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OUTGOING MAYOR PROMOTES SUMMER MUSIC SERIES @ COUNCIL MEETING

New Mayor extends thanks to community, sympathy to those who have lost loved ones



Over the next month, Montrose will focus on re-opening businesses that were required to close because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Pictured above, Main Street Montrose.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council convened for a virtual, regular meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21.

Mayor Dave Bowman called the meeting to order. City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo conducted a roll call for attendance; all Councilors were present. Youth Council representative was Gunnison Clamp.

"This is a very important meeting, particularly for the Council," Bowman said. "This is where we switch mayors, and get council realigned, and continue to do the City's business."

He asked all to remove their hats for the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no changes to the meeting agenda.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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MRCOG BRINGS LOCAL ENTITIES TO THE TABLE VIA ZOOM

By Gail Marvel

The quarterly meeting of the Montrose Regional Council of Governments (MRCOG) was held on Wednesday, April 22. The City of Montrose served as host for the virtual Zoom meeting.

Organizations represented included the City of Montrose, Montrose County, Montrose Recreation District (MRD), RE-1J School District, Montrose Regional Library, All Points Transit, Montrose County Housing Authority, River Valley Health Center, Hilltop Family Resource Center, Center for Mental Health, Montrose Regional Library, Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning, and Montrose Fire Protection District.



Montrose Regional Council of Governments (MRCOG) was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. During the Zoom meeting Montrose Recreation District (MRD) Recreation Manager Jeremy Master reported that the Holly Park project is on schedule. Master said, "There are eight or 10 poles that will have netting to keep balls from getting out." Photo by Gail Marvel.

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FACE MASKS LESS EFFECTIVE THAN SEATBELTS IN A CRASH



Troopers are not enforcing the law. I assure you this is not the case. Across the state, through the first two weeks of April alone, troopers issued over 1,500 citations and made over 125 arrests. Without a doubt, we are making fewer traffic stops, but this is largely because there are fewer vehicles on the roadway. Aside from traffic stops, we are making a concerted effort to increase our community involvement, and our visibility at other locations, such as grocery stores, for example.

Though the coronavirus has changed our operations slightly, what it will not do is detract from the Colorado State Patrol's mission: to ensure a safe and secure environment for all persons by utilizing the strengths of our members to provide professional law enforcement services that reflect our core values of Honor, Duty and Respect.

We are enduring change alongside each of you, both as fellow citizens, and as those sworn to provide for your safety. Never doubt our concern for each of you, and please remember, regardless of the impact COVID-19 is having on your lives, when you get behind the wheel, driving becomes the single most important thing you are doing at that point in time. Stay safe.

Courtesy photo.

By Trooper Eric Carlton

REGIONAL-The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration did not endorse my headline. I based it on common sense, a little good humor, and the idea that traffic safety is still very important despite COVID-19.

This coronavirus has affected nearly every aspect of our lives, and every pocket of

our society. Some more than others, certainly, but everyone has had to make a change. Everyone is feeling some pain. At the same time, there are things we cannot allow this pandemic to influence. Our hope. Our resolve. Our concern and empathy for our fellow citizens. And. Yes. Traffic Safety.

There is a rumor circulating that State

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

ARE SOME ANIMALS MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS IN MONTROSE?

By Paul Arbogast

MONTROSE-Before I even start, to put many of the negative comments and assumptions many will make to rest, yes, I am a small business owner of a business in town that had to permanently close our doors because being 100% shut down was not fiscally tenable. I am a supporter of small local business. I am clearly a supporter of live music and musicians. But I want to bring up something I went out and saw today, because I have been watching comments about the shut down vs opening up on local social media. I won't even mention names, because I don't want businesses or people to be shamed.

Today there was a local business that had a local musician play. I rode by bike by to see, as I love this musician and his music. And I am so glad he was given this oppor-

tunity to perform and make a little money when I know all musicians are in a very horrible financial place right now.

But when I arrived across the street (distancing and all), I saw people in the parking lot, hanging out, talking, socializing. Even a group on the patio of the business just hanging out with each other. I support this because I think far too many business across the nation are not going to be able to make it out of this when allowed to fully reopen.

But what struck me was nobody was wearing a mask, no distancing, just standing together like the good old days. I went to the protest a while back to take photos, and I saw the outrage at those people. I am wondering if there is similar outrage for this event. Should these people be at home, or at least wearing masks and distancing? Would the same people

yell and scream, or is the outrage situational? Even more, when the local government pushes these things, and lectures over and over about distancing and masks, how is this allowed to happen, and even be supported (via shares of the event on social media) by some in our local government? Is this a case of do as I say, not as I do? Could any business in town do this with the support of some in local government, or is this more a case of all animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others?

It certainly gives pause considering all that is going on, and some decisions made in terms of who and what is essential or not. Either way I wish the best to this business and to that musician, and want to see all come out of this well off, and I want to ensure all business and people in this town are treated equally.

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ALL POINTS PROVIDES ESSENTIAL RIDES & SERVICES

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MONTROSE -- The non-profit All Points Transit continues to provide service in Delta, Montrose and San Miguel counties during the shelter-in-place order with a reduced operating schedule. Until further notice, all rides are door-to-door and must be scheduled through dispatch. Rides are available for: pre-scheduled medical appointments; prescription pick-up; food, grocery, and commodities needs; and rides to essential workplaces. Most trips are limited to one rider per bus, and enhanced cleaning protocols are taking place between rides and at the end of the day.

Drivers are wearing masks at all times when on route, and it is requested yet not mandated, that passengers also wear masks. Fares are not being accepted on the vehicles to limit physical contact; however, donations are accepted by mail or online. The Montrose and Olathe public bus routes are not currently operating. A new service is being offered that will deliver groceries or care packages to current passengers and others in need in Montrose and Delta counties, and in Norwood in San Miguel County. This service is free thanks to financial support from the El Pomar Foundation, NextFifty Initiative

and Region 10 Area Agency on Aging. The public is invited to donate to help support this program.

All Points Transit is also assisting Region 10 Area Agency on Aging with meal delivery in Delta, Hotchkiss, Nucla, Norwood and Paonia for community members who formerly utilized the bus to reach senior meal sites. In Montrose and Delta, catered meals are being delivered to four senior living facilities.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF MY EVOLUTIONARY JOURNEY...



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By Jack Switzer, 16 MONTROSE-Imagine, years and years ago, in an almost entirely different era, there were cave men, and they slammed rocks on rocks, fought for food, and praised the only thing they could view as a god, Fire. Basically, modern American

teenagers on spring break.

Their instincts guiding them throughout their lives, eating bugs, plants, and small animals—basically less than human, but a step in the right direction.

Now we fast-forward to the industrial revolution, arguably the most important

time of progression in human history.

We have learned the value of technology and the power that comes with it. I'm specifically talking about the power to shame someone over the internet for falling in love with a cartoon character. Or maybe even using the heavily manufactured eggs to egg your principals house for jokes. Either way, new age, new humans.

And now we fast forward to the age of "COVID-19," where some of us spend our time shirtless in zoom calls, devouring a tub of vanilla ice cream while thinking about which body wash I'll use when I shower later, or which Hershey's bar I should eat first, or maybe, just maybe, I'll ask myself when I should go outside and see the sun again.

The last one however is the least likely; I'll probably just sit in bed and watch Netflix until 3 a.m. instead.

Because it's a new age so I have a new way of living.

That "new way" being to live like a caged badger, ready to burst forth.

This Sunday, I actually burst forth briefly to help my dad build a garden frame for my mother in the backyard, but an unforeseen and ancient danger emerged along with me, ultimately sending me scurrying back to the safety of my upstairs den and the scarce luxury of scratchy "tissue" paper.

