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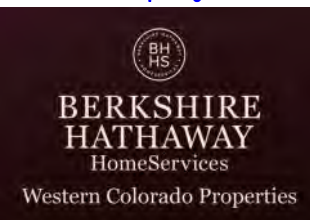


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Civil Air Patrol's Lt. Colonel Mark Young awarded Silver Medal of Valor



On June 21 the Silver Medal of Valor was awarded at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs to Lt. Colonel Mark Young of the Civil Air Patrol. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

COLORADO SPRINGS-Sometimes, recognition takes time.

When the Silver Medal of Valor was awarded at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs on June 21 before a crowd of more than 200, the prestigious honor was given to Lt. Colonel Mark Young of the Civil Air Patrol, for risking his own life to save another on in February 17, 2005.

The Silver Medal of Valor can only be awarded through concurrence of the Civil Air Patrol Senior Advisory Group; Young's award was presented by Silver Medal of Valor Recipient Colonel Jeff Johnson.

Young distinguished himself by conspicuous heroic action, Johnson said.

While flying as a mission observer in Civil Air Patrol Aircraft, Young located a downed aircraft and its sole survivor in a heavily wooded area, in very rough terrain. Young notified

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COUNTY APPROVES BID AWARD & CONTRACT FOR COURTHOUSE RENOVATION, NEW SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM FOR SOUTH CAMPUS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) said goodbye to an attentive constituent and welcomed a media relations intern before moving quickly through a packed agenda at the [regular meeting](#) of Wednesday, June 19. The invocation was offered by Pastor Mike Lundberg of Church on the Hill.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

County resident Nancy Medlock, who has attended so many BOCC meetings over the years that she had a reserved seat, stepped forward to speak.

"When I leave today, I am taking my little sign off my chair with me," said Medlock, a retired Sheriff's Officer from Maricopa County, Arizona. "I am going to be going back to Arizona... my family thinks I need to be

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Commissioners posed with a dedicated constituent who has attended meetings so regularly that she has had her own seat. Nancy Medlock, 2nd from right, plans to take her "seat" sign with her as a memento.

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OLATHE RESIDENTS PRAY SPECIAL USE PERMIT IS DENIED



Courtesy photos

OLATHE-Neighbors of a proposed composting facility in Olathe gathered for a prayer vigil last Wednesday night, opposing a project that they believe could devastate their quality of life if the Special Use Permit is approved by Montrose County.

If approved, owners Keith and Kirt Mautz could process not only green waste, but food waste, biosolids, wood fiber, newsprint, cardboard, construction and agricultural waste. A statement given by neighbors to the Planning Commission states, "From this application there are too many concerns that are not adequately dealt with and cannot be dealt with due to the location of the current residences surrounding the property. A General Agriculture area with multiple residences is not the appropriate location for a facility that can introduce noxious odors, windblown debris, asbestos, salmonella and e-coli into the environment."

The request for a special use permit on behalf of 3xM Grinding and Compost, LLC came before the Montrose County Planning Commission on May 23, for a large, commercial composting facility to be located in the general agricultural zone at 59039 Amber Road. The request was continued until June 27 because questions and concerns remain. The June 27 Montrose County Planning Commission meeting will take place in the County Board Room at 161 South Townsend Avenue at 6 p.m.

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RESULTS & INFORMATION FROM JUNE 20 DMEA ELECTION

Mirror staff report

REGIONAL-Below are results and information from the Delta-Montrose Electric Association Election of June 20, 2019, obtained from DMEA Attorney Jeffrey S. Hurd.

Total number of ballots cast: 4,711

Number of valid ballots: 4,612

Number of invalid ballots: 99

Number of votes received by each candidate:

District 4: Ken Watson (3,359); David White (1,204); no vote (49)

South Region: Jock Fleming (2,771); Kenneth Otto (1,749); no vote (92)

There were 4,544 valid ballots dropped off or received by mail. All mail-in ballots were sent directly to Dalby Wendland & Co., P.C., and were held by Dalby Wendland along with drop-off ballots.

Sixty-eight valid ballots were brought to the annual meeting. The DMEA Election is run by Survey & Ballot Systems of Eden Prairie, MN (more information here:



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www.surveyandballotsystems.com).

Ballots dropped off at DMEA offices were delivered directly from Dalby Wendland to Survey & Ballot Systems the night before the annual meeting and were counted by Survey & Ballot Systems at the Montrose

Proximity Space (210 E. Main St.).

Ballots received at the annual meeting were counted by Survey & Ballot Systems at the annual meeting at Hotchkiss High School in the voting area (to the north of the entrance to the auditorium).



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the Montrose County Sheriff's Office, who requested that he lead a ground team into the area. Young led Sheriff's posse ground teams to the crash site as darkness approached, despite dangers posed by avalanche, freezing weather, deep snow, and steep terrain.

"Although Colonel Young had no winter gear available, he boarded a snowcat and led the team as close to the crash site as possible," Johnson said.

Young and three posse members made their way through the last 600 feet of the steep, heavily wooded area on snowshoes, he said.

"They were able to locate the pilot who was hypothermic and dehydrated, and used ropes, homemade snowshoes, snowcats, and snowmobiles to extract him in subzero conditions over 10,000 feet," Johnson said. "It took over two hours to get the pilot back to the awaiting snowcat for transport to the hospital.

"The quick thinking, resourcefulness, and heroic actions of Colonel Young reflect a great credit upon himself and Civil Air Patrol," Johnson said.

After the rescue, the stranded pilot, Scott Thurner, sent a letter of heartfelt thanks to those who rescued him.

"On Feb. 16, 2005, I was involved in an airplane crash on the Uncompahgre Plateau," Thurner wrote. "After the crash I found myself in snow that was four to

eight feet deep, subzero temperatures, and alone in the middle of the wilderness near 10,000' elevation."

Young dispatched the posse and led efforts to locate the downed aircraft; he recalls standing at the Nucla Airport prior to the rescue, without cold weather gear, after the sun had set. "I thought, 'this is a bad idea,'" Young said.

Still, "Mark Young led the rescue mission that involved countless people and equipment," Thurner wrote. "...the search and rescue team, after great difficulty and hardship, extracted me by 9 p.m. Mark Young and all of those involved in the search and rescue effort saved my life... without your perseverance and desire to take risks, I would have perished in the snow-covered mountains."

This was not the first time Young has been honored for his work. In January of 2017, Young, who has also been recognized by Congressman Scott Tipton, took the lead and coordinated the high-risk rescue of a couple whose small plane had lost power, crash landing just 300 feet from a snow-packed cliff in rural Rio Blanco County, where the temperature was 18 degrees below zero.

Young said that he is pleased to have now received the Silver Medal of Valor for the 2005 rescue effort.

"It's awesome," he said. "It is the highest level of award there is for emergency ser-

vices, and I am thrilled to be one of those receiving it."

Young said that Civil Air Patrol Pilot Bruce Coffin, and members of the Montrose County Sheriff's Posse (including Steve Collins, Jerry Sieverson, Jack Lee, and Troy Wallace) were essential to the rescue effort.

"They carried the load," said Young, who has earned more than 20 medals for his work, and who has lost count of the people whose lives he helped to save over the years.

He has been credited with seven "saves" though Civil Air Patrol alone.

Young was also presented with the Rob Wilson Level Five Leadership award at the Air Force Academy on Friday.

"It's for the highest level of professional development," he said. "Less than one percent make it to Level 5.

"I do make mistakes," he said. "But if you are not forging ahead in life, making mistakes and leading the way, you're not getting anywhere. In the end, it's about perseverance; you've got to press forward.

"In this case the pilot's perseverance also paid off—if he had not built a snow cave he would not have survived," Young said.

"To be a leader, to make yourself better, to move forward and help others, you've got to press forward.

"There are no ribbons for quitting."

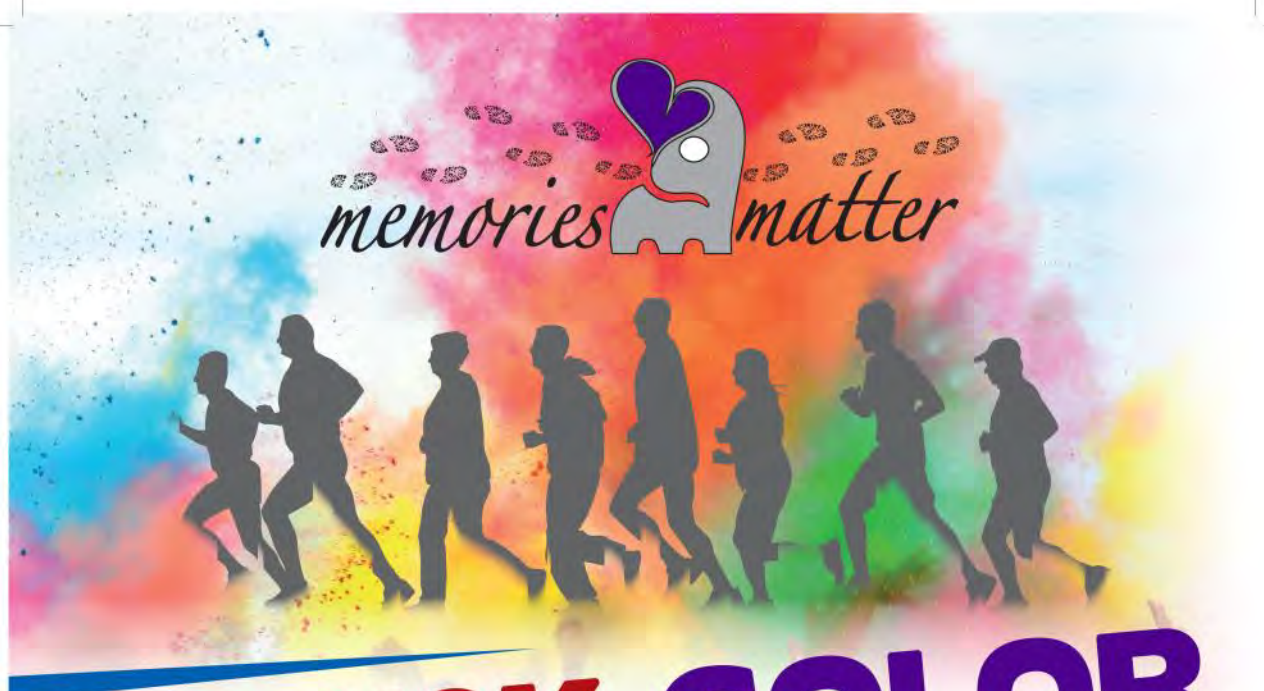


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be closer to family. And I wanted you all to know that everyone in here, the county employees, the commissioners, you are the most fantastic people I have known in a long time.

"...you guys (commissioners) work to get things done, and all of these guys over here (staff) take care of things," she said. "I am going miss you all."

"We're going to miss you Nancy," BOCC Chair Sue Hansen said.

