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CHIEF OF POLICE SPEAKS IN SUPPORT OF PEACEFUL PROTESTS, AGAINST RACIAL INJUSTICE AS BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTESTERS TAKE TO THE STREETS



A Black Lives Matter demonstration held in Demoret Park concurrently with the June 2 City Council meeting drew praise from Police Chief Blaine Hall for its peaceful approach to the serious issue of racial injustice. Photo by Paul Arbogast.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All City councilors and Youth Council Representative Gunnison Clamp were present for the regular, virtual Zoom meeting of the Montrose City Council at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2. Clamp led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance; City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo took roll call; Mayor Barbara Bynum welcomed all to the meeting. There were no changes to the meeting agenda as presented.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Bynum read and explained the statement on the rules for public comment.

Citizen Rhonda Davidson read a prepared statement opposing the COVID-19 rules on wearing face masks. "...I am here to voice my informed opinion in opposition to the City-mandated requirement to wear face masks in restaurants, stated in Bullet Point Four in the May 24,

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MONTROSE JC PENNEY STORE ON LIST OF 154 CLOSURES

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-On Thursday, June 4, JC Penney issued a corporate news release that identified the first phase of 154 store closures, to include the Montrose store at River Landing, above. Closing sales for the first round of store closures are expected to take 10 to 16 weeks to complete. The list of 154 stores that will begin closing sales can be found on the [JCPenney Blog](#). The news release also notes



The JC Penney store at River Landing in Montrose is targeted for closure by the company, which is undergoing a Chapter 11 restructuring. Photo by Gail Marvel.

that, as previously announced on May 15, JC Penney entered into a restructuring support agreement with lenders holding approximately 70 percent of JC Penney's first lien debt to reduce the Company's outstanding indebtedness and strengthen its financial position. To implement the financial restructuring plan, the Company filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

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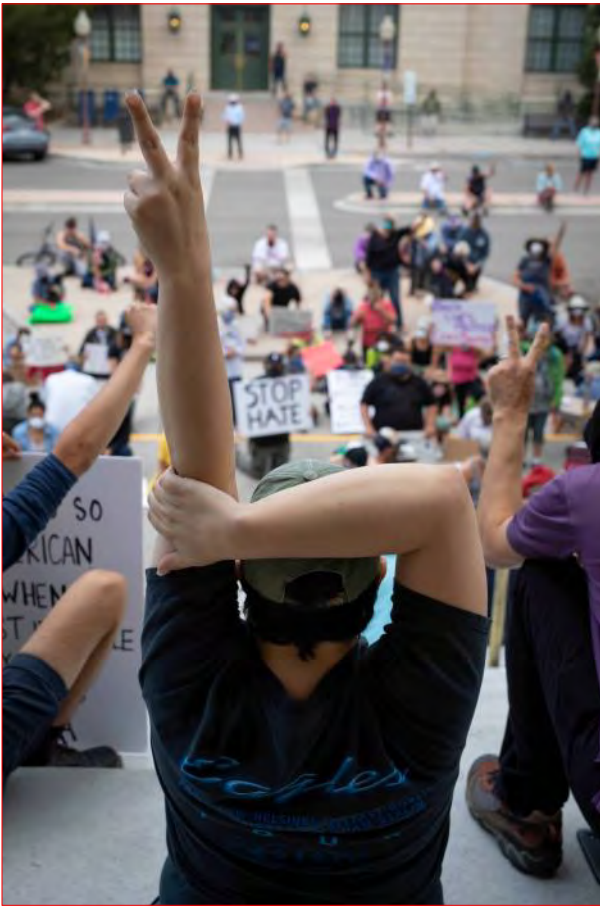
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MIRROR IMAGES: BLACK LIVES MATTER



Photos by Paul Arbogast.

MONTROSE-On Saturday June 6 at noon, close to 400 Black Lives Matters demonstrators gathered at Safeway in Montrose and made their way to the old courthouse, where they knelt for nine minutes of silence, then had a few speakers talk about their experiences. Afterward they marched back to Safeway. Montrose Police and State Police were there to support the people's Constitutional rights for peaceful assembly.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CANDIDATE FORUM FOR OURAY COUNTY SHERIFF RECALL ELECTION

Special to the Mirror

OURAY-There will be a Ouray County Sheriff Candidate Forum – Recall Election, 5:30 – 6:30pm. On June 11 at 5:30pm, Ouray County residents will have an opportunity to hear from Justin Perry and Ted Wolfe, two candidates vying for Sheriff in the recall election taking place on June 30. This event is co-presented by *D3 Colorado, Ridgway Ouray Community Council, Victim Advocacy Support Alliance and Safer More Affirming Communities*. Zoom details at d3colorado.org/events/sheriff. Please visit D3COLORADO.ORG/EVENTS/SHERIFF after 4pm on June 11 to access the forum.

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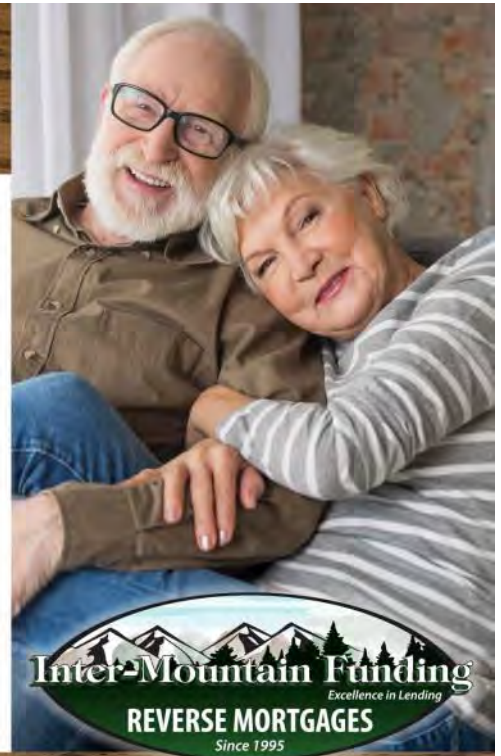


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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE COUNTY APPLIES FOR SECOND DATA-DRIVEN VARIANCE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— The Montrose Board of County Commissioners approved a second variance application to follow different guidelines than the state's Safer at Home and in the Great, Vast Outdoors Order. The application approval came in a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Following the meeting, the application was submitted to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Governor of the State of Colorado.

The variance application seeks to allow the following: an increase in facility use from 50 percent to 75 percent occupancy load and up to 175 persons in a building; post secondary institutions to increase classroom size; opening of bars at limited capacity--75 percent of occupancy load, not to exceed 50 people; and unlimited

outdoor gathering size as long as social distancing and other public health interventions (availability of hand hygiene products, mask use within six feet, and frequent cleaning of common touch surfaces) are followed.

"Hospital census remains low and capacity is high. We have seen just one confirmed COVID-19 hospitalization in the 18 days ending on June 2. Our overall community prevalence remains low with likely no more than 60 people actively infected. Our testing capacity remains strong," said Montrose County Public Health Pandemic Specialist and Medical Adviser Dr. Joe Adragna, MD, MHA, MGH. "We are aggressive with suspected or confirmed outbreak sites to ensure all at risk in those setting are tested quickly and that operations are shut down or extremely limited so that adequate decontamination occurs.

Further, we have not recorded a COVID-19 death since April 24."

"Once again, this is a data-driven decision to help protect our businesses while maintaining public and community health," said Commissioner Sue Hansen. "We have support of government agencies as well as the local hospital in seeking this variance. COVID-19 is going to be here for a while, and we need to get used to interacting and continuing to support our businesses with this present in our community."

As a reminder, it is an application for a variance and still requires approval from the state.

Businesses and residents should continue to follow state guidelines.

For more information on COVID-19 in Montrose County, please visit www.montrosecountyjic.com. To view the variance application, please visit [here](#).



MONTROSE BUSINESS UPDATE: TOURISM EDITION

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

CITY COUNCIL CAN'T CONDONE, AND MUST BE FORTHCOMING REGARDING THE BOWMAN, CITY ADMINISTRATION SCANDAL

Editor:

Opinion: From press and online comments regarding the Bowman/City scandal questions need to be asked. This incident has taken place by Mr. Bowman's own admission in the press.

Questions:

1. Did we have a shake down going on?
2. What Federal, State, RICO, IRS, Collusion, abuse of power laws, liquor law and

other possible violations may have occurred?

2. Who specifically in the city administration and/or council have been a party to or knew of this matter? What are /or were their positions of authority and/or responsibilities?

3. Why has council/individual members not been forthcoming with a public explanation now that they know this matter

took place?

Statement:

Council and Citizens must now demand an independent investigation and obtain sworn testimony by outside authorities to get the facts.

No cover ups or non-disclosure statements by city.

This is our government. "We the people" of Montrose must demand accountability or there will be none. We do not do business this way and demand a full report to the citizens of Montrose and accountability under the law as appropriate. This matter is serious and will not be swept under the rug.

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INDEPENDENCE PASS OPEN FOR THE SEASON

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Special to the Mirror

LAKE & PITKIN COUNTIES – Independence Pass on Colorado Highway 82 is open for the season. Approximately 65 vehicles were lined up at the Pitkin County gate on Monday, June 1, when Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) crews opened the gates on CO 82. Motorists, cyclists, and other travelers will benefit from a smooth new driving surface. CDOT crews paved two sections of the roadway west of the Pass, where CO 82 narrows to a single lane. The work was completed in

late May, after the roadway was cleared of snow.

Like previous years, CDOT crews worked with the Colorado Avalanche Information Center to perform avalanche mitigation in recent weeks, clearing slide paths that can impact the roadway. During paving and avalanche mitigation work, crews followed social distancing and face covering guidelines whenever possible, in compliance with health safety measures to reduce COVID-19 exposure on the worksite.

