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OLD SPANISH TRAIL LIVES ON @ FORT UNCOMPAHGRE



Regular living history events at Fort Uncompahgre include gatherings of mountain men and occasional "Trade Days." Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

DELTA-It's the spot where two great rivers meet, and increasingly, a place where travelers from around the world converge to immerse themselves in an authentic, Old West experience.

Five years ago, Chris Miller and the Interpretive Association of Western Colorado (IAWC) established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Delta and took over operations of the Fort Uncompahgre site near Confluence Park. Today, the popular tourist spot has taken on a new role—as an interpretive site on the old Spanish Trail—and new relevance.

"A lot has changed over the last couple of years," Miller said. "Connecting the Fort to the Old Spanish Trail

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DMEA INKS SECRETIVE EXIT DEAL WITH TRI-STATE, REFUSES TO DIVULGE COST TO MEMBERS

Story and photo

by Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The public and media were not allowed into the Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) board room for the July 23rd meeting until after the meeting had started. No explanation was given.

Seven of the nine board members were present at the regular monthly meeting. Brad Harding and DMEA Board President Bill Patterson were absent; however, Patterson joined in by conference call. In Patterson's absence Vice President Mark Eckhart chaired the meeting. Written committee reports are submitted to the board prior to meetings and during the meeting these reports are available to board members on their personal laptop computers. However, the public and the media are not privy to the reports and information can only be gleaned through



Despite the news that DMEA was successful in a settlement with Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association (Tri-State) for an early contract withdrawal, the DMEA board was unusually subdued during the hour-long July 23rd meeting.

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970 SPORTS REWIND EXPANDING TO DELTA

By Caitlin Switzer

DELTA-A Montrose mainstay is expanding to Delta! Chayenne Carter's 970 Sports Rewind, a local source for gently used sporting equipment of all kinds, celebrates the opening of its Delta Store with a ribbon cutting at 11 a.m. on Aug. 1.

In Delta, 970 Sports Rewind will be located at 1st and Palmer, in the Chili Pepper Pottery building, and will continue to be run by family.

"We are teaming up with Chili Pepper Pottery, taking a third of the space...my sister-in-law will run the store," Carter said. "We are a family business."

This is 970 Sports Rewind's first expansion, he noted, "We're trying to get more out there." Here in Montrose, 970 Sports Rewind is located at 614 East Main Street. The shop is well known as a great place to stock up on equipment for the kids, and to buy, rent, or trade kayaks, paddle boards, skateboards and skis (among other things). Expect more ski rentals and plenty of disc golf equipment at the Delta store. "It's a good spot to head on over to Powderhorn," Carter said. "We're really big with disc golf, and Delta has a better



A Montrose mainstay is expanding to Delta—970 Sports Rewind will celebrate a ribbon cutting at their Delta location, in the Chili Pepper Pottery building, on Aug. 1.

course." At both locations, the emphasis will continue to be on serving families. By shopping at 970 Sports Rewind, "Families can have fun for less," Carter said. "Go

outside and have fun!" Find 970 Sports Rewind online at <https://www.970sportsrewind.com>, or call 970-417-3771.

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CREWS OPEN GLENWOOD CANYON BIKE PATH

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GARFIELD/EAGLE COUNTIES—Colorado Department of Transportation crews have been working to make repairs and sweep the Glenwood Canyon bike path in order to fully open the gates for through travel. As of July 24 the bike path is now open from Dotsero to Glenwood Springs.

Cyclists and pedestrians interested in utilizing the path should frequently check the CDOT website for updates, since the bike path may close on short notice because of stormy weather or high water flow. Information can be found on the www.COTRIP.org page under the Travel Alerts /Statewide Alerts tabs. In order to

maintain pathway safety, CDOT reminds cyclists and pedestrians to please obey all warning and closure signs.

Glenwood Canyon bike path is open to the public. Those wishing to bike/hike Hanging Lake will need to make a reservation for a permit on www.visitglenwood.com/hanginglake.



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POLIS IS DOING WHAT HE WAS ELECTED TO DO

Editor:

Thank you Jon Sering for your thoughtful comments on the miss-guided recall effort of Gov. Polis. I especially commend you on the listing of items related to another politician's real grounds for removal. I would not have been able to stop

listing all the reasons. My letter probably would have been at least, say, 448 pages long... Mr Polis has done what he said he would do during the campaign, and he won the election. One of the complaints about Polis in this recall effort is a belief that he is going to force you to buy elec-

tric cars and folks out in on the western slope drive pickup trucks.

First, no one is forcing anyone to buy a certain type of vehicle, second, I hear Ford will be coming out with an electric pick-up truck!

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U.S. 50 LITTLE BLUE CREEK CANYON RD IMPROVEMENT, ROCK FALL MITIGATION PROJECT POSTPONED TO 2021

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MONTROSE & GUNNISON COUNTIES — The Colorado Department of Transportation and the Federal Highways Administration announce the postponement of the U.S. Highway 50 improvement project through the Little Blue Creek Canyon. Due to unforeseen circumstances, work which had been originally set to break ground in the spring of 2020, has now been rescheduled to start in 2021. The project will take place 30 miles east of Montrose between mile points 123 and 127.

CDOT will work closely with the FHWA to keep the local communities well informed of the project as it moves forward over the next couple of years. Once the project

has been advertised and awarded to a contractor, a new start date will be announced, including details and specific information about traffic impacts. Visit the FHWA project website for more information: fh.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/co/little-blue/.

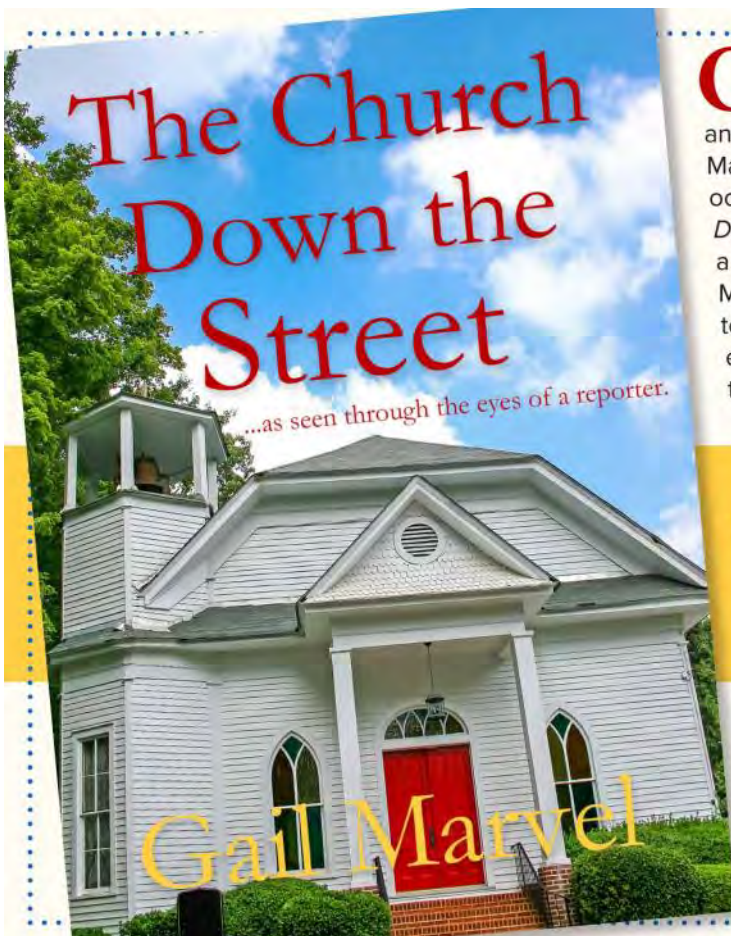
According to the FHWA and once the project begins, work is expected to take about two years to complete and will require extensive construction with significant closures of U.S. 50. Based on feedback from the public, local elected officials and businesses, and the Colorado Motor Carriers Association, travel access will be provided through the project work zone every weekday morning, midday, and

evening and fully open on the weekends.

The project is designed to provide more reliable travel times and improve driver safety throughout the canyon corridor. The work will include:

- construction of wider shoulders
- improve roadway alignment
- slope stabilization including the installation of rock fall catchment fence
- replace guardrail
- improve sight lines

The project received funding from the Federal Lands Access Program and is being developed, administered, and constructed by the Federal Highway Administration/Central Federal Lands Highway Division with cooperation from CDOT.



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.

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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has been a win-win."

In 2017, the National Park Service officially designated Fort Uncompahgre as the first non-Federal interpretive center on the Old Spanish Trail between Santa Fe and Los Angeles.

Also, the Fort went from being open seasonally to being open year-round as of April 30, 2018. Since that time, "Visitation has quadrupled," Miller said, "Just the stopping power of the new signs."

Heritage tourism sites like Fort Uncompahgre help people take pride in their community, she said.

"It helps us establish pride in history, and in a heritage of our own," Miller said.

After all, Delta has always been the heart of the West Central region, she noted. "For hundreds of years people have been coming to this little basin."

Early day explorer Juan Rivera traveled right up to the Grand River, now known as the Colorado River, and trader Antoine Robidoux established the first Fort Uncompahgre at the Robidoux Bottoms in 1828. Today the original site of Fort Uncompahgre is known as the Escalante

Wildlife area.

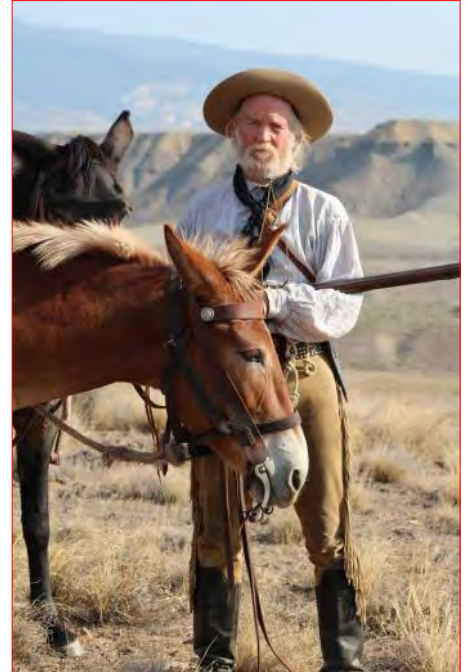
"He saw a well-worn Indian Trail," Miller said, "And he built his Fort right there... before that, we believe this was a historic fork for hundreds of years."

