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RE-1J APPROVES NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITH UVEA; TWO CENTRAL OFFICE STAFFERS HONORED

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Two district employees were honored, and a negotiated settlement with the Uncompahgre Valley Education Association (UVEA) for 2019-2020 was approved at the [regular RE-1J School District Board of Education meeting](#) on Tuesday, June 25. All directors were present except for District B Director Jacob Suppes. Suppes presently has some health concerns, Board of Education President Tom West said.

DONATIONS/ CELEBRATIONS

Administrative Assistant Deann Balash informed the Board of Education that Montrose Memorial Hospital/ Director of Medical Education Dr. Michael Brezinsky donated \$500 to the school district's health professional team, to help with Jennifer Halbach's attendance at the National Association of

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RE-1J Finance Director Adam Rogers, left, laughs with Laurie Laird, secretary to the superintendent, after surprising Laird with a plaque and recognition for her work.

CELEBRATE THE USA ON THE FOURTH OF JULY



The Montrose Fourth of July Parade will be held at 4 p.m. this year, instead of 10 a.m. as in years past. Mirror file photo of 2018 Montrose Fourth of July Parade.

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—Where do you plan to celebrate Independence Day?

Here in Montrose, the fun kicks off with the Fourth of July Parade down Main Street—the 2019 parade will start at 4 p.m. rather than 10 a.m. as it has in years past, to encourage participation in a Picnic in the Park event at Cerise Park that begins at 5 p.m. Beer and wine will be available, and residents are encouraged to bring a picnic meal. Music will be provided by Ulterior Motive; there will be a bounce house, face painting, yard games and an apple pie eating contest. The City's Fourth of July Fireworks display on Sunset Mesa will take place after dark.

If you have family or friends visiting, there is no need to leave town after the parade this year—you can pack a picnic dinner and head for Cerise Park after the parade instead,

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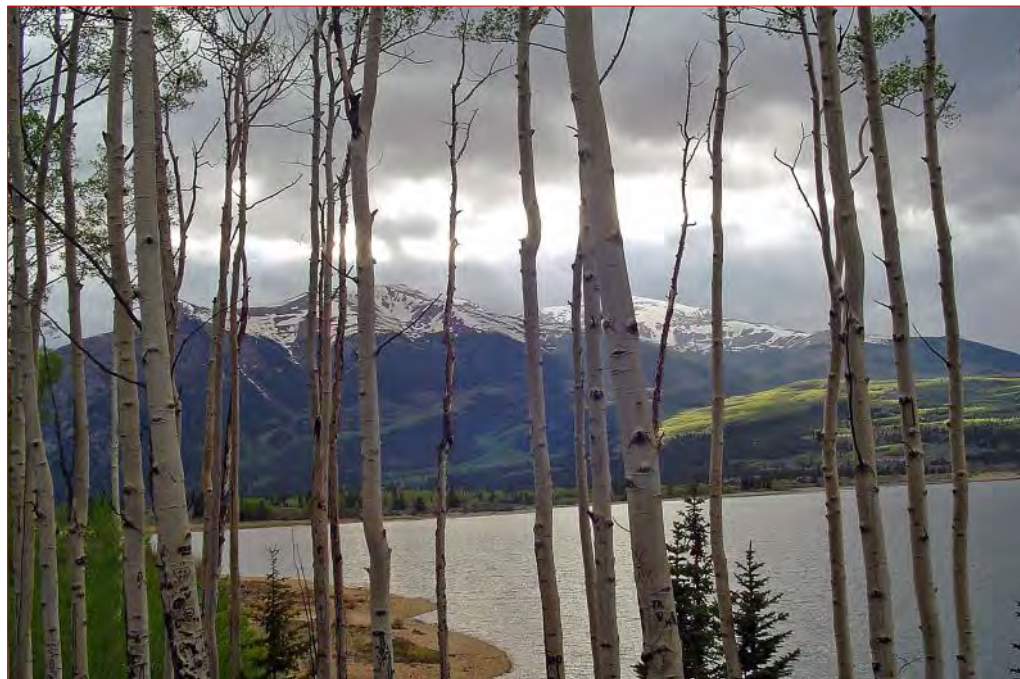
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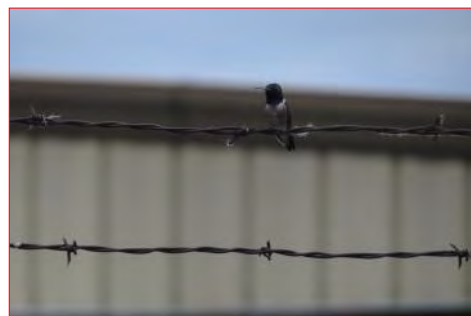
At right, Aspen and mountains at Twin Lakes, by Deb Reimann.



Below, daylilies by Brad Switzer.



Four generations of the Heath ranching family gathered for their annual picnic at the ranch on Hastings Mesa Saturday. Photo by Brad Switzer.



Above, Hummingbird. By Harry Switzer.



High water on the Uncompahgre.



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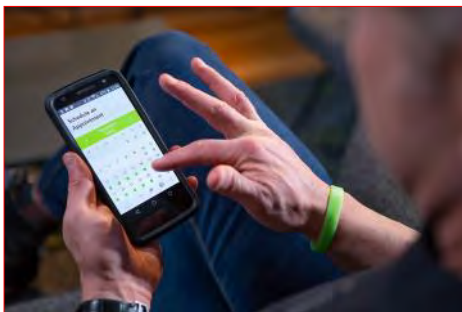
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NON-PROFIT OFFERS THREE MONTHS OF FREE ADDICTION SUPPORT COACHING TO THOSE IN 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



Supportive coaching for those who have struggled with addiction or with a loved one's addiction is available from Face it TOGETHER via telehealth. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-According to research conducted by the [Colorado Health Institute](#), Colorado ranks in the top 20 percent nationally for use of cocaine, marijuana, alcohol, and opioids. Substance abuse was also ranked the second most significant health need in Montrose County by the [2016 Community Health Needs Assessment](#) prepared by Montrose Memorial Hospital.

Now, those who have struggled with addiction or with a loved one's addiction can find supportive coaching, free of charge, for three months. Coaching is offered through [Face it TOGETHER](#); the organiza-

tion's mission is to provide non-judgmental, confidential, support for people impacted by addiction. According to the non-profit's web site, "Coaching is practical, goal-oriented and focused on helping members develop tools to improve all aspects of their lives."

Face it TOGETHER services are available in Montrose and surrounding communities thanks to a [Colorado Health Foundation](#) grant, providing support via a Telehealth connection.

"Part of that grant is for serving a rural community," Face it TOGETHER Director Sarah Morley said. "We started with Montrose County, based on need and because you have great access to WiFi and broadband Internet, which we need."

Now, "We have expanded to serve the entire Seventh Judicial District," Morley said. Those in need of services but without a cell phone can go to the CASA Facility (147 North Townsend Avenue), which has assisted Face it TOGETHER to connect with clients and community members in Montrose. "They can set you up with the system," Morley said.

Face it TOGETHER is currently working with 16 people in Montrose. "It's not just the disease of addiction," Morley said. "We also work with family members and

loved ones; we can teach them self-care techniques."

"Our coaches are really good, and they help people build a strong foundation," she said. "Trauma and childhood experience can shape your future...it's really incredible what some people have overcome..."

"We take care of people and help them on their wellness journey."

Positive conversations and information can ease that journey, and services are confidential.

For those who access the three free months of coaching, support is unlimited and is provided through a cell phone or tablet. "We want to help as many people as possible, and we can connect them with other resources," Morley said. "We're always uncovering new information, and we are constantly learning what is working and what isn't."

Support can take many forms. "I am passionate about financial literacy," Morley said. "If someone has a low credit score, it can be a barrier; if you don't have stable housing, how does that impact other aspects of your life?"

"Addiction is only the surface," she said. To learn more, visit <https://www.wefaceittogether.org/>.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

MR. BENNETT, FACE THOSE WHOM YOU ACCUSE OF MISMANAGEMENT

Editor:

I'm writing in response to Mr. Bennett's letter published 6/24/2019 in the Montrose Mirror. Mr. Bennett continues to rail against our local government. He appears to have a personal beef with your City Council.

As with his previous opinion pieces, Mr. Bennett complains about the City spending tax payer dollars on recreational endeavors. I've lived in 9 different states in my 6 plus decades of life. And in everyone of those states every municipality had recreational facilities available to the public; paid for by public dollars. And yes, those recreational facilities included golf courses. What Mr. Bennett fails to mention in his rants is many of the projects the City is involved in receive matching funds from the State through grants. I believe those grants come from Great Outdoors

Colorado which in itself is funded through Lottery dollars. The State and the City recognize the benefit to both physical and mental health recreational facilities provide to the general public.