Due to tight curves, steep inclines, and

narrow lanes on some sections of the pass, *commercial and recreational vehicles 35 feet or longer are prohibited*. This includes vehicles and trailers with a combined length of more than 35 feet. These pass restrictions lie between Mile Point 47.2 (Aspen side) and MP 84.2 (Leadville/Twin Lakes side, about one mile west of the junction with US 24).

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

LET US GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

Editor:

The Montrose Board of County Commissioners has reacted remarkably well in handling county government during the COVID-19 pandemic. I know that they had a disaster plan because I have a copy and have read it. That, in itself is great. It appears that the decisions made were taken under due consideration and with a studied approach not only making the guidelines reasonable and enforceable but acceptable to the citizenry as well. It appears that they have sought and accepted the knowledgeable advice of professionals, as appropriate, and tempered their guidance to the public with common sense. One case in point was the selection of Dr. Joe Adragna of Peak Medicine as their medical advisor. Dr. Adragna is knowledgeable, well read and he 'thinks.' Just the man they needed. I am sure that there were others called to service and deserving of praise. If their selection was done as with Dr. Joe, both the selectees and the Commissioners deserve compliments on a job (well maybe not finished but) well done. Ladies and Gentlemen keep up the good, not GREAT work.

Bill Bennett, Montrose



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Boots.

By Jack Switzer

MONTROSE-The world is in a state of confusion of which I've never seen the like. In all 16 short years of my life I've never seen so much chaos happen in the incredibly small span of half a year, starting with the Australian bush fires, followed closely by

the COVID virus panic, moving right along to the Japanese killer hornets that made their way to America, and now the Black Lives Matter movement is at full momentum, demanding justice for George Floyd and other innocent lives who were brutalized by police. (Sign here if you haven't already please: http://chnq.it/NLqHz9DR2?fbclid=IwAR3-sFD50T7NWqnICJbdFPHxnxHrp-nCjTpOJyneQh4mYVI_96LSfrQexeqM)

However even in the midst of all this disorder, I notice that some lives haven't changed in the slightest; they seem pretty much unaffected by all of the commotion from the past few months. Which is surprising, but also really not surprising at the same time, when you take who lives these lives into account.

When I first heard about the riots that accompanied some of the protests, I was

sitting at my desk making a sour face, when I looked over to see my cat, Boots, having a leisurely bath without a care in the world.

In a sense, watching my cat live his life with no stress or strife brought me down from watching the world burn, and let me look outside to see that I was still in the middle of the small country town of Montrose. Although I was still worried about the people rioting, and what was happening on the frontlines of BLM, I did feel a little better when I stared out my bedroom window with Boots on my lap.

It never hurts to stop for a moment to think about yourself, and about what's happening on a smaller scale. I often find myself swept away by social media or the breaking news. Sometimes, just take a deep breath, and sit back with a cat on your lap.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

THE NEWS IS OUT, BOWMAN NEEDS TO RESIGN

Editor:

The Montrose Mirror broke the story of then Mayor Bowman, demanding a portion of Divots liquor sales at last summer's Montrose Summer Music Series [Issue 378]. In a Daily Press article of 5-29, Bowman tried to justify taking a substantial cut of Ms Culver's concert liquor sales to give the impression that, by doing so, she was "sponsoring" the concerts. On the contrary, Ms Culver was not asked if she would sponsor the concerts by agreeing to such arrangement, but was "told" what she had to pay. Hardly a voluntary "sponsorship" agreement!

Uncomfortable with that situation, Ms Culver ultimately retained an attorney, and found such an arrangement was illegal, and showing her character, self reported herself to the Liquor Enforcement Division. In the Daily Press article, Bowman pleaded ignorance, but Bowman sits on the City liquor licensing board, and knew, or should have known, such an arrangement as he demanded was contrary to Colorado liquor laws and a violation of the contract with Ms Culver. Bowman's comments clearly tried to shift the total blame to Ms Culver, while downplaying his irresponsibility.

The Mirror article included a copy of a \$1,580 check Ms Culver paid Bowman. Extrapolating that out over the concert series, Bowman made approximately \$6,000 off of Ms Culver's liquor sales last year. As reported in both The Mirror and Montrose Daily Press that demand was illegal. So here we have our Mayor, profiting on a City contract, and depriving the City of income on that contract. As noted, illegal, certainly a conflict of interest, and a gross violation of voter trust. Both the Daily Press and The Mirror articles noted that Ms Culver reported that questionable demand to an as yet unnamed City official, but you can bet our highest ranking city officials were aware. Yet, unexplainably, no action to

remedy an illegal action was taken. And, there was no evidence in the Daily Press article to indicate that City management or City Council was interviewed to determine why no appropriate action was taken.

When this story broke in The Mirror, I called one Council person, who was totally unaware of the problem until The Mirror published the story. If City Council didn't know then, they certainly know now, but with a work session and Council meeting completed since the Daily Press article, they have now had two opportunities to address the issue publicly. Not surprisingly Council has remained strangely quiet on this issue, preferring to address "big picture budget items" instead of this scandal.

Legal, ethical, and transparency issues

have now been brought to public attention, and one would think that if Council truly was not appraised as successive complaints were made last summer, there was complicity on the part of "City officials" aware of this illegal activity, of a cover up of the highest magnitude.

Initially I felt that a full investigation was demanded by Council, but, on reflection, I have no confidence in a fully thorough and transparent investigation by them of City employees or one of their own members. Bowman's actions have already been deemed illegal publicly, and they were certainly unethical. In light of the stain he has cast on the City, Bowman should not only resign, but reimburse Ms Culver for her monetary loss.

Dee Laird, Montrose

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BOCC APPROVES KEYBANK LINE OF CREDIT RESOLUTION FOR MMH CONTINGENT UPON COUNTY ATTORNEY'S CONDITIONS



Montrose County Buildings are now open to the public. Mirror file photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All commissioners were present for the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regular meeting at

9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3. BOCC Chair Keith Caddy thanked everyone for coming. Pastor Karl Leuthauser of Grace Community Church delivered the invocation, asking that amidst chaos and difficult times, the commissioners be given heads of stony determination, but also hearts of flesh and compassion. "Father...I thank you for our leaders ... for these commissioners who truly want to make a difference and to lead," Leuthauser said. "...help them not to be weary, not to grow tired...their success is our success."

All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Calling from the road, Citizen Rhonda Davidson pulled over to read a prepared

statement of opposition to the public health order concerning the use of face masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19, specifically in restaurants. Masks "are of no benefit in a public setting" and "provide a warm, moist surface for the virus to proliferate," Davidson said. Those who wear face masks often wear them incorrectly, and in public touch their faces more than those without masks; the average virus particle is 25 times too small to be screened by the typical mask, she said, citing sources. Davidson urged commissioners to amend the policy and instead encourage all businesses to use their own professional and industry training, educated judgment, and creativity to keep customers safe.

"Mandating a policy that the (World Health Organization) and other medical experts say may increase the risk of disease transmission is unwise," Davidson said, and suggested that litigation could result.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Ken Norris moved Consent Agenda item C-12, consideration and possible adoption of RESOLUTION NO. 19-2020 for the approval of Montrose Memorial Hospital's line of credit with KeyBank, to the General Business & Administrative category as Item D-2.

The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously as amended.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Item **D-1, consideration and possible action on the Purchase and Sale Agreement** with Hagle S. Summers and Linda F. Summers for a property of 0.017 acre adjacent to the airport parcel necessary for Airport Road improvement, for \$2,191.94, effective June 3, 2020.

Montrose Regional Airport has been acquiring property west of Airport Road, "So that someday we can put appropriate curb and gutter, sidewalk and road back there," Airport Manager Lloyd Arnold said. The small parcel is the third of four properties to be acquired for the purpose.

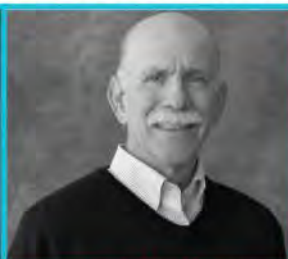
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BOCC APPROVES KEYBANK LINE OF CREDIT RESOLUTION FOR MMH CONTINGENT UPON COUNTY ATTORNEY'S CONDITIONS *From previous pg*

A prior appraisal was used to determine the cost, as a new appraisal would cost more than the parcel itself, he said.

County Attorney Marti Whitmore presented Item D-2, removed previously from the Consent Agenda, **Consideration and possible adoption of RESOLUTION NO. 22-2020, for the approval of Montrose Memorial Hospital's line of credit with Key-Bank.**

A memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was anticipated between Montrose Memorial Hospital and the Hospital Board of Trustees, Whitmore said, but confirmation had not yet been received from hospital attorney John Brooks. She suggested approving the Resolution pending receipt and confirmation of the approved and signed MOU from the hospital.

Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution 22-2020 inclusive of Whitmore's conditions.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

In other business, the BOCC approved two planning & development items: A proposal by Lot 3 C & H Estates Minor Subdivision [AM-20-0017] to vacate the existing 25-foot ditch and utility easement and to dedicate a new 25-foot ditch and utility easement at 6450 Road South of Courthouse Peak Lane (continued from a previous meeting); and **Dedication of a road right-of-way/plat for road dedication known as "Chipeta Road Dedication Plat."** A staff report notes that Chipeta Road is a public road, but this particular section is not under County ownership. Still, the road is maintained by the County;

the plat of Survey will dedicate the road right-of-way for public benefit.

Prior to adjournment, BOCC Chair Caddy reminded all to stay safe, to distance, and to make good choices. Commissioner Roger Rash noted that all public health variances include language dictated by the Governor and CDPHE.

"We are bound by statute to follow that... we don't like it any better than anybody else does, but we do want to be safe," Rash said. "We want to practice our social distancing; we sure don't want any more people sick from this thing, and we have had a little spike in cases here in the last few days."

"Protect yourself, protect your neighbor," Caddy said. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENT IS FACING A TECTONIC SHIFT

Editor:

From the U.S. Constitution: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Those are powerful words. Like a lot of people, I believe they mean more than being able to lawfully own a firearm for hunting or self-defense. The second amendment, in my mind, guarantees the citizenry the right to defend itself against a tyrannical government.

