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DEDICATION PLANNED FOR RENAMING OF POST OFFICE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-A dedication ceremony will be held at the Montrose Elks Lodge (801 S. Hillcrest) to honor fallen Montrose Police Sergeant David Kinterknecht at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 25. The local Post Office building has been renamed in his honor. Speakers will include: from Congressman Scott Tipton's office, George Rossman; Montrose Mayor Dave Bowman; Montrose Chief of Police Blaine Hall; Former Montrose Chief of Police Tom Chinn; Postal Inspector in Charge Bill Hedrick; and USPS Colorado/Wyoming District Manager Humberto Trujillo.

On Dec. 21, 2018, Public Law No. 115-366 designated the facility of the United States Postal Service in Montrose, Colorado as the "Sergeant David Kinterknecht Post Office Building." Sergeant Kinterknecht, a Montrose Police Department officer, lost his life in the line of duty July 25, 2009 while responding to a domestic violence call. His wife, two daughters, and three stepsons survive him.



The Downtown Montrose Post Office will be re-named to honor fallen Montrose Police Sergeant David Kinterknecht. There will be a dedication ceremony at the Montrose Elks Lodge at 1 p.m. on July 25.

CITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH TAX INCREASE, PURCHASE OF VIC PAYNE SCULPTURES



"Bad Decision," one of two monumental bronze sculptures by Wyoming artist Vic Payne that the City of Montrose has agreed to purchase from the current owner.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Actions taken at the Montrose [City Council meeting of Tuesday, July 16](#) include the approval of a large sculpture purchase and passage of Resolution 2019-19, to notify the Montrose County Clerk of the City's intent to authorize a ballot question for the November election to impose a City-wide public safety improvement sales tax.

All Councilors were in attendance; Councilor Roy Anderson was present by telephone. There were no changes to the agenda.

Mayor Dave Bowman opened the public meeting and announced that votes would be taken by roll call to accommodate Anderson.

TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

First to speak was Veronica

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

CITY NEEDS CITIZENS COMMITTEE A WITH SHARP PENCIL

Editor:

I notice that Montrose does not have enough police personnel, enough equipment or an adequate police headquarters building. Just what has happened in this last year to cause these horrendous shortfalls to happen all at once in mid-2019?

Was our city council asleep at the switch? Was our police department turning back funds to the city (for some unknown reason)? Oh yeah, I got it now! The City Manager and the City Council spent all of the city's money on other things figuring that once gone, all the citizens of Montrose would come forth and surely vote for another city-wide sales tax to cover the now EMERGENCY NEED. And you know, that is just exactly what is happening.

Our city fathers and mothers hired a consultant (for 30, 40 or 50,000 dollars) to LEAD the citizen's committee examining the need to the council's foregone conclusion that a new sales tax was needed, that there was no other solution.

Well we don't need any such thing! No,

no, no! Not a sales tax that will go on forever while the city stops budgeting for their police department, leaving it to the sales tax to cover the police and to lower the GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION for policing so that those dollars can be squandered elsewhere. (Montrose County's Public Safety Sales Tax is a perfect example of that practice and has required continuous CITIZEN OVERSIGHT). What the city needs is a citizens committee with a sharp pencil to find and redirect/reallocate existing funds that are presently scheduled for a few million dollars worth of 'nice to have items' for the next few years.

That would include scrapping unnecessary personnel and other expenditures as 'real' businesses do. That way the necessary police officers can be hired and the headquarters can be built. All other projects can become lesser priority for a while.

If our city manager and the council cannot perform this task, they need to be turned out now and we need to get some level headed, practical minded, successful

business people into our city government to MANAGE our tax money instead of the profligate spending we have now where when it is all gone, our council just look for more.

Further, from the looks of the business being done in this town, the city's receipts should hit records this year. This means that unless there is gross mismanagement of our city tax money, there should be plenty of it to get the police budget and the headquarters project funded and out of the abyss our illustrious spendthrift leaders have pushed it into.

By the way folks, this Sales Tax ballot issue for the police and their headquarters should be written to guarantee that the funds are ONLY for the police, absolutely nothing else and no other purpose and the amount should be calculated to provide exactly what is needed and no more. And further that what has been budgeted from the general fund in the past for the police department be absolutely budgeted for it in the future. No exceptions as was done in the county.

Bill Bennett, Montrose

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION, NOT PART OF THE PROBLEM

Editor:

Willful Ignorance is blaming the other person because You Refuse to hear. This is a direct reason why there are so many Teen suicide in this area. parents refusing to hear and blaming their kids because the parent won't listen. this 'blaming' is what is killing us, why is it someone else's fault You won't listen? So many people are so sick and Tired of others refusing to see the problems. If you aint part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

Timothy Storrs, Montrose



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BLM TO MOVE HEADQUARTERS TO GRAND JUNCTION

Special to the Mirror

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) announced last week that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will relocate its headquarters to Grand Junction, Colorado.

"Today is a historic day for our nation's public lands, western states, and the peo-

ple of Colorado," said Senator Gardner. "Relocating the Bureau of Land Management to the Western Slope of Colorado will bring the bureau's decision makers closer to the people they serve and the public lands they manage. The problem with Washington is too many policy makers are far removed from the people they

are there to serve. Ninety-nine percent of the land the BLM manages is West of the Mississippi River, and so should be the BLM headquarters. This is a victory for local communities, advocates for public lands, and proponents for a more responsible and accountable federal government."

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SEES NO REASON FOR POLIS RECALL ATTEMPT

Dear Editor:

There is so much going on in the national news, that when I read in the *MONTROSE MIRROR* there is a move to recall Colorado Governor Jared Polis, I was surprised. Governor Polis has only been in office for six months.

What did he do? Did he have sex with a porn star then use his attorney to pay them off with hush money? Did he try and interfere with an investigation and obstruct justice? Did he separate children from their parents and place them in detention centers? Does he lie to us all the time? Oh no, sorry, that is a different "elected" official.

Jared Polis said in his campaign, what he stood for and would strive for, if elected

governor, and he has not wavered. And with that yes, he has supported full-day kindergarten, placing a price cap on insulin, putting into motion his resolve to increase Colorado's goal towards increased use of renewable energy, to allow communities to have some say about oil and gas drilling in their neighborhoods, cutting taxes to help small business, and moving forward to allow more public access on state leased lands.

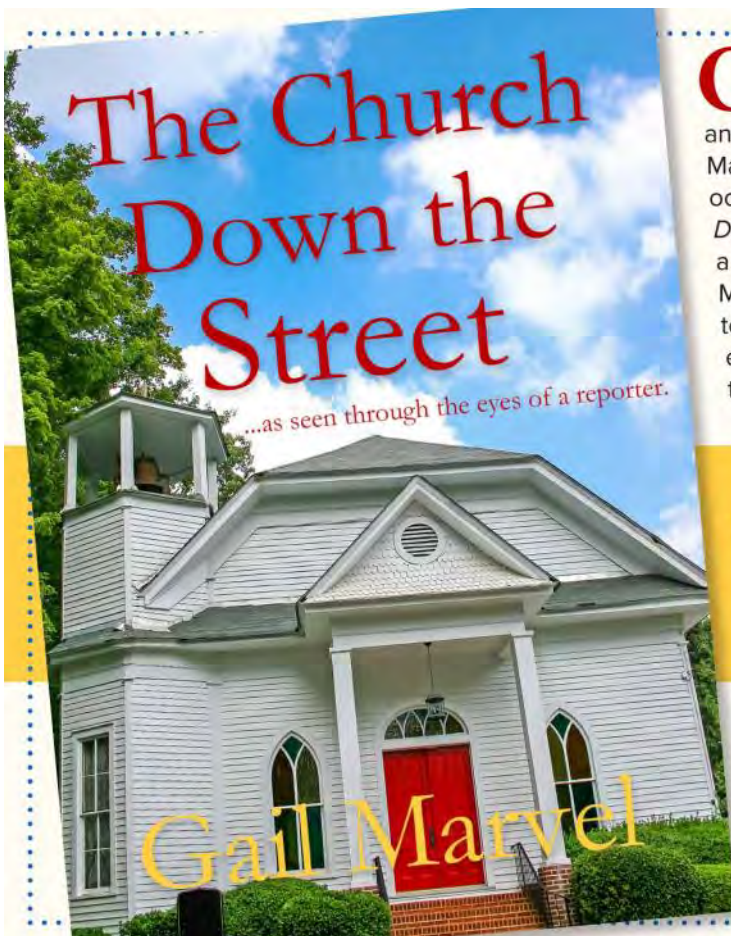
A recall petition? If Governor Polis commits a felony, demeans or sexually harasses individuals, interferes with criminal cases, then maybe a recall petition would be necessary. But because he signs bills into legislation that you don't like, does that justify a recall?

A recall can be initiated because of political reasons, that is true, but should it in this case? He has stayed true to his campaign promises. There are no surprises with Governor Polis. The people of Colorado elected Jared Polis as governor based a lot on those promises. He is elected for four years and may serve no more than two terms. If you disagree with his policies or legislation that is passed, VOTE.

A last thought. One of the concerns with people supporting the recall petition cite the expense of full-day kindergarten.

What would it cost the Colorado taxpayer to foot the bill on a state-wide recall election for governor?

Sincerely,
Jon Sering, 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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Grigsby, addressing an issue raised by a citizen at a previous Council meeting—a former family home in English Gardens that has become an aggressively busy Air BnB, causing parking, safety, and quality of life issues for those in nearby homes.

“There’s no place to park anymore on our street,” Grigsby said. “...are there any parking restrictions?”

Darci Largent, who lives next door to the Air BnB, also expressed concern. “Does Montrose have an ordinance established that Air BnB’s operate under at this time?”

Mayor Dave Bowman noted that Air BnB’s must pay a hospitality tax to operate in Montrose. “As far as I know that’s the only limitation...beyond that we do nothing.”

With a teen daughter at home, Largent says she is concerned over the high numbers of strangers being funneled into the residential neighborhood by the Air BnB, which rents a number of rooms by the night. “What kind of vetting is done by the Air BnB?” she asked. “Bringing in strange people for one night, two nights, three nights...that’s a concern.”

A City ordinance would protect those who have invested in their homes in the City, she said.

“Your time is up,” Mayor Dave Bowman said. “It’s a brand-new problem all over America. We’ll definitely look into it.”

Bill McMonigle, the citizen who originally brought the matter before Council at a previous meeting, also spoke.

The problem is coming to a head, he said. “It was a freak show last Monday after the Fourth of July...seven parking spots were taken up, there is a surveillance camera directly at my window ... a guy with a cigarette looking straight at my front door...you’ve got to do something,” McMonigle said.

“All you’re doing is thumbing your noses at everyone on our street,” he said.

“There has to be some kind of ordinance in place...to give us some peace.”

Horsefly Brewing Company owner Phil Freismuth asked Council to look into the

crosswalk between Horsefly and the Coffee Trader. “It’s really dangerous,” Freismuth said.

Council approved the minutes of the July 2 meeting, with Councilor Judy Ann Files abstaining as she had only attended a portion of the meeting by telephone.

RESOLUTION 2019-19

Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2019-19, to notify the Montrose County Clerk of their intention to authorize a ballot

question for the election to be held on the first Tuesday of November, 2019, for the purpose of imposing a citywide Public Safety Improvements Sales Tax to address critical and immediate needs of the Montrose Police Department.

“I think this is important in terms of a response to our citizen’s committee,” Anderson said. “It was their recommendation that we move as quickly as possible... this is a way that we can move ahead right now in response to the recommendation made by the citizens’ committee.”

Also unanimously approved was Resolution 2019-20, authorizing the City of Montrose Police Department to file a Victim Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant through the 7th Judicial District Victims Assistance Board for the total of \$28,000 to cover a portion of the Victim Advocate’s Salary.

The Victim Assistance position is mandated by law, Police Chief Blaine Hall said. “This is another excellent way the City is using grants to fund positions.”

A portion of the money comes from traffic fines paid into the 7th Judicial District, Councilor Doug Glaspell said.

The value of the program lies in having an advocate available for victims, Files said. “It’s really good for them.”

ORDINANCE 2483 AND ORDINANCE 2484 -SECOND READING

Council unanimously approved Ordinances 2483 and 2484 on second reading, an-



English Gardens resident Veronica Grigsby asked the City about parking restrictions on Air BnB’s.

nexing and zoning the Horsefly addition, which has been discussed extensively in prior work sessions and meetings.

LARGE SCULPTURE PURCHASE

Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler presented background information on efforts to purchase for \$250K the two bronze Vic Payne sculptures, “Where Eagles Dare” and “Bad Decision,” currently on display Downtown through a loan agreement.