"They didn't go to Grand Junction, they didn't go to Montrose," she said. "They came right to Delta."

And they are still coming to Delta, from all over the world. Fort Uncompahgre Volunteer Jo Ann Price said that visitation appears to be up this year as well.

A couple from Belgium dropped by last week. "They spoke really good English," Price said. "And we've had several groups from Germany—the Old West is really big in Germany, and they especially like the mountain man stuff."

Fort Uncompahgre hosts regular mountain man gatherings, including the Saturday Trade Day held July 27, drawing colorful, period vendors from across the region. Price recalled two recent visitors from Germany who spoke very little English and carried a guidebook. "I gave them a booklet, they gave themselves a self-guided



A mountain man at Fort Uncompahgre. Courtesy photo.

tour, and they came back happy as can be."

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Photos of the July 27 Deltarado Days Parade on Main Street are by Jon Nelson of [Delta County Living](http://DeltaCountyLiving.com), a web site highlighting events, opportunities, and the communities of Delta County.

A large photograph of a crowded street market. People are walking along a street lined with various market stalls and tents. The scene is outdoors with trees and mountains in the background.

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BLM HOSTING OPEN HOUSE IN HESPERUS ON COAL PROPOSAL IN LA PLATA COUNTY

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DOLOROS-The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is hosting an open house Aug. 1 in Hesperus to discuss the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that evaluates GCC Energy, LLC's (GCCE) proposed Lease-by-Application (LBA) for the King II Coal Mine, approximately 15 miles west of Durango, Colorado. The EA, which is being jointly prepared with the Office of Surface Mining and Enforcement (OSMRE), was released for public review on July 5.

The BLM held a public hearing July 24 in Dolores to discuss the proposal, including fair market value and maximum economic recovery. The open house is being held to accommodate local government officials and individuals who expressed the need for an additional informational session at a location closer to the mine site.

"The BLM supports working landscapes across the West through its various multiple-use programs like coal," said Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clementson. "Public participation is vital for making a decision on this proposal and we are committed to being a good neighbor to the communities we serve."

The Aug. 1 open house will run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Breen Community Building in Hesperus, 15300 CO-140. Both BLM and OSMRE staff will be available to answer questions and accept written comments.

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

The draft EA, maps and information about how to comment electronically and via mail are available through the BLM ePlanning site, which can be found at <https://go.usa.gov/xEKTv>. Comments

must be received by August 5, 2019.

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FILING SUPPORTS TRI-STATE CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVES

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WESTMINSTER- Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association has made tariff application filings with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Tri-State expects the FERC to accept the filing in 60 days. When the filing is accepted, Tri-State will be fully rate regulated by the federal commission.

The FERC filing follows Tri-State's July 17 announcement of its Responsible Energy Plan. As Tri-State develops the plan<<https://www.tristate.coop/tri-state-announces-transformative-responsible-energy-plan>>, consistent and predictable rate regulation is critical.

"Tri-State is positioning our cooperative for the future," said Duane Highley, Tri-State's chief executive officer. "Rate regulation certainty is necessary as we accelerate our pursuit of renewable energy and member flexibility, decrease emissions and strive to lower members' wholesale rates."

In July, Tri-State's board of directors adopted a new mission statement¹ that added the principle of responsibility, and approved significant and meaningful actions to further the association's clean energy transition. These actions include:

- * Developing a Responsible Energy Plan<<https://www.tristate.coop/responsibleenergyplan>> to comply with aggressive carbon reduction, renewable energy and resource planning requirements. The plan will ensure reliability and affordability, while striving to lower wholesale rates and maintaining Tri-State's strong financial position.
- * Engaging with former Colorado Governor Bill Ritter and the Center for the New Energy Economy<<http://cnee.colostate.edu/>> to facilitate a stakeholder process that will contribute to the Responsible Energy Plan.
- * Creating more flexibility for members to develop local renewable energy by revisiting the types of memberships and con-

tracts Tri-State offers.

- * Increasing renewable resources<<https://www.tristate.coop/renewables>>, with new wind<<https://www.tristate.coop/tri-state-and-edp-renewables-announce-104-megawatt-crossing-trails-wind-farm>> and solar<<https://www.tristate.coop/tri-state-and-juwi-announce-100-megawatt-spanish-peaks-solar-project>> projects announced in January and issuing Tri-State's sixth request for proposals for renewable energy<<https://www.tristate.coop/tri-state-issues-sixth-renewable-energy-request-proposals>> in June.

- * Exploring opportunities with solar and energy services providers to make more community-scale solar, energy storage and electric vehicle infrastructure available to our members at a lower cost.

- * Announcing the retirement of Nucla Station, a coal-fired power plant in Western Colorado, in early 2020. To support the community through the transition, Tri-State will provide \$500,000 in community support spread across five years.

"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."

U.S. wholesale power suppliers² are rate regulated by the FERC with few exceptions³. Tri-State will add new members, which removes the cooperative's exception from rate regulation by FERC.

"FERC rate regulation is the norm for wholesale power suppliers and places Tri-State on the same level playing field as other regional utilities," said Highley.

Rate regulation by FERC does not change compliance with other facility-related state requirements, including resource planning, compliance with renewable portfolio standards, state carbon reduction plans, the building of new facilities

and the retirement of existing facilities.

"Tri-State complies with state environmental, renewable energy and resource planning requirements, and will continue to do so under FERC rate regulation," said Highley. "Tri-State is committed, and we are also required, to work with all state regulatory agencies, including the Colorado Public Utilities Commission on resource planning and the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission on carbon reduction planning."

Tri-State has considered FERC regulation since 2010, as both Colorado and New Mexico exercised wholesale rate jurisdiction over Tri-State, which resulted in increased costs, unrecovered revenue and inconsistent rates to its members.⁴ FERC rate regulation pre-empts individual state rate regulation for generation rates, transmission rates, rate design and all other rate-related matters.

"If Tri-State is to be rate regulated, it makes sense to be regulated by a single regulatory body that would apply consistent rates to Tri-State's members in each of our four states," said Highley.

Under FERC, Tri-State would be fully rate regulated for the first time. FERC regulation would eliminate costs of inconsistent, case-by-case state regulation of Tri-State's wholesale rates and, with FERC's formula rates, provide a higher level of rate certainty. Tri-State would be fully rate-regulated on generation and transmission rates, securities approvals, interlocking directorates, the sale of assets, and mergers and acquisitions.

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through the limited information parceled out by the board and the staff, or on PowerPoint slides that are sometimes used. DMEA did not respond to the *Mirror's* request for copies of the written reports.

General Business

CEO Jasen Bronec announced changes in administrative staff.

Board Committee Items:

Finance – Chair Brad Harding was absent and no report given.

Engineering – Chair Chris Hauck.

Hauck reported on Board Policy 11 (Idle Service Rates). The committee determined DMEA is losing \$200,000 - \$300,000 a year due to absent owners. For example, if someone buys a lot in a subdivision and they do not build on the lot, they are an absent owner. If the lot remains empty DMEA gets no revenue, but still has maintenance expense. Fees paid to the developer are not direct revenue to DMEA. A disconnected service is considered an abandoned service and does not generate revenue.

The committee proposed a charge be instituted for Idle Services (about \$30), which would amount to about half of what members pay for active service. Hauck cautioned the board that DMEA membership might not be receptive to the imposed fee. Comparing the Idle Service charge to the recent \$2 fee charged for paper statement statements Hauck said, "This could eclipse the \$2 postcard discussion."

CEO Bronec noted that members can make comments at the upcoming rate hearing.

City of Montrose Grant Participation Proposal.

The City of Montrose requested DMEA partner with them on a grant for green power; however, the committee did not have adequate details to look at the proposal.

Bronec said, "We do want to support the city, but we will have to vote on this and help the city through the process."

COO Virginia Harman said, "The city

reached out to us. They will include Region 10 and maybe others. Other communities [other than the City of Montrose] have not reached out to us. This is preliminary and could be in-kind, a match, or match funding. There is not a specific project in mind. This just came up very quickly. There is a September 1st deadline. Specific requests will come back to the board." The grant, which is for clean energy projects, is open and flexible.

DMEA Attorney Jeff Hurd said, "This [the vote to approve] will allow Jasen to proceed, but he will come back for a vote of the board [on a specific project]." Approved unanimously.

The next meeting for the Engineering Committee is scheduled for Aug. 13.

Member Relations – Chair Kyle Martinez.

No meeting has taken place. The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 15 at 9 a.m.

In a carryover discussion from the June meeting, CEO Bronec will meet with Mark Eckhart to go over his questions on pension plan rates.

Executive Committee – Chair Bill Patterson.

No meeting has taken place. The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 13.

Safety and Occupational Health Report - COO Virginia Harman.

Harman said, "There was one employee injury; a bruised knee. There was one service truck backing accident. There was significant damage to farm equipment and an insurance claim was submitted. There was bumper damage in a parking lot. The vehicle that caused the damage could not be found. There were no near-misses."

Areas of training included pole top rescue, bucket truck rescue and helicopter landing zone.

Financial Report – CFO Wade Pynes.

Pynes said, "I need to do a better job of budget revenue-ing." Using a document on PowerPoint Pynes said, "Elevate had a \$185,000 loss, but that loss is less than last year."

The financial document on the screen was immediately deleted and replaced

with the DMEA logo. The financial report ended abruptly and it was unclear if the \$185,000 loss to Elevate was a monthly, quarterly, or YTD loss.

CEO Report – CEO Jasen Bronec.

Bronec said, "I sent out my report. If anyone has any questions, I'll answer them. The last couple of weeks have been taken up with negotiations and settlements. It took a lot of my time. I'll talk more about that in executive session. I'll take any questions." No questions were asked.

Informational Item: Legal Report – Attorney Jeff Hurd.

No report.

Hurd noted that last Friday (July 22) DMEA was notified about the early withdrawal settlement with Tri-State. The effective date for the withdrawal is May 1, 2020.

Three times Hurd emphasized to the board that the settlement was to be kept confidential and that the cost to DMEA members for getting out of the contract would not be made public. Hurd said, "Next year we expect Tri-State will make it public. We'll talk about it in executive session."

