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## RAISING A GLASS, RAISING THE BAR

*Snow Capped Cider plans 750 ml single varietal Reserve Line blends*



*Kari Williams, above, owns Snow Capped Cider with her husband Ty. Courtesy photo.*

By Caitlin Switzer

CEDAREGE-What if Western Colorado's long hot days and cool nights, sunshine, fresh air, and the flavor of apples grown at high elevation from varietals carefully crafted for cider production, could be captured in a frosty glass and shared with the rest of the world? One answer is Snow Capped Cider of Cedaredge, a local company that plans to seriously raise the bar for Colorado cider with its planned releases.

"We have created single varietals representing our terroir, together with our own fermentation and ageing processes," said company

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## DMEA TALKS ELECTRIC VEHICLES, MOVING FORWARD WITH GUZMAN AT JUNE 23 MEETING

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The June 23 Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors meeting, a Zoom webinar, was held from 3 – 5:30 p.m.

Practicing social distancing, the board and staff participated on computers from offices, homes, and by phone. Members are afforded an opportunity to speak during Member Comments; however, during the meeting itself, microphones of attendees who are not on the board or on staff are muted.

The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening meeting prayer, determination of a quorum, and approval of the agenda. All board members were present, with intermittent phone participation from Kyle Martinez who was traveling home from Denver.

### General Business

The Membership Report, Minutes from Regular May Board Meeting, Minutes



*Photo by Gail Marvel. Monthly Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors meetings will continue to be virtual meetings. Member who wish to attend Virtual Zoom meetings can contact Virginia Harman for meeting log in information. Email: [virginia.harman@dmea.com](mailto:virginia.harman@dmea.com).*

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## OPINION/ EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### WHO DOES THE MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL REPRESENT?

*Editor:*

I believe it is time to ask the question, who does the Montrose City Council represent, the citizens and longtime Montrose businesses, or their personal agendas, their personal pocketbooks, or possibly their friends with pet projects the councilors approve of.

Throughout this letter I will borrow a catchphrase from George Orwell's book "Animal Farm," "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."

The Montrose Mirror and the Montrose Daily Press recently carried a story regarding then Mayor Bowman's illegal demand and receipt of several thousand dollars from the owner of Divot's Restaurant at the Black Canyon Golf Course in conjunction with his non-profit's summer music series. Mr. Bowman, who also serves as a member of the liquor licensing board for the City, acknowledges the transaction and should have known that the transaction was illegal before the issue was made public. He was undoubtedly counting on the expectation that Ms. Culver, Divot's owner, wouldn't dare challenge the Mayor since she was leasing from the City. Since this issue became public, there has been no effort by Mr. Bowman to reimburse Ms. Culver's payments made to him

or her legal costs. Beyond that, the silence from the rest of the City Council has been deafening. So much for transparency. There are responsible people in this community that believe Councilor Bowman has committed a felony and an impartial investigation should be conducted as soon as possible. "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."

Several years ago, the City took over the Chamber of Commerce and subsequently ran it into the ground and shut it down. Montrose is now one of the few, if not the only, Colorado communities without a Chamber of Commerce and the representation that a chamber represents to local business.

Besides that, the Chamber had significant assets when it was shut down, the balance of dues paid by members and the equity proceeds from the Chamber building. Has a proper accounting, or a refund to Chamber members been made? "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."

The City Council has seen fit to install a free charging station for electric vehicles at the parking lot next to Centennial Plaza, supposedly for local vehicles as well as tourist vehicles. The concept for providing free charging for tourists is that the indi-

viduals will spend their time waiting for their vehicle to charge by shopping in Downtown Montrose. Council has also discussed installing another charging station in an area north of Main Street. The taxpayer cost to install these stations is significant and then there is the additional taxpayer cost of the electricity. Should we "Neanderthals" who still drive gas-powered vehicles take a bill for our next fill-up to City Hall for reimbursement? "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."

I could go on to several more examples, but I think you get the picture. It appears that we have a city council that "feathers its own nest," takes care of its friends and promotes projects on its priority list at the expense of other worthwhile projects.

As a means of protecting itself from having to discuss concerns voiced by the public, they have a policy that if an issue is not on the agenda, they will not discuss it if raised during the public comment portion of their meetings.

I must say, I have never seen a body of elected officials, like the Montrose City Council, that trumpets their commitment to transparency and then shuts down concerns raised by their constituents. The citizens of Montrose deserve better.

*Ben Alexander, Montrose*

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### MONTROSE COUNTY RECEIVES PARTIAL APPROVAL OF 2ND VARIANCE REQUEST

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE - CDPHE notified Montrose County Friday afternoon of a partial approval of the second requested variance from the Safer at Home order. The county has requested clarification on the specifics of the partial approval. Further information will be provided as soon as possible with regard to the variance.

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### EGBERT NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST FOR SPRING 2020 SEMESTER

#### *Special to the Mirror*

WHEATON, IL—Wheaton College student Caleb Egbert of Montrose, Colorado, was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester. To earn Dean's List honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

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## COMPLAINTS HIGHLIGHT DYSFUNCTIONAL RIDGWAY LAW ENFORCEMENT

**-Parents raise concerns over student athlete misconduct in 2019**

**-Local man files suit against Marshall's Office seeking outside investigation**



***Allegations of misconduct involving a Ridgway youth sports team have been 'under investigation' since last November, officials say. Photo by Paul Arbogast.***

By Caitlin Switzer

*-Year-old allegations of misconduct still 'under investigation'*

*-Local schools a predatory climate for girls, victim's father says*

RIDGWAY-In a small town, a youth sports team can be a source of great pride. However, it's no secret that on occasion, athletes may take advantage of the privilege that comes with that prestige.

In Ridgway, locals have expressed concern that certain members of a local youth sports team may have engaged in unsportsmanlike conduct in the days leading up to a cherished championship win in November of 2019—and that the victims and their families were threatened and shamed for bringing the information to the attention of authorities.

Ridgway parent Jason Brown said that the social climate for young girls in the local schools is predatory, after finding that the male student athletes allegedly shared an image online of Brown's underage daughter in a simulated sex act with several members of the team. In another video seen by community members, the players "rapped" about another local girl's "stinky" anatomy, Brown said.

"I just want this to stop," Brown said.

"This isn't just about my daughter, it's about all the underage girls here—it's bad in the Ridgway schools."

Brown said that when he contacted the Ridgway Police about the matter, he was the one who ended up with a ticket. Still, "I want all the underage girls off the web site," he said.

When asked about disciplinary action for those involved in the incidents, which took place in November of 2019, Ridgway Superintendent Susan Lacey said that student privacy is protected by FERPA, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, and that all concerns are passed on to law enforcement.

Still, not all who are aware of the situation are willing to remain silent. Two-time Hall of Famer and Ridgway basketball legend Tracy Hill said that she has contacted the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) and the Ridgway School Board after learning of the videos. A former Ridgway Athletic Director, Hill said that if she were still on the job, the team's recent state title would have been stripped as soon as the images, which have since been removed, were made

public on the Tik Tok app. "The little brother of one victim saw them," Hill said, adding that the child has since been threatened for telling adults what he witnessed.

Ridgway School Board President Greg Lawler would not comment on the year-old allegations, other than to say, "I have asked district legal counsel to further advise me as these accusations on their face are very serious. I know our local law enforcement has had an open and ongoing investigation."

Calls to the team's coach were not returned by press time.

*-Citizen files appeal, seeks outside investigation of Ridgway Marshall's office*

*-Investigations conducted in-house are not transparent, lawsuit asserts*

RIDGWAY-In other news, a Ridgway man has filed suit in Ouray County District Court, appealing the current and former Ridgway Town Manager's findings and determinations pertaining to Code of Conduct Complaints filed with the Ridgway Town Manager against Marshal Shane Schmalz and Deputy Marshal Ryan Hanson on Oct. 18, 2019 (amended on 11/3/19) and April 27, 2020 and seeking judgment of \$100,000.

Filed by Ridgway resident David Gottorff, who also asked for a jury trial, the Motion to Appeal states the Plaintiff, "having dutifully submitted to the Town of Ridgway's former and current Town Managers two formal code of conduct complaints pertaining to the unprofessional and criminal actions of Deputy Marshal Ryan Hanson and Marshal Shane Schmalz that have violated the established code of conduct policies of the Town of Ridgway's Marshal Department; and the Plaintiff disagreeing with the determinations of the current and former Ridgway Town Manager that Deputy Hanson and Marshal Schmalz committed no code of conduct violations; now appeals those determinations pursuant to C.R.C.P. 106(a)(4) in the Ouray District Court of Colorado."

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The original complaints stem from incidents involving interactions between Gottorff and other individuals at or near Colorado Boy Brewing, and the response thereto by the Ridgway Marshall's Office. Gottorff told the *Mirror*, "We have a credible issue...it's appropriate and allowed under Colorado law to appeal."

"When an officer investigates his deputy,

it's not a credible investigation."

After repeatedly being unable to locate a freely-available arrest blotter for the Ridgway Marshall's Office (Ridgway Marshall's Office blotters are published in the *Ouray Plaindealer*, which requires a paid subscription), the *Mirror* spoke with Ouray Police Chief Jeff Wood, whose office releases [blotters](#) to the public regularly at

no charge, though names are redacted to prevent shaming.

Ouray PD releases blotters, "So that the citizens of Ouray know what the law enforcement that they fund does on a given day," Wood said.

"I want the public to know what we are doing, and how our day is spent; they're paying for it."