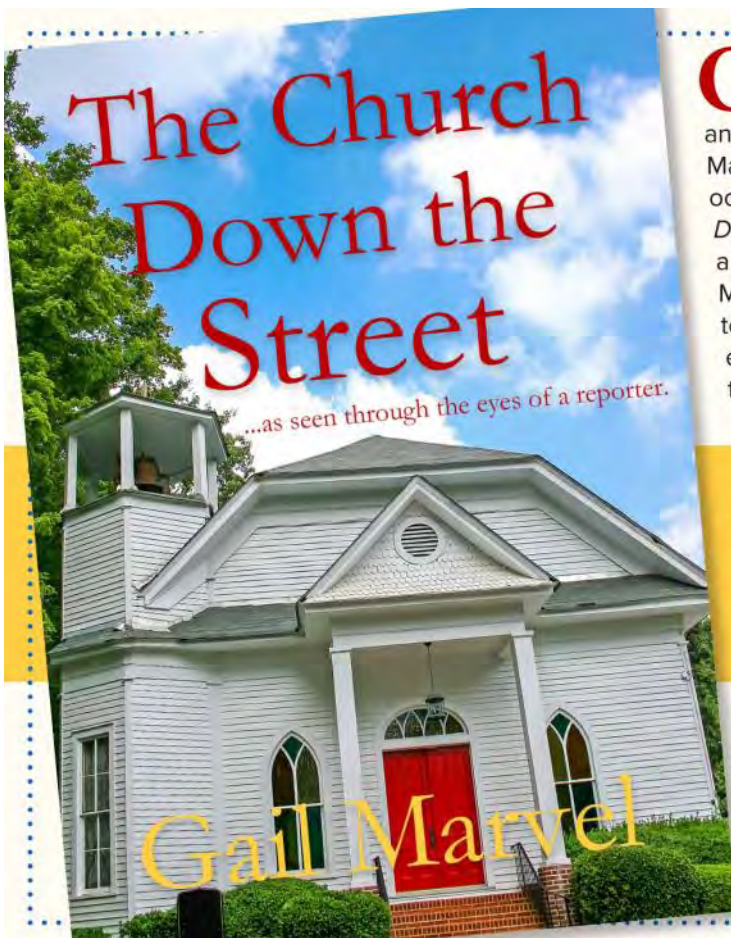
He also complains about dissolving ineffective organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority. Personally, I view the DDA as a poorly run charitable organization where the majority of the funds are used for administrative costs vs. to the benefit they were slated for – the small businesses along Main Street. There is nothing nefarious taking place by the City in its effort to dissolve ineffective organizations.

There are never enough dollars to go around. Every level of government struggles with demands from its constituency. The diversity within that community is not

surprising with respect to their expectations. The elderly may want more security, the youth and visitors expect recreational facilities, the general population wants a sound infrastructure. We all have individual needs.

Mr. Bennett has made a "Call to Arms" by encouraging the citizens of Montrose to attend this upcoming City Council Meeting (July 2, 6PM). Well I challenge him to do the same. For the past two years, I've yet to witness him in attendance. The 6th amendment to the U.S. Constitution says the accused has a right to face charges against him by those witnesses providing testimony. Well, Mr. Bennett, do your duty; face those to whom you accuse of mismanagement directly. I challenge you to attend this and future meetings.

Dave Stockton, Montrose



On the Western Slope of Colorado, within a 20-mile radius of the City of Montrose, there are more than 70 churches and houses of worship. Over a 2½-year period, reporter Gail Marvel visited most of these congregations on two separate occasions, resulting in approximately 120 visits. *The Church Down the Street* is a compilation of these visits organized in a topical format — Hospitality, Program & Source Material, Music, Meditations & Invitations, and The Message. Similar to the Apostle Paul writing about the church through the eyes of an apostle, *The Church Down the Street* is about the church as seen through the eyes of a reporter.

Gail Marvel's new book, *The Church Down the Street*, is now available online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [wingedpublications.com](https://www.wingedpublications.com).

GAIL MARVEL

Montrose Author & Reporter



The individual stories of these visits were published in *The Montrose Mirror* and the archived stories, *Experiencing the Church* series (issues 90–150); and *Houses of Worship* series (issues 197–250), can be found at www.montrose.mobi/.

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MONTROSE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGREE TO WAIVE LICENSE RENEWAL FEE FOR LONE PRIVATE AMBULANCE CO



The 27th ambulance to be licensed and permitted at the Special Board of County Commissioners meeting on Wednesday, June 26 was the only one owned by a private operator, Transcare Ambulance Service, above. TransCare Chief Executive Officer Allen Hughes asked the BOCC to consider waiving the license renewal fee, which is not charged to non-profit or municipal providers. Commissioners approved the fee waiver.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners met for a [special meeting](#) on Wednesday, June 26, with a full slate of approvals for ambulance service districts. All three commissioners were in attendance.

No comments were received from the public, and County Manager Ken Norris had no changes to the meeting agenda. There no Consent Agenda items.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

County Attorney Marti Whitmore said that revisions to County regulations mean that each approval would require a separate public hearing. Commissioners held public hearings and approved:

- the Montrose Fire Protection District's Renewal Application for license and permits for five ambulances to operate in Montrose County, effective 07/01/2019 through 06/30/2020;
- the St. Mary's CareFlight Ambulance Service' Renewal Application for license and permit for one ambulance to operate in Montrose County, effective 07/01/2019 through 06/30/2020;

-the Olathe Fire Protection District's Renewal Application for license and permits for three ambulances to operate in Montrose County, effective 07/01/2019 through 06/30/2020;

-the Norwood Fire Protection District Renewal Application for license and permits for two ambulances to operate in Montrose County, effective 07/01/2019 through 06/30/2020;

-the Delta County Ambulance District's Renewal Application for license and permits for six ambulances to operate in Montrose County, effective 07/01/2019 through 06/30/2020;

-the North Fork Ambulance Health Service District's Renewal Application for license and permits for five ambulances to operate in Montrose County, effective 07/01/2019 through 06/30/2020;

-the Paradox Fire Protection District Service's Renewal Application for license and permits for one ambulance to operate in Montrose County, effective 07/01/2019 through 06/30/2020; and

-the Nucla/Naturita Fire Protection District Renewal Application for license and permits for three ambulances to operate in

Montrose County, effective 07/01/2019 through 06/30/2020.

County Emergency Manager Greg Fisher presented the items, commenting briefly on specifics as needed. Noting that Olathe is licensing three ambulances, Fisher said, "They are very busy for a small district."

The North Fork Ambulance Health Service District celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, Fisher said.

The final item involved the County's only privately-owned and operated ambulance service--the TransCare Ambulance Service's Renewal Application for license and permits for one ambulance to operate in Montrose County, effective 07/01/2019 through 06/30/2020. TransCare Chief Executive Officer Allen Hughes addressed the BOCC; he asked them to consider waiving the renewal fee, which is not charged to non-profit or municipal providers.

Whitmore said that while county regulations do not contain a specific provision, the BOCC has the authority to waive the fee; "The board has discretion...if it is something that is in the best interests of the County's health and safety, you have the ability to waive it," Whitmore said.

BOCC Chair Sue Hansen questioned whether it is fair to charge a fee to private operators when no fee is charged to non-profit and municipal ambulance districts.

Said Hughes, "...I believe our license process is easier than everybody else's; it's here in town, and it's just one ambulance."

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash said, "I'm good with that."

"I can't tell you how much I appreciate what you guys do...as part of our community, it's the right thing to do," he said.

Commissioner Keith Caddy suggested keeping the fee waiver for private operators in place; commissioners agreed to further discuss the matter, and unanimously approved waiver of the renewal fee for Transcare Ambulance Service.

With no further business, the special meeting was adjourned.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE GROUP GETS INVOLVED WITH RECALL POLIS ORGANIZATION

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On March 2, 2019, Montrose County joined the Grass Roots Official Recall of Jared Polis Governor of Colorado when two people from Montrose became part of the Statewide Recall Polis Grass Root Movement Organization based out of Greeley, Colorado. Pete Rock and Robert Fulton were named as Moderators for Montrose County. In the Month of March 2019 over 300 people from Montrose County became part of the Recall movement.

In April 2019 Mandi Brewer of Crawford, Colorado was named Moderator and Administrator of North End Montrose County and Delta County. In early May there were two more Moderators appointed in Montrose County they were Stephanie Sutherland and Melissa L. Lampshire of Nucla and Naturita, Colorado. They are in charge of the Recall in the West End of Montrose County. Since March 2, 2019 over 675 residents of Montrose County have become part up of the Recall Group and have made donations and are helping to meet our goals. Our goal for Montrose County is to sign up at least 10,000 Legal Colorado

Registered Voter signatures on the Recall Polis Petition. The State of Colorado membership just went over 63,000 people.

The Official Recall Petitions cannot be signed before July 8, 2019 by Colorado State Law, it requires the Governor to be in office for at least six months. To recall Governor Jared Polis it is going to take 630,000 signatures State Wide for the Recall to be successful. After we start the petitions, we have 60 days to collect the required Signatures. When the Recall Ballots start to be counted it is typically standard that about 1/3 of the ballots will be thrown out for one reason or another, with this in mind we have set our Goal to have over 900,000 signatures to be successful on the recall.

With all of the state requirements to recall a state Governor, we anticipate that we will have 40 signatures on a recall ballot and will need to have over 25,000 Ballots out in the state with each ballot costing about \$2.00. Our costs for the total State recall will be somewhere between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. *Your Donations will help us do our share for the state and be very much appreciated. You*

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CITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS PUBLIC SAFETY, CONSIDER SECOND READING OF DDA DISSOLUTION ORDINANCE

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council will convene for a [work session](#) at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 1 and a regular meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2.

WORK SESSION

At the City work session of July 1, discussion items will include the proposed Public Safety Sales tax and a Victim Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant Application. Items to be considered in future work sessions and meetings include: July 16-The 2018 Audit Presentation; Aug. 6-Second Quarter Police Department Report; Second Quarter Budget Review; Aug. 20-Downtown Development Authority Board (DDA) Applicant Interviews.

