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Fresh News for Free People...
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IF DISTRICT FACES ANOTHER COVID CLOSURE, RE-1J COULD SEE LAYOFFS OF NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose County RE-1J Board of Education convened for a virtual work session at 5:30 p.m. and a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9. All directors were present with the exception of District G Director Stephen Bush.

WORK SESSION

Board President Gayle Johnson opened the work session, which included a discussion of staff pay adjustments, briefly losing her visual before asking all participants to introduce themselves. "If we have to go back to work without going back to school, if we have to do distance learning, what do we do about those people that actually do not have an assignment when we do distance learning," Johnson said. She noted that the discussion is not about certified staff but those who support them.

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As human beings make detailed plans to once again occupy RE-1J School District facilities, a lone deer could be glimpsed relaxing in front of the Adult Basic Education Center Sunday.

CITY TO HOST VIRTUAL WORK SESSION, MEETING



The City of Montrose will meet today for a virtual work session and tomorrow for a virtual regular meeting. Mirror file photo by B. Switzer.

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-On Monday, June 15 Montrose City Council will hold a virtual work session beginning at 10 a.m. On Tuesday, June 16, Council will convene for a virtual regular meeting at 6 p.m.

WORK SESSION

The work session will be held electronically via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Blg8Ot2PTwm_Gswnzhl8ww, and can be viewed live on the City of Montrose website, www.cityofmontrose.org, on Channel 191, and on Channel 970.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

New employees to be introduced at the Council work session include part-time Animal Shelter Technician Donna Maurer and Police Officers Peter

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ANTIBODY TESTING AVAILABLE IN MONTROSE



*Montrose Memorial Hospital.
Courtesy photo.*

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Montrose Memorial Hospital has announced that COVID-19 antibody testing will be available to the public this week in Montrose County.

From Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 19, antibody testing will be available from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Montrose County Event Center's lobby. Testing includes a blood draw, which is then analyzed in the lab. Participants will receive results within 5-7 business days indicating if their body has developed antibodies for COVID-19 or not.

Antibody tests are different from COVID-19 tests. Antibody tests indicate if your body had COVID-19, not necessarily if you currently have it. Antibody tests do not replace the need for COVID-19 tests for individuals who are currently experiencing symptoms. Additionally, there is no medical confirmation that antibodies offer protection from COVID-19 – and if they do, for how long. This test does not provide actionable information for medical provid-

ers. Additionally, participants will need to bring the results to their provider if needed.

Antibody tests are \$75. Cash, check or credit card will be accepted. MMH will not bill your insurance. No appointments necessary. The community is encouraged to come another time if there is a long line upon arrival. Social distancing, temperature checks and masking guidelines will be implemented on site. Must be at least 18 years old to participate.

Participants do not need to fast for this blood draw, and are encouraged to drink plenty of water.

Regardless of test results, individuals are expected to continue to follow public health interventions: stay home if sick, quarantine if exposed, stay 6' away from others when able, use a mask when in public or within 6' of others, limit outings, and use common sense.

For more information, please visit <https://www.montrosehospital.com/CovidAntibody>

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ONLINE AUCTION PLANNED FOR JULY 1

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-On 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.

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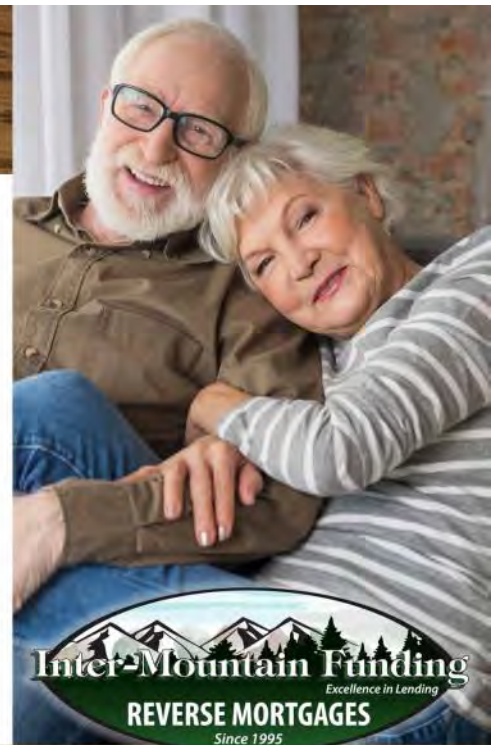


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CITY TO HOST VIRTUAL WORK SESSION, MEETING ***From pg 1***

Chell; Connor Gibbs; Joshua Lamphere; Jordan Hewitt; and Cameron Pensyl.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council will discuss a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Montrose County to Apply for DOLA Coronavirus Relief Funds. Items to be considered in future City Council work sessions and meetings include:

July 6- Contract Award Recommendation for CM/GC for the Public Safety Complex; Spectrum & DMEA Franchise Intent to Place Question on Ballot;

July 7-Sinner Subdivision Combined Sketch Plan and Preliminary Plat; Hilltop Addition Annexation Hearing; River Crossing Annexation Hearing;

July 21-Spectrum & DMEA Franchise Intent to Place Question on ballot;

Aug. 3-Spectrum & DMEA Franchise Agreement ballot language;

Aug. 18-Spectrum & DMEA Franchise Agreement ballot language;

As yet unscheduled are the Montrose Dermatology Business Expansion Project; DMEA Update to City Council; and Bureau of Land Management Update to City Council.

REGULAR MEETING

The Council meeting will be held via Zoom - Zoom Meeting Details https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uEnWBmfATTeKNj-GOYDYPg.

ACTION ITEMS

Council will consider adopting Ordinance 2503 on first reading, amending the zoning district designation of Lots 1-10, 13, 15-28, and 36-56 in the Estates at Stone

Ridge from "R-2", Low Density District to "R-3", Medium Density District.

Also to be considered is Resolution 2020-11 authorizing assignment to the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) of a private activity bond allocation of the City of Montrose pursuant to the Colorado Private Activity Bond Ceiling Allocation Act. Council will consider allocating funds from the Small Business Emergency Response Fund for the Help4Hope program to distribute restaurant vouchers based upon financial need; and will consider a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Montrose and Montrose for application to the Department of Local Affairs for Coronavirus relief funds. Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.

Spring Cleanup

June 19 & 20, 2020 | 7 AM - 7 PM

San Juan Bypass (HWY 50)

Visit CityofMontrose.org/SpringCleanup
for more information

The City of Montrose continues its annual Spring Cleanup tradition by providing disposal and recycling services from a single collection point.

Special collection services: The city will offer limited special collection services when personnel and equipment are available. Fees for this service begin at \$15 plus equipment and labor. Call 970.240.1480 to schedule or for additional information.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS APPLY. The wearing of proper face masks are required. If not masked you will be turned away. Observe six feet of social distancing while at the drop-off site.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

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- Scrap Materials
- Electronics (without glass screens)
- Unwanted appliances

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- Routine household trash
- Hazardous materials
- Paint
- Electronics with glass screens
- Tires



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MONTROSE CHIEF OF POLICE THANKS COMMUNITY FOR CARING

Hello Montrose Community:

I want to take this opportunity and thank all of our citizens. Our agency and our officer's care about the direction American policing has taken in the last three weeks, and the direction we need to continue to go. It is obvious to me our community has also taken notice. As of late, our agency has received numerous letters of support, food items, and other donations from our citizens. These kind gestures are very meaningful to us, and I know we live in a great community. I just want all of you to know how much our agency appreciates all of you and how you keep us in your thoughts.

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VOTE DIANE MITSCH BUSH FOR 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Editor:

Does experience matter in being an effective congress person? Diane Mitsch Bush, a Democratic candidate for the Third Congressional District, has a wealth of experience in government: two terms as Routt County commissioner, two terms as State Representative. As county commissioner, she worked with ranchers and farmers on issues including water. In the Colorado House, she chaired the Transportation Committee and was vice-chair of the Agriculture Committee.