Hurd said, "On the litigation front DMEA's suit by a snowmobiler is in discovery. I'll tell you more in executive session."

Informational Item: Representative Board Reports.

Tri-State Report – Kyle Martinez.

Martinez said, "The Nucla Power Plant will be decommissioned by 2021; as soon as the coal is gone. You have my written report."

It was in a conference call that Tri-State Board informed DMEA of the withdrawal settlement. Martinez said, "I wasn't a part of it [the decision, or the call]." Martinez will no longer attend Tri-State meetings even though the effective date for the withdrawal is not until May 2020.

Other board reports included meetings, ribbon cuttings, and purchase of software.

Action Item: Adopt Rate Hearing Date Resolution.

Attorney Hurd said, "The hearing process

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is next month and we will take public comment on the proposed rate increase(s)."

The Rate Hearing, which will follow the regular August board meeting, is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Aug. 27. The public hearing will be held in the DMEA multi-purpose room. CEO Bronec said, "This is the first rate increase in three years and it is subject to public comment. Written public comments must be submitted by August 26th."

Notice of the proposed rate increase has been published in the DMEA newsletter, but it will also be noticed in the newspaper and on the DMEA website.

Following the public rate hearing the board will return to their board room and vote to approve, or to postpone, the proposed rate increase.

Board member Jock Fleming, who is also an attorney, questioned the wording of the resolution. Fleming suggested the wording should reflect what DMEA "would" do, rather than "are to" do, if the rate increase is approved. The board approved the resolution as amended.

Operation Round-Up Appointment.

The Operation Round-Up Board requested that Janice Graham be appointed to

their board.

DMEA Board member Ken Watson said, "Does anyone know who she is?"

Fleming said, "I don't know how crucial it is that we know a lot about the person."

Bronec said, "You are also taking the recommendation of the Operation Round-Up Board."

Approved unanimously.

Review Unclaimed Capital Credit Fund.

In January 2019 the Unclaimed Capital Credit Fund stood at \$329,019. The balance as of June 30, 2019 is \$198,881.76.

Expenditures from this fund must be used for educational purposes. Bronec said, "We use this money in our community for grants and scholarships."

Funds were spent on solar arrays for local high schools, which allowed students to participate with installation and collection of data.

Even though the City of Delta is not a part of the DMEA service area, the solar array project was extended to include Delta High School. An additional \$60,000 will be spent on this project.

Executive Session Agenda:

General Counsel Legal Update

Discuss Donation Request

Power Supply Update

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The next DMEA Board meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Aug. 27.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TRI-STATE, DELTA-MONTROSE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION REACH AGREEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL

Special to the Mirror

WESTMINSTER- Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association and Delta-Montrose Electric Association have reached a negotiated settlement for DMEA to withdraw from membership in Tri-State. Under the agreement, DMEA will withdraw from Tri-State in May 2020. A joint notice of the settlement agreement between Tri-State, DMEA and the Colorado Energy Office was filed July 19 with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission to dismiss the complaint that DMEA filed in December 2018. Both Tri-State's and DMEA's boards of directors approved the settlement. The July 19 filing with the commission includes the settlement agreement. No additional details of the agreement will be released.



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MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS ALERT

Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers

MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. and the Montrose Police Department are seeking the help of citizens to identify and locate the suspect depicted in the attached photos who has committed multiple ATM Fraud crimes in the Montrose area. Theft totals have reached approx. \$14,000.

Anyone with information about this crime or the identity of the perpetrator(s) or any other crimes may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500, use the free mobile app P3 Tips, or provide information via P3tips.com. Crime Stoppers wants your information, not your identity. If the Tip results in an arrest, the Tipster may receive a cash award. For additional information, please view our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers. Crime prevention and crime solution are everyone's responsibility.

MRCS would like to remind everyone that all persons of interest depicted in our Alerts by photo or not, or by any other means, are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



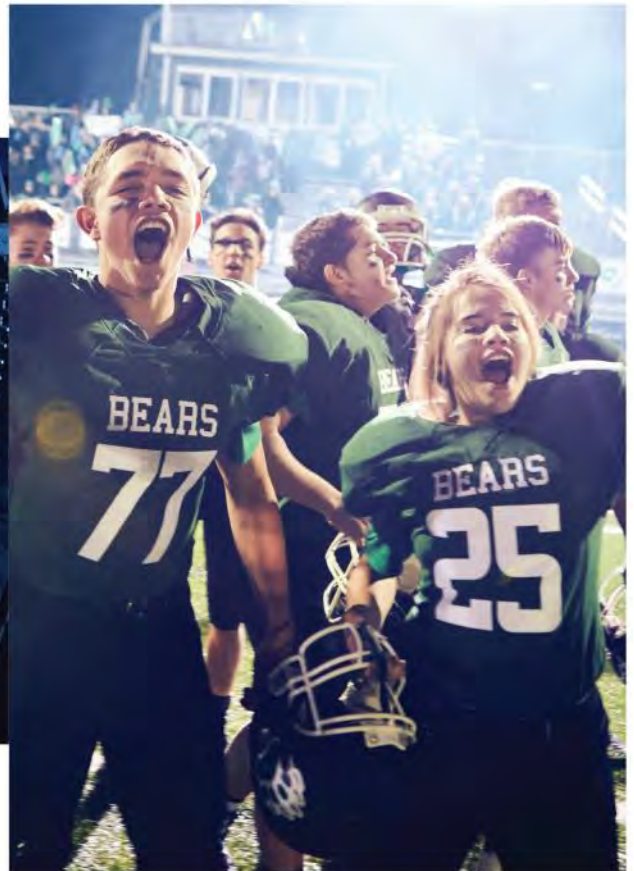
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DON'T MISS THE DOTTIE'S DAMES PINUP CONTEST & CLASSIC CARS @ RUSSELL STOVER'S CAR SHOW ON JULY 31!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On July 31 at 11 AM the Dottie's Dames Pinup Club, in partnership with the Black Canyon Classic Car Club, will host a suicide prevention fundraising event at the Russell Stover's Car Show, at 11 a.m. in the Russell Stovers Parking Lot. Entry fee is \$20, and all funds raised will be donated to the Montrose Suicide Prevention Coalition. To make a donation contact dottisedamesco@gmail.com. Send short bio and photo to enter contest. Check-in begins at 10 a.m.





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BEAR ACTIVITY AT BLUE LAKES, MOUNT SNEFFELS WILDERNESS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Ouray Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests and Colorado Parks and Wildlife are aware of the increased black bear activity in and around Blue Lakes in the Mount Sneffels Wilderness.

Due to improper human food storage and disposal practices the bear has become food-conditioned, approaching hikers and campers in the area.

Over time, food-conditioned bears may become bold or aggressive in their attempts to obtain human food – posing a danger to individuals, their property and

their pets. This can ultimately lead to the bear being euthanized.

All recreationalists are asked to use the following food storage and disposal practices:

Only have the food out that you are actually using; if you're not using it, put it back into storage, do not leave food or other attractants (i.e. toothpaste, soap, lotion etc.) unattended, even for a few minutes. Always keep your food within arm's reach and don't turn your back to your food. When away from camp, store food and other attractants in an approved bear canister or hang them in a tree at least 10 feet high and four feet from the trunk,

never in your tent.

Keep a clean camp and practice "Pack-It-In, Pack-It-Out". Do not use fire rings to dispose of food, cooking grease or food scraps.

If approached by a food-conditioned black bear remember the following: If the bear behaves aggressively, try to intimidate it by raising arms or a large object over the head and shouting loudly. If charged, throw rocks, branches, or other objects at the bear. Be threatening. Do not run.

If attacked, fight back! Shout loudly and try to remain standing. Protect head and neck if possible.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

STOP RECKLESS ATTEMPT TO REMOVE TAXPAYERS BILL OF RIGHTS

Editor:

TABOR came forth into the Colorado Constitution as Article 10 in 1992 through the efforts of Douglas Bruce. (I love him and politicians hate him) TABOR limits the amount that governmental budgets can grow by a formula combining population growth and inflation and therefore keeps government spending at an un-inflated amount. It is a fair proposition. All endeavors by the State, County or Municipality to increase its taxation of the populace exceeding this amount must be voted by public referendum. If a government (state or local entity) succeeds in voting in a TAX exceeding TABOR limits, that entity is said to 'have de-Bruced' for that tax.

TABOR has led the way in keeping Colorado governmental entities from creating runaway taxes. Over the 19 years I have lived here I believe that two strong efforts have been made to overturn TABOR. Fortunately for the citizens of Colorado all have failed. There have been a few de-Brucing attempts in localities---perhaps, let us trust, that they were necessary.

So Counties and Cities have resorted to raising funds by putting funding local 'needs' with sales taxes and school construction bonds and recreation center bonds and the like instead of raising property taxes which are TABOR limited. The government's idea is to spend all you may get in taxes and then go to the ballot box for more as in the city's proposed police tax. We can argue this issue another day,

and we will.

But, back to TABOR, and the 'refreshed' movement at the state level to destroy it. Our governor and the legislature, all Democrat controlled want RID OF TABOR. They want to 'tax and spend' as was happening in the 1980's and was the motivation behind Douglas Bruce's effort to pass TABOR. This time they have tried to do it through an appeal to the courts to declare it unconstitutional. I hope that they do not prevail because we will see the state component of the taxes we pay go through the roof.

I lived in California when Californians passed proposition 13 (I think it was). My property taxes had gone from \$1,000 a year to \$4,000 a year before it was passed on a modest three bedroom house.

I lived in New York for three years when the state income tax for me was 15%. The sales taxes were 10%. The property taxes were astronomical. Downtown Albany, the Capitol city, had no businesses but it had deserted blocks and blocks where no one lived. My opinion was that the citizens of New York (and I was in Upstate New York) were taxed into slavery to the state. Fortunately, I was transferred, leaving the New Yorkers to their self-made dilemma.

In New Jersey where I grew up my Dad had a modest home in the woods (if there are any woods left now). I mean, Dad was a school teacher. The property taxes on his modest abode five years ago were

\$13,000. Imagine \$13,000 on a blooming little house) Had Dad not inherited a right to live in an 'Estate owned home' he could never have lived out his life where he grew up!