County Media Relations Manager Katie Yergensen introduced intern Jonathan Cornejo, a recent Montrose High School graduate who previously worked with the 970Studio. Cornejo's expertise is in video and photography, Yergensen said. "We are excited to have him working with Media Relations."

"Thank you all for the opportunity, I am really looking forward to working with everyone and getting to know everyone...I look forward to what's to come," Cornejo said.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Ken Norris had no changes to the meeting agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

[Consent Agenda items](#) were approved unanimously. Item 27, ratification of a Colorado Housing & Finance Authority (CHFA) Resolution approving the assignment of \$1,109,438 in private activity bonds to CHFA, was assigned Resolution No. 20-2019.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Deputy County Manager Jon Waschbusch presented a [bid award and contract in the amount of \\$620, 375 with F&D International, LLC](#) for design, architectural and engineering services for renovation of the historic Montrose County Courthouse (Phase I). The project is anticipated to begin June 19 and to be complete Dec. 31.

Waschbusch provided background information on the project, and on the bid process. He thanked the County's elected officials for choosing to move forward. "It would have been easier to do nothing, which seems to have been the practice for many years," he said, calling the effort "an



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awesome demonstration of teamwork."

Construction and staffing needs ultimately necessitated a plan for remodeling three separate buildings in addition to the courthouse, he said.

Three responsive proposals were received in response to the County's Request for Proposals. The highest scoring proposal was also the low bid, Waschbusch noted.

County Manager Ken Norris said, "We have a super team working on this big project. As Jon mentioned, it's not just the Courthouse, but it's several other buildings, it's dealing with a lot of other staff and elected officials.

"They have put a lot of work in it," Norris said. "Jennifer DelTonto from Facilities has done the drafting of the RFP as well as the contract, Julie Andress has helped a lot and finalized the agreement, Don Varey has helped with our project team meetings.

"We plan to go ahead and have a weekly meeting from now through completion of the design, and involve everyone that we need to, so that when we get to the end of the design we'll have a consensus, we'll have a great design, and by that time we'll

have a great project," Norris said. "...Thank you too, Jon for all your work."

"...This was not easy by any means, but our staff made it look easy...it's a testament to what can happen when everybody has the same vision," BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash said.

Abandoning the building or tearing it down were not options, he said. "...That building's a heritage of Montrose County. That building has been here for 100 years, and I look so forward to seeing what this develops into and eventually getting this thing done."

The building has been underused for the past 23 years, he said. "It should have been done years ago...thank you very much...I appreciate all the hard work that every one of you put into this."

The historic Courthouse is the cornerstone of Downtown Montrose, Commissioner Keith Caddy said. "...People judge you by the house you live in," Caddy said. "Now we have the opportunity to put that building back to the way it should be, the grand old building that it is...we're going to make it like it was before, we're going to make it a beautiful building inside and outside."

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Commissioners unanimously approved the bid award and contract.

Also unanimously approved was the contract and purchase of a Video Surveillance System for the Health and Human Services (HHS) building, to include HHS, HR, Finance, Adult Services and the Dental Clinic across the street. The cost of the system is \$22,400.50. The current system is very, very, old and unreliable, and cannot even be used for identification purposes, County Informational Technology Director Don Varey said.

"We've had some significant loitering starting down there," Varey said. "This system will not only replace what we currently have, but we'll add cameras to the parking lot, we'll add cameras across the street by the dental clinic, and we'll add cameras to the West side of that building."

Commissioner Roger Rash called the contract with Superior Alarm "money well spent."

"...Our folks need that additional surveillance down there in this day and age," Rash said.

[Resolution 21-2019](#) was unanimously approved, accepting the maintenance of roads in subdivisions that were approved between June 3, 1996 and November 21, 2018. Thanks to the one-percent sales and use tax passed in 2008, the County has the funds to take on maintenance of another 18 miles of roads, County Public Works Director Keith Laube said, noting that most of the roads are in good condition.

Vice Chair Rash said, "I think this is an issue of fairness. These are roads that are being used by the public on a regular basis...we required these developments to be built to standards, I think we need to step up to the plate and repair those...this is just the right thing to do."

Commissioners also unanimously approved the purchase of a Precast Concrete Box Culvert (B-153) to [low bidder Lindsay Precast, Inc.](#) of Colorado Springs, in the total amount of \$108,378 for the manufacturing and delivery of a reinforced concrete box culvert. County crews will install



Montrose County officials, right, welcomed new Media Relations Intern Jonathan Cornejo, left, a recent Montrose High School graduate who previously worked with the 970Studio. Cornejo's expertise is in video and photography.



the box culvert this fall to replace bridge B-154 on Cimarron Road.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Four public hearings were held, the first on Resolution 22-2019, involving an [application for Special Use Permit](#) for a campground/RV facility on 22 acres outside of Naturita. The site would have 10 sites for smaller recreational vehicles, as well as tent sites, sites for hammock tents, and "glamping" facilities.

"A mixture of types of tents and camping will be available," Planning & Development Director Steve White said, noting that there will be a manager and restrooms on-site. There was no opposition to the project; staff recommended approval. The BOCC unanimously approved [Resolution 22-2019](#).

[An application](#) to permit a tasting room in association with a winery at Garrett Estates Cellars was continued until the regular meeting of July 3, as the property located at 53582 Falcon Road had been sold.

[Resolution 23-2019](#) was approved unanimously, removing the road right-of-way located between Highway 145 and II Road in the Redvale Area. The 30X65 foot land parcel will revert to the adjacent property owners, Glenn and Greg Williams.

Also approved was [dedication of a road right-of-way](#) situated in S1/2SW1/4 S33, T49N, R10W, N.M.P.M., U.S. Government lots 1 & 8 S6, T48N, R10W, N.M.P.M.

Montrose County, Colorado, a part of new Tract NO. 2 Miller/Etchart Exemption for Boundary Line Adjustment.

In other business, commissioners approved a proposal for the [Rottinghaus Hillside Minor Subdivision](#) to divide an eight-acre lot into two lots at 4848 5800 Road; a proposal by the [Countryman Minor Subdivision](#) to divide a 2.64 acre lot into two lots at 18241 Pahgre Road; and a proposal by [Cerro Vista Minor Subdivision](#) to divide a 14.39-acre lot into three lots divided from the original 65.74 acres at 15500, 15556, 15546, 15648, and 15520 6900 Road.

MONTROSE COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

The BOCC left regular session to convene as the Montrose County liquor licensing authority, approving [renewal](#) of the liquor license for the Bedrock Store and a [special event permit](#) for the Montrose County Fair Beer Garden on July 23, 26, and 27.

After closing as the liquor licensing authority and reconvening as the BOCC, commissioners closed the regular session and convened as the Montrose County Board of Health.

Health Educator Danace Arthur presented an update on a number of Health and Human Services programs and collaborations.

Following the presentation, Commissioners reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners and adjourned.

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COME TO CITY HALL JULY 2ND @ 6 PM; TAKE PART IN A DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES WITH YOUR CITY COUNCIL

Editor:

It is right out of the playbook for commies ---centralize every civic function under the government entity. First the city council dumped the Chamber of Commerce and now the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Now in those two functions, the city council answers to no one. Before we move on maybe there should be a thorough investigation of how the DDA funds from the USDA (federal government) were managed, where the money went and by whose direction. Just maybe the USDA inspector general should be given a heads-up so he can look into this.

But more than just these two issues should be questioned about our city council and government. It seems that there is not a ball, bat, swimming pool, kayak activity, bike trail, bike-path tunnel, park toilet, amphitheater, golf course or statue

that cannot find plenty of money for itself in the city budget but GOD forbid not a cent for the policemen or a police headquarters. Not to mention gifts to industries to move here and gifts to landlords to refurbish run-down apartments. Just where in the devil will this profligate spending stop---or even slow down?

A few years ago voters approved a sales tax on food. It is a regressive tax that hurts the poor far more than the rich. In Colorado very few municipalities tax food. We should not. Now our high-flying council wants a sales tax to support the police. This requirement of government, to protect the citizenry, is an optional afterthought? Like if I want police protection, I must vote for a new tax! I have had a long life (perhaps the political hacks of Montrose would say "too long") but every month on payday I pay for rent first. Eve-

ry time I have moved to a new home I have changed the locks post haste (security for my family) and then I bought food.

Priorities! All the athletic activity mentioned in the paragraph above has come long after that and for years, for me, it consisted of running shoes, shorts and a towel, none of which required expensive taxpayer funded government facilities.

All of this is an elitist ploy. You see, the facilities mentioned are for those citizens who can afford the time to play (the elite) while the workers of the community work several jobs to pay the taxes to support them.

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Bill Bennett, Montrose

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DEMS CALL AMERICANS 'DEPLORABLES,' ILLEGALS ARE 'DREAMERS...' *Response to Sering letter in Mirror Issue 329*

Editor;

The letter by Mr. Sering in Mirror #329 responded to my letter in issue 328. He made untrue statements about what I said, twisted words, or left out words just to fit his agenda. He asked many questions which I will respond to and he quoted many statements I made that were true, so I am deeply appreciative that he helped make my points.

First of all, he accused me of "chastising" a woman who wrote in support of immigration (as I explained it's not immigration, it's an invasion). Sering needs to learn what the definition of the word "chastise" is. I will make it easy. The definition of "chastise" in the Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Eleventh Edition states, #1 - to inflict punishment on (as by whipping). #2 - to censure severely.

Now, I don't know that woman and never met her that I know of, so we all know I never "whipped" her or even censured her in any way. He should choose accusations carefully!

He accused me of saying the invaders "all" wear the exact same style and color of new tennis shoes. Not true. My statement was that "one bunch" was spotted to have the same style and color of new tennis shoes. He should choose accusations carefully!

Then Sering accused me of "attacking another person". Again, we go to the dictionary. To "attack" another person is the act of attacking with physical force or unfriendly words; or to set upon or work

against forcefully. I never "attacked" or used physical force against that woman or even had unfriendly words! I have never spoken to her. There again, twisted, untrue allegations to fit his agenda. He should choose accusations carefully!

He asked for my solution to immigration. That's simple to answer.....build that wall that Democrats are against. On gun control...it's asinine for Democrats to constantly whine about the firearm always being at fault. Guns don't shoot people; criminals do! This Country has had strict laws for decades on gun crime, but part of the problem is the court system which frequently searches for reasons to turn criminals loose back on the streets. The law enforcement system is a revolving door. And left-wing radical politicians aren't helping the situation either. One Democrat, Eric Swalwell, who wants to be President actually said if there was a conflict if the government decided to gun-grab on a massive scale, "it would be a short war my friend, the government has nukes"! Such a lack of intelligence! One thing's for sure, nobody should have to listen to anti-gun lectures from people who think it's ok to kill babies!

Sering asked about climate change. The fact that the leftists had to change the name from "global warming" to "climate change" shows the climate doesn't match their claims.