She knows how to gain cooperation from across the aisle to make legislation acceptable to both parties and become law. She was named legislator of the year by both the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union and the Colorado Livestock Association. Mitsch Bush has lived on the Western Slope for 43 years, contributing her time and talent for the public good. She has detailed understanding of complex Western Slope issues as well as federal policies. She is the most qualified candidate to represent us in Washington.

Please join me in supporting Diane Mitsch Bush in the primary election. Diane does not take money from corporations. We need her in Congress because she knows our issues and will work for affordable health care, quality jobs, education, and environment. She will help bring our country together in equality and fairness.

I heard her say "Talk is cheap. Check my record". See her website for more information and endorsements: dianeforcolorado.com. Even if you are registered as unaffiliated, you can vote for her by choosing a Democratic ballot.

Marv Ballantyne, Montrose









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River Valley Family Health Center Takes
Over Title X Funds for Family Planning

FAMILY PLANNING

River Valley Family Health Center received Title X funding and will provide family planning services beginning July 1st. For questions through June 30th, or to obtain your family planning medical records, contact Carmen Mora at 252-7053 or cmora@montrosecounty.net

IMMUNIZATIONS

Public Health will discontinue administering immunizations after June 30th. A flyer with other immunization providers is available on our county website here: montrosecounty.net/immunizations
For questions through June 30th, or to obtain your immunization records, contact Linda Vandehey at 252-7048 or lvandehey@montrosecounty.net.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

VOTERS FACE A SAD SITUATION AT THE BALLOT BOX

Editor:

It appears to me that the upcoming presidential election will be a contest between tweetle dumb and tweedle deficient. The deficient candidate will probably succeed unless the dumb one has an epiphany and doesn't go for a second term. Tweedle dum and tweedle dee...

How sad a situation for our country.

Barry Lindstrom, Montrose

RIGHT IS RIGHT AND WRONG IS WRONG

Editor:

Montrose City Government has a huge cloud hanging over it. The Divots matter has so many legal and ethical problems attached to it that only a full and impartial investigation, by an investigative body independent of the city that has the trust and confidence of the citizens of Montrose must occur and those that "may" be in violation of the law must be brought to account. It comes down to how the Montrose city government does business, abides by the laws that govern us all and ultimately who we are as a community, to allow and tolerate any form of possible illegal behavior by anyone in our city government elected or an employee. RIGHT IS RIGHT AND WRONG IS WRONG.

Bill Bennett, Montrose

POLIS HAS TORPEDOED STATE'S ECONOMY, TRAMPLED INDIVIDUALS' RIGHTS

Editor:

These are the June 12, 2020, COVID-19 statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): for Colorado, where severe restrictions were in place, .5% of the state population had contracted the virus and .03% of the Colorado population had died from it. For South Dakota, where nothing was done by the state to restrict citizen and business activity, .64% of the state population contracted the virus and .01% of the South Dakota population died from it. Summarizing, South Dakota's and Colorado's statistics are virtually the same. South Dakota achieved their result solely by educating its citizens about the disease and how to best behave in order to remain healthy, thereby allowing the people take responsibility for their own lives.

If there is anger from citizens, businesses, churches, municipalities, counties, etc., as result of the Colorado shutdown, "house arrest" and the behavioral dictates from Denver, the blame lies strictly at the feet of Governor Jared Polis, who single-handedly torpedoed Colorado's economy and trampled over individuals' rights as though they were worthless Mancos shale.

James Waugh, Montrose

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RE-1J ANNOUNCES FIRST PHASE OF IN-PERSON RETURN-TO-PLAY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose County School District RE-1J (MCSD) is excited to announce plans to begin the first phase of in-person return-to-play for athletics, activities, and in-person summer instruction.

MCSD summer athletics and activities will begin the first phase of return-to-play on June 22, implementing universal safety precautions developed by Montrose and Olathe coaches, athletic directors, public health representatives, the City of Montrose Recreation District, and guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and National Federation of State High School Associations.

The comprehensive *MCSD Summer Athletics and Activities Base Plan for 2020-21*

(including annexes outlining safety protocols for weight rooms, indoor sports, and outdoor sports) was published on Friday, June 12; our priority is to return-to-play as safely and quickly as possible.

After extensive collaborative planning with Montrose and Olathe stakeholders, the first phase of practice will begin in less than two weeks.

Initial in-person summer school plans include two summer instructional opportunities:

-Head Start eligible children who are entering kindergarten and/or have an Individualized Education Plan may attend Early Childhood Center summer classes in-person (based on current public health guidance) from July 7 through July 30,

Monday through Thursday, with times to be determined. ECC Summer School sites will include the Olathe Early Childhood Center (320 N. 3rd, Olathe) and Montrose Early Childhood Center (900 Colorado Avenue, #4, Montrose).

-Students in grades K-3 with a qualified *Significant Reading Deficiency* and who previously registered in the spring can attend READ Act literacy and STEM summer camp classes in-person (based on current public health guidance) from July 27 to August 13, Monday through Thursday, from 8 AM – Noon. School site to be determined.

We look forward to seeing students back in class and on the playing field this summer, learning and participating safely!

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STATEWIDE PRIMARY BALLOTS MAILED

Special to the Mirror

DENVER- Last week, county clerks across Colorado mailed ballot packets for the June 30 Statewide Primary. To limit the spread of COVID-19, Secretary of State Griswold is encouraging Coloradans to return their voted Statewide Primary ballot by mail or drop-box.

"Our statewide primary will largely determine the ballot for the November general election. I encourage Coloradans to vote their mail ballots to help stop the spread of COVID-19, while also having their voices heard in this historic election," said Colorado Secretary of State **Jena Griswold**.

Registered Republican, Democratic and Libertarian voters will receive the ballot of their party. Unaffiliated voters who did not indicate a party preference before the June 1 deadline will receive both a Democratic and Republican party ballot, and should only return one voted ballot. Voters who do not receive a ballot by June 17 should contact their county clerk and recorder.

Voted ballots must be received by county election officials by 7 p.m. on June 30. After June 22, voters are encouraged to return their ballot by drop-box rather than by mail to ensure their ballot is received before the June 30 deadline.

This is also the first year that 17-year-olds are able to participate in Colorado's two primaries, provided they turn 18 years of age by the General Election on November 3. Colorado is one of just 17 states that allow this added level of accessibility.

Coloradans can update and verify voter registration, register to vote online, or find a Voting Services Polling Center at www.GoVoteColorado.gov.

CAN DO COLORADO COMMUNITY CHALLENGE LAUNCHES

Special to the Mirror

STATEWIDE - Following Governor Polis' announcement of the Can Do Colorado Community Challenge, departments and organizations throughout state government are offering a wide array of resources, including at least \$5 million in grant funding and expert technical assistance, to help reopen the economy safely while making progress toward important health and community vitality goals.

The Can Do Community Challenge, an extension of the Can Do Colorado campaign that is spotlighting innovative businesses finding ways to keep going through the COVID-19 response, is asking local communities and their resident businesses to find new opportunities to restart commerce in ways that are safe and sustainable. Additional efforts are focused on helping essential workers, who were often underpaid and underappreciated, find safe and sustainable ways to continue their heroic work for us all.

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GONDOLA TO OPEN MONDAY, JUNE 15

By Kathrine Warren

Town of Mountain Village

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE-Mountain Village officials have confirmed that the [gondola](#), connecting Mountain Village and Telluride, will open for summer 2020 on Monday, June 15 at 7 a.m.

The gondola's operating hours will be 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily at this time. [Buses](#) will run after hours between Mountain Village and Telluride 9 p.m. to midnight until further notice. Given the fluid nature of state and county public health orders, operating hours are subject to change and any

schedule changes will be communicated through all Mountain Village communications channels.

"As we open up for this unique summer season, we are excited to announce the gondola will still be getting us — safely and efficiently — to our farmers markets, shops, restaurants, and trailheads," said Mountain Village Mayor Laila Benitez. "I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our partners at San Miguel County, Public Health Director Grace Franklin, and the entire gondola maintenance team for making it possible for the gondola to meet

our community's critical transit needs this summer."

The gondola's bi-annual maintenance program, which occurs each shoulder season, saw a three-week delay due to public health orders in March, and maintenance work began on April 26 to be in compliance with Colorado Passenger Tramway Safety Board requirements.