My point is, that if we Coloradoans do not wake up and force our politicians to take reasonable action insofar as taxation is concern, we are looking at huge state tax increases and a runaway tax environment by our local Politicos. What will you do when your property taxes jump by 100 or 150% over the next several years? What will you do when the sales tax for everything you buy (because you need it) jumps to 15%?

California is looking at that dilemma right now. No cops to enforce trespass, thievery and burglary laws. Huge piles of garbage with mice, rats and poop in the streets. Retirement plans for the public officials that cannot pay off. Civil servants not paid and will not pick up the trash. Look at the pictures, listen to the news. This is where we are heading when 'nothing works as it used to.'

Moreover, what will Montrose businesses do when all my buying for food, clothes etc. is done somewhere else where the taxes are lower? Think about that Mr. Businessman!

Montroseans! Voice your opposition to killing off TABOR and stop this reckless tax policy your government officials are on now before you cannot.

Bill Bennett, Montrose



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BLM APPROVES ADDITIONAL CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES IN RABBIT VALLEY

*Improving rec opportunities in McInnis
Canyons National Conservation Area*

GRAND JUNCTION— The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Grand Junction Field Office announced a Record of Decision (ROD) approving additional camping opportunities in Rabbit Valley. Located in the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area, Rabbit Valley is popular for off-highway vehicle, equestrian, and mountain bike recreationists.

As part of the ROD, the BLM will establish three new campgrounds and a new parking area, and it will enhance an existing campground in Rabbit Valley. The BLM will also develop up to 75 campsites in the Rabbit Valley Planning Area. Approximately 40 campsites will accommodate recreational vehicles and camper trailers, with about 35 campsites for car and tent camping. Once the campgrounds are complete, camping will be limited to designated areas.

"This project will improve recreational opportunities and protect the special resources in Rabbit Valley for present and future generations," said McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area Manager Collin Ewing. "We worked closely with the local community and interested user groups to develop this plan, with public input helping to shape the final."

The Trump Administration has been committed to increasing recreation opportunities and access on public lands. In 2018, for example, BLM purchased 18,082 acres to open up an additional 115,327 acres to hunting, fishing and other recreation, improved 613 miles of rivers and streams that serve as native and sport fish habitat, and 16,680 acres of other aquatic habitats. In addition, the Administration has proposed a [2019-2020 Hunt-Fish Rule](#) to expand hunting and fishing opportunities at 74 national wildlife refuges and 15 national fish hatcheries, across more than 1.4 million acres.

Last year, recreation on BLM-managed lands in Colorado generated \$618 million and supported 5,043 jobs. The final Environmental Assessment is available on the BLM ePlanning website: <https://go.usa.gov/xyV3D>.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

THE STRENGTH OF CHRIST DOES NOT LIVE IN THE PERSON WHO PROTECTS FEELINGS ABOVE REASON

Editor:

I find it Very Frustrating as a believer, to be taught about Jesus and the Love he shares, to aspire to be the Man that Jesus was, to be the Person that God wants me to be, to be 'Christ'-like, to be Christian, I have been taught the Value of individuals, to seek out understanding, to not rely on my own understanding, to form Relationships, to Accept ppl as they are, to Listen to others, to understand their Struggle, so that I can use my Struggles to help them with their Struggles. This Season is ridiculous in my opinion; as a Believer I am supposed to set an example of how to behave, our leaders are teaching us it is OK to be immoral, to lie cheat and steal to 'win at any cost', but that has been the Morality of our Nation. We accept bad behaviour from our leaders, yet do not accept bad behaviour from others. This is

What is 'wrong' with America, As I have said, I am a Believer, and I am disgusted, with the way Religion as a whole, and the Politicians that are supposed to Represent that 'Christianity' are teaching ppl to focus on how they feel and not to focus on Reason, Fear is not Reason, it is EMOTION, and should not be how we make our decisions. We have fallen into the trap, the corruption that exists, is the focus on how we Feel to the exclusion of Reason, Jesus Teaches us to accept our sins, not to ignore them, not to Shame all those who make us feel bad, not to shame those who disagree with us, You CANNOT create Unity by Kicking every one out of the club who does not Agree with you. this is WRONG on so many Levels, The Church cries 'Come together in Christ', yet they tell ppl who do not agree with their 'Doctrine', if you do not believe as we be-

lieve, go start you own Church, Can you see the Subtle? Thousands of denominations, thousands of ppl.

The strength of Christ does not Live in the person who protects your feeling above Reason, a True Person of Christ, would do what Jesus did, and Challenge you to accept and learn from your sins, not Stroke your Feelings.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HOW YOU FEEL! How You Feel is directly related to what you think, and NO ONE can control what you think.

Who are you listening to? Are you giving up your authority to someone who does not deserve it? Who just makes you 'feel' good about yourself? All Feel, Most Believe, Some Think, Few Know...this is a process.

Do not get stuck on how you feel.

Timothy Storrs, Montrose



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DONATIONS PROVIDE SEEDLING TREES FOR POST-FIRE RESTORATION

Special to the Mirror

FORT COLLINS—With the scars of destructive 2018 wildfires still highly visible throughout Colorado, and affected families still working toward recovery, many in the state want to know what they can do to help. One way to have a positive impact on affected forests and communities is through the replanting of trees, which is the goal of the donor-driven Restoring Colorado's Forests Fund.

Donations made to the Colorado State Forest Service-administered fund are used to provide seedlings for planting in areas impacted by wildfires, floods or other disasters, with an emphasis on areas critical to water protection, wildlife habitat and public benefit. Every \$2 donation to the fund purchases one seedling, at no cost to the landowner. Since the CSFS established the program in 2003, its nursery has used program funds to provide more than 122,000 trees.

"Planting trees provides an important means to help stabilize soils, protect water supplies and restore the landscape as we address the long-term recovery of our communities and forests," said Mike Lester, state forester and CSFS director.

The CSFS nursery in Fort Collins grows all the seedling trees for the program, to ensure that only those best adapted to local conditions are used for restoration efforts.

This year, the CSFS received an \$11,000 donation to the Restoring Colorado's Forests Fund from the Girl Scouts of Colorado, in honor of the organization's volunteers. The donation, which represents the second large contribution from GSCO in the last two years, is intended to amplify the organization's impacts toward reforestation efforts in Colorado.

"In recognition of all the amazing things that our volunteers do, we chose the gift of trees that will also have a lasting and positive impact by helping to restore forested areas in our beautiful state," said Girl Scouts of Colorado President and CEO Stephanie A. Foote.

The CSFS and Girl Scouts of Colorado continue building on a partnership largely intended to help youth gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of trees and forests in Colorado. As part of this effort, in June CSFS staff partnered with GSCO to help educate hundreds of Girl Scouts and their parents about forestry, the environment and related careers at a World Envi-

ronment Day event at the Meadow Mountain Ranch near Allenspark.

In the past decade, the Restoring Colorado's Forests Fund has used donations from individuals and organizations like GSCO for replanting efforts, in locations that include the burn scars of the High Park Fire west of Fort Collins, the Waldo Canyon Fire near Colorado Springs and the Weber Fire near Durango. Following those fires, the loss of trees and other vegetation led to significant runoff and erosion—resulting in damaged hillsides, polluted waterways, highway closures and road damage.

The CSFS has intentionally delayed providing trees from the fund for replanting efforts this year, to allow time to first evaluate natural recovery from the 2018 fires.

Over the fall and winter, after seeing how burned areas have recovered, the CSFS will assess applications from affected landowners and provide trees to recipients early in 2020.

To make a donation directly to the Restoring Colorado's Forests Fund, visit <https://advancing.colostate.edu/RestoringColoradosForests>.

DEALMAKING WITH URBAN RENEWAL & DOWNTOWN TOOLBOX IN FLORENCE

Special to the Mirror

FLORENCE—Downtown Colorado, Inc. (DCI) is pleased to announce it will host Dealmaking with Urban Renewal & The Downtown Toolbox Florence, CO on Aug. 7th- 8, 2019. This workshop is focused on how to maximize impact in downtowns through Urban Renewal and collaborations with Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and Downtown Development Authorities (DDAs).

The workshop will include Urban Renewal case studies, and introductory session on tax increment financing (TIF), an over-

view of downtown financing mechanisms and tools, and a case study discussion of Colorado Springs' urban renewal Ivywild School project. Attendees will also work together to build strategies to create strong partnerships and how to successfully approach challenging sites, such as historic buildings. Participants are also encouraged to kick-off the workshop with a pre-event happy hour the evening of the 7th.

We invite you to join this collaborative discussion with community leaders to identify and create partnerships in Flor-

ence and successfully structure these efforts for maximum return. Attendees include City Council members, property and business owners, local stakeholders, and URA board members, and others interested in developing a deeper understanding of downtown management strategies, tools, and financing mechanisms. Dinner on the 7th and lunch on the 8th is included with registration.

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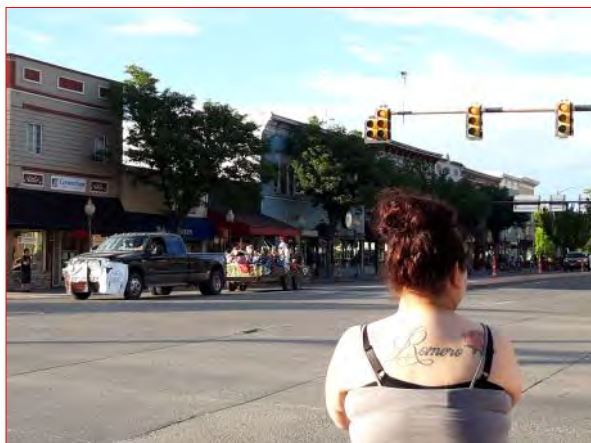
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Thank you to the Fair Board, to Montrose County, and to all who participated in this year's fair!



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AS A MODEL FOR STATECRAFT?

By Winslow Myers

Peace Voice International

UNITED STATES—The established paradigm of nation-states formulating their policies on the basis of a limited vision of self-interest is dissolving on every level. Games of chicken test the limits of deterrence, any breakdown of which could be fatal in the nuclear age. Many of our challenges, the climate emergency first among equals, are no longer solvable by individual nations, no matter how powerful.