Morgenthaler noted that local resident Bob Brown and a small team of “Save the Sculptures” volunteers led efforts to purchase the sculptures, and had requested in January that the City take over negotiations with the current owner. With \$115,657 in actual donations and \$15,500 in pledges raised by the volunteers, a balance due remains of 118,843, Morgenthaler said. The former DDA had pledged \$35,750, but after dissolving the DDA, Council has access to all of the DDA’s operational funds, she said. Also, “Council could use money from the General Fund, but it’s not budgeted.”

Bowman said he had spoken with the owner’s agent Ralph Walchle, and was told that timed payments would be acceptable. “I am very happy to get to this point,” Bowman said. “This is a very important issue...we are optimistic about a positive solution...thank you all for taking up this issue.”

Save the Sculptures volunteer Lissette

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Riviere said that the sculptures have benefited the local economy. "So many people stopped here, saw those sculptures, and moved here," Riviere said. "It does have an economic impact on our community."

"This clearly does have an economic impact Downtown," Anderson said. "In my opinion, using the DDA funds...this would be an appropriate use of those funds."

Following Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum's motion to approve the purchase, Councilor Glaspell asked if the City should include a contingency in the event that pledged donations are not received.

Said Bynum, "I have a lot of faith in them...the funds are in that balance right now...we would be deploying them for capital and infrastructure Downtown...let's do it."

"This has been going on a long time," she said. "Let's write a check and be done with it."

Bowman thanked Brown for his perseverance and hard work. "I am sure the citizens will be thanking you."

STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented a [Sales, Use & Excise Tax report](#).

Morgenthaler reminded of upcoming meetings: there will be a community meeting on housing and neighborhoods on July 22 and a meeting on transportation and mobility on July 25, both set for 5:30 p.m. at the Centennial Room.

"People can participate online," Morgenthaler noted.

Bowman praised the *Montrose Daily Press* Women of Distinction awards and thanked public works crews for quickly removing broken branches from streets after a recent storm.

Police Chief Hall mentioned a heroin bust and convenience store robbery that took place on July 11. He warned that several daylight burglaries have occurred in recent weeks. "People are coming home to find their houses ransacked," he said, adding that one woman had her purse stolen off a counter in her home. "She didn't know it had been stolen until a neighbor found the empty purse," Hall said. "Please lock your doors."

Bowman mentioned upcoming events, including his Accoustic Tuesday event in the City's Pocket Park with Pearl Road on July 23 and the celebration of the renam-

ing of the Montrose Post Office in honor the late Sgt. David Kinterknecht, which will take place at the Elks Lodge July 25. The Montrose Police Department will conduct a 21-gun salute, Chief Hall added.

"It has been 10 years since we lost Dave," Hall said. "If we could all come together and support this in his honor, it would be excellent."

Following the ceremony at the Elks Lodge, there will be a plaque hung at the Downtown Post Office, Hall said.

Bowman said that the opening of the KVNF Radio Studio M will be held July 27 from Noon to 4 p.m., with a party to follow on Cascade Avenue between Main Street and North First Street from Noon until 4 p.m.

On Aug. 2 Bowman's Montrose Summer Music Series will return to the Black Canyon Golf Course; on Aug. 3 the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival will be held at the Montrose County Event Center.

"I want to acknowledge that 50 years ago, some of us were glued to our T.V.'s, watching a rocket go up," Bowman said.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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DELTA HOSPITAL WELCOMES NEW FAMILY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN



Dr. Amber Angles, courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA— Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) welcomed new provider, Dr. Amber Angles, to the Family Medicine team last week.

Dr. Angles is a board-certified family medicine practitioner with a specialized emphasis in obstetrics, and is trained to care for patients of all ages.

"I love being able to provide care for the entire family," said Dr. Angles. "Family practice doctors have a lot to offer their patients and the community and I can't wait to get started. I am especially eager to work with women, children and in pre-

natal care."

Originally from Ohio, Dr. Angles became involved in medicine because she noticed the lack of quality healthcare for rural communities.

"Growing up in Ohio I was around my grandparents who owned a farm and I have always loved having those rural roots," said Dr. Angles. "Being back in a rural community like Delta is exciting because I am able to give back through providing quality healthcare."

In serving rural communities, Dr. Angles also noticed a gap in women's healthcare and the need for accessible ways to seek treatment for specific health issues.

"It is important to have access to critical health exams like mammograms, pap smears, pelvic exams and more," Dr. Angles said. "Another important component to women's health is having access to quality prenatal care."

In the family practice the physicians are there to support patients through all the different stages of life from adolescence to adulthood. One area that Dr. Angles is excited to be a part of is the DCMH Stork's

Landing team.

"I am really looking forward to working in Stork's Landing where we make patients feel safe, comfortable and taken care of," said Dr. Angles. "I will be with parents through the ups and downs of pregnancy and through delivering the baby. It will be an honor to be part of that entire process."

Dr. Angles received her undergraduate degree in Bio Chemistry from Maria College and in 2016 finished her medical degree. She then moved to Colorado with her husband Scott where she finished her residency in June 2019.

"When my husband and I moved to Colorado for my residency we both just fell in love with the state," said Dr. Angles. "We are eager to be around nature where we can hike, fish, camp, and explore places we've never seen before. We already have plans to rent a four-wheeler so we can try out Delta's nature trails."

Dr. Angles is excited to be part of the DCMH and is looking forward to furthering her work in the community as a partner and healthcare provider.



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CONVENTION OF STATES PETITION DRIVE TO HOST TABLE AT THE MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR

Dear Editor:

The Constitution of the United States is arguably the greatest Constitution known to man that was chartered for the purpose of securing the rights of its citizens. Knowing that all men and women are endowed by the Creator with "certain unalienable Rights" the Framers of our Constitution formed a government to guarantee every American the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. (The Declaration of Independence)

The hallmarks of the form of government in our Constitution are its limitations and its divisions. With checks and balances put in place to maintain those limitations and divisions, the Constitution created a national, or federal, government that was limited to specific, enumerated powers. What does this mean in practice? It means that Congress, the president, and the federal judiciary may only legitimately exercise powers that are specifically delegated to them, by the people, in the Constitu-

tion. All other powers, as stated in the Tenth Amendment, are reserved to the states or the people.

Let's state that again for emphasis. Article I, section 8 of the Constitution enumerates the powers of the federal government. The Tenth amendment states the redundant proposition that all powers not granted to the federal government are reserved to the states and the people. In other words, the powers granted to the federal government are strictly limited. The powers granted to the States and the People are unlimited.

So how have we gotten to this place in our nation of such gross federal overreach and abuse of the Constitution? It has arisen primarily from (1) over-broad interpretation of specific constitutional language such as the commerce clause, and (2) Congress' failure to consult the Constitution for authority before enacting legislation. Most members of Congress today appear to believe that the federal government

has power over everything, because that's how it has behaved for decades.

It's a big problem, but We the People have a solution as big as the problem. The solution is Article V which gives the People of every State, acting through their State Legislatures, the right to call for a Convention of the States to amend the Constitution.

Join the grassroots movement to **check Federal overreach, restore fiscal responsibility and establish term limits for all elected officials.** Support the call for a Convention of States under Article V. Sign the Petition!

Convention of States Action will have a table at the Montrose County Fair in Friendship Hall all this week. Come see us and learn more about this powerful tool under Article V.

For more information contact Joe Fockler at jfockler53@gmail.com.

Joe Fockler, Montrose

DISAGREES WITH HEFFERNAN LETTER IN DAILY PRESS

Editor;

The pro-invasion letter from Tom Heffernan is appalling. It's easy to sit here in Colorado where he is safe (for now) and complain about conditions at detention centers at the southern border. He said they didn't do anything illegal, but when they crossed our borders that was illegal. And they are not in detention centers when they can avoid it by walking the other direction!

There is a system and a path to become a citizen of America and he knows it—at least he should since he appears to be so sensitive to their cause.

He complains of illnesses at detention centers, but it's they who are bringing diseases into America along with massive amounts of drugs, criminals, and terrorists. For instance, by June 5 more than 500 invaders from the Republic of the Congo,

the host of the early AIDS epidemic, crossed our border illegally. The eboli virus is also raging in the Congo and they are quietly distributing those infected throughout American cities. Unhealthy invaders are now coming from all over the world. Some are treated at the border with borrowed money from the bankrupt treasury at \$22 trillion dollars (Thank you Obama for doubling the national debt!), but health care is not the job of the Border Patrol. Democrats previously voted to fine Americans for not having health insurance, but they give healthcare to illegals for free! How touching!

The Feds recently seized \$4 million in Meth and Fentanyl at Arizona and California border stops but that doesn't include other contraband and sexually exploited children and drownings at distant river crossings. In 243 years not one person has

drowned by going through proper channels to become a citizen. And most people who display Heffernan's favorite bumper sticker, "immigrants make America great" are incapable of coexisting with people who have a MAGA hat on their head. He should prove his bumper sticker by sharing his home with them!

Democrats spent 2 years and \$40 million taxpayer dollars feigning a fight about fake foreign involvement in our elections and then voted 228 to 197 in favor of allowing non-citizens to vote! How's that for their pathetic insinuation of righteousness?

Democrats whine that \$5 billion for a wall is a waste of money, but think spending \$155 billion a year to support illegals is a human right!

Their hypocrisy and allegiance is sickening!

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose



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CITY RECONSIDERS BAN ON ANIMALS IN CEMETERY, DISCUSSES PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-On Monday, July 15, Montrose City Council met for [a work session](#). All councilors were in attendance; Roy Anderson was present via telephone. Lunch was catered by Heidi's Brooklyn Deli.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Joining City staff are Utilities Worker Tyler Good, Patrol Officer Troy Tomasko, Animal Shelter Technician Shelly Robillard, Fleet Division Superintendent Shane Brandt, and Deputy City Clerk Mikayla Unruh.

Good moved to Montrose at age 12 with his family, including five brothers and two sisters, and has previously worked for Sky-West and for the family business, Good's Processing. "You've probably met a lot of us around town," he said.

Tomasko has a wife, two kids, and another on the way. "I'm excited to be here," he said. "It's a good area for my growing family."

Robillard, originally from Michigan, discovered Montrose years ago, and eventually returned here to stay. "I am very excited to be part of the City," she said.

Brandt worked at John Deere for the last 11 years, "I was born and raised on the Eastern Slope," he said. He has a wife and three children.

A Montrose local, Unruh has served on the City's Youth Council, where she was elected mayor twice. She recently earned her degree in public policy and public relations, and is training with Deputy City Clerk Carolyn Bellavance, who will retire later this year.

"I am so excited to be back in the community," she said, "...this is a great chance to get involved with the City."

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The work session began with a **discussion of Municipal Code 6-2-5, Animals Prohibited**, which states as follows: "It shall be unlawful for the owner or Custodian of any Animal to possess or allow that Animal on the premises of **Cemeteries**, Sports Fields, and non-grass playgrounds owned and maintained by the City, or for the

owner or Custodian to possess or allow any Animal within the premises of any special event hosted within the City where posted any Animal is not permitted, unless specifically authorized by the City Manager or his designee."

City Animal Control Officer Mike Duncan shared statistics on contacts in Cedar Creek Cemetery. A card is completed for every contact; here have been 185 cards since 2014, Duncan said.

"Each time our officers go out to do a directed patrol, they fill waste bags and they always pick up large amounts of feces," he said.

There have been 12 citations written for running at large over the last three years.

"City ordinance doesn't prohibit animals from urinating on headstones," Duncan said. "I would not have suggested the ordinance be drafted were it not for the problems observed in the cemetery."

"There are signs out there telling people to keep dogs on a leash," Public Works Director Jim Scheid said.

Superintendent of Parks and Special Projects John Malloy said that the cemetery is a favorite place to take dogs, "but we have bags there, and we still find a lot of waste."

There are other areas in the City that are also shaded and tranquil where people can walk their dogs, he said.

Councilor Doug Glaspell noted that the same problem exists in local neighborhoods.

Councilor Judy Ann Files, who has family members in Cedar Creek Cemetery, commented as well.

"It is the urinating," Files said.



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"Sometimes when we go there, our family area smells so bad of urine...we don't like to be there."

Councilor Roy Anderson spoke by telephone. "It's terribly disrespectful...a few ruin it for the people who are responsible pet owners.

"I kind of think what we did is probably the right thing."

Said Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum, "To me...the primary purpose is not a park it's a cemetery...we need to make a decision that respects that."

"If people want a dog to run, take 'em to a dog park," Files said.

Council resumed the ongoing **discussion of the proposed public safety sales tax**.

The discussion will be continued at every City work session, Mayor Dave Bowman said.