## **REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

### **CRIME STOPPERS ALERT**

*Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers Alert*  
MONTROSE-The Montrose County Sheriff's Office and Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers are seeking the help of community members to identify and locate the involved person or persons who slashed several tires up on Buckhorn Mountain.

On May 19, 2020, six to eight tires mounted on a pickup and trailer were slashed while parked up on Buckhorn Mountain. If anyone was up there on that day and remembers anything suspicious involving the mentioned vehicle, they are encouraged to call.

Anyone with information about these crimes or the identity of the involved parties, or any other crimes may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500, use the mobile app P3 Tips, or provide information via [P3tips.com](https://p3tips.com). Crime Stoppers want your information, not your identity. If the Tip results in an arrest, the Tipster may receive a cash award. For additional information, please view our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers](https://www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers). Crime prevention and crime solution are everyone's responsibility. MRCS would like to remind everyone that all persons of interest depicted in our Alerts by photo or not, or by any other means, are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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### GMUG CONTINUES TO OPEN DEVELOPED RECREATION FACILITIES

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests continue to work through an ever-changing situation to open recreational access to public land users while adhering to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) guidance, along with state and local government public health orders while prioritizing public and employee health and safety.

In accordance with current risk assessments, the GMUG National Forests have begun phased opening of recreation sites and facilities with mitigation measures in place.

Some of these mitigation measures include increased access to personal protective equipment and sanitization for employees, social distancing in campsites,

and installing physical barriers to protect employees.

Public land users are asked to recreate responsibly and check local conditions ahead of time. Current information on campground status and the GMUG National Forests' management of the coronavirus can be found at [fs.usda.gov/goto/campgrounds](https://fs.usda.gov/goto/campgrounds).

Additional information can be found by calling the appropriate office listed above, by visiting the official GMUG National Forests website [fs.usda.gov/gmug](https://fs.usda.gov/gmug), or by visiting our social media at [twitter.com/gmug\\_nf](https://twitter.com/gmug_nf) or [facebook.com/GMUG.NF/](https://facebook.com/GMUG.NF/)

The GMUG National Forests will continue to assess possible risks after a site has opened.

If risks cannot be mitigated, the site will undergo review and may be closed. All

sites at open campgrounds will be available except for the few that do not allow for proper social distancing.

Reservations will be honored, and if any reservation site is closed, the reservation will be honored at a walk-up site.

The GMUG National Forests reminds everyone to consistently follow the latest federal, state, and local health guidance.

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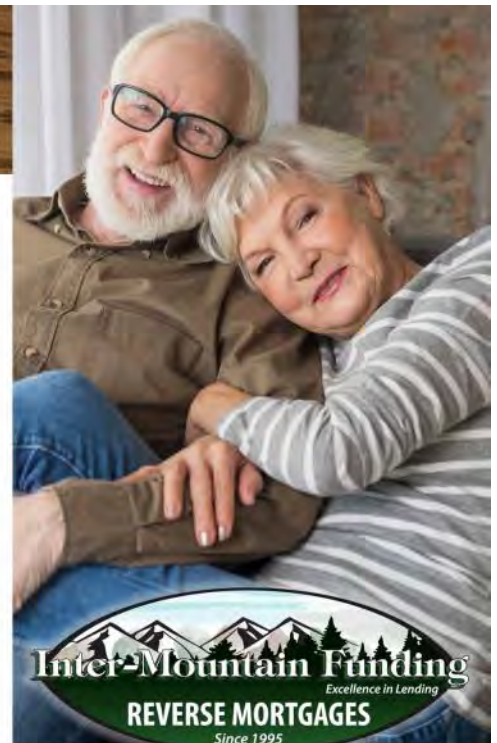
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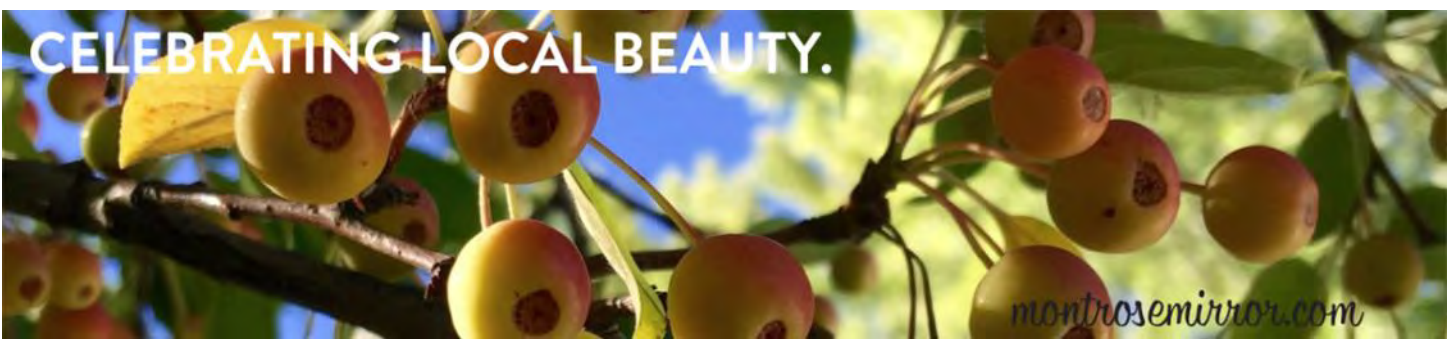
### CITY OFFICES TO CLOSE JULY 2: TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE TO CHANGE

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE — In observance of the Independence Day holiday weekend, City of Montrose offices will close Thursday, July 2. While the city has been operating with limited public access due to the COVID-19 pandemic, City Hall, the Downtown Visitor Center, Municipal Court, Animal Shelter, Montrose Pavilion, and Public Works will all close in observance of the holiday.

Police Department offices will be closed, however, officers will be on duty and responding to calls. The Black Canyon Golf Course will be open. City residential trash customers who would normally receive service on Thursday, July 2, will instead be served on Tuesday, June 30, and Wednesday, July 1. Thursday customers located south of San Juan Avenue will be served Tuesday, June 30. Customers residing

north of San Juan Avenue will be served Wednesday, July 1. Recycling customers, who would normally receive collection service Thursday, July 2, will instead be served Friday, July 3. For more information, contact City Hall at 970.240.1400 or visit [CityOfMontrose.org/Holiday](http://CityOfMontrose.org/Holiday). Residents with questions about route adjustments are encouraged to call City Hall at 970.240.1400 or visit [CityofMontrose.org/](http://CityofMontrose.org/)





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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### SECRETARY OF STATE APPLAUDS SIGNING OF REMOTE NOTARY LEGISLATION

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER-Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold has applauded the signing of the Remote Notaries Protect Privacy bill into law after it passed the House and Senate unanimously. Following an Executive Order by Governor Polis in March, the Secretary of State's office moved quickly to establish emergency rules allowing for remote notarization amidst the coronavirus pandemic. This legislation extends these emergency rules through December 31, 2020 through statute. During this time, the Secretary of State's office will develop, build and certify permanent remote notary systems in Colorado which will take effect on December 31, 2020.

"This legislation ensures Coloradans can continue to move forward with important personal and business transactions, supporting critical activity in the midst of a global pandemic," said Secretary Griswold. "I am proud of how quickly the Secretary of State's office was able to implement temporary remote notary services at the onset of COVID-19. This legislation provides certainty to Colorado's people and businesses that remote notary services will continue to be available in the future. I would like to thank Representatives Carver and Duran, and Senators Rodriguez and Holbert for their leadership on this issue."

"I am proud of the work we have done to pass SB20-096, and grateful for the input of Secretary of State Jena Griswold and the support of all stakeholders involved," said Representative Monica Duran. "This was a necessary, urgently needed change that benefits the health and safety of Coloradans."

Highlights of the legislation include:

- An amendment to the bill extending the Secretary of State's emergency rules authorizing remote notary until Dec 31, 2020 to preserve the remote notary option while the permanent rules and remote program are being built
- Privacy protections for individuals and transactions;

- Requirement that records must be stored and secured;

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- The Secretary of State has strong rule-making powers to ensure the integrity, privacy, security and accessibility of records, and prescribe requirements for the use and approval of remote notary and storage systems.

For the Notice of Temporary Adoption for the Colorado Notary Program Rules (8 CCR 1505-11), please click [here](#). The notice includes the readopted rules, a statement of basis, and statement of justification. For an unofficial copy of the notary rules as adopted and effective 6/26/2020, please click [here](#).

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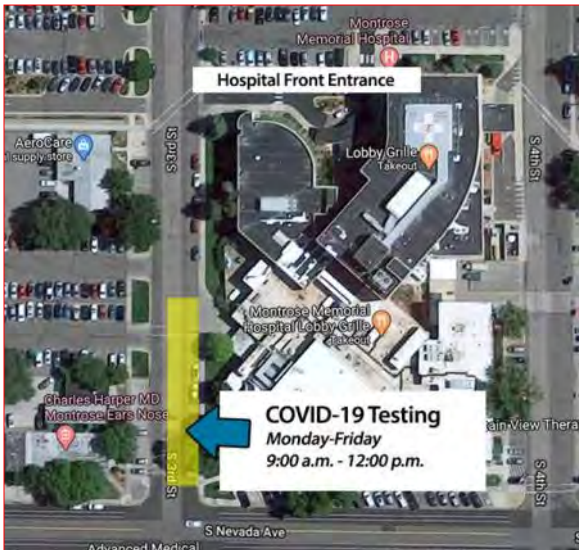
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# SYMPTOMATIC COVID-19 TESTING SITE MOVES TO MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL JUNE 29



### *Special to the Mirror*

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The testing site will serve nasopharyngeal COVID tests for patients who are symptomatic or receiving an elective procedure. Individuals who do not have symptoms of COVID-19, a provider's order, or need a test for travel or personal reasons can call Delta Public Health's free testing site at (970) 874-2165.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 16, 2020

Editor:

"Scott Damman "Quote" ...Myself and many, many other citizens are patiently awaiting City Council to make a statement related to the Divot's situation with then Mayor Bowman...along with what happened when this was messaged into City Hall after the first concert last year, June 2019."