This radical interdependency points to the need for international laws which, even as they seem to challenge the sovereignty of all countries, will also strengthen the common good. Today nations go to war because we feel the menace of aggression along borders, pressure into spheres of influence, or threats against resource interests—leaving aside the many civil conflicts within nations.

In the future, war with a radically different motivation could, like our ongoing wars today, end up costing more than any expected positive result.

If all-out nuclear war is clearly obsolete, so is conventional war, not only because it is a step toward escalation into nuclear war, but also because the disintegration of war (viz. Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen) compounds social and ecological chaos, setting up the context for further war.

Are there other models for strengthening security? One is the Marshall Plan. The United States had the hindsight to realize that a second world war had emerged out of our harsh treatment of Germany at the end of World War I and the foresight to obviate that with a generous peace toward Germany.

Might it be in the self-interest of nations not only to talk to adversaries, but to jiu-jitsu all parties out of the paradigm of threat and counter-threat by offering Marshall Plan equivalents as a substitute for

war rather than something to follow a chimerical “victory”?

Vast regions of Iran suffered major flooding back in April. How might it have changed the present dynamic of high tension if the U.S. had made aggressive offers to help rescue and feed the desperate across rural Iran? Our military represents an enormous logistical potentiality.

My friend Adam Cote, a candidate for governor of Maine, managed to be a platoon leader while spearheading the “Adopt an Iraqi Village” program to distribute school supplies, kitchen and household items, toys, clothes and blankets to destitute Iraqis. Generating goodwill rather than fear changes responses, plans, and attitudes.

Citizen initiatives are another alternative. The vast majority of Iranians like and admire America, even as we continue to squeeze them mercilessly on the basis of the U.S. having bailed from a treaty the conditions of which Iran was by all accounts meeting. We desperately need to build relationships on the basis of common interests. It can be done.

In the frigid depths of the Cold War, a small group of private citizens, working with the full knowledge of the State Department, successfully arranged a conference of leading Soviet and American scientific experts on accidental nuclear war. Much unforeseen good came out of this exercise, and it played a significant role in easing dangerous tensions.

With the failure of our gigantic military forces to achieve the vaunted “full-spectrum dominance,” there is an urgent need to make much greater use of non-military structures to meet on-the-ground challenges like literacy, clean water, and peaceful understanding between tribal and religious adversaries. One obvious model is Rotary International.

With 30,000 clubs distributed across 190 countries, Rotary is a planet-wide network

of people who are building priceless relationships of friendship and mutual understanding on the basis of six crucial areas of focus: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies.

It has for all practical purposes achieved its current goal number one, pursued doggedly for 20 years in cooperation with the Gates Foundation and others, of eliminating polio from the entire planet.

Polio is now down to a few cases in rural Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria.

Through models like Rotary a world beyond war is assuming shape, step by slow step.

The superpowers, blessed with apparently unlimited resources to spend on ships and submarines and missiles and bases around the world, irrelevantly jostle for dominance as the planet continues to wither ecologically.

Surely a question worth asking is why the United States will not take on the Rotary model as primary, allowing military force to take its place as truly a last resort.

Please don’t argue that we can’t afford it. We have explored the moons of Jupiter and the deepest depths of the Pacific, but the Pentagon budget remains a black hole that sucks into itself the very light that accountants try to shine upon it.

If we could rewind the tape and could choose between giving the U.S. government the \$5 trillion we have spent in Iraq and Afghanistan or giving it to Rotary, I would bet the latter could have provided massively more in real security.

Winslow Myers, the author of “Living Beyond War: A Citizen’s Guide,” serves on the Advisory Board of the War Preventive Initiative, and is a member of Rotary.

The opinions expressed here are his own and do not represent official Rotary policy.



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POST OFFICE RE-NAMED FOR SGT. DAVID KINTERKNECHT



MONTROSE—On Thursday, July 25, community leaders, law enforcement officers, citizens, and public officials gathered at the Elks Lodge for a moving tribute to the life of a local hero, and to celebrate the renaming of the Montrose Post Office at 321 South First Street in his honor.

Montrose Police Sgt. David Kinterknecht lost his life in the line of duty on July 25, 2009 while responding to a domestic violence call. His wife, two daughters, and three stepsons survive him.

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.”

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

HOA REGULATIONS HAVE IT ALL WRONG: THE RIGHT TO FLY THE AMERICAN FLAG ON A FLAGPOLE WAS PURCHASED WITH BLOOD...AND BELONGS TO US ALL

Letter to the Editor:

I am a PROUD PATRIOTIC AMERICAN! I'm an E8 retired with 29 years of service to this great country. My father was awarded a Bronze star and was on the second wave at Omaha Beach on D-Day with the 29th Infantry Division. I fly a US Flag 24/7 with a light, according to [Federal Flag Code](#). I fly this flag because I'm proud to be an American, proud to call this country my home. These rights that we have in this country came with a very expensive price tag, the blood of many of Americans. Americans are still fighting for these rights around the globe. So, my flag will fly 24/7 to show support for those serving and those that served. Home Owner Associations in Montrose and other states have guidelines stating that you cannot have an American Flag attached to a pole on your property. The flag is limited to being attached to the house with no light and some associations will not even let homeowners hang a flag.

Colorado Law States:

HOA's cannot prohibit the display of the American flag on a unit owner's property, in a window of the unit, or on a balcony adjoining the unit if the American flag is displayed in a manner consistent with the [Federal Flag Code](#).

HOAs are permitted to adopt reasonable rules that regulate the placement and how the American flag is displayed.

HOAs cannot prohibit the installation of flagpoles. However, associations are permitted to regulate the location and size of flags and flagpoles. If they can [demonstrate a substantial interest](#).

The Federal Governments: "Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005" Allows homeowners associations to place restrictions on the time, place and manner of the display of the American flag if they can [demonstrate a substantial interest](#).

HOA Guidelines Browns Ranch

3.4.21 Yard Ornaments. Yard ornaments,

including but not limited to, birdbaths, birdhouses, fountains, sculpture, statues, flags and banners, etc. require Design Reviewer approval. Location of yard ornaments in the front yard is discouraged.

Flagpoles on Lots shall not be allowed except for installation in model home areas or other areas subject to specific approval by the Design

Guidelines Reviewer. [Flags or banners shall not be larger than 3' x 4' in size and shall be house mounted only.](#)

_Go to ECHO (Educational Community for HOA Home Owners), and see [Civil Code 4705 DISPLAY OF UNITED STATES FLAGS](#). It states:

A. Except as required for the protection of the [public health or safety](#), no governing document shall limit or prohibit, or be construed to limit or prohibit, the display of the flag of the United States by a member on or in the member's separate interest or within the member's exclusive use common area.

B. For purposes of this section, "display of the flag of the United States" means a flag of the United States made of fabric, cloth, or paper displayed from a staff or pole or in a window, and does not mean a depiction or emblem of the flag of the United States made of lights, paint, roofing, siding, paving materials, flora, or balloons, or any other similar building, landscaping, or decorative component.

C. In any action to enforce this section, the prevailing party shall be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and costs. [California, defined Demonstrate Substantial Interest to be Public Health or Safety.](#)

This is an example of an HOA telling a person in their community that he needed to remove the flag pole.

The latest flap centered on a front yard flagpole, placed in a neatly manicured front yard garden spot by a Korean War Veteran, Bob Willits, and his wife, Judy,

near Greenfield, Indiana. Hancock County prosecuting attorney Michael Griffin, himself an officer in the U.S. Army Reserves, took on the HOA and won.

To Display the American Flag Act allows homeowners associations to place restrictions on the time, place and manner of the display of the American flag if they can [demonstrate a substantial interest](#).

"The association apparently assumes that it has a legally sufficient

"substantial interest". "However, the association has asserted its interests to be type of community and future outdoor maintenance. Every homeowners association has those interests. If those general interests were enough, the law would not require a "substantial interest," it would simply say that homeowners associations always have the right to regulate "time, place, or manner." But the law does not say that. The law requires a substantial interest, something more than the usual interest of homeowners associations". Like [public health or safety](#).

"To display the flag, some means of display is necessary. There is no possible way for a flag to be displayed without it being attached to something.

Flagpoles, whether freestanding or attached to the facade of a home, are the customary way of displaying a flag outdoors.

[Aesthetic preference](#) is not a legally-sufficient "substantial interest" of the association with respect to American flag display, and I know of no other reason for an association to distinguish between flagpoles attached to the facade of a home and free-standing flagpoles."

Every person living in this Country should have a flag flying 24/7 to show support for our troops past and present and love of country!

Bradley Serazio,

A Proud American - Montrose Resident

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NEW LAW AMENDS COLORADO CLEAN INDOOR ACT TO BAN VAPING INDOORS

Special to the Mirror

DENVER--As of Monday, July 1, vaping is prohibited indoors in most public places. The new law aligns smoking and vaping by adding vaping to the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act, which already prohibited smoking indoors in most public places.

The change comes as Colorado high school students are found to vape twice as much as the national average. [Evidence shows](#) that strong smoke-free policies reduce the likelihood that young people will start smoking.

The new law also increases the distance from public entrances where people can smoke or vape from 15 to 25 feet. [Studies show](#) to completely avoid exposing others to secondhand smoke in an outdoor area, a person who is smoking may have to move as far away as 25 feet. According to [statewide surveys](#), outside the doorway to a building is the most common place Coloradans report "having to put up with" secondhand smoke.

"We all deserve clean air to breathe without having to worry about secondhand smoke or breathing in vape chemicals. It makes sense to align the law for e-cigarettes with traditional cigarettes," said

Jill Hunsaker Ryan, executive director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

The new law will help protect customers and service industry employees at restaurants and bars, for example, from the cancer-causing chemicals, heavy metals and nicotine that are in the vapor that comes from vape devices.

Nueva ley impide el uso de cigarros electrónicos en el interior de espacios públicos

DENVER: A partir del 1 de Julio, el uso de cigarros electrónicos y otros vaporizadores serán prohibidos en el interior de la mayoría de los espacios públicos. Esta nueva ley modifica el Acta de Aire Limpio en el interior de espacios públicos de Colorado, que ya incluye la prohibición del uso de cigarros en el interior de la mayoría de espacios públicos.