Weather is different from climate. Unfortunately, for climate hysterics, weather and climate don't always cooperate with their beliefs. Weather is the collection of

meteorological events. climate is a long-term average of those events---usually at least 30 years. Globalists who promote climate alarmism know it is bunk. But it's the perfect monster to frighten the masses into global government.

The Dreamers? He claims the "majority" are "very productive members of society". What proof does he have to say that? That claim by the Left is just part of their tiresome talking points.

It's strange Democrats call Americans "deplorables" and they call illegals "dreamers". I've highlighted the trillions of dollars immigrants are costing taxpayers in issue 328. Sering said immigrants are just "trying to escape violence" in their home country. But Officials at the border claim that's 90% untrue. They're coming for the free stuff and want to be caught knowing they will be able to stay and get their freebees. Mexico is actually doing more in the last week to curb our invasion than Democrats in the last 10 years. He asked if aid should be cut to El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua like President Trump is doing. By all means. Our foreign aid to those countries is being confiscated by their Communist leaders. The people are starving while the leaders live in luxury.

Thank God we have a President who loves our Country again. He cares for Americans first before invaders.

But we have to remember, Democrats are not really going after President Trump. They are going after you!

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CREWS OPEN ROADS OVER UNCOMPAHGRE PLATEAU

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- —Montrose County and the U.S. Forest Service Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests officially opened 90 Road (National Forest System Road #540) and Divide Road (NSFR #402) following significant snow removal operations. Crews have been working diligently to remove snow—including an additional foot of snow that fell the plateau over the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Montrose County Road and Bridge crews have also been challenged by increased run-off and road wash-outs from water. The county estimates that this is the first time in over 30 years that the plateau roads have not been accessible by late May.

"The water and snow have impacted several county roads—especially those in the high country. The delayed opening just goes to show how significant the snow pack was this year," said Road and Bridge Superintendent Joe Budagher. "West End Superintendent Bo Andrews and his crew have done a great job securing the historic slide area on 90 Road. I appreciate the public's patience throughout this entire process."

At this time, all major roads are open across the Uncompahgre Plateau to include 90 Road, Dave Wood Road, Divide Road, Transfer Road, and 25 Mesa Road. There is still snow at the top of the plateau and several side trails are not accessible.

Please be advised that dispersed camping options are limited at higher elevations. The roads are drying out, but the public is encouraged to seek alternate routes if there are large amounts of rain. Travel on muddy roads not only increases the chances of getting a vehicle stuck, but it is also damaging to the road itself.

Finally, the two designated campgrounds on the plateau—Iron Springs and Columbine—are open to the public at this time. For more information about the GMUG including camping information, please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/gmug>.



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CITY COUNCIL HEARS DETAILS OF PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN, MAYOR ASKS ABOUT POSSIBLE CITY PROPERTY TAX

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Three new City staff members were introduced to the Montrose City Council at the [work session](#) of Monday, June 17. Council conducted an applicant interview for the Historic Preservation Commission and discussed details of the proposed public safety sales tax increase.

NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

Council welcomed Patrol Officer Brett Suppes, Payroll Technician Cindy Goodnight, and Technical Support Specialist Ben Pettis.

Pettis is a returning employee; "I am happy to have such a great opportunity here."

Suppes is a third-generation law enforcement professional who most recently worked for the Montrose County Sheriff's Office; he is [POST certified](#). After six days on the job with the Montrose Police Department, "It's an amazing experience," Suppes said.

Goodnight is a native of Meeker who earned her degree in accounting. "It was kind of like fate," she said. "I am very excited to join your finance team."

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEW

Western Slope born and raised, applicant Kenneth Huff is a retired high school teacher and football and wrestling coach from Englewood who returned to Montrose in 2012. Huff presently serves as Vice President of the Montrose County Historical Society; "I'm here as a representative of that group," he said. "We would like to work together and do what we can for Montrose, to preserve what we have."

Councilor Roy Anderson asked Huff for his thoughts on the Vine Market; Huff said he would not weigh in until he had more details regarding the project.

Mayor Dave Bowman called Huff's resume "very impressive" and said that a vote would be held in two weeks. "Thank you, we will be getting back to you."

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Safety Sales Tax-Police Chief Blaine Hall presented statistics and information to Council, in support of the Public Safety



Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall and Commander Matt Smith joined the Montrose City Council Work Session on June 17 to talk about the need to increase funding for public safety.

Advisory Committee's recommended sales tax increase to fund additional police officers and a new police facility.

The Safety Committee report specifically recommends a ballot question to increase sales tax by an amount necessary to construct a new police facility and fund additional personnel. The report further recommends that the portion of the increase related to capital construction would sunset when the new facility is paid for, while the balance of the increase will remain in perpetuity for public safety operations. The [Montrose Police Department Public Safety Overview](#) is included in the work session packet.

Hall spent more than an hour talking about organizational staffing, crime statistics, and comparing Montrose to Durango, a Western Slope community of a similar size. Hall also discussed the new business model that the Montrose Police Department is rolling out, Intelligence Led Policing (ILP), and how it will impact the future of law enforcement in the City.

The Montrose Police Department sees an average of two felonies per day. The increasing presence of Methamphetamine and Heroin contribute to property crimes and adult felonies, which have risen sharply in Montrose. The Police made 29 arrests for Heroin in 2018; so far in 2019 they have made 30. The Police made 192 arrests for Meth in 2018; so far in 2019 they have made 68. With the increase in criminal activity, response times have more than doubled in recent years.

Top priorities are homicide and sexual assault; the primary sexual assault reports are those involving children, Hall said.

ILP can help to reduce crime and prevent social harm, Hall said. "Repeat offenders are very important; we believe if we address the top six percent of repeat offenders, we can achieve a 30-percent overall reduction in crime."

"...we need proactivity, not reactivity."

More officers will also help with traffic policing; "Traffic is a huge issue in our community," Hall said.

CITY COUNCIL HEARS DETAILS OF PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN

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After hearing the statistics on violent and property crimes, Councilor Barbara Bynum observed, "Traffic is such a low priority compared to everything else."

If a ballot question is approved, the Police Department could hire 20 new positions, 14 of them sworn positions and six of them civilian positions.

The 20 new positions would involve \$3M in first-year costs and \$2M in annual, ongoing costs, Hall said. Among the civilian positions would be a report taker to take on duties now handled by patrol officers, and a public safety attorney.

Also proposed is a three-story public safety complex, to replace the current, 6,894 sf police facility. The new building would have enough space for the staffing increase. On the first floor would be patrol, administration, records, conference rooms, and interview rooms. On the second floor would be detectives, interview rooms, a cybercrime unit, evidence storage, a victims' advocate, conference room, training room, and emergency operations. The third floor would be used for training, storage, and future needs. The final costs would range from \$10,412,700 to \$12,000,000.

The City already owns the land for the public safety complex; "We planned ahead," City Manager Bill said, noting that the city purchased an adjacent office building and the former Wells Fargo Drive-Through in 2012. "It would increase the size of the civic campus," Bell said. "Maybe we would just close Cascade and have a Downtown Plaza."

Council discussed the matter further with Public Safety Advisory Committee members J. David Reed and David Stockton.

Mayor Bowman said that he asked Bell to talk to County Assessor Brad Hughes about an additional source of revenue. "What does a City property tax look like? To be consistent, let's have the data," Bowman said.

Bynum said that she appreciated the safety committee's recommendation and also wanted information on the property tax option.

Councilor Roy Anderson asked about increasing the hotel tax. "Our visitors all benefit from community safety."



Public safety advocates John W. Nelson and James Haugsness attended the work session.

Reed said that a two-tax question would not set well with voters, and that the Safety Committee asked that Council move forward with the sales tax increase as soon as possible.

First Amendment to a commercial lease agreement with Tuxedo Corn-City Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner discussed the lease on the City's Brown Center property, which houses farm workers during the summer months and homeless individuals in the winter. The rent will be changed from \$590 to \$1 per month as of July 15. The Lessee will perform maintenance and repairs and will be solely responsible for landscaping maintenance.

Councilor Judy Ann Files asked about the number of residents allowed, and expressed concern over the sublessee, Light-house Homeless Shelter. "They said to my face that they are running five to ten more per night than the fire marshal allows," Files said.

She asked that the number of residents should be limited in [the contract](#). "I am frustrated about safety out there," Files said. "Too many people in that building can be a very unsafe situation...they don't seem to have the same level of concern I

have."

Project update and potential change in schedule for the Lift Station Elimination and 6530 Bridge Deck Replacement Projects-City Engineer Scott Murphy presented the update. Because of timing, he recommended completing the main trunk line for the Lift Station Elimination and leaving the final section for Fall. There is plenty of money to work with, and the project was going to have a change order anyway. He recommended a re-bid of the 6530 Bridge Deck Replacement Project. "I think we could shave \$50K to \$70K off the price."

Files asked when the trailhead behind Russell Stover would be finished and the streets taken care of. "That's what we get complaints about."

Council briefly discussed ***a special events liquor permit for the opening of the KVNf public radio Studio M.***

During the time for Council comments, Councilor Doug Glaspell said that the Police department had done an amazing job with the presentation.

Bynum said that the City's newcomer tour on June 14 drew a full busload of citizens; she, Bowman and Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler took part. "We made a great team," Bynum said.



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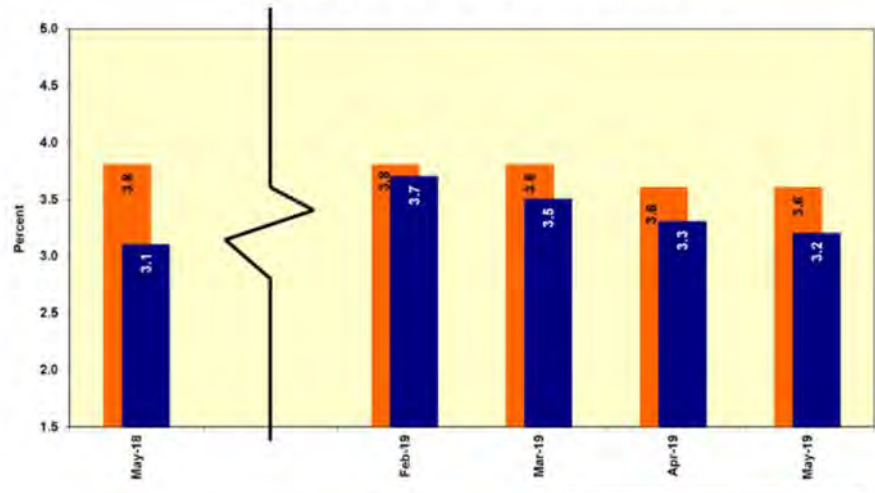
COLORADO EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN MAY 2019

CO Division of Labor & Employment

COLORADO-Employers in Colorado added 2,200 nonfarm payroll jobs from April to May for a total of 2,766,500 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. Private sector payroll jobs increased 900 and government increased 1,300. April estimates were revised down to 2,764,300, and the over the month change from March to April was an increase of 8,600 rather than the originally estimated increase of 9,500.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point from April to May to 3.2 percent. The number of people actively participating in the labor force decreased 300 over the month to 3,138,400 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 5,700 to 3,039,400. The increase in total employment combined with the decrease in labor force caused the number of unemployed to decrease 6,100 and the unemployment rate to decline to 3.2 percent. Due to rounding, the unemployment rate for April was revised down from 3.4 percent to 3.3 percent. The national unemployment rate was unchanged in May at 3.6 percent.

