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A NEW GENERATION OF PRODUCTS 'MADE IN MONTROSE'



Madeline at Kinikin Processing holds some of the fresh, locally-sourced, bacon that is drawing raves from carnivores across the Valley. Kinikin's bacon comes in a variety of flavors including raspberry-chipotle and whiskey.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose is already known for things that have been made here for decades—for example, products produced by www.rossreels.com, Russell Stover's Candy, Colorado Yurt Company, and TEI Rock Drills.

Still, there's a whole new generation of "Made in Montrose" products that you may not yet be aware of.

One business to watch is SOM Footwear, a company with a new approach to a product as old as mankind—shoes. According to the SOM web site, "On a dirt road in Colorado, Sense of Motion Footwear founder Olivier Marchal took off his running shoes and set out barefoot."

Since then, Marchal has been driven by a

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COUNCIL TO DISOLVE DDA, DISCUSS PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will hold a [work session](#) (11 a.m.) and [regular meeting](#) (6 p.m.) on Monday, June 17.

WORK SESSION

Council will welcome three new employees; joining the City team are Patrol Officer Brett Suppes, Payroll Technician Cindy Goodnight, and Technical Support Specialist Ben Pettis.

Discussion items will include a Public Safety Sales Tax; First Amendment to a commercial lease agreement with Tuxedo Corn; a project update and potential change in schedule for the Lift Station Elimination and 6530 Bridge Deck Replacement Projects; and a special events liquor permit for the opening of the KVNF public radio Studio M.

Items to be discussed by City Council in the future include:

June 17-Executive Session for Municipal Court Judge Evaluation

July 2-Horsefly Addition Annexation Hearing and Historic Preservation Commission Appointment

As yet unscheduled are Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board applicant interviews, business incentives for a Hotel Developer, and a Housing Needs Analysis Report.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE AUTHOR GAIL MARVEL RELEASES 'THE CHURCH DOWN THE STREET,' ONLINE & PRINT EDITIONS AVAILABLE NOW

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On the Western Slope of Colorado, within a 20-mile radius of the City of Montrose, there are more than 70 churches and houses of worship. Over a two-and-a-half year period reporter Gail Marvel visited most of these congregations on two separate occasions, resulting in approximately 120 visits.

The individual stories of these visits were published in *The Montrose Mirror*

and the archived stories, "Experiencing the Church" series (issues #90 - #150); and "Houses of Worship" series (issues #197 - #250), can be found at <http://www.montrose.mobi/>

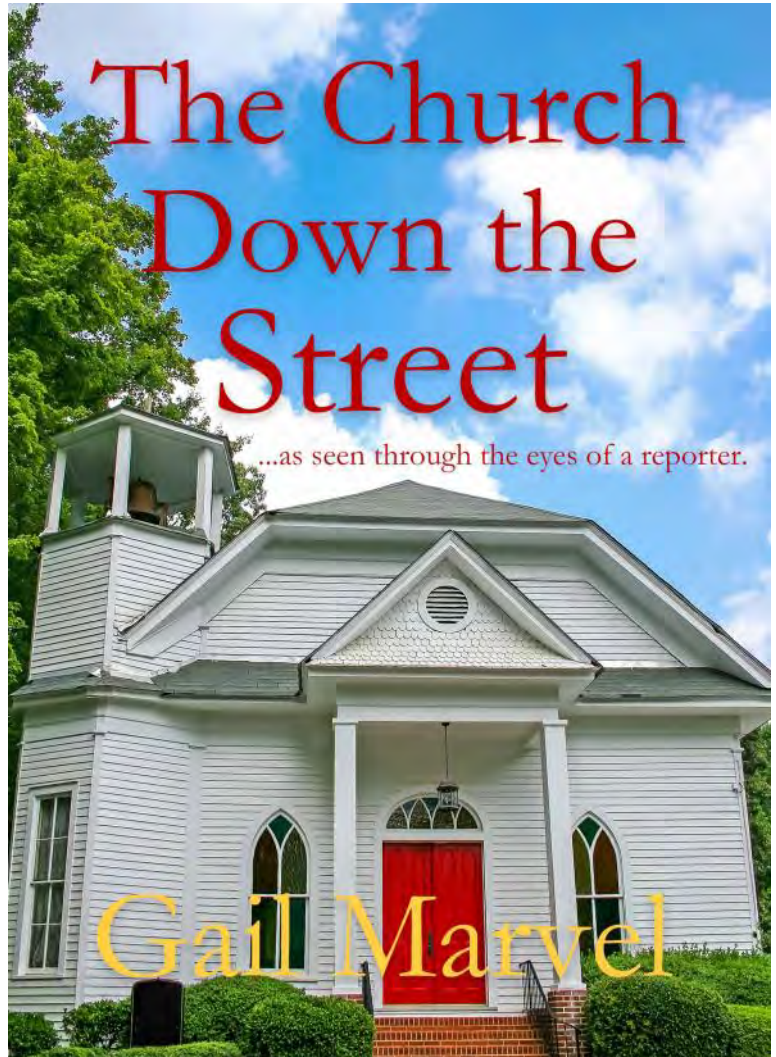
The Church Down the Street is a compilation of these visits organized in a topical format — Hospitality, Program and Source Material, Music, Meditations and Invitations, and The Message.

Similar to the Apostle Paul writing about the church through the eyes of an apostle, *The Church Down the Street* is about the church as seen through the eyes of a reporter.

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Montrose Author and Mirror Reporter Gail Marvel.



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A NEW GENERATION OF PRODUCTS MADE IN MONTROSE From pg 1

a dream of bringing barefoot comfort to a durable, comfortable shoe. The five-year-old SOM Footwear factory is located at 1006 N. Cascade Avenue in Montrose; the company now offers an array of shoes. The most popular model is the Trailhead, "Because of the technical aspect," said Nathalie Bouchard, Marchal's wife and business partner. "And they are water resistant."

Business is getting "better and better and better," Bouchard said. "Our reach is growing."

Customers range in age from 7 to 92, and they engage in all kinds of activities wearing their SOM shoes. "They walk dogs, they summit 14ers, they guide in the Alps," Bouchard said. "One is touring cross-continent from Europe to China on a bike...they are all kinds of people doing all kinds of things. One is a parkour nut...and we have a pickle ball pro."

[The SOM Factory](#) outlet store is located next to the factory and is open to the public on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment. The phone number is 970-765-2616.

Another product that has drawn raves from locals is sold at Kinikin Processing, located at 1032 64.50 Rd and online at www.kinikin.com. Stop here for lunch, but be sure to bring home the bacon too—in a variety of flavors including raspberry chipotle, whiskey, red pepper, black pepper, sweet bourbon, honey spice, nitrate-free, and regular.

"We get all of our pork locally, from Windrift Farms in Olathe," said Kinikin



In an appreciative post from the SOM Footwear Facebook site, local business owner Janae Peterson wears her "Montrose made" SOM shoes to do something active. Courtesy photo.

staffer Shauna Levingston, noting that after pork bellies are cured, tumbled and smoked, the flavors are added. In addition to selling bacon by itself or by the bundle, it can be combined with ground elk or beef for delicious bacon burger. To reach Kinikin by phone call 970-240-4329.

Another local favorite, Montrose's one-year-old Storm King Distilling, LLC, produces vodka, agave, rum and gin. Storm King products are now available in liquor stores from Telluride to Grand Junction.

While all of the Storm King products have already won awards, the aged gin and aged agave are especially popular with customers, said Steven Hunter, who runs the cocktail program at the Storm King bar. "We're doing really well," Hunter said. "I just sold out of aged gin—we've

got a couple more barrels started, and it will be bottled by the end of July." Find Storm King Distilling, LLC online @ <http://www.stormkingdistilling.com/>.

To help folks stay in the loop on cool new things made in Montrose, one local entrepreneur has plans to create a go-to source. "I am actually in the process of putting together a 'Montrose Made' directory and campaign," said Artist Leanna Johnson of Treefeather Creative. "My goal is to spread awareness of businesses that handcraft, produce, and manufacture goods in Montrose County and make it easy for people to support and shop from these locally made businesses." If you or someone you know would like to be included in the directory please email Leanna at Leanna@treefeathercreative.com.

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COUNCIL MEETING

Council will consider Ordinance 2482 on first reading, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Montrose, Colorado, dissolving the City of Montrose, Colorado

Downtown Development Authority.

Council will consider Resolution 2019-17, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Montrose, Colorado, adopting the United States Highway 550 Access Control

Plan. Council will consider approving the renewal of the Landfill Agreement with Waste Management of Colorado, Inc. Following staff reports and Council comments, Council will adjourn.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

6300 ROAD WORK TO BEGIN JUNE 17

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — Beginning Monday, June 17, 6300 Road between Townsend Ave and Jig Road will be closed to through traffic during the daytime to allow contractors to remove and replace failed sections of pavement. Later in the summer,

this section of the road will undergo additional chip seal work as part of the project. Motorists can expect detours and lane shifts around the project area. Access to local residences and businesses will be maintained throughout all phases of the work. The city asks motorists and pedes-

trians to exercise caution throughout the work area and to respect all coned-off areas. Navigate to MoveMo.Co for more information and routine project updates. Any questions regarding the project may be directed to Civil Engineer Ryan Cushenan at 970.240.1485.

