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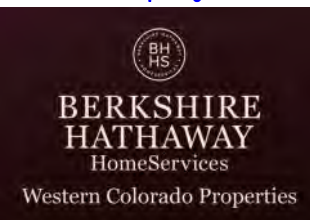


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JOHN THOMAS—THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF MARIJUANA ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN WESTERN COLORADO

By Jay Stooksberry
Delta Correspondent

DELTA—Imagine that your community voted to kick you out. Would you be willing to return to a place that was so unwelcoming? Most would say “no,” but for John Thomas, the answer was an unequivocal “yes.”

A Budding Entrepreneur

Thomas, 40, is a husband and father of two. In addition to being a business owner, he is active in his community, regularly volunteering as a baseball coach for local youth leagues. If you didn’t know what Thomas did for a living, he would appear to be living a very normal life.

However, Thomas’ business is controversial in rural Colorado: he’s a medical marijuana dispensary owner. Thomas owns Green Meadows Dispensary, located in Colona, just ten miles south of Montrose’s city limits. Prior to his Colona-based business, Thomas owned Natural Green Solutions, a dispensary that—up until 2009—operated on Main Street in Delta.

Thomas’ decision to go into business by himself is a familiar tale for many western

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Pictured from Left to Right are Trevor Measom, John Thomas, Cody Thomas, Ryan Hall, and Jake Laurita. Photo by Jay Stooksberry.

CITY DISSOLVES DDA, MAYOR DAVE BOWMAN PROMOTES HIS CONCERT SERIES FROM THE DIAS AT MEETING



Montrose Mayor Dave Bowman promoted his Montrose Summer Music Series, set at the City’s Black Canyon Golf Course, during the City Council meeting of July 2.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—The Montrose [City Council meeting of Tuesday, July 2](#) was well attended, with a number of citizens stepping forward to speak, both during the Call for Public Comment and to address specific agenda items.

Among the actions taken by Council were approval of Ordinance 2482 on second reading, dissolving the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), and the appointment of Kenneth L. Huff to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term that expires on Oct. 16, 2020.

All councilors were in attendance; Councilor Judy Ann Files was present by telephone.

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The 2019 Montrose Fourth of July Parade was held at 4 p.m. on Main Street, with a picnic at Cerise Park and fireworks to follow.



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ROCK MITIGATION ON HIGHWAY 133 SET TO BEGIN ON JULY 8

Special to the Mirror

GUNNISON COUNTY — On Monday, July 8 the Colorado Department of Transportation will begin rock mitigation work on Colorado Highway 133 between Paonia and McClure Pass, at MP 29.7. Work will be performed by consultant Rock Solid Solutions and is part of CDOT's geo-hazards program. Crews will blast and downsize a large slab of rock on the slope.

As part of CDOT's "Whole System-Whole Safety" initiative, that is aimed at enhancing safety for Colorado's traveling public, the rock mitigation work will help ensure safety for motorists on the roads and help prevent damage to the road or passing vehicles caused by falling rocks.



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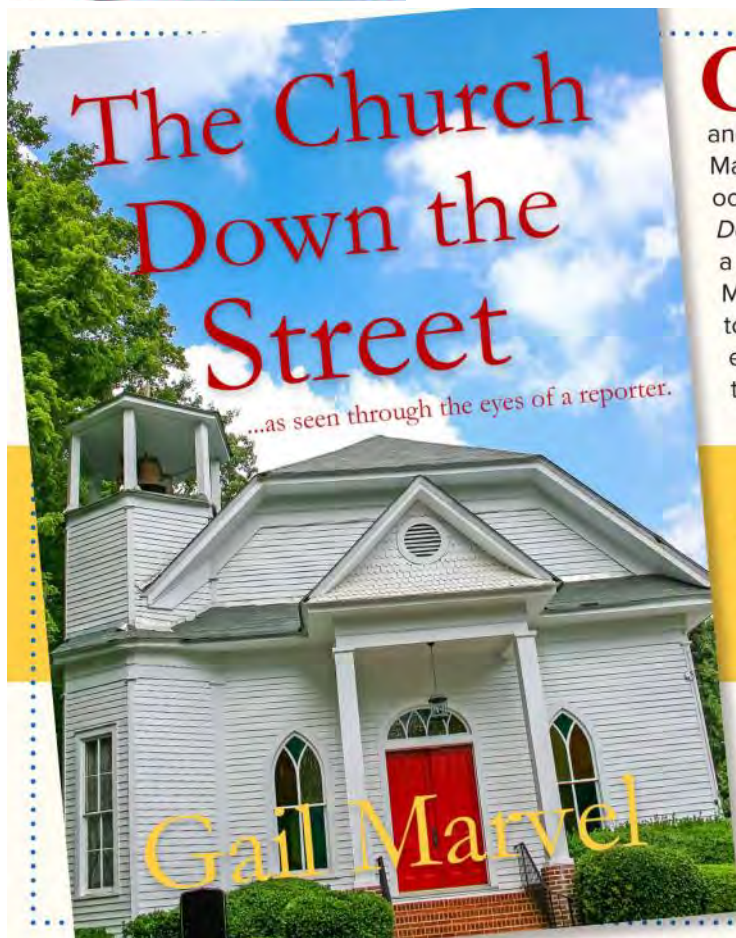

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AMERICAN LEGION HONORS THOSE WHO DIED DURING TIME OF WAR

Courtesy Photo by Erika Story, Montrose County MONTROSE-Members of the American Legion Post 73 stopped by last week to place a wreath in front of the historic Montrose County Courthouse in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the American Legion. The wreath laying is to honor those from Montrose who died during a time of war. Thank you to all who have served and sacrificed for our country's freedoms.



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).

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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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Colorado natives. He grew up in Montrose, briefly attended college in Grand Junction, and then went to work in the coal mines in Somerset after he dropped out of school. Thomas quit his job at the mine, opting to work with his family's business instead. During this period, Thomas recalibrated how he wanted to earn a living.

"I never would have seen this coming when I was younger," said Thomas.

Thomas decided that the best way to thrive in a tough marketplace like western Colorado was to enter into an untapped market. At that time, the demand for medical marijuana was still—pun intended—a budding industry.

"There's something here," Thomas said, after researching the viability of medical marijuana facility. "I thought it was something worth going after."

Prior to Colorado's statewide legalization of marijuana, the industry functioned in legally ambiguous limbo, where regulations were loosely defined at both the state and local levels. Thomas capitalized on this vacuum and established the first medical marijuana business in Delta.

Hard Times

Though he created a thriving business, Thomas' venture was met with local opposition. Conservative attitudes toward cannabis placed Natural Green Solutions directly in the crosshairs concerned Delta residents.

"Demonization of this whole industry has existed for a while," said Thomas. "I had neighbors who lashed out at me because of what I do, calling me a 'drug dealer.'"

This consternation culminated with increased scrutiny from local government. In 2009, Delta's city council adopted a six-month moratorium on medical marijuana businesses, directly followed by a 12-month extension of the ordinance. Without grandfathering Natural Green Solutions into the ordinance, the city effectively banned Thomas' business from continuing operations within city limits.

Thomas didn't take these actions lightly. In 2011, he began to circulate a petition to

create a ballot measure that would reverse the city's moratorium. Thomas gathered more than 1,300 signatures on his petition—well over the required 489 needed to get on the ballot. The council approved the petition and referred the ballot question to be voted on during a July 11th special election.

"As I was going door-to-door talking to residents, everybody seemed to support me and my business," Thomas said.

Much to his surprise though, the referendum—Referred Measure A (2011)—passed by a wide margin, with 68 percent voting to keep the city's moratorium in place.

Thomas' hardships didn't end there. Near the same time of the municipal election, the state of Colorado began to ramp up its own regulatory activities regarding marijuana grows. Then, the state set strict regulations on medical marijuana dispensaries that were closely tied to their grow operations and patient counts. Without a store, Thomas lost his legal ability to grow. As a result, state regulators visited Thomas' grow operations in Olathe—a four-acre site with a greenhouse and nearly 1,000 plants—and forcibly removed his plants.

"They came in with three SUVs, cut down all of my plants, filled up their trucks, and left," said Thomas. "That would have been my first harvest to supply my Delta store."

The financial distress and undue hardships caused by these events took their toll on Thomas' health. To reduce stress in his life, Thomas turned to playing the role of—in his own words—"Mr. Mom," choosing to stay at home and raise his children. His wife, Amanda, a registered nurse, served as the main breadwinner.



John Thomas with plants. For ten years, Thomas' Colona-based dispensary has served the medical marijuana needs of patients. Photo by Jay Stooksberry.