Police Chief Blaine Hall thanked staff for their help compiling the extensive amount of background [information contained in the work session packet](#). "It's a really good reference," Hall said. An informational presentation with Chief Hall and Public Safety Committee Chair J. David Reed will be held at 8 a.m. Aug. 21 at the weekly Forum discussion at the CASA Facility. If a sales tax increase is to be on the November election ballot, the language must be

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certified by Friday, Sept. 6, Hall said.

Council discussed a budgeted item, [replacement of a hydrogritter](#) for the wastewater treatment plant. Utilities Manager David Bries said that three bids were accepted from three local contractors; the recommended contract award is to GW Mechanical and Excavation in the amount of \$62,255. Cost savings resulted from being receptive to a variety of manufacturers, Bries said. "I think we have fairly good prices on this."

The contract award will come before Council Aug. 5.

Council considered the special events alcohol permit for FUNC Fest. FUNC Fest 2019 will be Aug. 9-10, City Clerk Lisa Del-Piccolo said; Apollo Road will be closed.

COMMENTS

Council discussed youth sports, upcoming events, and the need to designate somebody to purchase a pig at the July 27 Montrose County Fair Auction. The pig would likely be served at the City picnic Aug. 15, Bowman said. Bynum and Anderson declined, Files declined as well.

"You have to go to a class to learn how to do this," Files said, "...to learn how to bid on an animal. It's not a quick thing to do; I prefer not to do it again."

Recalling the experience, "I bought a cow," she said. "A big, cheap cow."

Other discussion highlights included an upcoming meeting with Congressman Scott Tipton concerning broadband, the possibility of using fiber owned by Western Area Power Administration (WAPA),

the Office of Economic Development & International Trade (OEDIT)'s recent rural prosperity road show, the work recently done in the Tortilla Flats neighborhood by Western Conservation Corps volunteers, and a number of upcoming musical events around town.

Also noted during the comment time were a Resolution on the July 16 meeting agenda concerning the purchase of the two large monumental bronze works by Vic Payne that have been on loan to the City.

Bowman noted that several options are available to pay for the sculptures, including use of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA)'s remaining funds, use of General Fund monies, or a combination of the two. Files asked why the item had not been scheduled as a work session discussion item prior to being placed on the meeting agenda.

"It's on the agenda to deal with tomorrow...we could have a discussion right now," Bowman said.

"I am surprised there was no discussion at work session," Files said.

Morgenthaler said, "Bill (Bell) directed us to...sorry we didn't go through you...to keep the money moving forward in a timely manner."

Bowman spoke about what an honor it was to go the 2019 Black Canyon Quilt Show for the Mayor's Award. "It's pretty cool to see all those beautiful, beautiful quilts."

Concrete was scheduled to be poured for



Despite free bags, animal waste continues to cause problems at the cemetery.

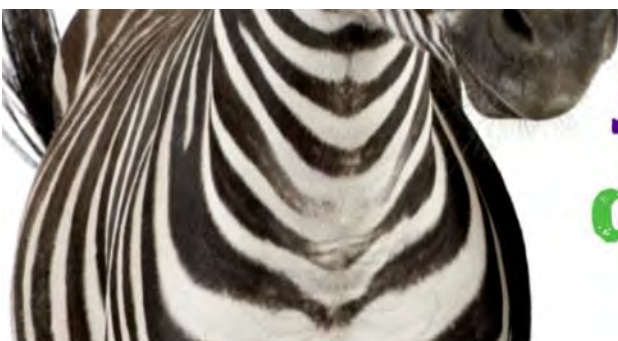
the roundabout later in the week, City Engineer Scott Murphy said. Riverwood Subdivision (located in Montrose County) will be connected to City sewers in "about a week," Murphy said. All 35 homeowners signed up.

Opportunities are available for those who wish to "Adopt a Street," Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said. Streets must be cleaned twice a year, and volunteers can obtain bags and orange vests from the City Shop.

On July 25, the Montrose Post Office will be renamed in honor of the late Montrose Police Sgt. David Kinterknecht, who lost his life responding to a domestic violence call ten years ago.

Also, last week ten grams of heroin were seized in a routine traffic stop, Police Chief Blaine Hall said.

"It was a good arrest. We've had a lot of activity in the last week—there was also a robbery at Alta."



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QHN RESOURCE NETWORK NATIONAL SEMIFINALIST

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GRAND JUNCTION-Quality Health Network (QHN), based in Grand Junction, Colo., has announced its Community Re-

source Network (CRN) has been named one of five semifinalists for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Social Determinants of Health Innovation Challenge.

CRN's development, a joint venture between QHN and Stella Technology, leverages the extensive knowledge and assets of QHN's award-winning health information exchange infrastructures.

The competition started with 110 entries and seeks to find digital solutions to help providers and those at risk connect to safety net and other services which may include social, behavioral, and medical needs.

The ability to address an individual's unmet social determinant needs, like housing and food insecurity, can contribute materially (+50%) to a person's well-being and can improve healthcare outcomes and costs.

"We are thrilled that CRN is among the top five innovations in the country," says Dick Thompson, Executive Director and CEO of QHN.

"The CRN platform provides solutions to fill the gaps people face getting the help they need. Our community has been working for years to develop a collaborative system to reduce unnecessary duplication, improve the well-being of individuals, and ultimately drive down the cost of healthcare for everyone across western Colorado.

"We also believe this leading-edge technology can be scaled to be used in communities throughout the US."

CRN is a secure community information exchange that creates a whole-person picture of health, connects care teams, expedites help for those at risk, and optimizes their well-being.

CRN is powered by Quality Health Network, recognized as an innovative leader of health information exchange in the nation.

of Mesa County Public Health.

As a semi-finalist the CRN receives \$5,000 and advances to phase II of the competition with a \$50,000 prize at stake.

For more information about CRN or to schedule an interview with Dick Thompson, please contact Charity Meinhart at (970) 248-0033.



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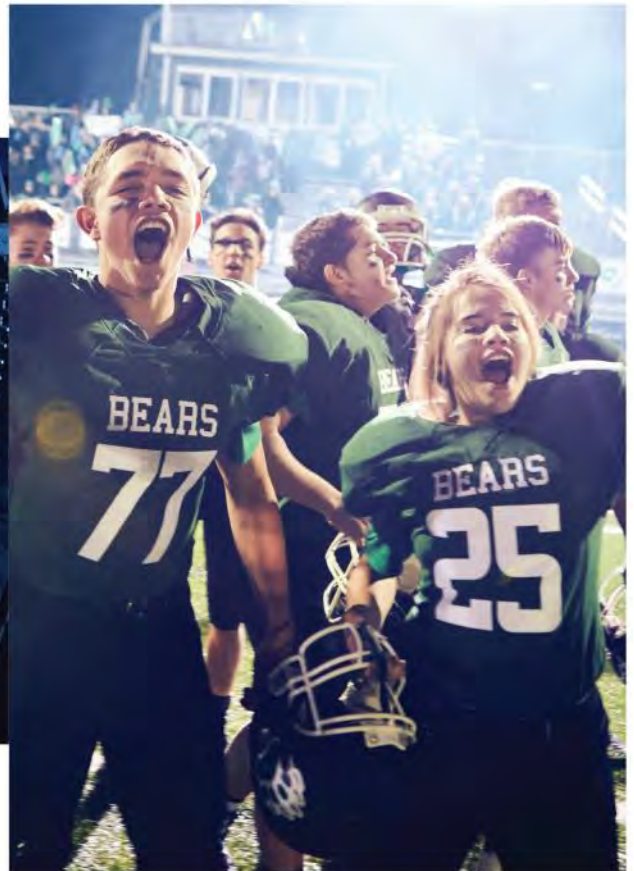
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STATE CONVENES 1ST MEETING OF FAMLI TASK FORCE

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DENVER – On July 16, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) convened the first meeting of the FAMLI Task Force, a 15-member commission (13 voting members and two non-voting state agency members) which is responsible for recommending a plan to implement a paid family and medical leave program for Colorado.

The task force, created by **SB19-188** - FAMLI Family Medical Leave Insurance Program (Senators Winter and Williams and Representatives Gray and Duran), is comprised of private employers, organized labor, worker advocates, labor economists and state agencies. Over the next four months, the task force will study paid family leave models, receive and review three expert reports on the administration and establishment of paid family and medical leave programs, receive and review a report from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment detailing the health benefits related to paid family and medical leave, and consider proposals from third parties that may be willing to administer all or part of a paid family and medical leave program.

Starting August 15, public comments can be provided for task force consideration on the program via the form posted on the website cited below or by mail. Starting Aug. 25, public comments can also be provided via the Colorado Register.

The task force will make an initial recommendation on a family and medical leave program for employees in the state by November 1, 2019 which will then be analyzed by an actuary. After reviewing the actuarial analysis a final recommendation on a family and medical leave program will be delivered to the legislature no later than Jan. 8, 2020.

The next meeting of the task force will take place on August 27, 2019. More information, including task force membership, key time deadlines, and a form for submitting comments or questions, can be found at famli.cdle.co. Additionally, because these meetings are open to the public, this website will in the future also provide a link for following task force meetings remotely.



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BOCC CONTINUES HEARING ON SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 3XM; APPROVES PURCHASE OF MORE TASERS FOR MCSO



Gordy Diers was among the neighbors who spoke against a special use permit for a proposed composting facility.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The [regular meeting](#) of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at 10:30 a.m. on July 17 was convened an hour later than usual, due to a scheduling conflict. All three commissioners were present. BOCC Chair Sue Hansen welcomed Montrose City Councilor Doug Glaspell, who was in attendance.

Pastor Karl Leuthauser of Grace Community Church delivered the invocation and thanked commissioners for their work on behalf of the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were heard from the public on non-agenda items.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Ken Norris had no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

[Resolution 27-2019](#) passed unanimously. The Resolution was presented by Assistant County Attorney Julie Andress, and confirms the use of Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METSA) funds by Montrose Regional Dispatch in 2018.

"METSA is doing an outstanding job for our community," BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash said, as he moved to approve the resolution.

Montrose County Clerk & Recorder Tressa Guynes requested approval of a [contract](#) in the amount of \$24,345 with print vendor Response Technologies, Inc. for printing of election ballots, envelopes, and secrecy sleeves for the 2019 coordinated election.

The item was budgeted and passed unanimously.

Commissioners voted unanimously to [re-appoint Kevin Kuns](#) and to [appoint Alexander Parker](#) to the Montrose County Citizen Advisory Committee for two-year terms that will expire on Dec. 31, 2021.

Also unanimously approved was an [Agreement for Services](#) between the BOCC (as fiscal agent for the West Region Health Care Coalition) and Coordinator Scott Hawkins, a reimbursed expense of \$71,883.

Resolution 28-2019 was presented by Public Works Director Keith Laube, involving approval of an [Intergovernmental Agreement](#) between Montrose County, the City of Montrose, and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for adoption of the US Hwy 550 Access Control Plan. The goal is to have a common plan between the County, City and State, Laube said.

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash said, "Outstanding work on this huge collaborative effort...we all worked together to come up with this plan."

The plan is not set in stone, there can be exceptions, but exceptions must be worked out by CDOT and Montrose County, Rash noted. Commissioners unanimously approved the IGA.

Montrose County Sheriff Gene Lillard requested approval of a [purchase agree-](#)

[ment](#) in the amount of \$122,480.05 with Axon Enterprises of Arizona. The purchase agreement is for additional tasers, "Which we are in dire need of," Lillard said.

Hansen said, "Help me and everyone understand the lack of the tasers that we had—they were sharing tasers, is that correct?"

"That is correct; the current fleet that we have as far as our tasers go, are antiquated," Lillard said. "Right now they are not even making parts for some of the tasers we are carrying on duty...the deputies are actually trading their tasers when they come in to the next shift...it's very necessary that everybody, that our sworn officers within the department have a taser.

Commissioner Keith Caddy said, "It's another tool in your toolbelt, very necessary out on the street to protect the officer and the citizens from violent citizens."

The purchase agreement passed unanimously.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning & Development Director Steve White presented background information on [a special use permit application by 3XM Grinding & Compost](#), LLC to build a large, commercial, composting facility at 59039 Amber Road in Olathe.

The County's Planning Commission held a public hearing June 27 on the proposed facility, White said. He listed the conditions attached to the requested special use permit; among those is a requirement that no biosolids are processed or stored on-site as originally proposed.

"Biosolids were a real concern for neighbors," White said. The Planning Commission recommended approval based on the 20 conditions, he said.

A number of letters have been written in support of the proposed composting facility, which would provide a greatly needed service and product to the region. White shared several new letters with the commissioners. "The letters that came in over the last week...are all in favor," he said.

The special use permit would run with the land.

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The BOCC convened a public hearing; applicants Keith, Kirt and Holly Mautz gave a long, thorough [presentation](#) on the proposed composting operation.