Este cambio a la ley se produce a raíz de que los jóvenes en preparatoria están utilizando estos dispositivos a un ritmo mayor, es decir el doble, comparado con el promedio nacional.

La evidencia muestra que políticas más estrictas reducen las posibilidades de que jóvenes inicien el consumo de este tipo de

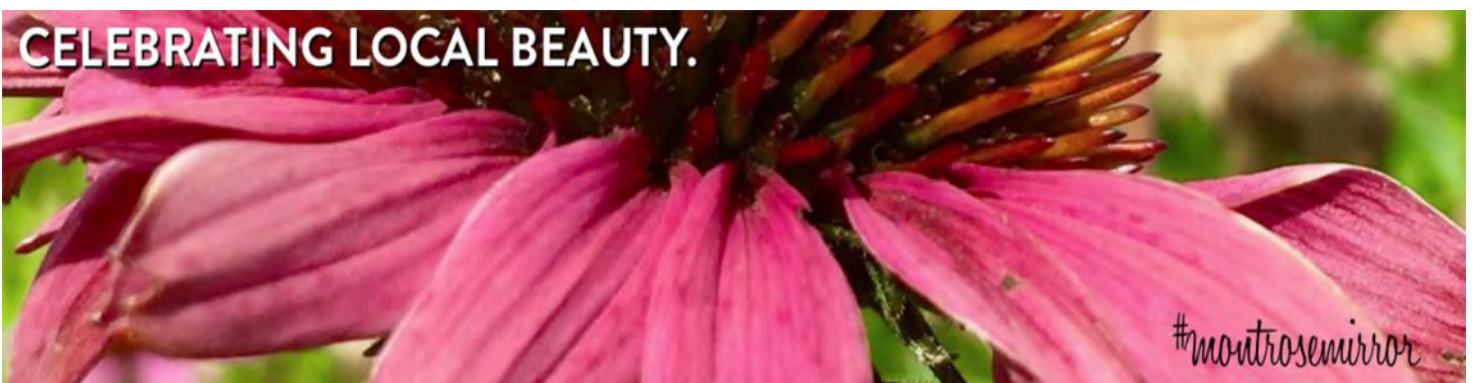
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La nueva ley incrementa la distancia de entradas públicas donde las personas pueden fumar o utilizar cigarros electrónicos de 15 a 25 pies. Estudios demuestran que se debe evitar exponer a otras personas a humo de segunda mano en una zona abierta, el fumador debe estar a 25 pies de distancia. De acuerdo a encuestas a nivel estatal, fumar afuera de la puerta de un edificio es el lugar más común donde se reporta más la molestia por el humo de segunda mano

"Todos merecemos un aire limpio para respirar sin tener que preocuparse por humo de segunda mano o por respirar químicos del vapor de los cigarros electrónicos. Tiene sentido alinear la ley de los cigarros tradicionales con los cigarros electrónicos", así lo dijo Jill Hunsaker Ryan, Directora Ejecutiva del Departamento de Salud y Medio Ambiente de Colorado.

La nueva ley protegerá a los empleados de la industria de servicio como en restaurantes y bares, de estar expuestos a químicos que provocan cáncer, metales pesados, nicotina que se encuentra en el vapor, producidos por los dispositivos electrónicos.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

WILLIAMSON IS RIGHT—OURAY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT NEEDS TO BE TRANSPARENT

Regular police and sheriff's blotters should be released

By Caitlin Switzer

RIDGWAY—When former Ridgway resident and business owner Sue Williamson drove from Denver to Ridgway recently to speak to the town council about her ongoing concerns over a lack of transparency in law enforcement, Williamson's presence and her comments were completely ignored by the local newspaper, though a reporter was in attendance. After all, Williamson has been repeatedly maligned and marginalized by those in power here since learning several years ago that her young, teen daughter (age 15 at the time) had become involved with a much older, married man (age 32 at the time) who had been in a position of trust.

Still, despite the bullying, she persisted. Williamson has consistently told all who would listen that Ouray County's lack of

transparency—including an almost complete lack of law enforcement reports and blotters—contributes to a culture where rape and predatory sexual behavior are not only allowed but accepted and even encouraged.

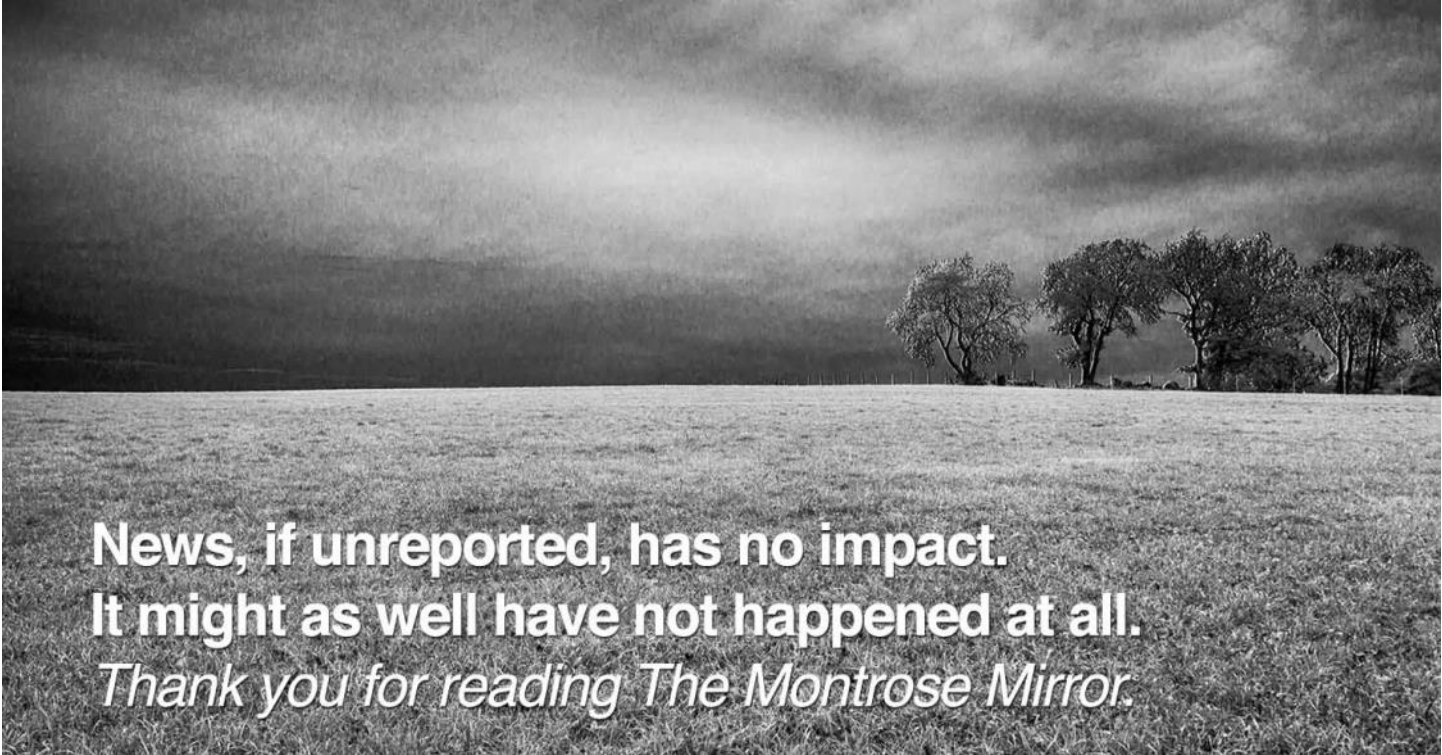
From the infamous Joseph Lyons child sexual assault scandal, to the local doctor who continued prescribing opioids after his medical license lapsed, to the [July 24 report in the Ouray County Plaindealer](#) that Ouray County undersheriff Richard Herman has been indicted by a grand jury for criminal attempt to commit inducement of child prostitution and child abuse, Williamson has observed and reported (through her 7th Judicial District Enforcer social media site) on a pattern of behavior that should be of concern not only to parents but to all Ouray County citizens.

Earlier this year, in a conversation with the *Mirror*, Ridgway Mayor John Clark called Williamson "vicious," and dismissed her concerns about her now 18-year-old daughter's continued involvement with the man in his late 30's, noting that the two are "in love."

This type of "leadership" is not only unacceptable, but harmful to those who are vulnerable.

Predatorial behavior is not acceptable, whether it is engaged in by known criminals or by people who are in positions of trust—or leadership.

Mayor Clark, Sue Williamson deserves a public, unqualified apology. And your entire community deserves better. Perhaps a regularly issued, local police blotter would be a great place to start.



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

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AUCTION AND PRESENTATION @ THE MONTROSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS BY COLORADO ARTIST JOE MILICH



Sunny Lake Oil by Joe Milich



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Phantom Sunset by Joe Milich

By Pat Brown

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Montrose Center for the Arts (MCA) will feature renowned Colorado artist and aviation illustrator Joe Milich throughout the month of August. Please come to the Center and visit with Joe at our First Friday Reception Aug. 2nd, 5 - 7pm.

At a second event on Wednesday evening, Aug. 7, from 6:30 - 8PM, Joe will speak about his 50-year career as a fine art

painter. He will talk to us about how he began his career and how his art has evolved over the years.

Joe has created a vast pen and ink Aviation art collection of more than 1400 different illustrations.

His inventory includes many prints of commissioned pieces that have been autographed by celebrities that will surprise you.

Joe is a prolific painter in part due to his many years of experience painting out-

doors on location - "en plein air". He favors an impressionistic style, by direct observation of the subject directly to the canvas. His work has won many awards and ribbons at shows across the country. Following his presentation there will be a live Auction of selected works.

Both events are free to the public. A \$10 donation to the Art Center is suggested to support the MCA.

The MCA is located at 11 S. Park Ave. Please call 787-9428 with questions.

COLORADO EXPANDS SMOKE-FREE LAW

New protections for workers, residents and visitors



PUBLIC PLACES ARE NOW VAPE-FREE



In 2019, the Colorado Legislature updated the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act (passed in 2006) to expand smoke-free protections.