"My wife has been a part of this story, too," said Thomas. "She is a lot of the reason I am where I am today."

Down But Not Out

Thomas couldn't stay on the sidelines for long.

"There was some reflection time there," said Thomas. "I said to myself, 'get yourself back up, and start fighting again.'"

One year after being shut down in Delta, Thomas purchased an existing dispensary in Colona, and reopened as Green Meadows Dispensary. For ten years, Thomas' Colona-based dispensary has served the medical marijuana needs of patients all over western Colorado, including patients from Telluride and Grand Junction where medical marijuana stores exist. Green Meadows also hosts a care center program, where participating clients receive personalized treatment.

"If clients sign up for our care center services, we provide a discount," said Thomas. "We develop a personal relationship with the patient and analyze what will work best for them."

A Return to Delta

In 2018, Delta voters passed two ballot measures, approving the sale and cultivation of medical marijuana within city limits. These measures reversed the 2009 moratorium, and reopened Delta to the

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medical marijuana market. Several contentious months of public hearings regarding the zoning, regulations, licensing, and taxation of medical marijuana followed the passing of the two measures.

Due to the lengthy public debate, it wasn't until April 2, 2019—nearly six months after voters approved medical marijuana—that interested parties could officially apply for a license. Thomas didn't hesitate to apply.

Though the preceding months were contentious, Thomas' application was minimally contested.

"I was down there with my gloves on,

ready for a fight," Thomas laughed. "I was shocked."

Despite some objections from a neighboring property owner, who presented his grievances to the city's planning commission, Thomas breezed through the approval process. On June 17, 2019, Delta's city council unanimously approved Thomas' license and permit.


Though it may seem that he is exactly back where he started ten years ago, Thomas is optimistic about his situation.

"The mentality toward marijuana has changed, and to see that change in Delta is a breath of fresh air," said Thomas.

Thomas' Delta store will be divided into two sections. The front section will sell CBD products and be open to the general public. The back section, which can only be accessed with an official Colorado medical marijuana card, will sell an inventory that consists of edibles, concentrates, salves, patches, and creams.

Thomas plans to replicate his Colona business model by offering the same care center services.

Thomas' application to the state of Colorado is still pending at this moment, but he still is planning on opening his store in Delta by mid-July to early August.

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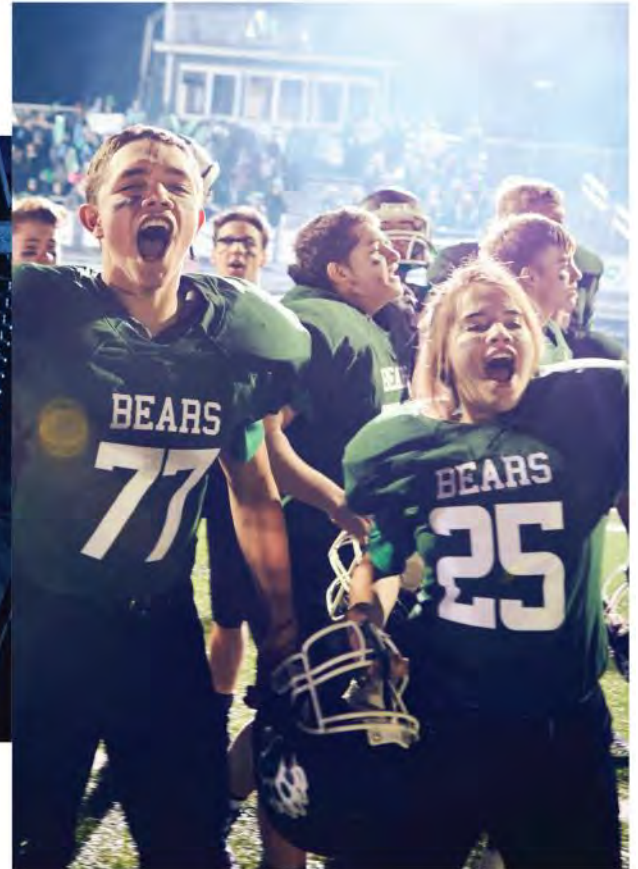
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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, HEARING ON COAL PROPOSAL IN LA PLATA COUNTY

Proposal developed through NEPA process expected to add 22-years of operating life

Special to the Mirror

DOLORES-The U.S. Department of the Interior's (DOI) Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has released a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for public review that evaluates a Lease-by-Application (LBA) for GCC Energy, LLC's (GCCE), King II Coal Mine, approximately 15 miles west of Durango, Colorado. The EA, titled "Dunn Ranch Area Lease-By-Application and Mine Plan Modification," is being prepared jointly with DOI's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE).

The BLM will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposal, including fair market value and maximum economic recovery, July 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Dolores Public Lands Office, 29211 Highway 184, Dolores, CO 81323.

"The Trump Administration is committed to creating jobs and producing energy safely," said Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt. "The BLM and OSMRE worked together to reduce environmental analysis redundancies and streamline the overall process to bring this project to fruition. We look forward to receiving public comments on a proposal that would extend the life of this mine and sustain jobs for another 22 years."

"The coal reserves covered by this proposal are a key component in the production of concrete, which is essential to the nation's construction industry and infrastructure. Public participation and input will help the BLM identify and address issues raised by the proposal," said Acting BLM Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clemenson. "We encourage people to review the EA and submit comments."

This proposed lease of 2,462 acres of Federal coal under a parcel referred to as the "Dunn Ranch" property holds approxi-

mately 9.54 million tons of recoverable coal. If the BLM approves the lease sale, a total of up to 12 million tons of combined Federal and privately owned coal could be mined under the mine plan modification proposed to OSMRE.

GCCE uses coal produced from the King II Mine primarily to fire cement kilns, rather than generating electricity. GCCE transports coal from the King II Mine to kilns located in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, and Mexico. The low sulfur, heat content, and ash chemistry make this coal better suited than many for this purpose.

The Federal coal is below surface estate primarily owned by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. If GCCE is the highest bidder at the lease sale, it would mine the coal by underground mining methods as an extension of the existing King II mine. A "low-cover crossing" (a capped tunnel excavated from the surface) would allow underground mining equipment to reach the Dunn Ranch property from the King II mine without daylighting. There would be approximately 20 acres of surface disturbance. Along with unmined coal at the existing mine, and additional privately-owned coal accessed from the LBA, the King II mine could operate for another 22 years. The King II mine employs between 83 and 140 people with total salaries and employee benefits estimated to be about \$12 million annually.

This EA served as a pilot project to streamline the NEPA process and enhance coordination between the BLM and OSMRE. Historically, the BLM has prepared a NEPA document for the leasing application, while

OSMRE, after issuance of the lease, has prepared a separate NEPA document for its recommendation to the Assistant Sec-

retary for Land and Minerals Management on whether to approve, disapprove or condition the mining plan. With this project, the BLM and OSMRE jointly prepared the EA as co-leads to create an efficient "one-NEPA" review process. This pilot project aims to support the development of national guidance and formalized process for other federal coal leasing and permitting projects.

Coal mines in Colorado generated \$35 million in Federal royalties in 2017. This revenue is split with the State of Colorado. Mining coal from BLM Colorado lands and minerals generated \$742.5 million in total economic output in 2017. Currently, there are six producing coal mines in the State of Colorado (two are surface mines, the remaining four are subsurface mines) totaling 60,000 acres and with an estimated economic output of \$1.2 billion. There are 51 coal leases in Colorado, covering 80,203 acres.

The draft EA, maps, and information about how to comment electronically are available through the BLM ePlanning site, which can be found at <https://go.usa.gov/xEKTv>. Comments may be submitted verbally at the hearing; otherwise they must be submitted electronically through the ePlanning site and must be received by June 31, 2019.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or any other personal identifying information in your comments, please be aware that your entire comment, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request BLM to withhold personal identifying information from public view, the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so.

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GUNNISON BEGINS PED CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS ON US HWY 50

Special to the Mirror

GUNNISON-The City of Gunnison along with Western Gravel Constructors will begin the \$540,000 pedestrian crossing improvements on US Highway 50, in Gunnison, beginning July 2019. The project will begin at mile point (MP) 156 and continue to MP 158 on US 50 at 11th Street and at Jorgensen Park.

Crews will remove the existing asphalt mat and add concrete crosswalks, install 10 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps, add flashing beacon crosswalk signs, make improvements to storm drainage and striping. In addition to the ramp and crosswalk improvements crews, will add raised medians at Jorgensen Park.