Bynum said, "Great. Thank you very much Mr. Damman. For all those reasons I explained prior to your comments, you'll understand we're not being rude by not saying anything but moving on with our meeting...so we're going to continue on with our agenda." End Quote.

Easy Fix.

Mayor Bynum and council, it is time to step away from council chambers without any city employee's speaking for you and meet the voters of Montrose in a one on one neutral setting and take questions directly from individual persons (not on cards) as you stated you would do during this past election.

A neutral place like the County Event Center would work. Rules of common courtesy would apply to all in attendance and all questions related to the subject matter directly and indirectly would be responded to in an back and forth follow up format. Only City Council members would be able to respond to questions from the public. No special privileges or exception allowed.

Transparency and the truth would certainly be on the table.

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## PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE



# FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC TRANSITION

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](mailto: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](http://montrosecounty.net/immunizations)  
For questions through June 30th, or to obtain your immunization records, contact Linda Vandehey at 252-7048 or [lvandehey@montrosecounty.net](mailto:lvandehey@montrosecounty.net).



## ***DMEA TALKS ELECTRIC VEHICLES, MOVING FORWARD WITH GUZMAN AT JUNE 23 MEETING From pg 1***

from Regular May Board Meeting, Minutes from Annual Meeting of Members and Minutes from the Organizational Board Meeting were all approved unanimously.

**Finance – Audit – Rate Committee (FAR)** – Brad Harding, Chair.

Harding said, “We did not meet in June. Nothing to update the group on.”

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jasen Bronec said, “The first part of August we will have a FAR meeting with three goals. The first is updating the long-term financial forecast. The second is the capital credits discussion and special retirement of capital credits, especially as it applies to Russell Stover. The third is the EV Rate [Electrical Vehicle Rate].”

**Green Power Tariff**

Bronec said, “I just sent you a copy of the Green Power Rate. This was offered through Tri State. Since we are no longer members of Tri State, we are no longer participating in the program. There are 124 members currently on this rate.”

Chief Power Supply Officer Jim Heneghan gave background on the program, which preceded his own employment. He said, “It was instituted by Tri State and allowed regular customers to participate in blocks of green power. It was a way to fund the industry for renewable energy. After the initial industry-wide push it was not robust and could not be verified. It fell out of favor and got in a bad light. DMEA discouraged member participation and went to the Community Solar Program. Our push has been to do local renewables over the Green Tariff.”

Bronec said, “We can amend, or do away with this rate.”

Board President Bill Patterson said, “Can people still sign up for Community Solar?”

Heneghan said, “It’s full now.”

Chris Hauck said, “We need to work up some talking points for local projects.”

Patterson said, “Now that we are going to be out from under Tri State, we need to start bringing up our other projects like solar.”

Bronec said, “These items will be part of

our strategy planning session.”

Jock Fleming said, “If it’s a Tri State program, get out. We don’t need to have anything to do with this if we don’t have to.”

Stacia Cannon said, “We need to tell the 124 members that we will re-evaluate this at our strategy planning session in August.”

**Engineering – Construction – Renewable Energy Committee** – Chris Hauck, Chair.

Hauck said, “No meeting to report.”

Bronec said, “We probably won’t have Engineering or Member Relations [committee reports] until we get through the strategy.”

Fleming said, “Will we talk with Guzman on strategy? When we go to the strategy session [should we] have three or four options. Do we need to think about options?”

Heneghan said, “What’s in process now is joint development.”

Bronec said, “It’s how much involvement the board wants to have. What projects are we going to own and control? Some are driven by Guzman and out of our hands. How involved does the board want to be?”

Fleming said, “I’m excited about this.”

Patterson referenced electric vehicles. He said, “Where are we going to grow our demand?”

Bronec said, “It’s based on our capital. Do we want to make the push to incentives, or let the market drive it?”

Enno Heuscher said, “There is a Western Slope Tesla Club.”

Bronec said, “We’ll get through the strategy meeting and we’ll key-up these questions there.”

Heneghan said, “We start the first of July with new control. We should have time.”

Later in the meeting Heneghan returned to the topic of charging stations for electronic vehicles, a project in which DMEA is partnering with the City of Montrose.

Heneghan said, “There is a delay on Tesla and they have postponed installation of the charging point. We can’t proceed until we have an MOU [memorandum of understanding]. The project is on hold. They

have to resolve how long the postponement is.”

**Member Relations – Energy Services Committee** – Virginia Harman, COO.

Harman said, “There was no meeting and there will be no meeting in July. We had two complaints on the annual meeting. One person had trouble joining the [virtual] meeting and one person complained we didn’t have enough door prizes.”

**Executive Committee** – Bill Patterson, Chair.

No report given.

**Safety and Occupational Health Report** – Virginia Harman, COO.

Harman said, “We had one lineman twist his back. The breaks failed on one vehicle, which appears to be a factory problem, but there is age on the vehicle.” One lineman received a shock when cleaning debris in a hard-to-see area. Harman said, “We’re asking them to wear rubber gloves in cases where they can’t see. One lineman was on the ground when a cut-out blew. There is nothing we could change, or do in this situation.”

The staff continues to watch the governor’s orders on COVID-19. Harman said, “Our practices in the office are consistent with the governor’s orders. We are prepared for a second COVID wave if that is a possibility.”

**Financial Report with Variance Report** – Wade Pynes, CFO.

Pynes said, “The May 1<sup>st</sup> budget to exit Tri State caused some variance. Page eight [financial report] looks like we are sitting on a lot of cash. There is only \$4 M of unrestricted cash that we are sitting on. The chart is somewhat deceptive and we need to adjust the chart.”

Fleming said, “My read tells me COVID has not affected us.”

Bronec said, “The revenue we bill and the revenue we collect are different.”

Pynes said, “A lot of the billing will be hitched to a payment plan per the governor.”

Fleming said, “We just have to watch over the next few months.”

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## ***DMEA TALKS ELECTRIC VEHICLES, MOVING FORWARD WITH GUZMAN AT JUNE 23 MEETING From previous pg***

Harman said, "We have been working with members on late fees."

### **CEO Report - Jasen Bronec, CEO.**

Bronec offered to answer any questions the board might have on the written report he submitted.

Items planned for the August strategy sessions included an electronic survey, the agenda format, the state of the industry, setting objectives, and setting initiatives.

Bronec said, "We're getting the foundation and the meat of the issues on the table. We'll keep it simple and try to get it done in one day, but it depends on the number of issues from the survey."

### **May 2020 SAIDI (Systems Average Interruption Duration Index) Report.**

Bronec said, "SAIDI had a tick up in the month of May when a few cars hit poles. A Tri State employee tripped a substation and we had a three-minute outage, but it was over a large area. There was one tree-related outage that extended our SAIDI, no plant conditions, but issues."

### **Legal Report - Jeff Hurd, Attorney.**

Report saved for Executive Session.

### **Tri State Report - Kyle Martinez.**

Martinez said, "Most of the meat of my report is the written report. The legal battle continues. Tri State countersued United in Adams County Court; the saga continues. On June 30<sup>th</sup> my email at Tri State will be deactivated." DMEA will exit from Tri State on July 1.

### **WUES Report (Western United Electrical**

### **Association) - Jock Fleming.**

Fleming said, "We met the end of May.

There was nothing about the issues I raised in the minutes. I asked for the minutes to be amended. We had a lot of discussion about their margins and debt. I don't see any mention about that again in the minutes. They keep re-wording what was said in the minutes and I keep amending the minutes to include the fact that we had the discussion. There are three of us [on the board] raising questions and the others say we're not going to talk about it and sent it to executive committee."

Bronec said, "The previous CEO got upset with me for even questioning the compensation plan. Their prices [to DMEA] are good but our argument is it could be better. Benefits should be coming back to members."

### **CREA Report (Colorado Rural Electric Association) - Damon Lockhart.**

Lockhart said, "We met May 29<sup>th</sup> in a Zoom meeting and I sent you the notes. HB 1137 [House Bill] is a big one for us. I don't know if the governor has signed it yet. We have another meeting coming up June 26<sup>th</sup>." Lockhart is now on the CREA Budget Review Committee and will Chair the Education and Communication Committee.

There was a brief discussion on the *Colorado Country Life Magazine*, a co-op trade publication, and whether or not the publication was keeping up with the times.

### **Montrose and Delta County Fair Auction Representatives**

Ken Watson volunteered to be the representative for the Montrose County Fair and Stacia Cannon will be the representative for the Delta County Fair. The board discussed two programs for purchasing fair animals and it was determined that the Buy-Back Program would impact more 4-H families.

### **Member Comments:**

There were no member comments.