"Even though our maintenance work was delayed, the weather was on our side, and we were able to make up for lost time," said Mountain Village Transit Director Jim Loebe. "We're confident that our new gondola protocols will help keep the community safe."

The following protocols have been set in place to ensure passengers and staff safety:

No mask, no ride: per Mountain Village and Telluride ordinance, masks are required on all public transportation at this time for those over the age of 2. If you have a medical condition that prevents you from wearing a face covering, please let operators know. Operators will provide a face mask if you don't have one.

Cabin occupancy: one person or one associated party at a time will be loaded per cabin.

Cabin cleanliness: Advanced cabin disinfection methods will be in constant use. Cabins will be disinfected after each passenger disembarks. Cabin windows will be kept open to ensure adequate ventilation.

Line management: there will be no singles line, and markers will be at each station to maintain social distancing while waiting to board. Operators will maintain a six-foot distance from passengers yet continue to engage with guests.

Hand sanitizer: hand sanitizers will be available at each station for passengers.

Recreational equipment: Passengers will be required to load their own recreational equipment, including bicycles and strollers. Please familiarize yourself with the proper use of the exterior bike racks before loading or ask an operator for guidance. These measures are subject to change if state or county public health orders are revised.

7 HEALTH FACTS MEN NEED TO KNOW

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ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP DATES CONFIRMED

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — The City of Montrose continues its annual Spring Cleanup tradition by providing disposal and recycling services from a single collection point on June 19 and 20.

Residents are invited to bring cleanup items to the drop-off site located off the San Juan bypass (U.S. Highway 50), directly across the street from the Sunshine Peak apartment complex. Signs will help direct residents to the drop-off location that will be open each day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The annual event is normally held in April to coincide with spring, however, due to suggested social distancing measures during the COVID-19 pandemic, the cleanup was postponed to June.

Items Accepted:

- Landscape materials (leaves, grass clippings and limbs less than six inches in diameter)
- Scrap materials

- Electronics (without glass screens)
- Appliances
- * A fee will be charged for appliances containing Freon (\$20 each)

Items Not Accepted:

- Routine household trash
- Hazardous materials
- Paint
- Electronics with glass screens
- Tires

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, anyone participating in the event is required to wear

a proper face mask and observe social distancing of six feet while at the drop-off site. Individuals not wearing a mask will be turned away.

The city will offer limited special collection services when personnel and equipment are available. Fees for this service begin at \$15, plus equipment and labor. Call 970.240.1480 to schedule or for additional information.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

REMEMBERING CHAD MAYNARD, KILLED IN ACTION IN IRAQ 15 YEARS AGO TODAY

Editor:

My son-in-law Master Sgt. Jacob Maynard of the USMC now serves his final year before retirement in Twenty-Nine Palms, CA. He will be returning to Montrose upon his discharge in late 2021 or early 2022.

His brother, Chad Maynard was killed in action in Ramadi, Iraq fifteen years ago today. Chad was interred in Thornton and memorialized on the plaque at Demoret Park in Montrose.

Chad was a Rifleman with 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, A Company, 2nd Platoon. Killed with him were Lance Cpl. Jonathan R. Flores, Lance Cpl. Dion M. Whitley, Cpl. Jesse Jaime and Cpl. Tyler S. Trovillion. They were killed when an improvised explosive device was detonated under their vehicle on June 15, 2005 in Ramadi, Iraq.

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Tim Conner, Montrose



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

COUNCILOR'S RESPONSE TO ALLEGATIONS LEAVES QUESTIONS UNANSWERED

Editor:

City Councilor Bowman's response to the complaint by the owner of "Divot's" (the restaurant at the City owned Black Canyon Golf Course) as printed in the May 30th edition of the Montrose Daily Press raised more concerns than it answered.

Mr. Bowman plays two roles in this scenario, first as an elected city councilor and mayor, a position with the authority and presumably the proper knowledge to issue liquor licenses to appropriate businesses. The second role is Mr. Bowman's position as the manager of the non-profit Montrose Summer Music Series (MSMS).

When Mr. Bowman places a requirement on the owner of Divot's, the only entity with a license to sell liquor at the venue (under a license issued by the City of Montrose and the State of Colorado), that Divot's will pay a fee of \$2 for the first cup of beer purchased by a concert attendee, \$1 for each subsequent beer purchased and 50 cents for each can of beer purchased, it is not surprising that the owner of Divot's would view the request as com-

ing from the Mayor rather than the owner of MSMS, the mayor, one of the individuals with authority over Divot's liquor license. Smacks a little of extortion for the mayor to require a payment that directly benefits the mayor. It is not surprising that the owner of Divot's initially agreed to the payment under those circumstances. Mr. Bowman's action was even backed by the city of Montrose (the city attorney?) when the issue was brought to the attention of city officials.

Divot's owner subsequently learned that the arrangement was illegal, something the mayor, other city councilors and other city officials should have known from the beginning. Mr. Bowman's comment in the Press that since Divot's is the license holder the responsibility for knowing that the arrangement was illegal rests with Divot's, ridiculous!

Mr. Bowman suggests that the per drink charge was just a sponsorship contribution. In fact, he acknowledges that he "goes out and sells about \$40,000 worth of sponsorships, and our sponsors, in re-

turn, get advertising". It is not clear if he is addressing the sponsorships for each concert, a season, or some other time frame. But is important to note that these concerts, although free to the public, are being operated on city property and probably at no charge to MSMS.

Has Mr. Bowman made any financial disclosures as to the revenue raised from sponsorships, as well as the per drink charges collected last year?

Are any owners of MSMS compensated in any way for the work performed in arranging the concerts?

If so, what is Mr. Bowman's compensation, if any?

Considering that the original arrangement was illegal from the beginning, MSMS should immediately reimburse Divot's for all payments received last year, or Divot's should initiate appropriate legal action against Mr. Bowman, MSMS, and possibly the City of Montrose for its part in this "arrangement."

*Ben Alexander and
Kay Alexander, Montrose*



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WATERLINE BREAK IMPACTS TRAFFIC ON MAIN STREET

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — A water line break at the intersection of Main Street and Cedar Street has diverted westbound traffic on Main Street into one lane while repairs are completed. The break occurred Friday evening. According to the City of Montrose Utilities Manager David Bries, the roadway at the intersection was severely damaged from the water line rupture.

City staff will be meeting with representatives from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) on Monday, June 15, to evaluate waterline replacement/repair options and to determine the extent of street repairs needed. Westbound traffic will remain condensed to one lane while repairs are complete.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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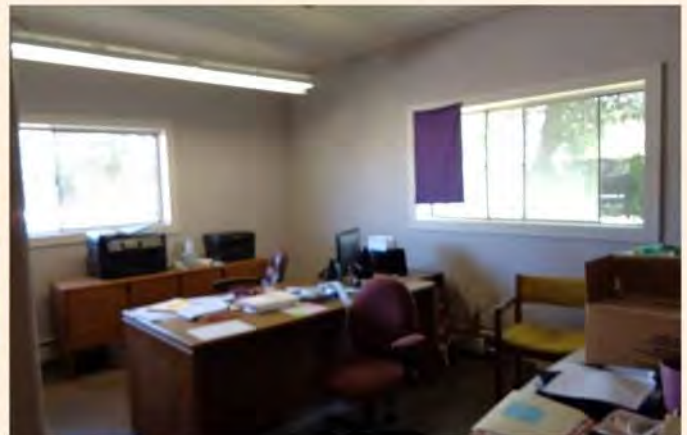
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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

ASK THE MANAGER. ASK BILL BELL

Editor:

Last week In a letter to the Montrose Mirror "OPINION" PAGE " I asked a few questions regarding the "DIVOTS" matter. As of this date no one from City Council has responded and I then remembered that you, Mr. Bell have had a forum called "ASK THE MANAGER"

Ask "The Manager":

Mr. Bell it has been noted in public press comments that Ms. Culver was uncomfortable with the situation of making liquor payments (checks) to Mr. Bowman and after having stated her concerns to more than one person in the community she reported her concerns to city employee's in" leadership positions" at the city.