The improvements are part of CDOT's statewide *Whole System - Whole Safety* initiative. Jorgensen Park and 11th Street are busy intersections with increased pedestrian traffic. The flashing beacon crosswalk signs are more effective at increasing driver yielding by increasing driver awareness of crosswalks and reducing the risk of multi-threat crashes on multi-lane roads. The raised median will add pedestrian refuge and reduce delays waiting for a gap in traffic. The ADA ramps will provide functional accessibility to all travelers.

"This project will make important changes to help keep pedestrians safe," said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew. "These common sense improvements can make a big difference for safety. Flashing beacons remind drivers to look out for pedestrians. Curb cuts and grading complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act and make access easier for pedestrians, wheelchairs, bicyclists, strollers and others."

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NEWLY CONSTRUCTED TELLURIDE BIKE PARK NOW OPEN

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The bike park offers riding for all ability

levels, including the newly constructed beginner-level flow trail, Tommyknocker. This gravity-fed trail will take you over-arching bridges and around bank turns for 5.8 miles.

"The Tommyknocker trail is an exciting



Telluride Bike Park. Courtesy photo.

new component in Telluride and opens the door for beginner mountain bikers," said Scott Pittenger, Director of Mountain Operations. "We're bringing a full suite of trails that's been crafted for every skill level—and it's just the beginning."

Single day passes, season passes, guides and clinics, along with bike rentals are all available now for advance purchase. Additionally, guests will be able to activate their passes online. The Mountain Village Pass & Ticket Office is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., to assist with any Telluride Bike Park questions.

Beginning July 5, both the Oak Street ticket window and Mountain Village ticket office will be open daily to provide support for those accessing the new bike park from Telluride and Mountain Village.

"We are elated to have reached this point—getting the chairlift spinning for bike park access in the backyard is nothing short of a dream come true," said Carson Taylor, Director of Mountain Sales. "It's a monumental step for summer recreation, and we're all stoked to ride the new trails."

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- * Movie in the Park Confluence Park, Dusk

Friday July 26th

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- * 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 Uncompaghe
- * Cornhole - Confluence Park, 11:00am
- * Kiwanis & Elks BBQ - Confluence Park 11-2pm
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Sunday July 28th

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SHERIFF'S OFFICE CREATES PEER SUPPORT TEAM

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- The Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is committed to supporting the safety and mental health of sheriff's staff and first responders in the Seventh Judicial District. Sheriff Gene Lillard is proud to announce a Peer Support Team.

The team is designed to provide support to officers and their families. Across the nation, an estimated 159 police officers took their own lives in 2018, and this team aims to combat stressors that may lead to mental health issues.

"I believe strongly in the peer support team. It is very necessary that we embrace its members and what they are tasked to do. The men and women of the MCSO often see and experience the more ugly part of life. This can and does take a toll on our officers and their families," said Sheriff Gene Lillard. "No division within the MCSO is immune from the ugly side of

life, which includes our records division who reads and downloads the deputies' reports into our records system. We, as a team, are developing a safety net to help our people through some of the trying times that they have experienced or will be experiencing in the future."

"Our intent is to be a peer support team that not only helps our deputies and families, but first responders across the Seventh Judicial. A career in law enforcement can be a stressful lifestyle and the team's goal is to help alleviate those stressors," said Deputy Dominic Lovato. "Suicide rates in law enforcement officers are on the rise, and I want officers to know that the team will be there for you in your time of need whether it is an incident at home or at work."

The team will serve to provide a resource for mental health and support for officers who have been exposed to a critical incident, life-circumstance change, or other

stressors.

Officers face trauma, shootings, and horrific accidents that have the potential to lead to mental health issues that are often untreated. Also, the rate of post-traumatic stress disorder and depression for law enforcement officers is significantly higher than the majority of the population.

The team is led by a steering committee including Team Coordinator Deputy Rick Mayer, Assistant Coordinator Deputy Lovato, and Acting Coordinators Victim Advocate Linda Carl and Sergeant James Evans. The next step is to continue to grow the team internally. Clinical oversight for the team is led by Dr. Suzy Coykendall.

The steering committee has attended several training days and additional training will be provided by Dr. Coykendall. For more information on the sheriff's office, please visit montrosecountysheriffsoffice.com.



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CITIZEN ASKS FOR COUNTY NOISE ORDINANCE; SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR GARRETT ESTATES CELLARS TASTING ROOM APPROVED



County resident Lynn Caretta asked the BOCC to work on a noise ordinance specific to barking dogs.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Pastor Fritz Krieger of the Orchard Valley Christian Fellowship delivered the invocation at the [regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners \(BOCC\)](#) on Wednesday, July 3. A county resident spoke in favor of a possible noise ordinance specific to barking dogs; BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash was not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Citizen Lynn Caretta addressed commissioners. "I am here again this year to talk about a noise ordinance," Caretta said, "that I am hoping someday becomes a reality. I am here to ask the commissioners to please consider that and work on that this year, in hopes that if a dog is barking over a certain period of time, that somehow we are able to help that dog out of that situation."

COUNTY MANAGER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously, including: [Resolutions 24-2019](#), regarding the Declaration of Surplus Property Disposal of light fleet vehicles, heavy fleet vehicles and equipment through advertisement, trade, auction, online auction, or scrap; and [25-2019](#), regarding the Declaration of Surplus Property Disposal of items and equipment located at the West End Road and Bridge yard and in the former welding shop at

the Fairgrounds through advertisement, trade, auction, online auction, or scrap.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Montrose Regional Airport Manager Lloyd Arnold presented three items for consideration. Approved unanimously were the [Consent to Change Control](#) of the Off-Airport Ground Transportation Agreement with CB Limo, LLC from Anthony Perez, owner, to Colorado West Transportation, Landon Ogilvie, owner; the [First](#)

[Amendment to the On-Call Aviation Engineering Services Agreement](#) entered into Nov. 21, 2018 with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., for terminal renovation/gate and hold room expansion (increasing gates in the hold room from three to four) a one-time expense not to exceed \$69,698.79 and to be completed by Dec. 1; and the [Second Amendment to the On-Call Aviation Engineering Services Agreement](#) entered into Nov. 21, 2018 with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., for project design review of the Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) electrical upgrade project, for a one-time expense not to exceed \$34,319.

Health & Human Services Purchaser Teri Watkins presented information on the approval and authorization of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) [contract #CT 2020*514](#), authorizing Montrose County as the interim fiscal agent for the West Region Healthcare Coalition (WRHC), of which Watkins is chair, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This is a budgeted, reimbursed expense not to exceed available funding of \$142,633. An interim fiscal agent is needed as the West Region Healthcare Coalition, which is not a business or a 501 c-3, transitions to from its previous fiscal agent, the Center for Mental Health, to Cedar Point Health in the coming months. The coalition includes area hospitals, emergency managers, service providers and coordinators.

WRHC Administrator Scott Hawkins said that funds will go toward education and training for partners and staff.

County Attorney Marti Whitmore pointed out that the contract places the responsibility for a work plan on Montrose County.

Said Commissioner Keith Caddy to Watkins, "We have a lot of confidence in you to do the right thing."

The contract was unanimously approved.

Public Works Director Keith Laube presented information on the purchase award of one additional 4,000-gallon water tank to Klein Products, Inc., of Jacksonville, Texas, the low bidder in the amount of \$29,836.25 per water tank during the County's January 2019 bid for three water tanks which were delivered previously. The new water tank will replace an existing water tank and will be paid for with funds from the 2019 Road and Bridge budget.

BOCC Chair Sue Hansen noted that the purchase was thoroughly vetted in work session; the purchase award was approved unanimously.

Montrose County Sheriff Gene Lillard asked the BOCC to authorize the annual [Victim Assistance & Law Enforcement \(VALE\) grant](#) effective Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2020, in the amount of \$38K. The authorization passed unanimously. "Thank you, Sheriff," Hansen said.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Resolution 26-2019 involved a [request for special use permit](#) to allow a tasting room in association with the Winery at Garrett Estates Cellars.

Continued from June 19 due to the sale of the property, the Resolution was presented by **Planning & Development Director Steve White**. The matter had previously come before the Planning Commission for a public hearing, White said. "Conditions were added to address any impacts to neighbors."

Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution 26-2019. Also approved was the proposed [Koza Right-of-Way Road Vacation & Dedication](#).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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CITY DISSOLVES DDA, MAYOR DAVE BOWMAN PROMOTES HIS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FROM THE DIAS From pg 1



Citizen Tricia Joy asked City Council to "remember on this July Fourth that we are a diverse community with diverse ideas."

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Local businesswoman Tricia Joy addressed Council, congratulating Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum on her recent appointment to the board of the Colorado Municipal League. "I trust you will represent us and all of the citizens of Montrose well," Joy said.