With recent reports in the media I can't help but be concerned about self-governed militias taking up arms against the U. S. military. That concern arises out of President Trump's threat to deploy active duty military personnel to the States in order to quell civil disobedience. One must keep in mind, the first amendment to the U. S. Constitution allows for "the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

One will argue Trump's threat was to put an end to the violence by looters and rioters. But even that is violation of the 10th amendment; which states, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Those words mean that local authority falls within State government, not the whim of President Trump.

Yes, the U. S. Constitution delegates the role of Commander and Chief to the President. And it's understood that personnel within the military must obey **lawful** orders from their commanders. The question at hand is, is deploying Active Duty military personnel against the citizenry of this nation a lawful act? The tenth amendment would suggest not. Also, one could argue it to be an immoral act to deploy a force, designated to defend us against foreign threats, to squelch the voice of the people in order to preserve one's image.

As a Vietnam Era Veteran and even a general citizen I find Trump's threat to be alarming. I wonder if military personnel will really take up arms against their brothers and sisters. Would they really thrust bayonets into the bodies of those family members? Would Lindsey Graham, a former Colonel in the Reserves, lead the charge? Are we being set up for a second civil war by a person who believes the Presidency is designed to be an autocracy? I pray not.

Dave Stockton, Montrose



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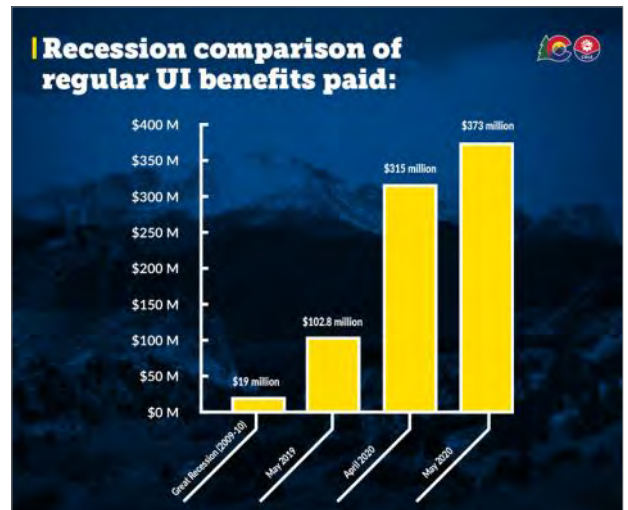
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INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS DECLINE FOR 7TH WEEK IN A ROW *More than 18,000 regular and federal UI claims filed May 24-30*



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DENVER- The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) has announced there were 12,149 initial regular unemployment claims filed the week ending May 30. This is compared to 15,603 the week prior (week ending May 23). This is the seventh week in a row of gradual declines in regular unemployment claims.

In addition, there were 6,414 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial unemployment claims (gig worker, self-employed) filed May 24 - 30. Over the past eleven weeks a total of 433,552 regular unemployment initial claims have been filed and a grand total of 517,414 claims including federal PUA benefits.*

Top 5 industries with highest claims:**

Accommodation and Food Services: 2,364
Retail Trade: 1,637
Healthcare and Social Service: 1,536
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services:*** 1,277
Manufacturing: 922

Benefits paid: Regular UI

Week ending May 30: \$86.2 Million

Week ending May 23: \$95.3 Million

Week ending May 16: \$88.8 Million

Week ending May 9: \$96.0 Million

Week ending May 2: \$84.8 Million

Week ending April 25: \$86.1 Million

Week ending April 18: \$74.1 Million

Week ending April 11: \$62.0 Million

Week ending April 4: \$29.8 Million

Recession comparison of regular UI benefits paid:

During the height of the Great Recession (2009-10), \$19 million in regular UI benefits were paid out on an average weekly basis. \$102.8 million in benefits were paid out in May 2009, the previous highest monthly total on record. Approximately \$315 million and \$373 million in regular UI benefits were paid out in April and May 2020, respectively.

Federal benefits paid and claims filed

April 20 - May 30:

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (gig workers/self employed): **\$193.2 Million**

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Com-

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(\$600/weekly UI benefits to eligible claimants): **Apx. \$1 Billion**

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance initial claims since April 20: **83,862**

* Initial claims are those claims filed to establish benefit eligibility. Initial claims are considered a reliable leading indicator of economic activity.

All applications filed are those applications for benefits filed with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and may not have been through various eligibility determination e.g. wage verification, etc.

** Most recent industry-level claims data is for the week ending May 16th.

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Colorado Unemployment Insurance Charts



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ONLINE SILENT AUCTION PLANNED FOR THE BCBGC

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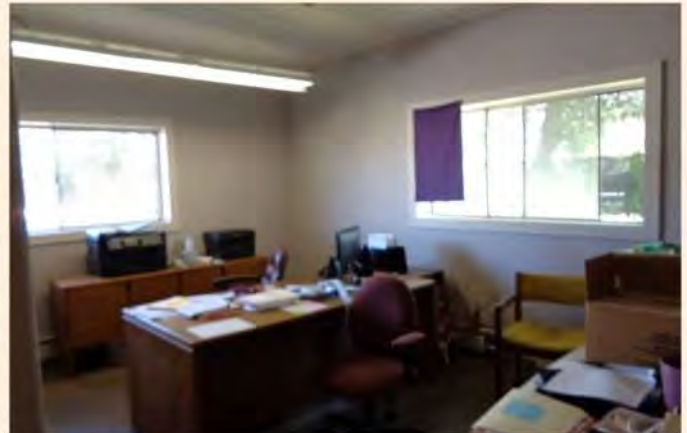
MONTROSE-The Montrose Wine & Food Festival, set to be held on May 30, 2020, was cancelled due to social distancing precautions in relation to COVID-19. Not only is the Festival one of the major kick-off events to the summer but it is also the largest fundraiser for the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club (BCBGC) bringing in approximately one-fourth of the Club's annual operating budget for the year. One major component of the Festival is the silent auction and, prior to the cancellation of the Festival, several local businesses and individuals had donated items to this auction. As a result, the Festival committee has decided to hold an online silent auction starting July 1, 2020 on the Festival's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MontroseWineandFoodFestival> to raise funds for the BCBGC. Additional details on the auction will be released on the Festival's Facebook page as it gets closer but if you are an individual or business who is interested in donating to this online auction, please contact Amy Taylor at ataylor@bcbgc.org. She will coordinate with you on the donation, tax receipts, etc.

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ROCK & DEBRIS TO BE CLEARED AT US 550 BONDAD HILL SOUTH OF DURANGO *Motorists urged to SLOW DOWN in the work zone*

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SOUTHWEST COLORADO — The Colorado Department of Transportation will perform annual maintenance operations on US Highway 550 Bondad Hill, approximately five miles north of the NM state line. Next week crews will perform rock slide and debris clean up along the east side of the road, cliffside. A significant amount of fallen rock has accumulated on the shoulder of the highway making it necessary to remove the excess debris.

TRAVEL IMPACTS

Work will take place on June 9 (and possibly June 10), from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Motorists will encounter lane shifts and a speed reduction from 60 mph down to 40 mph. It is important to observe the reduced speed limit and watch for equipment and personnel in the work zone.

TRAVEL INFORMATION Travelers are urged to “know before you go.” Gather information about weather forecasts and

anticipated travel impacts and current road conditions prior to hitting the road. CDOT resources include:

-Road conditions and travel information:

www.COtrip.org

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-See scheduled lane closures: codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html

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COVID-19 Safe transportation infrastructure is essential for emergency first responders and freight drivers as Colorado navigates the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind, construction continues on CDOT projects with social distancing and other health safety measures to reduce COVID-19 exposure on the worksite. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment announced [guidelines for construction activities](#). The public is urged

to join the campaign for #DoingMyPartCO and practice social distancing, wear face masks, stay at home when possible, and avoid nonessential travel.

With fewer vehicles on the roads, CDOT crews will be able to work more efficiently and safely.

WHOLE SYSTEM. WHOLE SAFETY. In early 2019, CDOT announced its *Whole System — Whole Safety* initiative to heighten safety awareness.

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LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS WILL DISTRIBUTE POPSICLES IN CITY ON FOURTH OF JULY, POSSIBLE VIRTUAL MUSIC EVENT



At the Council meeting of June 2, Montrose City Council discussed a restaurant voucher program intended to help local eateries (like Amelia's, pictured above) and low-income residents.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONDAY-At 10 a.m. on Monday June 1, the Montrose City Council met for a virtual Zoom work session. All Councilors appeared to be present throughout, though not all were consistently visible to those viewing on cable Channel 191. Discussion items included a rezone request from the Estates at Stoneridge, with an overview presented by Senior Planner Amy Sharp.

Background-A memo prepared by Sharp for Council states, "The Estates at Stone Ridge Rezone is a proposal to rezone Lots 1-10, 13, 15-28, and 36-56 within the Estates at Stone Ridge Subdivision on Ridgeline Dr, Woodford Ave, and Keller Ct. from R-2 Low Density District to R-3 Medium Density District. The owner, David Coker, would like to rezone these lots to R-3 Medium Density District to be consistent with the surrounding lots in this subdivision and allow for both single family homes and duplexes which are both uses by right in the R-3 Zoning District."

The City Planning Commissioner has recommended approval. Council spent time discussing the request as well as instructions for a DeNovo hearing. A Zoning Hearing and First Reading of the Zoning Ordinance will be June 16; Second Reading will be July 7. Citizen emails on the matter are passed along in full and become part of the public record, Mayor Bynum said.

Councilor Dave Frank said, "...If you send us emails, make it intelligent, calm, cohesive--don't put swear words in there and don't get angry, because that really kind of muddies the message you are trying to get across."