### **Executive Session:**

General Counsel Legal Update

Power Supply

**Next Meeting:** July 28, 2020 3-5:00 p.m.

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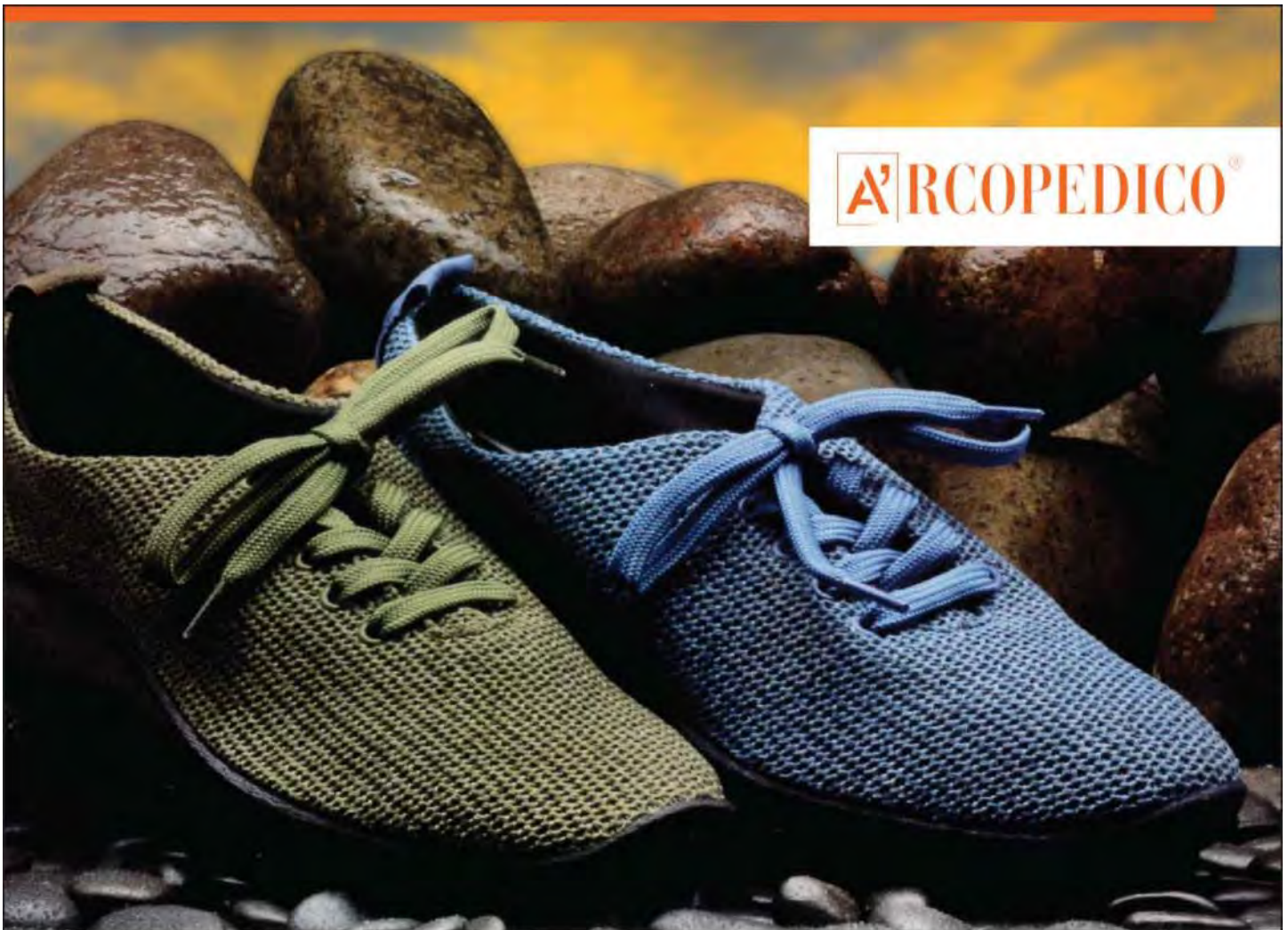


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## RAISING A GLASS, RAISING THE BAR *From pg 1*

manager and co-owner Kari Williams. For the past six years, Williams has built the Snow Capped Cider brand with her husband Ty.

Ty William's expertise as a grower and the carefully chosen apples used to make the cidery's products have helped Snow Capped Cider stand out in a crowded market and accumulate a prestigious collection of industry awards. In November,

Snow Capped Cider was the only Western Slope company included in 5280 magazine's list of five favorite Colorado cideries.

With a background in marketing and sales, Kari Williams' business skills have also played an essential role in showcasing Snow Capped Cider, and she now manages the company.

"I knew that we could not move forward with him managing several other companies," she said. So, "I found my passion in cider, gained knowledge, and we took our company farther and in a new direction than we had gone before."

The girl who grew up on a farm in Utah is now the only woman on the board of the Colorado Cider Guild (CCG). She has also learned about fermentation, about apple flavors, and about blending them together. "I want to create a flavor experience," Kari said, "Something genuine from a fruit grower's perspective."

Snow Capped Cider is not an urban cidery --no concentrates, adjuncts, or outside juices are used in production, she said. "I am motivated to create a high-quality product with premium fruit, premium growing practices, and the purest flavor profiles.

"I've become quite the apple snob," she said. "It's really fun."



*Above, high end cider in a can; at left, one of Snow Capped Cider's new single varietal releases; Kari Williams and her husband Ty taste every batch of cider before release. Courtesy photos.*



### "I COULD DO WAY MORE THAN THIS"

As the company matured and expanded, so did its unrealized potential. "I kept thinking, I could do way more than this," Kari said. "In order to grow, it had to be me—this is a completely woman-driven business. My husband grows the premium fruit that I use to turn Snow Capped Cider into something completely different."

She began to experiment with fermentation trials early on, and with the growing of cider-specific apples from England and France such as Dabbinet and Kingston Black—known as the king of cider apples. "We began growing cider apples before we ever distributed cider, eight years ago," Kari said, adding that cider-specific apple varietals originated in France and England and are rarely grown in the United States.

"Ty is also really good with flavor and balancing cider," she said. "He is the apple wizard. He monitors how the fruit changes with each harvest.

"We began in bottles, went into cans, and on the sidelines we have spent the past three years working on the development of our now mature cider varietal apples," she said, "and doing fermentation trials and aging--some ciders age further in the bottle after they are completed in fermentation, three to six months, then age an-



other few months in bottle before we release them."

### FROM BLENDS TO SINGLE VARIETALS

In the past, Snow Capped Cider produced carefully selected blends; the cidery will branch out this year, with a new line of 750 ml single varietal Reserve Line blends to be released Aug. 1.

"This is a big, big deal," Kari said. "These are so different."

Cider-specific apples are very complex, she said. "They have razor-sharp acid content astringency, the PH is different, they smell wonderful when fermented...it's a complexity, it's just a different ball game.

"I can smell cider apples in a cider now--I can nearly tell the varietal, the sugar content, and the approximate ABV (alcohol by volume)."

### HIGH END CIDER...IN A CAN

Said Kari, "We are one of only a rare few that could put a cider apple blend in a can. Our Gold Rush is made with 100-percent French and English cider varietals.

"We are the first, and possibly the only, company in Colorado that can produce it and supply it statewide, estate-grown from Colorado."

### PROTECTING THE FRUIT, BEING PREPARED

This year, many fruit growers across the

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country will not even see a crop due to the late freeze, but that was not the case for Snow Capped Cider. "We were more prepared because of where we grow," Kari said. "We have to do more to keep fruit at this elevation. We use propane heat, open fire, and we use hail netting, because a summer hailstorm can knock out a crop or change a number one apple to a non-sale."

All wood from tree pruning is saved and stockpiled for frost protection. "We use 200 cords per day during some springs," she said. In addition, the high elevation orchards (6,130 ft) have between 58 to 68 wind machines in place. Cider varieties were untouched due to being later bloomers; peaches and early apples were most at risk this year.

"A lot of growers won't go to that expense, but protecting our fruit is one thing we are very prepared to do," Kari said. "It's pretty vital for us to get that fruit off the tree."

During the COVID-19 closures, Snow Capped Cider production crews were moved to the orchards, where they fought the spring frost and planted trees. "Our team got a really different view of what we do, building experience for 'Team Snow,'" she said.

As the business grows, Ty and Kari continue to control the cider making process. "We have a production team," Kari said. "I have hired some very experienced brewers; our production team has fermentation backgrounds. They blend, we taste and release all batches."

With the more complex blends, "I oversee every step," she said.

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### TREE WATERING NECESSARY DURING DROUGHT CONDITIONS

#### *Special to the Mirror*

**SOUTHWEST COLO**— Despite occasional showers in certain areas of southern Colorado, persistent drought conditions have parched the soil over much of the southern part of the state, stressing even irrigated lawns and larger landscape trees. During these periods of drought, homeowners should consider supplemental watering to keep their trees healthy.

“Adequately watering your trees is the best way to ensure optimum growth and vigor during the summer months,” said Donna Davis, urban and community forestry specialist for the Colorado State Forest Service. “Drought-stressed trees become susceptible to root and branch dieback and subsequent insect and disease problems.”

All of southern Colorado is currently experiencing some form of drought, in many places “severe” and “extreme,” according to the [latest data](#) from the National Drought Mitigation Center.

The CSFS offers the following tips to keep trees healthy during summer drought:

- Mulch. Mulch is an inexpensive solution to retain soil moisture and save water. Apply 4 inches of organic mulch onto bare soil within 2 to 3 feet from the base of the trunk (removing any grass first, if necessary). Do not allow the mulch to directly contact the trunk.
- Water a wide area. Tree root systems may spread much wider than the height of the tree, with most absorbing roots in the top foot of soil. Apply water to soak the entire area underneath the full span of a tree’s branches.
- Water slowly. To ensure soil penetration, use a deep root fork (inserted 8 inches or less), soaker hose on low setting or soft spray wand to apply water gradually to the full area.
- Keep the yard green. Trees located in irrigated lawns generally do not require additional water, as long as the area surrounding the tree receives adequate mois-

ture. Conversely, a dry, yellowish yard means the roots of any trees present are also dry.