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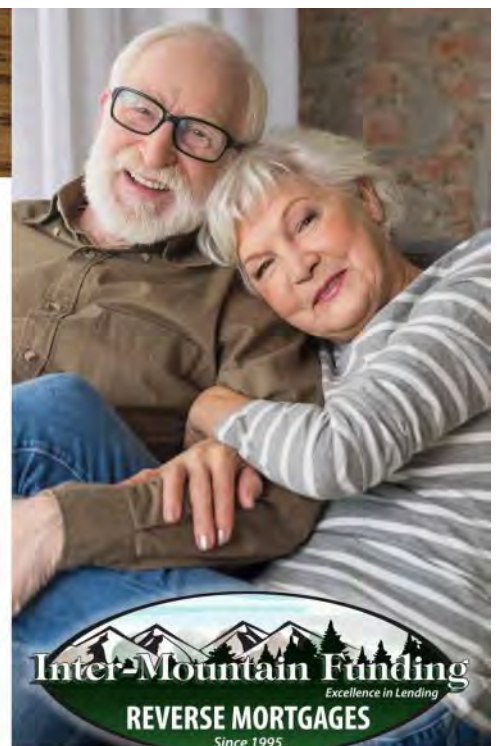


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REGION 10 LEAP DISBURSES GOVERNMENT FUNDING, RESOURCES



Currently the Region 10 office, located at 145 South Cascade Ave, is closed to the public; however, the staff is working from home. For information on programs, or to contact Region 10, citizens can go online to region10.net, or call 970-249-2436. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

The Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning (Region 10) is a six-county 501(C)3 non-profit supported by, and under the direction of, local and county governments. The organization, which is funded by several State and Federal programs, leverages resources to help build programs and strong communities.

Although the Region 10 office is located in the City of Montrose, the organization serves 18 communities and six counties in western Colorado — Delta, Montrose, Hinsdale, Gunnison, Ouray and San Miguel.

Regional projects overseen by Executive Director Michelle Haynes include transportation planning, business development support, services for aging adults, community development strategies, and broadband planning and implementation.

When asked if there were any crossover or duplication with other community service providers, Haynes said, “We do really well in partnering. If we can find a partner, we’ll partner with them. As an example, we work well with MEDC (Montrose Economic Development Corporation) in community development, but we are not a direct recruiter of jobs. We’re not economic development, but we are often called to the table. We play a different role. We work together in partnership

groups on situations like Russell Stover.” Generally speaking, the grants Region 10 applies for are not grants that are being sought out by other local organizations.

As a government-membership organization, Region 10’s Executive Committee Board is comprised of 10 elected officials who meet on the fourth Thursday of the month from Noon to 3 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. The General Board membership numbers 32 and is made up of elected officials, as well as appointed members.

One of the larger programs for Region 10 is the Area Agency on Aging. Haynes said, “We have a meal site, but we have disruptions right now. We’re trying to keep the program going for seniors with drive-through meals and enhanced delivery. We’ve also started a Senior Companion Program for peer support. There are about 30 pairs. We’re not going into homes quite as much, but we’re making phone calls to seniors to give reassurance. With the stay-at-home-rules in place we check on them to see if they are well served.”

In the last few weeks Region 10 has received more than 300 calls from businesses. Haynes said, “They are asking about loan funds for small businesses, community development and how to keep Main Street active. We can be a little more flexi-

ble to deal with economic disruptions.”

Regional Broadband is one of the more recent endeavors for Region 10. Haynes said, “Government officials evaluate needs and we work at their direction. There was a push for broadband in the communities of Delta and Montrose and rather than doing it individually they decided to come together in a partnership. Region 10 manages the program and the grants. With schools now out [online teaching] it points out how important broadband is for the community.” Region 10 recently received grants to take broadband into the counties of Gunnison and Ouray.

Additional Region 10 partnerships include transit, homemaking, home safety, legal consultation, ombudsman, and small business loans. Haynes said, “We also have Medicare Counselors who help people navigate Medicare enrollment and to understand if they qualify for supplemental help. Counselors can help clients if they suspect fraud. All of our Medicare Counselors are volunteers and last year they served over 1,000 people.”

Because of COVID-19, Haynes expects Region 10 to receive more government funding.

She said, “But with more funding comes more work. We’re in a key line of work and we’ll have more work as we move forward.”

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO MEET APRIL 30 IN VIRTUAL MEETING

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will discuss an annual review of regulations related to furbearers and small game, a citizen petition for rulemaking related to contests involving small game and furbearers, a final review of regulations requiring a valid hunting or fishing license for all persons 18 years of age and older to access all state wildlife areas and state trust lands leased by the Division, and a final review of regulations revising the process by which Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Commission respond to citizen petitions for rulemaking at a virtual meeting on Thursday, April 30. The meeting will be streamed live on CPW's YouTube page here.

The Commission will also discuss recom-

mended funding for the 2020 Non-Motorized Trail Grants and the Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. on April 30.

Additional agenda items include:

- Department of Agriculture Update
- Department of Natural Resources Update

A complete agenda along with all materials for public review for this meeting can be found on the CPW website. The public is encouraged to email written comments to the Commission at dnr_cpwcommission@state.co.us. Details on providing public comments for virtual meetings are available on the CPW website.

The commission meets regularly and trav-

els to communities around the state to facilitate public participation. Anyone can [listen to commission meetings](#) through the

CPW website. This opportunity keeps constituents informed about the development of regulations and how the commission works with Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff to manage the parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs administered by the agency. Find out more about the commission on the CPW website.

The next commission meeting will take place as a virtual meeting on May 6 and 7.



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RIVERBOTTOM DRIVE REOPENS FOR PUBLIC USE

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MONTROSE — The City of Montrose is pleased to announce that paving of Riverbottom Drive is now complete and the roadway has been reopened to vehicular traffic.

The project was completed under budget, on schedule, and injury-free. All work is complete except for several sidewalk pours, some work on the outbound turn lane, and landscaping work that is scheduled to take place over the next several weeks. No additional traffic closures are expected during the remainder of the project.

The reconstruction of Riverbottom Drive started last fall and included a waterline extension, piping of the existing stormwater and irrigation ditch, widening of the roadway to include on-street parking in each direction, the addition of sidewalks down both sides of the street, and a re-configuration of the intersection at Rio Grande Avenue.

The project was made possible through a partnership with the Montrose Recreation District and a \$500,000 grant from the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Alongside the city's Riverbottom Drive project, the Montrose Rec-

reation District is renovating Holly Park and plans to have it complete by late summer. The city would like to express a special thank you to the residents of Montrose for their patience throughout construction as well as to the general contractor, Skip Huston Construction, for helping to make the project a success.

Any questions regarding the project may be directed to project engineer Ryan Cushenan at 970.240.1485. Please also visit www.MoveMo.co for routine project updates and information on other large capital projects taking place throughout the city.



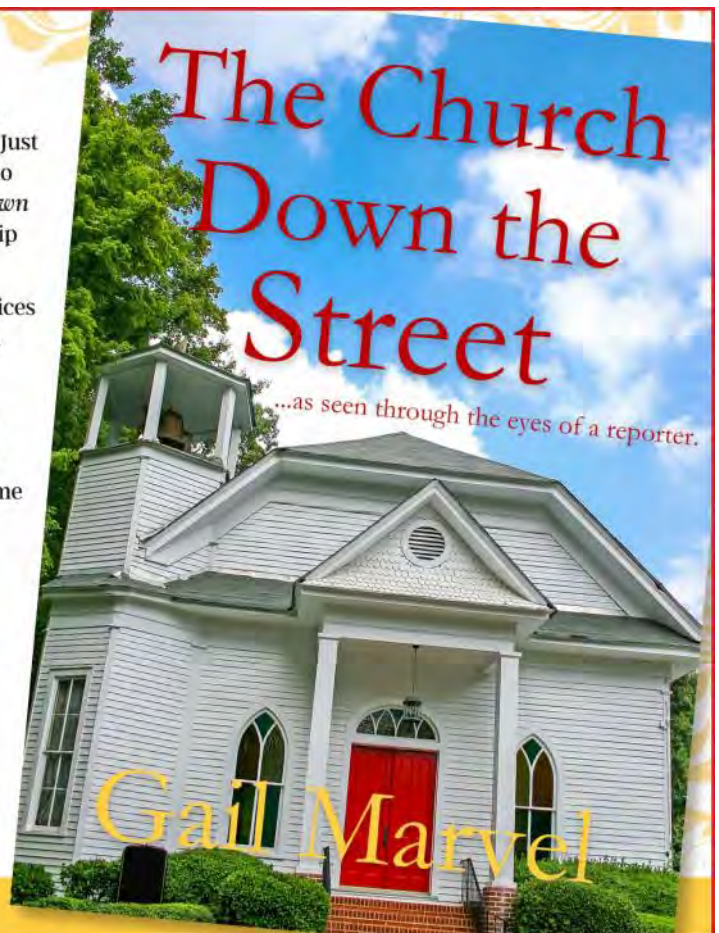
GAIL MARVEL
Montrose Author
& Reporter

It is human nature to compare ourselves with others, and the church is no different. Just as Paul's Epistles allowed the early church to peer into the lives of each other, *The Church Down the Street* allows readers to peer into the worship services of other churches.