Council also spent time discussing a restaurant voucher program intended to help local businesses and low-income residents. Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said that some municipalities have allocated money from their budgets to fund vouchers that community members may use at local eateries. Civic Engagement Specialist

Bethany Maher and City Manager Bill Bell were present to answer questions as well.

Programs vary from community to community, Morgenthaler said, and can be tailored to Council goals. The Montrose Community Foundation (MCF) already has a voucher program that targets front line workers, she said. Councilor Frank said that MCF Executive Director Sara Plumhoff has expressed a willingness to expand the foundation's voucher program to incorporate other recipients. He suggested that the City coordinate its efforts with MCF.

"One of the things we've seen in the non-profit areas of our communities, the duplication of effort sometimes creates overlaps, problems, and unintentional gaps," Frank said. The Community Foundation is well-qualified to identify those in need and disburse funds, Councilor Roy Anderson said. "Duplication of effort is kind of a waste."

"...I just think it's a good idea for our city to provide some money for people that are hungry," Councilor Dave Bowman said. "...I'm totally in favor of making sure that we provide for our neediest."

Bynum said that a goal of the program is to help stimulate business for area restaurants. "...If that isn't also one of our goals, we'd be better off giving the money to Sharing Ministries," she said. "...I think there's two things we can accomplish. We

can provide a meal to needy families and we can stimulate restaurant businesses."

Following further discussion, Mayor Bynum opened the work session to general Council and staff comments.

GENERAL DISCUSSION/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilor Frank thanked City staff for their hard work and for providing concise, intelligent answers to Council questions.

Councilor Roy Anderson thanked Frank for his ideas, and Maher for her efforts on the voucher program.

Said Bowman, "I get asked on almost a daily basis when are we going to start having music in this town again...my crystal ball is just all clouded up...the summer series is cancelled for June and July, we'll be waiting to hear from Governor Polis...as soon as the state says yes you can open up in a big way, Montrose Summer Music Series is ready to do a show in August or September." Pocket Park events are probably not going to happen this year, Bowman said.

Bowman also praised the Montrose Police Department for their efforts. "There's a lot of negativity going on across our country... I especially want to let our police officers know...we're behind 'em 100 percent. They're doing a fantastic job."

Glaspell said that all of City staff has done a tremendous job. "Thanks to all of 'em."

Mayor Bynum said that Council does not field questions in work session, but email addresses and phone numbers are readily available on the City web site. The public has an opportunity to address Council at regular meetings as well. "We love to hear from folks and what they are thinking about."

Frank said that the Independence Day holiday is not cancelled. The City will provide money to local food and ice cream trucks to distribute popsicles on the Fourth. "Even though we don't feel safe having a fireworks show...we still want people to have a good time."

Plans are in the works for fun on the Fourth, Morgenthaler said.

"We think that food trucks are a great way to spread some cheer the week of the

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LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS WILL DISTRIBUTE POPSICLES IN CITY ON FOURTH OF JULY From previous pg

Fourth of July...there are some other ideas as well to make that week very special."

Expect contests, she said.

"Maybe even some virtual music."

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented an unofficial Sales, Use & Excise Tax Report for April.

"Unfortunately, we are down a little bit for April—probably three to four percent for retail sales tax."

The official report will be shared at the

second regular meeting in June, Wittenberg said.

Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall updated Council on the new Axon body-worn cameras; the cameras are here, training is underway, and the cameras should be deployed in the next few weeks.

"They are amazing," Hall said. "I think they are going to enhance our accountability and credibility in ways we never imagined."

"Thanks for all the work your team is doing," Mayor Bynum said.

Morgenthaler said that City meetings can be viewed on the [City's web site](#) and via link on the "A Better Montrose" App.

Montrose is now a bronze-level, bicycle-friendly community through the Bicycle-Friendly America League, she said.

Bell reminded Council of the Big Picture Budget meeting prior to the Council meeting on June 2.

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GUNNISON COUNTY & GUNNISON COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT SELECT CONSTRUCTION MANAGER / GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Black Dragon Development of Crested Butte to Lead Library Construction Project

Special to the Mirror

GUNNISON-The Gunnison County community worked hard to build a new vision for public library services and facilities. Under the leadership of the Board of County Commissioners, Gunnison County and the Gunnison County Library District continue to support the community's vision.

Following a competitive process, Black Dragon Development of Crested Butte has been selected to serve as Construction Manager and General Contractor for the construction of a new public library. Black Dragon Development has a proven track record of successfully delivering commercial construction projects in the Gunnison valley.

The new library will serve all residents and visitors of Gunnison County and be located on over five acres in the City of Gunnison, at the corner of Spencer Avenue and 11th Street. The property, along with \$1M, was donated by Raymond P. VanTuyl to support construction of a new public library. The project's total construction budget is \$8M. Preliminary work will take place on the site this summer with a formal groundbreaking in spring 2021.

For more information about this project, contact Gunnison County Manager, Matthew Birnie, mbirnie@gunnisoncounty.org or Gunnison County Library District Executive Director, Drew Brookhart, drew@gunnisoncountylibraries.org.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

UNCOMPAHGRE WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP SELECTED AS JUNE 2020 RIDGWAY CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH



UWP volunteers just planted eight tree seedlings in Rollans Park as part of its Adopt-A-Park efforts with the Town of Ridgway. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-In an ongoing effort to promote and get to know our local businesses and organizations, the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce has selected Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership as June 2020 RACC Member of the Month.

The Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP) is the Ouray County-based nonprofit focused on protecting and improving the economic, natural, and scenic values of the Upper Uncompahgre River Watershed. Among UWP's accomplishments are completing three watershed restoration projects in 2018 in the mountains above Ouray, that improved water quality and aquatic habitat by reducing metal concentrations flowing from abandoned mine sites. Other accomplishments include a Ouray Hydrodam sediment release study, annual educational outreach to thousands of elementary schoolers, and publishing the area's first-ever watershed handbook.

UWP is now planning and preparing for collaboration on two mine remediation projects, one in Governor Basin and another at Atlas Mill. It is trying to match funding raised for river habitat improvement to a worthwhile project. Plus, the UWP board will be completing a three-

year strategic plan this fall, so will be asking for community input this summer. UWP organized volunteers who planted eight tree seedlings in Rollans Park on May 30, as part of its Adopt-A-Park efforts with the Town of Ridgway, and will be doing an annual cleanup at the park on June 13. Board member Mary Menz will guide a wildflower hike into the San Juan Mountains on July 25. Then, UWP will help organize the Love Your Gorge volunteer work day at the Ouray Ice Park on Sept. 12, with funding from the Frank L. Mas-sard Trust.

To learn more about the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, go online to www.uncompahgrewatershed.org, [facebook.com/UncompahgreWatershedPartnership](https://www.facebook.com/UncompahgreWatershedPartnership), email uwpcommunications@gmail.com, call 970-325-3010. To read the full interview about the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, go to <https://ridgwaycolorado.com/news-events/june-2020-member-of-the-month-uncompahgre-watershed-partnership>.

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Lauren Boebert



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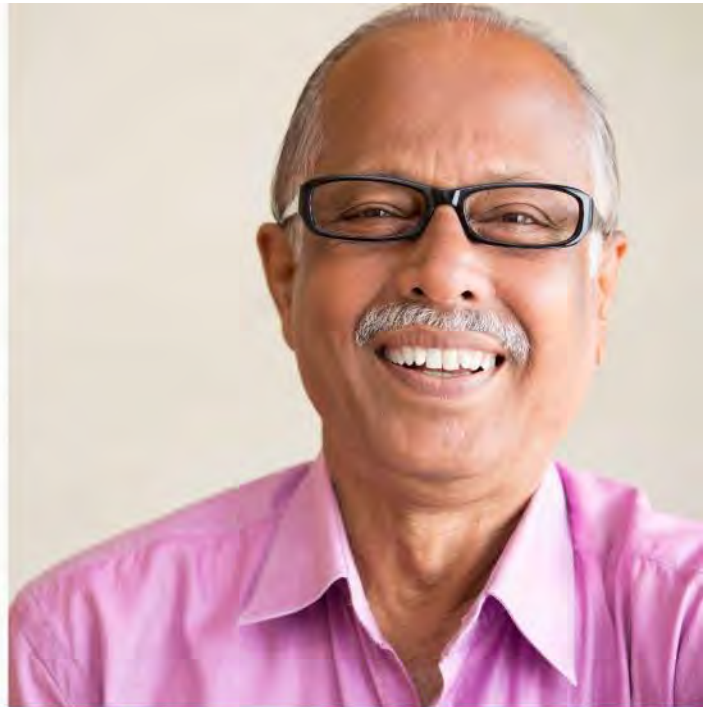
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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ONLINE CANDIDATE FORUM FOR HD3 PRIMARY SET FOR JUNE 11

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-On July 11 Colorado House Candidates Forum – District 3 Primary, 7 – 8pm. Hear from the two Democratic contenders, James Iacino and Diane Mitsch Bush, who are vying for a place on the ticket for House Candidate in the June 30 primary. Voters around Colorado's 3rd Congressional District and beyond are encouraged to ask questions and participate in this live online discussion. Zoom details at d3colorado.org/events/house. Please visit D3COLORADO.ORG/EVENTS/HOUSE after 4pm on June 11 to access the forum.



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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO DA'S CALL FOR JUSTICE FOR GEORGE FLOYD AND FOR MEANINGFUL REFORMS

Special to the Mirror

DENVER – In response to the murder of George Floyd and demand for greater police accountability, Tom Raynes – Executive Director of the Colorado District Attorneys' Council – released the following statement last Thursday: "CDAC and prosecutors across Colorado are united in the call for justice for George Floyd and support meaningful change within our criminal justice system. District attorneys in this state believe that there is an immediate need and real opportunity for us all to agree on several significant reforms that directly relate to the issues brought to light by that horrific event. District attorneys and many in the law enforcement community believe any peace officer who

is convicted of inappropriate use of force should be terminated and support the elimination of the fleeing felon rule, banning the use of chokeholds by peace officers, increasing the use of body cams and creating a statewide tracking system within the Attorney General's office of officers who are untruthful, decertified or terminated. We also encourage creating a duty for officers to intervene when another officer is violating the law. These changes in law can happen in the next week if legislators will come together on these issues with bipartisan support and not let areas of disagreement derail the good we can accomplish in this moment. We are committed to achieving these things together now and continuing to push for other

meaningful reforms in the very near future. CDAC and prosecutors across the state are dedicated to working in collaboration with legislators, law enforcement, stakeholders and the people we serve across Colorado to create safer communities for all in our state."