As yet unscheduled are business incentives for a hotel developer and the Housing Needs Analysis Report. A report from the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning is included in the work session packet.

REGULAR MEETING

At the regular meeting of July 2, Council will consider Ordinance 2482 on second reading, dissolving the City of Montrose, Colorado Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Council will consider the appointment of Kenneth L. Huff to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term that expires on Oct. 16, 2020.

Council will consider Resolution 2019-18, Findings of Fact for the annexation of the Horsefly Addition; and Ordinance 2483 will be considered on first reading, for the annexation of the Horsefly Addition. Also to be considered is a First Amendment to the commercial

lease agreement between the City of Montrose and Tuxedo Corn Company, LLC. Following staff reports, council will adjourn.



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DELTA MONTROSE ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATION (DMEA) SELECTS OFFICERS & REPRESENTATIVES, CONSIDERS FINANCIALS

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—On June 25 an organizational meeting of the Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors was held prior to the regular board meeting.

Organizational Meeting (2 – 3 p.m.)

Election of Officers:

President - Bill Patterson

Vice President - Mark Eckhart

Secretary/Treasurer - Brad Harding

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - Chris Hauck

Election of Representatives (via Resolution):

Tri-State Generation & Transmission Representative – representative Kyle Martinez
Western United Electric Supply Corporation (WUES) - representative Jock Fleming
Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA) - representative Damon Lockhart
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) – Stacia Cannon

Both Mark Eckhart and Stacia Cannon nominated themselves to be the representative to the NRECA.

Eckhart was forthcoming with why he wanted to serve on the board, “I want to pick a fight with them on their pension plan. Defined benefit plans are going broke across the US and [they] are underfunded.”

DMEA CEO Jasen Bronec disagreed and said, “It is not underfunded, or at risk of being in default. Across the country more of the linemen opt for lower wages and better benefits. We’ve managed our risk [capped] for DMEA.”

New DMEA board member Jock Fleming said to Eckhart, “I don’t want you going over there and picking that fight.” With two nominees the board used a secret ballot and by a vote of six to three Cannon was named as the representative.

Legal Engagement Letter – Attorney Jeff Hurd and his law firm were retained as legal counsel.

Review Conflict of Interest Policy:

Every year DMEA board members are required to review and sign the Conflict of Interest Policy.



The nine-member DMEA Board of Directors and DMEA staff met on June 25. DMEA Board Meetings are open to all members and are held monthly on the 4th Tuesday, beginning at 3 p.m., with public comment taken at 5 p.m. To confirm date, time and location call 970-240-1212. Photo by Gail Marvel.

Following the DMEA organizational meeting the public was excused from the boardroom when the DMEA board switched hats and held a brief meeting for Utilities Services LLC (Elevate).

Elevate, a subsidiary of DMEA, is a privately held company and the public is not privy to their meetings. The DMEA board members also serve as Elevate board members and they are compensated financially for serving on each board. The same Conflict of Interest Policy applies to both organizations.

Regular Meeting of the DMEA Board of Directors (3 – 5 p.m.)

Finance-Audit-Rate Committee (FAR) – Brad Harding, chair. It was reported that the committee has not met since the last board meeting. The next FAR meeting will be held Aug. 2 at 1 p.m. CEO Jasen Bronec said, “I encourage the full board to attend.”

Engineering – Construction – Renewable Energy Committee – Damon Lockhart, chair. Lockhart gave a committee report which included seeing a future with statewide EV Charging Stations (electric vehicle), “We need to get educated.”

In an update on new roads Lockhart said, “We have board policies in place and we will stay with the policy that growth is going to pay its way.”

Lockhart also introduced the discussion of selling existing and potential electric DMEA meters to the City of Delta. Under state statute the City of Delta can take over meters in their annexed service territory. DMEA staff identified 134 current meters and 55 vacant lots (potential meters) in the Garnet Mesa Estates and Fox Hollow Estates which could be annexed by the city of Delta.

There would be a financial impact to DMEA; however, there is a book value to the meters and once the meters are sold DMEA would not have to upgrade or maintain the meters. In a transfer period of 10-years DMEA would be made whole. The board approved moving forward to negotiate the sale of meters to the City of Delta.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for July 18 at 2 p.m.

Member Relations – Energy Services Committee - Kyle Martinez

There were no action items. Martinez said, “At the annual meeting the activities for the kids were a complete success.”

The committee report included discussions that were held on fee and rate increases and how to disseminate the information to members. All fee and rate increases are set and approved by the board.

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In review of rate classes, a 224-page survey/report, CEO Bronec said, "I will get one-on-one time with each board member and talk about the rate classes so that when we get to the larger meeting your questions will be answered.

Executive Committee – Bill Patterson.

No meeting held. Next committee meeting Aug. 27 at 3 p.m.

Safety and Occupational Health Report – COO Virginia Harman

Harman reported that there were no injuries in May, but there were accidents and near misses. She said, "One vehicle was hit from behind, rear-ended. The other driver was issued a citation. One customer hit a primary line when he dug [a pit] to bury his horse. He failed to call 811 for a line locate."

Financial Report – CFO Wade Pynes.

Pynes said, "Elevate exceeds budget expectations."

Patterson said, "Electric revenues are significantly under budget."

Pynes said, "Yes, we will be discussing that in executive session."

CEO Report - Jasen Bronec

Bronec said, "The power supply report will be in executive session. We've been working with Gunnison on EV Charging Stations. There are 54 new meters set. New subdivisions are platted and new homes coming on line."

Legal Report – Attorney Jeff Hurd.

Hurd said, "I'll defer my report to executive session."

Representative Board Reports

Tri-State Generation & Transmission - Kyle Martinez.

Strategic planning sessions have taken place.

Martinez gave an update on the discussions with Guzman Energy. He said, "Tri-State has decided not to move forward. We will talk about the main details in executive session."

WUES – No meetings

CREA Report – Lockhart.
Comments not captured.

Other Business: Montrose/Delta County Fair Livestock Auction Purchasers.

Lockhart will attend both county fairs and purchase livestock. The meat will be processed and donated to local charities.

The board voted to re-adopt a US Dept.

of Agriculture Reconnect Grant Program resolution to include that the grant should not exceed \$23 M.

The previous application failed to contain a dollar amount.

Cannon has been nominated to an FCC Task Force. Citing no conflict of interest with DMEA or Elevate, Bronec recommended support.

Member Comments:

Orchard City resident Pamala Simpson, a DMEA member for more than 40 years, highlighted the fact that she was willing to drive the distance from her home in order to speak against the \$2 paper billing fee that has been imposed on members. She said, "I read your latest newsletter and why your fees are going to \$2 for members. Have you considered how many senior citizens you have? Two dollars a member for you to send a bill is going to greatly impact your members."

Simpson, who has sold real estate for 25 years, championed older adults who are depression era babies and those on fixed incomes. She said, "I would ask that you reconsider and go back to a postcard [billing]. The trash company and water bills still come on a postcard. Let people sign up for a full glossy newsletter if they want it. I ask that you reconsider."

Simpson expressed concern about autopay and account information being exposed, "Wire fraud is huge. You put your customers at risk." One board member noted, "We're not forcing people to go to autopay."

Multiple times during the discussion CEO Bronec stated the importance of members calling customer service to have their questions answered. Bronec said, "If you have a complaint, call the customer service rep. We will take it under consideration. We have a lot of solutions." Simpson acknowledged that there were a lot of solutions, but that she would like the board to consider a postcard billing as one of those solutions.

Bronec said, "For the effectiveness of our



DMEA Board of Directors, back row (L to R) Jock Fleming, Damon Lockhart, Brad Harding, Ken Watson and Kyle Martinez. Front row (L to R) Chris Hauck, Mark Eckhart, Bill Patterson, Stacia Cannon and DMEA CEO Jasen Bronec. Photo by Gail Marvel.

operation, we feel that we need to keep the overall costs down. We are not trying to make anyone have a hardship." Bronec noted that it would be a decision of the board as to whether they wanted to consider a postcard style of billing.

Delta resident Kent Cloward recently signed up for Elevate. He said, "The Elevate people were great to work with. Thank you for making the investment." Cloward also expressed appreciation for the work that went into the annual meeting.

Following the regular meeting the board went into executive session. The next board meeting is scheduled for July 23 at 3 p.m. DMEA Customer Service can be reached by calling 877-687-3632. At this time a fee has not been imposed on paper statements sent to Elevate customers.

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Dist 8 - (North Region) Stacia Cannon, 920-207-8831, stacia.cannon@dmea.com

Dist 9 - (South Region) Jock Fleming, 970-275-1808, jock.fleming@dmea.com

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MOTOR VEHICLE FATALITY IDENTIFIED

Montrose County Coroner's Office

MONTROSE—On the morning of June 24, 2019, a 16-year-old Naturita male, Tad Sickles, died in a car accident. The circumstances of the incident are under investigation by the Montrose County Coroner's Office of Medical Investigations, Colorado State Patrol, and the Montrose County Sheriff's Office. The cause and manner of death are pending the investigation, and an autopsy is scheduled.

CITY OFFICES TO CLOSE JULY 4, TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE TO CHANGE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — In observance of Independence Day, Montrose City Hall, the Downtown Visitor Center, Municipal Court, Animal Shelter, City Shop, Montrose Pavilion, and Police Department offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4. The Black Canyon Golf Course will remain open all day. Police Department offices will be closed but officers will be on duty and responding to calls.