Question: Ask the Manager?

Mr. Bell were you the City Manager or Ms. Ann Morgenthaler the Asst City Manager, the person or persons suggested that were notified of her concerns?

If not, please state so. If so, when did you know about this matter, and what were your or Ms. Morgenthaler's actions and conversations regarding this matter? Did you or any person in city management or city council members participate further to condone, facilitate, or make additional demands of Ms. Culver regarding the Divots matter on behalf of Mr. Bowman?

Thank you for the forum and opportunity to, Ask the Manager.

Bill Ramsey, Montrose

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PROPOSED INITIATIVE #120 (“PROHIBITION ON LATE-TERM ABORTION”) QUALIFIES FOR 2020 BALLOT

Special to the Mirror

DENVER- The Elections Division of the Colorado Secretary of State’s Office has announced that Proposed Initiative 120 (“Prohibition on Late-Term Abortion”) obtained the sufficient number of signatures needed to qualify for the 2020 General Election ballot.

On March 4, the “Prohibition on Late-Term Abortion” Initiative submitted 137,624 petition signatures, needing 124,632 valid signatures to qualify for inclusion on the 2020 ballot. After a 5% random sample of qualified signatures, the Elections Division determined the projected verification level to be 97.51%, falling within 90-110% of the number required and thereby necessitating line-by-line signature verification. After examin-

ing and reviewing each signature, the Secretary of State’s Office determined that 114,647 signatures were valid, falling short of the 124,632 valid signature threshold. These requirements are outlined by Article V, Section 1 (3) of the Colorado constitution.

The proponents initially did not submit the required number of signatures but by law were afforded an opportunity to cure the insufficiency. By order of a district court, the proponents secured an extension of the period in which they could acquire the sufficient number of valid signatures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That cure period to reach sufficiency began on May 15 and ended at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 29, at which time an additional 48,689 signatures were submitted.

Upon review, the Elections Division has determined a sufficient number of signatures have been submitted and the proposed initiative will appear on the November 3 General Election Ballot.

The initial Statement of Insufficiency is available [here](#). The subsequent Statement of Sufficiency is [here](#). The text of the “Prohibition on Late-Term Abortion” Initiative is available [here](#).

A record of all accepted and rejected signatures, including reasons for each rejection is on file with the Secretary of State.

The other initiatives approved for the 2020 ballot at this time are Senate Bill 19-042 National Popular Vote Referendum, Initiative 76 (“Citizen Qualification of Electors”), and Initiative 107 (“Restoration of Gray Wolves”).



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COLORADO DEPT OF LABOR: \$2.2 BILLION IN UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PAID SINCE MARCH 29

Special to the Mirror

DENVER -- Today the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) announced it has paid out \$2.2 billion in unemployment benefits since March 29th. That amount includes regular unemployment benefits, those filing Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC), which provides eligible claimants an extra \$600 in federal benefits each week.

The Department announced a total of 12,941 initial regular unemployment claims filed the week ending June 6, up slightly from 12,149 the week prior. In addition, there were 10,151 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial unemployment claims (gig worker, self-employed) filed May 31 - June 6. This is up from 6,414 the week prior (week ending May 30). Over the past twelve weeks, a total of 446,493 regular unemployment initial claims have been filed and a grand total of 540,506 claims including federal PUA benefits.*

Today the Department also launched a new resource page on its website around **work search requirements** to help provide guidance to claimants on what is required to maintain their UI eligibility while they are unemployed. Previously, work search requirements were waived due to the Governor's "Stay at Home" and "Safer at Home" Executive Orders.

Claimants who are job attached, meaning



they will return to their current employer, are not required to look for work. Claimants who are not returning to their employer, including independent contractors, must conduct a valid work search to maintain their eligibility for benefits. Independent contractors, self-employed and gig workers must now maintain an active work search effort to continue their eligibility. This would include efforts to obtain new clients or expand an individual's business or to establish an account with online or app-based platforms with the intent of accepting work from that platform.

CDLE is helping unemployed workers return to work by directing UI claimants to a variety of reemployment support and assistance. A new weekly resource on looking for work titled, "Finding a Job During COVID-19: Trends You Need to Know" is shared on CDLE's social media channels

and **ConnectingColorado.com**, the state's jobs database, currently has more than 35,000 active job listings in industries including healthcare, retail, sales and information technology. Users can also search "location-neutral" job opportunities, a workforce recruitment trend providing more remote-work options. CDLE also recently partnered with OnwardUS to launch **OnwardCo**, a one-stop resource which includes support services including job listings, links to training resources and more.

Benefits paid since March 29:

Regular UI: **\$796.1 Million**

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (gig workers/self-employed): **\$227.0 Million**

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Total: **\$2.2 Billion**

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US 24 PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS IN LEADVILLE GOING SMOOTHLY

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LEADVILLE — An early delivery of materials allowed the Colorado Department of Transportation and workers with United Companies to get a jump-start on traffic signal improvements on the US 24 Leadville Resurfacing project. Crews began working on the traffic signal at Harrison Avenue and 6th Street in late May, which was earlier than planned. New traffic poles were installed and a temporary signal is in place. The final upgrades to the signal are scheduled to be completed by the end of June with more state-of-the-art push buttons and indicators for pedestrians.

CDOT and United Companies would like to thank the residents, businesses and travelers who have been kind and courteous during the project. Crews ask that customers continue this trend by wearing face coverings or masks when interacting with workers, and maintaining social distancing. The resurfacing project on US 24 in Leadville began in early May with another primary goal of demolishing and reconstructing approximately 90 curb

ramps. The undertaking is part of a statewide initiative to support persons with disabilities through greater accessibility. To date, approximately 24 of the 90 curb ramps have been completed on US 24. Alternating intersections remain open to allow for pedestrian flow while the work commences. Milling and paving is slated for the fall.

PROJECT SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- Work will continue through October.
- Normal working hours will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. In special cases, these hours may be extended.
- June through August: Demolition and reconstruction of curbs, gutters and ramps
- June: Replacement of the traffic signal at Harrison Avenue and 6th Street
- September through October: Milling and paving

TRAVEL IMPACTS

- No weekend work is anticipated
- Sidewalk detours and closures
- Shoulder closures
- Single-lane closures with alternating



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CDOT RELEASES KEY FINDINGS FROM 2-YEAR STUDY AIMED AT REDUCING CANNABIS-INVOLVED CRASHES AND FATALITIES

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STATEWIDE — While the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has worked to eliminate marijuana-impaired driving since recreational legalization in 2014, Colorado has continued to see cannabis-involved traffic crashes and fatalities. In 2018, 13.5 percent of drivers involved in fatal crashes tested positive for cannabis.

To view the full report, visit https://www.codot.gov/safety/algorithm-and-impaired-driving/druggeddriving/assets/2020/cannabis-conversation-report_april-2020.pdf

To confront this ongoing challenge, CDOT launched *The Cannabis Conversation*, a two-year, statewide initiative to engage Coloradans in a meaningful discussion about marijuana-impaired driving and learn more about the public's attitudes, beliefs and behaviors on the topic.

The purpose of this first-of-its-kind campaign, which wrapped up in late 2019, was to ultimately help CDOT develop fresh strategies, messages and solutions that would better resonate with cannabis consumers and influence decision making when it comes to marijuana-impaired driving.

CDOT connected with more than 18,000 Coloradans through in-depth surveys, public meetings and focus groups to learn how to best cater messaging, outreach and education based on consumers' perspectives. CDOT gained valuable insights

through self-reported behavior from consumers, including the following key takeaways:

-Key Takeaway #1: People who consumed cannabis more often considered driving under the influence of marijuana to be less dangerous.

-Although many users have normalized driving high, most still consider the travel conditions, their alertness, and how recently they consumed cannabis before driving.

-Key Takeaway #2: Many cannabis users are highly skeptical of the laws, policies, and enforcement regarding driving impaired — and want credible, nuanced information.

-Respondents expressed a desire for more research on detection methods and guidelines for self-assessment of impairment, dosage-based legal limits, and how long to wait before driving.