-Provide enough water. For trees 1-3 inches in diameter, apply 10 gallons of water for each inch of tree trunk diameter once a week. For medium-sized trees, those 4-9 inches in diameter, apply 10 gallons of water for each inch of trunk diameter three times a month. For larger trees over 10 inches in diameter, apply 15 gallons of water for each inch of trunk diameter twice a month.

- Focus on new and non-irrigated trees. Water newly planted trees and seedlings more frequently than once a week, following the rates listed above, as they have less-extensive root systems. To avoid stress during drought conditions, trees that do not receive water from sprinkler systems or irrigation can also benefit from additional water.

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### INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS DIP BELOW 10K

#### *Special to the Mirror*

**DENVER**—The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) reported that initial claims for regular unemployment fell below 10,000 for the first time in three months with 9,882 claims filed the week ending June 20th.

There were also 10,385 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims filed for the same week.

Over the past 14 weeks, a total of 466,645 regular unemployment initial claims have been filed and a grand total of 588,988 claims, including federal PUA benefits.\*

The Department also announced it has paid out approximately \$2.7 billion in unemployment benefits since March 29. That amount includes regular unemploy-

ment benefits, and those filing Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC) claims, which provides eligible claimants an extra \$600 in federal benefits each week.

Benefits paid since March 29:

Regular UI: \$971.0 Million

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (gig workers/self-employed): \$327.0 Million  
Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (\$600/weekly UI benefits to eligible claimants): Apx. \$1.47 Billion

Total: \$2.74 Billion  
Benefits paid: Regular UI

Week ending June 20: \$90.4 Million

Most recent industry-level claims data is for the week ending June 6th.

Top 10 industries with highest Initial claims:\*\*

- #1 Accommodation and Food Services: 1,172 (11.6% of claims for week)
- #2 Education Services: 1,138 (11.3%)
- #3 Healthcare and Social Service: 1,058 (10.5%)
- #4 Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services: 909 (9.0%)
- #5 Retail Trade: 864 (8.5%)
- #6 Manufacturing: 845 (8.4%)
- #7 Transportation and Warehousing: 670 (6.6%)
- #8 Construction: 510 (5.0%)
- #9 Professional and Technical Services: 504 (5.0%)
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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### REP. HERROD APPLAUDS DECISION ON MCCAIN CASE

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER - On Thursday, June 25, Governor Polis announced that Attorney General Weiser will be intervening as the independent prosecutor overseeing the murder of Elijah McClain. Elijah was killed on Aug. 24, 2019, while walking home.

"I applaud Governor Polis' decision to take action by appointing Attorney General Phil Weiser as a special prosecutor overseeing the Elijah McClain case. District Attorney

Young has shown negligence in his role and has clearly demonstrated that he is incapable of carrying out justice for Elijah. Attorney General Phil Weiser is the top prosecutor in the state and I am confident that he will bring swift justice for the McClain family.

"Elijah was only 23 years old when he was taken from this world. His mother, Sheneen, keeps his memory alive by sharing the real Elijah with all of us. He was a

light to everyone around him and he was taken from this world way too soon, he should be here with us today. The cries for justice have gone unheard too long, but I am proud of Colorado for taking this step today. Walking home while black is not a crime and should never be a death sentence. No more excuses, it's time to fire the officers and paramedics that were involved and prosecute them to the full extent of the law," said Rep. Leslie Herrod.

### GOVERNOR POLIS SIGNS LEGISLATION CUTTING RED TAPE

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER - Governor Jared Polis signed House Bill 20-1326: "Concerning an Expansion of an Individual's Ability to Practice an Occupation in Colorado through Creation of an Occupational Credential Portability Program."

This bill, which was brought forth by the Division of Professions and Occupations within the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), and sponsored by Representatives Shannon Bird and Kevin Van Winkle and Senators Pete Lee and Bob Gardner, centralizes the credentialing process for individuals licensed in other states who wish to practice in Colorado. Importantly, this legislation includes a provision for licensure portability for military spouses, which will be key in Colorado's efforts to become the permanent location of the United States Space Force.

"Individuals who have earned occupational licensure now comprise over 20 percent of Colorado's economy, and if we want to continue growing and thriving, we need to commit to making the process of moving to and finding employment in our state as seamless as possible," DORA Executive Director Patty Salazar said. "Our Division of Professions and Occupations, charged with overseeing over 50 individual licensing programs that include healthcare, personal services, field services, and more, has been undertaking initiatives in recent years to cut red tape and further consoli-

date our services, and we are excited to get to work on this effort."

House Bill 20-1326 creates an occupational credential portability program within DORA that will enable regulators to more quickly and easily approve licensure for

qualified individuals.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### CITY COUNCIL HAS GONE ROGUE: JUSTICE FOR JANECE!

*Editor:*

In case you might have missed it, on Friday June 26, both KJCT Channel 8 and KKCO Channel 11 in Grand Junction ran an interview with Janece Culver of Divots [The aggrieved party], and Dave Bowman [The aggrieved].

In the 5 PM segment, Bowman stated, "I didn't know it was illegal!" [Referring to his lack of any legal authority to alter in any way the City contract with Ms Culver, by ILLEGALLY demanding a substantial portion of her liquor sales at last summer's music series]. What many are not aware of is that by virtue of warming a seat on City Council, Bowman acted as a sitting member of the Liquor Licensing Board that approved Ms Culver's liquor license. Yet, here he is publicly, feigning "ignorance of the law"! No doubt he has forgotten, if he ever knew, that "ignorance of the law" is no valid excuse for breaking it!

The TV interviewer stated that Bowman had said that he earned that money fair and square [About \$6,000 collected from Ms Culver in his ILLEGAL scheme as

Mayor]. It hardly qualifies as "fair" or "square" when Ms Culver was TOLD in no uncertain terms exactly what she would have to pay him as City Mayor, especially when he should have known his demands were ILLEGAL!

In the 6PM segment, Bowman made the most honest statement I've heard pass his lips yet. On camera he said that in all this, "The losers are the community of Montrose". Truer words were never spoken! The City of Montrose and its residents are the real BIG LOSERS, when: [1] The sitting Mayor unilaterally breaks a City contract by ILLEGALLY demanding a portion of the license holders liquor proceeds, [2] The City Manager [Bell] and Assistant Manager [Morgenthaler], knowing full well the situation, failed to rectify the obvious wrong, [3] Our City Attorney fails in his duty in the face of this ILLEGAL scheme, and [4] Our supposedly illustrious and trustworthy City Council fails miserably in their publicly proclaimed devotion to transparency and accountability, by remaining silent in hopes this scandal will lose impetus.

During the past, many citizens that actual-

ly pay attention to what occurs with City government, have called into question various actions by City Management and Council, but this sordid affair caused by our Mayor, has caused the vast majority to finally awake to the fact that a "deep state" exists within our local government. This scandal has the chances of a snowball in hell of simply fading away!

Many people who have been wronged by City actions have lacked the courage or conviction to seek redress, but thankfully Ms Culver is not afflicted by that malady! A formal complaint has been filed with the Montrose County Sheriff's Office, so now the wheels of the long arm of our legal system are starting to turn. Sadly for our residents and taxpayers, Bowman's actions and Council/Management failure to act, have opened the City up for additional legal action individually and severely.

Ms. Culver deserves this community's thanks and support for her determination in standing up to a City government gone rogue. JUSTICE FOR JANECE must be on the lips of us all!

*Dee Laird, Montrose*

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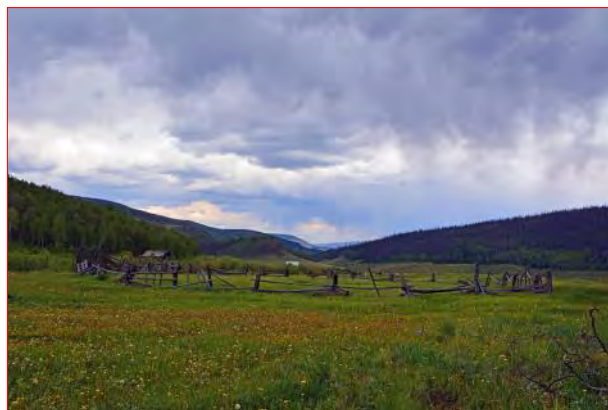


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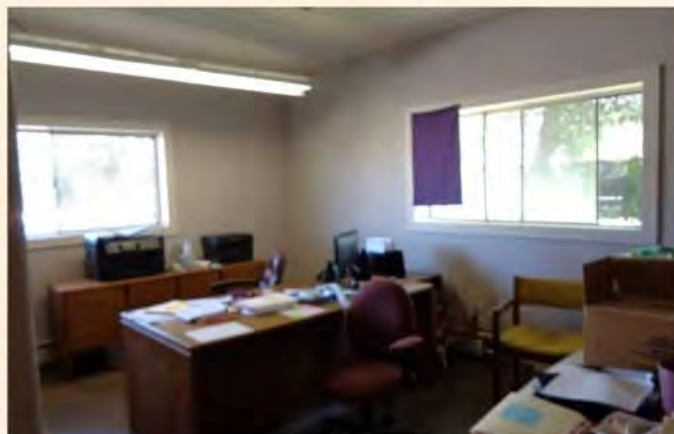
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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### COMMISSIONER KEITH CADDY NAMED WESTERN DISTRICT CCI PRESIDENT



*Gail Marvel took this picture of Commissioner Caddy on the campaign trail June 25, as he went door to door in Montrose canvassing local neighborhoods on behalf of the Montrose County Republicans. Caddy has been elected to serve as President of the Western District of Colorado Counties Inc (CCI).*

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Commissioner Keith Caddy has been elected as President of the Western District of Colorado Counties Inc., (CCI). CCI is the professional association for Colorado's counties and works heavily in the areas of legislation, lobbying, and

policy analysis. There are five CCI districts within the state that were created so that the county commissioners in the same geographic region can meet periodically to discuss issues and common interests. Districts are also important to help advocate for issues of regional and statewide im-

portance.