The city's trash collection schedule will change in the days leading up to the July 4 holiday:

For areas west of Townsend Avenue, trash pickup will occur Tuesday, July 2.

For areas east of Townsend Avenue, trash pickup will occur Wednesday, July 3.

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RE-1J APPROVES NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITH UVEA From pg 1

School Nurses Conference in June.

Finance Director Adam Rogers recognized two members of the Central Office team, Exceptional Student Services Administrative Assistant Mandy Martinez and Assistant to the Superintendent Laurie Laird.

"A day without Mandy in the department is like a day without Internet," Rogers said, noting that Martinez, "navigates 'fires' with ease, and 'difficult parents with grace.'"

Introducing Laird, who appeared to be unaware of the planned recognition, Rogers said, "Remember when your parents said not to touch...don't touch a mama bear with cubs?"

"Bring Laurie up here...we played with the mama bear today," Rogers said, as he surprised Laird with a plaque.

Said West, "Laurie, without you this program would not work."

The board applauded both staffers for their work and accomplishments.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS/ COMMUNITY INPUT

The board heard brief advisory committee updates; there was no community input.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Stephen Schiell presented [a two-and-a-half year old document](#) that compares the RE-1J fund balances and reserves with those of nearby school districts.

He suggested that Board of Education work sessions be scheduled for 6:30 p.m. as regular meetings are, rather than 5:30 p.m.

Board Vice President Gayle Johnson said that she would prefer 6:30 p.m. as it allows board members to have dinner at home prior to the meeting. "It makes a huge amount of sense."

The change will be implemented when board of education meetings resume in August.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER UPDATE

Early Childhood Center (ECC) Director Penny Harris said that the Governor's signature on [HB 19-1262](#), the Kindergarten for all bill, means that ECARE funds will come back to the pre-school program. "We are

going to expand," Harris said. "...Sixty more children in our community will have full-day preschool before they start kindergarten."

Ten additional para-professionals will be hired, Harris said. "We are interviewing right now."

Children are selected for the pre-school program through a point-based system of risk factors, Harris said, and must be age three or four by Aug. 1.

OLD BUSINESS

Following explanations of each policy by District E Director Sarah Fishing, the Board approved revised board policies, [including IHBEA, English Language Learners; JFABE, Students in Foster Care -;](#) [JQ, Student Fees, Fines and Charges; KE, Public Concerns and Complaints](#); [KE-R, Public Concerns and Complaints](#) (new policy).

CONSENT AGENDA

[Consent Agenda items](#) were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Fishing presented a review and first reading of revised board policies JFABE*-E, [Memorandum of Understanding-School Stability for Students in Foster Care](#) and [JJJ, Extracurricular Activity Eligibility](#).

The Board of Education approved a [negotiated settlement](#) with the Uncompahgre Valley Education Association (UVEA) for 2019-2020. With a 3.5 percent base rate, the overall package represents an increase of seven percent, Human Resources Director Michelle Pottorff said. "There was a lot of focus on classified staff," she said. "It's a great year...a lot of good things are happening."

Schiell acknowledged Board Vice President Johnson and District F Director Phoebe Benziger, for doing "a yeoman's job of hanging in there."

"Board members are key to the negotiations," Schiell said. "...It's not my contract, it's yours."

Also approved were contracts for non-represented staff, using the same parameters as approved through negotiations



A day without Exceptional Student Services (ESS) Administrative Assistant Mandy Martinez (center) is like a day without the Internet, Finance Director Adam Rogers said. Also pictured is ESS Director Wendy Dawson.

with UVEA for the 2019-2020 school year.

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

Also approved unanimously were adoption of the [2019-2020 Budget](#) as well as [Resolutions 04-2019 Proposed Budget Adoption; 05-2019 Appropriation; 06-2018 Reserve Increase and 07-2018 Emergency Reserve \(Second Reading\)](#).

Finance Director Rogers said that the budget is basically the same as presented previously, and commented that the State of Colorado's recession-era "budget stabilization" cuts to schools continue though the recession itself has not.

"The state has just figured out a way to jam it to us," Rogers said.

Said Schiell, "As a state we pride ourselves on being progressive and out in front—not when it comes to education."

The Board of Education adopted Resolutions: [03-2019 Authorizing the Use of a Portion of Beginning Fund Balance; 08-2019 Fund 39 Supplemental Budget Adoption 2018-2019; 09-2019 Fund 41 Supplemental Budget Adoption 2018-19; and 10-2019 Fund 43 Supplemental Budget Adoption 2018-19](#).

Following the budget presentation West moved to adjourn. "Enjoy your summer," he said. "When August hits it will hit fast."

The Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education will meet again on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MRD DIRECTOR KEN SHERBENOU NAMED DIRECTOR OF GRAND JUNCTIONS PARKS & REC

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MONTROSE- Ken Sherbenou, Montrose Recreation District executive director, has accepted the position of Parks and Recreation Director with the City of Grand Junction. Ken has been MRD Director since

2010 and the MRD is grateful for his service. His biggest accomplishment while Executive Director was putting together the team that enabled the construction of the Montrose Community Recreation Center and the Montrose Field House, both of

which opened in 2017. Ken led a 2011 community recreation center feasibility study that defined the needs that could be met by a new facility and ended with a conceptual plan for that facility. Following that study, a citizen group campaigned for a sales tax increase to fund that facility in 2012, which did not pass. In 2014, however, after many refinements to the plan spearheaded by Ken, Measure B (0.3% sales tax increase) passed and made a CRC in Montrose possible.

Ken's expertise and knowledge of grant agencies and ability to build partnerships with other community entities such as the City of Montrose, Montrose and Olathe School District, and Montrose County, enabled the MRD to expand its level of service and improve community infrastructure. Improvements enabled through these partnerships include an extra gym court, three additional lap lanes, therapy space and outdoor facilities, mainly made possible by numerous grants and local fundraising, and the Connect Trail that will connect the CRC with the Uncompahgre River Trail and increase the length of the hard surface trail system in Montrose by 2.5 miles, made possible with a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant. Last, partnerships made possible a project currently out to bid to rebuild the aging Holly Park and improve the entrance to the Baldridge Regional Park of which it is a component, another project receiving DOLA and GOCO grants. While the Recreation District Board of Directors is sad to announce Ken's departure, we wish him well in Grand Junction. It is our hope that he can be as successful at improving the quality of life for their residents as he has been here in Montrose.

We are also excited about the opportunity to find a new Executive Director to lead the MRD in continuing to provide the excellent programs and facilities that Montrose has come to expect from the MRD. To that end, a job posting for the Executive Director position will be open from June 27 to July 26. Please see our website at www.montroserec.com for more information.



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- * Altrusa Barbecue
Confluence Park, 5:30pm-7pm
- * Ute Trails Car Club Car Show
Confluence Park, 5:30pm
- * Movie in the Park
Confluence Park, Dusk

Friday July 26th

- * Inflatables Park - Confluence Park,
11:00am-11:00pm
- * Rodeo - Roundup Club Arena
Muttin Bustin', 7:00pm
Rodeo, 8:00pm
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Saturday July 27th

- * Pediatric Associates 5k Color Run
Confluence Park - 7:00am
- * Pancake Breakfast - Confluence Park
7:00-10:00am (benefits DHS Jr. Class)
- * Pickle Ball - Confluence Park, 8:00am
- * Horseshoe Tournament - 9:00am
Cleland Park (benefits Naomi's Hope)
- * Delta Street Rodders Car Show
Bill Heddles Parking Lot, 9:00am
- * Kiwanis - Disk Golf
Confluence Park, 9:00am (8:00am Registration)
- * Parade - Main Street, 10:00am
- * Vendor Village - Confluence Park,
10:00am-4:00pm
- * Inflatables Park - Confluence Park,
10:00am-11:00pm
- * Trade Day Saturday - 10-4pm
- Fort Uncompahgre
- * Cornhole - Confluence Park,
11:00am
- * Kiwanis & Elks BBQ - Confluence Park
11-2pm
- * Street Dance - 4th & Main,
7:00pm-11:00pm Featuring Derringer

Sunday July 28th

- * Delta Street Rodders Swap Meet
Confluence Park - 9:00am - 2:00pm
- * Community Church Service
Confluence Park, 10:00am
(non-denominational)
- * Abraham Connection
Fundraiser Luncheon, after church
- * Inflatables Park - Confluence Park,
11am - ?

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said Office of Business & Tourism event professional Alexis Foran.

"It's going to be a really fun community event, highlighting how patriotic we are here," Foran said. "And we are going to have an apple pie eating contest, which is pretty much the most American thing in the world."

As a local resident herself, Foran said that her vision is to host a fun event for all ages, with potato sack races, badminton, and giant Jenga. The Party at Cerise Park will lead up to the "best part," the fireworks, she said.

"Everyone in the community is invited to go and have that fun in Cerise Park," she said. "And yes, we will have croquet."

If you plan to celebrate in Ouray, the best advice is to plan ahead and arrive early.

While there might be a community that celebrates Independence Day with more

enthusiasm than Ouray, it's doubtful.

The Ouray Community Center and Ouray Schools will host a pancake breakfast starting at 7 a.m. From 7-8 a.m., register for the 36th Annual OURAYCE 10K Race for Ouray Schools. The Race begins at 8 am at City Hall.

The Parade lineup begins at 9 a.m. If you don't want to get soaked, better stand on the East side, where [officials have promised](#) to keep things dry.

Free games for kids begin at 11 a.m. in Fellin Park, courtesy of the Ouray Volunteer Fire Department.