STARTING JULY 1, 2019:

- Vaping will not be allowed in indoor public places, including in all bars and restaurants
- People will have to stand at least 25 feet from entrances while smoking or vaping
- All hotel and motel rooms will be smoke and vape-free
- All business will be smoke and vape-free
- Common areas of assisted living facilities will be smoke and vape-free

Nicotine vapor products are dangerous for the user and expose bystanders to second-hand pollution that is not safe to breathe. These can include cancer-causing chemicals, heavy metals and nicotine.¹



To completely avoid exposure to secondhand smoke outdoors, the smoker may have to move 25 feet away.

¹ National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. 2018. Public Health Consequences of E-cigarettes. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.

WHERE WILL SMOKING AND VAPING BE ALLOWED?



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A majority of Coloradans (55.8%)

said they had to "put up with" someone smoking around them in public places. Outside the doorway to a building is the most common place Coloradans report being exposed to secondhand smoke.²



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² University of Colorado, Community Epidemiology & Program Evaluation Group (2015). Tobacco Attitudes and Behavior Survey (TABS), Adult Tobacco Use and Exposure Colorado Results. Retrieved from: www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/community/CEPEG/TABS/Pages/TABS.aspx

MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR & RODEO PARADE



On Monday, July 22, Montrose turned out to watch the annual Montrose County Fair & Rode Parade.





LIGHT HOUSE GIVES MONTROSE GREAT BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENU

By Carole Ann McKelvey

MONTROSE-Montrose – Surprise! The little Light House Eatery on North 1st delivers up a great breakfast and lunch menu in a surprisingly welcoming little venue.

Michael and I were referred to this little place by a new friend, who said we would like it.

Very well, we took the bait and he is right. The Light House, located just behind McDonalds off Main Street, is a delightful eatery with a varied breakfast and lunch menu.

Located in a little Victorian, the eatery has a surprising variety on its menu. Breakfast? Lunch? Oh yes please. And perfect coffees as well. You might try it for just the coffee menu and a sweet. Light House is perhaps best known for its Apple-E Ever Sweet Crème and Carmel Dessert that often shows up at local charity events (here it's \$4.25); a delicious combination of apples and a cross of bread-pudding and cheese-cakey goodness. Or other pastries and desserts from \$1.25 - \$3.50.

But we didn't start there, oh no. Michael and I shared one of the eatery's Green Chili Breakfast Burritos filled with scrambled eggs, potatoes, cheese and topped with green chili that was very tasty, but not too spicy. More than enough for two.

Choose from the Papa Bear at \$9.77 (comes with a cup of Joe) or the Mama Bear, \$5.75.

You can order most everything on the menu gluten free also. All the breakfast choices are available until 11 a.m., then the eatery switches to lunch. Breakfast runs from \$4.75 for a traditional gravy and biscuits or Bear Paw and Gravy (homemade bread); also choose it sprinkled with bacon crumbles and cheese for \$5.90. Egg Scramblers (Four eggs scrambled and served with fresh baked Bear Paw Bread): cheese and bacon crumbles, \$6.77; fresh veggie, \$7.27; green chili-pour over, \$7.77; or red chili pour-over, \$7.77.

Lunch? Fresh salads, wraps and rolls are on the menu from \$5.90 to salad platters from \$9.25 - \$9.77. Wraps and rolls run you from \$4.25 - \$4.95. Light House also offers it's "1st place chili cook-off winner" full of meaty ground beef and pinto beans and topped with shredded cheese in a "Moose" cup, \$4.77 or bowl with Bear Paw bread at \$6.95 or grab the Southwest green chili for the same prices.

If you want heartier fare choose from the "Mouthwatering Meatery" and order a Polish sausage, chili dog combos, Italian



sausage marinara, the Open Door enchilada or hot Italian roast beef au jus from \$5.95 - \$12.27. Choose sides from \$1.25-2.70 or add some extras for 75 cents.

Recently the owners/chefs bought the house next door and will be opening a conference center and doing catering. Delicious!

The Light House Eatery is open Mondays through Saturdays from 6:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Drink menu available through 3 p.m. Call ahead to 970-773-6005 or just drop by at 1047 N. 1st. Street, Montrose. Look them up on Facebook @lighthousecoffeeshoppeandeatery.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

BLACK CANYON AUDUBON SOCIETY PRESENTS 'BATS TO THE RESCUE!'

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Fed up with mosquitos this summer? Bats to the rescue! Bats are a group of animals that we know very little about, yet they provide important ecosystem services. A single bat can eat up to 1000 mosquitos in an hour. However, many species of bats are at risk. White-nose syndrome is a non-native disease that has decimated bat populations in other parts of North America but is not yet found in Colorado. On Thursday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m., Biologist Evan Phillips will speak about projects Colorado Parks and Wildlife has recently conducted to learn more about movement and hibernation of bats in Colorado as well as work CPW is conducting to monitor the presence of white-nose syndrome.

The program is hosted by the Black Canyon Audubon Society, and will be held at the Montrose Field House (Rio Grande and Colorado Ave.). For more information call 970-688-0757.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

LONGTIME GMUG EMPLOYEE RETIRES

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION— The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Grand Valley Ranger District has announced the retirement of Fire and Fuels Management Specialist Craig Warren after 28 years of federal service. Craig began his career in natural resource management working as a Fire Management Officer for the South Dakota Division of Forestry in the Black Hills region. Along with being the Fire Management Officer, he was also in charge of the Timber Stand Improvement programs for private landowners within the two districts. Craig made the move to the Forest Service in 1991 working at the GMUG's former Collbran Ranger District eventually moving to the Paonia Ranger District where he remained until 1994.

In 1994 Craig joined the Grand Valley Ranger District as a Fire and Fuels Technician. Over the next several years he also served as the Fire Management Officer for the Grand Valley and Collbran Ranger Districts and the Assistant Fire Management Officer for the West Zone of the Upper Colorado River Interagency Fire Management Unit. In 1999 he was converted to the Fire and Fuels Management Specialist for the Grand Valley Ranger District and was successful in implementing a mechanical fuels treatment program on the Grand Valley Ranger District. Craig also found acclaim working for several Regional and National Incident Management programs, including the Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team.

"Craig is concluding a remarkable 45 year career in natural resource manage-

ment – 17 years with the State of South Dakota, followed by 28 years with the US Forest Service which was characterized in 3 elements" said Grand Valley District Ranger Bill Edwards "first and foremost was his dedication to the wise and sustainable management of the natural resources for current and future generations. Second was his commitment to serving the American people nationwide through his service with numerous incident management teams. Third was his loyalty to his coworkers and friends. His contributions will reap benefits for generations to come as he left every acre he touched better than he found it."

Craig looks forward to spending his retirement between Grand Junction and his family ranch in the Black Hills of South Dakota, and skiing until his knees give out.

BLM AND PARTNERS BREAK GROUND ON PALISADE PLUNGE TRAIL

Project is expected to contribute \$5 million to the economy annually

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION— The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced today that it will break ground on the Palisade Plunge, a new 32-mile single-track trail, on July 24.

The new trail will feature a nearly 6,000-foot descent for mountain bikes and other non-motorized recreation uses, from the top of Grand Mesa to the Town of Palisade.

The Palisade Plunge will connect with miles of existing trails and offer access to stunning backcountry terrain. The BLM estimates that this project could infuse \$1.9 million annually into Palisade's economy and \$5 million annually into the broader Grand Valley economy. "By listening to the local communities,

expanding outdoor recreation and access, and infusing an estimated \$5 million annually into the local economy, the Palisades Plunge project furthers several important priorities established for the BLM by Secretary of the Interior Bernhardt," said Interior's Senior National Advisor for Recreation Rick May, who participated in the groundbreaking ceremony.

"I look forward to the completion of this unique single-track trail and joining fellow mountain bikers on the 6,000-foot plunge."

Partners including the Town of Palisade, Mesa County, the City of Grand Junction, the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District and the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association collaborated with the BLM, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of

Reclamation to design and implement the Palisade Plunge trail project.

The trail was developed as part of Governor John Hickenlooper's "Colorado's 16" initiative to support trails and promote outdoor recreation in Colorado.

"This project is the result of multiple partners listening and working with local communities to expand and improve outdoor recreation," said Wayne Werkmeister, BLM Grand Junction Acting Field Manager.

The BLM's Grand Junction Field Office will sponsor the event, which recognizes the many partners involved in planning, funding and implementing this successful project.

Last year, recreation on BLM-managed lands in Colorado generated \$618 million and supported more than 5,000 jobs.



MONTROSE ELKS LODGE ELK TRACKS



Welcome to Elk Tracks, a periodic update of what is taking place at our local Montrose Elks Lodge, located at 801 So. Hillcrest, Montrose CO 81401.

For the best Bingo game in the area *be sure to visit Montrose Elks Lodge every Tuesday evening at 6 PM* to play Bingo. It's a wonderful way to spend the evening having fun!

Public is welcome, funds raised playing Bingo support local charities.

Bingo Night Tuesday July 30, 2019

Come on by the Montrose Elks Lodge for a chance to win great prizes playing Bingo: Jackpots for Progressive Game 2 is worth \$486, and Game 4 is valued at \$400. Either one can be won by reaching BINGO in 37 numbers or less.

Progressive Game #6 worth \$8,300 can be won by reaching BINGO in 53 numbers or fewer.