The presence of a reporter in the worship services produced mixed reactions. While many church leaders were grateful for the publicity and exposure for their congregation, others were uneasy. One pastor said, "The minute I saw you

I knew this wasn't my best sermon!" Another pastor said, "We didn't like everything you wrote...but we've made some changes." One elder defended his congregation's lack of friendliness, "Maybe no one spoke to you because of the perfume you were wearing."

Excerpts and anecdotes from approximately 120 church visits are organized in a topical format (Hospitality, Program and Source Material, Music, Meditations and Invitations, and Sermons) and include mainstream denominations, as well as Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, Christian Science, New Age, and Quaker Silent Worship. *The Church Down the Street* is unbiased and reports on the worship experience, not on the denomination.



COVID-19 OUTBREAK FOUND AT PRAIRIE DOG ANTLERS

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE—According to the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE), a third COVID-19 outbreak has been reported in a Montrose Facility, the Prairie Dog Antlers dog treat plant (three workers have tested positive). The outbreak was found April 21, though the location is still operational.

Local outbreaks have also been found at Colorow Care Center (Six lab-confirmed cases, one suspected case) and San Juan Living Center (14 lab-confirmed cases, four suspected).

BACKGROUND—Texas business owner Ira Goldfarb's Prairie Dog Treats has made headlines here in the past; located in a dense, mixed-use Montrose neighborhood, the Factory received a zoning change in 2013 that allowed it to locate adjacent to longtime residences, though neighbors objected. Minutes from the Montrose City Council meeting of Nov. 5, 2012, reflected that initially the City's request for a change of zoning from B-2 to B-2A of the 12,000 sf property (now the location of Prairie Dog Treats) owned by Nevada Corporation B.I.G. Main Street Properties, LLC, was denied by Council after the City's Planning Commission recommended denial. It was noted at



When Montrose City Manager Bill Bell pushed for a 2013 zoning change that allowed the Prairie Dog Antlers Factory, above, to locate in a neighborhood near residences, Bell emphasized that the rezone would not adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of the community. On April 21, Montrose County's third outbreak of COVID-19 was found at the Prairie Dog Treats Facility.

the time that adjacent neighbors had registered concerns about parking and having the facility so close to residences. City Manager Bill Bell emphasized that the rezone would not adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of the community. Despite objections from close neighbors, Montrose City

Council voted to approve the request. In 2018, a subsidiary of the company was found to be dumping raw chicken parts in an Olathe neighborhood, a practice which Montrose County officials put an end to. Company owner Ira Goldfarb could not be reached for comment.

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HELP MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DURING COVID-19



Montrose Memorial Hospital. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-As COVID-19 continues to impact our communities in unprecedented ways, the staff and providers at Montrose Memorial Hospital are working around the clock to provide the care you expect from a 5 Star hospital. This epidemic has deeply affected all of us and many are reaching out and asking what they can do to help.

As with any disaster, one of the best ways to help is by making a financial contribution. Montrose Memorial Hospital has implemented a COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund which will assist with COVID related expenses. This fund will help with the extraordinary costs the hospital is incurring during this challenging time, and to aid in the fight by supporting the ever-changing highest and greatest needs of the hospital. MMH recently received a very generous and anonymous \$10,000 donation to help defer COVID related expenses.

If you are interested in donating to this fund please go to www.MontroseHospital.com and click on the DONATE button, or checks can be sent directly to MMH-COVID 19 Relief Fund, c/o Leann Tobin at 800 S. Third Street, Montrose, CO 81401. **About Montrose**

Memorial Hospital

(www.MontroseHospital.com)

Montrose Memorial Hospital is a 501(c)3 nonprofit healthcare system serving Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Gunnison, Delta, Hinsdale and San Juan counties. The health system offers an extensive range of inpatient & outpatient health care services, including cardiology, oncology, Robotic Assisted surgery, laboratory, medical imaging/radiology, Mountain View Therapy, Level III Trauma Center, Acute Rehabilitation Unit and the family birthing center. The health system partners with regional providers on joint ventures to meet local healthcare needs, including CareFlight air ambulance service, San Juan Cancer Center, and Black Canyon Surgical Center. Montrose Memorial Hospital is the second-largest employer in Montrose County, with more than 700 employees and 100 physicians who represent 23 medical specialties.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE REGIONAL LIBRARY ANNOUNCES HOME DELIVERY SERVICE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Regional Li-

brary will be providing Library Delivery Book Van service starting April 28. This

service will be contactless home delivery using the following guidelines: Holds may be placed on Montrose Library items only. Interlibrary loans are not available at this time.

Patrons may place holds through the MRLD online catalog, by calling 970-249-9656, or sending an email to montrose-librarykids@gmail.com.

Holds are limited to 10 items per address (not per library account) per week.

Delivery days will be Tuesday through Friday from 10am to 4pm and your delivery day is determined by your zip code.

Delivery zip codes will include 81401, 81403, and 81425. Patrons will be called the day before their scheduled delivery date to verify that someone will be home to receive the delivery. Items will not be left at addresses without verbal verification. Staff will not pick up items during deliveries to maintain the contactless delivery system and quarantined procedures. To ensure safety for staff and patrons, all library items will be quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours and then sanitized with a diluted bleach solution. Staff will only handle items wearing personal protective equipment (PPE): gloves, aprons and masks. Scheduling and reservations may be changed as needed.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

DMEA NEEDS TO REIMBURSE CUSTOMERS FOR PREDATORY BILLING

Dear Editor:

Delta Montrose Electric needs to be taken to Federal Court on their operating billing practices.

I have five Montrose Electric bills and since 2017 DMEA has been charging a monthly fee of \$29.50 on each account. That is \$147.50 EACH MONTH; \$1,770.00 EACH YEAR; and \$7,080.00 over the last four years. Delta Montrose Electric needs to reimburse their customers. NOW!

In one account the energy charge was \$2.74, plus the monthly access fee of \$29.50, plus tax, giving me total of \$33.00.

In another account the energy charge was \$21.90. Add the monthly access fee of \$29.50, plus tax, and the total is \$53.00. Two other accounts have energy charges of \$67.23 and \$61.54. After the access fee was added the charges with tax ended up being \$100.42 and \$92.63.

We have a ranch house on the Little Cimarron that has the electric turned on for emergencies, but there is no energy usage, and we still have to pay \$29.50 a month. Are we to shut the power off?

Sherry Lynn Nicolas, Montrose

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO BIKE TO WORK DAY POSTPONED

Special to the Mirror

DENVER – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Colorado Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Denver Regional Council of Governments, is rescheduling this year's annual Bike to Work Day, from Wednesday, June 24 to Tuesday, Sept. 22.

"To maintain the health of riders and of our communities, we believe it's best to delay Bike to Work day due to the current situation," said CDOT's Bicycle, Pedestrian, & Scenic Byways Section Manager Betsy Jacobsen. "Although this event celebrates physical fitness, social distancing would be more challenging this year if we have additional people traveling in closer proximity to each other on our bike paths and local streets."

June is designated as Bike Month in Colorado, with Bike to Work Day falling on the fourth Wednesday. Thousands of individuals throughout Colorado use that day to show their support for the fun and ease of bicycle transportation by riding their bikes to and from work.

The date for this year's Bike to Work Day in Colorado was selected to coincide with the same event held by the League of American Bicyclists.

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REC DISTRICT ELECTION SET FOR MAY 5 AT CRC



Montrose Community Rec Center (CRC).

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—On Tuesday, May 5, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., voters who live or own property within the Montrose Recreation District boundaries will have the chance to fill three seats on the Rec District Board of Directors. Four candidates are seeking election—incumbents Christina Files and Amy Warthen hope to retain their seats, while Mark Dreher and Paul Wiesner hope to join the board. Longtime director Jason Ullmann's seat is open, as Ullmann is term-limited.

The election will take place at the Montrose Community Recreation Center (16350 Woodgate Road.) Designated Election Official Lindsay Wiley said, "We encourage everyone to come vote on May 5th--come out and support the Rec District."

The election will adhere closely to Center for Disease Controls (CDC) guidelines, Wiley said, with social distancing, gloves, and face coverings required. "The Polling

Place will be set up so the safety guidelines can be followed."