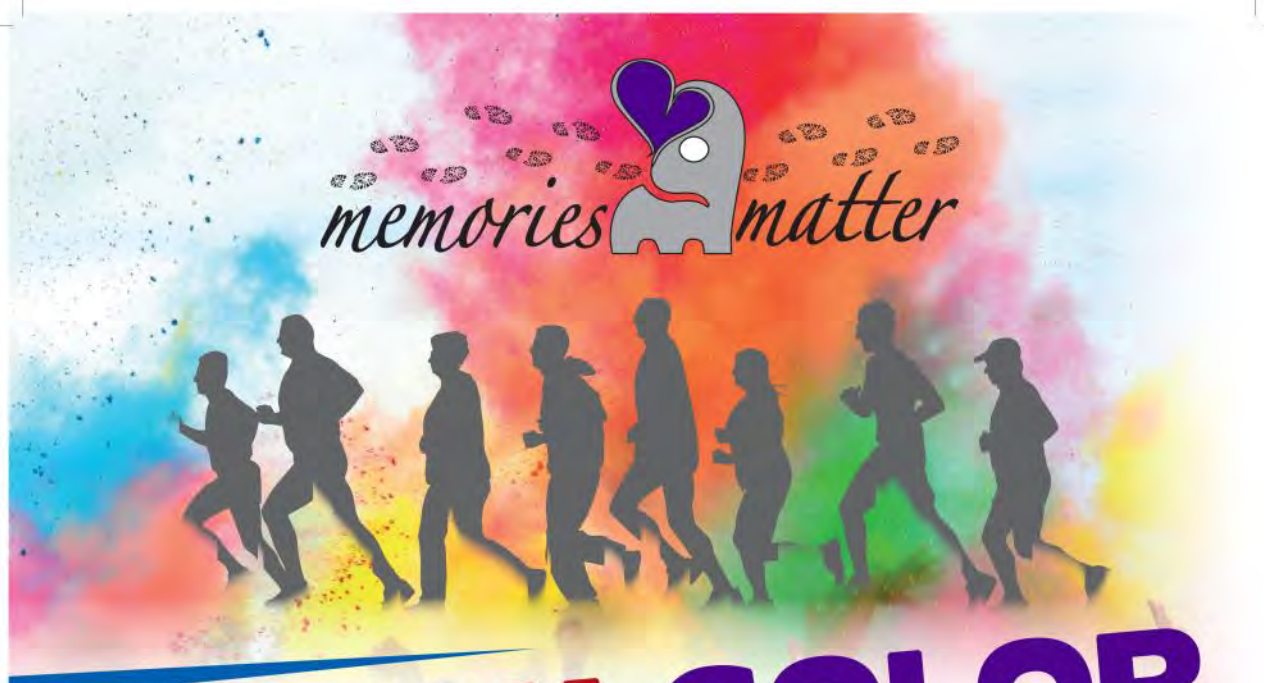
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CHANGE IS THE ONLY CONSTANT AS HEMP ACREAGE GROWS

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—Some have called it a “Green Rush.” Growers across Colorado are turning to hemp, in a trend that seems to have no end in sight. The Colorado Department of Agriculture’s [Hemp Year in Review for 2018](#) notes that of 64 counties in Colorado, 52 have at least one registered land area.

At last count, Montrose County had 92 [active industrial hemp registrants](#).

When it comes to water delivery, hemp growers are treated like growers of other crops, Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association (UVWUA) Manager Steve Anderson said.

“We don’t treat them any differently than we do our other shareholders,” Anderson said. “What they do with their water is up to them.”

Because most hemp growers prefer to employ highly efficient drip irrigation systems, return flows to the system are eliminated. “It is a change,” Anderson noted.

As the industry and the opportunities expand, there have been some growing pains. Neighbors who live near industrial hemp farms have complained about glare from the acres of plastic used to cover crops. Some neighbors have compared the smell of hemp to “a dead skunk.”

Even transporting hemp is not without hazards. [Bloomberg.com](#) reported earlier this year that police officers who stop legal hemp trucks during interstate travel are not always able to differentiate between industrial hemp and marijuana, so that arrests have been made and crops seized in error.

Still, hemp continues to attract investment and plenty of excitement here in Western Colorado. Among the larger growers here is [Blue Dog Hemp Company](#), which has fields in the Shavano Valley. The company has been sharing its progress on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Local hemp grower and Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) President Sandy Head, who has acreage



A hemp farm in the Shavano Valley. Photo by J. Morgan Nelson.

farmed by Blue Dog, said that the plastic, which is used to hold in moisture from the drip lines, will be picked up in the fall. Hemp uses one third less water than traditional crops, she said, and the use of plastic to cover crops is expected to be temporary.

“The goal is to develop cover crops that give a solid base to the soil, so you could plant hemp in the cover crops without using plastic,” Head said. “That is what it is supposed to evolve into, but we are not there yet.”

Of the roughly 83,000 irrigated acres in the valley, less than one percent is used for growing hemp, she said. “It’s just very noticeable.

“Some folks out in Shavano are not excited about it,” Head said, adding that hemp can present cross-pollination issues.

“There are challenges with male plants—when you are doing CBD, you don’t want male plants. And if there are marijuana plants that cross pollinate, it ruins the hemp—the THC will go off the charts.”

For the best flower harvest, much of the hemp is still harvested by hand, she said.

While growers are advised to have a buyer for their hemp crop before they plant, a global study has predicted an industry-wide growth rate of 27 percent, she said.

“Hemp can be used in so many products,” Head said. “And I think the products will continue to evolve.”

Sales for hemp-based products for animals are especially strong, with everything from dog biscuits to cat litter, even animal-grade CBD oil for arthritis.

“There is a big movement to get hemp grains approved for animal feed,” Head said. “You can feed it to chickens; it lowers their fat content and produces a higher grade of meat.”

According to the [Colorado Department of Agriculture](#)’s 2017 Report on Hemp in Animal Feed, “If industrial hemp can be approved for use as an animal feed ingredient, hemp production and processing could further contribute to the establishment of hemp as a new agricultural commodity that could help meet increasing animal feeding options and crop choice demands.”

The technology used to grow hemp is changing rapidly, Head noted. “Every day I learn something—it just changes and gets better.”

The UVWUA’s Anderson put it in perspective; “We’ve seen crops come and go. There have been all kinds of green rushes over the years.

“The question is, how long will it last?”

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

DON'T BELITTLE OTHERS FOR OPINIONS; MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION

Response to Jerry Bartholome letter in Issue 328

Dear Editor:

I read, then reread, Mr. Jerry Bartholome's opinion on "Legal Immigrants, Not Illegals" (Issue 328, June 10th). I feel I must comment.

He chastised a woman who had written in support of immigration. The exact words used by him to describe the woman's opinion was of her, "delirious and incoherent rampage".

Mr. Bartholome then went on to blame the Democrats for, "their anti-American, unpatriotic, secret plots". Calls "illegal" immigrants "invaders" who have new clothes and all wear "the exact same style and color of new tennis shoes" probably financed by the Democratic party. Claims the "corrupt Dems/Globalists want gun control of Americans" while letting "invaders" steal their guns. And he continues by stating that "Dems focus on climate diversion while invaders swarm in".

So who is really on a delirious and incoherent rampage?

Mr. Bartholome. I am writing because I feel it is wrong for you to attack another person in the manner in which you did. A public figure, like Donald Trump, is a different matter. If you wish to say he is on a "delirious and incoherent rampage",

that is acceptable. Being a public figure they are fair game to being ridiculed.

Rather than placing blame on everything you don't like on the Democrats; immigration, gun control, the evidence of climate change; I would like to hear your recommendations and solutions. To say "Build a Wall", no to gun control, and citing the cost of "illegal" immigrants to the tax payer that needs to be stopped - those are short-term attempts at a solution.

How would you answer the situation facing "The Dreamers"? They do not know their future, yet they have lived most if not all of their lives in the United States, a majority as very productive members of our society?

What would you say to an immigrant seeking asylum? They are trying to escape violence in their home country. Do you support cutting aid to countries like El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua, like our present administration is doing?

Shouldn't we be helping those countries to combat crime, promote better farming practices, create jobs so they don't have to seek a better and safer life elsewhere?

What do you think is the solution to Climate Change as we see longer and more extensive droughts, stronger storms and

extremely intense rainfall, and rising sea levels across our world? As natural disasters increase, do you propose to ignore other people and think they aren't going to move to a place where they can survive?

What is your answer to gun violence in the United States? Are you comfortable with school shootings or one person with a bumpstock on his assault rifle killing over 50 people and wounding hundreds of others?

Do you think someone who has severe anger issues or a mental problem, should be allowed to keep their guns? How about temporarily remove their weapon(s), until they can prove they are competent? Have you any long-term solutions to violence with a firearm? Are any gun regulations acceptable to you?

Name-call our politicians if it makes you feel better, but don't belittle another individual for his/her views or opinions.

And if you don't agree with someone, state what you think might be a better direction. Make it a positive contribution to our Nation. To our World. To each other.

Sincerely,

Jon Sering, Montrose

WHAT WOULD COLORADO LOOK LIKE WITH ELECTOR VOTES FOR EACH COUNTY?

Editor:

In a nutshell...what would Colorado look like if we had Elector votes for each County?

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Timothy Storrs, Montrose



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COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE WELCOMES 23 NEW COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Special to the Mirror

ARVADA- Colorado Parks and Wildlife commissioned 23 new officers at Friday's swearing-in and badge pinning ceremony held at the Arvada Center for Arts and Humanities.

As park rangers and wildlife officers, sworn to protect the integrity of Colorado's natural resources and promote safety to the public, their impact will reach well beyond the places they live and work.

"We are a collection of individuals called to serve this state," CPW Director Dan Prenzlowl told the 2019 class. "We need to serve, teach and guide the people of this state in conservation and management. You will have a tremendous impact on the public."

"Remember who we serve and listen to them. You have an opportunity to give back to people like yourselves, and always remember that."

Becoming a CPW officer involves dedication and sacrifice, including late hours, working holidays and exposure to extreme and dangerous elements common to the great Colorado outdoors.