She pointed out that the statement read by Mayor Dave Bowman prior to the Call for Public Comment forbids "disagreements." Montrose is a community of belonging, Joy said. "To disagree with you is not to be disagreeable...it's ok to disagree...remember on this July Fourth that we are a diverse community with diverse ideas," she said. "Thank you very much."

Citizen Darlene Mora also spoke, to inform Council about graffiti tagging on the new concrete trail behind Mayfly Outdoors. "I was saddened by the ride I took down the river trail this morning," she said. "...do we need cameras? Do we need patrol officers? What do we need to do?" "This was the second round of graffiti," City manager Bill Bell said.

Mayor Bowman said, "We are trying to figure out what to do. I am sure it will be cleaned up as soon as possible."

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items were unanimously approved, including a Special Events alcohol permit to go with the closure of North Cascade Avenue for the KVN Studio "M"

Grand Opening on July 27.

ORDINANCE 2482-SECOND READING

After a number of citizens spoke against its passage, Ordinance 2482 was unanimously approved on second reading, dissolving the Montrose Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

DDA Board Chair Scott Riba reminded Council that government derives its power from the consent of the governed, forming the foundation of a "government of the people, by the people and for the people."

Riba read a Motion and Resolution prepared by the DDA board into the record. The resolution states that the Montrose City Council passed Ordinance 2482 on first reading at the June 17th council meeting; that the ordinance was not passed according to procedural rules requiring a roll-call vote; that the legal genesis of the Montrose DDA's formation and procedures for dissolution are in question; that the City of Montrose has duplicated services and costs to taxpayers by the formation of programs redundant to the DDA and engaged in unreconciled financial transactions on its behalf; that the Board of Directors of the DDA does not view the DDA's dissolution as in the best long-term interests of the downtown Montrose Community; that the City of Montrose has not provided adequate fiduciary stewardship of downtown taxpayer funds; that the DDA board opposes the passage of City Ordinance 2482; and that in order for the City of Montrose to appropriately satisfy its fiduciary responsibility and stewardship of Montrose downtown constituents and community resources, the City Council and offices must engage in a transparent dialogue and collaborative partnership with the DDA's board of directors through the expiration of their current and respective terms of office.

Numerous people have already signed a petition in support of the DDA, Riba said.

Also speaking to the issue was citizen Jim

"L.J." Anderson.

"Before you vote to dissolve the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), I can tell you there is a tidal wave of dissent within the community," Anderson said, "about your dissolving the Chamber of Commerce and the DDA. Sometimes these things surface slowly and build support...a large segment of this community is not happy at all."

Chris Whittaker spoke, reminding Council that the people of the district had voted to tax themselves to create the DDA. "If you dissolve the DDA, what happens to that tax?" she asked.

Masonic Building owner and former DDA board member Yvonne Meek expressed disappointment in the actions taken by City Council and staff to maintain control of the DDA and its finances over the years. "It's infuriating as a property owner...I am opposed to dissolving the DDA...I will not support the City taking that money."

"You guys are totally disrespecting the citizens," Meek said.

Councilor Doug Glaspell, who voted against Ordinance 2482 on first reading, said he was saddened by the situation. Still, "I have spent a lot of time researching DDA's around Colorado...I have seen a lot of enthusiasm in a lot of places that I have not seen here...without the support of the building owners and business people...I feel like the program here has not done well."

Councilor Roy Anderson called the DDA, "A good experiment in trying to improve Downtown...it hasn't really borne a lot of fruit."

Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum said, "For me it's really clear. The DDA is a tax funding mechanism for Downtown...it's time to admit it didn't work."

Councilor Judy Ann Files spoke by phone. "I agree...it's time to try something else."

Mayor Dave Bowman brought up his own past as a Main Street business owner and his "intimate involvement" with Downtown over 20 years. "I am disappointed to see this is where we've gotten...it really doesn't leave us any solution," Bowman said.

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CITY DISSOLVES DDA, MAYOR DAVE BOWMAN PROMOTES HIS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FROM THE DIAS From previous pg

APPOINTMENT TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Council voted unanimously to appoint Kenneth L. Huff to the City's Historic Preservation Commission for a term that expires on Oct. 16, 2020.

HORSEFLY ADDITION ANNEXATION-RESOLUTION 2019-18, FINDINGS OF FACT, AND ORDINANCE 2483

Council unanimously approved the Horsefly Addition Annexation, which has been exhaustively discussed in previous meetings and work sessions. Senior Planner Garry Baker presented information.

Adopted without comment after a public hearing were Resolution 2019-18, Findings of Fact for the annexation of the Horsefly Addition; and Ordinance 2483 on first reading, for the annexation of the Horsefly Addition.

At this point, Councilor Files hung up the phone and left the meeting.

After another public hearing, Ordinance 2484 passed on first reading, zoning the Horsefly Addition as I-1 light industrial.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT FOR BROWN CENTER FACILITY

City Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner provided background information on the lease amendment, which was discussed June 17 in work session. The facility houses farm workers for Tuxedo Corn in summer and serves the Lighthouse Homeless Shelter in winter. It recently was used to house workers from the Civilian Conservation Corps, who were in Montrose for six weeks earlier this year, Turner said. "They enjoyed the accommodations out there," Turner said.

The lease is being amended because the

lessee will assume responsibility for grounds care and landscape maintenance.

In response to concerns expressed by Files at the work session, Turner suggested specifying a maximum overnight occupancy of 30. "If found to be exceeding that they would be in default of the lease."

The amendment to the commercial lease agreement passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

City grant writer Kendall Cramer said that recent grant applications were successful, including a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant on behalf of the Center for Mental Health and a Peace Officers' mental health grant to purchase an equipped vehicle for the Montrose Police Department's clinician/co-responder and fund peer-support counseling for police. In addition, DOLA will fund a \$10K technical assistance grant for the City's comprehensive planning process, Cramer said.

Mayor Bowman said, "Kendall you have just saved the City so much money, at some point we ought to have a total of how much Kendall has saved..."

"I thought you were going to say, a pay raise," Cramer said.

Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler provided an update on the upcoming Fourth of July festivities. "I think it's going to be a really great day in Montrose," she said. Morgenthaler also mentioned the Montrose Summer Music Series event on Friday, July 5 at the City's Black Canyon Golf Course.

City Manager Bill Bell discussed the recent Montrose youth baseball tournament, "We had more than 1,000 visitors from Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico... there were 90 baseball games over a two-day period...I was at Crash Burger and it

took 40 minutes; I had to wait in line behind nine other cars."

"Congratulations on a great tournament," Bowman said, "...Obviously it was a big impact on the local economy. Sports tourism is great for all the kids and families; it's also great for the local economy."

Councilor Doug Glaspell said, "It's really great to see so much activity...I was inside Crash Burger--it was just as bad."

Mayor Pro Tem Bynum said that a swim meet the previous weekend also brought 700 people to town. "We used to buy them lunch, but this year we sent them out into the community—sorry!"

Councilor Anderson also mentioned the youth baseball tournament; "My grandson played...there were tons of comments people made were about how awesome the fields were...it's a tribute to staff and all the people of Montrose."

At the close of the regular meeting, Bowman thanked Montrose County Commissioner Sue Hansen for attending.

Bowman then promoted his Montrose Summer Music Series, waving a poster from the dias.

Bowman refuted the idea that the series is paid for by government and thanked the business sponsors.

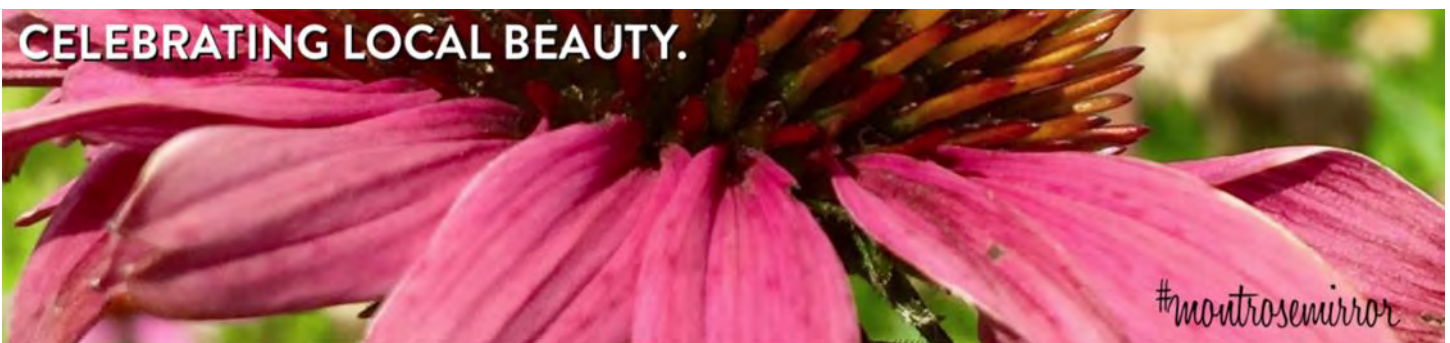
"We have private sponsors...it doesn't happen in a vacuum and it doesn't happen because of government...I am just lucky to be the president of the board," he said.