Said Montrose Recreation District Executive Director Mari Steinbach, "We welcome voters in person on Tuesday, May 5th, the state's special district general election date.

"We will follow CDC guidelines for in person voting, which includes social distancing, PPE, disinfecting, and people movement through the site," she said. "Voters are requested to wear their own masks, gloves, and to bring their own pens for filling in the ballot."

Brief biographies and statements are posted on the montroserec.com website, as are all other election details, she said. The web site also states that voters are encouraged to arrive at off-peak times, such as mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Absentee voting remains available as well, Steinbach said, but the deadline looms. Absentee ballot applications must be filed by close of business, Tuesday, April 28. Applications can be emailed to lindsay.wiley@montrosefire.org. Absentee ballots must be received by Election Judge or Designated Election Official by 7 PM on election day, May 5, 2020, to be counted.

Steinbach expressed gratitude for all who have helped the Rec District grow, and those who will guide its future.

"First, we are immeasurably grateful for Director Ullmann's service these past

eight years and for the success and progress on many great initiatives by the Board of Directors – chief among them the Community Recreation Center, which is a positive and successful community hub for the health and vitality of our citizens and visitors," Steinbach said. "We have much great work to continue, and many important issues before us, particularly as we navigate the District's growth, as well as the new challenges of safely maneuvering through services to help keep people well in their recreational pursuits."

The Recreation District is a key player in the health and livability of Montrose, she noted, and plays a critical role in successfully leading through all challenges.

"These range from growth issues, employment, and economic vitality, to social, physical, and mental health, to COVID-19 and beyond," she said. "We place highest value on being a great community partner, from delivering lunches for the school nutrition program these past months, to enabling stronger out-of-school care, to working with our City and County and education system leadership, and promoting our home-grown Montrose businesses – and so much more!

"We encourage citizen engagement on any and all topics of interest - and know that it builds our community capital - and we look forward to seeing you (behind your masks, of course) – at the CRC on election day on May 5th."



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COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

MEDICAL ISSUES

- If you have symptoms and you are otherwise healthy, self-isolate for 14 days and treat your symptoms.
- If you have symptoms and you are high-risk call your provider
- If you are asymptomatic but have had contact with someone who is sick, you will not be tested and you do not require medical care. Instead, self-isolate for 14 days
- If you are asymptomatic, you will not be tested and do not require medical care.

For more information on COVID-19, please visit montrosecounty.net/covid19 or contact the Public Information line at 970.252.4545.

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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COVID-19 RESPUESTA DE EMERGENCIA

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- Lunes a viernes de 11 am a 1 pm
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OPINION/EDITORIAL:LETTERS

CORONAVIRUS MAY SERVE AS A WAKEUP CALL

Editor:

The Earth Day 50 celebration has given myself and many others in our country an opportunity to reflect on the global challenges we all face.

Although the coronavirus pandemic may only be a forerunner of greater challenges in the future due to the climate crisis, it

can serve as a wake-up call for us to better prepare to live sustainably, develop an ecofriendly infrastructure, an inclusive society, and a cooperative international effort.

There are many things that can be done across the country, but right here in Montrose we can further educate ourselves,

talk it up, join local action groups like Citizens' Climate Lobby, and encourage our legislators into action.

What a better way to join a non-partisan effort to foster, not only a clean and healthy environment, but a better and more fair economy in the long-term.

Wayne Quade, Montrose



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR THREE US 50 BRIDGES ALONG BLUE MESA RESERVOIR



K-07-A. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

GUNNISON COUNTY – The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has contracted with Engineer Operations (eO) to perform routine Underwater Bridge Inspections of three bridges on US 50 located along Blue Mesa Reservoir. The inspections are planned for between April 27 and May 8. These inspections must be performed during reservoir low water levels for diver safety. CDOT does not anticipate the inspections



K-08-C. Courtesy photo.

will affect motorists on US 50. Bridge inspections are being performed as required by 23 CFR 650, subpart C - National Bridge Inspection Standards to ensure the safety of our nation's bridges. The Underwater Inspections will be performed on Lake Fork Bridge (structure K-07-A), Middle Bridge (structure K-07-B) and Lake City Bridge (structure K-08-C). Operations will be based at Middle Bridge at Dillon Pinnacles. Dive boats have been inspected and certified free of Aquatic Invasive Species.



K-07-B. Courtesy photo.

For more information about recreation access for Blue Mesa Reservoir, please contact Park Ranger Sandra Snell-Dobert with Curecanti National Recreation Area by email, at sandy_snell-dobert@nps.gov. CDOT would like to remind motorists that avoiding travel between cities and regions is an important part of limiting the spread of COVID-19. Motorists from elsewhere are asked to check community and county services, including those in Gunnison County, before traveling to or through that area. Motorists should check CO-trip.org for the latest road conditions.

SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING



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ANONYMOUS CALL

MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS

Stop Germs! Wash Your Hands.

When?

- After using the bathroom
- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage



How?



Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.



Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.



Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.



Rinse hands well under clean, running water.



Dry hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important things we can do to stop the spread of germs and stay healthy.

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¡Detenga los microbios! Lávese las manos

¿CUÁNDO?

- Después de ir al baño.
- Antes, durante y después de preparar alimentos.
- Antes de comer.
- Antes y después de cuidar a alguien que tenga vómitos o diarrea.
- Antes y después de tratar cortaduras o heridas.
- Después de cambiarle los pañales a un niño o limpiarlo después de que haya ido al baño.
- Después de sonarse la nariz, toser o estornudar.
- Después de tocar animales, sus alimentos o sus excrementos.
- Después de manipular alimentos o golosinas para mascotas.
- Después de tocar la basura.



¿CÓMO?



Mójese las manos con agua corriente limpia (tibia o fría), cierre el grifo y enjabónese las manos.



Frótese las manos con el jabón hasta que haga espuma. Asegúrese de frotarse la espuma por el dorso de las manos, entre los dedos y debajo de las uñas.



Restriéguese las manos durante al menos 20 segundos. ¿Necesita algo para medir el tiempo? Tararee dos veces la canción de "Feliz cumpleaños" de principio a fin.



Enjuáguese bien las manos con agua corriente limpia.



Séquese Séquese las manos con una toalla limpia o al aire.

Mantener las manos limpias es una de las cosas más importantes que podemos hacer para detener la propagación de microbios y mantenernos sanos.

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MRCOG BRINGS LOCAL ENTITIES TO THE TABLE VIA ZOOM From pg 1

The MRCOG roundtable discussion is an opportunity for community leaders to report on their current projects, discuss collective issues, and identify where they can collaborate with one another.

River Valley Health Center – CEO Jeremy Carroll.

Carroll said, “We’re sitting pretty well with PPE [Personal Protection Equipment], but we have only 25 handmade gowns. We have a need for more gowns. We have quite a few COVID patients and we have a need for more testing. We want to be able to dip into the curve, but we won’t be able to know how many are infected without tests. We use telehealth, but we also see a lot of people in person. Listening to lungs is not possible with telehealth. Immigrant farmers are coming in and we meet them for screening [temperature, etc.] when they get off the bus. We’re trying to make sure if someone has symptoms they can be isolated for safety.”

Center for Mental Health – Assistant Regional Director Kathleen Burnell.

Burnell said, “Most of our clients are participating from home. We have telehealth and Zoom sessions. Crisis calls and stress-management are running smoothly. It helps to have someone just to talk to. We are live on Facebook on Tuesdays and our walk-in clinic is open 24-hours a day. The walk-in center is available and has remained open.” For appointment and information call 970-252-3200; for 24/7 crisis and support call 970-252-6220.

Hilltop Family Resource Center – Director Josie Anders-Mize.

Anders-Mize began by her comments by giving appreciation to the city and the county for their efforts in getting out information and having good communication.

Anders-Mize said, “We are doing really well at Hilltop and we’re looking at transitioning and coming back [to the facility]. We are going to be receiving 57 pallets of diapers and baby wipes, but we won’t have a rollout until we get them here in town. In youth services we continue to respond to law enforcement screenings. We have partnered with some people in assisted-living and our youth are writing back and forth as pen pals. It’s also a way

for the youth to get their hours in. People are more willing to come into the safe house. People know we are here as a resource. In our senior services, DayBreak [early Alzheimer’s onset program] is not going to re-open. It’s hard to sunset a program, but the needs are not there now. With the county we have a Fatherhood coalition and we’re working on a large federal grant.”