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Food Entree' with Soda \$5

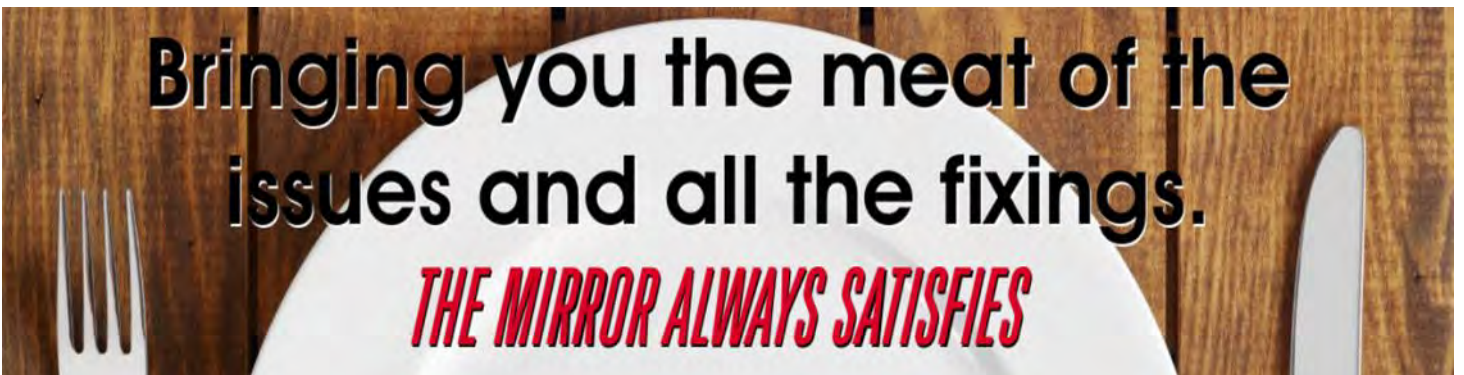
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

FISHING BAG, POSSESSION LIMITS REMOVED FOR SAND CREEK DRAINAGE IN GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE



Rio Grande cutthroat trout are being re-stored to the Sand Creek area in Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. CPW courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

MONTE VISTA— In preparation for a native cutthroat trout restoration project, Colorado Parks and Wildlife has removed all bag and possession limits for fishing on Upper Sand Creek Lake, Lower Sand Creek Lake and Sand Creek located in the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the National Park Service are working to restore the Rio Grande cutthroat trout to its native waters. In late August, the lakes and creek will be treated to remove all fish from the drainage. If all goes as planned, Rio Grande cutthroats will be stocked again in the fall of 2020. These waters are located high on the west flank of the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range.

Anglers must hold a valid Colorado fishing license and can only use standard methods of take. Commercial fishing is not allowed. The area holds rainbow, brook and non-native cutthroat trout. Anglers can keep all the fish they can catch starting Monday, July 22 through Aug. 25

Once the Rio Grande cutthroat trout are re-established, anglers will have the unique opportunity to catch this native fish. Cutthroat trout populations have declined over the last 100 years due to water diversions, land-use changes and competition from non-native trout that have been stocked throughout the Rio Grande drainage.

"This is a challenging project, but it will provide ideal and protected habitat for these fish," said John Alves, senior aquatic biologist for CPW's Southwest Region.

"We appreciate that the National Park Service shares CPW's goals to re-establish native cutthroats in the waters of the San Luis Valley."



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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Summertime in the Rockies

FAST & FURIOUS ... That's what it seems like. The warm sunny season up here in the mountains is short, and sometimes dry. This has been a lovely anomaly in the midst of drought. A wet winter and now a summer with regular monsoon rains. Cloud Acre is lush with grasses and forbs and weeds. Everything's a different shade of green ... There's still a few skeletal trees. Two 25' spruce who died in last year's dearth of rain. Several elms and coyote willows that have many dead limbs, but didn't wholly die – new sprouts coming up strong from the base ... Last year I spent most of the summer hauling water. It was brutal. This year I have a pond that's still full (last year it dried up in May) ... But my house is chaos. Papers and books scattered around every room. Seems like there's never enough time to catch up ... Off to a Shaman's Camp event in Paonia this weekend. I'm excited to teach about Dolores LaChapelle and her Way of the Mountain. But I only can stay a night. Raising spuds requires dedication. As does most farming. You don't have the luxury of much travel in the summers. Have to be close to the raised beds for watering, weeding, all the careful tending that good crop management demands ... And then there are the flowers. The delphiniums are spectacular. And this year there are golden poppies and even a bright orange Asiatic Lily. It makes staying in place as delightful as travel for this old gypsy.

INTERSECT: SCIENCE & SPIRITUALITY ... Christ Presbyterian Church is Telluride is sponsoring its second conversational conference this year, Aug. 11-14th. The theme this year is Consciousness ... As organizer Teresa Westman explains, "The goal of our gathering is to nurture and promote the development of new perspectives and insights through the presentation of intellectual ideas, holistic learning modalities, and meaningful conversation and inter-



This year's blooms on the Asiatic Lily var. "Tiger Invader" at Cloud Acre in Norwood (photo by Art Goodtimes).

personal interaction in our collegial, inspired, and beautiful Telluride mountain setting" ... I'm honored to be one of the speakers, talking on Consciousness, Entheogens and the Eco-philosophy of Dolores LaChapelle at 2:15, Monday at Christ Church in Telluride. My poetry partner Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer leads a writing "playshop" Monday evening, and will perform poetry "Of Mandelbrot Sets and Miracles" accompanied by Doug Ferguson on guitar. Olga Sohmer will be speaking on cultivating holistic consciousness; Becca Tarnas will explore cosmic consciousness; Angela will lead a yoga session; and Matthew Segall will talk about the nature of consciousness, and what to do about it ... For the full program and more information on tickets, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/intersect-science-spirituality-2019-tickets-65327788173>

YOUNG ADULT ... Ron Howard's *I Want to Walk You Home* (Palmetto Publ., Charles-



Dolores LaChapelle skiing at Alta (courtesy photo).

ton, 2018) is a classic coming-of-age story, but this one has an underlying philosophical spin of a morality tale. We're talking about a very specific sort of morality -- about a Roman Catholic seminarian getting kicked out of seminary and coming to grips with who he is. Nothing flashy. But interesting enough ... For me, however, it's fascinating, if somewhat disappointing. It's all about the seminary I attended for six years back in the Sixties in California's Santa Cruz Mountains along the banks of Permanente Creek. And the protagonist could have been any of us who attended. Like former Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregory Hobbs -- in a class a year ahead of me ... So, familiar idiosyncrasies coming flooding back into memory: the walks to Loyola Corners, Catholic San Francisco, various priests and prefects of discipline, boarding school traditions. All of that makes for interesting reading ... But the characters seem less like the guys I went to school with, and more like rowdies I knew who went to many local Catholic high schools in the Bay Area. It's more about escaping religion than wrestling with higher ideals

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes, continued

amid a time adolescence's raging hormones. The seminary characters aren't very pious, and seem more motivated by the usual youthful urges than any overarching spirituality. They do things few of my sem buddies would ever have considered – joy-riding, attended mixed parties, lying and deceiving ... Not that we were all goodie-goodies, but there was a search for a deeper spirituality in my seminary years that doesn't seem to come through much in this novel ... It might be a worthy read for a young adult. For an ex-seminarian it was less than satisfying, but of nostalgic interest.

SMPA ... The new CEO of Tri-State Genera-

tion & Transmission Duane Highley spoke at last month's general membership meeting (SMPA's 80th!) and it was a welcome change from Tri-State's old school coal dependency that has plagued the cooperative for the last few years. Highley seems to be part of the new wave that sees renewables as the future, not coal ... As he told *EnergyWise*, the SMPA newsletter, "Already, one third of the kilowatt-hours that are consumed by our members in the Tri-State footprint are coming from renewable sources. And we're not done. Tri-State's just announced another 100 megawatt solar farm and a 104 megawatt wind farm to come online in the next couple years" ... That wasn't the message Tri-

State was spouting a few years ago. But the world is changing fast. And thanks to the glut of natural gas, as well as new alternative technologies, carbon-ridden coal is on the way out.

MUSHROOM FESTIVAL ... It's almost upon us. The 39th annual celebration of all things fungal. Aug. 15-18 ... *Scientific American* had a fascinating discovery to report in the most recent issue. A billion-year-old fungi was found in the Canadian Arctic with the use of radioactive dating technique, as published in the journal *Nature*. "Previously the oldest known fungus fossils dated back to fewer than 500 million years ago," SA reported.

THE TALKING GOURD

Geography of Genius

As Jay Parini wrote in
the *Smithsonian*,
Robert Frost wanted us

to go beyond
confusion
to become whole

But chaos's creative ferment
demands ropes tossed
in all directions

& what holds
McRedeye sez
loops us in

MIRROR IMAGES...SUMMER VIEWS!



A summer storm rolls in on Saturday afternoon...by Paul Janzen.



The Colorado Outdoors building seen from the new trail.



It was catch and release for this Crested Butte souvenir, a large bullsnake found in the engine of Montrose Attorney Brad Switzer's truck. Photo by Jack Switzer.



Above, City of Montrose employees responded to fallen tree branches on Saturday afternoon when the south side of town took a monsoon hit with wind, hail and torrential rains. Below, a stoplight at an angle after the storm. Photos by Gail Marvel.



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@bosombuddieswc.org.

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

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.

Aug. 1- On Thursday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m., Biologist Evan Phillips will speak about projects Colorado Parks and Wildlife has recently conducted to learn more about movement and hibernation of bats in Colorado as well as work CPW is conducting to monitor the presence of white-nose syndrome. The program is hosted by the Black Canyon Audubon Society, and will be held at the Montrose Field House (Rio Grande and Colorado Ave.). For more information call 970-688-0757.

Aug. 2-Friday, Aug. 2, 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. 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.

Aug. 5-Monday, Aug. 5, 59th Artists' Alpine Holiday Art Show - featuring more than 300 works of art by 146 artists. Ouray Community Center, 340 6th Avenue. 10 am-5 pm.

Aug. 5-Monday Aug. 5, 6:30 Montrose Library meeting rm. Citizens' Climate Lobby ,nonpartisan networking to influence legislators to pay attention to environment, Upcoming showing of Human Element by James Balog at 2 Rascals on August 20. All welcome.

Aug. 6-Tuesday, Aug. 6, 59th Artists' Alpine Holiday Art Show - featuring more than 300 works of art by 146 artists. Ouray Community Center, 340 6th Avenue. 10 am-5 pm.

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. 7-Learn how to save a life! Wednesday Aug. 7! 6:30 PM @ Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery, 68 S. Grand Ave, Montrose, CO! FREE and Open to the Public! RSVP to Jordan Gruppuso at jordan@coloradocorp.org.

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. 19-WHY WALK THE CAMINO de SANTIAGO? 1 p.m. Slide presentation with true stories of life lessons learned by walking this historic pilgrims' path. Presenter: Kit Riley Cassingham

Aug. 27-DMEA Rate Hearing, 5 p.m., Delta-Montrose Electric Association Headquarters, multi-purpose room.

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

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Photographer Deb Reimann snapped these photos of a young bull moose near Cottonwood Pass, and a chipmunk near Owl Creek.

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