About CDAC The Colorado District Attorneys' Council (CDAC) is a statewide organization representing the district attorneys for all 22 of Colorado's judicial districts. CDAC promotes safe and healthy communities for all in Colorado through training of personnel, legislative drafting and liaison, legal research, management assistance, case tracking and dissemination of data to other criminal justice agencies. Learn more at coloradoprosecutors.org.

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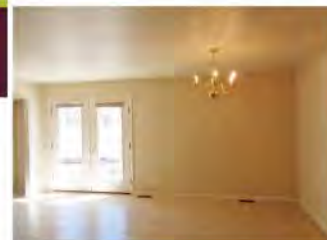
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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

PUT GOD BACK IN SCHOOLS, TEACH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & EQUALITY FOR ALL

Dear Editor,

You can't use my name and the words "Politically Correct" in the same sentence, unless you are saying I am NOT! Being too old and set in my ways to change, please understand, I just tell it like it is.

George Floyd's death is a real crummy thing. Having had my rights violated by the police, right here in good old Montrose, Colorado, I wondered where these types of law enforcement people slip through the cracks. Some media folks claim the Unions are to blame for keeping bad cops on the force.

My first experience with Unions was as a very young child. My father worked in management for a company in Dayton, Ohio, the company went on strike, my father crossed the picket line, the Union followed him home intending to do bodily harm. I was playing in the front yard as I saw a group of men get out of a car and head for my house. There was a pipe in the corner of the flower garden to keep the garden hose out of the flowers, my father reached down, pulled the pipe out of the ground and stood his ground. The men backed down, some words were exchanged, they left. When I asked my father who those men were, he answered: "The Union."

The other thing about growing up in Dayton, I was raised around people of color from an early age. Boy, did I learn how to

be prejudiced! There was a Jewish Synagogue up the street from my house, being Catholic and learning that the Jews killed Jesus, Saturday was a day to harass the Jews and throw an occasional rock as they walked to church. I guess I never thought about the color of a person's skin that made them different, rather what they believed in, is what made them different. Still true today!

My daughter was born in Arvada, Colorado, and we relocated to Texas when she was about 3. Her mother took her to the grocery store and my daughter proudly announced; "That person's black!" It was the first time she had ever seen a person of color! I had been working in downtown Denver and made some real good friends, mostly Veterans that were coworkers. I guess having been in the military and experiencing the three "S's" with every type of person there is, you don't much think about the differences, you just hope they have your back. By the way, two of the "S's" are shower and shave, I'll let you guess what the third one is.

For me, BLM is always going to be the Bureau of Land Management. To somehow think that "Black Lives Matter," will produce equality and justice is a farce! A fabrication of Liberalism designed to promote separation.

Same thing with ANTIFA, using fascism tactics to fight fascism? According to the

FBI, in 2016 there were 2,870 Black people murdered, 243 of the murders were committed by White people, 2,570 of the murders were committed by Black people. That same year, there were 3,499 White people murdered, 533 of the murders were committed by Black people, 2,854 of the murders were committed by White people. THE SIMPLE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT KEEP STATISTICS BASED ON THE COLOR OF A PERSON'S SKIN, PROMOTES RACISM!

The third law of Sir Isaac Newton states: "For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction." I am sickened by the death and destruction as a result of George Floyd's death. The "reaction" has detracted from the real problem, bad cops.

How burning down and looting a person's own neighborhood and killing good police officers is somehow justified, is just beyond my mental comprehension.

So, somehow kneeling in front of a black person and apologizing for being white, kissing their feet, and eliminating police forces is an answer to equality? When we get back to putting God back in schools, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and resume teaching that all people are created equal, we will grow generations of equal people, "with Liberty and Justice for all", and not until then!

Richard Harding, Olathe

The Mirror: many views, one newspaper.





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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

SUMMER BLITZ DUI ENFORCEMENT PERIOD BEGINS JUNE 12

Special to the Mirror

STATEWIDE — While many Coloradans kicked off summer over Memorial Day weekend, others started it with a DUI. As part of the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) *The Heat Is On* campaign, Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and local law enforcement launched the annual Memorial Day DUI enforcement period to protect motorists from impaired drivers on Colorado roads. As a result, 231 impaired drivers were arrested during the holiday weekend enforcement period, which is a decrease from the 323 arrests made during this enforcement in 2019.

"When you get behind the wheel, you're not only in control of your own safety, your actions impact the safety of everyone around you," said Shoshana Lew, executive director at CDOT. "Just as we are all doing our part to protect each other during this pandemic, we need to protect each other on the road and that means eliminating impaired driving." Statewide, 84 law enforcement agencies

participated in the Memorial Day enforcement period, with the Colorado Springs Police Department (27 arrests) and the El Paso County Sheriffs Office (22 arrests) recording the highest arrest totals. CSP arrested an additional 64 DUI offenders across the state.

Comprehensive results from all participating agencies can be found at cdot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-reporting-portal. Arrest data is organized by law enforcement agency and enforcement period.

"Safety and wellness have always been at the core of Colorado State Patrol's values," said Col. Matthew Packard, chief of CSP. "We have always been on high alert to keep Coloradans safe on state roads. Unfortunately, that meant arresting 64 motorists for driving impaired this Memorial Day weekend. We want Coloradans to remember that, although Gov. Polis has issued a Safer at Home order and fewer drivers may be on the roads, driving impaired is always prohibited, so plan for a

sober ride home—no matter what."

An average of 60 impaired drivers are arrested for DUI in Colorado every day. The Colorado blood-alcohol (BAC) limit for a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) charge is 0.08 percent or higher, and for a Driving While Ability Impaired (DWAI) charge, it is 0.05 percent or higher. First-time DUI offenders can be punished with up to one year in jail, license suspension and thousands of dollars in fines. However, a driver can be charged with a DUI if their alcohol content is anywhere above zero. CDOT encourages all drivers who have consumed any amount of alcohol to refrain from driving.

The Heat Is On will return for the Summer Blitz DUI enforcement period from June 12–22.

CDOT's *The Heat Is On* DUI-prevention campaign, including the Memorial Day and Summer Blitz enforcement periods, supports CDOT's Whole System — Whole Safety initiative to reduce traffic injuries and deaths.



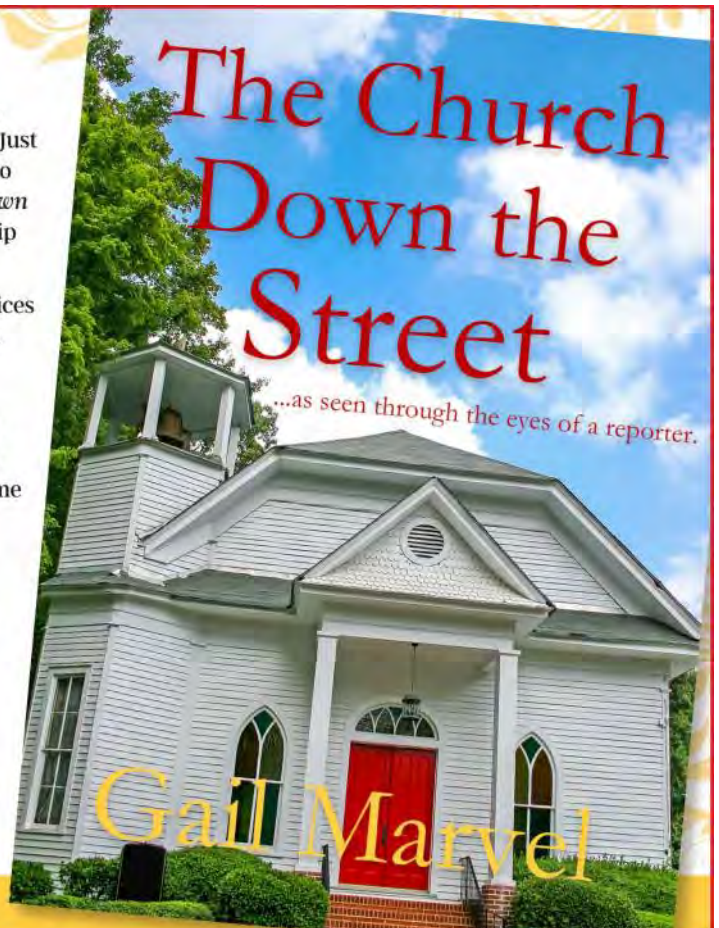
GAIL MARVEL
Montrose Author
& Reporter

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.



CHIEF OF POLICE SPEAKS IN SUPPORT OF PEACEFUL PROTESTS, AGAINST RACIAL INJUSTICE AS BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTESTERS TAKE TO THE STREETS From pg. 1

2020 Variance,” Davidson said. “The use of face masks is not an effective measure to prevent virus transmission, so they are of no benefit in public settings. However, face masks do provide a warm, moist surface for bacteria and viruses to grow and become more concentrated.”

Davidson cited sources in support of her arguments, and asked City officials to amend the Variance.

“Instead, you can encourage all businesses, including restaurants, to use their own professional and industry training, educated judgment, and creativity to keep their customers safe, which logically is the top priority for all businesses to be successful going forward,” she said. “...You can act to correct this mistake and therefore prevent unintended, negative consequences.”

Bynum thanked Davidson for her concern and recommended that Davidson address the Montrose County Commissioners as well, noting that the Variance was signed by the City but was really a County variance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council approved unanimously minutes of the May 13 special meeting and May 19 regular City Council meeting as presented. Minutes will be posted on the City web site, Bynum said.