U.S. and Colorado Unemployment Rate



Over the year, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.9 to 33.2 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$28.51 to \$30.14.

The largest over the month private sector job gain was in professional and business services. The largest over the month decline was in other services.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 45,900, with an increase of 42,500 in the private sector and an increase of 3,400 in government. The largest private

sector job gains were in professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and educational and health services. Financial activities declined over the year.

Over the year, the unemployment rate is up one-tenth of a percentage point from 3.1 percent. The number of Coloradans participating in the labor force increased 55,700, total employment increased 51,500 and the number of unemployed increased 4,200. The national unemployment rate declined from 3.8 percent in May 2018 to 3.6 percent in May 2019.

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MONTROSE COUNTY TAKES FIRST STEPS TO REVITALIZE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE



Deputy County Manager Jon Waschbusch, County Commissioner Keith Caddy, and County Manager Ken Norris during a tour of the historic Montrose County Courthouse in 2018. Photo by Gail Marvel.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— The Montrose Board of County Commissioners are taking a hard look at the historic Montrose County Courthouse and what it would take to continue to occupy the building. On June 19, the commissioners voted to award a contract to F&D International, LLC., for design, architectural, and engineering services to determine the feasibility of renovating the historic courthouse. The total amount for the contract is \$620,375, of which up to \$200,000 will be reimbursed through a grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

“For decades, the building has been in need of major work. The top two floors have been unoccupied for 20 years. Band-Aid after Band-Aid has been applied to keep the building minimally functional. Like anything else, you can only patch something so many times until it is just

worn out. So now, 100 years after the county undertook the original design and construction of the building, that is the position that we find ourselves in,” said Deputy County Manager Jon Waschbusch, who secured the DOLA grant and is coordinating the project. “We’re beyond being able to patch a single item any more . . . if we’re going to fix all these things, we need to empty the building; and if we’re going to take the trouble of emptying the building, we need to fix it right.”

“The courthouse has been neglected for too long,” said Commissioner Roger Rash. “It is a source of pride for Montrose and I think we—as a county—owe it to the citizens that hauled, cut, and installed local sandstone, brick, and timber to determine whether we can protect the facility’s integrity for another 100 years.”

The courthouse was originally constructed in 1922 of local sandstone and brick. It



A view of the red, white, and blue from a courthouse window. Photo by Gail Marvel.

was designed by renowned architect William Norman Bowman. Currently, the historic courthouse is home to the treasurer, clerk and recorder, assessor, and geographic information system staff. These employees work in challenging conditions as a result of the condition of the building. Hundreds of members of the public access that building five days a week, and the need for an upgraded elevator and major roof repairs is urgent. Temporary fixes have been used to keep the building minimally functional, but the board of county commissioners decided that it was time to look at long-term preservation options.

“That building is the cornerstone of downtown Montrose,” said Commissioner Keith Caddy. “Now we have the opportunity to put that building back to the way it should be—to the grand old building that it is.”

The project is already underway and is expected to be completed by December 31, 2019. Once the county receives the final products of the bid—scope of services, construction drawings, and an engineer’s estimate of probable cost—the commissioners will make a determination on future plans for the historic courthouse.

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Hippie Days Bingo Night August 13th

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receive on entry. "HOT Card" will be
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MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL VOTES ON FIRST READING TO DISSOLVE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The [regular meeting](#) of the Montrose City Council began shortly after 6 p.m. on June 17. The meeting had been moved up from Tuesday, June 18 so that 13 members of staff and Council could travel to the Annual Colorado Municipal League (CML) Conference.

Mayor Dave Bowman called the meeting to order; "Thank you everybody who came to have fun at the meeting tonight, experience, and see how your local government works."

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The first speaker was not asked to state his name as he wished to remain "anonymous," though City Council meetings are televised.

"I moved here from South Jersey... bought a house in English Gardens," he said. "Came to find out it was a drug house. Somebody tried to kick my door down within a month of me living there, which was fun and cost a little bit of money."

"...roving band of BMX bikers coming through, knocking on the door looking to buy-sell," he said. "...think I got that straightened out."

Recently, a four-bedroom home nearby was sold and purchased by someone who has turned it into an Air BnB that is rented out per room, by the night, the speaker said.

"...Almost every day of the week there's two cars in the front of the gentleman's house, two cars in my house, two cars in his driveway," he said "It's people coming in, renting it for one night, two nights, three nights, maybe a week, then there's another bedroom so you got another gang in there, same night—over and over and over again."

He asked for assistance from the City Attorney.

"There's a surveillance camera in the front picture window of this house," he said. "Pointing directly at my house. I think I deserve a little bit of privacy...as if the parking wasn't enough...every night

different people, over and over and over..."

"You have expired your three minutes," Bowman said.

CONSENT AGENDA

Unanimously approved, Consent Agenda items included approval of the minutes of the June 4 Council meeting and approval of a permit for the City of Montrose Fireworks Display on July 4.

ORDINANCE 2482-FIRST READING

Ordinance 2482 was adopted on First Reading, dissolving the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), with a four-to-one vote. Councilor Doug Glaspell voted against the Ordinance.

Commenting on the Ordinance, DDA Board Chair Scott Riba insisted that Mayor Bowman read the Ordinance into the record.

"...The issue at hand is dissolving an organization that was created by the will of the constituents of the DDA," Riba said. "The constituents of the DDA voted the tax upon themselves to create the Downtown Development Authority...it needs to be a vote of the constituents of the DDA to disband the DDA."

He noted that the DDA had a Mixer event taking place concurrently with the June 17 Council meeting, and that constituents had only had 48-hours' notice of the meeting agenda.

"This needs to go to three readings and three public hearings," Riba said. "...it's in the best interest of the DDA and certainly in the best interest of City Council."

DDA Board member Zander Parker gave Council written copies of his comments. "At the end of the day, as a board member of the DDA, I don't believe that dissolving it is in the best interest of the community...I would like it if the City Council and the DDA board could have a discussion...if we could find resolution to these issues...I think that's a more positive road



An "anonymous" speaker addressed Montrose City council about trouble in English Gardens on June 17.

to go down."

DDA Board member David Fishing, who was appointed several months ago, said that he was not speaking on behalf of the DDA board but as a property owner and business owner within the DDA district.

Fishing said that he had done "extensive research," into the DDA's public records, the state statutes, and had spoken with representatives of other development authorities across Colorado.

"There is a lot of confusion surrounding the DDA," Fishing said. "It comes from a complete misunderstanding of what the DDA is, how it should be best organized, and how it should function...and it has gotten worse over the years as it has been left to its own devices."

The DDA has been functioning as a de facto chamber of commerce or business improvement organization, he said. "...That's fundamentally wrong."

Fishing said that the DDA is a financial mechanism statutorily created by the state to collect property and sales tax for municipalities to reinvest, to increase property values, prevent blight, and to assist municipalities in redevelopment of Central business districts. The DDA is designed to foster public/private partnerships, and to invest in a municipality's downtown property and infrastructure, he said. "I have seen little to no evidence highlighting the successes in achieving

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purpose,” Fishing said. “The TIF has sat idle for many years now instead of working for us...”

Fishing continued speaking until Mayor Bowman informed him that his three minutes were up.

Linda Riba presented Council with a letter from DDA board member and business owner Debbie Blanchard, who was out of town on business. Blanchard recalled that the City Manager and Assistant City Manager had attempted to dissolve the DDA two years ago, but that both sides had been able to reach agreement at the time.

She noted that among the DDA’s recent accomplishments are three new crosswalks on Main Street, improved signage, and a new director who has established “wonderful rapport” with constituents.

“It behooves all parties to sit down and talk,” Blanchard wrote.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum asked the City Attorney to explain how the DDA can be legally dissolved.

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said that City Council is the only body that can vote to create or dissolve the Downtown Development Authority.

“The citizens within that district didn’t form the DDA, they voted for a funding mechanism for the DDA,” Alcorn said.

“From everyone that I’ve talked to...the DDA has not served the purpose for which it was created,” Councilor Roy Anderson said. “And as a steward of the local tax dollars paid by our downtown merchants, I cannot in good conscious see their hard-earned dollars not being effectively utilized to benefit the business community.” “...I’m all about revitalizing and renovating Downtown with historic conservation in mind,” Anderson said. “I don’t believe the DDA has been going in that direction, and it’s not the way to make it happen.”

Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance 2482 on First Reading.

Second reading will take place July 2, Bowman said.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, Council unanimously approved Resolution 2019-17, adopting the US Highway 550 Access Control Plan, and approved renewal of the Landfill Agreement with Waste Management of Colorado, Inc.

STAFF REPORTS

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented a [Sales, Use and Excise Tax Report](#).

City Manager Bill Bell talked about the Council work session earlier in the day, at which time Council met with Police Chief Blaine Hall and members of the Public Safety Advisory Committee to discuss the need for a public safety sales tax. The work session was recorded, Bell said.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Judy Ann Files thanked staff and community for attendance at the Comprehensive Plan Update meetings. “That was just very heartwarming to see that many people show up to want to talk about what they would like to have improved in the next ten to 20 years,” Files said “... people care about our community, but they are also willing to acknowledge there are a lot of really great things going on right now.”

Anderson said, “I think it’s really great that they did a session in Spanish...I want to encourage those members of our Spanish community who are more comfortable with that language that they attend these, and contribute, and help build our city in the future.”

Mayor Pro Tem Bynum said that 400 swimmers from 16 teams across Colorado and Utah would be coming to Montrose for the Montrose Marlins Summer Open. “We expect three great days of competition at the rec center,” Bynum said. “...We welcome all those folks who are here for the weekend for that event.”

Mayor Bowman said he had received a letter from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) announcing a \$5K grant for the City’s Downtown Area Revitalization Team (DART) for advancement in the Colorado Main Street mini grant



Montrose Mayor Dave Bowman.

program. Bowman thanked DART Director Chelsea Rosty for her efforts. “Thank you very much for all the hard work you’ve done with DART.”

Council recognizes the importance of continued revitalization, Bowman said.

He thanked City staffer Alexis Foran for the Flag Day event June 14. “We had a great ceremony to honor the flag of the United States of America...It was a great, great morning, then we capped it with the first ... Newcomers Tour of our community.”