Bowman also promoted his Acoustic Tuesday event from 5 to 8 p.m. July 9 in the Pocket Park Downtown.

"It's free...we sell beer to pay the band! Another great community event because of great community businesses!"

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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GMUG TO CO-HOST OPEN HOUSE EVENTS ON DRAFT LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Special to the Mirror

DELTA – The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forest in partnership with area counties will co-host several open houses to provide opportunities for citizens to preview the working draft and maps and interact with forest leadership and subject matter experts. The open houses will be held in local communities from 5-7 p.m. between July 9 and July 18.

Open House Schedule

July 9 - Hotchkiss, Heritage Hall, 403

East Bridge Street

July 10 - Palisade, Community Center, 120 West 8th Street

July 11 - Montrose, Montrose County

Event Center, 1036 North 7th Street

July 16 - Norwood, Lone Cone Library, 1455 Pinion Street

July 17 - Ridgway, Ridgway 4H Cen-

ter & Fairgrounds, 22739 US-550

July 18 - Gunnison, Fred Field Center, Van Tuyl Room, 275 South Spruce Street

The working draft of the forest's land management plan is [available online](#) for citizens to preview it, engage in the revision process and provide feedback by July 29, 2019.

Please submit feedback on the working draft online at: http://fs.usda.gov/goto/gmug/forestplan_comments; by email at

gmugforestplan@fs.fed.us; by fax, 970-874-6698, or by mail to Planning Team, 2250 South Main Street, Delta, CO 81416.

The preview is a preliminary step before the release of the draft land management plan and associated environmental documents.

The release of the draft plan, tentatively scheduled for the winter of 2020, will initiate the official comment period.

For more information, please contact the planning team at gmugforestplan@fs.fed.us or visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/gmug/landmanagement/planning>.

OWL CREEK PASS RD OPEN, SUMMER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS HAVE BEGUN

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The Owl Creek Pass road (NFSR 858) officially opened July 6. Road had been closed due to above average snow-pack. Summer construction projects have

already began in the vicinity of the pass. Visitors and recreationalist can expect up to 2 hour traffic delays. Project consists of removing and replacing culverts, improving the road surface and bridge maintenance.

Caution is advised as heavy equipment will be entering and exiting the roadway. For additional information, project updates or questions please contact Chris Phelps Christopher.phelps@usda.gov.

VOYAGER YOUTH PROGRAM IS JULY 2019 RIDGWAY CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH

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and organizations, the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce has selected Voyager Youth Program as the July 2019 RACC Member of the Month.

Voyager Youth Program was founded in 1997 by a group of concerned parents in response to a series of incidents involving underage substance use. It has grown into

a multi-faceted nonprofit entity with a mission to *inspire* the youth of Ouray County to achieve healthy lives through prevention education and experiential activities with a purpose, in partnership with schools and community.

The nonprofit's three strategic goals are: to encourage a youth culture that values all aspects of physical and emotional wellness; to encourage a youth culture that embraces healthy alternatives to substance use and other risk behaviors; to encourage connection between youth and the larger Ouray County community through recreational, community service, and leadership opportunities.

To learn more about Voyager Youth Program, go online to [https://ridgwaycolorado.com/news-events/394-](https://ridgwaycolorado.com/news-events/394-june-2019-business-of-the-month-eatery-66)

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For information about education in Ridgway, go to <https://ridgwaycolorado.com/businesses/museums-education>.

The Ridgway Chamber (<https://ridgwaycolorado.com/about>) is organized to achieve the objectives of promoting business and community growth and development in the Town of Ridgway and the surrounding area.

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MONTROSE-The Montrose Official Recall Governor Jared Polis Montrose County is in full swing. We have an OFFICE located at 156 Colorado Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401. Hours 11am to 5pm Monday thru Friday.

We have 8 Volunteers working in the office. Our objective until the Recall Petitions may be signed, is to make everyone aware of what Governor Polis has done and is doing to Colorado. We are trying to build our group up to have the man power to get the 900,000 signatures that we need to accomplish our GOAL of recalling Governor Polis. In Montrose County we have over 700 members, we need more than 2500 signatures from Montrose County. This is not going to be an easy task, because this person spent over \$25,000,000 to get elected as Governor and is willing to spend a lot more to keep the Governorship of Colorado. There are several Groups in Colorado trying to start other Recalls on Governor Polis, all that they are doing is defeating any and all chances for the Recall to be successful. There are people who think that the Governor is behind these Groups. The group DISMISS POLIS is even releasing to the News Medias that all of the Recall Organizations have joined their Group. THIS IS NOT TRUE!! Dismiss Polis is a new group who was filed with the State of Colorado about 2 weeks ago. They have a small Membership and very little money

to operate on, unless they have a big money backer that has a lot to loose if the Recall is Successful.

If you are contacted to Volunteer or to make a Donation and have been thinking about either one, before you do go to our office at 156 Colorado Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401 and ask questions and get the answers about the REAL RECALL GOVERNOR POLIS GROUP. We have over 60,000 members State wide and have more than \$100,000 collected in donations. We welcome your questions about the Recall of Polis, we have nothing to hide ALL THAT WE WANT IS TO GET GOVERNOR POLIS RECALLED. Ask Dismiss Polis why they waited so long to get started, how many members do they have (have them show you their lists of names), who are their Officers of Record with the State of Colorado, and how many \$\$\$\$ do they have and show you where it came from. We know that it is going to cost excess of \$2,500,000.00 to Recall Governor Jared Polis.

Some of the things that Governor Polis has put through are:

1. Full Day Kindergarten Projected 99% Enrollment, Expectation 85%, Price Tag \$40,000,000.00 more than Anticipated. Where is this \$40,000,000.00 coming from? You the Tax Payer.
2. HB-1032 A more clear agenda was mapped out for the 900,000 Public school students with the intersex ed bill, also known as the sex ed bill.

3. The most significant bill is the HB 1124, making COLORADO A SANCTUARY STATE.

The bill prohibits a law enforcement officer from arresting or detain-

ing an individual solely on the basis of a civil immigration detainer from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency, and it prohibits a probation officer or probation department employee from providing an individual's personal information to federal immigration authorities. This bill reflects a new policy in Colorado. If these are the kind of new bills that you want for your families and friends to have, then this is not for you, but if you do not like what this Governor is doing then JOIN OUR GROUP and help Recall Governor Jared Polis.

I would like to think all of you in Western Colorado that are helping on this Recall. It is very important that this Recall is successful, if you want the STATE to be like it was when we had Governors that ran our State like Governor Dan Thornton 1951 thru 1955, Governor John Love 1963 thru 1973, Governor Richard Lamm 1975 Thru 1987, Governor Bill Owens 1999 thru 2007, Governor Bill Ritter 2007 thru 2011. These Governor listened to the Voters. Not like Jared Polis who doesn't listen to anybody.



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POLICE OFFICER SWORN IN, CITY CONTINUES PUBLIC SAFETY TALKS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-A certified patrol officer was sworn in prior to the [Montrose City Council work session](#) of Monday, July 1. Joining the Montrose Police Department is Troy Tomasko, who most recently worked in Gilpin County. Tomasko has six years of law enforcement experience; his wife and children joined him at the ceremony.

Police Chief Blaine Hall reminded Tomasko that being a police officer in the City of Montrose is a team effort, and, "Your integrity is everything."

Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum participated in the work session by phone; Councilor Judy Ann Files was not in attendance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Dave Bowman switched the order of the two discussion items; the first to be briefly discussed was a **Victim Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant Application**. The grant pays 51 percent of the salary for the Victims' Advocate.

Details of the proposed **Public Safety Sales Tax** increase were considered, including funds that could potentially be raised with increases of various percentage levels. The Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee has recommended a sales tax increase to fund public safety improvements, including new police officers and a new police facility.

"We will be talking about the sales tax to fund 20 additional personnel and a new police station," Mayor Dave Bowman said.

Background: According to the [City web site](#), the current City of Montrose sales tax rate is 3 percent. Total sales tax also includes 0.3 percent for the Montrose Recreation District; 1.75 percent for Montrose County; and 2.9 percent for the State of Colorado.

The total sales tax rate is 8.75 percent for restaurants and 8.85 percent for hotel/lodging establishments.