UPDATES TO CITY YOUTH COUNCIL MANUAL

Assistant City Clerk Mikayla Unruh shared her computer screen and presented the final edits to the City of Montrose Youth Council Manual. Unruh and City Marketing and Design Specialist Kailey Rivenburgh (Rivenburgh also serves as Youth Council Coordinator) reviewed the changes as discussed previously in work session. Joining them, in addition to Gunnison Clamp, was Youth Councilor Harrison Hall.

“You guys did a fantastic job,” Bynum said. “I can’t tell you how proud Council is of our youth councilors.”

Clamp said, “The new manual is very up-to-date; it’s been customized for how we’re operating now...I am very pleased with how the manual came out this year.” Council unanimously approved updates to

the Youth Council manual.

RESOLUTIONS 2020-09 AND 2020-10

Council unanimously adopted two resolutions as well, Resolution 2020-09 setting July 7, 2020 as the hearing date for the annexation of the Hilltop Addition; and Resolution 2020-10 setting July 7, 2020 as the hearing date for the annexation of the River Crossing Addition.

WESTCO REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER IGA

Council unanimously approved an amendment and restated intergovernmental agreement (IGA) concerning the establishment of the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center. The Montrose County Sheriff’s Department and Ouray County agencies are now members. Language was added stating that quarterly payments will be remanded to WestCo every year, Hall said. As part of the City’s recently approved 2A funding, Montrose will add more police officers. “As we add more police officers and as we become more proactive, there will be more usage of WestCo,” Hall said. As usage grows, the City’s dispatch bill will increase as well.

Though not an elected member of City Council, City Attorney Stephen Alcorn asked Hall whether he perceives a benefit in having both City and County agencies served by Westco.

“...It’s a very, very good thing,” Hall said, citing improved communication and access to the Sheriff’s booking photos.

STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS

City Manager Bill Bell said that the City is working to help local restaurants expand their outdoor seating options, and business loans are still available through the City’s relief fund; “A little over \$100,000 has been applied for.” The next business Zoom call will be June 10. The City will have a youth golf program again this year, Bell said.

FUNC Festival has not been cancelled, he said. The City has talked about using local musicians. Though cancelled for the Fourth of July, Fireworks may be an option on New Year’s Eve. Suggestions were made that late Fall might be a preferred

option.

“...Veteran’s Day might work better because it wouldn’t be quite as cold,” Youth Councilor Clamp said, “and maybe some people would be able to go out to different places and watch outdoors.”

Said City Attorney Alcorn, “A lot of veterans have PTSD and hide from fireworks, so maybe that’s not the right messaging either.”

Police Chief Hall commended the Black Lives Matter demonstration that was taking place at Demoret Park concurrently with the Council meeting. “It’s peaceful, and they are exercising their first amendment rights in relation to a really serious topic that we have in our nation right now. That topic is racial injustice.”

Another rally was set for Saturday; extra officers will be staffed on that day to ensure that it remains peaceful.

“We are a police department for everyone in our community...it’s up to our police administrators and City officials that we don’t hire men and women who frankly shouldn’t be in this job,” Hall said.

What took place in Minnesota was despicable, he said. “We have to ensure that our agencies don’t hire those people, and when we see those precursors in officers that we correct it and terminate.”

Leadership filters down from the top, Councilor Dave Frank said. “Our Montrose officers are incredibly polite and respectful; that is a direct reflection of the command staff our Montrose PD has.

“I want to thank you personally for being that leader,” Frank said.

Council heard a brief presentation of Youth Council projects and activities by Hall and Clamp.

Following the presentation, Clamp said, “This was my first year on Youth Council. I don’t think I could have enjoyed it more. It was just a pleasure to be able to serve, and a pleasure to get to know Council.”

Following further discussion, Bynum encouraged citizens to contact Council with questions and concerns.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

SANE PEOPLE ARE SEEKING EQUALITY AND AN END TO HATE

Dear Editor:

Last week my wife and I came back from a camping trip. No cell phone service for the four days we were gone. As we drove into Gunnison, the messages started coming into my wife's phone. A black man, George Floyd, handcuffed and on the ground, died from a white police officer's knee on his neck; race riots; reporters being arrested; a predator drone over Minneapolis.

This past week we took off again to our same camping spot, oblivious to the world around us and no other campers around to worry about COVID-19. When we drove back home after five days gone this time, Trump had cleared a path through peaceful protestors to walk to a church and hold up "a Bible" for a photo-op. With him was the Secretary of Defense, Mark Esper, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Mark Milley.

So this Saturday, we decided to attend the Black Lives Matter Montrose protest in front of the old courthouse. A nearly nine minute moment of silence was dedicated to Floyd. People were respectful, positive, and just asked for equality and an end to hate.

Meanwhile an old man walked around the entire crowd, holding up his tablet and recording the participants. He wore his MAGA hat and his Trump jacket. When someone politely asked him to keep his social distance, the non-mask wearing man said, "I don't believe in that." Another man stood on the median between the post office and old courthouse waving a "Don't Tread On Me" flag.

This was not an anti-Trump rally. This was

a gathering of people asking to stop the hate. To stop the prejudice. Did these two men come to say they support hatred? Or maybe even worse, to say that black lives do not matter? I could not feel hatred for them. I felt pity. Must be a lonely and negative life.

And then I remembered last week's opinion letter that ended with this inane sentence, "All democrats should be voted out of office so America can return to sane policies and politics."

So I think the writer means that the republican party, led by Trump, is sane? Look what has just happened in these past two weeks. Race riots, and instead of trying to calm down the situation, Trump threatens to use military action and says, "When the looting starts the shooting starts."

When the unemployment rate took a brief rebound, Trump said that George Floyd would be looking down and be proud of a great day for our country. Really???

After Trump spent time in the White House basement bunker, he was furious at people making fun of him. So he had police and park service officers clear out the peaceful protestors between him and the church across the street from the White House. Strode over with an entourage, including two military members, stood on the church steps (without the church's permission), and held "a Bible" up in the air. Then he had others gather around for a photo-op.

It did not take long. Retired Marine Corps General James Mattis, who resigned after Trump's botched Syria debacle, fired the

first shot:

"Donald Trump is the first president in my lifetime who does not try to unite the American people—does not even pretend to try. Instead, he tries to divide us... We are witnessing the consequences of three years without mature leadership... When I joined the military, some 50 years ago, I swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution. Never did I dream that troops taking that same oath would be ordered under any circumstance to violate the Constitutional rights of their fellow citizens—much less to provide a bizarre photo op for the elected commander-in-chief, with military leadership standing alongside.

And now other retired military leaders have followed with their own statements opposing Trump.

Trump has done nothing to bring our country together. He lies. He completely demolishes our foreign policies. He antagonizes our allies.

He tears apart the World Health Organization, NATO, treaties and instead courts our world's despots. He does nothing to comfort our country in time of need.

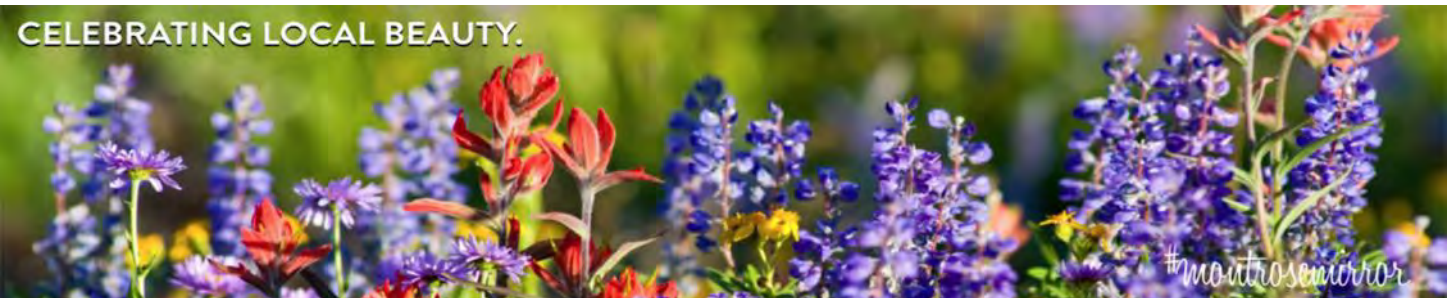
Nothing to calm the race problems. And he completely failed his handling of COVID-19; thinking as long as he could put the blame on others, the American people would forget over 100,000 deaths.

I'm sorry the Trump supporter, at last Saturday's peaceful and positive protest in Montrose, could not see past his MAGA hat.

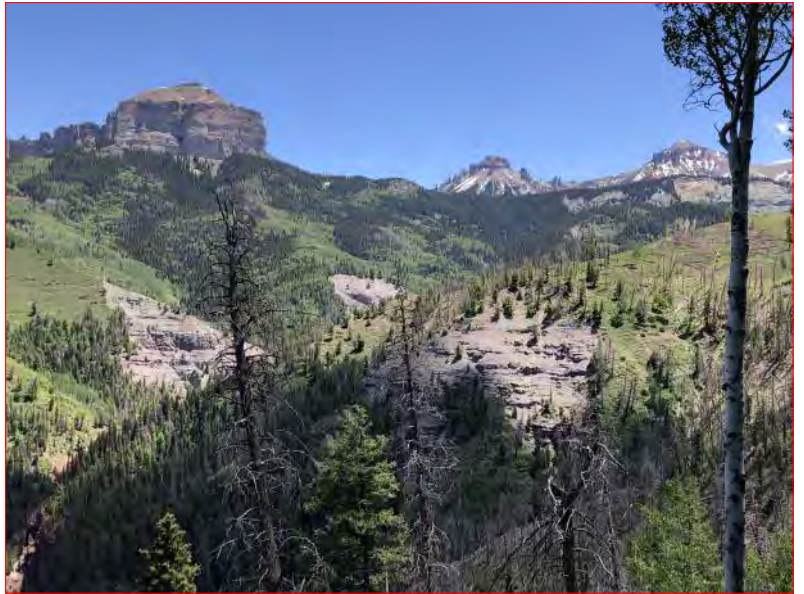
He would have seen sane faces of people hoping for positive change.