-Most cannabis users were sensitive to any messages or ads they perceived as overstating the dangers of driving high, stereotyping cannabis users, or that were unrealistic.

-Key Takeaway #3: The key to reaching some skeptics is to lead with feelings and follow with facts.

-Users liked safety campaign materials, like PSA ads, that have an honest tone, a straightforward approach, and feel more like they are being talked to by a friend, not a parent.

"We talked online and in-person to thou-

sands of marijuana users across Colorado," said Sam Cole, CDOT traffic safety communications manager. "We learned how different groups of people respond to different types of messages — and will use that knowledge to try to influence people to make smart choices. After all, there is no 'typical' marijuana consumer."

An important takeaway was challenging cannabis consumers to rethink the choice to drive under the influence and how it unnecessarily puts others at risk. Those skeptical about the risks associated with cannabis-impaired driving responded to campaigns that invoked feelings counter to their deeply held beliefs that driving after consuming is solely a personal decision.

CDOT is now applying these insights to their campaigns. The agency is currently developing a series of PSAs based on a concept vetted and chosen by the public. CDOT continues to work closely with dispensary companies, a trusted voice for consumers, with in-store educational collateral and budtender training. The state is also making strides in more cooperative and comprehensive data collection.

More states each year legalize recreational and medical cannabis, and CDOT hopes its takeaways from *The Cannabis Conversation* will help others in transportation, law enforcement, prevention and academia learn how to effectively approach impaired driving education and awareness.

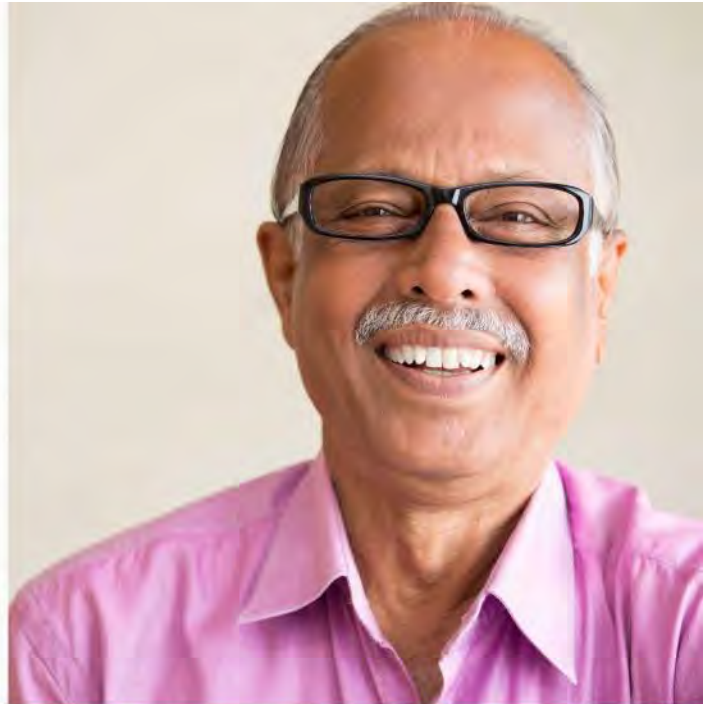


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MONTROSE DESIGNATED A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY



Bicyclist. Mirror file photo.

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MONTROSE — The League of American Bicyclists has designated Montrose as a bronze-level

Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC), highlighting the city's efforts to build better places for people to bike.

Montrose joins 482 communities across the country in the movement for safer streets and better bicycling for everyone. The award recognizes Montrose for its commitment to creating transportation and recreational resources that benefit residents of all ages and abilities while encouraging healthier and more sustainable transportation choices.

"Across the country, we have seen so many Americans biking during the pandemic. It's critical that there are communities like Montrose taking the steps to make biking a safe, accessible option for people, whether they are commuting to essential jobs or looking for recreational options outside their homes," said Bill Nesper, executive director of the League

of American Bicyclists. "This award is the culmination of years of work put in by Montrose and its citizen advocates for better biking."

The League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly America program sets the standard for how communities build and benchmark progress toward making biking better. This round of awards, which communities applied for in February 2020, includes 38 new and renewing awardees, joining a total of 482 Bicycle Friendly Communities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The bronze-level BFC award recognizes Montrose's commitment to improving conditions for all people who bike through investments in bike education programs, regular bike events that promote and encourage people to choose biking, pro-bike policies, and bike infrastructure.

"The City of Montrose has worked hard to implement many bicycle-friendly upgrades to our streets and trails," Mayor Barbara Bynum said. "I am excited that our work is being recognized by The League of American Bicyclists. I love riding through town on my bicycle and it's great to see so many people out riding around Montrose and enjoying our community."

Bynum highlighted the city's 30 miles of concrete trails maintained by the Park's Department, the recently completed Connect Trail connecting the northern and southern ends with only two roadway crossings, over 30 miles of single-track mountain biking trails, and mountain biking trails on Sunset Mesa that complement a healthy bicycling infrastructure within the city limits.

More than 850 communities have applied for recognition by the Bicycle Friendly Community program, which provides a roadmap to making biking better for communities of all shapes and sizes. The five levels of the BFC award – diamond, platinum, gold, silver, and bronze, plus an honorable mention category – provide a clear incentive for communities to continuously improve.

Awarded communities must renew their status every four years to ensure that they not only maintain existing efforts, but also keep up with changing technology, national safety standards, and community-driven best practices.

To learn more about the BFC program, visit bikeleague.org/community. Click [here](#) for an interactive bike route map of Montrose's trail system.



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GMUG BEGINS IMPLEMENTING WILDER-HIGHLANDS MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE RESPONSE PROJECT

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GUNNISON—Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests will begin implementation of the Wilder-Highlands Mountain Pine Beetle Response Project the week of June 8. The project will focus on the treatment of lodgepole pine forests experiencing a bark beetle outbreak near the Wilder on the Taylor and Gunnison Highlands community's northeast of Gunnison.

In the summer of 2019, USDA Forest Service personnel identified trees in declining health near Wilder on the Taylor, a historic ranch located on more than 2,100 acres. Surveys determined that pine beetle was causing the epidemic levels of decline on both private and National Forest System lands. The primary purpose of the project is to treat the mountain pine beetle-affected stands, reduce the risk of mountain pine beetle spread and diminish the potential for catastrophic wildfires in the wildland urban interface.

The project, which was authorized earlier this spring following the agency's NEPA process, is a holistic and highly collaborative effort between the project partners, including the Colorado State Forest Service, National Forest Foundation and Wil-

der on the Taylor and Gunnison Highlands communities. Private landowners within the project area have provided important project access to their road systems and land in order to protect the National Forest and mitigate wildfire risk in Taylor Canyon.

Activities will include sanitation, removal and long-term preventative treatments on nearly 100 acres of private and National Forest System lands. Equipment and tools utilized will include traditional and mechanized logging equipment, as well as helicopter logging systems. Travelers on US HWY 135 between Almont and Gunnison, as well as those heading up Taylor Canyon toward Taylor Reservoir, CR-742 or traveling along Wilder Mountain Road or Lost Canyon Road/CR-743, may encounter logging trucks removing materials from the project site.

"The NFF is proud to be partnering closely with the Forest Service, Colorado State Forest Service, Wilder on the Taylor and Gunnison Highlands to implement this important project," said Marcus Selig, Vice President, National Forest Foundation. "Together we are working hard to help stop the mountain pine beetle outbreak and protect the forests that we value so

much."

"Wilder is dedicated to preserving, protecting, and perpetuating the traditions of western Colorado, and part of that is being a good steward of the forests on the ranch and adjoining Gunnison National Forest. We appreciate being part of this partnership to help stop the spread of bark beetles and to mitigate forest fire risk in Gunnison County," says Michele Wheeler, a representative of Wilder on the Taylor and homeowner.

"I am extremely impressed at the rapid collaborative effort that has taken place over the past few months aimed at reducing potential impacts from Mountain Pine Beetle in the Taylor River and Taylor Park areas.