"We want to divert organic waste from regional landfills," Holly Mautz said, noting that 40 to 50 percent of material that ends up in area landfills is compostable.

As a privately-owned facility, 3XM Grinding & Compost would be able to accept compostable waste from five surrounding counties as well, she said. "We use industry-standard best practices...the end product is a resource rather than waste."

The company plans to employ 10 to 15 full-time workers, and the facility will not accept trash, including plastic, metal, or toxic materials, Mautz said. Dust will be controlled with water.

"If it was once alive, it can compost," she said, and listed the many benefits the project will bring to the region. "We want to create an organics recycling industry in Western Colorado where none exists now."

BOCC Vice Chair Rash asked the applicants specific questions about mitigation of noise and dust, and of water returned to the irrigation system. He noted the presence of residential neighbors.

"There are quite a few houses around your facility," Rash said.

Comments were heard from the public; first to speak was Charles McMurdy.

"I was on the county planning commission for several years, and I am also a retired realtor and retired farmer...I live about a mile south of a composting project right now at David Harold's place. They have a pretty good sized field and I never do smell any of that...too many people think that when they move to the country they won't have any bad smell, and cattle lay out in the green field and eat the grass and that's country," McMurdy said, adding that he worried when a chicken house was built near him. "But it only smells the one or two days that they clean the chicken house out. The rest of the time I never do smell it."

"I really do think that organics seem to

be the way to go right now...there's a big shortage of organic manure or fertilizer," he said. "...I think it would be a good deal."

Neighbor Frankie McIntosh spoke next. She asked for definitions of green waste and biosolids, and asked, "Have you ever had a composting pile in your backyard? Because it stinks like crazy. I don't know how you are going to mitigate odor issues; aeration and capping the waste at the end of the day will not be adequate..."

"No matter how any of this is processed, it's going to attract critters and attract a variety of bugs," she said.

McIntosh also pointed out that nothing is being done about dust from nearby Pioneer Soils, and that there are Federal regulations about putting a new compost facility near an airport.

"We are finding out every day what chemical odors, noise and dust do to our health," she said, and asked that the permit be rejected until further study is complete. "You are nothing more than a wolf in a herd of sheep."

Neighbor Gordy Diers also expressed opposition. "I am really in favor of the industry, I just think it's in the wrong place...there's lots of homes there. There's lots of new homes and lots of nice homes that are all going to be directly impacted."

"...the wind blows out there as you all know," Diers said. "A five-foot fence is not going to keep paper from blowing all over my place and all over everybody else's place."

Born and raised as a rancher, Diers said he is used to smells. "But frankly, I don't want to go out to have a barbecue and be smelling their waste products."

Water is also a concern, he said.

"It's the right industry in the wrong place. It's affecting too many people."

Applicant Keith Mautz responded to expressed concerns, and said that water is plentiful during irrigation season, "...that's when we'll do almost all of our processing." Following further questions and discussion, BOCC Chair Sue Hansen closed the comment portion of the public hear-



Special use permit applicants Keith, Kirt and Holly Mautz gave an exhaustive presentation of the proposed 3XM Grinding & Compost Facility to the Montrose BOCC July 17.

ing. Commissioner Keith Caddy moved to continue the special use permit for 3XM Grinding & Compost until the meeting of Aug. 7 to allow time for further study; the continuance was unanimously approved.

A public hearing was convened on a [proposals to rezone](#) six acres at Hwy 550 and Trout Road from General Agricultural to General Commercial. A previous proposal by the applicants to rezone 13 acres had been denied; the proposal was revamped and the acreage reduced. The rezone request passed unanimously.

A third public hearing was convened, concerning a [proposed resolution](#) to amend the Montrose County Building Code and address the fee structure, which has not been changed in ten years. The Resolution was continued until Aug. 7 to allow more time for Planning & Development to answer questions and share information with the public.

Four more Planning & Development items were approved, including a [proposal](#) by the Caitlyn minor subdivision to divide a 11.74 acre lot into three lots at 1261 6530 Road & 1265 6530 Road; a [proposal](#) by the Clugston Minor Subdivision to divide a 7.376 acre lot into three lots at 62063 Jade Road; a [proposal](#) by the Amended Nicks Minor Subdivision to lift a plat note at 62773 Niagara Road; and [Resolution 26-2019](#) for the Garret Estate Cellars Winery Tasting Room Special Use Permit.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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COLORADO HUNTING ACCESS EXPANDS FOR 2019 SEASON

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TELLURIDE - The Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) Commission has unanimously approved a multi-year expansion of the Public Access Program that will include up to 100,000 acres added to the program by the fall 2019 hunting season. The Public Access Program provides limited, seasonal hunting and fishing opportunities on Colorado trust land across the state.

"I congratulate the Parks and Wildlife Commission and the State Land Board for expanding access to Colorado state lands," said Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources. "The expansion of the Public Access Program passed by CPW today and the State Land Board earlier this month will grow the program by more than 20% to 585,000 acres over the next year. Colorado is a growing state with increased demand for recreation, hunting and angling throughout Colorado. In the coming years, Governor Polis and the Department of Natural Resources will continue to seek additional access opportunities to encourage Coloradans to experience, explore, and enjoy the outdoors."

Today's vote is the first step in a multi-year effort to double the size of the Public Access Program from 480,000 acres to nearly one million acres. This is the first major expansion of the program since it began in 1993.

In August, CPW will announce the loca-

tions of the new lands enrolled in the Public Access Program for fall 2019's hunting season. The Public Access Program currently includes 480,000 acres, the majority of which are located in Northwestern Colorado where there is prime big game hunting. CPW will enroll lands in the plains of Eastern Colorado where bird hunting and small game hunting is popular to provide a broader array of opportunities on trust lands.

"Colorado is known for our incredible natural beauty, and I'm committed to expanding the public's access to and enjoyment of our treasured state and federal land. CPW's Public Access Program for sportsmen and women is growing just in time for the upcoming 2019 hunting season. We will continue looking at more opportunities to increase access and help relieve overcrowded areas," said Governor Jared Polis.

The Public Access Program is one of several ways hunters and anglers can get out in Colorado. Colorado spans 66.6 million acres and 23 million acres of public land is available for hunting.

Additionally, three million acres of land in Colorado are called trust lands and have been held in a trust since statehood in 1876 for the purpose of funding public schools. The State Land Board earns money for schools from trust lands by leasing the land for a variety of purposes, including hunting and recreation. Trust land

leases have earned \$1.4 billion for Colorado public schools in the past decade and have been the primary funding source for the Department of Education's Building Excellent Schools Today program.

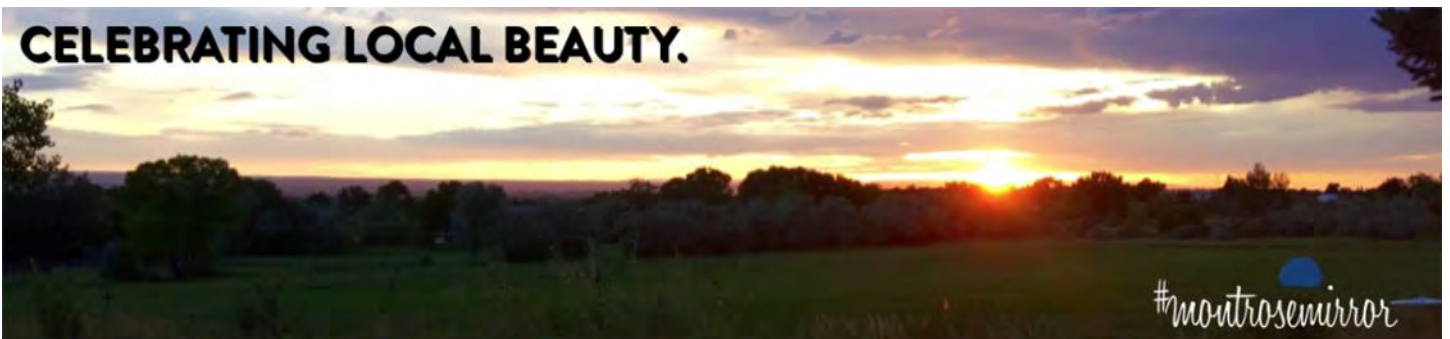
Public access for wildlife-related recreation on trust lands is made possible through the Public Access Program, a lease agreement between the State Land Board and CPW. CPW funds its one million acre lease through hunting and fishing license fees and the 'Future Generations Act' approved by the 2018 legislature.

"I'm thrilled that hunters and anglers will have more access to state trust lands in Colorado this season," said Dan Prenzl, CPW director. "Hunters and anglers are a critical foundation to wildlife conservation. They make significant contributions to our local economy, especially rural economies. It's an added benefit that our Public Access Program helps fund Colorado school kids."

Trust lands enrolled in the Public Access Program are open to a variety of wildlife-related uses, primarily hunting and fishing. For hunter safety, wildlife protection, and the integrity of the land, the public must follow the rules and regulations at each property enrolled in the program. Unauthorized activity on trust lands is subject to enforcement.

The public may view land enrolled in the Public Access Program using [CPW's Hunting ATLAS](#).

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day, July 29 from 6- 8pm - Casa Building, 147 N. Townsend Ave. - light dinner provided

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This event is open and free to the public. It is not limited to parents and guardians but teachers, coaches and mentors of all kinds are encouraged to attend. A light dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by calling the Partners Mentoring office, 249-1116.

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL ELECTS LAILA BENITEZ AS MAYOR, DAN CATON AS MAYOR PRO TEM; NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS PETER DUPREY AND MARTI PROHASKA SWORN IN

Special to the Mirror

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE-- Newly elected council members Peter Duprey and Martinique Davis Prohaska and re-elected council members Laila Benitez and Dan Caton were officially sworn in as members of the Mountain Village Town Council on Thursday, July 18.

Each new member stood before the community and repeated the oath, promising to faithfully carry out the responsibilities of the office. The council members will serve four-year terms and will join current council members Patrick Berry, Jack Gilbride and Natalie Binder on Mountain Village's Town Council.

Following the Swearing-In Ceremony was the election of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem positions. The Town of Mountain Village Home Rule Charter dictates the positions to be elected amongst the Council Members by a majority vote at its first organizational meeting held after the election. According to the Charter, the new

Mayor presides at Council meetings and is recognized as the head of the Town government for all ceremonial, dignitary and legal purposes. In the absence or of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem presides at Council meetings and takes over the powers and duties of the Mayor.

By unanimous vote, Laila Benitez was re-elected Mayor of Mountain Village and Dan Caton was re-elected Mayor Pro Tem. Benitez has been on the Council since June 2015 and has served as Mayor since July of 2017. She currently serves on the San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), the Telluride Medical Center Board of Directors and is a member of the Mountain Village Transportation & Parking Committee, Business Development Advisory Committee and Community Grants Committee.

Caton has been on the Council since June 2015 and most recently served on the Budget & Finance Committee, the Gondola Committee, the Business Development

Advisory Committee and served as secretary/treasurer of the SMART Board over the past two years. On Thursday's meeting was reappointed to serve on the Gondola Committee, Business Development Advisory Committee and SMART.

"Congratulations to Mayor Laila Benitez and the Mayor Pro Tem, Dan Caton. We are looking forward to working with the new and returning Council and appreciate the opportunity to continue serving the Mountain Village community," said Mountain Village Town Manager Kim Montgomery.

In Mountain Village, the mayor serves a two-year term with the council's approval. The mayor has several responsibilities, including overseeing the town's finances and budget, enforcing town contracts and many other responsibilities with the town government. For more information, please contact Jackie Kennefick, Director of Administration/Town Clerk to the town at mvclerk@mtnvillage.org.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

VFW POST 784 BURGER STAND FEEDS FIRST RESPONDERS, GEARS UP FOR FAIR WEEK



Photo by Sue Zanol

VFW post 784 Senior Vice Commander MONTROSE-Last week the VFW Post 784 Burger Stand fed more than 70 first responders between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in order to say thank you. It also provided a practice for veterans and VFW Auxiliary members who will staff the burger stand during the County Fair this week.





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WEST NILE VIRUS DISEASE FACTS AND PREVENTION MEASURES

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- Montrose County Public Health is encouraging the public to take precautions to prevent West Nile virus during active mosquito months. In 2018, there were 96 human cases of West Nile virus in Colorado, eight of those cases were from Montrose County. Currently, there are no confirmed cases of West Nile virus in Montrose County in 2019.

West Nile is a virus transmitted to humans by the bite of a female mosquito seeking a meal to nourish her eggs. It has been common in Africa, west Asia and the Middle East for decades. It first appeared in New York in 1999 and traveled westward across the U.S. It has been in Colorado since 2002 where mosquito season starts in the late spring and ends in mid-September.