RE-1J School District – Director of Property Services Philip Bailey.

Bailey said, “Summer school is called off for in-person. The Level-3 and special needs kids need a lot more attention. It’s possible all summer programs will be shut down. The custodians are looking at it as an opportunity to tune-up our facilities.” Bailey noted that the school district is looking at four different scenarios for next fall, “But it’s not for the general public. There’s not a lot of time for us to think this through. We’re on hold until we know we can keep our kids safe.”

Montrose Recreation District (MRD) – Recreation Manager Jeremy Master.

If the school district eliminates summer programs it will have an impact on MRD. Master said, “Our summer enrichment program has 70-100 kids all summer long. We’ll find an alternate location if the school is not available. We deliver lunches and are partnering with others. We have three vehicles and deliver 100 meals a day. Believe it or not, the Holly Park project is on schedule. There are eight or 10 poles that will have netting to keep balls from getting out. We have an election coming up on May 5th. There are three seats to fill and four candidates. Our web site has information about the candidates.” Master deferred to Election Official Lindsay Wiley for details on the election.

Master continued, “Registration is open for summer programs. In light of COVID it’s understandable people don’t want to register and pay for programs that might not happen. We are evaluating what our programs will be.”

Montrose Fire Protection District – Fire Chief Tad Rowan, Deputy Administrator Lindsay Wiley.

Wiley said, “The [rec district] election is May 5th. Absentee ballots are due April 28, next Tuesday. Are there any questions?” No further information was given, nor did participants ask any questions.

Rowan said, “Our work has been COVID, COVID, COVID for the last four to five weeks. We’re working with the hospital screenings and we have adequate PPEs. All in all, it has gone pretty well. Many of us are figuring out this Zoom thing. It’s a little of a lull now, but when it’s lifted [stay-at-home orders] we’ll be dealing with more issues.”

City Councilman Doug Glaspell asked about burn-bans. Rowan said, “April 30th the county ban expires and we’ll start issuing burn permits. If you burn in the city you must get a county permit and also a State of Colorado permit.”

Montrose County Housing Authority – Executive Director Susan Barrientos.

Barrientos said, “There is an uptick in calls. With less income we’re helping with rent. When it’s things besides HUD we guide callers to the proper resources. We have three low-income vacancies. We’ll have one more in May and two in June. There are a few units available.”

Region 10 – Executive Director Michelle Haynes.

Haynes said, “We’re focused on seniors at home and that they are well cared for. The State has been more flexible, so we can get meals to seniors. We’re trying to find a way to keep seniors [connected], someone checking in and talking to them.” Haynes noted partnerships with business programs, emergency loan programs, and broadband endeavors. She said, “Right now there is a great need for broadband access. We have a new grant to expand Ouray and Gunnison broadband.”

All Points Transit – Executive Director Sara Curtis. Curtis said, “We have not been doing busses this past month, but we’re doing door-to-door dial-a-ride. Everything door-to-door extended service hours. We’re taking care of everything, but it is a huge re-direction. It has freed up some of them to do alternate things; hot meals, grocery delivery. We have partnerships with Region 10 and the city. We’ve really

MRCOG BRINGS LOCAL ENTITIES TO THE TABLE VIA ZOOM

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ramped up our cleaning. One party in a bus at a time and we clean after each rider. Starting Monday, we'll bring back personal rides, like to hair salons." All Points Transit will soon receive a \$240,000 grant. Curtis said, "It's a 100-percent grant coming in and it will cover a portion of the revenues that we will be losing." All Points has requested funds from the Community Foundation for food delivery, "But we have not yet heard back from them."

Montrose Regional Library (MRL) - Executive Director Paul Paladino.

Paladino said, "We'll start home delivery service next Tuesday, the 28th. We have a four-phase reopening plan. The first phase is home delivery. The second is curbside, the third limiting the number of people in the facility, and fourth regular reopen. We are installing sneeze guards at the service desks. Our plan can go forward or backward at any time. We can skip steps going forward as the situation warrants. It seems like we are building an airplane as we're flying it."

Montrose County - County Commissioner Roger Rash, County Commissioner Sue Hanson, Montrose County Manager Ken Norris.

Norris said, "Operations in Montrose County are in good shape. Budget wise we came in significantly lower in 2019. That gives us a cushion. The airport is ready for business, unfortunately we have no airplanes. We're down 98 percent in commercial flights. We're doing plans and engineering for the terminal expansion. The draft plan is 50 percent design and 90 pages of info. Road and Bridge is down to about one third of personnel. Monday we're looking at bringing everyone back. We have several paving contracts. The Fairgrounds and Event Center are shut down. Emily is in contact with people scheduling events. Human Services has an increased load. There are 50 applications a day in addition to normal applications. Overall, from an operation view, we are doing well."

"Morale is good."

Rash said, "It's amazing to me how well

virtual is working. How fast and how well we got this done. EOC [Emergency Operations Center] meets daily during the week. We moved the EOC from the airport to the county admin office. A big concern was having a surge, but we pulled together. We have 50 beds for people who are sick, but not critical. Testing is one of the big challenges. Montrose Memorial Hospital has stepped up and kept up with it. The National Guard tested 88 and we're ahead of the State as a county."

Rash acknowledged the work of his fellow commissioner, Sue Hansen. "Sue created a lot of masks with local sewers. The hospital is supplied, the clinic is supplied and now food servers are being supplied. It's an amazing thing to watch."

Switching topics Rash spoke about federal COVID funding. He said, "It's \$147 billion [for Colorado] and the rumor was that the governor wanted to use it to balance his budget. We signed a letter today to let the governor know he needs to put the money down to communities. I think he changed his tune."

Rash continued, "Our Health and Human Services have not missed a beat. The sheriff is working with the police department and the county is working with the city. There aren't any hurt feelings, we're just getting it done. We're getting closer together even though we're further apart. I think Montrose is going to benefit from this. Permits are up in Planning and Development. Construction is moving. We have a lot to be optimistic about. The West End is going strong."

Hansen said, "We have a lot going on keeping up with public health orders."

Rash said, "We're testing at the county, but we are encouraging providers to test so the county can stop testing. By two to one we've done more testing per capita than the State. We want to open the community smartly."

Carroll said, "Monday there will be a county testing protocol to get COVID testing to providers."

City of Montrose - Mayor Barbara Bynum, Mayor Pro Tem Doug Glaspell, Council-

man; Councilman Dave Bowman, City Manager Bill Bell and Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler.

Bell said, "Similar to what Ken [Norris] said, we are preparing employees to transition back with a staggered staff. April 27th we'll bring back some street working and maintenance. All will be wearing masks when around the public. It's the new normal. We'll be going in four-week increments. Things could change tomorrow and we could go backwards. It's a learning curve. It's hard to wear masks and distance yourself from friends and colleagues. Construction building permits are booming right now. I'm signing documents virtually rather than having them sit on my desk. We all have to react with our instinct and our gut. We are reacting quickly and that would not have happened a few years ago."

Bell continued, "It's been tough to tell businesses they have to shut their doors. We're excited with the April 27th date to get up and running."

According to Bell, sales tax for January and February were good, but March was rough. He said, "Big boxes saved our community, 65 percent of all our sales tax revenue came from South Townsend...but we really care about our small businesses."

Morgenthaler said, "The partnerships are amazing. Non-profits and private provide different services. The city is proud to be a part of that."

As the meeting wound down, Councilman Dave Bowman donned his promoter hat, "For the Summer Music Series we cancelled June and moved it to July. The city is still planning on FUNC Fest."

Laughter followed one participant's comment, "The testicle festival [Rocky Mountain Oyster event planned for the Event Center] has been cancelled for this year... but we'll do it next year."

Rash said, "We are considering a virtual fair [for the County fair]. My hope is that we can get our fair up and running."

The next MRCOG, which will be hosted by the library, is scheduled for 3 p.m. on June 17.

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USDA FOREST SERVICE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION RELEASES ONLINE TOOL

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DENVER— The Rocky Mountain Region of the USDA Forest Service is releasing a new [online tool](#) as a place to find recreation updates and closures for any of the 24 national forests and grasslands across Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. This [online tool](#) provides a one-stop resource for learning about current USDA Forest Service recreation site status updates, alerts, warnings and fire restriction information within the states of

Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. The Rocky Mountain Region continues to ask all forest and grassland visitors engaging in dispersed recreation, such as hiking, mountain biking or river rafting, to take extra precautions and adhere to the following safety and responsibility guidelines.