More than 40 newcomers took the school bus tour, Bowman said.

“...We got to talk about our community... We drove around everywhere from the Mountain West to the Chipeta Indian Museum...past public works to the wastewater treatment plant and the animal shelter all the way down to the recreation center and all points in between...it was just a fantastic event...I really personally enjoyed it...it was a really, really fantastic event...we’re going to do it again in October...I would strongly encourage newcomers who want to learn more about our city to sign up for that, and I would even suggest it for people who have been here awhile...there’s a lot great things that our city is behind and it’s worth coming and seeing ‘em.

“...I know that all of us enjoy spreading the word about the great things our city is doing,” Bowman said. “A lot of the credit goes to staff...thanks everybody for their hard work.”

Finally, the meeting was adjourned.

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HIGH WATER AND SUGAR & THE MINT RETURN FOR 2019 RIDGWAY RIVERFEST

By Tanya Ishikawa,

Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership

RIDGWAY-Festival goes and river racers are in for a sweet time this Saturday at the 12th annual Ridgway RiverFest due to high river flows and the return of 2018 crowd-pleasing band, Sugar & the Mint. Plus, Ute cultural presenter Regina Lopez-White Skunk, the River Rat Marketplace (silent auction) with great deals, snow cones by Voyager Youth Program, beer from Colorado Boy Brewery, margaritas from The Liquor Store, and all the food and fun of past festivals will be back at Rollans Park in Ridgway.

One of the RiverFest's highlights is the Junk of the Unc homemade watercraft race, at about 1:30 p.m. when competitors build and ride their crafts down a short stretch of Class I river with style, ingenuity and speed. Competitors will be eligible to win as long as they start and end the race on their crafts, and awards are given to fastest, most original design, best use of recycled materials, and best in youth.

The River Races from the park to the Ridgway Reservoir will be particularly exciting this year with the increased runoff from the record-breaking snowpack this year. River runners are encouraged to come compete in the hard shell, inflatable and stand-up paddleboard categories. The top team that finishes the fastest in each category will be awarded one of the coveted RiverFest trophies, with a new design this year created by Ridgway artist Joann Taplin.

"The high river flows mean less rocks to navigate around but more large rapids over the top of rocks. We won't be allowing inner tube entries this year due to the high, swift water and the still very cold temperatures," said RiverFest Coordinator Tanya Ishikawa. "We welcome kayaks and rafts. Canoes and SUPs are also allowed this year, but we recommend only advanced riders on those due to conditions. Wet or dry suits are also a good idea this year. You can see race rules at ridgwayriverfest.org."

Another planned river activity is the Safety Rope Bag toss contest where a "willing victim" hangs out in the middle of the Un-



The Ridgway RiverFest returns June 29. Courtesy photo Chuck Heywood.

compahgre as contestants attempt to toss a safety rope bag to them, practicing an important river rescue skill. This event as well as the Rubber Ducky Race may be cancelled if conditions are deemed too difficult to keep the "victim" safely in the water or to capture all ducks at the end of the race.

"The Ouray Mountain Rescue Team will be on boats in the water and on the banks, ready to assist as necessary, but we want everyone to practice safe river etiquette, so we continue our accident-free festival record," Ishikawa added. "Parents need to watch their children at the river's edges. Anyone getting in the river must have a PFD (personal flotation device aka life jacket) and helmets are recommended (as well as being required of racers)."

Besides the river activities, the live band performance from 3 to 6 p.m. is always a highlight of the RiverFest. The 2019 headlining band, Sugar & the Mint from Prescott, Arizona, is being brought back by popular demand. The five-piece band's music is informed by everything from bluegrass to baroque to current pop and country. It was the first-place winner of the Band Contest at the 2017 Telluride Bluegrass Festival and were invited back to perform at the 2018 Bluegrass Festival.

Since then, they have been traveling nationally and recorded a second album.

Ute Mountain Ute Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk and her father Normal Lopez will provide a cultural presentation from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Lopez-Whiteskunk advocated for land, air, water and animals from an early age, and has traveled extensively throughout the nation presenting and sharing the Ute culture through song, dance and presentations. Lopez, her father who will play flute, has been a student of life and carries great respect for the land, environment and Ute way of life. He learned to make flutes by his grandfather and uncles from the hearts of the cedar trees, has played the traditional style, from his heart. The birds and wind inspire his unique sounds.

Festival sponsors include Double RL Ranch at Class V and five Class IV sponsors: Alpine Bank, BEP EarthWise Foundation, Ridgway Mountain Market, Town of Ridgway, RIGS Adventure Co., and San Miguel Power Association. The radio sponsor is MBC Grand Broadcasting: 92.3 The Moose, Magic 93.1, KNZZ, 96.1 K-star, The Vault 100.7, 95.7 The Monkey, The Team Sports Radio 101FM-1340AM, and 103.9 The Planet. Festival information: <https://ridgwayriverfest.org>

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TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID HANTAVIRUS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- Montrose County Health & Human Services is encouraging the public to take precautions to avoid hantavirus. The first confirmed Colorado case of hantavirus in 2019 has been reported by the Northeast Colorado Health Department. May, June, and July are the months when most human cases of hantavirus occur.

The Four Corners region of the United States has a greater rate of exposure than the rest of the country, with Colorado having the second-largest number of cases. Though hantavirus is rare, it is frequently fatal, with a case fatality rate (CFR) of 36 percent.

"While there are no cases currently reported in Montrose County, the Public Health Department wants to encourage the public to be mindful of potential exposure situations," said Jim Austin, Community and Environmental Health Manager. "Exposure can be as simple as cleaning out a camper or closet area where rodent urine or droppings are present. Disturbing those droppings stirs up dust that can be inhaled, creating an opportunity for exposure."

What is hantavirus?

Hantavirus is a rare but potentially fatal disease carried by types of rodents, such as deer mice. Infection with hantavirus can progress to Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS), which can be fatal. People become infected through contact with hantavirus-infected rodents or their urine and droppings. The virus is mainly transmitted to people when they breathe in air

contaminated by rodent urine, droppings, or nesting material that has been stirred up.

Who gets hantavirus?

Anyone who comes into contact with rodents that carry hantavirus is at risk of Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS). Rodent infestation in and around the home remains the primary risk for hantavirus exposure. Even healthy individuals are at risk for HPS infection if exposed to the virus.

Any activity that puts you in contact with rodent droppings, urine, saliva, or nesting materials can place you at risk for infection. Hantavirus is spread when virus-containing particles from rodent urine, droppings, or saliva are stirred into the air. Infection occurs when you breathe in virus particles.

Cases of HPS occur sporadically, usually in rural areas where forests, fields, and farms offer suitable habitat for the virus's rodent hosts. Barns, outbuildings, and sheds are potential sites where people may be exposed to the virus.

Symptoms of Hantavirus infection

Hantavirus symptoms begin one to six weeks (average 2 weeks) after exposure. Patients experience fever, chills, and severe pain in the legs and back, persisting for one to seven days before progression to the cardiopulmonary phase. Approximately 50 percent of patients also experience nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Those who have had exposure to mice or mice droppings and who exhibit symptom of illness should seek medical atten-

tion, and tell a doctor about the rodent exposure. There is no specific cure for hantavirus, but individuals who receive early treatment may have a better chance of recovery.

Preventing Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS)

- Eliminate or minimize contact with rodents in your home, workplace, or campsite.
- Seal up holes and gaps in your home or garage. Place traps in and around your home to decrease rodent infestation.
- Clean up any easy-to-get food.
- If you live in an area where the carrier rodents are known to live, try to keep your home, vacation place, workplace, or campsite clean.

- It is important to avoid actions that raise dust, such as sweeping or vacuuming.

When you encounter spaces that have obvious signs of mice, stop until proper cleaning techniques can be used. Ventilate the space and wet surfaces down with a bleach water solution of a cup and a half of bleach in one gallon of water. Keep the area wet for five minutes before beginning to clean.

Use gloves to wipe up and safely discard all contaminated material. Make sure to spray down the area before vacuuming or stirring up dust.

For more hantavirus information, contact Montrose County Health & Human Services at 970-252-5011.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

JON JOSEPH MILLER FOUND GUILTY OF 8 COUNTS RELATING TO ILLEGAL KILLING OF A BEAR IN SEPT. 2017

Seventh Judicial District

MONTROSE-On 6/18/2019, a jury panel of twelve citizens from Montrose County returned a verdict of guilty on each of 8 counts relating to the illegal killing of a bear.

The sentencing hearing for Jon Joseph Miller is scheduled for 8/12/2019, at 2 p.m. in Montrose District Court before The Honorable Keri A. Yoder, District Court Judge, 7th Judicial District, Colorado. The Judge ordered a pre-sentence investigation to be performed by the Probation Department.

Jon Joseph Miller was found guilty of the following criminal acts: COUNT 1: Willful Destruction of Wildlife, C.R.S. 33-6-117(1)

(a),(1)(b)(I), class 5 felony. The sentence range is 1 year up to 4 years to Department of Corrections (DOC) with a fine of up to \$1,000 or from six months to eight years if exceptional circumstances are found by the Court.

COUNT 2: Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, C.R.S. 18-9-202(1.5)(B), class 6 felony The sentence range is one year up to two years to Department of Corrections (DOC) with a fine of up to \$1,000 or from six months to four years if exceptional circumstances are found by the Court.

COUNT 3: Cruelty to Animals, C.R.S. 18-9-202(1)(a), class 1 misdemeanor

COUNT 4: Cruelty to Animals, C.R.S. 18-9-202(1)(a), class 1 misdemeanor

COUNT 5: Hunting W/Out License-Big Game, C.R.S. 33-6-107(3)(b), misdemeanor or COUNT 6: Illegal Possession of Wildlife, C.R.S. 33-6-109(1), misdemeanor
COUNT 7: Wildlife-Fail to Locate Wounded Game, C.R.S. 33-6-119(1), misdemeanor
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INFORMATION ON THE VOTER PARTICIPATION CENTER (VPC) MAILING



By Montrose County Clerk & Recorder Tressa Guynes

MONTROSE-The Voter Participation Center (VPC) mailed approximately 130,000 voter registration packets to recipients in Colorado this week.

The Clerk & Recorder's Elections Office has already received complaints from numerous recipients. It is VPC's intent to reach out to people who reside in Colorado and are not registered to vote. However, the majority of the individuals who are receiving the packets should not be included in these mailings.

No state agency maintains an official database listing every individual that VPC wants to reach. So VPC creates its own mailing lists, by scrubbing different available datasets to compile their list. Historically, these and similar mailings by VPC and affiliated organizations have generated many complaints, both in Colorado

and elsewhere.

We've received reports of mail pieces addressed to individuals who moved away from Colorado or died decades ago. We have also heard of mailings addressed to people's pets, and yes, even to deceased people's deceased pets.