Also at 11 a.m., stop by the Ouray County Historical Museum at 420 Sixth Avenue for brownies and lemonade, and Ouray Elks Lodge #492 at 421 Main Street will offer BBQ, building tours, and Independence Day karaoke.

At dusk there will be a Jeep Glow Parade, starting at the Hwy 550 pullout at 8:30

p.m.; after dark the Fire Department will put on the fireworks display.

Telluride Mountain Village will host the 2019 [Red, White and Blues Celebration](#) July 3-4 at Sunset Plaza, on the lawn near Lift 1 and at Heritage Plaza near the base of Lift 4. The two-day event offers music, children's events, merchant discounts, food and drink specials, with children's activities and entertainment from 1 to 5 p.m. in a family-friendly atmosphere in both Sunset and Heritage plazas.

In Delta, the [Delta Volunteer Fire Department](#) raises funds and puts on a fireworks display at Confluence Park on July 4 each year.

And in Paonia, July 4-5 welcome the [73rd annual Cherry Days](#) Festival.

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GMUG ENCOURAGES VISITORS TO CHECK CAMPGROUND AND ROAD STATUS PRIOR TO VISITING

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DELTA- The late spring snows are slowly starting to thaw, opening more areas of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests to summer adventure. Visitors and recreationists seeking fun in the Colorado sun are reminded to "Know Before You Go" and be aware of campground and road status prior to their visit to the forest.

"Slowly warming summer temperatures have many forest users excited to get outside and explore the forest," said Corey Wong, GMUG Public Services Staff Officer. "Currently we have over 67 percent of our campgrounds open and are working diligently to open more. We encourage visitors to be prepared prior to their visit to the GMUG and realize they may not be able to camp at their favorite spot this year due to the conditions."

Forest officials are warning that some forest roads and campgrounds are still not accessible due to flooding, mud or snow. Travel on wet, muddy, or snow-covered forest roads can cause serious, long-term resource damage, such as rutting, and presents serious safety concerns especial-

ly if visitors are unprepared. Current road condition information can be found [here](#).

Due to the warmer weather, combined with an abnormally large melting snowpack the public is encouraged to help minimize impacts to natural resources by not traveling on roads that are susceptible to rutting. Forest roads are easily damaged when saturated and wet, especially with the continued precipitation the GMUG has experienced. Some higher elevation roads, motorized trails and campgrounds are opening later than normal due to this year's heavy snowpack. Please respect gates and closed areas and find alternate locations to recreate to allow muddy roads and trails time to dry out. Contact your local [Ranger District](#) for current conditions before heading out on your trip. Current campground status can be found [here](#). Adhere to the [Leave No Trace Principles](#) of outdoor ethics to leave your favorite part of the GMUG ready for the next visitors to enjoy. Campground reservation information can be found [here](#).

Motorized and mechanized vehicle users are responsible for knowing when and where they can drive or ride. Motorized

vehicle users are asked to obtain and adhere to routes shown on the Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs). MVUMs show which routes are open to motorized vehicles, which types of vehicles may be used, and seasonal opening and closing dates. Hard copies of MVUMs are free and available at all forest offices and online [here](#). Helpful information about planning a trip to the GMUG can be found on our "Know Before You Go" [webpage](#).

Visitors are also reminded to do their part to help prevent wildfires as not all areas of the GMUG are saturated. Fireworks are illegal on National Forest System lands every day. The GMUG currently has no fire restrictions for the holiday weekend.

Please check with the counties and Bureau of Land Management offices for the area you will be visiting to see what restrictions are in place. Please obey those restrictions. Fire restriction information for the Rocky Mountain Area can be found online at [Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center](#). Local fire restriction information can be found online at: <https://www.westslopefireinfo.com/>



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DORA AND BBB URGE COLORADO CONSUMERS: GET WISE Five steps to follow before hiring a mover

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DENVER – Summer is peak moving season, and the last thing Coloradans need are headaches caused by unscrupulous or unlicensed moving companies.

The Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) and the Better Business Bureau (BBB) of Greater Denver and Central Colorado have teamed up to help raise awareness about hiring movers with their “Get Wise About Movers” campaign.

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) at DORA regulates intrastate household goods movers. Taking just a few precautionary steps, like checking with the BBB and the PUC before hiring a moving company, can help prevent some of the most common moving day horror stories. Consider these five steps before signing a moving company contract.

Step 1 – Find a Reputable Moving Company

Ask your neighbors, friends, co-workers, and relatives for recommendations about which movers to use, alongside BBB’s online directory of local businesses. Consumers may also call or go online to verify with the PUC that a moving company has an active permit and the appropriate insurance.

Step 2 – Get a Written Estimate

Consumers should obtain written esti-

mates from several movers and compare costs and all other services to be provided by the mover.

Movers are required by law and PUC rules to provide a written contract, listing all services and associated costs, prior to the move. Do not sign blank or incomplete documents. Rates are not regulated by the PUC but must be specified in the document.

Beware of estimates made over the phone. Most movers will need to see your items in person before making an accurate estimate of the final cost. Be suspicious of estimates that are significantly lower than those of competitors.

Step 3 – Verify Who Will Move You

Some companies that advertise moving services are simply brokers who do not move goods themselves. Obtain information about how to contact the actual mover before, during, and after the move.

Step 4 – Get the Damages Policy in Writing

Find out what the mover’s responsibilities are for damages that may occur to your belongings. Consumers should consider buying full-value protection for their goods, which means that if items are lost, damaged, or destroyed, the mover may either repair them, replace them with similar articles, or make a cash settlement.

The PUC has no jurisdiction over claims and damages; consumers must settle those issues with the mover’s insurance company or in small claims court.

Step 5 – Know Your Rights

Movers may not withhold delivery of goods if the customer pays the fee as specified in the contract. Movers must accept at least two of the following forms of payment: (1) cash; (2) cashier’s check, money order, or traveler’s checks; (3) personal check; or (4) credit card.

Prescription medication, medical supplies and children’s goods may not be withheld from customers under any circumstances.

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To learn more about Colorado moving regulations or to file a complaint, call the PUC Consumer Affairs office at 303-894-2070 (Denver metro area) or 1-800-456-0858 (outside the Denver metro area).

Complaints may also be filed via the PUC website at www.dora.state.co.us/pacific/puc/puccomments. The BBB also accepts complaints at <https://www.bbb.org/>.



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KUCZMARSKI RECEIVES SAFETY CHAMPION AWARD



City of Montrose Safety Coordinator Lisa Kuczmarski. Courtesy photo.

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MONTROSE — City of Montrose Safety Coordinator Lisa Kuczmarski was awarded the 2018 Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA) Safety Champion Award during the CIRSA

general membership meeting held Tuesday, June 18, in Breckenridge.

Kuczmarski is a member of the city's Human Resources Department and has a long history of safety advocacy. "Lisa has worked hard to be a strong safety advocate for the City of Montrose," said Terri Wilcox, human resources director for the City of Montrose. "She brings forth the city's core beliefs of respect, ethics, leadership, accountability, transparency, and excellence in her service as our safety co-

ordinator. She believes that being proactive rather than reactive is the key to establishing and maintaining a strong safety culture."

In her nomination, Kuczmarski was described as being instrumental in promoting monthly Safety Committee meetings at the City of Montrose to increase regular communication and reinforce the city's high expectations regarding workplace safety.

"This creates a sense of buy-in to the organization and shows the importance placed on the Safety Committee members," Wilcox said.

In 2018, Kuczmarski's efforts helped raise awareness of best hygiene practices during the cold, flu, and whooping cough seasons. She helped get welded ladders placed on two city dump trucks, installed winter survival kits for city administrative vehicles, and installed a fully compliant fuel system for the Black Canyon Golf Course.

Kuczmarski worked with the city's Engineering and Public Works Departments to ensure EPA and the Colorado Department

of Water Resources compliance as well as safe working conditions during remediation of the city's fire-damaged pedestrian bridge over the Uncompahgre River.

"Lisa also taught basic worker safety classes to over 500 employees during the city and county's 2018 annual Education Day training," Wilcox said. "Her commitment and positive attitude toward safety were well received and gave positive exposure to our safety programs to the Montrose County audience."

In addition, Kuczmarski started meeting with the city's Public Works Department each month to provide increased training opportunities, monitor housekeeping efforts, and help establish a respirator fit testing program.

According to CIRSA, the Safety Champion Award "recognizes individual employees, groups, managers, etc. who go above and beyond the call of duty to foster a positive safety culture within their entity."

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE VOTERS ELECT PETER DUPREY, DAN CATON, LAILA BENITEZ AND MARTINIQUE DAVIS PROHASKA TO TOWN COUNCIL

Special to the Mirror

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE—Candidates Peter Duprey, Dan Caton, Laila Benitez and Martinique Davis Prohaska were elected to [Mountain Village Town Council](#) on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. They will join current council members Patrick Berry, Natalie Binder and Jack Gilbride. The newly elected council members will serve four-year terms. Of the 935 Mountain Village ballots

that were issued, 340 ballots were cast by mail or in person for a 39.65 percent voter turnout. The newly elected council members will be sworn in at the July 18, 2019 [Mountain Village Town Council Meeting](#) where members will appoint the position of mayor and mayor pro-tem.