"It is an honor to represent the Western Slope at this level," said Commissioner Caddy. "As a Montrose native with an agricultural background, promoting west slope interests is important for me. I am humbled that my peer commissioners chose me for this position."

Commissioner Caddy's election as Western District President follows Commissioner Sue Hansen's statewide recognition as Freshman Commissioner of the Year for 2019.

"Congratulations to Keith on the well-earned recognition from his peers," said Commissioner Hansen. "He's a strong advocate for Montrose County and an outstanding fellow Commissioner."

Commissioner Caddy was elected by commissioners from the following counties: Archuleta, Delta, Dolores, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mesa, Moffat, Montezuma, Ouray, Rio Blanco, Routt, San Juan and San Miguel Counties.

For more information on CCI, please visit <https://ccionline.org/ci/district-officers/>.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### COLORADO EMPLOYMENT SITUATION MAY 2020

#### Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-Employers in Colorado added 68,800 nonfarm payroll jobs from April to May for a total of 2,539,900 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. Private sector payroll jobs increased 80,800 and government declined by 12,000. April estimates were revised down to 2,471,100, and the over the month change from March to April was a decrease of 325,800 rather than the originally estimated decrease of 323,500.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate decreased two percentage points from April to May to 10.2 percent. Additionally, the previously reported April 2020 unemployment rate of 11.3 percent was revised up to 12.2 percent.

The number of people actively participating in the labor force in May increased 8,400 over the month to 3,063,200 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 69,600 to 2,750,700, causing the number of unemployed to decrease 61,200 and the unemployment rate to decline to 10.2 percent. The national unemployment rate decreased one and four-tenths of a percentage point in May to 13.3 percent.

Over the year, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.2 to 33.7 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$30.22 to \$31.39.

Significant over the month private sector job gains occurred in leisure and hospitali-

ty (~29,700), educational and health services (~23,000), other services (~6,700), manufacturing (~6,500), construction (5,900), professional and business services (~5,200), financial activities (~3,500), and trade, transportation, and utilities (~2,000). The largest over the month decline was in information.

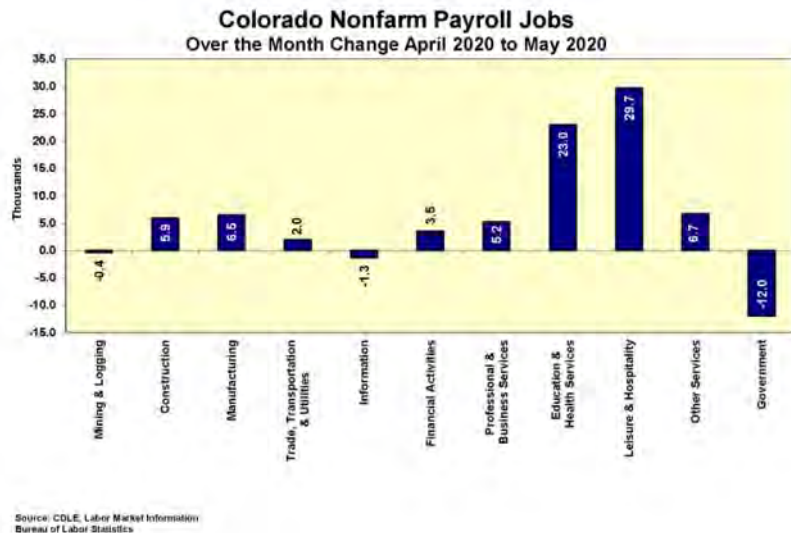
Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs decreased 236,200, with a decline of 221,500 in the private sector and a decline of 14,700 in government. The largest private sector job losses were in leisure and hospitality, trade, transportation, and

utilities, and educational and health services. There were no private sector over the year job gains.

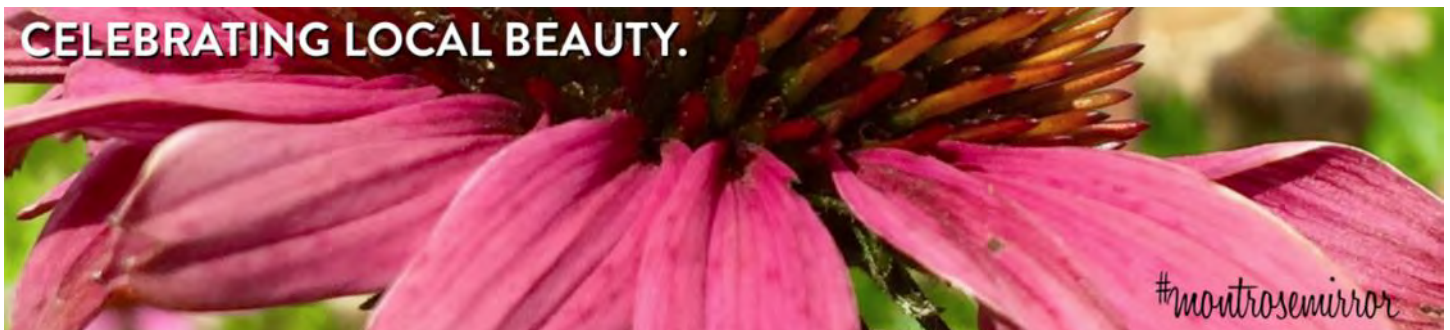
Over the year, the unemployment rate is up seven and four-tenths of a percentage point from 2.8 percent.

The number of Coloradans participating in the labor force decreased 69,800, total employment decreased 293,900 and the number of unemployed increased 224,100.

The national unemployment rate increased from 3.6 percent in May 2019 to 13.3 percent in May 2020.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DELTA HOSPITAL WELCOMES NEW FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA— For Julie Fournier, new Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) at Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH), the decision to join the health care team at DCMH allowed her to connect with her rural community roots.

"I am looking forward to being part of two different, established practices with doctors who are just great – I am thrilled," said Fournier. "I am from a rural town of about 450 in the backwoods of Maine, so [rural] is what I know. It's where I grew up and it's a big part of who I am as a person."

Fournier will be joining the Internal Medicine and Premier Women's Healthcare of Delta teams, providing primary care services to patients.

For more than 30 years Fournier has been a Registered Nurse working in various departments including emergency, home health and hospice. In 2010 she became a Nurse Practitioner and worked in Farmington, New Mexico at a Federally Qualified Health Center. Fournier has worked in Delta County before and is excited to work with new patients and previous patients again.

"I'm a diploma registered nurse from a hospital program back east," said Fournier. "I obtained my Bachelor's in Nursing

from the University of Wyoming and my master's from Frontier University in Kentucky, which was actually the original midwifery school in the United States."

Fournier says her passion lies in women's healthcare, chronic disease management, and geriatric care. It's about helping people get control of their health issues and about being a partner with them and helping them reach their health goals, she said.

"When it comes to gynecologic care, a woman's body doesn't stop maturing after having children," said Fournier, "and so I am passionate about providing health care across the entire life span for women."

Rural healthcare is also something Fournier is passionate about and says she gets excited about being able to let people know the many resources and amazing health care options available to them in their own community.

"I think it's important to let people know that they don't have to go outside of their community to get the [health care services] that they need," said Fournier. "As a [healthcare provider] we have such an important role in keeping people in our community healthy. So it's really nice to be part of an organization like DCMH."

Fournier and her husband moved to Delta from the four corners area and enjoy spending time cross country skiing on the



*Julie Fournier, is the new Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) at Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH). Courtesy photo.*

Grand Mesa and gardening.

"We feel fortunate to have found the ideal land to make a homestead in Hotchkiss which has also allowed us to reconnect to our rural roots in Maine," said Fournier. "I am looking forward to being part of a community organization and getting to help residents reach their health goals."

*Fournier will start seeing patients at DCMH's Internal Medicine and Premier Women's Healthcare of Delta starting in July. To make an appointment at Internal Medicine, call 970.874.7668 or 970.874.7930 for Premier Women's.*



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### BOWMAN USED CITY POSITION TO BULLY LIQUOR LICENSE HOLDER

*Editor:*

After watching the tv news Friday June 26 both KKCO-11 AND KJCT-8 I was astonished when I visualized what Ms.

Janece Culver must be going through. The interview reported that then Mayor Bowman had collected over \$6,000.00 from Ms. Culver and Ms. Culver reported she was not asked to pay up but was told to pay up. Although "I am not a lawyer" some common sense questions are now in play. As a "non-lawyer" therefore it is solely my "OPINION" the City of Montrose may be in a deep legal, and ethical hole here?

1. I understand that there is a contract in place between Ms. Culver and the City of Montrose which spells out in details the terms and conditions of the financial and operational requirements of both the city and Ms. Culver?

2. I understand Ms. Culver is an INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR operating on city property and must comply with all federal, state laws and local ordinances?

3. Does the liquor License specifically state others cannot profit from the holder's license?

4. Does the Divot's contract specifically state that the revenue generated by all

sales must be reported in its financial reports to the City and of course to the IRS etc.?

5. Does the city contract state that exceptions can be made, and Mr. Bowman can demand payment for his event?

6. Did Mr. Bowman demand payment of Ms. Culver while in a position of superior authority and on city property in namely the Divot's restraint/Golf Course Property?