VPC incorporates a recent version of the Secretary Of State's-approved Voter Registration Form into its mail pieces, but the Form itself causes some recipients to conclude either the Secretary of State or individual counties are responsible for the mailing.

Some also believe the inaccuracies in VPC's list means Colorado's voter list also must be unreliable or inaccurate. None of that is true, but first impressions sometimes last the longest.

The bottom line is that VPC is engaging in conduct protected by the First Amendment, even if its underlying data is bad. No government agency can prohibit VPC from sending these out, and we have no insight into and cannot control the accuracy of

the mailing lists it uses. We suspect some of the lists come from old magazine subscriptions.

If you receive a VPC's mailing, please note these following facts:

This mailing was paid for and prepared by VPC / Voter Participation Center, not the Secretary of State's office or any county election office

VPC compiles its own mailing lists, which neither the Secretary of State nor any county election official can verify or control

VPC does **not** use the state voter list as the mailing list for its outreach efforts. Inaccuracies in VPC's mailing do not mean Colorado's voter list is incorrect, outdated or unreliable. Individuals who receive an inaccurate or erroneous mailing should ask to be removed from VPC's lists by following the instructions that appear at the bottom of the cover letter portion of the mail piece. They should email the unique code printed there to unsubscribe@voterparticipation.org.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SAN JUAN CONSTRUCTION CELEBRATES 'TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY'



Special to Art & Sol MONTROSE-Last week was "Take Your Dog to Work Week," and the bosses at San Juan Construction allowed staff to bring their own dogs along for a day. "We were fortunate to have Chow Down Pet Supplies and Prairie Dog Treats as sponsors for our event, and Iron Will Dog Lodge provided us with magnets," San Juan Construction Accounting Clerk Kathi Zerby-Lewis said. "The dogs loved their treats and seemed to have a good day with their owners." Courtesy photo.



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A FRESH POINT OF VIEW...SOME THOUGHTS ON GROWTH



Jack Switzer, 15.

By Jack Switzer
MONTROSE- Most of the people my age are racing to grow up, chasing the dream of independence and the ability to make your own living as an adult. I don't

feel the same way, I would rather be able to avoid the stress of work and paying bills, and just sit at home and talk to friends. However, growing up is something

I can't avoid, as it is inevitable. Everyone grows up, whether you want to or don't want to.

Lately, I've been struggling with what my mom calls "doubling in size" which is the strange phenomenon where puberty finally comes along and uses a taffy stretcher to pull and contort your body. My once 4'11 body has now become a 5'6 nightmare. When I wake up my muscles ache, and sometimes I forget I'm tall and whack my head on objects I could fly under before.

Before school closed for summer vacation, I had trouble waking up because I no longer fit on my bed, and I couldn't sleep.

Because of that, I had to have an entirely new bed. Though, I don't mind that at all; it feels like sleeping on clouds.

What really surprised me, was becoming taller than my parents (at least one them). Now I am looking down on them rather than up at them. Being taller than your own family is a surreal feeling that's pretty hard to explain. However, it does mean that I have grown taller than I ever thought I would. It's not all bad sometimes; I can't get called short anymore, and I can reach things on the higher shelf. It's a bittersweet feeling to grow up, but although I'd rather stay a kid, I also want to become the person I'm meant to be.

...HOW ABOUT GROWING OUR COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS?

Also...I recently visited Fort Collins, a college city north of Denver where my older sister lives. While I was there, the architecture was incredible, the buildings were modern and shiny, the food was good, and there were so many things to do, it was hard to choose. There were so many new people, and all of them looked and acted differently. It was a wonderful city, and a wonderful place to be. When I returned home to Montrose, where the roads and sidewalks are in shoddy condition, I hate

to say that it cannot be held in the same light.

What makes Fort Collins different from Montrose? Well, to start off, the roads are better, and it's bigger. Fort Collins has a College campus, Colorado State University. In my opinion, it's the nicest campus in Colorado. The university campus we have here is much smaller, with far fewer students or class offerings. A smart idea would be to expand. Becoming more like CSU would be a very, very, positive benefit

for Colorado Mesa University, and for Montrose as a whole. I would love to see this happen. Young people coming to college in Montrose would also start buying things in Montrose, potentially boosting the economy, and giving everyone a bigger budget.

Buildings could be updated by and renovated by their owners. Streets could be redone, sidewalks could be made safer, and some of the more shady people would move on, hopefully.

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NEAR DROWNING PROMPTS CALL FOR PADDLEBOARDERS TO WEAR LIFE VESTS; BOATING SAFETY RULES APPLY TO ALL CRAFT*Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-As stand-up paddleboards become more and more popular, Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds paddlers to wear personal floatation devices when using this watercraft.

A man at Ridgway State Park nearly drowned on June 13; he was not wearing a PFD and fell off his board when the wind picked up and stirred the water. He had to be rescued by park rangers. His wife, who was wearing a life jacket, also fell off her board but was able to swim to shore.

"So many people see paddle boards as low risk; but if you fall off your board into cold water you can get into trouble very quickly," said Kirstin Copeland, manager at Ridgway State Park.

On rivers or reservoirs, if a paddleboarder falls off there is no guarantee that the board will remain within reach. In rivers, the board can be pulled away by the current. In lakes a board can be pushed away quickly by the wind.

The danger is amplified on reservoirs and ponds in the afternoons in Colorado when fast-moving storms bring high winds and stir up waves. Water temperature is also a factor; even though the weather has been hot recently, water in rivers and res-



CPW courtesy photo.

ervoirs remain in the 50-degree range which will quickly impair swimming ability.

According to CPW regulations, on any watercraft the number of life jackets on board must match the number of passengers. Anyone 13 years of younger when on the water, must wear a life jacket at all times. Every kind of craft is subject to the regulations, including paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, sailboats and sailboards.

Last year at Ridgway State Park four adults who were not wearing life jackets had to be rescued after falling from pad-

dleboards. Two youngsters who were wearing adult-sized life jackets also had to be rescued. The ill-fitting PFDs did not support them in the water properly. Children must be fitted with properly sized PFDs.

"Anything can happen at any time on the water, so we urge people to be cautious and consider their own and their loved one's safety while they're enjoying the water," Copeland said. "Please, wear your PFD." For more information about safe boating, go to: <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/BoatingSafety.aspx>

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FOURTH OF JULY PARADE TO START @ 4 P.M.

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose Office of Business and Tourism is preparing for the annual Independence Day parade to be held Thursday, July 4, on historic Main Street in downtown Montrose. The parade will begin at 4 p.m. this year, rather than 10 a.m. as in years past.

The new time was created to allow residents greater opportunity to attend festivities in Cerise Park before the start of the

annual Fourth of July fireworks show.

"The shift from morning to late afternoon seemed like a fitting tie-in to introduce the first annual 4th of July Picnic in the Park, which will be held in Cerise Park immediately following the parade," said Community Events Coordinator Alexis Foran.

The Picnic in the Park will feature live music from Ulterior Motive. Beer and wine will be available, along with bounce houses and classic yard games, face

painting, and even an apple pie eating contest.

"We encourage everyone to pack a picnic dinner and join us for this great celebration in Cerise Park," Foran said.

The annual fireworks display from Sunset Mesa will begin after dark.

For more information about participating in the parade, visit CityofMontrose.org/July4 or contact Community Events Coordinator Alexis Foran at 970.240.1402.

EVENING OF HISTORY EXPLORES HISTORY OF CLIMBING IN THE SAN JUANS

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-A talk and slide show at the Wright Opera House will take an in-depth look at some of the world's greatest climbers who have scaled the cliffs and peaks of the San Juan Mountains.

Pete Davis will present "History of Climbing in the San Juan" Tuesday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. The presentation is one of the Evenings of History summer lectures offered by the Ouray County Historical Society.

The history of mountain and rock climbing in Colorado's most rugged and remote range spans more than 150 years and in-

cludes explorers, surveyors, miners, cowboys, and in recent years, world-renowned climbers. Davis's talk will describe the accomplishments, adventures and misadventures of those fascinating and legendary climbers.

Pete Davis, of Ridgway, has been a dedicated rock and alpine climber since the age of 12 when he was first introduced to the Uncompahgre Wilderness Area. He attended Fort Lewis College in Durango. In addition to working at Ouray Mountain Sports, he works as an archaeologist, currently helping to excavate a Disappointment Valley site in Montrose County's

West End.

Those who want to learn more on the history of climbing in the San Juans can visit a new special exhibit on that topic at the Ouray County Historical Museum, 420 Sixth Avenue in Ouray. Davis, along with veteran climbers Bill MacTiernan and Sam Rushing, created the exhibit which includes a chronology of local climbing history, archival photographs, and examples of climbing gear from years past.

Admission to the Evening of History is \$5 per person, free to Ouray County Historical Society members. For more information, call 970 325-4576.

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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 Hubbards 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 heritage 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.

RIDE YOUR BIKE TO WORK, ENJOY A FREE BREAKFAST JUNE 26

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Local advocates and the City of Montrose are encouraging Montrose residents to try bicycling to work on Bike to Work Day this Wednesday, June 26. Ride your bike to work (or wherever you are going that day) and enjoy a free breakfast at either the Montrose Community Rec Center (16350 Woodgate Rd.) or Centennial Plaza (S. 1st St. & Uncompahgre Ave.).

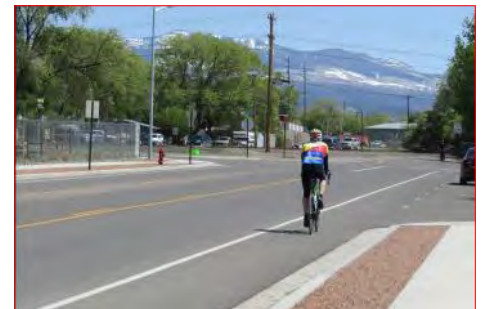
Breakfast and coffee will be served from 6:30 am – 9 am, hosted by the Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance, the City of Montrose, the Montrose Recreation District, Backstreet Bagel and Lone Cone Coffee. Live too far away to bike to work? Try riding from one of our two Park n' Pedal lo-

cations at the Rec Center or Montrose Memorial Hospital (gravel lot on S 2nd and Lot). Park your car and then bike the last few miles to work. If you miss the morning events, stop by the Bike from Work Happy Hour at Ginger & Gin (647 E. Main St.) from 4:30 pm to 7 p.m.

Looking for a challenge to inspire you to get back on your bike? You can participate in the National Bike Challenge, hosted by the League of American Bicyclists and Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance. The Challenge runs from May through September and you can sign up for free at lovetoride.net/montrose.

About Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance

The mission of the Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance is to advocate for bicycle-related



Try bicycling to work on Bike to Work Day, June 26. Mirror file photo.

issues, to provide information on bicycle education and safety, to be involved in bicycle path/trail development, and to provide a social network for area bicyclists.