The Numbers:

Listed in the same order as they appeared on the ballot, the following is the number

of votes each candidate received:

[Chris Busbee](#): 175

[Peter Duprey](#): 203

[Dan Caton](#): 238

[Kara Mills](#): 99

[Laila Benitez](#): 253

[Martinique Davis Prohaska](#): 196

For more information about the election results, please contact Town Clerk Jackie Kennefick at mvclerk@mtnvillage.org.

PUBLIC LAND AGENCIES OFFER FRIENDLY REMINDERS ON BEST PRACTICES FOR PREVENTING WILDFIRES

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Summertime out on your public lands can be loads of fun if you practice the right safety measures. The BLM Gunnison, Uncompahgre and Trestles Field Offices; Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC); National Park Service (NPS), Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Curecanti National Recreation Area and the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests would like to provide a few helpful reminders and tips for best practices to help prevent wildfires while recreating on public lands.

Recreational users on public lands should keep a few things in mind that can help prevent an unintentional wildfire. To reduce wildfire risk, please consider the following:

Practicing proper vehicle maintenance; ensuring that tow chains are secured and a vehicle has no dragging parts, check tire pressure, and properly maintaining your breaks. Even chains dragging along the ground, such as those on ATVs, can spark

fires.

Park your vehicles/trailers and off-highway vehicles away from dry grass or brush.

When target shooting taking a few simple precautions can prevent devastating results: place your target on dirt or gravel, switch to paper targets, avoid incendiary targets and exploding ammunition, bring a shovel and fire extinguisher, and report any fires by calling 911.

Fireworks are never permitted on public lands.

If you are camping and build a fire outside a designated fire ring make sure you clear the area of debris including, grasses and small vegetation. Clear your fire site perimeter approximately 10 feet in diameter and use rocks or a fire pan to contain your fire. Never leave a fire unattended and make sure that you completely put out your campfire before leaving your campsite. Practice the down, stir, feel method when extinguishing your campfire.

Use water or dirt to douse the fire, stir

the ashes and if necessary continue to add water or dirt until the fire is smothered.

When smoking, always dispose of cigarette debris in an ashtray.

Avoid driving and parking in tall grasses. Exhaust particles and hot exhaust pipes can start grass fires.

Even an accidental fire start can result in the individual being held responsible including fines and/or jail time.

Visit One Less Spark (<http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Prevent-Wildfire/>) for more great tips on how to prevent wildfire and be prepared for fire season. To learn more about campfire safety visit www.smokeybear.com.

Keep yourself safe while recreating outdoors by checking the weather before you go, taking the appropriate equipment including maps, carrying enough water, letting someone know where you are going and when you plan to be back, and utilizing suggested or required safety equipment. Local fire restriction information can be found online at: <https://www.westslopefireinfo.com/>.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

REFUTES HEATH LETTER IN THE MONTROSE DAILY PRESS

Editor;

In the Montrose Press on 6-28-19, Mr Heath is apparently upset at "Ms Hicks" by accusing her of telling "white lies" for the president. My goodness how sensitive some people are to imaginary wrongdoing by anyone even remotely connected to President Trump! He says lying will help deceive the president's supporters and the world. If he is so worried about lies then he should open his eyes to the lies that have rained down on America since Obama became president. It's strange he hasn't complained about them.

Obama promised not to spy on US citizens and then said on TV there's not a "smidgen" of that corruption. Both not true. He promised his administration would be open and "transparent". Both not true. (remember the Obamacare fraud when Republicans were banned from the planning?). He promised he would pro-

mote freedom of speech and would not bypass Congress with his agenda. Both not true. (remember the "I got a pen and I got a phone" while bragging about bypassing Congress. He promised he would not go after people's guns and would lower the US debt. Both not true. He is and has been entrenched in the gun-hating crowd and he doubled the national debt he inherited from President Bush. But in 2015 he claimed he lowered the deficit by two-thirds! He promised Americans could keep their health care plans and costs would lower by \$2500 a year. Instead, costs skyrocketed and in 2013 4 million Americans were sent insurance cancellation letters. He promised "not one dime" will go for abortions. 1,036 Obamacare plans cover abortions. The lies could fill a book.

And Hillary? She swore on TV she never received or sent any materials marked "classified" and that her email practices

were allowed. Both not true. She said there are more jobs in solar than oil and that "we" have now driven health care costs down to the lowest in 50 years. Both not true. Then there's Benghazi where Americans were killed and she said it was caused by a movie! The survivors straightened that lie out. The mountains of her "white lies" are staggering and years of dishonest history can best be uncovered on the web site, "Clinton crime library".

Yes Mr Heath, you are right, honesty is the best policy and is necessary for the survival of a Republic (not a democracy which we are not), so why nit pick President Trump and his staff with false accusations? It's the height of hypocrisy! President Trump has performed miracles pulling this nation out of eight years of Democrat stagnation. Maybe that's what makes them so angry!

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose



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Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION-The Navy Band Southwest Brass Quintet will be performing LIVE in the KAFM Radio Room on Monday, July 22nd at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Audiences of all ages enjoy performances by Navy Band Southwest's Brass Quintet. The quintet performs a wide range of musical styles encompassing traditional and modern brass literature, including Dixieland jazz, patriotic marches, and current popular selections. Quintet performances include public concerts, military ceremonies and receptions. They also have a dynamic educational program specifically designed for students of all ages.

This is a FREE concert, but seating is limited!

Reserve your seat in advance by calling (970) 241-8801, or online at www.kafmradio.org. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501.

Audiences of all ages enjoy performances by Navy Band Southwest's Brass Quintet. Reserve your seat in advance by calling (970) 241-8801, or online at www.kafmradio.org. Courtesy photo.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

TELLURIDE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE WELCOMES THE ANNUAL RED WHITE & BLUES CELEBRATION JULY 3-4

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE-The Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association is pleased to announce the lineup and events for the 2019 [Red, White and Blues Celebration](#) taking place July 3 and 4, 2019 at Sunset Plaza, on the lawn near Lift 1 and at Heritage Plaza near the base of Lift 4.

The annual Red, White & Blues Celebration, will continue the tradition of family fun on July 3 and 4.

The two-day event is set in the panoramic San Juan Mountains in Mountain Village, Colorado (just a gondola ride away from Telluride) offering music, children's events, merchant discounts, food and drink specials, and much more.

"What a treat for the Mountain Village community and surrounding residents to get two days of fun and quality music that is free!" said Teddy Errico, producer of the music series.

Along with the music, each day will feature children's activities and entertainment from 1 to 5 p.m. in a family-friendly atmosphere in both Sunset and Heritage plazas.

On July 3 at Sunset Plaza, Telluride Adaptive Sports Program will host its annual ice cream social and the Mountain Village Fire Department will be on hand with its newest fire truck for the kids to check out. The

Red, White & Blues Concert will kick start at 6 p.m. with [Lawrence](#), a pop and soul brother and sister combo playing everything from Motown to Muscle Shoals and everything in between.

On July 4, talented local artists will take the Heritage Plaza stage starting at 1 p.m. with Alan Booradley and Members of the NIA, followed by Claybrook Penn and Friends and finally the ever-popular Joint Point. Capping off the evening, nationally acclaimed, [Kat V](#) takes the stage in Heritage Plaza at 6:30 p.m.

Kat V has been re-defining the classical violinist image with the help of some strings and needles. Born to a family of musicians, she started classical violin training at age 5. Her inspiration to change the way people experience classical instruments started when she was exposed to the world of house, hip-hop and experimental music.

Her curiosity (and frequent appearances) in the Chicago nightclub and DJ scene opened up new outlets and possibilities of musical expression.

She will perform from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Heritage Plaza.

And, for those families who don't want to head into Telluride for the fireworks display, Movies Under the Stars will fea-

ture a screening of The Sand Lot starting at 8:45 p.m. in Reflection Plaza.

"TMVOA is excited to continue to provide two days of music and kids activities during Red, White & Blues in Mountain Village," said TMVOA Administration and Operations Manager Heidi Stenhammer. "We look forward to having our members, guests and visitors attend this entertaining holiday event."

The Red, White & Blues Celebration is provided to the public free of charge by TMVOA and is sponsored by Telluride Express.

This event along with the Sunset Concert Series is sponsored by Telluride Society for Music, By Sutton, Alpine Bank, Madeline Hotel and Residences, Rodney Strong Vineyards, KOTO FM Radio, Telluride Resort Lodging, Telluride Ski & Golf, the Town of Mountain Village and The Peaks Resort & Spa, Teddy Errico of LIV Sotheby's International Realty and Telluride Bottleworks.

The event is held rain or shine.

Learn more about the Red, White & Blues Celebration and event by contacting the Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association at (970) 728-1904 or by visiting tmvoa.org and www.SunsetConcertSeries.com.



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

EVENING OF HISTORY CELEBRATES IDARADO MINE

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-The Idarado Mine – its fascinating history, reclamation and community impact– will be the topic of an Evening of History, Tuesday, July 9 at Ouray's Wright Opera House. The special event starts at 7:30 p.m. and doors open at 7 p.m. The evening includes a reception, catered by Ouray's Secret Garden, in the newly renovated lobby of the Wright. Filmmaker Brett Schreckengost will debut his 30-minute film about the Idarado Mine.

Award-winning journalist Samantha Tisdell Wright will read an excerpt from her 10-part series, "The Mine Next Door," that was published in the *Ouray County*

Plainsdealer and in *The Watch*, a publication of the Telluride Newspapers. A panel discussion featuring a variety of current and former Idarado employees will provide further insight into the Idarado's past and ongoing role in the communities of Ouray and Telluride.