"This has been an unusual year for mosquito activity," said Montrose County Community and Public Health Manager Jim Austin. "The large amount of moisture across the western slope increases the probability that this will be a large year for mosquito growth. Proper prevention can limit and possibly prevent exposure to mosquito-transmitted viruses such as West Nile."

The West Nile virus is carried long distances by infected birds and then spread locally by mosquitoes that bite the birds. Infected mosquitoes can then bite and

pass the virus to humans and animals, primarily birds and horses. Even in areas where the virus is circulating, very few mosquitoes are infected and most are simply a nuisance. Even if a mosquito is infected, the chance a person will become severely ill from any single mosquito bite is extremely small. West Nile virus has only been seen in a small number of cases, to be spread through blood transfusions, organ transplants, and from mother to baby during pregnancy or at the time of birth.

Most infected people will not get sick or will have only mild symptoms, but West Nile virus can be fatal due to encephalitis in rare cases. Mild symptoms include fever, headache, body aches, and occasionally include skin rashes and swollen lymph nodes. All residents can be at risk, especially those that work outdoors but people over the age of 50 are especially vulnerable to the severe forms of disease.

Montrose County Health and Human Services would like to remind residents to follow these personal protection measures:

Avoid mosquitoes by staying indoors at dawn and dusk when bugs are most active.

Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants while outdoors.

Apply insect repellent that contains DEET. Follow directions carefully.

Install or repair window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out.

Have your horses vaccinated against West Nile Virus.

Mosquitoes lay up to 250 eggs at a time in still water, which hatch in seven to 10 days. The following tips help reduce the number of breeding mosquitoes and reduce the need to use chemical pesticides: Remove standing water in ponds, ditches, clogged rain gutters, flowerpots, plant saucers, puddles, buckets and cans.

Check for items that might hold water including wheelbarrows, tires, hubcaps, toys, garden equipment, pool covers, tarps, plastic sheeting, pipes, drains, flat roofs, boats, canoes and trash. Drill drainage holes in tire swings.

Completely change water in birdbaths and wading pools weekly.

Stock ponds and fountains with fish that eat mosquito larvae.

Use mosquito "dunks" in small ponds.

Dunks are natural bacteria that kill mosquito larvae but are harmless to other animals and are available at local hardware or home and garden stores.

Montrose County Health and Human Services has a limited supply of mosquito dunks available free of charge for residents.

If you have questions about West Nile Virus or mosquito dunks please contact us at 970-252-5011.

PROXIMITY SPACE MONTROSE CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL COWORKING DAY

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MONTROSE - Proximity Space Montrose has announced a celebration of International Coworking Day on Aug. 9, 2019. Proximity Space Montrose will be celebrating by offering free coworking all day, and the public is invited to stop by for a tour, enjoy the festivities, and to enter a drawing for a month of free coworking. "Proximity Space Montrose would like to thank the community for their support of

our coworking space. We are thankful to be a part of Montrose. On International Coworking Day, and everyday, we celebrate the spirit of collaboration and community that is the essence of what coworking is," says Kate Adams, Community Manager. Members of the public can drop in to work for free on International Coworking Day at Proximity Space Montrose by visiting montrose.proximitycoworking.com, selecting

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TRI-STATE ANNOUNCES TRANSFORMATIVE RESPONSIBLE ENERGY PLAN

Special to the Mirror

WESTMINSTER-Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association is pursuing an aggressive Responsible Energy Plan<<https://www.tristate.coop/responsibleenergyplan>> to transition to a cleaner energy portfolio, while ensuring reliability, increasing member flexibility and with a goal to lower wholesale rates.

"Our membership and board are unified in our pursuit of a cleaner, reliable and lower-cost resource portfolio," said Rick Gordon, chairman of the cooperative's board of directors. "We are making a strong and unequivocal commitment to transform Tri-State's resource portfolio in a prudent and responsible manner."

Tri-State's Board of Directors has passed several resolutions to support the development of a plan that will guide the cooperative in its energy transition. Tri-State's Responsible Energy Plan will set goals and pathways to:

- * Comply with aggressive carbon reduction, renewable energy and resource planning requirements
- * Ensure the reliability and affordability of Tri-State's wholesale power system
- * Strive to lower wholesale rates while maintaining Tri-State's strong financial position

"Tri-State's Responsible Energy Plan will define how wholesale cooperatives leverage disruptive technology opportunities to strengthen and empower members and the communities they serve," said Duane Highley, Tri-State's chief executive officer. "We will be clean, reliable, flexible and affordable, and do it all within our not-for-profit cooperative business model."

The plan will recognize the significant accomplishments Tri-State and its members have achieved, identify goals and processes for carbon reduction and renewable energy development, and identify the external policy changes needed to fulfill the plan. Additional components of the plan include and exploring opportunities with solar and energy services providers to make community-scale solar, ener-

gy storage and electric vehicle infrastructure more available to our members at a lower cost.

Partnership with Gov. Ritter, Center for the New Energy Economy to support Responsible Energy Plan

A key part of Tri-State's approach is an engagement with former Colorado Governor Bill Ritter and the Center for the New Energy Economy (CNEE)<<http://cnee.colostate.edu/>> at Colorado State University to facilitate a collaborative stakeholder process for Tri-State that will contribute to and help define the Responsible Energy Plan.

Located at Colorado State University, the CNEE "educates, convenes, and inspires decision-makers to create policies that facilitate America's equitable transition to a clean energy economy."

"My team and I welcome the opportunity to work with Tri-State in facilitating this stakeholder process," said former Governor Ritter. "At a time when the power sector is transitioning in a dynamic way, assisting Tri-State in developing a resource plan that reflects that transition is a true privilege."

"As a cooperative, we understand that transformative change requires understanding and engagement with stakeholders," said Highley. "Governor Ritter and the Center for the New Energy Economy will convene for Tri-State the best and brightest to surface ideas that will inform and advance our planning."

Cooperative's membership actively considering contract changes for more flexibility, local renewables

Tri-State's membership is currently considering greater contract flexibility for members, including partial requirements contracts that would allow for more local renewable energy projects.

As a cooperative, Tri-State's members govern the terms of the cooperative's wholesale power contracts through the board of directors. A contract committee of the membership, including representatives from each member system, are de-

veloping recommendations to the board

"Our members are developing recommendations to make their wholesale power contracts more flexible," said Gordon.

"With partial requirements contracts, members could increase local renewables while also maintaining the value and security of being a member of Tri-State."

New mission statement reinforces responsibility

Tri-State's Board of Directors also voted to update the cooperative's mission statement at their July meeting in support of the broad transition underway. Tri-State's mission is now "to provide our member systems a reliable, affordable and responsible supply of electricity in accordance with cooperative principles."

The statement's change to address responsibility speaks to Tri-State's mission as an electric cooperative to be responsible to its members and the communities they serve, as well as the cooperative's responsibility to be resilient, compliant and a good steward of the land, air and water.

Proactive agenda will address electric industry challenges and cooperative utility needs

As part of the Responsible Energy Plan, Tri-State will advance a proactive agenda to address electric utility and cooperative needs for a successful, reliable and affordable carbon reduction and renewable energy transition.

Tri-State will address key issues including developing Western regional electricity markets, assisting impacted energy-producing communities, continuing and developing new tax incentives, addressing permitting for transmission line and power plants, and reconsidering the value of hydropower to ensure the Responsible Energy Plan's success.

"As we transition, we cannot make these changes alone," said Highley. "Our industry requires working with a wide group of stakeholders to address the numerous challenges that are more successfully addressed with partners."

TRI-STATE ANNOUNCES TRANSFORMATIVE RESPONSIBLE ENERGY PLAN

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"We recognize that Tri-State facilities, employees and communities will be affected by the changes ahead," said Highley. "Regulatory rulemakings and significant study must be completed to understand how to comply with new laws while preserving reliability and affordability, but we know our system and operations will change."

Nucla Station to be retired in early 2020, Tri-State to support community in the transition

Nucla Station, a 100-megawatt coal-fired power plant in Western Colorado, will be retired in early 2020 following the exhaustion of its on-site fuel supply. The plant, which employs 35 and has been in a ready-to-run-status, was to be retired by the end of 2022 as required by the Colorado's State Implementation Plan addressing regional visibility.

To support the community through the transition, Tri-State will provide \$500,000 in community support spread across five years. Following the shutdown of the power plant, Tri-State staff will work on pre-decommissioning activities prior to a contractor demolishing and dismantling the plant.

"For decades, Nucla Station has been

part of fabric of Nucla and Naturita, and we understand the retirement of the plant impacts our employees, their families and the community," said Highley. "We will work to support the community through this difficult transition."

Tri-State actions to date support plan goals

In the past 10 years, Tri-State and its members have taken significant steps that lay the groundwork for the Responsible Energy Plan. These include:

* In early 2019, Tri-State announced it is adding an additional 100 megawatts of solar<<https://www.tristate.coop/tri-state-and-juwi-announce-100-megawatt-spanish-peaks-solar-project>> and 104 megawatts of wind<<https://www.tristate.coop/tri-state-and-edp-renewables-announce-104-megawatt-crossing-trails-wind-farm>> to its resource portfolio, which will increase its wind and solar energy by 45 percent. Tri-State currently has more than 475 megawatts of utility-scale wind, solar and other renewable projects<<https://www.tristate.coop/renewables>> in its portfolio.

* In June 2019, Tri-State issued its sixth renewable request for proposals<<https://www.tristate.coop/tri-state-issues-sixth-renewable-energy-request-proposals>> since 2007.

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* In 2018, nearly a third of the energy consumed through Tri-State's members came from renewable energy. Less than half of Tri-State's renewable portfolio is from federal hydropower.

* Tri-State is reducing its use of coal by increasingly accessing market power when advantageous, the retirement of San Juan Generating Station capacity in New Mexico in 2017, and the retirement of Nucla Station in early 2020 and Craig Station Unit 1 by the end of 2025.

* Tri-State's Energy Efficiency Products Program, which has been in place for decades, had record levels of funding for members in 2018.

The mission of Tri-State is to provide our member systems a reliable, affordable and responsible supply of electricity in accordance with cooperative principles. Tri-State is a not-for-profit cooperative wholesale power supplier to 43 electric cooperatives and public power districts that collectively serve 1.3 million consumers across four states and nearly 200,000 square miles of the west. Tri-State is owned and governed by its members. Learn more at [tri-state.coop](http://www.tristate.coop)<<http://www.tristate.coop>>.

DELTA COUNTY WELCOMES NEW TOURISM COORDINATOR

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County Tourism Cabinet is pleased to announce that Darnell Place-Wise is the Tourism Coordinator for the County effective July 1, 2019. Darnell has extensive background in community relations, marketing, tourism, and event organization. She currently serves as the Delta County Public Information Officer and Marketing coordinator for Delta

County Fairgrounds. Darnell's duties will include social media, website, marketing of tourism, and general administration of tourism dollars.

In addition, Kelli Hepler will be continuing her work with the Tourism Cabinet as lead contact for media familiarization tours and state representation of Delta County Tourism. The Tourism Cabinet wishes to thank Kelli for her 13 plus years

of service to the tourism efforts in the County and the strong program she has built.

Delta County Tourism Cabinet looks forward to their continued working relationship with Kelli.

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DALLAS CREEK SHORELINE AT RIDGWAY STATE PARK CLOSED TO VEHICLES



Ridgway State Park. Courtesy photo.

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RIDGWAY – Because of the rising water level at Ridgway State Park, the shoreline

vehicle access on the south side of the reservoir at Dallas Creek is closed to vehicles until further notice.

The closure is in place to protect vegetation, nesting waterfowl and the shoreline. Users can still park at the adjacent Bay View parking lot and walk to the shoreline.

"This area usually closes on years when the water level at Ridgway is high," said Kirstin Copeland, park manager. The area will reopen when the water levels drop and conditions are appropriate.

"Thanks to the winter's big snow fall, the reservoir is full and we'll have good water

recreation through the summer," Copeland said.

Pet owners are reminded that dogs must be kept on a leash to the water's edge and all waste must be picked up and removed.

Outstanding camping and recreation facilities are available at Ridgway State Park with 283 campsites and three yurts. The daily entry fee to the park is \$8 per vehicle. Camp sites range in price from \$18 to \$26.

For more information about the parks or camping, call 970-626-5822; <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Ridgway>.

SWEITZER LAKE SWIM BEACH CLOSED TEMPORARILY DUE TO HIGH E. COLI LEVELS

Special to the Mirror

DELTA— The swim beach at Sweitzer Lake State Park is closed temporarily because testing shows unsafe levels of E. coli bacteria. The beach was closed July 18 and park staff is testing the water daily.


The beach will open when the bacteria drops to a safe level. The level will drop naturally; there is nothing that can be

done to influence a decline.