CPW officers must be multi-faceted in

their abilities to build community relationships and enhance public trust, contact and interact with violators, issue warnings or citations, check fishing and hunting licenses and ensure recreational vehicles have proper permits and registration. They also play a key role in providing visitor services such as interpretive programs, natural resources management and operation of visitor and user programs.

After completing the Peace Officer Standards and Training program and being sworn in, new officers rotate through a variety of field locations for several additional months of training. Officers will then interview with park and wildlife managers before earning their final placement at one of the 41 state parks or 136 designated wildlife districts around the state. The community they serve depends upon further training and the mentorship of CPW's training facilitators, though these officers will be a mentor and role model in any community where they serve.



CPW courtesy photo.

Of the 2019 Class of 23 officers, 13 are commissioned on the parks side and 10 on the wildlife side. Together, their primary duty is to promote the mission of Colorado Parks and Wildlife. That is to perpetuate the wildlife resources of the state, to provide a quality state parks system and to provide enjoyable and sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities that educate and inspire current and future generations to serve as active stewards of Colorado's natural resources.

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MOTOR VEHICLE FATALITY IDENTIFIED

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MONTROSE—On the evening of June 12, 2019, a 32-year-old Montrose male, Matthew Jordan Retherford, was killed in a bicycle truck collision. The circumstances of the collision are under investigation by the Montrose Coroner's Office of Medical Investigation, Montrose Police Department, and the Colorado State Patrol. The cause and manner of death are pending the investigation and the scheduled autopsy report.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AVALANCHE FORCES ROAD CLOSURE



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MONTROSE— Montrose County Road and Bridge has closed Z84 Road, also known as High Mesa Road, of the Little Cimarron in the southeast corner of Montrose County. The closure begins 12.5 miles off the highway.

The road, which is covered with nearly five feet of snow, is blocked by significant debris. At this time crews are working to remove the debris and make repairs.

"Snow and water continue to be issues for my crew this season," said Road and Bridge Foreman Chuck Bell. "Roads have washed out and remain snow-packed, but an avalanche like this is something I haven't seen in a while--there is a large amount of debris blocking the road."

The public will be notified when the road is made safe for travel. For more information about Montrose County Road and Bridge Department, please visit: <https://www.montrosecounty.net/918/Road-and-Bridge-Montrose>.

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RE-1J HEARS PRESENTATION OF 2019-2020 BUDGET; ACTIVITIES TRANSPORTATION MAY BE INCLUDED IN BUS BID PACKAGE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose County RE-1J Board of Education met for a [regular meeting](#) on Tuesday, June 11. All directors were in attendance except for District B Director Jacob Suppes.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT/CELEBRATIONS

Administrative Assistant Deann Balash introduced Olathe High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Student Bailey Harris, who will go to the Nationals competition with Guadalupe Garcidelacruz. The students took second place in the regional competition and third place at State.

"We are the second group in four years to attend the national competition," Harris said.

The students are raising funds to offset the costs of attending the national competition in San Antonio, Texas - June 28 -July 2, she said. So far, they have raised about \$400 toward a goal of \$3,000, "So we don't have to pay for the trip out of pocket," she said.

Those who wish to help support Olathe FBLA students attend the Nationals can send donations to Olathe High School at 410 US-50, Olathe, CO 81425.

Peak Academy Principal Thomas Godfrey and Educator Stacia Greiner recognized Grade 7-12 Teacher Paula George for being "a supreme, staunch, advocate for the social studies," and Front Desk Secretary Karla Ruiz Madrid for excellence and a sunny attitude.

"Karla brightens everybody's day with her smile and great attitude...she answers our phones at Peak...she can get kids to complete their classes and ask if they can take more," Greiner said.

BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES

District A Director Jeff Bachman provided an update on the Olathe Track Committee. "...We are moving ahead with design... there are lot of great people from our community on the committee, me as well as Sue Hansen from Montrose County...it's going to be a great addition to Olathe."

Property Services Director Philip Bailey provided an update on the Facilities Committee. "It is a really productive committee...very supportive," Bailey said.

"They are committed to a level of funding to help us get something done every year...it's been really beneficial... we are moving forward with some real forward thinking."

Said Board of Education President Tom West, "There's an enemy out there, and it's called asbestos. We're trying to track it down... roofs are our biggest headache right now."

A new building for the Early Childhood Center (ECC) is a possibility,

Bailey said. "Once we get a good conceptual design we will reach out to contractors, to see if we can get our little kids a better building than the circle of wagons we have now."

"We are going to fix the weight room at the high school," Board of Education Vice President Gayle Johnson said. "We're really being careful of student health."

COMMUNITY INPUT

No community members stepped forward to speak. West invited those with no further business to leave the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

RE-1J Schools will receive a \$631, 877 rural funding grant for school year 2019-2020, Superintendent Stephen Schiell said. The grant was generated by marijuana taxes, he noted. "the board will decide what to do with the monies next year."

Schiell also provided information on the State of Colorado's ["Budget Stabilization" efforts](#). Colorado's K-12 school funding cuts that have reduced funding for schools since 2009. Montrose has lost \$57,306,948 in funding because of budget stabilization. "I wanted our community to be aware that that continues," Schiell said. "It just continues to add up."

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

Director of Exceptional Student Services Wendy Dawson gave an update on the District's Accountability Committee. "Typically, we have four meetings a year;



Peak Academy Principal Thomas Godfrey and Educator Stacia Greiner recognized Peak Front Desk Secretary Karla Ruiz Madrid, center, for excellence and a sunny attitude.

we ended up with three meetings this year, only two of which were attended...I am a little challenged to find folks who want to be involved in the District Accountability Committee.

"If you know people who are interested, please put me in touch with them," she said.

The committee has spent time on student safety and turnaround efforts for all schools.

District E Director Sarah Fishing asked how committee members are recruited. Dawson said that she put the word out two years ago, and 12 to 14 individuals expressed interest. "Some meetings have been very well attended, others have been sparsely attended," she said. "Four meetings a year is not a huge commitment."

West said, "If you offer food, people usually show up."

Noting that service on the District Accountability Committee would be helpful to those who wish to run for the Board of Education, Fishing asked, "Would you like us to rattle some cages and see if we can scare up some people?"

Dawson replied in the affirmative.

ECC Director Penny Harris presented an [Early Childhood Center update](#) and reviewed building goals. Harris presented a new [brochure](#) on what it takes to have a successful transition to Kindergarten.

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RE-1J BOARD OF HEARS PRESENTATION OF 2019-2020 BUDGET From previous pg

Non-profit [Bright Futures](#) recently won \$13,800 at the Montrose Women's Giving Club, Harris said. "It will be used to provide parent education in the Pyramid Model."

Sixty more children will have the opportunity to go to preschool this year, she said. "I am really excited about providing full-day opportunities for more children in our community."

BUILDING UPDATES/DEPARTMENT GOALS

Providing [end of year building updates](#) were Montrose High School Principal James Barnhill; Northside Elementary School Principal Daniel Rosentreter; Johnson Elementary School Principal Cheryl Gomez; Oak Grove Elementary School Principal Dana Carpenter; Columbine Middle School Principal Ben Stephenson; and Olathe High School Scot Brown, who shared information on Olathe Middle School as well.

Also presenting was Exceptional Student Services Director Dawson.

Human Resources Director Michelle Pottorff; Property Services Director Philip Bailey; and Finance Director Adam Rogers discussed [departmental goals](#).

The Human Resources goal has been ex-

panded to "Recruit, Hire, Train, and Retain highest quality staff and substitutes." The District retained 88 percent of those hired in 2018-2019.

Property Services will bring its web site "into the 21st Century," Bailey said. "So contractors can see our job postings."

The 700 fire extinguishers purchased for [ALICE](#) will require annual inspections, Bailey said. "At the end of eight years, you have to do a full inspection and take them apart."

Staff are still researching the best way to establish a personnel training program for maintenance.

"...When you introduce 700 fire extinguishers it's a big commitment," he said. "It's not something that goes away...I don't want to throw 'em away."

Efforts to make AED's available have been very successful, he said.

"We made the commitment to get everybody certified in First Aid and CPR," Bailey said. "We think people knowing CPR and First Aid can save lives."

The District will be in the red this year, Rogers said, but a loss of \$500,000 - \$600,000 has been planned for.

When the RFP is issued for transportation services this fall, the District may ask the

contractor to take over activity transportation as well; meaning the district would no longer maintain a small fleet, and coaches would no longer drive.

"It costs less than if we do it in-house," Rogers said.

Rogers also said he will be paying a lot of attention to the Medical Insurance Fund this year.

"It will become a runaway freight train if I don't."