The City does not impose a property tax; instead, Montrose is one of the few municipalities in Colorado that charges sales tax on food purchased for home consumption.

Discussion: City Manager Bill Bell provided a spread sheet with revenue projec-

tions based on sales tax revenues from 2018. An increase of .5 percent would generate \$2.97M annually; an increase of .45 percent would generate \$2.65M. An increase of .6 percent would bring in \$3.57M. With an estimated \$9-12M needed for a new police facility, Bell also presented projections of the funds that would be needed to pay the costs of additional personnel in perpetuity.

"...an ongoing need of \$3.1M to 3.5M looks like a reasonable amount to cover," Bell said.

Councilor Roy Anderson said, "I like the idea of sunseting part of it...there should be a definite date."

Mayor Bowman asked about Grand Junction's current sales tax rate. "We need to raise the amount of money we need, and we need to be conscious of the City sales tax our neighbors charge."

According to the [City of Grand Junction web site](#), the City of Grand Junction has a sales tax of 2.75 percent and the combined tax rate there is 8.02 percent.

"I don't believe they tax food in Grand Junction," Councilor Doug Glaspell said.

By phone, Bynum asked about the current level of funding for the police department, and whether some of the need could be met with existing funds. "Is the money not available currently? How much of an increase could we fund out of existing revenue?"

Police Chief Blaine Hall said that in 2011, \$5M was allotted for the police department. In 2019 the budget was just over \$7M. "We have had a 2.1 to 2.2M increase over the span of eight years," Hall said, adding that the City has budgeted for two additional patrol officers each year. Though the City has increased the public safety budget significantly over the past year, "We haven't been able to keep up," Hall said.

Each year a certain amount is allocated toward public safety, City Manager Bill Bell



Patrol Officer Troy Tomasko, accompanied by family, was sworn in as a Montrose Police Officer July 1.

said. Still, "We have 200 plus employees and other vital services."

"We need a much larger infusion of money to tip the scales," Bynum said. "...we need to look at what amount could possibly come out of existing funds...I don't think all of it should come out of the new tax."

Said Glaspell, "We need to look at how we are going to handle the long-term inflationary rate."

Bowman said, "Should we go for some type of sales tax increase? It sounds like the decision has sort of been made...what percentage do we need and when do we do it?"

Discussion turned to the pros and cons of placing the ballot question before voters in November or next April, and what percentage of sales tax increase to ask for. "We don't have to decide on a number today," Councilor Roy Anderson said. Ballot questions in Montrose tend to be more successful in April, Bell said. An April election would allow more time to plan and study the numbers, Glaspell said.

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said that the public safety sales tax question is much more critical than the recent rec and school district elections.

"We can't let up on our momentum," Alcorn said. "We have to make a concerted effort to keep the pressure on."

Bynum said that a November ballot issue

NEW POLICE OFFICER SWORN IN, CITY CONTINUES PUBLIC SAFETY DISCUSSION

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is not out of the question. "Three months of solid information is enough time...if we think it's important, we also think it's urgent."

Glaspell said, "The momentum is going right now. If we wait until April it would be difficult to regenerate." To be placed on the November ballot, content must be certified by Sept. 5, City Clerk Lisa Del-Piccolo said. Council will continue the discussion at the work session of July 15.

COMMENTS

Council and staff discussed upcoming events, and recent successes. The State's Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) will host a Rural Prosperity Road Show at the Montrose

County Event Center July 11, Bowman said.

Police Chief Blaine Hall was recently nominated and voted onto the board of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP), to represent the Southwest region of the state. Hall thanked Council for their continued support.

"It's going to be great to have a voice from the 7th Judicial District on the state chiefs' board," Hall said.



Public Safety Advisory Committee member J. David Reed listens to the discussion at the July 1 Montrose City Council work session.

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TROOPER TIPS: MOTORCYCLE SAFETY



Trooper Gary Cutler.
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By Trooper Gary Cutler
COLORADO- According to the meteorologists it is now officially summer. So that means there will be a lot more motorcycles on our roadways. So that is this month's topic.

I was a motor officer for the State Patrol for 11 years, so I have a few insights when dealing with this topic. No matter what angle or side you pick on the subject, it always comes down to one important item: safety for everyone involved is paramount.

When it comes to motorcycles, they are smaller and quicker than other vehicles and have ways of hiding in the blind spots of drivers. When driving, do a double look of your blind spots to make sure a motorcycle has not slipped into that hidden area. Motorcycle riders make sure you aren't hanging out in the blind spot. Re-

member if you can't see them, they can't see you.

At intersections it's important for riders to make sure they have eye contact with other motorists so you know they are aware you are there. This is especially true when making left turns.

Drivers make sure you maintain an adequate following distance behind motorcycles. Rear-ending a motorcycle can be deadly to the rider. Motorcycles are legally entitled to their own lane of traffic. In no situation are you allowed to drive or pass a motorcycle while in the same lane. The same goes for the motorcycle rider. Just because you are smaller, does not mean you get to pass a car in the same lane.

From my experience of riding I know it's fun to really come in fast and low on the lean when navigating tight curves, but it is dangerous. If you're in the curve and run across an animal or object in the roadway, odds are you are going to hit it or at least go down hard. Use caution when riding in the hills. One of the most common reasons for single motorcycle crashes that I

have investigated is going too fast around curves.

Here are a few quick tips for motorcycle riders:

- Follow traffic rules, this means go the speed limit, don't pass on solid lines.
- Ride defensively; limit lane changes just to get around traffic. Watch for oncoming cars and obstacles on the roadway. Leave room for an escape route.
- Keep your riding skills honed through education: Take advanced motorcycle riding courses. It's easy to get a motorcycle license, so learn the skills needed to stay safe.

Lastly, I personally recommend wearing a helmet. I know Colorado does not have a mandatory helmet law, but all it takes is one mistake on your part or others that can be the difference between life and death.

Live to ride another day, wear a helmet, safety glasses, and leather gloves.

Remember that there is no such thing as a fender-bender for a motorcycle rider. They are completely exposed.

As always, safe travels!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER DENIED; DELTA COUNTY LAWSUIT DROPPED

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-On June 28, 2019 Citizens for a Healthy Community (CHC), voluntarily withdrew a lawsuit against Delta County after Judge Steven Patrick, District Court Judge, denied a temporary restraining order.

CHC filed a lawsuit against the County claiming Delta County had failed to properly follow its land use process and procedures in approving a seismic exploration project for Gunnison Energy, LLC. CHC also filed the temporary restraining order to prevent Delta County from allowing

Gunnison Energy, LLC to proceed with their project.

A hearing on the temporary restraining order was held on June 19, 2019. Judge Patrick denied the temporary restraining order stating that CHC "did not meet the burden of real immediate injury or irreparable harm as more fully discussed on the record". Citizens for a Healthy Community has since publicly stated that Judge Patrick "did find procedural harm in the application process as a result of Delta County's failure to request and consider information required by its regulations."

Delta County wishes to correct the public record.

Judge Patrick **did not find any fault in Delta County's processing of the request, or of procedural harm.**

In the transcript of the court proceedings, Judge Patrick makes no reference to procedural harm, and makes no such statements that the County was at fault. Judge Patrick only discussed whether a temporary restraining order was warranted, and found that it was not, and that CHC had failed to demonstrate irreparable harm.

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ART & SOL

THE MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE...OUR STORY



The Magic Circle Theatre today. Montrose's thriving community theater began in the summer of 1959, at the old Armory building.

By Lisa Rediger

I am a fifth generation Montrose native and have managed Montrose's own community theatre, Magic Circle Players for 13 years. My story begins in Montrose and at Magic Circle Theatre.

Records show that my mother's ancestors settled in Montrose in 1884, just two years after Montrose was incorporated. My great-great-grandfather, F. D. Catlin shared a law practice with John C. Bell. Grandpa and Grammy Catlin hosted President William Howard Taft for a dinner in their home during the Opening of the Gunnison Tunnel in 1909; they served

the youngest and she was the first one to introduce me to musicals; I remember being twirled around her kitchen, singing "Shall We Dance?" from *The King and I*.

My dad's grandparents came from Missouri and farmed in Olathe; his Dad moved to town (Montrose) and worked for Farm Bureau Insurance before opening his own business, Tabor Insurance. My Grandma Bunny was the first person to take me to a Magic Circle Production; she was a Season Ticket holder and we saw *Oklahoma!* in 1984. Ironically, my daughter was in Magic Circle's 2010 production of *Oklahoma!*

trout, and had to purchase larger plates for the fish to fit. Their daughter Marguerite married Charles Joseph Moynihan. "Bobo" and "Dado" raised four children, my grandmother, Peggy Moynihan McCaffrey ("Maggie"), was

My mom was cast in *I Remember Mama* in 1962 and, although she was a talented vocalist and actor, theatre just wasn't her thing, but Maggie continued sewing costumes regardless. Before one of our founding members, Meredyth Dickerson, passed away, she brought by some of her old scripts and I found a treasure: her script from *I Remember Mama* with all the cast listed! There it was: Kathleen McCaffrey penciled in beside her character. With Meredyth's permission, that script joined my own collection.