The lake remains open to other water activities such as boating, water skiing, paddleboarding and fishing. Only the area at the swim beach is closed.


Sweitzer Lake, located just south of the town of Delta, is filled with agricultural irrigation run-off water. An increase in E. coli levels can result from urban and agri-

cultural run-off, and from concentrations of wildlife – primarily waterfowl. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment mandates testing of water at public beaches. For more information regarding Colorado natural swim area monitoring, please visit CDPHE's web page at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/swim-beach-monitoring>.



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AUTUMN EVENT EXPLORES CHANGING APPROACHES TO MINING AND RECLAMATION

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SILVERTON-We are on the cusp of a new future for mining and mine reclamation thanks to innovative movers and thinkers. People concerned about and involved in the health and economies of historic mining communities are invited to explore the changing approaches at the San Juan Mining Reclamation Conference and the Silverton Innovation Expo. Some of these changes are happening organically, some are planned locally, and some come from external sources outside of local control.

The conference and expo (<http://www.mountainstudies.org/expo>), held together this year on Sept. 24-26 at the Kendall Mountain Center in Silverton, Colo., will be an opportunity to step back and look at the bigger picture of mining and reclamation activities in the San Juan Mountains. Presenters and participants will include representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), United States Forest Service (USFS), Town of Silverton, private environmental consulting companies, venture capitalists, business accelerator programs, schools, and nonprofits.

"Mine remediation has been going on in the San Juan Mountains for at least three decades, but there is still an enormous

amount of work that needs to be done. We picked the theme of changing approaches for this year's event because we want to step back and examine if changes in policy and practices can help us move forward. This year, we've conjoined the Conference with the Innovation Expo because new, innovative technologies are important pathways for getting more work accomplished," explained conference organizer Peter Butler, who is co-coordinator of the Animas River Stakeholders Group.

On Tuesday, Sept. 24, the 9th Annual San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference will focus on setting overall cleanup goals, voluntary versus regulatory approaches, and funding and partnership opportunities. Conference participants will explore such questions as: how effective are our goals at meeting overall cleanup goals? And, how can valuable ores be extracted without leaving the environmental consequences that historical mining did?

Wednesday, Sept. 25, is an optional tour day. Tours will be designed to be approximately 3.5 hours so that people can participate in two of them if so desired. Rory Cowie, Ph.D., of Mountain Studies Institute will lead a field trip about Hydrology and Characterization Science. Guests will

visit a remote weather station and other hydrologic monitoring instrumentation in the mining district, to observe the challenges of developing a hydrologic water balance in a complicated mining area. The second, related tour will demonstrate the methods of telemetry needed in mountainous areas when conducting characterization work and real-time monitoring of draining adits.

Peter Butler, Ph.D., of the Animas River Stakeholders Group and Kirstin Brown of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety will lead a field trip about Water Quality and Historic Mine Remediation – The Three Major Basins of the Upper Animas. Two separate tour options will highlight water quality and mine remediation in separate sub-basins of the Animas River – Mineral Creek, Cement Creek, and the Animas River above Silverton including Sunnyside Basin.

On the 25th evening, the public is welcome to a movie screening of Newmont Mining's film, "Mine Next Door," which explores what is being done to clean up the Idarado Mine area. Larry Fiske from Newmont and the filmmaker Brett Schreckengost will be present to answer questions. A link to the preview can be found at <https://vimeo.com/289373585>



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COLORADO EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN JUNE, 2019

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COLORADO-Employers in Colorado added 8,100 nonfarm payroll jobs from May to June for a total of 2,779,400 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. Private sector payroll jobs increased 6,500 and government increased 1,600. May estimates were revised up to 2,771,300, and the over the month change from April to May was an increase of 7,000 rather than the originally estimated increase of 2,200.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate decreased two-tenths of a percentage point from May to June to 3.0 percent. The number of people actively participating in the labor force increased 4,800 over the month to 3,143,400 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 9,600 to 3,049,200, causing the number of unemployed to decrease 4,800 and the unemployment rate to decline to 3.0 percent. The national unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point in June to 3.7 percent.

Over the year, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.9 to 34.3 hours and

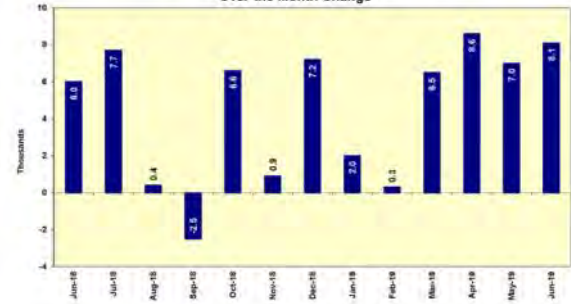
average hourly earnings increased from \$28.66 to \$30.22.

The largest over the month private sector job gains were in professional and business services and construction. There were no significant private sector over the month declines.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 52,800, with an increase of 47,700 in the private sector and an increase of 5,100 in government. The largest private sector job gains were in professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and educational and health services. Financial activities declined over the year.

Over the year, the unemployment rate is down two-tenths of a percentage point from 3.2 percent. The number of Coloradans participating in the labor force increased 51,900, total employment increased 56,000 and the number of unemployed decreased 4,200. The national unemployment rate declined from 4.0 per-

Colorado Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
Over the Month Change



Source: BLS, Labor Market Information Bureau of Labor Statistics

cent in June 2018 to 3.7 percent in June 2019.

All Colorado estimates from the establishment and household surveys, including greater geographic detail, are available at: <http://www.colmigateway.com>. Estimates for all states and the nation are available at: <http://www.bls.gov>. The July 2019 Colorado Employment Situation will be released at 8 AM on Friday, Aug. 16, 2019. The full schedule of release dates for calendar year 2019 estimates is available at <http://www.colmigateway.com>.

CDOT COMPLETES ADA RAMP ENHANCEMENT PROJECT ON US 550/US 160 IN DURANGO

Special to the Mirror

LA PLATA COUNTY — The Colorado Department of Transportation is pleased to announce the completion of the U.S. Highways 550/US 160 ADA ramp enhancement project in Durango. The project started four months ago, in March, and was completed on time. Western Gravel Constructors was the contractor selected for the \$600,000 project.

Crews made improvements to 10 intersections throughout Durango which enhanced safety as part of CDOT's "Whole System - Whole Safety" program. Work included the installation or upgrading of 19 ramps to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Improvements were also made to curbs, gutters, and sidewalks.

The ADA ramp enhancement project was also part of an \$85 million statewide initiative for communities to comply with ADA federal laws, providing functional accessibility to all travelers using our state and U.S. highways. The statewide initiative is expected to be completed by the year 2021.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

HOSPITAL LEADS \$200,000 OPIOID RESPONSE PROJECT

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MONTROSE--Montrose Memorial Hospital has been awarded a \$200,000 grant to develop a community-wide response to the opioid epidemic. Called the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP), the \$200,000 award will enable Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH) to form a consortium of community partners to tackle issues related to opioid addiction. The project will allow the group to analyze the issue of opioid use disorder and develop a comprehensive plan to address gaps and opportunities in prevention, treatment, and recovery services related to the issue. "Our top priority is to ensure the health of our Friends & Family," said James Kiser, CEO of Montrose Memorial Hospital. "By working closely with our community partners, we believe we can make an impact and help our community in significant ways."

The consortium will produce evidence-based, promising, and innovative approaches proven to reduce the fatal consequences associated with opioid overdose. It will also allow for the partners to develop strategies for reducing uninsured and underinsured patients' costs for treatment.

Stephen Tullos, Director of the Montrose County Health & Human Services added, "Montrose County Health and Human Services is committed to building programs and strategies to create a healthy community. We are excited to partner with Montrose Memorial Hospital and other agencies to research and develop plans to address a growing opioid use disorder. Collectively, our aim is to improve health outcomes for our community members and this grant will help us move one step closer towards achieving that goal."

"The Center for Mental Health is delighted to be a part of the planning consortium tasked with comprehensive planning to address the prevention, treatment, and recovery of individuals with opioid use disorder," said Janey Sorensen, Marketing Director for The Center for Mental Health. "It is a privilege to work along side others in the community to help address this complicated issue. Opioid abuse is a com-

plex problem with many layers, and it is only through a community-wide effort that we can find the right answers and put services and support in place that will change the rising trend of addiction and death associated with the abuse of opioids." The consortium includes various organizations in the community working together to address the opioid crisis, including The Center for Mental Health, Partners in Integrated Care (The PIC Place), Montrose County Health & Human Services, Hilltop Resource Center, Montrose Memorial Hospital, River Valley Health Center, and the 7th Judicial District

Drug Court. The grant is funded by the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) and follows both national and state level conversations about how to address opioid addiction and its effect on communities. In October 2017, President Trump declared the opioid crisis a public health emergency.

In May 2019, Governor Jared Polis signed a package of five bills into law to address the opioid epidemic.

According to the Colorado Rural Health Center, the State's opioid crisis kills one person in Colorado about every 9 hours and 36 minutes.



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Pictured from left: Sherry Heinel, Ashley Tregarthen, Elizabeth Knob, Meg Robinson, David Brodhead, April Bonata and Cristina Liddick. Not Pictured: Linda Speedie, Rhonda Galvin and Louie Luna. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Nurses at Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) are being honored with **The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses**®. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's mission to recognize the extraordinary, compassionate nursing care they provide patients and families every day. Ten DAISY nominee RN recipients were recognized on Thursday July 11th at DCMH by Dawn Arnett, Medical Surgical Unit Manager and Jody Roeber, Chief Clinical Officer. The nominees were: Sherry Heinel, David Brodhead, Ashley Tregarthen, Cristina Liddick, April Bonata, Linda Speedie, Elizabeth Knob, Rhonda Galvin, Louie Luna and Meg Robinson.

The DAISY Award Winner for this quarter overall was Meg Robinson, RN, a Med/ Surge nurse nominated by a co-worker and spouse of a patient. The application letter highlighted her understanding and compassionate approach working with her patients and families.

"Meg is an outstanding nurse that is fairly new to the practice, as well as a new

memory of J. Patrick Barnes, by members of his family. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon autoimmune disease. (DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.) The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Nurses may be nominated by patients, families, and colleagues. The quarterly DAISY award recipient is chosen through a select Daisy Committee and DCMH's T.E.A.M. M.A.S.H through a scoring rubric recognizing the nurses P.E.T.A.L.S., (Passion, Empathy, Trust, Admirable attributes, Love and Selflessness) Applications are blinded to these committees and scored. Awards are presented four times throughout the year at celebrations attended by the Honoree's colleagues, patients, and visitors. Each Honoree receives a certificate commend-

ing her or him as an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." Honorees also receive a DAISY Award pin and a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe.

Said Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, President and Co-Founder of The DAISY Foundation, "When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced first-hand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-

human, extraordinary, compassionate work they do. The kind of work the nurses at DCMH are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of The DAISY Award."

DAISY Coordinator Dawn Arnett commented, "We are proud to be among the healthcare organizations participating in The DAISY Award program. Nurses are heroes every day. It's important that our nurses know their work is highly valued, and The DAISY Foundation provides a way for us to do that."

We will honor our next quarter nominees for July, August and September in October.

This is one initiative of The DAISY Foundation to express gratitude to the nursing profession.

Additionally, DAISY offers J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects, The DAISY Faculty Award to honor inspiring faculty members in schools and colleges of nursing, and The DAISY in Training Award for nursing students. More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org>.

Nominate a DCMH DAISY today!!! At <http://deltahospital.org/DAISY>.

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Above, a gentian monument plant in bloom...at right, a Colorado full moon in clouds.

Below, a rainbow above Montrose...



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE MAN TO PAY \$10,000 IN FINES FOR ILLEGALLY KILLING BIG GAME

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-- A western Colorado man who pleaded guilty in late June to illegally killing big game will pay \$10,000 in fines and could lose his hunting and fishing privileges in Colorado and 47 other states, Colorado Parks and Wildlife has announced.

Hayden Barnard, 23, of Olathe, pleaded guilty to a variety of wildlife crimes in Montrose district court in late June, admitting that he illegally killed several deer dating back to 2006 and a bear; he was also complicit in a poaching incident that involved his cousin.

"Thanks to a tip by a member of the public to Operation Game Thief, we've removed a serial poacher from Colorado," said Natalie Renneker, a district wildlife manager for CPW in Montrose. "Poachers are criminals and rob the public and hunters of the opportunity to see and hunt Colorado's wildlife."

The break in the case occurred on Jan. 22 when CPW received a tip that a deer was killed near the Transfer Road on the Uncompahgre Plateau west of Montrose. Wildlife officers responded that evening

and discovered a dead mule deer buck with only its antlers removed.