7. Was MS. Culver to believe that Mr. Bowman's demands were legitimate and that he was acting within the scope of his authority or as an agent of the city?

8. Did Ms. Culver in any way feel threatened or intimidated by Mr. Bowman's demands? If she did, is this considered extortion? The question to follow is what made Ms. Culver write four checks costing her over \$6,000.00?

9. All contracts usually have a Contract Administrator in an official position of legal and administrative trust? Who was that person? Was that person Ms. Morgenthaler or Mr. Bell?

10. Ms. Culver reportedly made a report of her concerns to Ms. Morgenthaler. What was stated in that report and what actions were taken to address her

concerns? Did Ms. Morgenthaler report it to the City Manager, City Council and the City attorney etc.? What actions and conversations followed? Questions remain, were laws broken? Is Mr. Bowman personally liable for his actions? Are staff and the city liable for allowing possible state, Federal, liquor law violations to continue in spite of of Ms. Culver's reported concerns? Has the city or MEMBERS of COUNCIL even acknowledged Ms. Culver's complaint? Was the city contract breached by the actions or inactions of staff and council? What justification does the city have for ignoring an employee/concessionaire's concerns? Is this the effort of one lady, a concessionaire, running a legitimate and honest business for her living being bullied by those in authority at the city? Is the city also complicit due to its actions and inactions?

All of Montrose should ask themselves, "How would I feel if the same thing happened to me? Lastly, waiting for Mr. Bowman and City Council to state what is Mr. Bowman and the city authority is to do this to Ms. Culver?

This cannot stand. JUSTICE for JANECE CULVER.

*Bill Ramsey, Montrose*

*Now more than ever...*

*Thank you for reading*

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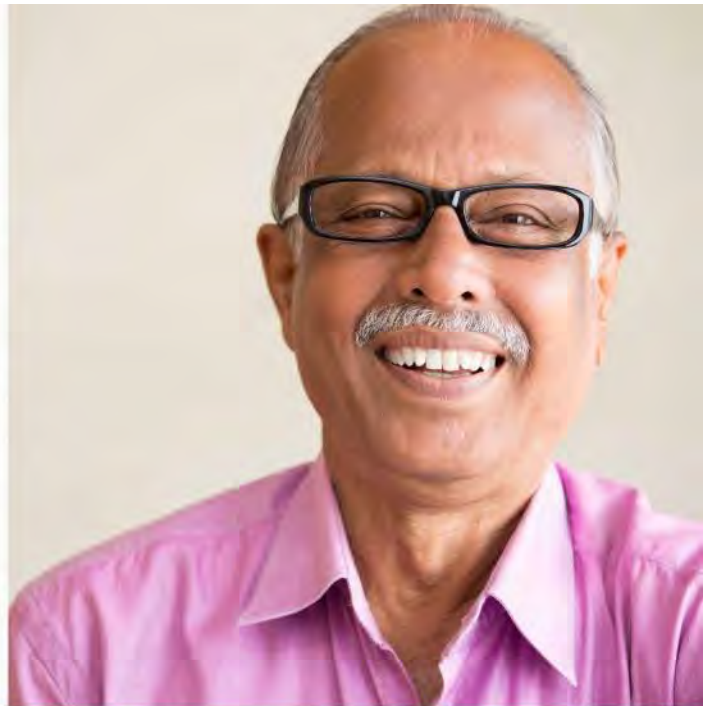
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# GNC TO CLOSE RIVER LANDING STORE



*Mirror staff photo*

*MONTROSE-GNC announced last week that the River Landing store (left) is among those to be closed in the company's restructuring.*



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### WHY HASN'T CITY COUNCIL ASKED BOWMAN TO RETURN \$6k TO DIVOT'S?

*Editor:*

Mr. Bowman, by his own admission told Ms. Culver to pay up.

Ms. Culver paid up and reported the whole mess to Ms. Morganthaler. And anyone else?

Ms. Culver got no response from her report.

This action was against the law which Mr. Bowman was responsible for knowing, especially as mayor, in reviewing liquor license applications. He claims ignorance of the law.

Why should he even be on council when he apparently does not do his homework either as a member or as mayor? Do any of the other four councilors do their homework or do they just vote 'blind'.

The council, at this point in time could have insisted Bowman to return the \$6,000. Had Bowman had the good sense and the grace to have admitted his error, returned the funds and apologized this whole thing would have likely gone away. Instead he said on TV that he needed the

money to help pay for the concert for betterment of the community (he did not use such big words). Who does this guy think he is, 'Robin Hood'? More like 'Little John!'

Obviously he did not back down, give the money back and the issue has not gone away. The council and the city manager and the assistant city manager conspired to stonewall the 'problem'. In city council/manager minds they would just 'play ignorant' for a couple of weeks and the issue would go away. Well ignorant they maybe were and definitely they are. This issue is not going to go away until Mr.

Bowman pays the full price for his behavior, both civil and criminal. He took the money that did not belong to him did he not? Bank robbers do the same thing (take money) and where do they go?

Montroseans you should pay attention to what you elected to run your city and to who they employed. Just how stupid is this bunch of petit bourgeois you have put in charge? Do they really think the Mont-

rose proletariat will roll over and kick their feet up? After the last election, highly contested and strongly debated, do they really feel that the opposition electorate will forget about pursuing this issue.

Morganthaler and Bell certainly knew of this debacle before it went public. At least three councilors knew it, too. Why do I say this? Because Bell plays the council like an old violin and there had to be a 'concert' of three councilors to vote for SILENCE. Now it does not matter who the two besides Bowman are, suffice it to say the remaining two 'play along to get along.'

Just what could the motive need to be to get these six people to cover up for an admitted wrongdoer? Maybe if he were the father of the six it might happen. Are some or most of the six in something up to their necks?

Perhaps all of these six should be named as 'persons of interest' and let the CBI have a look-see.

*Bill Bennett, Montrose*



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# ART & SOL

## FIND FUN WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS @ ESCAPE ROOM MONTROSE



*Escape Room Montrose is located at 100 Tessitore Court, Suite A, the little office space right behind Buckaroo's Slices and Scoops on Main street. Photo by Paul Arbogast.*

By Paul Arbogast

MONTROSE-The Magnetic North Pole is currently shifting at a faster rate than usual, Santa's reindeer flew through the shift, and now they are all flying and walking backwards. They need your help to set things right again.

North Pole Shift is the first of what will eventually be three different themed escape rooms at Escape Room Montrose, newly opened by Audrey Norris this past weekend.

If you have never heard of escape rooms, they are rooms where a group is given a set amount of time to find a way to escape by figuring out clues and puzzles throughout the room. It is a fun time where friends and family can work together to solve a multitude of puzzles to get clues to escape and win the room.

"The goal of coming in is to have fun," Audrey said. Years ago, Audrey downloaded an app called 'The Room' and loved the puzzles. This led to her discovery of physical escape rooms, just as they were opening up across the country.

She since has traveled all over working to solve numerous rooms. She created and opened Escape Room Montrose because she wanted to bring that challenge, excitement, and fun to Montrose.

Escape Room Montrose's first room is for groups of up to six people. And while you can have a smaller group, there are enough puzzles to keep a group of six busy working together to solve the room.

Though more people working together leads to more fun, and certainly more to talk and celebrate when you have solved the room in time.

I was able to get a small glimpse of North Pole Shift, and there is no one kind of thinking or linear thought process to solving the room. Everyone has a different way of thinking and looking at things, so a group working together in the room allows for the most fun. You get to put on your thinking cap and figure things out, and often learn from others in your group who see things differently.

Escape rooms are not just fun for family and friends but can be a great birthday party or corporate team-building exercise as well. Escape Room Montrose has a party room as well so you can give them a call and arrange a party or corporate event, they even offer taking care of the catering if desired.

Escape Room Montrose is located at 100 Tessitore Court, Suite A, the little office space right behind Buckaroo's Slices and Scoops on Main street.

You can book the game room on their website (<https://escaperoommontrose.com/>) or give them a call and speak to a Game Master at 970-615-7415.



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS: WE WILL RETURN!



*The Rediger Household building a set. Courtesy photo.*

By Lisa Rediger

MONTROSE-Just like the rest of the world, Magic Circle Players is trying to navigate our business through a landscape riddled with unknowns.

We remain hopeful for a 2020/21 season, and are cautiously proceeding with preparations for a fall opening of *Disney's Newsies The Broadway Musical*. Inspired by a true story, *Newsies* is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of "newsies," in turn-of-the-century New York City. When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right. With a million voices and a single dream, they change the world!

On May 26 & 27, 64 masked actors, in

groups of eight, auditioned for *Newsies*. Each person had to sing a solo, complete a dance audition, and answer a few questions, including, "What has been a good thing to come from COVID?" To listen to the responses was hope inspiring, and as always, we were thrilled to discover surprising talent in our community! We cast 42 actors, ranging in age from 10 to 75, from Ouray, Montrose, Olathe and Delta. We have been rehearsing in small groups; the stage floor is happily scuffed from the tap dancing, our vocalists are being coached to their potential, and Ray Jantzen supervised a crew to get our set built. Magic Circle is thrilled to have Greg Davidson, Allyson Crosby (music directors), and Amy Nelp (choreographer) bringing this inspiring story to our stage.

We have a season lined up, with hopes

for a Christmas show and *My Funny Valentine* in February. Currently, we are waiting on the response to Montrose County's variance application before we officially announce our season, but are delighted to give you a taste of what you can expect when we are able to host an audience.