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved; no items were pulled for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

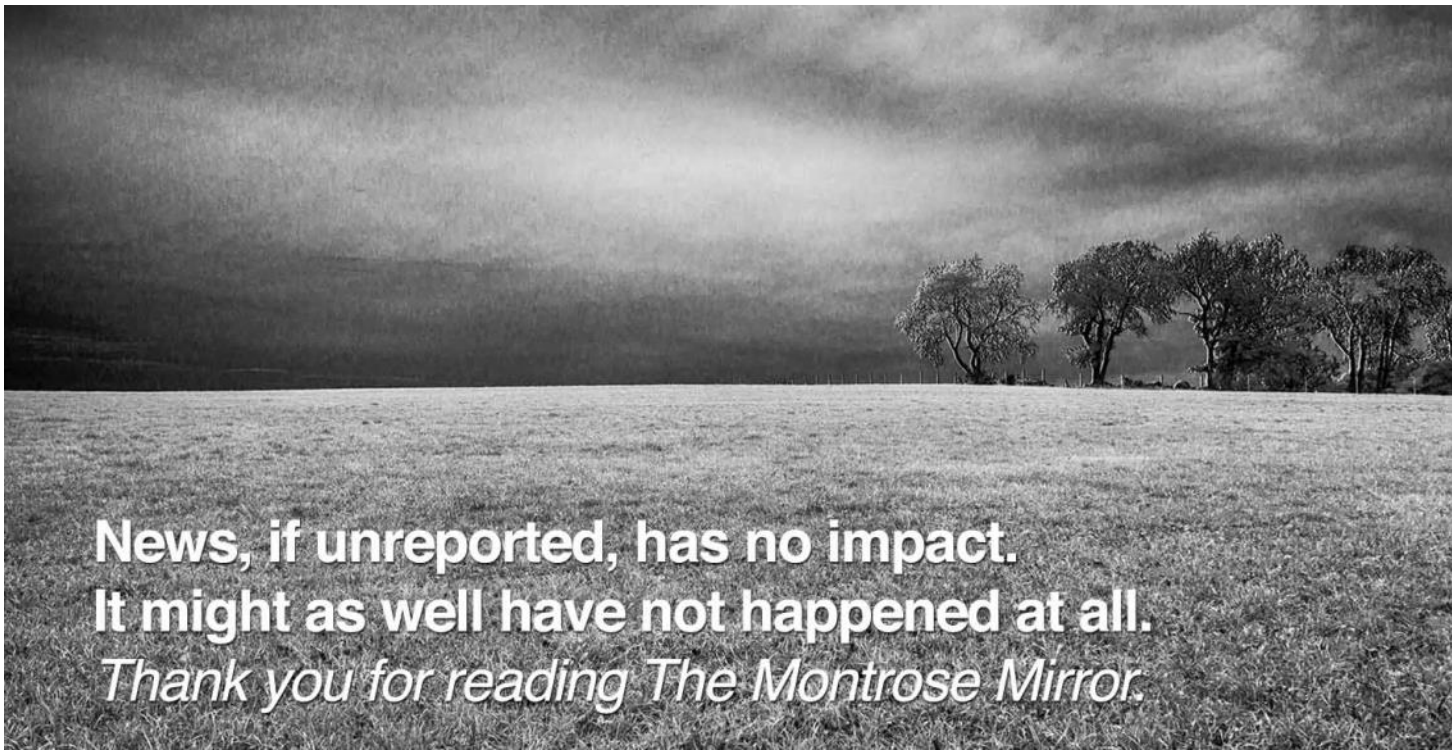
The Board of Education approved revised board policies [IHBEA](#), [JFABE](#), [JO](#), [KE](#) and [KE -R](#) on first reading.

Rogers presented a public hearing of the [2019-2020 budget](#).

The District is budgeting for flat enrollment. With \$76M in revenues, the District spend roughly \$81M, he said.

The General Fund adopted budget appropriation for FY2019-20 is \$53,798,000.

Prior to adjournment, the Board of Education entered into Executive Session for a personnel matter, to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and contract.



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HIV DRUG PREP TO BE CLASSIFIED AS PREVENTIVE; MUST BE COVERED BY HEALTH PLANS FOR 2021

Colorado Division of Insurance

DENVER - Recently, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) determined that the prescription drug Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) will be considered a preventive treatment for health benefit plans beginning in 2021. This means that such plans will be required to cover PrEP without co-payment, coinsurance or deductibles from plan enrollees. PrEP is a highly effective drug in preventing HIV transmission, and is recommended for anyone at risk of contracting HIV. Truvada is the brand name for PrEP, but a generic version of it is expected in 2020, which should decrease the drug's costs.

"We commend the USPSTF for adding PrEP to the list of covered preventive treatments," said Insurance Commissioner Michael Conway. "This puts a highly effective medication within reach of those who need it, and it will save lives."

"We applaud all efforts to make PrEP more accessible to those at high risk of becoming infected with HIV," offered Daniel Ramos, Executive Director of One Colorado. "With only 20 percent of LGBTQ Coloradans being offered PrEP by their medical provider, we have a lot more work to do. We are excited to get to work with partners like the Colorado Division of Insurance to improve coverage, remove out-of-pocket costs, and prevent new HIV infections."

The DOI will work with insurance carriers, consumer groups and other stakeholders this year and into 2020 to develop regulations around this determination so that it will be reflected in the health benefit plans for 2021 that will need to be filed with the Division in the summer of 2020.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force is an independent, volunteer panel of national experts in disease prevention and

evidence-based medicine that makes recommendations about clinical preventive services.

The USPSTF determines which procedures and medications are considered preventive by grading them. Per the ACA, any preventive measures graded "A" or "B" must be covered by health benefit plans and must not require payment from plan enrollees.

In November 2018, the USPSTF issued a draft recommendation to include PrEP for an "A" grade, and that recommendation was finalized earlier this month.

For more about Colorado PrEP providers, financial assistance, materials and other information, visit the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's site ["Services for people at risk for HIV."](#) Information about HIV in Colorado can be found in the Department's May 2019 ["HIV Epidemiology Annual Report."](#)

COLORADO'S ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM REACHES MORE THAN 2 MILLION TRANSACTIONS

Special to the Mirror

DENVER-- Since the debut of the online voter registration system (OLVR) in 2010, Coloradans have made more than 2.4 million transactions using the system. This number includes registration updates like changes in party affiliation or address, new registrations, and withdrawals.

In 2010, Colorado became the fourth state to allow online voter registration after a law was passed during the 2009 legislative session. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, as of 2018, 37 states and the District of Co-

lumbia have online voter registration. Under former Secretary Bernie Buescher, the Secretary of State's office implemented the online voter registration program. Online voter registration, along with same-day voter registration and automatic voter registration, helps make Colorado's election system one of the most accessible for eligible voters in the country.

"Colorado has been a leader in ensuring access to elections for eligible voters. The fact that our online voter registration system has been used over 2 million times shows how accessibility is key to higher

voter participation, and accurate and secure voter rolls," said Secretary Jena Griswold.

Voters have used OLVR to update their registration 2,000,054 times. In addition to that, 416,731 Coloradans have used OLVR to register for the first time in Colorado. That means there has been a combined 2,416,785 transactions since its rollout in 2010.

Coloradans who need to register to vote or update their registration can visit www.govotecolorado.com. Additional voter registration data is available [here](#).

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

GERARDO GRAJEDA SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS IN COLORADO DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS FOR VEHICULAR HOMICIDE

7th Judicial District Attorney

DELTA-Gerardo Grajeda pled guilty to Vehicular Homicide-Reckless Driving, a class 4 felony, and Violation of a Criminal Protection Order, a class 1 misdemeanor on March 11, 2019. On June 11, 2019, Judge Steve L. Schultz sentenced Gerardo Grajeda in the Delta District Court. The sentences imposed are to run concurrently and are as follows and Defendant Grajeda was remanded into custody after the sentencing.

Count 2: Vehicular Homicide-Reckless Driving, 18-3-106(1)(a) – 3 years to the

Colorado Department of Corrections plus 3 years of parole and costs and fees. No credit for time served.


Count 4: 6 months of jail. No credit for time served.


The sentences were imposed as the result of a car crash on June 5, 2016, near Colorado Highway 65 near milepost 22.56 in Delta County. Leonardo Grajeda-Salazar was the only passenger in the vehicle. He was the uncle of Defendant Grajeda, who was determined to be the driver of the vehicle involved in this crash. This car crash resulted in the death of Mr. Grajeda-

Salazar at the scene. The victim's wife and two daughters were present for the sentencing, along with numerous other members of his family. Deputy DA Matthew Magliaro read a letter on behalf of the victims to the Judge.

This office extends their condolences to the family of Leonardo Grajeda-Salazar for this loss. This loss affected the Victims, Mr. Grajeda-Salazar's, immediate and extended family. This death is even more tragic as it involved two members of the same family which resulted in the death of Mr. Grajeda-Salazar.




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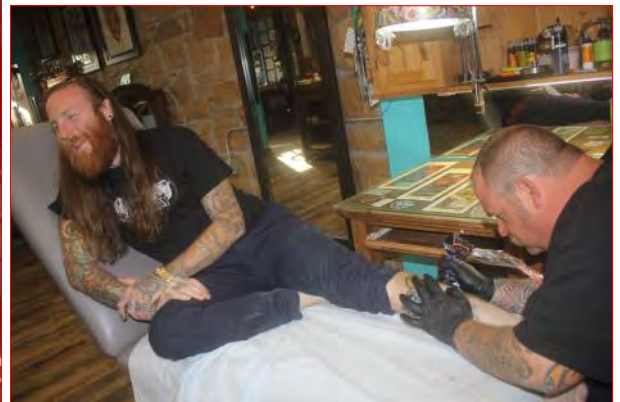
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Photographer Deb Reimann captured these images of a porcupine, left, a Costa Hummingbird, below, and a Sooty Grouse, below left



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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

TRI-STATE ISSUES SIXTH RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Special to the Mirror

WESTMINSTER- Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association has issued its sixth request for proposals (RFP) for renewable energy resources. Tri-State is the not-for-profit cooperative power supplier to 43 member electric cooperatives and public power districts that serve rural communities in four states.

"Steady investment in renewables from Tri-State and our members means one of every three electrons consumed in our association comes from emissions-free renewable resources," said Duane Highley, chief executive officer of Tri-State. "This RFP advances our drive to be a 21st century power supplier for our members that is increasingly flexible and clean."

Previous Tri-State RFPs have resulted in power purchase contracts for 656 megawatts of utility-scale wind and solar resources. When renewable energy prices were higher, Tri-State took a measured approach to renewable acquisitions. As prices have decreased, Tri-State has accelerated the pace of its renewable additions. The association's weighted average cost of all wind and solar power purchase agreements (PPA) is now less than half of what it was in 2009.