Based on information provided through the OGT tip, CPW officers, with the assistance of Montrose County Sheriff's deputies and Olathe Police Department officers, served search warrants at Barnard's residence in February. During the subsequent investigation, Barnard admitted to killing the buck. He also admitted to illegally killing another buck in 2006, two additional bucks, and a black bear from 2017 through 2019. The antlers from all the deer and a bear skull were confiscated from Barnard during the investigation.

On June 24, Barnard pleaded guilty to felony destruction of wildlife for the poaching last January of the buck deer. He also pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor of aggravated illegal possession of three or more big game animals for the poaching of multiple deer and a black bear over the course of several years.

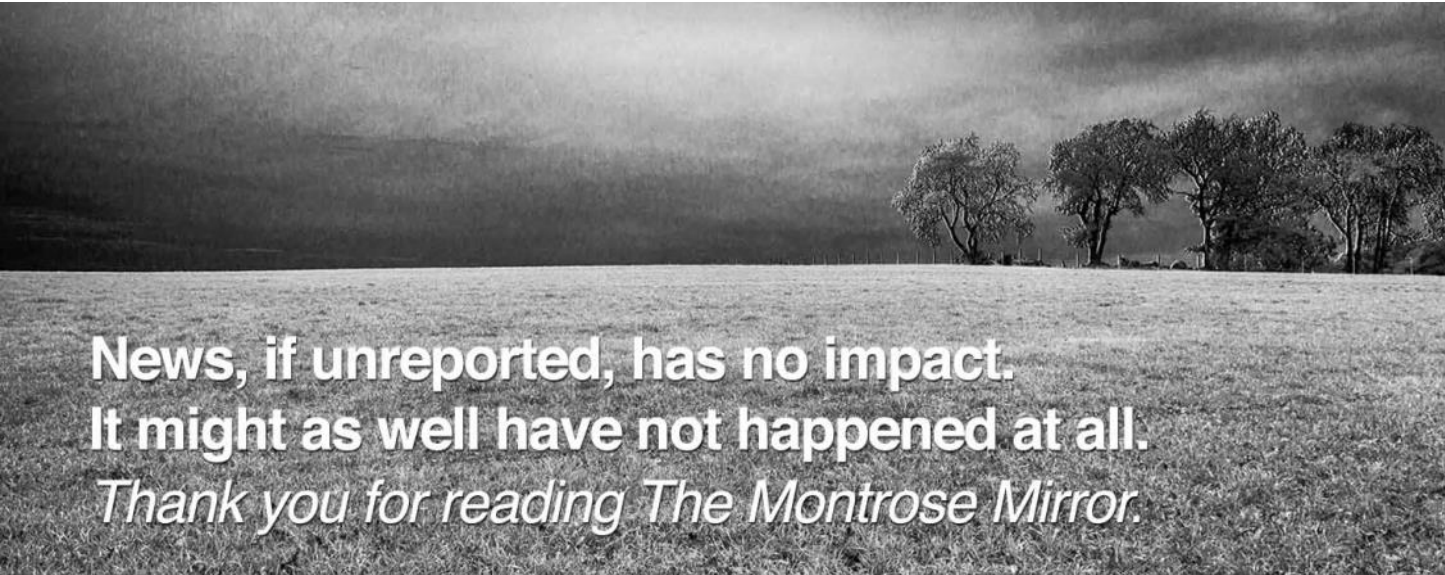
Barnard was fined \$8,500 and will pay an additional \$1,500 to Operation Game Thief. All illegally taken wildlife parts and the Savage .243 Model 99 rifle used to kill the deer were confiscated by CPW. He

was also assessed 40 suspension points, which means that he'll likely lose his privileges to hunt and fish in Colorado and 47 other states. In addition, Barnard was found to be complicit in the illegally killing of a buck in December 2018 by his cousin Wade Barnard of Cedaredge. Wade paid \$4,093 in fines and could lose his license privileges.

"We were able to move quickly and solve other wildlife crimes at the same time thanks to a member of the public who knew it was important to call this in," Renneker said. "Wildlife in Colorado belongs to all of us and CPW relentlessly pursues poachers."

The man who reported the incident in January will receive a \$500 award from Operation Game Thief.

Anyone who has information about a possible wildlife crime is encouraged to call the nearest CPW office or report it anonymously to Operation Game Thief at 1-877-265-6648. Verizon cell phone users can dial #OGT, and emails can be sent to game.thief@state.co.us. Rewards are paid for information that leads to an arrest or citation being issued.



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Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.

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ART & SOL

10TH ANNUAL GRAND MESA MOOSE DAY WILL BE JULY 27

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. - How big are they? How fast can they run? Where do they live? How did they get here? What do they eat? If you have questions about Colorado's most charismatic animal, come up to the top of the Grand Mesa for the 10th Annual Grand Mesa Moose Day. The free event will take place at the [United States Forest Service Visitor Center](#), located a few miles east of Grand Junction, July 27, 10-3 p.m.

Almost every day, moose make headlines across Colorado. Videos and photographs of moose walking through town, on popular hiking trails or ski slopes are numerous and recorded almost daily. The lumbering beasts are one of Colorado Parks and Wildlife's most successful management projects and along with a growing population, the public's curiosity about the largest member of the deer family is growing as well. "They are fascinating animals and it's great they are doing well in Colorado," said CPW's Northwest Region Watchable Wildlife Coordinator Trina Romero. "Our management efforts have led to one of the healthiest moose populations in the country and we are very proud of that. This is a great opportunity for everyone to learn more about how moose are doing in Colorado."

Grand Mesa Moose Day features various kid-friendly activities, including arts and crafts activities and prize giveaways throughout the day. Kids can earn a prize for going on a hike with a wildlife officer to look for signs of moose activity. Throughout the day, experts will present moose biology and history presentations and demonstrate how biologists transplant and track moose. "One fantastic feature this year is the screening of a wonderful documentary by filmmaker Sean Ender," said Romero. "He put together a beautiful film about moose in Colorado, their history and CPW's involvement in their management. We invite folks to come up, meet Sean and see his fascinating film."

Additional activities include a fishing pole casting lesson taught by Cabela's staff. Romero adds that several popular fishing holes on the Grand Mesa provide an opportunity to see moose. "Most people see moose by accident while hiking, fishing or camping," said Romero. "If you suddenly see one, be sure to keep your distance. If you are searching for moose, be prepared with a camera, binoculars or a viewing scope. Perhaps the most important thing to remember is to keep dogs on a leash and far away from moose." CPW reminds the public that moose do



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not fear humans and instinctively react to a curious dog as if it was a predator and will attack it aggressively. Several people have been seriously injured by moose in Colorado over the past several years. The vast majority of the conflicts were precipitated by a barking dog that got too close.

CPW's Grand Mesa Moose Day partners include USFS, The Moose 92.3, Bass Pro/Cabela's and the Grand Mesa Scenic & Historic Byway. To get there, take Highway 65 from Interstate 70 by Plateau Creek, Exit 49, or drive up Highway 50 from nearby Delta and follow it up to the USFS Visitor's Center. Anyone heading to the event is reminded to be attentive as it is increasingly likely to catch a glimpse of a moose.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

THE LIBRARIES OF MONTROSE COUNTY FOUNDATION PRESENTS TRACE BUNDY IN CONCERT



Trace Bundy. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-The Libraries of Montrose County Foundation is pleased to introduce our 2019 concert performer, guitar virtuoso Trace Bundy, who will perform Sunday, Aug. 18, 3-5 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. After his well-received concert in 2016, we are delighted to have Trace back. Free tickets are now available at the Montrose Regional Library.

Generously underwritten by: Friends of the Montrose Library, Home Loan State Bank Montrose, Masters & Viner, P.C., Mayfly Outdoors, and Dr. Tom Wiard &

Emily Schneider.

Internationally acclaimed guitar virtuoso Trace Bundy must be seen, not just heard. His music is poetry in motion, using harmonics, looping, multiple capos, and his unique banter and stage presence to deliver an unforgettable live concert experience. Listening to his intricate arrangements is one thing but seeing the fan-dubbed "Acoustic Ninja" play live confounds even the most accomplished music lovers as to how one person can do all that with just two hands and ten fingers. Promotional Bio:

Bundy's unique career has brought him across the world, with concerts in 28 countries and counting - from high-tech performance halls in South Korea and Italy, to remote villages in Zimbabwe and Guatemala. He has independently sold over 140,000 albums on his record label, Honest Ninja Music. His video clips circulate virally at astonishing speed, with over 43 million YouTube views to date.

Trace was named "Most Promising New Talent" of 2008 by Acoustic Guitar Maga-

zine, as well as winning third place in the magazine's "Best Fingerstyle Guitarist" category the same year. Over his many years of touring, Trace has shared the stage with Brandi Carlile, Olivia Newton-John, Neko Case, Judy Collins, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Phil Keaggy, David Wilcox, Nathaniel Rateliff, David Knopfler (Dire Straits), Bill Nershi (String Cheese), Laurence Juber (Paul McCartney & Wings), Chris Hillman (the Byrds), and Stanley Jordan, among others.

Jimmy Leslie at Guitar Player Magazine blogs "It was easy to see why Bundy plays bigger venues on each tour. In his hands, the acoustic guitar is an imagination station, and there was no telling where he is going to take the audience at any given turn. Thrilling stuff." Audiocast Magazine from Austin, TX agrees: "Bundy's live show is without a doubt an event that needs to be witnessed rather than told about. With such a jaw-dropping performance, Bundy's live concert is a slap in the face that would leave a palm print on the memory of everyone in the audience."

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALEXANDRA WATTS OF MONTROSE, BRYANT UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2019

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SMITHFIELD, RI-- Bryant University's Class of 2019 celebrated the 156th Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Alexandra Watts of Montrose, Colorado graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Finance. Watts joins a powerful network of more than 50,000 alumni who are inspired to excel and have distinguished

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS UNKNOWN STORIES OF DOWNTOWN

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MONTROSE-Come and enjoy the "Unknown Stories of Downtown Montrose" on July 26 starting at 7 pm. This short walk will take you to the alleys of our historic downtown where you will learn the locations of our first jails, court-

house and unknown stories that had happened behind the closed doors in our historical buildings. Along with some of the stories of our famous visitors who had

"come" to town to work, live or visit. Space is limited. Please call 249-2085 for reservations or information. The cost is \$10 per person.

AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL GUITAR

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MONTROSE-Healthy Rhythm Music Services Presents "Philippe Holmes :: an evening of classical guitar" • Saturday evening, Aug. 3rd, in The Listening Room of Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery, located at historic Sampler Square (68 S Grand Ave) in downtown Montrose, Colorado!



Philippe Holmes.
Courtesy photo.

All reserve seating. Advance Main Gallery and Studio Gallery reserved seats available. After show Meet & Greet with musician is included. Advance purchase is recommended. This is a ticketless event. Show is limited to 50 concertgoers. Admission is \$2 more Day of Show (if available).

Doors open at 7 p.m. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Street and rear lot parking available. Born in Stuttgart, Germany, Philippe Holmes grew up in Washington D.C. and attended Georgetown and George Washington Universities. He has composed, performed and produced music ranging from classical to hip-hop since the age of sixteen. Having led bands on both coasts through his twenties, in 2004 he moved to the small village of Monticello, New Mexico and immersed himself in the repertoire of Andr  s Segovia.



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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

UpstART of Ouray gives us Shakespeare as he intended

NO HOLDS BARD ... The troupe's tagline is "Theater That Moves." And it's true. Their production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Wrights Opera House in Ouray this past weekend was moving and amazing! ... I attend Ashland's Shakespeare productions every year now in Oregon. I'm addicted. They are quite professional, and usually very impressive. Especially for the Bard's serious dramas ... But when it comes to the comedies, give me UpstART anytime. They're brash, irreverent, saucy and as fast-paced as they are improvisational. It's been years since I remember laughing so much or so hard at a staged show. And that with no props. Sometimes with minimal or even no costumes ... How does director John Kissingford maintain the conceit of Elizabethan performances for his audiences? By giving his amateur players license to ham it up, seize the moment with ready improv and have an obviously great time performing. This is Shakespeare as broad farce, not canonical theater. It's comedy for the groundlings. Even if the Bard's poetry is sometimes odd to our ears and hard to grok, the wild action carries it ... Plus, he takes us back to the original performance tricks of Shakespeare's day. Actors would get their roles sometimes the night before the play. In fact the word "role" comes from the stick and paper rolls the actors carried in the play, which had their cues and lines (reproducing the whole script was far too costly in the days before machines) ... As it was, the only prop for this show was Kate Kissingford's table, working as she was as her own comedic character – the visible prompter at the back of the stage, imperiously feeding lines to actors if they forgot or missed them. Instead of paralyzing the action with obvious unintentional missteps, the actors absorbed the prompts and sailed on, or made us all laugh with asides at their forgettings. Mistakes called no untoward

attention to themselves – they became part of the hilarity ... I could go on and on about UpstART, name all the wonderful actors, praise them up and down. But the sad news is you missed it. They only did one weekend of shows, and it's over ... So, next year, when you learn about UpstART and Wrights Opera doing Shakespeare, grab your tickets right away. This was the second Shakespeare production I've seen as interpreted by the Kissingfords and both have been equally amazing. I can't wait for the next one.