Magic Circle Players' story began in the summer of 1959 when Bette Dustin Spiro, a Chicago radio actress, moved to Montrose and convinced a group of friends to put on a play. Bette's daughter recently sent the following e-mail: "My mom chose the name (Magic Circle Players) based on her theatrical philosophy. For her, theatre is comprised of a circle; playwright, cast and crew, and the audience, who complete the circle - and magic is created. It's a long time since Mom produced at the old Armory building on Townsend Avenue with howitzers pushed to the far walls and covered with flats."

Gerree Nash, who performed in 1959's inaugural production, *Green Grow the*

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Lilacs, said, "We got so used to the howitzers hanging over us that we used them for coat hangers." The Armory was the inaugural home of the newly minted Magic Circle Players and Bette directed most of the productions until 1966 when she moved to Denver. The fledgling theatre group had the potential to "fall to pieces," said Marguerite Lathrop in the 1960's but it continued to thrive under volunteers who rose to the challenge of keeping their community theatre alive.

By the 1970's, a lack of intentionality on the part of actors and directors and general apathy from the crowds, caused the community theatre to face a "bury or revive" decision. In March 1980, after nearly a decade of falling sales, a classic production with an enthusiastic cast and a big heart revived the theatre. According to newspaper reports, *South Pacific* saved the theatre. As the energy and professionalism returned, so did the audiences.

Following an extensive fundraising campaign, in 1974, Magic Circle Players moved to its current location at 420 South 12th Street. Through the efforts of volunteers and generous donations, we own the building and have a 99- year lease on the property. The property is owned by Volunteers of America and was the site of the public swimming pool before it relocated to Colorado Avenue. (My parents met at that swimming pool during the week of

the 1963 County Fair, and I remember summer swimming lessons, and the smell of chlorine in the summer sun.) In 2013, the Board of Governors began the process of adding on additional storage and a larger shop. The Board launched a capital campaign; Mark Smith, Sheryl Solow and Jim Isler wrote grants and we were able to hire Walker & Krill, who erected the first building in 1974, to complete the addition. Board member, Dave Frank, offered his expertise and a crew of volunteers donated hours and hours to make the "new addition" a reality.

Volunteers still power Magic Circle Players, and we credit our longevity and success to our volunteers who give hundreds of their hours because they love theatre or because someone in their family is involved. (It has been my joy to act with, and direct my husband and children.) Our leading actors have been drama camp volunteers; our patrons have served on the season selection committee; our board members have built sets; our playwrights have costumed shows; our costumers have also directed shows, our tech crews have acted; our accountant will usher – for the love of theatre we do what it takes for the show to go on!

Magic Circle Players is among the oldest community theatres in Colorado, and we recognize that we thrive through the generous support of corporate sponsors, pa-

trons, and season ticket holders. With the constant support of our community, we are celebrating 60 years of live theatre in Montrose. "Bette's philosophy of theatre," as recorded by Meredyth Dickerson in June 1986, "was one of education. She felt it was the responsibility of the play's director to provide a balanced season, to continue to expand the horizons of the theatregoer, to help actors and technicians to grow and develop their hidden talents." The Magic Circle Board of Governors still adheres to this philosophy when selecting a season line-up. While big name, well-known musicals are the most popular and biggest money makers, we make an effort to produce varied offerings. For example, in 2016, our production of the Pulitzer Prize winning drama *The Rabbit Hole* explored a family's process of death, loss and grief. Some guests were so touched by this production, that they confided their own stories of loss. Theatre is intended to entertain, but also has the capacity to touch emotion, to challenge us and to make us think.

At Magic Circle Theatre, it has been our privilege to entertain, educate and involve our community in quality live theatre. Thank you for attending our productions, for donating generously so we continue to grow and thrive, and for supporting our efforts. We look forward to another 60 years of excellence in community theatre.

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David will play a program based around Spanish, Flamenco, Up-Tempo Latin, original settings of Leonard Cohen, Rolling Stones', Neil Young songs, as well as music by the Beatles, J.S. Bach and original compositions.

As lead guitarist with the Terra Nova Consort, David has toured North America and Europe extensively and opened the *Tage Alter und Neuer Musik Regens-*

burg 2003 Festival with the ensemble. His performances have been broadcast on American National Public Radio and *Bayrische Rundfunk*, including both the nationally syndicated *Performance Today* (live performance/interview in Washington D.C. NPR studio 4A) and *Harmonia* programs.

David has recorded for *Dorian*, *Callisto* and *Focus* Recordings. He has given recitals and conducted master classes throughout North America, including performances and classes at the San Francisco Conservatory and the University of Southern California and The Interlochen National Arts Camp.

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CMU PROFESSOR JOHN NIZALOWSKI TRACES THE ORIGINS OF SCIENCE FICTION

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MONTROSE-Amazing! Astounding! Follow along on Wednesday, July 17, from 7-8:30 pm in the Montrose Library Meeting Room, as CMU professor John Nizalowski traces the development of science fiction—in print and media—from its pulp origins in the 1920's and 1930's, through the Golden Age of the 1940's & 1950's, to the New Wave movement of the 1960's and 1970's. Nizalowski has written extensively about science-fiction and fantasy and interviewed such luminaries of fantastic fiction as George R. R. Martin and Roger Zelazny. He teaches mythology, creative writing, and composition at Colorado Mesa University.



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HOUSE OF CHIN SERVES UP GOODNESS IN DELTA

By Carole Ann McKelvey

DELTA – Wandering the streets of our neighbor to the north, Michael and I came upon this little gem. Authentic Chinese cuisine in Delta? Bring it on!

Hard to believe that just off Main Street (Hwy 50) in Delta you can find a little hole-in-the-wall Chinese place to satisfy that craving. And at a great price that won't break the bank.

Dine in or order to take out and you won't be disappointed.

The menu is broken down into the typical oriental way with appetizers (\$3.50-7), soups (\$2.50 for small, up to \$8.25 for a large serving), a couple of salads (\$7.95-8.25) and surprise (!) Pan Fried Teriyaki ranging from \$9.95 to \$14.50, chicken, beef, shrimp and combo. All served with steamed or fried rice, soup or salad. Now, my friend Michael always has soup and he chose to try the hot and sour – no disappointment here. Very tasty with pork and lots of veggies.

As we often do – and our waistlines prove – we share an entree. This day the House of Chin Special Beef served with Teriyaki Chicken was calling our

name. Served with steamed or fried rice (we picked steamed) and soup (Mike's hot and sour) or salad, and egg roll and fried wonton with dipping sauce.

We couldn't finish the large helping we were served to share – so, two meals for the price of one. But it was delicious. The House of Chin serves up 18 choices for dinner combination plates, all served for \$13.75, including Moo Goo Gai Pan with Sweet and Sour Shrimp, or maybe Kung Pao Shrimp and Sweet and Sour Chicken. Or, other great selections of typical Chinese and/or Laotian fare to choose from. No way to list the choices here, go to House of Chin on-line to see them all.

Some that stood out, which we will surely sample in the future, include Chow Mein or Lo Mein offerings (\$9.75 - \$10.25) or Thai offerings like Pad Thai, Shanghai Garlic Noodle or many more. Dinner specials here range from spicy to happy combinations and the prices are very affordable. Mike was happy to see they served Thai Tea; me, regular iced tea with lemon, please.

The next time? I think we might share the Szechuan Family with shrimp, chicken,



beef, carrots, bell peppers, onions, snow peas, celery and mushrooms in brown sauce, \$13.95. Now doesn't that sound scrumptious. Or, maybe a Seafood Combination (San Diego bred Michael does love his seafood), with lobster, shrimp, imitation crab meat and scallops with mixed veggies in white sauce, \$15.95.

Lunch specials offered here from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. come with soup or salad, rice, egg roll and cheese wonton from \$7.75 - \$8.50.

Dessert? Well, see what your fortune cookie has in store.

House of Chin Oriental Restaurant, 970-874-5229, 142 Eaton Ave., Delta. Open Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. with dine-in ending 30 minutes before closing. Hours may vary. Some orders must be placed a day ahead of time.

News, if unreported, has no impact.
It might as well have not happened at all.
Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.