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-All offices are conducting business and providing virtual services. For specific forest and grassland

information, please visit the region's [forest and grassland directory](#).

CDOT TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO CO 145

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SAN MIGUEL COUNTY - The Colorado Department of Transportation and contractor Oldcastle SW Group, Inc., will begin a project next week, Monday, April 27, to improve the surface, drainage and safety of 12.75 miles of CO Highway 145 between Telluride and Placerville. The work zone lies between mile point (MP) 71.51 (Society Turn in Telluride) and extends

northwest to MP 84.24 (junction of CO 62 at Placerville).

The project involves the following work: Nearly 13 miles of asphalt overlay along the full project length, including a thin layer applied for surface 'leveling' along the new passing lane project section (MP 73.9 to 75.1) completed in 2019

Extensive drainage work to mitigate flooding through the area; crews will upgrade

four additional culverts to improve debris flow, located at MP 77.11, MP 78.04, MP 79.98 and MP 80.2 - see map, below (11 structures were upgraded during the 2019 project) Intersection improvements at CR 58P in Sawpit to include shoulder widening on CO 145 for safer turning Guardrail replacement and/or adjustments along the full project length New pavement markings

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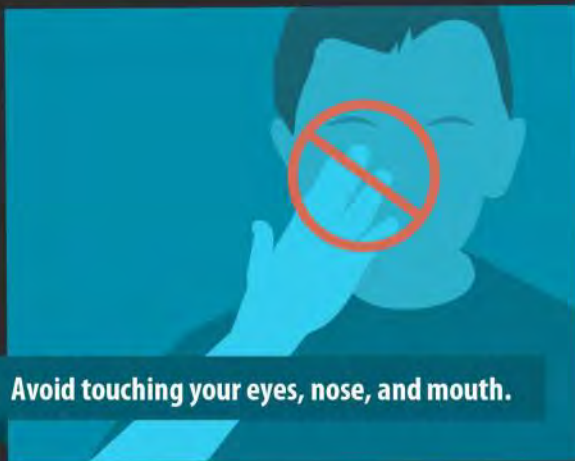
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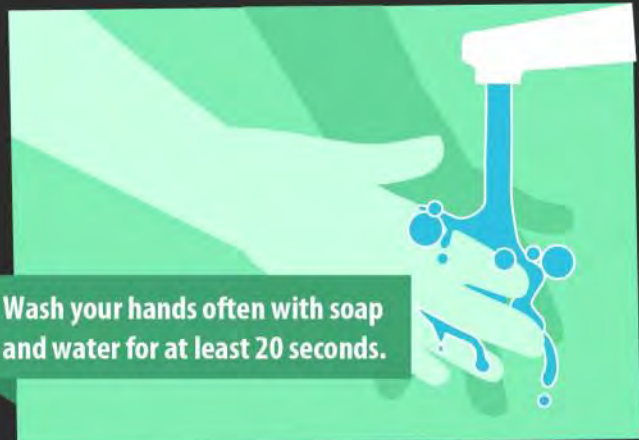
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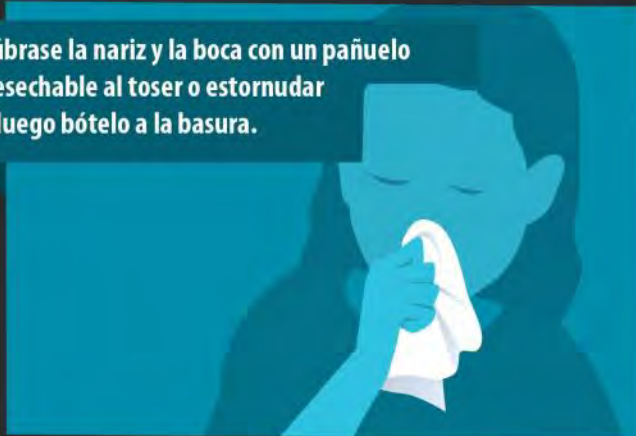
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No comments were heard from the public. After reading the statement outlining the rules for public comment, Bowman encountered sudden technical difficulties, accidentally switching to the camera on the back of his device, which caused him to disappear from the screen. Though his voice could still be heard, only an empty desk was visible. "I don't see myself on the screen!" Bowman said.

The situation generated several minutes of helpful advice from Council and staff. "Where's your wife when you need her!" joked Councilor Roy Anderson, just as Bowman's wife Kathy was observed helping him turn on the correct camera.

"I am happy to see it's not me having difficulty today," said Councilor Doug Glaspell, who has had some challenges navigating past Zoom meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council approved the minutes of the March 24, 2020 special City Council meeting, the March 31, 2020 special City Council meeting, and the March 31, 2020 regular City Council meeting as presented.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE BY OUTGOING COUNCILOR JUDY ANN FILES

Mayor Bowman took time to recognize term-limited Councilor Judy Ann Files for her eight years of service, including two terms as Mayor.

Said Files, "It will be fun to someday see that plaque and have it with me...it's been a fantastic eight years."

Each Councilor took a moment to thank Files. Said Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum, "Thank you so much for your leadership and mentorship to me and for everything you've done for the community."

Files leaves some really big shoes to fill, Bynum said.

"You've done so much for the community," Bowman said, and promised to hold a non-virtual presentation in the future.

"We're gonna bring you back for a big, all-star presentation!" Bowman said. "Keep your schedule open!"

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo administered an Oath of Office to newly-elected City Councilors Roy Anderson, District III; Dave

Frank, District IV; and Barbara Bynum, At-Large.

"Welcome to all of you," Glaspell said.

SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

Following a vote among Council, Bynum was selected as Mayor and Glaspell as Mayor Pro Tem for 2020-2021.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR

In her first act as Mayor, Bynum recognized Bowman for his service as mayor; "...I too have a lovely plaque for you," she said.

4152 NORTH TOWNSEND ADDITION ANNEXATION

City Planner II Amy Sharp presented information on Resolution 2020-08, Findings of Fact for the annexation of the 4152 North Townsend Addition; and approving Ordinance 2501 on First Reading, for the annexation of the 4152 North Townsend Addition. The proposal is consistent with the public health, safety and welfare, Sharp said.

Background: A memo to Council from Sharp notes, "The 4152 N Townsend Addition is a proposed annexation approximately 10.16 acres in size. The parcel is located northwest of the intersection of Highway 50 Frontage Rd. & Progress Ln. It is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, the Menoken Water Service Area, and the City of Montrose Sewer Service Area... The owner would like to subdivide the single-family house on the northwest portion of the property from the rest of the property. The City-County IGA gives the City the option to annex properties within the IGA. The area is urbanizing and more than 1/6 of the perimeter is contiguous to city limits. These factors support annexation. There will be no development that will require sewer or other utility connection. The purpose of this annexation is to subdivide the property."

Bynum opened a hearing; there were no comments from the public. The hearing was closed.

Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2020-08, Findings of Fact for the annexation of the 4152 North Town-



Montrose Mayor Barbara Bynum was sworn in on Tuesday, April 21. Doug Glaspell was selected Mayor Pro Tem.

send Addition; and Ordinance 2501 on First Reading, for the annexation of the 4152 North Townsend Addition.

Ordinance 2502 was approved on first reading as well, zoning the 4152 N. Townsend Addition as a B-3 General Commercial District.

FUEL CONTRACT AWARD

As discussed previously in work session, Council voted to award a fuel and oil contract for to Parish Oil of Montrose.

Background: A memo to Council from Public Works Manager Jim Scheid states, "The City's Fuel and Oil contract expired early this year and was issued as an RFP to renew our contract and to allow for competition in the award process. The Fleet Division received three bids, one of the bids did not provide prices for all items requested. Only Parish Oil and Master Petroleum bid only on fuel. The RFP that was issued was clear that the City was interested in one company to provide fuel and oils due to the cost savings and efficiencies of doing so."

Parish Oil's proposal offers the best value to the City, Scheid said.

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

Also discussed extensively in work session, Council approved a \$9,050 change order to a contract with ARC Abatement for asbestos abatement at 430 S. First Street and 439 S. Second Street.