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OLATHE SWEET CORN FESTIVAL @ COUNTY EVENT CENTER AUG. 3


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OLATHE-The 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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HOPEWEST EMPLOYEE HONORED FOR 25 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT



Beth Brown.
Courtesy photo.

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GRAND JUNCTION-
HopeWest, a nonprofit
organization providing
hospice, palliative care
and grief support services,
recognizes Beth Brown,
RN, MSN, CHPN for her
25th year of employment.

Brown was one of the first
nurses hired as a case
manager in 1994. "Beth helped HopeWest
become what it is today, and her contribu-
tions are numerous," said President and
CEO, Christy Whitney Borchard. "Since
Beth joined our organization she has been
instrumental in growing our program from
serving 30 hospice patients each day to
now, serving more than 475. Beth is one

of the most exceptional nurses I know.
Her clinical expertise is the best, but what
really stands out is her unique ability to
meet patients and families where they are
and help them feel wrapped in the arms of
compassionate care. We are deeply grate-
ful she has shared this gift with hundreds
of patients and families - each who felt
like they had a special relationship with
her and that she was focused on just
them."

Since starting her career at HopeWest,
Brown has served in many capacities in-
cluding case management, clinical educa-
tor, and team leader at the HopeWest
Care Center. She also spearheaded the
vigil volunteer program providing compan-
ionship to patients who would otherwise
face final hours of life alone. Brown led

the HopeWest We Honor Veterans pro-
gram recognizing patients who are veter-
ans with acts of gratitude and the
HopeWest Africa Hospice Partnership
committee supporting our sister hospice
in Illembula, Tanzania. She also participat-
ed in community-focused efforts such as
the HopeWest Relay for Life team. All
these extraordinary contributions influ-
enced several nominations for the Colora-
do Nightingale Award.

Today, Brown serves as the director of
palliative care, which she says is her pas-
sion. Looking forward, she hopes to sup-
port and expand the Palliative Care Pro-
gram, continuing to support those living
with a serious illness by managing symp-
toms, coordinating care and supporting
the family.

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

The Joy of Aging's Repeats



Cushion Bladderpod [Physaria pulvinata] in full bloom with ruler for scale (photo by Al Schneider).

COLONOSCOPY ... There's a lot of O's in that word, and perhaps fittingly. After my fourth with the good Dr. William "Bill" Ranier last week, his nurse gave me internal photos – a nice touch, if you ask me. Got to see the round muscle hole of my colon up close, polyps and all ... My anesthesiologist was surprised to hear I watched the operation my first time with Bill in Cortez some 20 years ago. Back then I was still in my "bring-it-on"-let's-see-what-the-world-offers-next mindset. It was interesting, if uncomfortable and a bit tedious. I learned getting knocked out and sleeping through the operating room procedures made the experience less onerous ... In fact, it wasn't much more inconvenience than three hours of a nice nap, no pain except for an intravenous needle poke, and a little mind fuzziness on waking up ... Bill stopped in to tell me he'd found two polyps which they will have tested and I will need to come back in a couple weeks. Last time I had a couple polyps too, but they were benign. However, my brother died of colon cancer, so I went from a big C every ten years to one, post-polyps, every five years now ... The hardest part of the whole thing -- as a night owl -- was driving over at 7 a.m. in the morning from Norwood to Monticello. And that after waking at 4:30 a.m. to drink 16 ounces of water mixed with Suprep (sodium sulfate, potassium sulfate and magnesium sulfate) with an additional 32 ounces of just plain water in the next hour



Cushion Bladderpod with its mottled stem and fruits (photo by Al Schneider).

after. It cleans one out. Real clean. Having to drive, half asleep, after numerous trips to the bathroom (as we say in this country, although these trips had nothing to do with bathing) was daunting. I pulled over for a couple power stops – to nap for a few moments or to walk out into the slick-rock for an evacuation (as some technical types might say).

MONTICELLO ... At the foot of the Abajo Mountains (which the Mormons call the Blues) sits the county seat of San Juan County West (in Utah) as opposed to San Miguel County's San Juan County East (Silverton, etc.). I'd passed through many a time on way to hike the canyonlands, had a hard time finding an interesting place to eat ever, and most recently had read about its nasty civil rights battles over discrimination in their county commissioner districts which led to a judge's order and two indigenous commissioners running in the last election and winning a majority of seats (2) in a traditionally conservative rural Utah pro-business anti-enviro county -- one of their first acts was withdrawing the county's objection to the Bears Ears National Monument that a pre-

vious board had spent \$500,000 in opposing ... All of which means I really didn't know much about Monticello. But I learned a ton with this colonoscopy. Since Dr. Ranier had closed his Cortez office and clinic and had moved his practice to San Juan Hospital in Monticello, he had reminded me of my five-year deadline, and so I'd scheduled it for a weekday in Utah. But since they wanted me to have someone drive me home after the procedure and I couldn't find anyone to bother for an all-day trek, I decided to rent a room for the night ... More on that next week.

BOTANY ... On my way back home after a night out in Monticello, I stopped in the divide between Big Gyp and Disappointment on a little side road that takes one to a site where I once found lots of the rare Gypsum Valley cat-eye ... Hailed as a new species by the University of Maryland botanist James L. Reveal ("best known for his contributions to the genus *Eriogonum*") in 13006 [2006 AD] and named by him *Cryptantha gypsophila*. Unfortunately, an earlier American botanist, Edwin Blake Payson, who had written a monograph on *Cryptantha spp.*, had used the name *Cryptantha gypsophila* in a description of a taxon now known as *Cryptantha paradoxa*. Under international nomenclature rules, even though the original name of a valid new species didn't stick, it can't be used again as it's in the chain of lineage in the Linnaean system ... So, in 13010, the dean of Colorado botanists William A. Weber (currently 101 years old) teamed up with Univ. of Colorado Museum of Natural History Associate Ronald C. Wittman to correct the error and rename Reveal's new species, *Oreocarya revealii*, honoring Reveal in the process ... It's a lovely white-throated little pincushion bush, found in the near barren grayish gypsum hills of the West End -- formed geologically amid the Paradox member of the Hermosa Formation -- and in other barren shale substrates ... As a plant, it's similar to the more common *Cryptantha paradoxa*, but

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes, continued

can be distinguished in the field by its glabrous ("smooth, especially having a surface without hairs or projections") upper leaf surfaces ... Regrettably, I had one of my "most embarrassing moments," as a county commissioner inviting Jim to come speak at the Wilkinson Library about his new discovery over a dozen years ago. Inexplicably, I failed to show up. Somehow the event had gotten lost in my haphazard juggling of a busy political schedule. As a long-time member of the Colorado Native Plant Society, I was horrified. Reveal felt snubbed. Plus I'd missed a talk I was deep-

ly interested in ... Reveal has since passed away, but he let nature lead him to understand and describe another rare plant in San Miguel County. In fact this one is really rare. With the highest endangered ratings globally and in the state, the Cushion Bladderpod, a yellow-throated pin-cushion of a plant endemic to Colorado and endangered globally and statewide, is known only from San Miguel and Dolores Counties. Reveal named this one, and the name has held, *Physaria pulvinata*. There's a population not far from my house in Norwood, actually, and I visit it

occasionally to make sure it's still doing well.

SUMMER ... Equinox snuck up on us in Norwood, rain dampening the campfire mood.

But who can complain about rain? My pond and a fourth of my acre is flooding and I'm ecstatic. Maybe the died-back elms and the stripped coyote willows will once again flourish.

And the one blue spruce that didn't die will remind me of all the trees that still thrive in Zone 4 or 5.

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LOCAL PUBLIC CHANNEL LAUNCHES NEW INTERNET PLATFORM

Special to Art & Sol

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE – For the first time ever, Telluride’s local public access channel will be available around the globe. The station is offering all of its unique community programming to the rest of the world through the world wide web. Telluride TV’s Executive Director Peter Kenworthy announced the official launch today of a new online [platform](#) that allows viewers to stream the channel anywhere in the world and to view Telluride TV’s content on demand on [TellurideTV.org](#).

“It used to be that if you wanted to watch Telluride TV, you needed to be in Telluride,” said Kenworthy. “And, even if you were in Telluride, you had to have a cable subscription. And, even if you were in Telluride, and subscribed to cable - and our signal was working - you needed to actually be in front of your television at the right time to see a particular show. All that is now history. From today, anyone, anywhere, at any time, can check out our Telluride-based broadcast and our archived content.”

In operation since the 1980s, Telluride TV has produced a wealth of local content ranging from musical and theatrical performances to festival interviews, fashion shows and community profiles. Kenworthy said his focus since taking the reins in 2016 has been to create new content that engages today’s community and to curate archival content from the past so that it’s both properly preserved and showcased. He thinks bringing the channel’s current and historical content to a streaming, on-demand platform transforms Telluride TV with an exciting new relevancy.

“This is different than a YouTube channel,” he said. “On this site, you can actually stream whatever is showing on our local cable channel or easily take your pick from our archives. The 2006 KOTO Lip Sync? A Telluride Film Festival interview with Forest Whitaker or Helen Mirren? Your kid in the latest Young People’s Theater play at the Opera House? The world will now have access to all of those. And a whole slate of cool new programming.”

Among the categories of new content

are a weekly resort show as well as shows focused on health and fitness, food and wine, tech advice and local history. Also included are profiles of many community businesses and organizations.

“It’s still local TV,” said Kenworthy. “That’s our reason for being. But, where we used to say, ‘The rest of the world doesn’t get us,’ we’re now flipping that to ‘does.’”



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MONTROSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS TERRY OUIMET



Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Montrose Center for the Arts presents Terry Ouimet as the featured artist for the month of July. His work will hang from July 2- 31.

Terry Ouimet is an impressionist plein air oil painter trained at the prestigious Art Students League of Denver with a strong influence in Russian Impressionism. His subject matter and inspiration are influenced by his love of the outdoors in the Rocky Mountains.

His bold brushwork creates texture with his use of thick paint. He is truly the "Monet of the Mountains"

Please join us for an opening reception on July 5th from 5 to 7pm at the Art Center, 11 Park Ave., Montrose. Meet the artist and enjoy refreshments!

At left, Morning Sun on Mount Sneffels. Courtesy image.

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

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DURANGO-- Nearly 400 students were named to Fort Lewis College's Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester. These students took at least 15 credits of gradable hours and achieved a 3.60 or higher grade point average.

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MOUNTAIN VILLAGE ANNOUNCES WORLD-CLASS BIKE PARK, TELLURIDE RESERVE, SUNSET CONCERT SERIES, MUSIC & MORE FOR SUMMER 2019

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MOUNTAIN VILLAGE— With stunning 360-degree views, summer in Mountain Village is unlike any other summer destination brimming with events, recreational opportunities and more.