"Although mountain pine beetles, in small populations, are an important native beetle to our western forests, we are hoping to keep them in check so we continue reaching our goals of managing for diverse, healthy and resilient forests in the future," said Sam Pankratz, Supervisory Forester, Colorado State Forest Service. For more information, contact Joe Lavorini, Gunnison County Stewardship Fund Coordinator, at 720-670-6254 or jlavorini@nationalforests.org.

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Above, June 10 Black Lives Matter protest at Demoret Park, photos by Paul Arbogast.



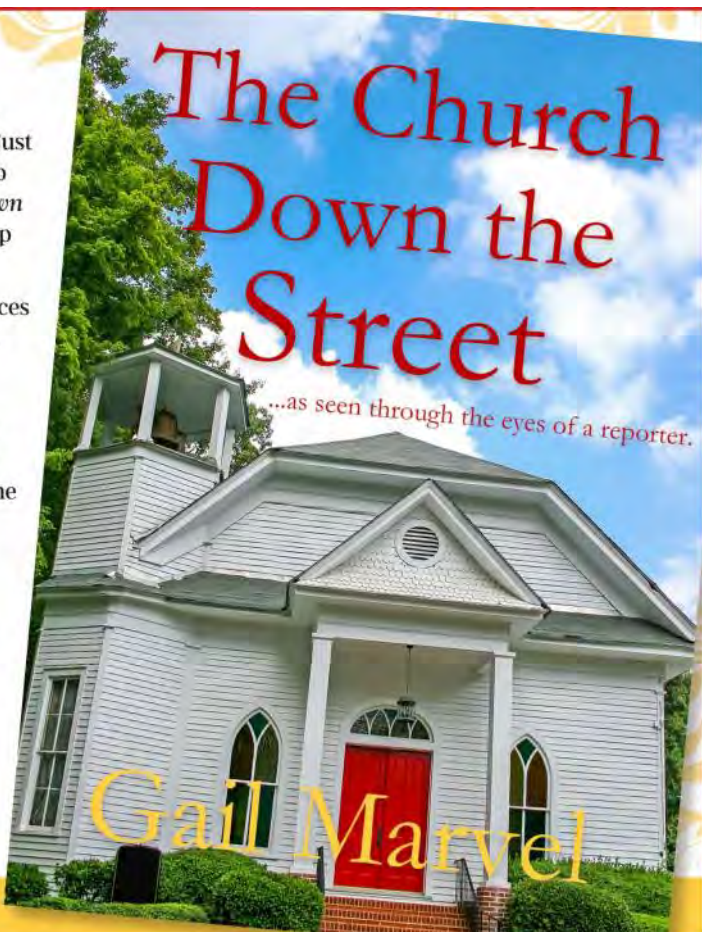
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Montrose Author
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It is human nature to compare ourselves with others, and the church is no different. Just as Paul's Epistles allowed the early church to peer into the lives of each other, *The Church 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.



IF DISTRICT FACES ANOTHER COVID CLOSURE, RE-1J COULD SEE LAYOFFS OF NON-CERTIFIED STAFF From pg 1

District B Director Jacob Suppes said that layoffs may be necessary.

Johnson asked outgoing Superintendent Stephen Schiell for input. Though the decision belongs to the Board of Education, Schiell said, "...In the real world if we are not working we don't get paid...we only have so much money. We're not going to create a job for somebody so they can punch a clock."

Incoming Superintendent Carrie Stephenson said, "I think this is a really important conversation...I am very hopeful, however, that we won't need this, that we will be back in in-person instruction and can afford to pay people for the work they are doing."

The conversation is a very difficult one, Board of Education Vice President Sarah Fishing said.

"We are obviously entering this situation hoping that this doesn't happen, but ultimately we just don't know." A lack of budgetary information adds to the difficulty, she said. "I just don't think we have all the information that we need...I want to know what the options are so that our team members can know the full situation and that this decision, whatever it might be, is not going to be made lightly and without the proper amount of thought going into it."

"Even this conversation isn't something to have lightly," Fishing said. As she was speaking, the livestream feed malfunctioned, at 12:56. Though the district started a new feed, on the RE-1J Facebook site, the second recording begins at 20:42, leaving a portion of the meeting inaccessible to the public. The second portion of the recorded meeting begins as Suppes is speaking.

"...line item. That's my feeling; if we have to, we have to," Suppes said.

The discussion concerned non-certified staff who are not assigned duties in the event that the District must move to online learning, Johnson said.

Fishing asked, "Are the schools going to try and identify who those people would be in that situation?"

Principals would be asked for input but

will not be allowed to create make-work assignments for people so as not to lay them off, Johnson said.

"We're going to be kind of tough about that...If they've got true assignments where they actually are long-distance working with students, I have no problem with absolutely leaving them on the payroll and continuing to pay them," she said. "If they are somebody who does not have a long-distance assignment, we cannot have make-work going on."

Johnson asked Stephenson for assistance in crafting a resolution. Stephenson suggested wording focused on responsibilities during remote learning time. Those who do not have responsibilities during remote learning would be given 30 days pay. If in-person learning does not resume after 30 days those individuals would be laid off, with priority given to them for re-hiring. Said Schiell, "That makes sense...but we're not making resolutions tonight...it will be two weeks away. We'll work on that...we'll be able to do that."

After further discussion, Fishing said, "To be very, very clear, this isn't a plan for not opening schools. We have a plan to open schools. It's that, what if the schools have to close again. I think we have to be very, very clear about that...we're planning to be back at school...we want to be back at school."

RE-1J Director of Safety and Security James Pavlich, responding remotely from his farm in Pennsylvania, said that two cases of COVID-19 qualify as an outbreak. "Our hope...is that we will conduct in-person operations in such a way that we will limit spread if there is a COVID-positive case."

RE-1J Technology Director Steve McEwin thanked the Board of Education for their support of district staff.

District A Director Jeff Bachman joined the work session at this point, and the discussion briefly continued.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

At 6:30 p.m., Johnson welcomed all to the regular meeting of the RE-1J Board of Education. All directors were present except for District G Director Stephen Bush. The

meeting agenda was approved as presented.

BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES

Bachman gave an update on the Olathe Track Project. The press box and stands are in place. Trusses for the new building and fencing are going up; topsoil was added on the field; things are moving right on schedule.

COMMUNITY INPUT

There was no community input.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Stephen Schiell re-opened a previously tabled discussion of a 14-passenger van purchase budgeted for this year, but which has been delayed due to financial concerns.

A person identified as Manny shared information. The District has 27 fleet vehicles, all of which carry students throughout the school year. Many of the vehicles are aged. "Every year we have an annual inspection done on these vehicles," Manny said.

"It is recommended per CDE that every ten to 12 years or every 150,000 miles that we should look at replacing the vehicles," Manny said.

District B Director Jacob Suppes said that if a vehicle needs replaced, then it's time to replace it, "or you can come back in two or three years and pay twice as much."

The van would be purchased through the lease fund, RE-1J Finance Director Emily Imus said.

Schiell said that sports will resume when school begins. "People are planning on football games in the fall, they're planning on having a lot of stuff going on...those buses are going to be rolling if we're in school."

Directors agreed to include the van as an agenda item at the regular meeting in two weeks.

Imus also led a brief discussion of CARES Act funding and its allowed uses.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

Early Childhood Center (ECC) Director Penny Harris provided an update, including data dashboard. The program ended the school year with 311 students. Four

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weeks of Summer School will be offered for Montrose/Olathe pre-school students in July; 60 students should be allowed, Harris said. A \$13,800 preschool parent-education donation from the Montrose Women's Club was used to teach parents the Pyramid Model which supports social/emotional learning; around \$6K remains and can be used next year.

Said Superintendent Schiell, "...I want people to know we are moving forward (with summer preschool) ...and if we can't pull this off in the summer how are we going to pull it off in the fall with a whole bunch more children...we're trying to make it work."

Officials are awaiting State approval to return to in-person learning, Harris said. "Thank you very much; that's great that you're doing that," Johnson said.

Director of Safety and Security Jim Pavlich discussed the extensive work done on a plan for rolling out student sports once more. Guidelines will be adopted in accordance with County, State, and Federal rules; students will form multi-sport workout pods of ten to minimize exposure to COVID-19. Training for coaches will be in pods as well. The plan will be complete by June 22.