*Background-*A memo prepared by Scheid for Council notes that while performing asbestos abatement at 430 South 1st

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and 439 S. Second Street.

Background-A memo prepared by Scheid for Council notes that while performing asbestos abatement at 430 South 1st Street and 439 South 2nd Street, the project contractor uncovered additional asbestos hidden beneath existing building finishes that was not visible or noticeable during the assessment. Because the City had hired a private consultant to perform an assessment prior to bringing in the asbestos removal contractor, they had not included a contingency in the contract, Scheid said, but will do so in future. "We should have included a contingency to cover additional work like this."

STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented a Sales, Use & Excise Tax report through the month of February.

Numbers will be out for March soon, City Manager Bill Bell informed Council. "We'll get you the information right away."

On April 27 there will be a "soft" reopening of local businesses, he added, easing restrictions to allow such things as curbside retail and use of privately-owned golf carts. "We're excited about it," Bell said. "It's been a long time coming."

In the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA), Mayfly Outdoors will now be able to bring back 50 percent of staff, wearing masks, Bell said.

Youth Council Representative Gunnison Clamp asked about the reopening of City facilities to the public, and "Do we have a projected date for maybe opening the Visitor Center by some point in late May?"

That decision will rely on the Governor's orders, Bell said. "It's still recommended that only critical travel takes place in the state...I don't really think we want to roll out and encourage that behavior until we absolutely can do that in a safe way based on safe guidance." For the next month, the OBT will focus on providing information about the response to COVID-19 and on getting businesses open, with communication and cross promotion, he said. "To get people from being scared and staying in their homes to reintegrating them out in the community as shoppers."

A City report card on Measure 2A will be provided at the next Council meeting, Bell said.

Police Chief Blaine Hall reminded all that

despite the easing of restrictions, the COVID-19 situation remains serious and very dangerous. "It's up to citizens and up to all of us to model correct behavior."

City Director of Business Innovation & DART Chelsea Rosty spoke about the City's weekly business call. City communications staffer Caitlin Love will be available to help small businesses with social media campaigns, she said.

Attorney Matt Magliaro has joined the City as Assistant City Attorney, working mainly with the police department, City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said.

Youth Councilor Clamp thanked Files for her service and congratulated the newly-elected councilors. Youth Council is focusing on providing tutoring, he said. Youth Councilors were recently interviewed by *Montrose Daily Press* Reporter McKenzie Moore, he said, and are offering Community Trivia via social media. In coming months new youth councilors will be recruited to replace graduating seniors.

Mayor Pro Tem Glaspell thanked Council for their support, and for his new position.

Councilor Bowman spoke about his Montrose Summer Music Series. "I think the best news is we are still planning on having four shows," he said, though the June 5 show has been cancelled.

Shows are still planned for July 3 and July 17, Bowman said. The Aug. 7 band cancelled, so instead the "Montrose Government Stimulus Band" will play, featuring Donny Morales and A.J. Fullerton.

"The Montrose Summer Music Series thinks that the best thing to do is take care of our local musicians," Bowman said. "So we'll have a local night and Donny and AJ will head that up. Our final show will be in September...we're planning on four shows...we can't wait to see you at the Black Canyon Golf Course!

"It's been a tough month...please everybody stay home and stay safe, so come July 3rd we have the biggest Fourth of July Celebration that Montrose Colorado has ever seen," Bowman said. "I know the OBT is going to work really hard to work with us...let's hope and pray, everybody stay safe and do your job, so come July we have one of the most phenomenal tourist seasons that Montrose has ever had."

He thanked those who have been staying home and wearing their masks.

"...When we think about the tough times America has had, sitting on your couch watching Netflix isn't that big a deal," Bowman said. "...I believe the citizens of this community, once we lift the restrictions, are gonna be out supporting the local economy, and things are gonna get better much faster than anybody ever thought."

Councilor Roy Anderson thanked grocery store employees, health care workers, and City staff for their efforts and bravery during the pandemic. "There's just so many people to thank...Bill, your leadership has been outstanding...we'll do this carefully, we'll stay healthy, and we'll get our economy started again."

Newly-elected Councilor Dave Frank thanked City staff for their help with his learning curve, City Council for their efforts, and Montrose community members for their hard work during the COVID-19 outbreak. "Thank you for helping us to achieve a level of safety and comfort we might not have had without the cooperation of our citizens."

Frank congratulated Mayor Bynum and Mayor Pro Tem Glaspell. "Looking forward to working with you guys for the next few years."

Mayor Bynum also spoke. "Thank you to our community, especially to those who have isolated themselves at great financial and emotional cost, because it protects our community, and it really is a very impressive display of civic-mindedness that will benefit our community very much."

She offered thoughts and prayers for the families of the nine individuals in Montrose who lost their lives to COVID-19.

"And also, other members of our community who have lost ones during this time," Bynum said. "Including a friend who lost her mother. It's really, really difficult, because you can't be surrounded by your family and friends for a funeral or memorial."

"It's a very strange time to be grieving the loss of a loved one," she said. "I just want to let her and anyone else in that situation know that I am thinking about them."

"So. A very serious note to end on," Bynum said. "But these are serious times...stay safe everyone."

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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ELECTIVE PROCEDURES REOPEN IN MONTROSE WITH EMPHASIS ON PATIENT SAFETY

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MONTROSE— Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH) and Black Canyon Surgical Center (BCSC) will be restoring elective procedures beginning Monday, April 27 with strong adherence to extra precautions. MMH will also be re-opening diagnostic testing, imaging and physical therapy services in a limited capacity.

Following guidance from The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the office of Colorado Governor Jared Polis, MMH and Black Canyon Surgical Center will be offering elective surgeries for the first time since canceling non-urgent elective surgeries Monday, March 23. “Our top priority is to offer elective surgeries to our community in the safest way possible,” said James Kiser, CEO of Montrose Memorial Hospital. “Our focus is always on the health of our Friends & Family. We are working closely with our surgeons to ensure this goal is met. We will be taking extra precautions to ensure our patients, staff and providers have a safe environment for everyone involved.”

MMH will be following guidance from CMS to ensure people are protected from the virus, including establishing non-COVID Care zones, having social distancing measures, and applying pre-screenings. On March 19, Governor Jared Polis issued a three-week halt to “elective and non-essential” between March 23 and April 14, 2020 – an executive order that was later extended to April 26, 2020 in order to preserve equipment and PPE that would be important for the fight against COVID-19.



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"With short being the new black," she continues, "brutal becomes part of your vocabulary. To be successful, you've got to be willing and able to cut. What you'll have when you're finished is a far better product than that gangly, over-wordy tome you started with."

Judith Briles has published 37 books and has a lifetime of experience within the publishing industry, having experienced the pitfalls and benefits of both self-publishing and traditional publishing. She is the president of **AuthorYOU**, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping authors navigate the publishing world and give self-published authors access to publishing resources. Her consulting company, **The Book Shepherd** based in Colorado, has created over 500 bestsellers for authors. To register for this course, go to www.TheBookShepherd.com and click on the Events tab.

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DENVER – The Rocky Mountain Region of the USDA Forest Service is releasing a new online tool as a place to find recreation updates and closures for any of the 24 national forests and grasslands across Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

This online tool provides a one-stop resource for learning about current USDA Forest Service recreation site status updates, alerts, warnings and fire restriction information within the states of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

The Rocky Mountain Region continues to ask all forest and grassland visitors engaging in dispersed recreation, such as hiking, mountain biking or river rafting, to take extra precautions and adhere to the following safety and responsibility guidelines.

Stay close to home to keep other communities safe.

Stay 6 feet apart from others.

Avoid crowding in parking lots, trails, scenic overlooks and other areas.

Take CDC precautions to prevent illnesses

like COVID-19.

Prepare for limited or no services, such as restroom facilities and garbage collection. Prepare to pack out trash and human waste.

All offices are conducting business and providing virtual services. For specific forest and grassland information, please visit the region's forest and grassland directory.



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GMUG STAFFER RETIRES AFTER 41 YEARS OF FEDERAL SERVICE



Pictured L-R: Ivan Soto, Anica Wong, Pilar Navabi, Hugo Navabi, Cyrus Navabi, Pam Vigil-Wong, Corey Wong. Courtesy photo.

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DELTA- The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests announced the retirement of Corey Wong, Forest Public Services Staff Officer after 41 years of federal service and nearly 18 years assigned to the GMUG, effective May 1, 2020.