"Tri-State has a demonstrated record of successfully adding cost-effective and high-performing renewable resources," said Brad Nebergall, senior vice president, energy management. "In our not-for-profit business model, we get the best pricing and value for our members when we work directly with numerous project developers to build and operate projects."

The RFP for long-term PPAs allows Tri-State to identify low-cost projects while continuing to capture the federal tax ben-

efits for wind and solar projects. As a not-for-profit cooperative, Tri-State utilized PPAs with developers to maximize tax benefits.

In this RFP, Tri-State will consider build-transfer proposals for solar projects where Tri-State would own and operate the project after investment tax credits have been captured. Tri-State is already the leading solar generation and transmission cooperative<<https://www.electric.coop/wp-content/Renewables/solar.html>> in the U.S. "With nearly 10 years of experience receiving power from utility-scale solar projects, we have an interest in owning and operating solar facilities," said Nebergall.

In total, Tri-State and its members have enough renewable resources<<https://www.tristate.coop/what-we-do>> to power the equivalent needs of more than 570,000 rural homes. In addition to the association's wind and solar projects, Tri-State has PPAs for 27 megawatts of small hydropower resources. Tri-State's member systems have 139 megawatts of member renewable energy projects that are in place or under development. In 2018, Tri-State's PPAs for wind, solar and small hydropower exceeded the association's purchases of renewable hydropower from the Western Area Power Administration.

Earlier in 2019, Tri-State announced two new PPAs from a 2018 renewable energy RFP that saw developers bid more than 100 projects. The 100-megawatt Spanish Peaks Solar<<https://www.tristate.coop/tri-state-and-juwi-announce-100-megawatt-spanish-peaks-solar-project>> and the 104-megawatt Crossing Trails Wind<<https://www.tristate.coop/tri-state-and-edp-renewables-announce-104-megawatt-crossing-trails-wind-farm>> projects will increase Tri-State's wind and solar resources by 45 percent.

Tri-State's addition of renewable resources, as well as the availability of low-cost market power, has reduced the association's use of coal. "With competitive electricity markets and our renewable energy contracts, Tri-State is dispatching coal resources less, has closed one coal unit and will retire two other coal units," said Nebergall.

Tri-State has issued six renewable energy RFPs in the years 2007, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2018 and 2019. These RFPs resulted in the following projects:

Project Size (Megawatts) Year Commercial
Cimarron Solar (NM) 30 MW 2010
Kit Carson Wind (CO) 51 MW 2010
Colorado Highlands Wind (CO) 91 MW 2012, expanded in 2013

Carousel Wind (CO) 150 MW 2016
San Isabel Solar (CO) 30 MW 2016
Alta Luna Solar (NM) 25 MW 2017
Twin Buttes II Wind (CO) 75 MW 2017
Crossing Trails Wind (CO) 104 MW 2020
Spanish Peaks Solar (CO) 100 MW 2023

The 2019 RFP seeks proposals of 10 MW to 200 MW with terms of 15 to 25 years, with a preference for projects within the service territories of its member systems. Tri-State expects to make decisions on any new projects by the end of 2019.

Tri-State is a not-for-profit association of 43 member electric cooperatives and public power districts in four states that together deliver reliable, affordable and responsible power to more than a million rural electricity consumers across nearly 200,000 square miles of the west. For more information, visit tri-state.coop<<https://www.tristate.coop/>>.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SPRING BURNING FOR NORWOOD RANGER DISTRICT PLANNED

Special to the Mirror

NORWOOD-Fire Management Officials from the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Norwood Ranger District are planning to conduct prescribed burns this spring. Most of the burns will occur in June, depending upon weather and appropriate ground and vegetation conditions.

The objectives are to remove debris and vegetation (fuels) to help reduce the risk of larger wildfires. Prescribed fire in these areas will burn much less intensely than a wildfire and better accomplish the desired outcome on the land.

Safety of firefighters and the public are the most important factors considered when planning a prescribed burn. Fire Management Officers and Fuels Specialists spend countless hours developing detailed prescribed fire plans that dictate weather conditions, staffing and safety requirements. Ignitions

Fire Management Officers and Fuels Specialists spend countless hours developing detailed prescribed fire plans that dictate weather conditions, staffing and safety requirements. Ignitions only occur if conditions are conducive to a safe, effective operation and within appropriate smoke dispersal parameters set by the State of Colorado. The prescribed burns will be accomplished using joint-agency fire resources.

The following are currently planned burns:

Glencoe Pine: Located approximately 13 miles northeast of Nucla, CO off of 25 Mesa road (NFSR 503). The objective for this burn is to increase the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands. Approximately 450 acres are planned to be burned over a three to five day period.

Sanborn Park: Located approximately five miles northeast of Norwood, CO near Sanborn Park Road (NFSRs 530, 515, and 526). The objectives for this burn include increasing the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands and protecting adjacent private property from the spread of large unplanned wildfires. Approximately 300 acres are planned for treatment.

Thunder Road: Located approximately six miles southwest of Norwood, CO adjacent to Thunder Road (NFSR 609). The objectives for this burn include increasing the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, increasing range forage production, and improving wildlife habitat. Approximately 350 acres are planned to be burned.

25 Mesa: Located approximately 25 miles west of Delta, CO on 25 Mesa Rd (NFSR 503). The objectives for this burn include increasing the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, protecting adjacent private property from the spread of large unplanned wildfires, and reducing slash from mechanical treatments. Approximately 1406 acres are planned for treatment.

Davewood: This project is located approximately 15 miles southwest of Montrose, CO on the east and west sides of Davewood Road (NFSR 510). The objectives for this burn include increasing the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands and protecting private property from the spread of large unplanned wildfires. This project is a continuation of fire re-entry into this ecosystem. Approximately 1400 acres are planned for treatment.

Sawmill: Located approximately 15 south of Montrose, CO on Sawmill Mesa Road (NFSR 574). The objectives for this burn

include increasing the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, protecting adjacent private property from the spread of large unplanned wildfires, and reducing slash from mechanical treatments. Approximately 300 acres are planned for pine maintenance treatment, and an additional 300 acres are planned for first entry treatment.

Simms Mesa: Located approximately 15 miles South of Montrose, CO on the Simms Mesa Rd (NFSR 574). The purpose for the prescribed burn is to improve vegetation regeneration, wildlife habitat, reduce hazardous vegetation (fuels) build-up and to promote a wildfire resiliency landscape. One to four days of ignition are planned with monitoring through the following several days pending forecasted weather. Approximately 800 acres are planned to be burned.

Love Mesa: Located approximately 27 miles west of Delta, CO on Love Mesa Road and Dry Mesa Road (NFSR 500, 501). The objectives for this burn include increasing the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, increasing range forage production, and improving wildlife habitat. Approximately 3846 acres are planned to be burned.

For information and updates on prescribed burns, wildfires and fire restrictions on National Forest System lands and other areas, call the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Fire Information line at 970.874.6602, visit the GMUG Forest website (www.fs.usda.gov/gmug), Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GMUG.NF> or Twitter: https://twitter.com/GMUG_NF.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TWO DEVELOPMENT PLANS RELEASED FOR ENTRANCE TO RIDGWAY *Visitor Center and Heritage Park to be revamped at Highways 550 and 62 intersection*

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-The Town of Ridgway and the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce (RACC) released a [Strategic Master Plan for Ridgway Visitor Center and Heritage Park](#) on Friday, June 14. The plan includes two options for the southwest corner of the intersection of Highways 550 and 62, a site at the entrance to the town currently occupied by the Ridgway Visitor Center and Ridgway Railroad Museum. The property is known as Heritage Park. Both plan options for Heritage Park and Visitor Center maintain features that are reminiscent of Ridgway's railroad history. Besides a series of attractive pathways and a xeric garden, amenities include a new, larger Ridgway gateway sign near the highway intersection, and a photo opportunity area and marker where family and friends can stand on a railroad trestle and take a scenic photo capturing a view up the valley with the San Juan Mountains as a backdrop.

The options also feature a large climbing boulder and nature-play themed tot lot including a series of smaller boulders, logs and stumps. A large Visitors Center sign will direct travelers to the center, which will have renovated, accessible restrooms, a picnic area, and improved parking. Plus, activity-themed informational signage will offer information on historic and local attractions.

While the first option consists of less-expensive retrofitted storage containers to serve as information kiosks available year-round, even when the Visitor Center is unstaffed, the second option envisions a new Visitor Center building that would provide additional services and amenities but require year-round staff.

"The property is a key gateway piece for our town and community. It is how the world first sees Ridgway coming from the north and south on Highway 550, and it can set the tone and theme for the local and visitor experience here, providing

another great public space for locals to congregate, sharing our culture and heritage, and introducing visitors to our town and local businesses," said Ridgway Town Manager Jen Coates. "We first needed to establish a vision and plan for the space and then we will explore opportunities for realizing the improvements in the short and longer terms, based on the priorities of the town."

Since the Railroad Museum decided to move to a new location at 200 North Railroad Street, the Town and Chamber have been considering how the former museum site could remain a valuable visitor attraction.

A majority of the train cars have been relocated to the museum's new location, and the plan is to move the indoor displays there by summer 2020. The Visitor Center remaining on the site is in a 73-year-old building, and the park has no amenities nor landscaping. Center visitor numbers dropped from 6,000 in 2017 to 4,500 in 2018, with future projections of a continued decrease in numbers.

DHM Design was hired by the Town and Chamber this spring to facilitate the creation of a strategic plan for a redesign of the Visitor Center and Heritage Park. Working with staff from DHM's Durango office, the town hosted two public meetings to gather community input about what amenities should be included on the site.