THE KEEPERS ... If you haven't seen the Netflix series about one story of child abuse, a nun's murder and the conspiracy on the part of the Catholic hierarchy in the Diocese of Baltimore, Maryland, to intentionally hide the facts (in at least one alleged instance involving the outright lying by sitting Bishop Malooly of Wilmington, Delaware, when he was a monsignor under Cardinal Keeler). The film exposes what it is hard not to believe was an intentional cover-up perpetuated by local law enforcement, government officials and the Roman Catholic Church. As a former RC seminarian, I am ashamed and horrified by these kinds of terrible injustices perpetrated by the very clergy I believed at one time to all be holy men of God ... And this is just one case. In Pennsylvania alone the abuse of over 1000 children by some 300 priests over the course of 70

years was uncovered by a grand jury last year and reported in the *New York Times* ... Especially if you're a Catholic, you need to watch this series.

SEMNET ... As a graduate of the Archdiocese of San Francisco's St. Joseph's minor seminary in Mountain View, California (destroyed in the Loma Prieta earthquake), I like to keep in touch with my fellow ex-seminarians (many of them priests or ex-priests). Most of the ones on the internet group are still loyal Catholics, although often at odds with their bishops over scandals and needed reform. I'm one of the few freethinking pagans (what they call lapsed Catholics) in the group -- known as Art Goodtimes (Bontempi), SJC '65 ... Next item is a funny linguistic remembrance from Jim Gaffey, SJC '54, lightly edited.

RIBALD ... Reading in today's *New York Times* about the infamous predator Jeffrey Epstein, I came across the word "ribald" used to describe a song that was sung at one of his parties. Despite the serious nature of the article, the sight of that word rewarded me with an unexpected chuckle. It arose from a memory of a [adapted] production of "H.M.S. Pinafore"



Above left, Front porch facade of St. Joseph's College seminary in the Santa Cruz foothills above Mountain View, California. Above right, early postcard of the seminary (courtesy photos).

Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes, continued

that was staged at [St. Joseph's] College in 1952. During one of the early rehearsals, Mel W., who was playing Sir Joseph Porter the seminary rector, had to utter a word that none of us had ever seen before. It was "ribald," which appears only once in the script and which puzzled us all ... According to the script, the ship's Captain had uttered the unforgivable profanity, "Dam-me" (unforgivable because this was the Victorian era). Surrounded by his seminarians, Sir Joseph overhears it and is outraged at this loose use of the English language in the presence of so many tender ears. The Captain is immediately banned to his quarters, in the following manner:

*Sir Joseph, I will hear of no defence, /
Attempt none if you're sensible.
That word of evil sense. / Is wholly inde-*

fensible.

*Go ribald, get you hence / To your cabin
with celerity.*

*This is the consequence / Of ill-advised
asperity !*

When Mel sang the verse for the first time, he pronounced it, "Go ri-BĀLD, get you hence. . . ." No one noticed the error in pronunciation until John Canfield, the director, pointed it out after the rehearsal. During his final performance Mel pronounced "RĪ-bald" correctly – though in the meantime he had to endure weeks of ribbing when cast members would glance at him, point a finger at him, and yell, "Go ri-BĀLD, get you hence!" ... This episode does not have the side-splitting humor [of] Paul Reiff's campaign speeches when he was running for the Governorship of the State of Confusion, but these are the

things that many of us remember as delightful flashes of good fun never to be forgotten – even by today's prime candidates for dementia.

TELLURIDE OUTSIDE ... Had a great raft trip on the San Miguel a week or so ago with my daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter visiting from San Francisco. The river was high (although down a bit from peak), and the rapids (Class II & III) were just rowdy enough to keep one's adrenaline high, but not really dangerous. Our boatman was exceedingly skillful in avoiding the many "strainers" in the stream (logs and debris, often clogging as much as half the channel). I caught a fair amount of waves in the face while paddling at the front of the raft -- which I thoroughly enjoyed ... Kudos to John Duncan for running a great operation.

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samurai sword
obtained in Burma, 1943.
My cost 30 stitches.
Sell best offer.
Other items also.
Ask for Big Vern

-Doc Dachtler
from *Why Am I Telling You This?*
(Longhouse Press, Vermont, 2019)

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many views,
one newspaper.**



Montrose County Fair & Rodeo

July 22 - July 27, 2019

Monday, July 15

7:00pm Jr. Horse Test (Hall)

Friday, July 19

8:00am Check In 4-H General Projects (Hall)

9:00am Interview Judging Begins (Hall)

Saturday, July 20

8:00am Jr./Open Working Ranch Horse Show (Event Center)

8:00am Vendor Setup (Hall)

3:00pm Jr./Open Gymkhana (Event Center)

Sunday, July 21

8:00am Jr./Open Horse Show (Event Center)

8:00am Vendor Setup (Hall)

9:00am - 2:00pm Open Show Entries (Hall)

4:00pm Jr. Dog Agility (Event Center)

6:00pm Wild Mustang Show (Arena)

Monday, July 22 - Fair Opens To the Public

7:00am - 10:00am Swine Check/Weigh In

8:00am - 10:00am Poultry Check/Weigh In

9:00am - 6:00pm Open Show Entries

10:00am - 12:00pm Rabbit Check/Weigh In

10:00am - 12:00pm Beef Check/Weigh In

12:00pm - 2:00pm Sheep & Goat Check/Weigh In

2:00pm Kids Craft (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

2:30pm Jr. Participant Meeting (Show Ring)

3:00pm Chicken Little Show (Show Ring)

3:00pm Jr./Open Poultry Show (Show Ring)

4:00pm Mutton Bustin Eliminations (Arena)

6:00pm Kiddie Tractor Pull (Sale Barn)

7:00pm Parade (Main Street)

Tuesday, July 23

7:00am - 10:00am Open Entry Food Drop Off (Hall)

8:00am Royalty Horsemanship (Arena)

8:30am Peter Rabbit Show (Show Ring)

8:30am Jr. Rabbit Show (Show Ring)

9:00am Open Judging Wood Working & Legos (Hall)

10:00am Open Judging Food (Hall)

10:00am Kids Craft (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

11:00am Live Music Donny Morales (Hall)

12:00pm Kids Sidewalk Chalk Contest (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

1:00pm Cupcake Decorating (Hall)

1:00pm Jr. Dog Show (Event Center)

2:30pm Live Music Rusty Wouters (Hall)

4:00pm Black Canyon Gymnastics Demonstration (Hall)

5:00pm Community Night BBQ (Arena)

6:45pm Contestants T-Shirt Picture (Arena)

7:00pm Community Night Entertainment (Arena)

Wednesday, July 24

8:30am Kids with Kids (Show Ring)

9:00am Jr./Open Goat Show (Show Ring)

9:00am Open Judging Art & Living Arts (Hall)

10:00am Kids Craft (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

1:00pm Royalty Modeling (Hall)

2:00pm Live Music Donny Morales (Hall)

3:00pm Fashion Revue (Hall)

CONTINUED Wednesday, July 24

4:00pm Montrose Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Demonstration (Hall)

4:30pm This Little Pig (Show Ring)

5:00pm Jr. Swine Show (Show Ring)

5:00pm Pork & Pepsi (Hall)

5:00pm Live Music Rusty Wouters (Hall)

6:00pm Antique Tractor Pull (Arena)

6:00pm Eating Contest (Hall)



Thursday, July 25

8:30am Merry Little Lamb (Show Ring)

9:00am Jr./Open Sheep Show (Show Ring)

10:00am Kids Craft (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

11:00am Kids Hot Wheels Race (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

11:00am The Perceptives (Hall)

12:00pm Cutest Baby Contest (Hall)

1:00pm Horse Awards (Hall)

2:00pm The Perceptives (Hall)

3:00pm Time to Dance (Hall)

3:30pm Bucket Calf Show (Show Ring)

4:00pm Jr. Beef Show (Show Ring)

6:00pm Wild Mustang Main Performance (Arena)

6:00pm Team Roping (Event Center)

Friday, July 26

7:00am - 9:00am Swine Sale Pictures

9:00am - 10:00am Lamb/Goat Sale Pictures

10:00am - 11:00am Beef Sale Pictures

10:00am Kids Craft (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

10:00am Small Animal Round Robin (Show Ring)

11:30am Large Animal Round Robin (Show Ring)

1:00pm Kids Activity (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

1:00pm The Perceptives (Hall)

3:00pm The Perceptives (Hall)

4:00pm Pig Scramble (Show Ring)

7:00pm Gary Russell Band (Event Center) - \$10

Saturday, July 27

8:00am Rodeo Slack (Arena)

10:00am Kids Craft (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

10:00am Royalty Experience (Hall)

11:00am Buyers Lunch (Event Center)

11:00am The Perceptives (Hall)

1:00pm Jr. Livestock Auction (Show Ring)

2:00pm Montrose Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Demonstration (Hall)

2:00pm Fiddle Contest (Event Center)

6:30pm Crowning of Royalty (Arena)

7:00pm CPRA RAM Rodeo (Arena) -

\$10 for Adults \$5 for Kids 12 and under

8:00pm 4H/FFA Dance (Event Center)

Sunday, July 28

6:00am-9:00am Buyback and Processor Load Out

8:00am-12:00pm Premium Pick Up, Tear-down

8:00am- 2:00pm Vendor Tear-down

9:30am-12:00pm Animal Load Out

5:00pm All stalls and pens must be clean

*This schedule is subject to change. Please visit
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SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

CURRENT/ONGOING-

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 Chris Hebert at 970-901-5876 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 Wednesday 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-

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

Aug. 1-Thursday, August 1, 59th Artists' Alpine Holiday Art Show - featuring more than 300 works of art by 146 artists. Ouray Community Center, 340 6th Avenue. 10 am-6 pm.

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

Aug. 3-Saturday, Aug. 3, 59th Artists' Alpine Holiday Art Show - featuring more than 300 works of art by 146 artists. Ouray Community Center, 340 6th Avenue. 10 am-6 pm.

Aug. 4-Sunday Aug. 4, 59th Artists' Alpine Holiday Art Show - featuring more than 300 works of art by 146 artists. Ouray Community Center, 340 6th Avenue. 10 am-6 pm.

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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Aug. 6-YOUNG AT HEART Learn the researched benefits of enzymes and supplements that support a healthy heart. 1 p.m. @ Montrose Senior Center (1800 East Pavilion Place). Presenter: Charlie Spears, Health Coach.

Aug. 13-NO INDIVIDUAL HEROES, 1 p.m. Power point dramatic presentation of the heroic stories of the Ouray Co Mountain Rescue Team. Montrose Senior Center (1800 East Pavilion Place). Presenter: Karen Risch, Author.

Aug. 14-Wednesday, Aug. 14th at 6:15pm. Yoga for Cyclists, at the Brewery! Cost: \$10 (cash only). Experience a deep release for those tight legs, hips & back! This unique class will take place on the outdoor patio at 2 Rascals Brewing Co. All mats and props will be provided by Yoga House. All abilities are welcome! After class, grab a cold brew and talk cycling with us!

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/>

Sept. 4--Boomers & Bicycling 10. Sept. 4 @ 9 am - Noon Free. Montrose Senior Center, You are never too old to ride a bicycle... or get back on one! This FREE 3-hour class includes an indoor discussion on bicycle safety and rules of the road, tips for selecting the right gear, and time on your bicycle practicing bicycle handling and balance skills.

Sept. 10-ROCK ART OF THE PARADOX VALLEY, 1 p.m. @ Montrose Senior Center (1800 East Pavilion Place).

Take this picturesque journey through the ancient lives in Paradox Valley through the rock carvings they left behind. Presenter: Glade Hadden, geologist.

Sept. 11-Wednesday, Sept. 11th at 6 pm. Yoga for Cyclists, at the Brewery! Cost: \$10 (cash only). Experience a deep release for those tight legs, hips & back! This unique class will take place on the outdoor patio at 2 Rascals Brewing Co. All mats and props will be provided by Yoga House. All abilities are welcome! After class, grab a cold brew and talk cycling with us!

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READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT...

Rivers and Rainbows!

Photographer Deb Reimann snapped the photo of Mineral Creek in Silverton, below; Montrose photographer Jim Elder snapped the photo of the rainbow at right.



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