-18- Delta County Economic Development are hosting their 2nd Annual E2 Energy Conference. Sept. 17 & 18, 2018 in Paonia. Sept. 17 will be a special kick-off event, Spark Tank at the Paradise Theatre in Paonia. Starts at 4pm. (FREE). Sept. 18th is the Conference, which takes place at the Energy Tech in Paonia. Registration on line, \$60 for the whole conference, student rates available. Please visit: <https://engagedeltacounty.org/2018-conference/> for more information and a link back to registration/sponsorship options.

Sept. 17-18-The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Club is proud to host Utah poet Trish Hopkinson on Tuesday night, Sept. 18, starting at 6 p.m. at the Telluride Arts offices across from the Wilkinson Public Library, and Monday night Sept. 17 starting at 6:30 p.m. at Million Miles Away. For more info or a map, call Norwood co-host Daiva Chesonis at 970-729-2210.

Sept. 19-The Colorado Archaeological Society presents "The Flocks of Houck," a discussion of ancient Puebloan turkey raising in Northern Arizona. Blythe Morrison of Durango will present her research into the presence of turkeys in archaeological collections from Northern Arizona Puebloan sites dating to AD 800-1250, before and during the transitional period when turkeys became an important food for Pueblo people. The talk will be Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street. The public is invited; no charge.

Sept. 21-The Madams, Murder and Mayhem historical walking tour will examine the seedier side of local history. This walk will visit the sites of the notorious saloons, jails, and historical buildings. The tales will intertwine history with legends of the famous and scandalous local characters of the area. This tour is available only on Sept. 21; starting at 6 pm. Limited spaces available. Please RSVP at 970-249-2085. Admission is \$10/ person.

Sept. 28-6 pm – 10 pm. Brews and Bites: craft beer and small plate tasting event at Intrinzik. Music from Jonathan Scales Fourchestra. www.montrosebeerfest.com for tickets and more information. Proceeds benefit All Points Transit.

Sept. 29-1pm-6pm at Centennial Plaza in Downtown Montrose. Craft beer tasting and live music from Zolopht and Dragondeer. \$25 in advance or \$30 at the gate. Proceeds benefit All Points Transit www.montrosebeerfest.com.

Sept. 30-3 p.m. Fiesta Música Free Concert, Montrose Pavilion. The Montrose Community Band will be entertaining us with a variety of Spanish and Latin favorites including El Camino Real, Amparito Roca, The Mask of Zorro, Blue Tango and more. <http://montroseband.com/concert-schedule>

Oct. 6-7-41st Annual Cedaredge AppleFest in Cedaredge.

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Above, the Montrose High School Marching Band played a fundraiser on Main Street on Saturday, Sept. 8.



At left, a rider drives his team outside the Western Slope Draft Horse Challenge at the Montrose County Events Center Saturday.



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