DHM has worked on streetscape, park and gateway monument projects in key locations for attracting the attention of passers-by in several southwest Colorado communities such as Naturita, Nucla, Norwood, and Cortez. The Ridgway Streetscape completed in 2017 was one of their designs, which not only included paved roads and sidewalks but also created gathering spaces, traffic and pedestrian flow, and featured site furnishings designed by various artists.

"Getting people to stop at Ridgway Herit-

age Park and Visitors Center would increase the foot traffic not only of the park itself, but can also let people know of the attractions offered in downtown. Increasing visibility and awareness serves to increase visitation and can boost the local economy as the tourism sector of the Town grows," DHM Principal Walker Christensen said. "Having a key gateway area into a community can have long-range effects on the town—it can beautify the space, which can increase land values; it can boost the local economy by attracting more stops at local businesses; and it can offer local residents some additional amenities not currently being provided in the community—such as the climbing boulder feature. It is your first impression of the Town."

The total estimated cost of the first option with retrofitted storage containers is approximately \$746,055, while the second option with a new Visitor Center is estimated at \$1,219,430. A list of potential funding sources is provided in the Strategic Plan.

"Due to the cost of the redesign, a phasing plan was created that identifies top priorities. Phase 1 includes: site clean-up, landscape design and irrigation, visitor information signs, accessible bathrooms, and more," RACC Manager Hilary Lewkowitz said. "The timing of construction phases of different park elements may vary as funding is acquired. The Town will utilize funding from the Department of Local Affairs' Colorado Main Street Program to create construction drawings for landscape design, visitor information signs and the photo opportunity area. The RACC will be applying for a CTO grant to create content and layout design for the visitor information signs."

The Strategic Master Plan can be viewed and downloaded from https://ridgwaycolorado.com/images/news/Ridgway-Gateway-Strategic-Plan_June2019.pdf

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SEVEN COLORADO HIGH SCHOOLS WIN ELIZA PICKRELL ROUTT AWARD

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-The Colorado Secretary of State awarded seven high schools with the Eliza Pickrell Routt award during the 2019 spring semester. The award was created in 2016 by the Colorado Secretary of State's office and is given to high schools that have 85 percent or more of eligible seniors registered to vote. This award is named after Eliza Pickrell Routt, the first woman registered to vote in Colorado after the state's passage of women's suffrage in 1893. Eliza served as Colorado's first First Lady; her husband John Routt was elected as Colorado's first governor in 1876. In this role, she dedicated herself to equal rights for women and the passage of women's suffrage. She was a member of the Non-Partisan Suffrage Association of Colorado and served as president of the City League of Denver. In honor of her commitment to the passage of women's suffrage, Routt was the first woman registered to vote in Colorado. During the spring semester of 2019,

seven Colorado high schools won this award:

Olathe High School

February 1, 2019 – Award granted Jesus Gonzalez, Soledad Almanza, Cinthia Cortez, and Leif Nelson, who are students at Olathe High School and to Social Studies Teacher Kari Keller.

DSST Stapleton High School

April 15, 2019 - Award granted to Ivan Tochimani-Hernandez, a student at DSST Stapleton, and Social Studies Teacher Leslie Hamdorf.

Peak to Peak High School

May 3, 2019 - Award granted to Elle Triem, Lily Dunkin, Sudeepti Nareddy, Isabella Sicker, Shaan Sharma, who are students at Peak to Peak High School, and English Teacher Josh Benson.

STRIVE Prep Excel

May 7, 2019 - Award granted to 2019 Senior Class

Strasburg High School

May 14, 2019 - Award granted to Maleah Yates and Cody Wilson, who are students

at Strasburg High School, and to Principal Jeff Rasp.

DSST Green Valley Ranch High School

May 20, 2019 - Award granted to John Zeerak, a student at DSST Green Valley Ranch and to the Manager of College Success – Internships Bradley West.

Arrupe Jesuit High School

May 22, 2019 - Award granted to Dianna De La Rosa Santiago, Esmeralda Solis, and Alyssa Galvan, who are students at Arrupe Jesuit High School and to English Teacher Megan Turilli.

"Congratulations to all of the high schools and student leaders who helped register 85% of their eligible seniors. Young people have the opportunity to help shape the future of our state and our country with their vote, no matter what political party they identify with, or the issue that inspires them most. It is exciting to see student leaders organize to register their peers and participate in our democracy," said Secretary of State Jena Griswold.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

DAVIS NAMED TO CORNELL COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Special to Art & Sol

MOUNT VERNON, IA-- Cornell College named 227 students to its Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester, including Hunter Davis of Montrose, CO (81401) with Honors. Twice each year--at the end of January and the end of May--the Dean of the College recognizes those students who have earned superior grades during the previous semester and enrolls them on the Dean's List based upon their semester grade point average (Highest Honors: 4.000, High Honors: 3.8000-3.9999, Honors: 3.6000-3.7999).

HUNTER K. GENTRY NAMED TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Special to Art & Sol

CLEMSON, SC-- Hunter K. Gentry of Montrose has been named to the Dean's List at Clemson University. Gentry, whose major is Genetics, made the Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student achieved a grade-point average between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.



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ART & SOL

TOURNAMENT LURES SMALLMOUTH BASS ANGLERS TO RIDGWAY STATE PARK

No Entry Fee Required; Compete for \$12K in Prize Money



CPW Courtesy photo.

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RIDGWAY – If you need an extra excuse to go fishing, head over the Ridgway State Park during July to participate in the Fifth Annual Smallmouth Bass Fishing Tournament sponsored by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

CPW is reducing the population of smallmouth bass in the reservoir and needs help from anglers. And to get that help the state agency is providing major incentives to anglers: \$12,000 in prize money.

No entry fee is required and the tournament runs July 6-27. All anglers over 16 years old must have a fishing license.

“Anglers have really helped us during the past four years and for the 5th annual tournament we’re offering some serious incentives,” said Eric Gardunio, aquatic biologist for CPW in Montrose.

There will be a raffle category and a skills

category this year. To qualify for any of the prizes all fish must be turned into the check station located near the boat ramp. It will be open from 1 – 5 p.m. on Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Those who catch fish during the week can bring their catch to the check station on those days.

Anglers who catch a lot of fish could be rewarded generously: \$5,000 for catching the most smallmouth bass; \$1,500 for the second place finisher; \$500 for third place; \$500 for the biggest fish caught and \$500 for the smallest fish caught. Each of the top three finishers will also receive a Colorado State Parks Pass for 2020.

Everyone who enters the tournament will receive a raffle ticket for every fish they catch. The raffle grand prize winner will receive \$2,500, and six second tier prizes of \$250 will also be drawn in the raffle. All kids 12 and under will receive a package of fishing lures.

“Anyone who catches even one fish has a chance to win a big prize,” Gardunio said.

The purpose of the annual tournament is to protect native fish and water users downstream of the reservoir. Smallmouth bass, introduced illegally at Ridgway Reservoir more than a decade ago, are predator fish than can survive in Western Slope

Rivers, including the Uncompahgre River which flows from the reservoir. There is a significant risk of smallmouth bass escaping from the reservoir into the river where they could reproduce and consume native fish species found nowhere else in the world. Smallmouth bass have escaped other impoundments in western Colorado and are adversely affecting populations of native fish in several rivers.

“By participating in the tournament and removing smallmouth bass, anglers will be actively helping with wildlife management in Colorado,” said Eric Gardunio, aquatic biologist for CPW in Montrose. “Anglers have been very effective at removing these fish in prior tournament and we appreciate their assistance.”

If you’ve never fished for smallmouth bass, or if you want to improve your chances of catching them, CPW has posted a web page that explains the best ways to catch smallmouth bass. The web page also provided an in-depth explanation issues related to smallmouth bass at Ridgway Reservoir: <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Ridgway/Pages/Smallmouth-Bass.aspx>.

For more information about the park and to make camping reservations, go to: <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Ridgway/Pages/default.aspx>

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

WESTERN SLOPE RURAL PHILANTHROPY DAYS A COLLABORATIVE SUCCESS

Special to Art & Sol

PAONIA— For 27 years, local communities have worked to coordinate *Rural Philanthropy Days* (RPD) in partnership with Community Resource Center (CRC), Anschutz Family Foundation and statewide grantmakers. This past week, Community Resource Center hosted their Rural Philanthropy Days Conference in the Western Slope, bringing together community members and statewide funders for three days of development and learning. Although the conference was hosted in the North Fork Valley, community members from all over the region, including Delta, Eagle, Garfield, Mesa and Pitkin counties attended.

The conference included many opportunities for learning alongside peers. Participants

attended trainings on fund development, grantwriting, civic engagement and many more topics relevant to rural organizations; local nonprofits and agencies presented their community strengthening work in panels and roundtables. Networking was a key theme of the event: Local organizations met with statewide funders face-to-face, discussed the funder's grant-making goals, and even had the opportunity to make a financial ask to funders. Western Slope community members from all over the region made new connections with fellow change makers at RPD's many networking opportunities.

In 1989, only three percent of grants from Colorado's private funding community were awarded outside of the Front

Range, according to research conducted at the time by CRC.

In response, the Anschutz Family Foundation initiated the Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD) program in partnership with CRC as a way to encourage Front Range foundations to travel to and become better acquainted with different rural regions in the state. Over three-hundred and fifty people attended this year's Western Slope RPD, and that would not have been possible without the planning and support of the Western Slope Steering Committee, event volunteers from the region, and the towns of Hotchkiss and Paonia. In addition, Community Resource Center would like to thank the many sponsors statewide whose support made the conference so triumphant.

RIDGWAY CELEBRATES 32ND ANNUAL 'SUNDAY IN THE PARK'

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY—The public is invited to join us as we celebrate the 32nd Annual 'Sunday in the Park' at Ridgway's Hartwell Park on Sunday, July 7. Activities will begin at 10 a.m. followed by our traditional outdoor western BBQ with all the trimmings—FREE to all who attend.