The event is sponsored by the Newmont Mining Corporation and is part of the Ouray County Historical Society's summer lecture series, Evenings of History. Admission is free to OCHS members, \$5 per non-member. For more information, call 970 325-4576.



The Idarado Mine will be the topic of an Evening of History on July 9 at Ouray's Wright Opera House. Courtesy photo.

SHOOTING RANGE OF THE FUTURE ATTRACTS NATIONAL COMPETITION

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION – Competitive shooters from across the country and around the world will make their way to the new Cameo Shooting and Education Complex (CSEC) when the United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA, www.uspsa.org) hosts its ESP-Bighorn Classic Sectional Championship here July 19-21.

The world-class range just outside Grand Junction is shaping up to become the most comprehensive firearms facility in the world, estimated to boost the local economy with an additional 50,000 annual visitors to the Grand Valley.

"When this \$30 million Colorado Parks and Wildlife range is completed over a 10-year build-out, it will attract shooters from all disciplines as well as law enforcement and anti-terrorist training programs," said CPW CSEC Manager Walt Proulx.

"Everything is state-of-the-art. The dedicated enterprise Wi-Fi network is the first of its kind." The system allows for electronic scoring, where competitors get their scores emailed to them the moment

they've finished each stage, with final match results posted and distributed instantly. Future capabilities will include live-streaming, High-Definition visual drone feeds, and provision for as many as 300 users at a time on the 10GB fiber-optic network.

Everything is going high-tech in the shooting sports, even the event sponsors. ESP-Bighorn Classic Match Sponsor, Electronic Shooter Protection (ESP, www.espamerica.com) of Brighton, Colo., makes an in-ear, custom-fit, digital hearing protection product that blocks out harmful sound volume, yet lets the shooter hear normal noise and conversations.

"With the increasing popularity of all shooting sports, the camaraderie has become more important," said ESP owner Jack Homa. "In a social setting like a USPSA match, it's more fun to hear what's going on around you, and many people feel they can shoot better when they hear better."

The 1,800-acre CSEC is the brainchild of Colorado Parks and Wildlife Regional Manager J.T. Romatzke. Six years ago, he saw



Competitors check targets during the 2018 IDPA State Championship last August, the first major competition at Cameo and the first of many to come. (Photo/CPW).

the need to increase public participation in the shooting sports with a world-class shooting and education complex in the up-and-coming destination of Western Colorado. For more information on CSEC please visit: <https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Hunting/ShootingRanges/CameoSportShootingComplexProposal.pdf>. To learn more about participating in the ESP-Bighorn Classic Match, please visit: http://www.actionpistolgroup.com/uspsa_section.html.

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

If Dem & undecided, debates are great



POLITICS ... I didn't tune in to watch the faceoffs. I'm a subscriber to the views of eco-philosopher Jerry Mander (*Four Arguments for the Elimination of Television*). Not our medium ... Oh, I used to watch the debates. How many of you remember Kefauver at the Democratic National Convention on TV? But I've come to realize that as an individual there's only so big a ripple can be made. Operating the lever of government, a leader has more latitude. Can shift the balance from black to white. From BigHeads to Gloved Hands. If any leader becomes intolerable, as a Green I would perhaps take to the streets. Occupy ... But of course I've heard a lot about both debates after the fact. Scanning media. Admittedly, reading more left than right. Sometimes I find the spin of the polls and the wobble of talking heads a useful roulette ... Bennett and Hickenlooper are both from our state in the race for the right to try to oust Trump. Neither did very well in the rankings immediately post-event. Per-

sonally, I'm rooting for Michael. He is a compassionate elected official of principle ... I'm sure there's debate videos on YouTube. Which I haven't seen yet. Maybe never will. National is too distant to have much affect, while local is my focus ... For much of the post-WWII Pax Americana years I've been lucky to have lived in, it was the snooping of the media that sprung campaign-changing stories, or accepted opposition research behind closed doors. Since Trump, who's been a master of the counter-spin and the rousing lines/ lies that his base loves (even if it means an embarrassing flub or two on his part – which he denies), the media is splintered. There are her news channels and his news channels, and one or the other may be the only side you read. Or watch. Or spring for Russian cyber-memes. Not both ... Right now I'm rooting for Warren and Harris, thinking what a dynamite executive duo they might be. Not one woman. Two women.

SCIENCE BREAKTHROUGH ... Science is unstoppable. Plugging up inquiry and not letting experiments go where the data leads one is a doomed enterprise. Societies can try to contain the curiosity of the scientific mind, can shrink the grant pipeline so some hypotheses can't be tested, but to stop what's possible from happening? Unlikely ... Intellectuals like Mander have tried to warn us with books like *In the Absence of the Sacred* and *Four Arguments for the Elimination of Television* that some technology, while possible, is less than desirable. But in an Industrial Growth culture like our own, where capitalism's bottom line is the primary focus, and monetization of all aspects of human life is *de rigeur*, you can expect that new scientific breakthroughs will lead us into the future, not the other way around ... The latest issue of *Scientific American* has

a well-written account by Rowan Jacobsen about the work by researchers in the Harvard Medical School led by biologist Nili Ostrov in recoding the DNA of a common bacterium (*Escherichia coli*) to make it impervious to viral infections. It's fascinating work, has many beneficial possibilities for medicine. But it's also quite worrisome ... While there are good safeguards in place for keeping this genetically modified organism from escaping the lab, and it is only being done with bacteria – a very basic life form – the implications for our human future are boggling ... Imagine if scientists could end all viral infections? Imagine if recoded cells were woven into our human futures, and all the diseases associated with viruses were eliminated? ... That is a long way off, no doubt, but we are moving in that direction, and there's really nothing that can stop us from heading there. Designer babies. Super powers. Genetic manipulation of immense proportions ... Is that a bad thing? A good thing? It's both/and, and it will be incumbent on our children to help shape a society that can accept what science has in store for us. Sure, worry about climate change. It's coming. But it's only one of many, many, changes on the horizon.

MUSHROOM REVIVAL ... Podcasts are the coin of the millennial realm. I haven't quite bought in. I'm old fashioned. I learn from books. Magazines. Ink on paper. But my kids get it. Podcasts are a big part of their lives. They learn best by listening ... My mushroom friend Alex Dorr of Massachusetts asked me to record a podcast last week. About my 39 years with the Telluride Mushroom Festival. A favorite topic of mine. So I said yes. But it took me a while to figure out how to run Skype. Something I've been meaning to do. Then I got my times mixed up. But in the end we connected and it was great fun. It may

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes, continued

not be up yet on line, but it will be soon. Check it out for yourself at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzOtCA5nZgDxW_EPfJor1kA

GRAND VALLEY LIT FEST ... Hoping to get Denver Poet Laureate Emeritus Chris Ransick to join us from Oregon to receive the Karen Chamberlain award for long service to the poetry world of Colorado and for

works of craft and wisdom. Aug. 8-9-10. Crested Butte one day, Gunnison the next. First year event. Logistics shaping up.

JACK MUELLER POETRY FESTIVAL ... Danny Rosen of Fruita's Lithic Press announced the dates for the second (irregular) gathering to celebrate the Bard of Log Hill Village, Budada. October 4th and 5th, Friday and Saturday ... Jack lived in hermitage here in Western Colorado for the last cou-

ple decades of his life, after a long presence in San Francisco's legendary North Beach scene. He quickly became the Dean of Western Slope poetics ... Now after his passing, Rosen and a bunch of us friends of Jack are celebrating him with another poets' gathering.

Plenty of reading and listening and discussing, as well as writing and performing. New friends. Old bards. Fruita, Colorado. Bring a poem.

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or won't have enough time to ever do,
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but we'll get there, wherever, whenever,
whatever *there* is.... I can guess,
I think it's where we don't want to be,

time was always elastic, stretching ahead,
but now we can see the end—of something,
of a lot—suddenly the countdown's all too real.

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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!

'SUNDAY IN THE PARK' ON JULY 7 IN RIDGWAY

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 Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. 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. '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.



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NEW MEXICO IN MONTROSE: RIO BRAVO, BRAVO!

MONTROSE – Okay, another Mexican restaurant has arrived in Montrose. But, hey, can there ever be too many to choose from?

Rio Bravo Family Mexican Restaurant is occupying the space a few other restaurants have tried at 1544 Oxbow Dr., Suite 198, in Montrose just off Townsend in the south end of town. I have a feeling this great Mexican restaurant will have staying power, however. In a town that discriminates between no fewer than eight competing Mexican restaurants, this one shines. Feeling a little adventurous, Michael and I decided to give Rio Bravo a try for, of all things, breakfast. Well, it was almost noon but, hey, we'd or I'd slept in pretty late.

So, as we do, we shared a (boring? not) Huevos Rancheros. Too early, but I ordered my typical margarita. Umm, just to see how they do things. Well, after this breakfast and drink (1) I almost had to go back to bed when we got home. An intoxicating experience.

This place has the best Huevos Rio Bravo

Rancheros, by the way. Great tortillas topped with just right poached egg and smothered with refried beans with cheese, not-too-spicy Mexican sauce, with rice and lettuce, tomatoes on the side. Margarita was on the rocks, great lime flavor, no salt please.

I'm not bold enough here and now to pronounce my favorite south of the border style restaurant in Montrose. But Rio Bravo is right up there. Great menu, great space, really nice staff, etc. Prices aren't bad either.