Wong's illustrious career with the USDA Forest Service began in 1976, washing lab dishes at the Pacific Southwest Forest Experiment Station, while still attending college in Berkeley, CA. He would go on to work in Albuquerque, Peñasco, Taos and Española, New Mexico; Douglas and Williams, Arizona; and Fort Collins, Idaho

Springs and Delta, Colorado.

His personal and professional career highlights include serving as a District Ranger for 8 years, administering ski area permits for over 30 years, developing a government-to-government agreement with the Havasupai Tribe, completing numerous land purchases and exchanges, most recently the Long Lake exchange with the Crested Butte Land Trust and the Trust for Public Land, and working alongside great colleagues throughout his career. Wong acknowledged his wife Pam in these endeavors, who not only moved often but also endured his long days at work, trips and meetings at inopportune times for their family.

He will be remembered fondly by his coworkers who described him as a hard-working, diligent, humble and devoted public servant with a penchant for long, and sometimes complicated, jokes during staff meetings.

"Corey Wong has been a great champion of Forest Service values throughout his very distinguished career." Said Chad Stewart, GMUG Forest Supervisor "his knowledge and experience are irreplaceable and he will be greatly missed, but we wish him the best in this transition."

Corey and Pam plan to continue to reside in Delta with trips to visit their daughters in Denver and Vancouver BC.



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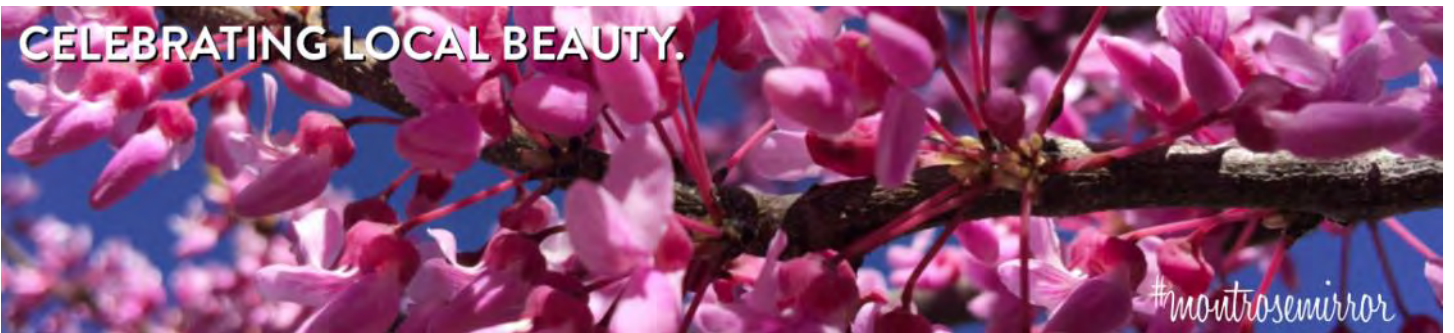
MIRROR IMAGES: SPRING IN THE VALLEY



From top left, planting time on West Oak Grove Road; OSS re-loads on the fly (photos by B. Switzer); animals in a pasture on Spring Creek (photo by John Nelson) field and canal (by Jen McLanahan).



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

ADAM DUBROFF JOINS RIDGWAY CHAMBER BOARD



Adam Dubroff.
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RIDGWAY-The Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce (RACC) welcomed Adam Dubroff to the Board of Directors at its April Board Meeting. Dubroff brings his specialized knowledge of the hospitality industry and local lodging

market to the chamber, to support its marketing activities and understanding of the needs of the area's business community.

Adam Dubroff and his wife, Karen, have lived in Ridgway since 2000. They have enjoyed raising their son, Jacob, here, and he is now finishing his junior year at Ridg-

way High School. Adam is the managing partner of the Ridgway Lodge and Star Saloon and has worked part-time for the Telluride Ski Resort in a variety of capacities over the past 10 years. He is President of the Ridgway Booster Club, and has been an active supporter of the Ridgway youth basketball programs. When not quarantined, Adam enjoys being in the mountains, spending time with his family and friends, coaching youth basketball, and playing an occasional round of golf.

"Over the course of my 30-plus year career in the hospitality industry, I've worked with multiple community chambers, convention, visitor, and tourism organizations across the United States. Based on those experiences, I hope to share my perspectives and help build on the RACC successes to increase the year-round commerce in the Ridgway community. I believe the immediate RACC chal-

lenge is to help our business community develop a strategic and sustainable response to the COVID-19 pandemic," he said. The Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce is organized to achieve the objectives of promoting business and community growth and development in the Town of Ridgway and the surrounding area. The chamber manages the town's tourism website, markets local businesses through many channels, and operates the Ridgway Visitors Center. Due to the pandemic, the Visitor Center's opening date for this year has not been set. The chamber board and staff have scaled back activities to stay within the decreased budget and are concentrating on supporting local businesses with information resources and marketing their changing hours and services as a result of the pandemic and public health orders. For more information, visit ridgwaycolorado.com.

CENTRAL COLLEGE STUDENT CHARLES TERRELL HONORED AT SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION

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PELLA, IA -- Charles Terrell of Olathe, CO, was one of more than 700 students at Central College who would have been honored at the college's annual Scholarship Celebration on Thursday, April 23. The event was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic. The Scholarship Celebration in P.H. Kuyper Gymnasium gives student scholarship recipients the opportunity to personally thank and share dinner with donors who help make their Central education possible. Terrell received Journey Scholarship. Central College of Pella, Iowa, is a private, four-year liberal arts college. Central is known for its academic rigor, leadership and character development, global experiential learning, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and sustainability education, athletics and service. For more information about Central College: www.central.edu.





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SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

Editor's Note-Ongoing events are not included at this time due to the uncertainty of scheduling around COVID-19

MONTHLY-

May 30-The 17th Annual Montrose Wine & Food Festival, presented by Alpine Bank, will be Saturday May 30 from 1-4 p.m. at the Bridges Golf and Country Club in Montrose. Featuring live music, more than 40 beverage and food vendors, a silent auction and more. Tickets and sponsorships are available now and can be purchased online at www.blackcanyontickets.com by searching for 2020 Montrose Wine & Food Festival.

June 13-Adopt-A-Park Clean Up at Rollans Park, Ridgway, Saturday, June 13, 2020 @ 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Join UWP for a volunteer work morning at Rollans Park, picking up litter and branches along the Uncompahgre River, to make it a great place to visit. Contact to sign up: Tanya, uwpcommunications@gmail.com, 970-325-3010 Information: <http://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/events/>

July 25-San Juan Mountains Guided Wildflower Walk, Saturday, July 25, 2020 @ 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Walk among the native plants of the subalpine vegetation zone with guide Mary Menz. Co-author of *Common Wildflowers of the San Juan Mountains*, Mary will identify wildflowers, share historical uses of native plants, and talk about the role native plants play in the ecosystem—including areas with acid mine runoff. Contact to sign up: Tanya, uwpcommunications@gmail.com, 970-325-3010 Information: <http://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/events/>

Aug. 2-RE-1J Schools will hold graduation ceremonies Aug. 2 at 1pm in the Montrose Events Center for OHS. MHS will be following at 5pm with their graduation.

Aug. 3-PEAK Academy will hold a graduation ceremony on Monday Aug. 3rd at 6:30 pm at the Pavilion if it is safe to gather due to COVID-19.

Aug. 3--Montrose Women's Giving Club meets at Bridges, 5:30 p.m. Open to all women; each member donates \$100 per quarter at each meeting.

Sept. 12-Love Your Gorge-Sat., Sept. 12, 2020, Uncompahgre River Gorge. Volunteer with the Ouray Ice Park and Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership to make improvements to the riparian areas of the Uncompahgre River Gorge in Ouray. Then, enjoy a picnic and party to celebrate our efforts. Funded by the Frank L. Massard Trust. Contact to sign up: Tanya, uwpcommunications@gmail.com, 970-325-3010 Information: <http://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/events/>

Sept. 25-27-The Ridgway Old West Fest will be Sept 25-27, 2020

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READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: BY DEB REIMANN

Photographer Deb Reimann snapped these photos at Rowdy Lake in the Cimarrons a few years ago, of Aspen reflections in the water and a busy, swimming, beaver carrying cattails. The lake was "peaceful and tranquil...a hidden gem," Reimann said.



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