Coaches are passionate about getting back to work and the overall plan is doable, Pavlich said. Up to ten players can play indoors, up to 25 can play outdoors. Regular season play will not start until Fall; participation in summer activities is voluntary and is not required for participating in the fall, Pavlich said. An order for Marching Band will come later. "We are considering that and that will be forthcoming."

Director of Instructional Services Jessica Beller provided a Summer School update.

Summer School for students with significant reading deficiencies will take place July 27-Aug. 13, Beller said. Jamie Simo of Instructional Services is coordinating the effort; staff called all 244 families who had indicated an interest in summer school. Of the 137 who answered the call and spoke to staff, 87 percent want summer school for their students. Sites will include Columbine Middle School and Pomona Elementary. Additional bus routes and 11 staff will be needed, Beller said. Classes will take place mornings only, Monday through Thursday.

"Wow, that's amazing; good for you," Johnson said.

Said Fishing, "That's super exciting, thank you for your hard work on that and for all those phone calls."

OLD BUSINESS

Fishing updated the board on revisions to the following policies, which were unanimously approved:

EF, School Nutrition Program - updated to current operational system

EFC, Free and Reduced-Priced Food Services - minor legal reference change

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved as presented, including the Personnel Report. Of note, Laura DeHart, longtime RE-1J Kindergarten teacher and reading interventionist, is retiring after 23 years with the district; Montrose High School Health Tech Peggy Greubel will leave her post after 19 years.

NEW BUSINESS

Johnson briefly misplaced her video feed; Fishing presented the following policies, for review only:

GCHA/GCHB, Mentor Teachers/

Administrators - minor legal reference update;

GCHC, Professional Staff Induction Program - updated per CASB recommendations;

GCQC/GCQD, Resignation of Instruction Staff/Administrative Staff - minor legal reference update;

GCQF, Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff - minor legal reference update;

GDQB, Resignation of Support Staff - minor legal reference update;

GDQD, Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Support Staff - minor legal reference update.

Said Fishing, "As always, we should know what's in those policies...this is a great opportunity to bite off a few of those policies and take a read, if you haven't already had the chance."

Imus opened a Public Hearing on the 2020-2021 Budget, thanking Finance Dept. staffers Mike Madden and Margie Whitcomb for their hard work.

"This is definitely a team effort."

Originally presented to the Board of Education May 29, the budget must be formally adopted by June 30 unless an extension is granted by the State.

"Based on the Colorado School Finance Model, the proposed 2021 Budget includes a 10-percent revenue cut from State share funding, in the amount of approximately \$5,000,000," Imus said. "All possible savings have been reviewed. Decreases in spending include compensation reductions, general fund, building, and department discretionary spending, and use of fund balance."

The Finance team hopes to present the final, adjusted budget at the Board of Education meeting of June 23.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.





HISTORICAL MUSEUM ANNOUNCES PLANS TO OPEN JULY 1



Montrose County Historical Museum will attempt to open July 1 under the imposed limits with sanitizer and protective items available.

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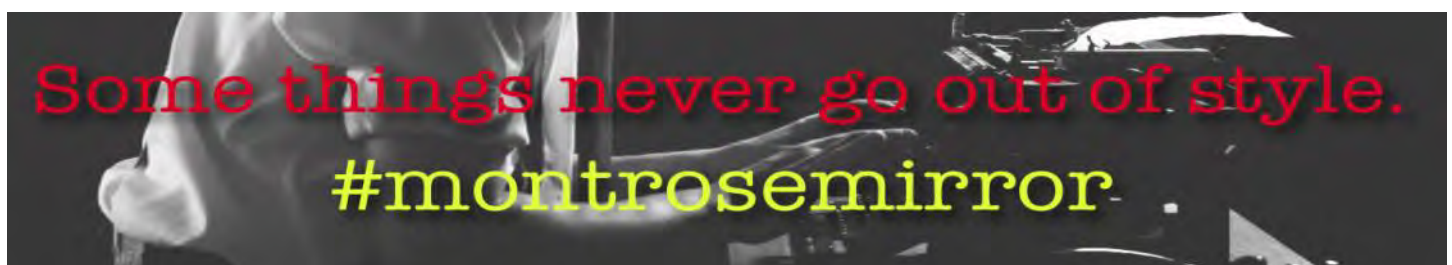
MONTROSE-The Montrose County Histori-

cal Society has been diligently following all the protocols in place to help slow the

spread of the Covid-19 virus.

As the governmental organizations make decisions for reducing the restrictions and offering the opportunity for people to become more involved in the general movement of society, we are planning for the opening of our museum at 21 North Rio Grande and holding our next meeting of the society. At present, the Museum will attempt to open July 1 on the imposed limited basis with sanitizer and protective items available. For those who support the Museum but do not feel safe enough to enjoy the many exhibits offered, you can support the Museum through our Go-FundMe campaign; "Keep the Museum Operational."

We do appreciate any and all support. The general society monthly meetings plan to resume in September, pending restrictions allowing groups of 50 or more in some restricted spaces. The anticipated program for September will be Pam Friend discussing the history of the Star Drive-in Theater. Monthly postings with Society information and procedures will begin in July.





MONTROSE ELKS LODGE: ELK TRACKS



BINGO TO RESUME AS SOON AS ALLOWED

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

Bingo Tuesday June 23, 2020

ELKS LODGE BINGO!!

There are some things in life that makes you laugh a little louder, smile a little bigger, and just live life better! One such place is Montrose Elks Bingo.

It will be good to hear laughter again during Bingo at the Elks. By June 23rd we should receive our Variance to allow gatherings up to 175 people and maximum 50% capacity. Should the Variance be granted, look for Montrose Elks Bingo to begin on Tuesday June 23rd. Should the variance not be received, the 1st day of Elks Bingo will be postponed. Fingers

crossed X.

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On the first day of Elks Bingo we will have a \$500 Must Go Jackpot for Progressive Game #2 and \$1,199 Must Go for Progressive Game #4. Progressive Game #6 has a decent Jackpot worth \$6,023 and can be won by reaching Bingo in 53 numbers or fewer. Masks are required, hand sanitizer will be available, and seating will provide safe spacing. Only families can sit together. Due to restricted seating no children under the age of 12 allowed until restrictions are lifted.

Bingo doors opens at 5 PM. Card sales begins at 6 PM and an "Early Bird" set of 5 quick games begins at 6:30. The main Bingo session of 8 games, including 3 Progressives starts at 7 PM. Cost for Early Bird is \$4 per pack and cost for the main Bingo

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FRIENDS OF YOUTH AND NATURE RECEIVES WESTERN COLORADO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT TO GET KIDS OUTSIDE

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HOTCHKISS – Friends of Youth and Nature (FOYAN), in partnership with Delta Families Plus, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), and Colorado Parks and Wildlife at Ridgway State Park, has been awarded a “Youth Outside” grant for \$8,000 from the Western Colorado Community Foundation (WCCF) that focuses on youth development through outdoor recreation. FOYAN is one of several organizations receiving funds intended to help teens address stress and anxiety through organized outdoor recreational activities.

This new community “Youth Outside” grant will help FOYAN and its partners engage middle and high school youth in outdoor experiential activities during weekly events throughout the summer. WCCF recognizes that youth are under stress across our communities, leading to anxiety, depression, and in extreme cases, suicide. Current research shows a wide range of benefits for children and youth through outdoor experiences, including improvements in physical health and emotional well-being, increased learning, and improved personal and social skills.

Teaming Up – Art, Action and Leadership in the Outdoors offers teens opportunities to experience the challenges and accomplishments of trying new outdoor sports and experiencing creative expression in-

spired through nature. “Exploring nature, challenging oneself with physical activities, and expressing emotions through art are effective avenues for teens to release stress and overcome anxieties,” said Anita Evans, Executive Director of FOYAN. The education and volunteer staff at Ridgway State Park, and the staff, volunteers and mentors of CASA and Families Plus have developed a summer schedule of weekly outings at either the state park or a local park for a full day, including lunch and dinner. The grant money will be used for transportation, outdoor equipment, education, and art supplies as well as group gatherings enjoying special meals.