Eggs for breakfast come four ways and range from \$10.25 to a steak and eggs for \$14.25. Lunch combos range from Tacos (2), Enchilada, Burrito (both with choice of meats), Chalupa, Tamale, Tostada, Flautas (2), and Chicken Taquitos for \$7.25. Lunch Favorites from Carne Asada to Enchiladas Chipotle range from \$7.95 – 8.25, some have a kick, others not. Or have a taco salad however you like it from \$8.95 – \$13.95. Other salads, \$3.99 – \$14.25 You can always order a la cart from \$1.95 to \$7.25. Guacamole is market price.

Rio Bravo has more than 18 seafood (Mariscos) offerings from \$15.25 up to \$19.25. Meat dishes from \$16.50 - \$17.25; pork and chicken all \$14.95; 4 street tacos with choice of meat or seafood will set you back \$11.95.; soups from \$10.95 to \$22.95 (Coctel de Cameron). Of course, you can always go with appetizers from \$4.95 – 11.95. Try house specialty dishes (Predilectos) from \$11.25 - \$36.50 for a full order of Cielo, Mar, y Tierra. Dinner combinations range from choice of 1 item served with rice/beans and some with sour cream and guacamole, up to three choice items from \$10.95 – 12.95. Kids meals (12 & under) range from \$5.50 – 5.75. Vegetarian? Well your choices range from enchiladas, quesadilla, and taco salad at \$11.25 to burrito at \$11.95. And desserts, of course, at \$4.50.

Rio Bravo is open daily Monday – Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 970-964-4477. Located at 1544 Oxbow Dr., Suite 198 in Montrose. (Just south of the Walmart complex.)

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NEW MEXICO NEWS BRIEFS

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION BRINGS THREE DAYS OF MUSIC TO TAOS

Special to Art & Sol

TAO,NM- The Town of Taos will host its annual 4th of July Hometown Celebration this year, July 4 – 6, at Kit Carson Park. This year's events include three days of music, beginning with a free concert headlined by War and Ozomatli on Thursday, July 4, followed by a fireworks show. Jake Shimabukuro and Lake Street Dive will perform on July 5 and The Mavericks and Los Lobos on July 6. Tickets for those shows can be purchased individually, or as a \$59 weekend pass for both, at <https://taos.org/events/celebrate-4th-july-taos/>.

Gates open for the free concert on July 4 at 3:30 pm, with performances beginning at 4:30 pm. Visitors can expect to hear multi-platinum selling funk songs from War, like "Low Rider" and "Why Can't We Be Friends," as well as a wide array of multi-genre hits from Ozomatli. Beat Root Revival will kick off the July 5 concert at 4:30 before Jake Shimabukuro and Lake Street Dive take the stage, and special guest Max Gomez will open the July 6 show at 6:30 pm before the Grammy Award-winning The Mavericks perform with Los Lobos.

Picnics, lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged, and there will be food and drink vendors on-site.

"We are very excited to welcome another fun and high-energy musical lineup to Taos for this year's Hometown Celebration," said Karina Armijo, Director of Marketing and Tourism for the Town of Taos. "The \$59 weekend pass is a great way for locals and visitors to be able to enjoy all three day of music with us," she said.

"There's nothing quite like this happening anywhere else in New Mexico for 4th of July.

In addition to the concert and fireworks show, 4th of July celebrations in Taos' surrounding areas include the annual Arroyo Seco Parade at 12 p.m. and the annual Field Institute of Taos Rubber Duck Race at Taos Ski Valley.

More information on all of the 4th of July events can be found at: <https://taos.org/events/celebrate-4th-july-taos/>.

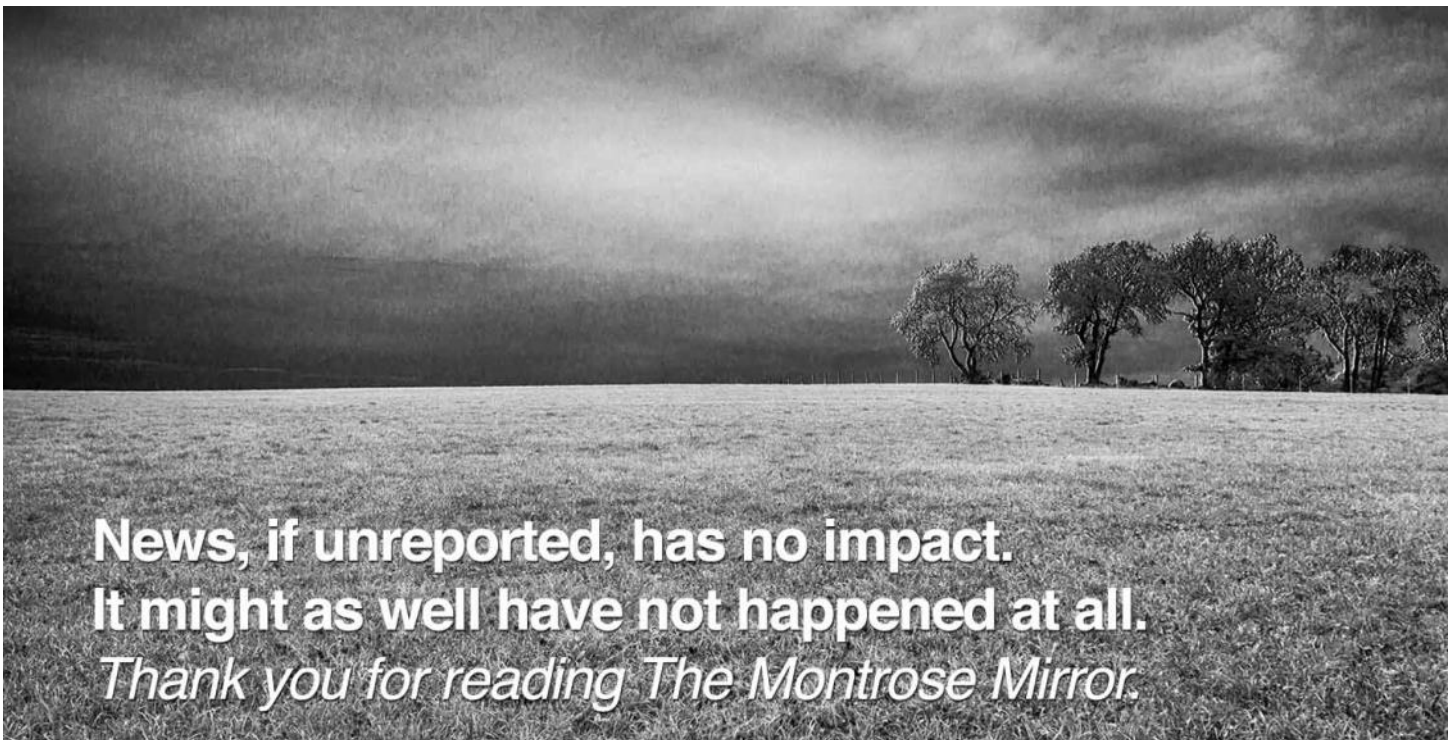
More about the Town of Taos...

Located just 135 miles from Albuquerque's International Sunport and a short, 90-minute drive from Santa Fe, Taos is home to the country's oldest continuously

- inhabited pueblo community, the state's newest national monument, and the highest peak in New Mexico. World-class skiing, hiking, camping, whitewater rafting, kayaking, fishing, and mountain biking can all be found nearby. Motorists enjoy the region's celebrated scenic drives, including the Enchanted Circle and the High Road from Santa Fe to Taos.

The area also boasts ample four-wheeling and off-road trails that crisscross the backcountry. Golf Digest's four-star-rated Taos Country Club championship golf course offers players spectacular scenery and panoramic mountain views. Other hidden Taos travel gems include cultural sites like the San Francisco de Asis Church, the downtown plaza, "El Corazon de Taos," as well as museums and galleries, weekend music and art festivals, and even llama trekking adventures.

Finally, most Taos travelers find that their getaways are not complete without indulging in the local New Mexico cuisine and its famous red and green chile options that infiltrate everything from breakfast burritos to pizza. To learn more, go to www.taos.org.



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SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

CURRENT/ONGOING-

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONTROSE TOASTMASTERS

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.

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

July 5--7:30 p.m. "Wilderness Survival Skills" with Matt Brummett of the "Rule of 5 Wilderness Company," Ridgway State Park Visitor Center.

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 6--7:30p.m. "Geology of Ouray County" by Geologist John Mitchell, Ridgway State Park Visitor Center.

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--On Wednesday, July 10th: Yoga for Cyclists, at the Brewery! 7pm at 2 Rascals \$10 cash only donation benefitting the Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance.

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 Sharpening, Demonstrations, Boutique, Raffle Quilt, Lectures, and Classes. Visit blackcanyonquiltshow.com for more information. Show admission: \$5.

July 12--7:30 p.m. "The Secret Life of Trees" by Amanda Clements, ecologist. Amanda will talk about the many mysteries surrounding trees and how they interact with the environment and each other.

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).

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

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.

Aug. 5--Montrose Women's Giving Club meets at Bridges of Montrose, 2500 Bridges Drive 5:30 to 7 p.m. Club meets once per quarter to select the next non-profit to receive quarterly donations. Each member pays \$100 per quarter plus a \$10 hospitality fee to participate and has the chance to nominate a non-profit. Members must be present to vote.

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RAISING FUNDS FOR MEMORY CARE



With a blast of bright color, participants set off on the Volunteers of America one-mile 5K 10K Run Walk event on June 29, raising funds for Phase 2 of the Valley Manor Care Center Memory Care dining area.



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