Speaking on this year's theme, "United in Prayer" will be Green Beret Will Summer, a retired communications Sergeant of Operation Detachment-Alpha 595, the Army Special Forces team featured in the book "Horse Riders" and the movie '12 Strong'. Will and his fellow Green Berets from the 5th Special Forces Group were among the first to deploy to Afghanistan after the September 11, 2001 attacks. They became known as "horse soldiers" after riding into battle on horseback alongside fighters from the Northern Alliance. Will has been married to his wife Dawn for 23 years and they have 11 children.

Providing inspirational music will be "The Hubbard Family", a five piece live gospel band consisting of Jerry and Debbie Hubbard and their three daughters Emmylou, Lorianne and Jeri.

The Hubbard's have had the privilege of travelling throughout their home state of Texas, across the USA, and around the world performing Christian country and bluegrass gospel. Much of their repertoire is comprised of heartfelt original songs inspired by the work God has done in their lives individually and as a family.

'Sunday in the Park' is an annual patriotic community event co-sponsored by Ridgway Community, Colona Community, and Grace Ouray County Churches in an effort to rekindle small town values and community in celebration of our Christian herit-

age and the freedom and privileges we enjoy as Americans. Please, bring a lawn chair and join us as we enjoy an inspirational message and music followed by a BBQ picnic under 100+ year old cottonwoods following the program.

Hartwell Park is located in the center of Ridgway on Highway 62. For more information, call (970) 626-5692.



The Hubbard Family. Courtesy photo.

EVENING OF HISTORY: ELECTRIFYING OURAY @ WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE

OURAY-Evening of History, "Electrifying Ouray." On Tuesday, June 18, Eric Jacobson, owner of the Ouray Power Plant, and Larry Kerecman, engineer and hydroelectricity historian, will discuss the history and operations of the Ouray Power Plant at Ouray's Wright Opera House, 7:30 p.m. \$5 per person, free to Ouray County Historical Society members.



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

PLANET BLUEGRASS' FIRSTGRASS CONCERT KICKS OFF SUMMER FESTIVAL

Special to Art & Sol

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE— The 46th annual Telluride Bluegrass Festival kicks off in picturesque Mountain Village with the annual [Firstgrass](#), a free outdoor concert in Sunset Plaza on Wednesday, June 19.

The genre-defying Jon Stickley Trio plays at 5 p.m. followed by the only-in-Telluride jamgrass supergroup of Ben Kaufmann & Adam Aijala (of Yonder Mountain String Band), Andy Thorn (of Leftover Salmon),

and Stephen “Mojo” Mougin (of Sam Bush Band)!

This free show runs from 5 to 8 p.m. and is made possible by the Town of Mountain Village and Planet Bluegrass.

After the show, stick around to dine in Mountain Village and for those lucky enough to have a ticket for Planet Bluegrass' evening celebration with Leftover Salmon, head to the Telluride Conference Center as they play to a sold-out crowd.

Doors open at 8 p.m. with the show beginning at 9 p.m.

For more information on the festival, visit bluegrass.com/telluride.

FESTIVAL TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

Mountain Village and Telluride are connected by a [three-stage gondola system](#) starting at Market Plaza (formerly Town Hall Plaza) in Mountain Village to Village Center, and ending in Telluride at Oak Street Plaza. It takes about 12 minutes to get from one town to the other via Mountain Village Center.

During the Telluride Bluegrass Festival, gondola operating hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday, June 19 through Sunday, June 23. Expect long lines during peak times.

Additionally, the Meadows bus loop will run until 3 a.m. these nights with the last departure from Market Plaza to the Meadows at 2:35 a.m.

In addition, Dial-A-Ride will remain open until 2:30 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

For visitors needing a ride to their vehicle parked on town roadways, the Planet Bluegrass bus will pick up festivarians at Market Plaza and drop off passengers near their vehicle.

The bus will run Thursday through Sunday from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m., and to assist with locating one's vehicle, signs denoting specific parking zones – A through G – will be erected. Vehicles left on Mountain Village roadways after 12 p.m. Monday, June 24 will be towed at the owner's expense.

Mountain Village's Gondola Parking Garage located at 455 Mountain Village Blvd., behind Town Hall and the Mountain Village Market and northwest of the gondola terminal is free to park.

Individuals and festivarians without parking permits must park their vehicles where directed by parking staff once the Gondola Parking Garage is full.

The North Village Center pay-to-park surface lot is another parking option though overnight parking is not allowed.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

THE RADIO ROOM PRESENTS DAWN & HAWKES

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION-Contestants of season six of The Voice, Dawn & Hawkes, will be performing LIVE in the KAFM Radio Room on Thursday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 pm.

Indie-folk singing duo Miranda Dawn and Chris Hawkes met in Austin, Texas while dancing together at a blues bar. Their initial duo effort, Golden Heart, climbed to No. 25 in Billboard's Folk chart and landed at No. 2 in iTunes singer-songwriter albums kicking off a whirlwind of cross-country and international touring performances. Their music draws inspiration from American deserts and mountains, to the South Australian coast while navigating a shared journey through mortality, grief and compassion for differing perspectives. Upon returning to Austin, they set up on building a new home and self-producing their second full-length album, The Other Side, released in July 2018.

Don't miss out on seeing this amazing duo perform! Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, or online at www.kafmradio.org. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501.



MONTROSE ELKS LODGE: ELK TRACKS!



Montrose Elks Lodge

MONTROSE-Welcome to Elk Tracks, a periodic update of what is taking place at our local [Montrose Elks Lodge, located at 801 So. Hillcrest, Montrose CO 81401. Bingo-\\$500 Must Go Jackpot - On Tuesday June 18, 2019](#)

Progressive Game 2 has reached MUST GO status and will be awarded no matter how many numbers or balls it takes to reach Bingo!

Progressive Game #4 is worth \$545 and can be won by reaching Bingo in 37 numbers or less. Progressive Game 6 is valued at \$6,918 and can be won by reaching Bingo in 53 or fewer numbers.

For the best Bingo game in the area be sure to visit Montrose Elks Lodge every Tuesday evening at 6 PM to play Bingo.

We are located at 801 South Hillcrest Drive in Montrose, CO 81401. It's a wonderful way to spend the evening having fun! Public is welcome, funds raised playing Bingo support local charities.

Food-We are serving hot fresh food in the kitchen during Bingo games that is getting amazing reviews. Dave and Cody, with our Youth Volunteers are turning out some great tasting food that is being enjoyed by all. Join us each Tuesday evening to enjoy a sandwich or food item prepared fresh during Bingo nights at the Lodge.

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June 25th Ham and Cheese

Elks Bingo is CLOSED on Tuesday July 2, 2019 (4th of July week)

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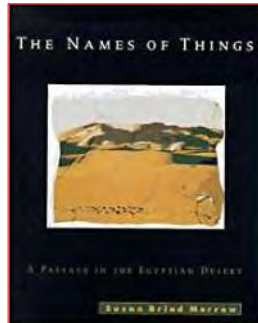
Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Ashland calls me back again



Macbeth is haunted by the ghost of the slain Banquo (courtesy photo).

SHAKESPEARE ... Having enjoyed the excellent productions at Oregon's premiere Shakespeare celebration, I traveled with my friends Jim Rosenthal and Carol Anne Modena for the third year running to the land of ash. Well, not exactly. Once a lumbering mecca, the southern Oregon town has transformed itself from the ashes of burnt timber into a destination theater center for the Bard ... Even if individual productions vary in quality, the acting is always superb, and the staging interesting, at the very least. We saw two productions this year: *Macbeth* and *As You Like It*. Director José Luis Valenzuela did a marvelous job with the dark tragedy of power that is *Macbeth*. At first the costumery upset me. It was a mixed bag – some dressed in modern garb, some in period dress. It was discordant. And then I realized that was the idea. Everything in this production was discordant – the set, the costumes, the lighting. It was meant to be. The terrible hole Macbeth and his wife fall into in their lust for power is out of kilter, unbalanced. And everything in the play worked to make us feel out of sorts, off-base, wrong ... Unfortunately, director Rosa Joshi's version of *As You Like It* didn't hold together as well. In fact, it was the most confusing of comedies. Difficult in the original, it suffered with a production that substituted women for men in serious numbers, enough that the conceit of the play got muddled. One couldn't tell who was whom. The costuming didn't help. The acting was good, as it almost always is, but after a while one gave up trying to



Morrow's book cover.

ID ... Losing one's driver's license is a bad way to start a trip. Especially if it's one's only photo identification. But predicament turned to adventure when the Transportation Security Agency hotline operator explained that lost IDs were not uncommon, and I should just make my return flight with what ID I had (credit cards, etc.), but to give myself extra time to get through the procedure ... That's what I did, and it all worked out. It took an hour of standing around, filling out a form, more standing around, answering questions (or not), and more standing around. I got a full body pat-down. A thorough search of my bags. But in the end they let me into the terminal to catch my plane ... Not advisable, but not exactly a disaster either.

SUBLINGUAL ODDITIES ... I'd long wondered how we got the term dosey-doe. Well, I just found out that it's the opposite of *vis-à-vis* in French ("face-to-face") is *dos-à-dos* ("back-to-back"). In square dance the move is called *Dosado* (according to Callerlab, the largest international association of square dance callers). It is done thus: dancers advance and pass right shoulders, without turning they move to the right passing in back of the other dancer who is facing away from each other, and then moving backwards dancers



Cava liquor.

understand who was wooing whom, or running away, or hiding, or

pass left shoulders and return to starting position ... While executing this move, the girls may move their skirts with their hands from side to side (skirtwork), flaring it to the right as right shoulders pass, and to the left as left shoulders pass. Men may decide to place their arms on top of each other, in a style very similar to Russian Folk Dancing.