Friends of Youth and Nature (FOYAN) is a non-profit created in 2018 that promotes opportunities for youth and families to get outside, experience outdoor activities, and explore nature. “Our efforts are focused in Mesa, Delta and Montrose Counties. In 2019, we helped engage over 3000 youth in outdoor programs. We encourage parents, teachers and youth leaders to visit our website



Friends of Youth and Nature courtesy photo.

(www.friendsofyouthandnature.org) to learn more about how we facilitate our mission and the opportunities FOYAN provides,” added Evans.

The Western Colorado Community Foundation serves seven counties in western Colorado, managing charitable funds for community good. Currently, the Community Foundation manages over 265 charitable funds totaling over \$80 million in assets and awards over \$3.4 million in grants and scholarships annually.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS IS NOW OPEN

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MONTROSE-Montrose Center for the Arts is now open! Currently, we have a unique art exhibit and silent auction called "A SQUARE DEAL." Sixty-three pieces have been created and generously donated by local artists on 8x8 canvases. This fundraiser will help support your Art Center. Please stop by to view the exhibit between June 13 and July 3, and bid on your favorite piece of art in the silent auction - minimum bids \$20. Our First Friday reception is on July 3rd from 5 to 8pm at Montrose Center for the Arts, 11 S. Park, Montrose. Silent auction bidding will end at 7 pm (Social distancing rules will be encouraged)

For an extra treat, pastelist, Barbara Kendrick, from Ridgway will also be exhibiting her outstanding pastel landscapes for the month of July, from July 3-31. Her exquisite artwork is not to be missed!

Hours for The Art Center are Tuesday - Friday, 11-5, & Saturday, 10-4. Closed Sunday and Monday. (Masks are required).

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Above, "I recently checked out the north Montrose Connect Initiative bike trail," Reimann said. "A gem with huge cottonwoods lining the Uncompahgre River with an active and happy bird habitat along with an abundance of milkweed for the monarch butterflies."



Above, blooming milkweed on the trail.

Below, a wormwood fence frames the San Juans on a recent visit to Horsefly Mesa.



NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

VISITOR SPENDING HAS ECONOMIC IMPACT OF OVER \$41 BILLION

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt announced that the annual economic benefit of national parks to the U.S. and local economies. In 2019, visitor spending in communities near national parks resulted in a \$41.7 billion benefit to the nation's economy and supported 340,500 jobs. Visitor spending increased by \$800 million from 2018 to 2019 and the overall effect on the U.S. economy grew by \$1.6 billion. In the last five years, visitor spending has increased by \$4.1 billion and the effect on the U.S. economy grew by \$9.7 billion. "We have been working to safely welcome the public back to their national parks and provide more service again," said Secretary Bernhardt. "These treasured places provide respite and recreation for the American people, in addition to vital economic support to gateway communities across the country. The tremendous value of our national parks is undeniable as is the need to adequately maintain them, which is why President Trump has called on Congress to address the decades of deferred maintenance."

According to the annual National Park Service report released today, 2019 National Park Visitor Spending Effects, more than 327 million visitors spent \$21 billion in communities within 60 miles of a park in the National Park System. Of the 340,500 jobs supported by visitor spending, more than 278,000 jobs exist in communities adjacent to parks. The report includes statistics by park and by state on visitor spending and the number of jobs supported by visitor spending.

"Safely increasing access to national parks and other public lands supports individual and collective physical and mental wellness, said National Park Service Deputy Director David Vela, exercising the authority of the Director. "It also benefits park gateway communities where millions of visitors each year find a place to sleep and eat, hire outfitters and guides and make use of other local services that help drive a vibrant tourism and outdoor recreation



Visitors spent 21 billion in communities within 60 miles of a park. 340 thousand jobs were supported by visitor spending. Over 327 million visitors traveled to National Park Service sites in 2019. A contribution of 41.7 billion to the nation's economy. Every \$1 invested by American taxpayers in the National Park Service returns approximately \$10 to the U.S. economy. NPS courtesy graphic.

industry."

Lodging expenses account for the largest share of visitor spending totaling \$7.1 billion in 2019. The restaurant sector had the next greatest effects with \$4.2 billion in economic output. Motor vehicle fuel expenditures were \$2.16 billion with retail spending at \$1.93 billion.

There are National Park System sites in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Territories of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa and Guam. Visitation varies across the country, from Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona to Grand Portage National Monument in Minnesota.

Last year, Grand Canyon National Park attracted nearly 6 million visitors who spent more than \$890 million, supporting 11,806 jobs and generating a \$1.1 billion total economic output. Grand Portage National Monument recorded approximately 94,985 recreation visitors who spent an estimated \$6,208,000. That spending supported 78 jobs and more than a \$6 million total economic output.

An online interactive tool enables users to explore visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state, and local economies.

It also shows annual, trend data.

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 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.

June 20-ELKS YARD SALE Sat June 20 - 8 am to 1 PM "***Everything** You Never Knew You Wanted" Treasures too numerous to list. Beverage Station with iced COOL drinks and Grill Station with free hot dogs for all attending! We are located at 801 S Hillcrest Dr, Montrose CO 81401. Crafters and Sellers can sell your goods & keep the profit. Show your creations and artistry by having your own table: \$10 for Elk members, \$20 for non-Elks. Please contact Martin at 970-417-3320 (also text) for your own table.

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.

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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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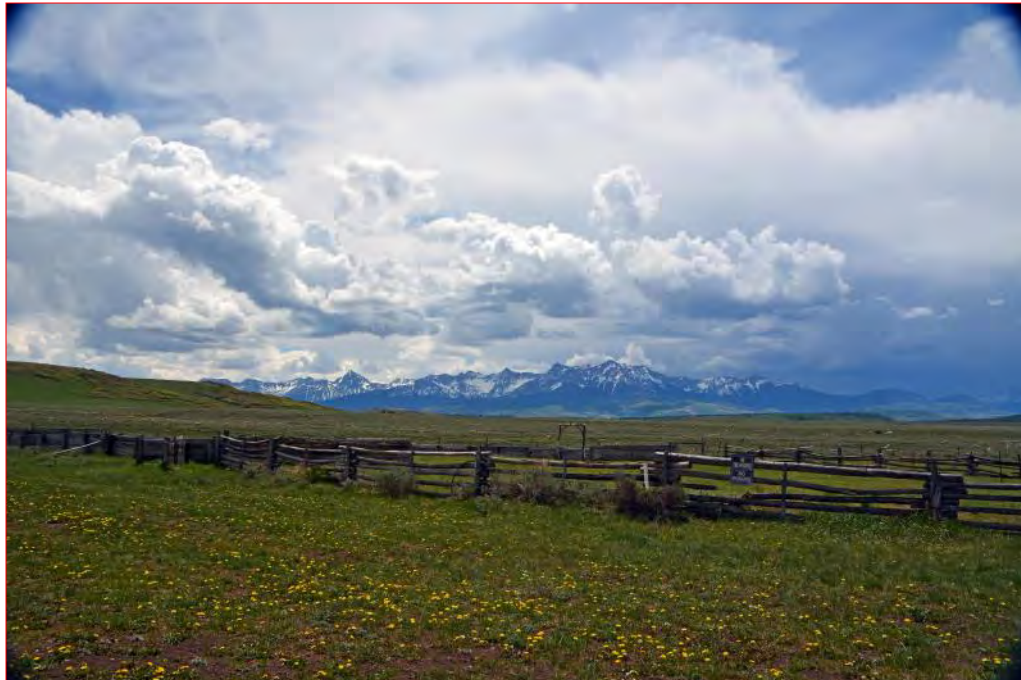
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Photographer Deb Reimann snapped this photo of corrals, sheep, and the San Juans, right, and a moss rock well at the Howard Springs School site, below, on a recent adventure near Horsefly Mesa.

A large black bear is shown holding a tablet computer. The bear is standing on a wooden deck. In the background, there are green mountains and a blue sky with white clouds.

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