READER PHOTOS...FROM OURAY TO PAONIA



Photographer Deb Reimann snapped a Weidemeyer's Admiral Butterfly, above, and an old barn, right, near Ouray.



At left and below, Jon Nelson of Delta County Living snapped these photos during the annual Cherry Days Parade on July 4 in Paonia.



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

24TH ANNUAL BLACK CANYON QUILT SHOW CELEBRATES THEME: LIBERTY, FRONT PORCHES AND LEMONADE

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-The 24th annual Black Canyon Quilt Show, with the theme "Liberty, Front Porches and Lemonade," will be held at the Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Dr., Montrose, CO on July 12—14, 2019. Show hours for Friday and Saturday are from 9 to 5 and on Sunday from 10 to 4. Adult admission is \$5. Children under 12 are admitted free.

Features of this year's show include:

Wednesday, July 10 at 6 p.m. a pre-show lecture by Judges Barb Broshous and Pamela Walch entitled "It All Counts, Preparing Your Quilt for Competition." In addition, the Judges' Choice quilts will be revealed, as will the quilt that has been chosen "Best of Show." Admission: \$5. Tickets available at the door. Holiday Inn Apex Room, 1391 S. Townsend. Public welcome. More than 150 quilts on display. Queen Sized Raffle Quilt, entitled "Liberty, Front Porches & Lemonade," made by members of the three sponsoring Guilds: Columbine, Friendship and San Juan. Gale Smith's quilting enhances the detailed piecing. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and may be purchased at the show or from Guild members.

Vendors—both old favorites and some new ones will be present. Kits, fabric, baltiks, notions, patterns, garments, jewelry,

and ideas will be offered.

Bring your scissors and pinking shears with you and they can be sharpened while you view the quilts or shop the boutique.

The traditional "Black Canyon Boutique" with hand-made items donated by Guild members will run throughout the show.

There will be quilts of all sizes, place mats, table runners, aprons, wall hangings, Christmas ornaments, pot holders, purses, note cards, baby items, etc. Proceeds from the Boutique will benefit the "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" bed project.

Quilting Classes on Friday and Saturday, taught by quilt artists J. Michelle Watts and Laura Pedge.

View the Black Canyon Quilt Show website www.blackcanyonquiltshow.com for registration and pricing information and for supply lists. Saturday afternoon lecture, beginning at 2 p.m., by quilt artist, J. Michelle Watts from New Mexico. The lecture is entitled "How Does It Get from an Idea to a



Quilt?" Cost to attend the lecture is \$10.00. Tickets will be available at the door.

The public is invited to attend. Free hourly demonstrations on Sunday afternoon from Noon to 3 p.m. by Guild members showcasing wool work, appliqué, and art quilting.

As always, the public will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite quilt to receive the Viewer's Choice award.



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COMMUNITY YARD SALE TO SUPPORT VETERANS

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OLATHE-The American Legion Auxiliary Olathe Unit 24 and Delta Unit 65 are sponsoring a community yard sale at the American Legion Hall at 315 S 5th Street in Olathe on Friday, July 12, and Saturday, July 13, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Auxiliary is looking for individuals or organizations to rent indoor or outdoor spaces to sell their yard sale/flea market items. Indoor spaces are \$25 and outdoor spaces are \$20. The Auxiliary is also looking for donations for their booth at the yard sale. All proceeds from the booth rental and Auxiliary booth will be used to carry out activities of the Auxiliary for the next year. To

reserve a space or make a donation contact the Auxiliary at alaunit24olatheco@gmail.com or leave a message at 970-823-2403. Spiers-Dennis American Legion Auxiliary Unit 24 was chartered in June 1925, and is named in honor of Pvt. Earl C. Spiers and SM John T. Dennis(USN). We are the female relatives of members of The American Legion OR men and women who were eligible to be in the American Legion. Our mission is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and

abroad. We advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security. Nationally, the American Legion Auxiliary has threequarters of a million members. It is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization and is one of the nation's most prominent supporters of veterans, military, and their families. In 2014, Colorado American Legion Auxiliary members reported volunteering 113,671 hours and donating \$159,869.55 in dollars and in kind donations to support veterans, the active duty military, their families and our communities.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

WHEATON COLLEGE STUDENT CALEB EGBERT NAMED TO SPRING 2019 DEAN'S LIST

Special to Art & Sol

WHEATON, IL-- Wheaton College student Caleb Egbert of Montrose, Colorado, was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester. To earn Dean's List honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

[Wheaton College](http://wheaton.edu) (Wheaton, Ill.) is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its rigorous academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts colleges in the country. For more information, visit wheaton.edu.

OCHS PRESENTS "THE MINE NEXT DOOR" AT WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE ON JULY 9

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OURAY-- Learn about the rich and fascinating history of the Idarado Mine at a special Evenings of History presentation at the Wright Opera House on Tuesday, July 9. This event features a catered reception, a panel discussion featuring a variety of current and former Idarado/Newmont employees, and the Ouray premiere of filmmaker Brett Scheckengost's documentary short film about the Idarado Mine.

Scheckengost's film complements the 10-part "Mine Next Door" article series by Samantha Tisdal Wright, printed in *The Watch* and the *Ouray County Plaindealer* last summer. Both the film and article se-

ries were commissioned by Newmont Goldcorp in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the launch of Idarado's environmental remediation in 1993.

From its compelling origins as a base metal producer in support of the US war effort in WWII to its innovative, award-winning reclamation, Idarado has stamped its legacy on Ouray, Telluride and the mountains that connect them.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the rich and fascinating history of the Mine Next Door! The reception begins at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m. Seating is first-come, first-



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served. A \$5 entry donation benefits the Ouray County Historical Society.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR HOPEWEST KIDS CAMP GOOD GRIEF

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REGIONAL-- HopeWest Kids is still accepting registrations for Camp Good Grief, a summer camp for children, entering third through eighth grades, who have lost a loved one. The camp provides a weekend of hope, healing, and support for nearly 70 children across western Colorado.

The weekend summer camp will take place from July 19 through 21 at Camp Cedaredge. Transportation to camp will be provided from designated locations in Grand Junction, Montrose, and Delta.

Supported by trained volunteers referred to as "buddies," campers are guided

through activities to explore their grief in a safe, compassionate environment. Children and teens will work in age-specific groups allowing participants to connect with peers facing similar experiences. Activities facilitated by the HopeWest Kids counselors include group exercises, a memorial service, and even a dance party bring a new understanding surrounding feelings of grief.

"Losing someone you love is hard for anyone to handle but can be especially confusing and painful for children and teens," said Joni Beckner, Director of Youth Services at HopeWest. "Camp Good

Grief will allow kids to learn coping tools, develop a better understanding of their grief, and help them keep positive memories of their loved one close to their heart."

Registration is open until July 14. Thanks to grants and donations, the cost to attend camp is only \$35 per participant. The participation fee includes transportation, room, meals, and activities. Scholarships are available for those who are unable to meet the cost of Camp Good Grief. For more information, please call (970) 245-5377 or visit HopeWestCO.org/camp-good-grief-form-2019.

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@bosombuddieswc.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 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 Sharp-ening, 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 13--Ridgway State Park, at 7:30p.m. "History of the Ute Indians and the Bears Ears National Monument" by Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk.

July 14--On Sunday, July 14th, from 8:30-10 pm, Take a Full Moon Cruiser Ride with Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance. Cruise around town under the full moon while jammin' to some awesome tunes! We will leave from 2 Rascals Brewing at 8:30pm. Free event!

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 17--From 7-8:30 pm in the Montrose Library Meeting Room, CMU professor John Nizalowski traces the development of science fiction—in print and media—from its pulp origins in the 1920's and 1930's, through the Golden Age of the 1940's & 1950's, to the New Wave movement of the 1960's and 1970's.

July 19--Ridgway State Park, 7:30p.m. "The Blue Bird Trail" by Kevin Corwin, Colorado Bluebird Project, long-time volunteer and talented speaker.

July 20--Ridgway State Park, 7:30 p.m. "Wildflowers of the San Juan Region" Join local authors Mary Menz and Jim Pisarowicz for a visual presentation and book signing of their recently published wildflower guide.

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.

Aug. 31--Solo guitarist David Rogers performs Saturday, Aug. 31 at 7:30 pm at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery, 68 S. Grand Ave, Montrose, CO 81401 (323) 270-6284. \$15 - \$20. To learn more visit <http://www.healthyrhythm.net> or <http://www.davidrogersguitar.com/>

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4TH OF JULY PARTY @ THE PARK...



The local band Ulterior Motive provided entertainment after the Fourth of July Parade, during the after-party in Cerise Park. Photos by Brad Switzer.

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