Jon Sering, Montrose

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

REGARDING MORAL TURPITUDE AND COUNCILOR BOWMAN

Editor:

It appears that Mr. Bowman (by his own admission) slipped on a banana peel. Awwww! I think he stepped on more than that. Ouch!

There are some questions that should be publicly answered about this, immediately. In my run for council I promised that I stood for 'honesty, integrity, accountability and transparency' in and out of office. The other candidates 'glommed' on to that slogan and attached themselves to it. It appears that the promise was collectively forgotten on election day and/or they never really meant to keep it. On this Bowman issue it is long past time for all three of those phonies to pony up and demand his public ACCOUNTABILITY. THE ACCOUNTABILITY that they pledged to the public on how they would behave if elected. If they will not abide by that pledge, the we citizens, have every right to accept the premise being well voiced around town, that they are part of the scandal (or possibly scandals of their own making) and should be treated accordingly.

But maybe the citizens don't care what their elected officials do, eh? Or what the employees that they hire do, eh? INVESTIGATION, PROSECUTION, PUNISHMENT. THAT IS THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE COURSE OF ACTION for all involved.

'How convveeenient' says the Church Lady on SNL for the Covid-19 shutdown to preclude public meetings where TRANSPARENCY can be demanded. Where the nefarious behavior of the 'group' can be hidden from exposure until things cool down and the misbehavior can be 'excused' until these accusations can be swept under the rug.

What will the next 'gimme' be?

Montrose has had enough (I hope it's FILL) of this 'nest feathering' by public officials and public employees. It may be crimes worth thousands of dollars or it may be the misuse of a credit card or two. It is still a crime. If you were to do this to your employer you would go to jail. If a public official does such things in violation of the public trust, the penalty should be ten times as great--not a covered-up free ride on the public purse. If the perpetrator did the deed he should pay. The individual or individuals who cover for him or her should pay a price for their behavior as well.

Citizens of Montrose, clean up your house, the cleansing is long overdue.

Bill Bennett, Montrose



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ART & SOL

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR CPW'S NEW SECONDARY BIG GAME DRAW

Special to Art & Sol

DENVER - As of Friday, June 5, hunters have the option to apply to draw a license in Colorado Parks and Wildlife's new secondary big game draw. The secondary draw replaces the old leftover draw. The secondary draw opens after the results of the annual primary big game draw have been posted.

New in 2020, the secondary draw is **open to everyone**, whether they applied for the primary draw or not. Most elk, deer, pronghorn and bear licenses not issued through the primary draw will now be made available in the secondary draw.

What's different?

The new secondary draw means increased opportunity. The old leftover draw was only available to customers who participated in the primary draw, did not draw, and only offered deer and elk licenses. The new secondary draw offers two more species: bear and pronghorn licenses, in addition to deer and elk licenses, and is open to all customers whether they applied in the primary draw or not.

The new process provides a preference for youth hunters. Youth hunters have 100% preference in the secondary draw. The secondary draw processes all youth application choices prior to processing adult choices. A hunt could be completely drawn by youth before the adult application stage of the draw.

What to know before you apply

The application fee. You'll still be charged a fee for applying, whether or not you draw a license. The \$7 resident and \$9 nonresident application fees apply per species for the secondary draw as well as the primary draw.

No primary draw? No problem. You can apply for the secondary big game draw without having applied for the primary big game draw. A [qualifying license is required](#). Resident and nonresident hunters must purchase or have purchased one of the following: -2020 [annual spring turkey license](#)

-2020 [annual small game license](#)

-2020 [annual youth small game license](#)

Qualifying license valid for Colorado residents only include:

-2020 [annual resident combination small game/fishing license](#)

-[Veteran's lifetime resident combination small game/fishing license](#)

-Annual resident senior combo small game/fishing (the previous licenses are valid March 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021)

-A [disabled resident first responder lifetime combo small game/fishing](#)

No preference points. You don't use any preference points if you draw a license in the secondary draw. You also cannot apply for a preference point in the secondary draw.

No group hunts. You cannot apply as a



The new secondary big game draw opens Friday, June 5. Courtesy photo.

group in the secondary draw.

When can I apply?

Secondary draw applications will be accepted beginning at 8 p.m., June 5 - July 7, 8 p.m. MST.

A list of hunt codes eligible for the secondary draw will be posted online on June 5. Any licenses remaining after the secondary draw as well as those which are eligible for public reissue (except for Ranching for Wildlife licenses) will be placed on the leftover list and available for purchase beginning at 9 a.m. MST on Aug. 4.

Applications for both the primary and secondary draws are only available online or by phone. NOTE: "Unsuccessful options" have been removed from the draw application process. Over-the-counter unlimited licenses will be available for purchase starting at 9 a.m. on Aug. 6.

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COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO MEET VIRTUALLY JUNE 11 - 12

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DENVER - The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will discuss herd management plans on multiple deer, elk and pronghorn units; Lathrop State Park Management Plan; a resolution regarding support for secure, long-term and dedicated funding for land and water conservation, wildlife management, and outdoor recreation; and the election of 2020-2021 Commission officers at a virtual meeting on Thursday, June 11 and Friday, June 12. The meeting will be streamed live on CPW's YouTube page here.

The commission will also discuss CPW's Operational Plan, its license vendor Aspira, and a citizen's concern with the online hunting reservation process for waterfowl hunting.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 11 and adjourn at 5 p.m. The commission will reconvene at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 12 and adjourn at 11 a.m.

Additional agenda items include: Department of Agriculture update
Department of Natural Resources update
Financial update
Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) update
Regional update on CPW properties
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 web-

site.

The commission meets regularly and travels 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 on July 16 and 17.





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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MHS 2ND SEMESTER 2019-2020 HONOR ROLL/PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

The following students were named to the Honor Roll for the 2nd Semester 2019-2020 School year at Montrose High School. To be eligible for Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least five classes, excluding pass/fail and earn a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.74.

Please note there are two separate lists.

Grade 9

Gabriella Bratcher, Grace Brinjac, Daisy Cabrera, America Chavez-Carrera, Santiago Chavez-Valdez, Jasmine Clemens, Emily Davis, Grace DeJulio, Natasha Duncan, Torrie Eckerman, Jason English, Mariah Garcia, Luis Gonzalez, McKenzie Howell, Jacob Hurwitz, Fatima Jimenez-Paredes, Jacob Legg, Keyla Luna-Figueroa, Luke Mott, Isela Ortega-Quintero, Edwin Ramos, Ethan Reiher, William Taylor, Areli Valdez-Chavez, Maria VanArsdale, Samuel Walker, Isaah Womack, Gabriel Woodland, Anna Young, and Jordan Zepeda.

Grade 10

Alianna Ayers, Kate Barnett, Danielle Bruggeman, Shelby Coldiron, Paige Collins, Parker Davis, Lara Edeker, Matteson Embrey, Luca Field-Licon, Josue Fuentes, William Griffin, Harrison Hall, Joan Heredia, Quinn Huntley-Gross, Aiden Hutto, Luke Hutto, Bridger Kurtz, Brianna Martinez, Mia Martinez, Madisen Matoush, Yovanna Montoya-Briseno, Ezra Nash, Victor Portillo, Melissa Portillo-Hernandez, Trey Reese, Christopher Rivera, Ethan Robertson, Madison Smith, Jacob Thompson, Cameron Trujillo-Johnston, Carissa Walker, Raidyn Wasson, and Bridger Wilson.

Grade 11

Page Crane, Juan Enrique, Ulysses Flores, Griselda Fuentes, Kenneth Gifford, Blake Gregersen, Sheilly Hernandez, Jackson Imus, Jordan Jennings, Yadira Jimenez, Maria Jimenez, Arne Miller, Abigail Phillips, Gloria Ramirez, Robert Ramirez, Trevor Reich, Madison Roush, Aiden Samuelson, Noah Schmidt, Amber Stevenson, Alyssa VanVleet, Jorja Wallace, Garhardt Wilder, Jentel Wilson, and Reece Wolfe.

Grade 12

Gilbert Azevedo, Riley Barnhill, Andrew Deisig, Brian Grijalva, Riley Harris, Nathan

Hughes, Mark Metheny, Leslie Munoz de la Torre, Dillon Shaw, Christian Silva, Danielle Simpson, and Isaac Spencer.

The following students were named to the Principal's Honor Roll for the 2nd Semester 2019-2020 school year at Montrose High School. To be eligible for the Principal's Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least five classes, excluding pass/fail classes, and earn a grade point average of 3.75 and above. An asterisk denotes all A's.

Grade 9

Nadia Aguilar, Makayla Beaver*, Samantha Beer, Connor Bell*, Ciana Beller, Kendyll Bernatis, Tatum Berry*, William Beshoar*, Logan Boyers*, Karlee Brack, Hailey Bronec, Altan Brown*, BrieLee Bruce, Aiden Bugarin, Gadiel Castillo*, Jasmin Cisneros, Keirsten Conrad*, Yasmin Cornejo-Martin, Mauricio Coronado*, Vance Couturier*, Julia Czepiel*, Grace Davidson, Caitlyn Dillon*, David Dominguez, Kate Donohoe*, Tara Duncan, Lorena Enrique, Logan Files*, Remlee Forest*, Sheldon Frasier*, Paola Garcia-Cantu, Yesenia Gonzalez*, Jonas Graff*, Tyler Graves*, Brooklynne Gurney*, Olivia Guseman*, Jennifer Gutierrez-Camacho*, Kenadee Hadlock*, Jacob Hawks*, Natalie Hernandez*, Grace Hotsenpiller*, Aloryn Howell*, Claire Hunt*, Sarah Imus*, Lorelei Innarelli*, Jesus Jimenez*, Andrew Jutten*, Riley Kettell*, Naomi Lee*, Leonel Lopez*, Mekhi Mangrum, Rocco Manuel*, Selene Marquez, Brianna Medina*, Lucero Mireles-Rodales*, Faith Moore*, Lucas Motley*, Alyssa Oman*, Alexander Radovich*, Emily Raphael*, Yaphet Reyes-Powell*, Santos Roman-Enrique*, Mallory Ryser*, Tyson Saunders*, Tashi Sherpa*, Joseph Simo*, Aaron Simpson*, Micah Simpson*, Olivia Steil*, Brianna Stone*, Clair Taylor*, Jacqueline Valdez-Chavez, Alicea Vigil*, Jarett Whitcomb*, Dallas Willshire, and Colten Withee.