THE NAME OF THINGS ... Susan Brind Morrow's book is subtitled: "A Passage in the Egyptian Desert" (Riverhead/Penguin/Putnam, New York, 1997). My poet friend Wendy Videlock gave it to me to read. She always has fascinating titles to share. This was no exception. As a deeply personal account of a young woman's fascination with Egypt and her travels, the book doesn't claim any definitive structure, but meanders. Shifts like the dunes she wanders over, often alone. Her discoveries, adventures, the things she finds along the way, the words she explores, the people she interacts with – it is a memoir of wonders. Close-calls. Obsessions ... Here's one brief moment: "There were perhaps a thousand people on the Kosti-Juba ferry when I took it. I read in the newspaper when it sank two months later (when it was attacked by bush guerrillas above Adok) that more than six hundred people drowned" ... Perilous. But Morrow, who speaks fluent Arabic and knows the Quran well, is undaunted ... Here's another: "In Feeshaway's dusty awnings cut the harsh light so that it filters down here and there, illuminating one thing, then another, heavy wood roses on mirrors with spiraling patterns of mold, brass acanthus leaves, smeared walls, fragments of long-dead animals, trash. Something in the shape of a star, a face, a hand. Frankincense and honey-soaked tobacco, stirring up memories, mingle with smells of urine and sweat. A boy brings a glass of fresh mint, a clump of mint in a glass too hot too touch" ... In fact, no surprise, since Wendy gifted it, it is most a long series of poem/stories full of emotions and metaphors, meanings and conundrums ... Recommended.

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes, continued

THE TALKING GOURD

Champagne flutes

The man with the aggressive brain tumor
bought us crystal flutes to drink his wine
each time we come to lunch.

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spirals on another
star bursts on the one I drink from.

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of what he has to dispose of soon.

He wants to know if we prefer Prosecco
to Cava. How we compare the taste of
Celebratory wine.

I tell him Cava works for me.

*-Bobbie Hobbs
Englewood*

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

DON'T MISS PAONIA'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL ANIMATED SHORTS FEST

Special to Art & Sol

PAONIA-Don't miss Paonia's first international animated shorts fest. This spectacular event includes the 19th Annual Animation Show of Shows PLUS a special showing of local student digital films. Bring the whole family and delve into the magical world of animated arts!

The evening begins at 6pm on Friday, June 21st with a special showing of animated films produced by local students from the Arts For All workshop and the Aspen Art Museum's digital workshop. Following the student presentation, there will be an ice cream social for general merriment and conversation. At 7 pm, the event will move across the street to the Paradise Theatre for a viewing of the 19th Annual Show of Shows. The evening concludes back at the Blue Sage with a reception to meet director and producer of Show of Shows, Ron Diamond. .

If you have never been to a shorts film festival, now is the time to take advantage of this delightful adventure. Tickets are \$10 and all kids get in free. If you need further information or have any questions please give us a call at the Blue Sage or check out our website, bluesage.org.

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LITTLE RIVER BAND TO PERFORM @ THE BRIDGES, RALPH DINOSAUR TO OPEN



Ralph Dinosaur will open for Little River Band @ The Bridges June 29!! Pictured above, Ralph. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Montrose Community Foundation invites you to the Seventh Annual Concert on the Lawn at The Bridges Golf Club in Montrose on Saturday, June 29. *Have you heard about the lonesome loser?*

This year's Concert on the Lawn features the best singing band in the world – Little River Band!!

Don't you feel that there's something? As always, Concert on the Lawn promises award-winning music, delicious food and beverages with the most breathtaking view on the Western Slope.

Take time to make time, make time to be there. Proceeds from the concert benefit two non-profits: the Montrose Community Foundation – which connects charitable donors and volunteers to community needs; and The Dolphin House Child Advocacy Center which serves the child-victims of sexual assault and physical abuse in the 7th Judicial District. By joining us in making the concert a huge success, you have a direct effect on communities that these organizations serve.

Opening Act / 6:30pm: Ralph Dinosaur and the Fabulous Volcanoes.

General Admission tickets are \$35 each and may be purchased at brownpapertickets.com. Doors open at 5:30 pm on Saturday, June 29.

We hope to see you at Concert on the Lawn - *Like a half-forgotten memory, of a song that won't quite come back to me.*



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BLACK CANYON AUDUBON ANNUAL BANQUET

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MONTROSE-Dreaming about a trip to Antarctica? Join the Black Canyon Audubon Society for its annual banquet dinner and share local Dennis Murphy's adventure to the ice-covered continent of Antarctica. He will delight you with pictures of dramatic scenery, birds and other wildlife, and with entertaining stories of penguins nibbling on shoelaces and both rough and calm seas. A plated dinner will be served by Remington's. Reservations required no later than Friday, June 21. For more information, call 970-688-0757 or visit: http://www.blackcanyonaudubon.org/images/BCAS_2019_annual_dinner.pdf

LEARN TO PREPARE YOUR QUILT FOR COMPETITION

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MONTROSE-ON July 10, "It All Counts—Preparing Your Quilt for Competition" a lecture and trunk show, presented by Black Canyon Quilt Show Judges, will explain the basics of competing well in competition. The judges will also announce the winner of the 2019 Black Canyon Quilt Show Best of Show ribbon and explain why the quilt was selected. Each judge will also announce their selections for the Judge's Choice ribbons. Holiday Inn Apex Room, 1391 South Townsend, Montrose. 6 p.m. Cost: \$5 at the door.

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Pictured at left, winning quilts at the 2018 Black Canyon Quilt Show. Mirror file photo.



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SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

CURRENT/ONGOING-

ARTISTS ALPINE HOLIDAY--Artist Registration is open for Ouray County Arts Association's 59th Artists' Alpine Holiday Art Show now through June 24. Go to ourayarts.org for details and a link to register.

BOSOM BUDDIES OF SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets every Wednesday from noon till 1 pm at 645 South 5th Street in Montrose. For more info email info@bosombuddiesswc.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP meets every third Tuesday of each month at the Centennial Meeting Room at 6pm, behind City Hall. New Watch Groups are formed and guest speakers alert us to safety issues. The public is encouraged to attend. Contact Joyce Loss at 970-249-4217 or 970-275-1329 for details.

ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING--second Tuesday of the month, @ 7 p.m., Community Meeting Room, Montrose Library, 320 S 2nd St. Includes: Presentations, photo sharing & critiques. All are welcome to attend.

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.

MONTROSE TOASTMASTERS Toastmasters Meetings are held every Monday, 6 p.m. @SOM Footwear, 1006 N. Cascade in Montrose.

MONTROSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM--"Montrose County Historical Society Presents" is held at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Pioneer Room of Friendship Hall, 1001 N. 2nd St. The public is invited to free programs based on topics of regional history. For more information please call 249-2085.

MONTROSE COUNTY GOP MEETING

6:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month. Montrose County School District Office- 930 Colorado Ave. Information 970-765-7406.

MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING

Noon - third Fridays. Hampton Inn, 1980 North Townsend Ave. Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

BINGO AT OURAY ELKS--Every Wednesday night, June 5-Aug. 28, @ 7 p.m. Light refreshments available, open to the public.

MONTHLY-

June 1 -- Sept. 28--Ridgway Railroad Museum -- free rides on RGS Motor 1 (Galloping Goose prototype) 9 am -- 3 pm. 200 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway.

June 18--Evening of History, "Electrifying Ouray." Eric Jacobson, owner of the Ouray Power Plant, and Larry Kerecman, engineer and hydroelectricity historian, will discuss the history and operations of the Ouray Power Plant at Ouray's Wright Opera House, 7:30 p.m. \$5 per person, free to Ouray County Historical Society members.

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June 20--DMEA Annual meeting to be held at Hotchkiss High School, 5 to 9 p.m. (438 Bulldog Street)

June 26--Bike-to-Work Day Breakfast. Stop by Centennial Plaza or the Montrose Community Rec Center for FREE breakfast and swag during your morning commute! Bike mechanics from Bicycle Outfitters will be at the Centennial Plaza breakfast station to help get you on your way.

June 26--5:30 p.m. Join the Black Canyon Audubon Society for its annual banquet dinner and share local Dennis Murphy's adventure to the ice-covered continent of Antarctica. A plated dinner will be served by Remington's. Reservations required no later than Friday, June 21. For more information, call 970-688-0757 or visit: http://www.blackcanyonaudubon.org/images/BCAS_2019_annual_dinner.pdf

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June 29--12th annual Ridgway RiverFest, Saturday, June 29, 2019 @ 10 a.m. -- 6 p.m., Rollans Park, Ridgway. This free, outdoor celebration of the Uncompahgre River Watershed is organized by the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership. Come to enjoy river races, live music by Sugar & The Mint, and lots of family-friendly activities. Sponsors, silent auction donors, vendors and volunteers needed! To find out about the fun, free outdoor festival for the whole family, go to ridgwayriverfest.org or call 970-325-3010.

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Aug. 3--Olathe Sweet Corn Festival is proud to announce that BBR Music Group singer-songwriter Craig Campbell will headline the 28th Annual event on Aug. 3, 2019 at the Montrose County Event Center in Montrose. Tickets are now on sale and include General Admission and VIP, with VIP including preferred seating, drinks and dinner. For more information and online ticket sales please visit www.olathesweetcornfest.com.

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MIRROR IMAGES...OUT & ABOUT!



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Above, Car Hop Brandin at Sonic Drive-In wears his rollerblades to sweep the lot before opening last week.



At right, a shopper at the Montrose Farmers Market Saturday.

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