Just a gondola ride away from the historic mining town of Telluride, Mountain Village sits at 9,545 feet above sea level and in summer 2019 will host a bevy of events and festivals. This year promises to be the busiest summer yet for Telluride's sister community which was incorporated in 1995. Highlight's include:

MARKET ON THE PLAZA — Every Wednesday, June 19-Aug. 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. locals and visitors alike descend on Mountain Village's Heritage Plaza for our farmers market. The Market on the Plaza includes fresh regionally grown produce, food product, body and health products, and much more.

TELLURIDE BIKE PARK OPENING JULY 2019 — Telluride Ski Resort, which operates out of Mountain Village, is nearing completion of its new Telluride Bike Park, which has been designed by and is being constructed in partnership with Gravity Logic, an industry leader in the North American design, development and construction of bike parks. The park is expected to open in early July 2019 with approximately 15 trails and 17 miles of terrain geared toward riders of all ages, skills and interest. The park will also provide lift service from the Mountain Village Center on the Village Express chairlift.

INAUGURAL TELLURIDE RESERVE, AUGUST 15-18, 2019 — The inaugural food and wine celebration will bring together emerging, diverse and award-winning chefs, winemakers, farmers, authors and culinary influencers to immerse guests in the cultures and vibrant stories of food

and wine. The Mountain Village-centered event will showcase elegant homes, intimate venues and unparalleled dining experiences. Guests might choose a lunch featuring a chef and sommelier pairing set among the cliffs of Tempter House at 12,000 feet, or perhaps a tasting on the patios and among the contemporary art collection of a secluded estates.

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS — Every Thursday and Saturday night June 20-Aug. 15 enjoy a movie in Mountain Village's Reflection Plaza under the stars at 8:45 p.m. (Please note, there will not be a movie Thursday, July 4.) Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and snacks! A full bar and menu service from Hotel Madeline will be available.

MUSIC ON THE GREEN — Every Friday, June 7-Sept. 6, the Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association (TMVOA) and Beyond the Groove Productions present a free concert series in Mountain Village's Reflection Plaza. The series features a wide variety of bands and musicians and runs from 5-7 p.m. with drink specials available from the adjacent Madeline Hotel & Residences. For a full lineup of artists please visit our [website](#).

SUNSET CONCERT SERIES — Every Wednesday, June 26-Aug. 14 enjoy live music as the sun sets on another beautiful summer day in Mountain Village. World class musicians will perform each week in Sunset Plaza from 6-8 p.m. with vendors from the Market on the Plaza setting up a special Vendors Village adjacent to the concerts.

TELLURIDE WINE FESTIVAL — On Saturday, June 29 the 38th Telluride Wine Festival sets up its Grand Tasting in Mountain Village's Heritage Plaza. For more information visit the festival's [website](#).

JAMESTOWN REVIVAL — Jamestown Revival, the Americana rock duo which draws

influence from Louis L'Amour, Willie Nelson, John Prine and nature plays Club Red on Monday, July 1.

RED WHITE AND BLUES — Presented by the Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association, Red White and Blues celebrates Independence Day July 3 and 4 with family-friendly activities in the Village Center, and live music in both Sunset and Heritage plazas. This year's artists include Lawrence the band and DJ Kat V.

TELLURIDE ART + ARCHITECTURE — Art + Architecture Weekend is an event like no other taking place July 20-21. An intimate experience of inspired art and design, paired with delectable bites, craft cocktails, fine wine, set in the backdrop of Telluride's majestic mountains.

NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND — With a refreshed lineup and newfound energy, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band remains one of the most accomplished bands in American roots music. They will play Club Red on Friday, July 26, 2019.

SUNSET BLUES CONCERT — Telluride Blues & Brews Festival kicks off its 26th annual festival Mountain Village's Sunset Plaza for the Sunset Blues Concert on Thursday, September 12, 5-7 p.m. The show is free and open to the public.

ORIGINAL THINKERS FEST — Original Thinkers is a new, highly curated festival that melds speakers, films, and performance into a powerful four-day experience. Founded by David Holbrooke, this unforgettable weekend in the mountains will convene creators, innovators and doers to connect on a range of topics. The second annual Original Thinkers will take place Oct. 3-6, 2019 throughout Mountain Village and Telluride. For a full lineup of events, please visit the Town of Mountain Village's online [event calendar at townof-mountainvillage.com/events](http://townof-mountainvillage.com/events).

RANGER STATION-From Colorado Parks & Wildlife

A few things to think about this summer as you head up your favorite trails at Colorado state parks...



CPW Senior Ranger Darcy Mount.
Courtesy photo.

By Darcy Mount
Senior Ranger

Cheyenne Mountain State Park

COLORADO SPRINGS— This summer when you visit a state park and head up a favorite trail, I want to give you something to think about besides the wildflowers you may see and the wildlife you may encounter on your journey.

Please think about the trail itself, the work that went into its creation and the people who made it happen. I'm thinking about it myself in regards to the Dixon Trail at Cheyenne Mountain State Park in Colorado Springs that opened last fall. It will be brand new to many of our park visitors this summer. It was a new experience for me, watching all the effort that went into its design and construction. And I think hikers would be as surprised as I was at the magnitude of the project.

I first heard of plans for the Dixon Trail when I started as a park ranger in 2008. "Cool," I thought. "I don't work there, but I may have to try it."

Then in 2014, I became the Senior Ranger at Cheyenne Mountain State Park and learned we had crews working to connect the top of the mountain with the existing trail system.

I went to the top to see where they were working and to study the trail design. I was immediately overwhelmed by the gorgeous views.

In my bliss, I completely overlooked the magnitude of work in store for us to create the Dixon Trail to the top and the Dragon's Backbone and Mountain Loop



Dixon Trail. Courtesy Colorado Parks and Wildlife / Bill Vogrin

Trail – the spectacular trails that reward everyone who makes it to the summit. The work started with a trail design by Mark Hesse, who founded Rocky Mountain Field Institute.

Trail design is not just drawing a line and putting in a trail, many factors went into the design.

The Dixon Trail designers had to map out a reasonable grade for hiking, account for erosion and for talus slopes. Plus they had to avoid obstacles, natural and manmade, including private property in-holdings and endangered owl habitat.

Once they had overcome design issues, they had to confront the sheer physical challenge of building a hike up extreme terrain at altitude. The trails are not accessible by OHV, so all tools were hand-carried. Talk about a dedicated group of volunteers. Imagine how hard it was to carry heavy tools uphill for 3-6 miles before they even started the work of the day.

Volunteers with the Rocky Mountain Field Institute, or RMFI, worked up top on the Dragon's Backbone and the Mountain Loop trails. Down below, a park volunteer trail crew we called the "Trail Dogs" worked up from the existing North Talon Trail.

Together they chiseled out what we now call the Dixon Trail. Our volunteer trail coordinator, Jack Busher, has been on the project since Day One. Remember, that first day was 11 years ago.

Volunteer Outdoor Colorado brought crews from other trail groups as well as their own volunteers to work during sev-

eral summers.

If it wasn't difficult enough, Mother Nature added a twist in 2016 when the Tussock Moth killed many trees that border the Dixon Trail. Winter winds knocked the dead trees down, blocking the trail in many places. Enter the parks volunteer fire mitigation crew. They began carrying chainsaws up the trail to remove obstacles and potential hazards.

This type of work continues by the volunteer crew as well as staff.

Behind the trail building scenes, park staff was developing and installing signage, confirming GPS locations and mapping, working with fire and rescue crews on response logistics and identifying potential hazards.

There was even a long process for naming the new trails because it required research and reaching a consensus among various stakeholder groups. The Dixon name was chosen to honor a historical trail up the mountain used by homesteader Thomas Dixon. The new Dixon trail does not follow the original trail exactly but the history behind it remains.

The Mountain Loop was named for its location and shape: it loops around the top of the trail system. The Dragon's Backbone comes from folklore that Cheyenne Mountain was formed by a dragon that landed, drank all the water on the mountain leaving it too heavy to fly. The trail follows what would be the backbone of the dragon.

The new trails have been open since October and are seeing a lot of use, especially as the weather improves.

And we aren't done working on them. Besides typical maintenance, we are looking at adding overlooks and natural benches.

In fact, a bench on the Dragon's Backbone honors Mark Hesse, the designer who passed away before seeing his creation finished. So, as you hike around the switchbacks, through the meadows and along the steep inclines, perhaps think about Mark and all those who made the trails possible. And toast them with a swig from your water bottle.

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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

Montrose Toastmasters meets every Monday at 6 pm with official meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. The other Mondays will be "working" meetings. They are held at Brookdale Sunrise Creek, 1968 Sunrise Drive, Montrose, Second Floor, Media Room.

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 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

June 26--Bike From Work Happy Hour. Let's celebrate Bike to Work Day with Happy Hour on the patio at Ginger & Gin!

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.

June 30--Free Patriotic Concert Come and enjoy music to get us ready for the 4th of July. Sunday, June 30, 3 p.m., Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Dr.

July 4--Montrose Fourth of July Parade, Main Street, 4 p.m.

July 5--Terry Ouimet, plein air landscape painter in oils. Interpretations of nature with beautiful textural use of color. Colorado Art Educators' Traveling Show back a second year! New and unique paintings to challenge your thinking. Opening reception, July 5, 5 - 7 p.m. Experience the Arts! Montrose Center for the Arts, 11 S. Park Ave. (corner of Park and Main St.)

July 7--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. Hartwell Park is located in the center of Ridgway on Highway 62. For more information, call (970) 626-5692.

July 8--Citizens' Climate Lobby. Next meeting is July 8, Monday at 6:30 Montrose Library meeting rm. Reports from DC Convention and meetings with legislators, Nonpartisan, international, nonprofit. All Welcome local info 240-9146 citizensclimatelobby.org

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. 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$5 at the door.

July 12—14: Black Canyon Quilt Show at the Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Dr, Montrose. Show features: 150+ Quilts, Vendors, Scissor Sharp-ening, Demonstrations, Boutique, Raffle Quilt, Lectures, and Classes. Visit blackcanyonquiltshow.com for more information. Show admission: \$5.

July 22-27--Montrose County Fair & Rodeo, Montrose County Fairgrounds.

July 17--The Cobble Creek book club is hosting the following FREE event open to the public:

Evening With The Author - Susan Purvis author of [Go Find: My Journey to Find the Lost - And Myself](#). July 17, 2019 - 7 pm, Cobble Creek Club House (upstairs).

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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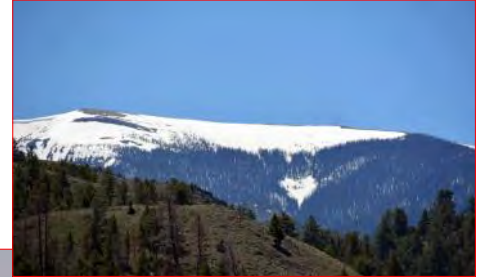
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READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT... DEB REIMANN!

Photographer Deb Reimann snapped these photos of Heart Mountain @ Lake City, right, and Rain showers over Spring Creek Canyon and the Uncompahgre Plateau, below.



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