Grade 10

Diana Aguado*, Grace Ancell*, Charlie Andrade-Saenz*, Caitlin Bailey*, Liam Berryhill*, Julia Beshoar, Brooks Blackford, Trystan Blundell, Leo Burton*, Alayna Bustin*, Pragati Chaudhary, James Cheezum*,

Paige Coddington*, Yoselin Coronado*, Josephine Coulter, Grace Cross, Titus Diaz-Ruiz, Aiyanna Fabian, Taylor Foster*, Grace Gibson, Bode Greiner, Lillian Hamilton*, Jacob Hanson, Aiden Harrell, Sarah Hartman*, Abby Hauptmann*, Collin Huffer, Mariah Iniquez*, Morgan Johnson*, Jacob Kettell, Jaedyn Key*, Maria Lopez-Fuentes, Westley Lucero-Escalante, Zephaniah Luchavez, Rachel Maddox*, Israel Marquez*, Cullen Masterson, Dane McCoid*, Amy McCracken*, Ezequiel Medina-Estrada*, Valerie Merritt*, Siera Mihavetz*, Gabriel Miller, Olivia Miller*, Madalyn Morin, Megan Neubaum*, Kali Nichols, Josiah Nichols*, Michael Nikolaev, Ashley Ortega*, Sarah Packard*, Michelle Padilla*, Byron Perez-Oxlaj, Benjamin Perfors, Jake Peterson, Samantha Phillips, Savannah Piquette, Samuel Preston*, Jada Ray, Alexis Ray, Kelsey Rocco*, Kamryn Rycenga, Logan Semones*, Isabela Serrano*, Makayla Shreeves, Zeke Steenburgen*, Jonnie Trujillo-Johnston, Brendan Ullmann, Jaime Vanchaik*, Eric Williams*, Taylor Yanosky*, and Kassie Yeager.

Grade 11

Allison Henry, Emily Arndt*, Anthony Ball, Cora Blowers, Brianna Bond, Morgan Boyers, Kyler Bronec, Lily Burton*, Zachary Cagle, Morgan Carroll, Brady Cassidy, Melanny Castillo-Ceniceros*, Aliczander Cheairs*, Jaycee Cross, Seydeanna Delgado*, Hector Diaz-Segura, Jack Dwyer, Keagan Goodwin*, Jadyn Gorham, Natalia Graham, Jacob Green, Josephine Gross*, Lizbeth Jaime-Mayorga, Erica Kelley, Katherine Kistler, Tobin Lanford, Hannah Lee*, Payton Lee-Parker, Joy Leuthauser, Gabriel Lopez, Josiah Lopez*, Clairissa Lyon*, Kelly Madrid, Jadon Mangrum, Daniel Marquez, Kylie Morris, Nels Motley, Colton Mott, Caitlin Ogoe*, Zachary Ouldroyd*, Ayla Pierce, William Porter, Carmen Puentes-Flores*, Henry Radovich*, Benjamin Rawlings, Eliram Reyes-Powell*, Hailey Sella, Joshua Simpson*, Lydia Stryker, Katelynn Thompson*, Zachary Vincent, Alexander Wheeler*, Barbara Gabriel Wigington*, and Daniel Wittenberg*.

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Grade 12

Emily Alcaraz*, Sean Alex*, Lyndsey Anderson*, Karla Andrade-Saenz*, Perrin Barnett*, Zachary Barrett*, Amanda Beaver, Alexis Beller*, Adrianna Boozell*, Catherine Borner*, Corwin Bravo, Caroline Burwell*, Eurayllie Cantu, Clara Carrasco, Evelyn Castillo-Ceniceros*, Dillon Crim, David Desmond-Harper*, Beau Duncan, Josephine Eccher*, Danya Eggleston, Lydia

Elkins*, Ryann Fife*, Santiago Flores*, Daniela Garcia-Silva*, Sean Graff, Caroline Graham, Hadley Greiner*, Shelby Gross, Eric Gutierrez-Camacho*, Olivia Haga, Emily Hartman*, Paige Hauptmann, Mariah Hokit, Jared Kennedy, Matthew King, Jonah Lamprecht*, Cameron Lee-Parker, Kaydee Lucero*, Bethel Ann Luchavez*, Ashlyn Manuel, Garrett Marken*, Jasmine Marquez, Tatum McHugh, Calvin Merritt,

Chantel Mora*, Allison Nichols, Alexis Petranovich*, Bailee Phillips*, Edwviges Rivas-Ramirez, Benjamin Robuck, McKayla Rothe*, Sage Ryan*, Kelsey Rycenga, Trey Schwerdtfeger*, Cole Simmons*, Isabel Stollsteimer, Emma Story, John Thompson, Cole Thorn, Trista Trujillo-Davis, Sophia Tucker, Chante Valencia, Alexis Waltrip*, Allison Webster, Katelin Whitcomb, Clair Wilson*, and Eric Yergenson.

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Even a good cook can only eat her cooking so long:
APPLEBEE'S HAS THIS CURBSIDE THING DOWN PAT & WORTH A GO

By Carole Ann McKelvey

Montrose – Okay readers, no one can eat their own cooking going on four months. So, call me a wuss; or call me smart.

But I'm of a certain age where even I know it's just not smart to sit in a restaurant right now – no matter how many booths away your nearest COVID spreader is. So, what's a girl to do?

A little experiment Michael and I have researched: Who in our little town has the tastiest and most efficient to-go service? In my opinion it just ain't Chili's, no matter how tasty their fajitas. How long do you want to wait in the to-go space while some vapid-headed sweet thing tries to figure out your order (already ordered and paid for)? An hour? Or going on two?

Applebee's has been doing this curb-side thing a lot longer than this damn virus has dictated and they've got it down. Drive up

to the designated spot and a clear-headed pro steps up to the car/okay, truck, and just like that – dinner!

Order to your heart's content from their on-line menu and even get your fave appetizers to go.

Hey, washing them down with homemade 'Ritas ain't half bad. Even dessert if you're so inclined.

So, the other night Michael and I had a yummy spread of blackened shrimp and broccoli Alfredo following a delicious appetizer of spinach, artichoke dip – with the requisite home-made 'Ritas. And a brownie bite to boot! Yum! Of course, we shared as we always do; plenty to eat and a lower calorie and bill count. And no dishes to wash.

This reprise, minus the pricey margaritas, set us back about \$30 with the tip thrown in. And a 10-minute drive.

The car-side menu is extensive and even includes your favorite burger if that's your style. Some examples:

Family bundle meal deals will set you back from \$79.99 (riblets/chicken tenders/spinach artichoke dip/Caesar salad/mac and cheese and fries and slaw for 6-8) to \$29.99 (chicken tenders/mozzarella sticks/mac and cheese and fries and slaw for 4) or other combos that feed from 4 – 8 ranging from broccoli chicken alfredo to a 4-burger pack, etc., etc.

Can't beat that!

Or order from the menu, ribs, steak, etc. Appetizers range from \$5.99 – 10.99.

Kids menu feature all their favorites at \$5.99.

You can even order beer or wine to go; do wait until you get home to open! Applebee's is located at 1501 Oxbow Drive, 970-249-1214.



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SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

ONGOING-The Montrose Farmers' Market is a weekly gathering of vendors selling local fruit, vegetables, meat, crafts, and more, on Saturdays from 9 am-1 pm, May 9 – Oct. 31 at Centennial Plaza, 433 S 1st St. in Montrose.

MONTHLY-

June 11-Ouray County Sheriff Candidate Forum – Recall Election, 5:30 – 6:30pm. On June 11 at 5:30pm, Ouray County residents will have an opportunity to hear from Justin Perry and Ted Wolfe, two candidates vying for Sheriff in the recall election taking place on June 30. This event is co-presented by *D3 Colorado*, *Ridgway Ouray Community Council*, *Victim Advocacy Support Alliance* and *Saf-er More Affirming Communities*. Zoom details at d3colorado.org/events/sheriff. Please visit D3COLORADO.ORG/EVENTS/SHERIFF after 4pm on June 11 to access the forum.

June 11-Colorado House Candidates Forum – District 3 Primary, 7 – 8pm. Hear from the two Democratic contenders, James Iacino and Diane Mitsch Bush, who are vying for a place on the ticket for House Candidate in the June 30 primary. Voters around Colorado's 3rd Congressional District and beyond are encouraged to ask questions and participate in this live online discussion. Zoom details at d3colorado.org/events/house. Please visit D3COLORADO.ORG/EVENTS/HOUSE after 4pm on June 11 to access the forum.

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/>

June 18-The DMEA Annual Meeting will take place virtually on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 3 p.m. In order to attend the meeting, members must register in advance at www.dmea.com. Registration is now open and will close Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 1 p.m.

July 1-Donate to online silent auction for Black Canyon Boys & Girls' Club, on the Montrose Wine and Food Festival's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MontroseWineandFoodFestival> to raise funds for the BCBGC. If you are an individual or business who is interested in donating to this online auction, please contact Amy Taylor at ataylor@bcbgc.org.

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/>

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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Ouray citizens held a protest
march on June 4, starting
from Fellin Park, moving up
Main Street and then back.
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stood by.*

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