*Newsies* will open our season, followed by a comedic melodrama, *I Only Have Fangs For You* by Craig Sodaro, bringing vampire mishaps and laughs to Halloween weekend.

William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* will launch 2021, and our COVID - rescheduled *Fiddler on the Roof* is set to open in March.

We will wrap the season with *M\*A\*S\*H*, a play inspired by the hit movie and television series of the endearing surgeons and nurse operating a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital during the Korean War.

Our 2021 summer Youth Theatre programs will include the delicious adventures of *Ronald Dahl's Willy Wonka JR*, and our 20<sup>th</sup> year of Drama Camp.

December 2020, we hope to bring the classic tale, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and we are dreaming of *My Funny Valentine*, *The Greatest Show* for February.

In theatre we have a tradition: whenever the house is empty we leave one light on, typically in the center of the stage. This light is known as the ghost light. There are many stories about its origin, but its meaning is unmistakable. It means that although the theatre is empty, WE WILL RETURN.

Our ghost light shines in our lobby; it reminds us that although we might be dark now, our passion, our creativity, and our love of theatre are still center stage. We look forward to bringing back the joy of live theatre to our community!



## YOU EXPECT THE BEST OF THE STONE HOUSE, SO . . .

### Expect a smooth pick-up order

By Carole Ann McKelvey

MONTROSE – When you're gifted with a chance to have a special dinner – Father's Day – at the Stone House in Montrose, well, you take it. BUT, during a pandemic? Now, that's another story.

So, in Michael and my adventures testing take-out options during this trying time, he was happily presented with a gift certificate from his adult son, Ross, to what is perhaps one of the best around this little burg.

But, how to choose? Well, they make it very easy. With a special "take-out" menu highlighted on the web page you can get a taste of what makes this place great, ambiance aside, sigh. Instead of eating near other diners (and exposing yourself to a possible COVID carrier) they try to space the dining room out, but on special nights they get very busy, so the young lady on the phone said that we, being of a certain age, would likely be safer to do a take-out order. We'll have to wait a bit to get beyond the ambiance of my little remodeled Victorian.

Now, it was very easy to accomplish! Just pull up the Stone House website and follow the instructions. Nicely presented and nicely priced. Since it was to be a special meal, Michael and I decided we'd each order an entrée (not split like usual). And dessert of course. Wine provided at home. Pick up was fast and easy, just pulled into the lot and called into the Stone House, lovely young lady brought out food out very quickly and piping hot.

Michael was enamored of the grilled salmon dinner with which he could choose a soup or salad and sides of his choice. At \$24.99 he had a choice of a 6 oz, salmon filet blackened, which came with a choice of sides, cauliflower medley, choice of potatoes, and either soup (clammed chowder) or salad. Certainly a delicious repast and enough for two, yes, two meals. Mike's a soup guy so he went with the cup of chowder. Me? I decided on

large Mexican shrimp grilled (five large), a baked potato and the cauliflower medley, plus a house salad. Yummy!

No appetizer, although the list is impressive, but yes to dessert tonight! Mike chose the peanut butter pie with a chocolate crumb crust; key lime pie for me please. Generous portions which we often split but we'll have a mix and match dinner tomorrow with no fuss at all! Plenty left over except the desserts disappeared! Nice Merlot went well with both entrees.

#### MENU-

##### **Appetizers:**

If we had ordered appetizers there is an impressive list: Avocado Rolls: Avocado, red onion & sun-dried tomatoes in wonton wrappers, fried; served with sweet Asian chili sauce; \$9.99; Pork Belly Skewers: Smoked pork belly marinated in a sweet chili sauce and deep-fried to perfection; \$11.49; Shrimp Cocktails: Five Mexican jumbo white shrimp chilled with cocktail sauce and a lemon wedge, \$13.99 or Shrimp cocktail large: Ten Mexican jumbo white shrimp served chilled with cocktail sauce and a lemon wedge; \$18.99; Spinach Artichoke Dip: A blend of spinach, artichoke hearts, cream cheese, Monterey Jack and Parmesan cheese; \$10.99; or Wings: Eight wings with choice of Buffalo, Asian, BBQ dipping sauces/Ranch and Blue cheese dressing; \$9.99.

**Soups:** 20oz bowl of famous Chowder with a bread roll; \$10.99, or pick a clam chowder cup, 8 ozs of chowder for \$4.99.

**Salads:** Asian Ahi Tuna Salad, mixed greens, tossed in Asian dressing with carrots, dried figs, cilantro, sesame seeds and wontons with a seared Ahi tuna fillet; \$18.99; Bistro Steak Salad, mixed greens topped with grilled petite tender steak, grilled onions, avocado, asparagus, tomatoes and potato wedges, served with choice of dressing; \$17.99; Chicken Caesar Salad, romaine lettuce tossed in traditional Caesar dressing with grilled or blackened Red Bird antibiotic-free chicken, Par-

mesan cheese & house made croutons; \$15.99; or a Shrimp Caesar salad as above with Parmesan cheese and croutons with five grilled or blackened jumbo Mexican Shrimp; \$18.99; Caesar Salad, romaine tossed in traditional Caesar dressing, Parmesan Cheese & house made croutons; \$10.99; Spinach Strawberry and chicken salad, with fresh spinach tossed in balsamic vinaigrette topped with fresh berries, candied walnuts, sliced red onions, blue cheese crumbles & grilled Red Bird antibiotic-free chicken; \$15.99.; Stone House salad, with mixed greens, heirloom tomatoes, cucumbers, jicama, Parmesan cheese and house made croutons, choice of dressing; \$5.99.; last but not least, the Stone House's famous blue cheese wedge, an iceberg wedge, bacon, tomatoes and blue cheese crumbles in a creamy blue cheese dressing; \$8.99.

**Favorites** include the Stone House's patrons very favs, including: Chicken fry chicken, Red Bird antibiotic-free chicken breast encrusted in four and seasoned bread crumbs, friend and topped with traditional country sausage gravy, served with garlic-basil mashed potatoes and creamed corn; \$17.99; Chicken fry steak, locally raised Kinikin sirloin steak, encrusted in flour and seasoned bread crumbs, fried and topped with the traditional country sausage gravy, served with the garlic-basil mashed potatoes and creamed corn, \$17.99; Filet Stroganoff, beef tenderloin sautéed with mushrooms, onions, sour cream and white wine, tossed with fettuccine; \$18.99; Fish and Chips, traditional English beer-battered wild cod fillets, fried and served with French fries and tartar sauce.; \$16.99; Liver and Onions, sliced liver encrusted in seasoned bread crumbs, pan-fried, topped with grilled onions, bacon and brown gravy, served with garlic-basil mashed potatoes and sautéed vegetables.; Stuffed chicken breast, 8 oz Red Bird antibiotic-free chicken breast stuffed with jalapenos, bacon and cream cheese,



## CAROLE ANN MCKELVEY'S ROCKY MOUNTAIN CRAVINGS From previous pg

pan friend and finished with jalapeno cheese sauce; \$17.99

**Seafood:** Almond Crusted Cod: 6 oz wild cod, encrusted with almonds, pan-fried and finished with a creamy sun-dried tomato pesto sauce; \$22.99; Catfish blackened, 8 oz catfish, blackened, served with tartar sauce; \$16.99; Catfish Cornmeal, 8 oz catfish, cornmeal breaded and fried, served with tartar sauce; \$16.99. Alaskan King Crab Legs Half Pound, \$37.99; Alaskan King Crab legs full pound, \$54.99. Salmon Filet Blackened, 6 oz Atlantic salmon fillet, blackened; \$24.99; Salmon Filet Grilled, 6 oz Atlantic salmon fillet, charbroiled; \$24.99; Salmon Filet Pan Fried, 6 oz Atlantic salmon fillet, pan fried, \$24.99. Sesame Seared Ahi Tuna, Ahi tuna fillet encrusted in sesame seeds, seared rare, drizzled with a bourbon aki sauce, \$24.99; Shrimp Coconut Dinner, 5 Mexican jumbo shrimp, coconut style, \$23.99; Shrimp Grilled, five Mexican jumbo shrimp, charbroiled; \$23.99. Shrimp deep fried, five Mexican jumbo shrimp, deep fried, \$23.99

**Pasta:** Alfredo, fettuccine noodles tossed in a creamy Alfredo sauce, served with garlic bread, \$11.99. Alfredo Chicken, fettuccine noodles and blacked or grilled Red Bird chicken, tossed in a creamy Alfredo

sauce, served with garlic bread. \$16.99; Alfredo Shrimp, fettuccine noodles and 5 Mexican jumbo shrimp, tossed in a creamy Alfredo sauce and served with garlic bread, \$20.99; Alfredo steak, fettuccine noodles and 6 oz steak tossed in Alfredo sauce, served with garlic bread., \$18.99, Chicken Parmesan, parmesan-breaded Red Bird chicken breast, pan-fried, finished with Marinara sauce & provolone cheese, served over linguini, \$18.99; Shrimp Scampi, five Mexican jumbo shrimp sautéed with garlic butter, white wine, tomatoes and chives and served over linguine with garlic bread, \$21.99; Spaghetti, original house-made marinara served over spaghetti, \$12.99. Spaghetti & meatballs, original house-made marinara over spaghetti with two Chicago Style meatballs, \$16.99; Piccata Chicken, lightly breaded Red Bird chicken sautéed, finished with lemon, garlic, mushroom and caper sauce served over linguine with garlic toast. \$18.99. Piccata Cod, as above, but served with sautéed breaded cod. \$18.99

**Steak/Chops:** Bourbon Maple Pork, pork medallions wrapped in bacon, charbroiled, finished with bourbon maple butter, \$20.99; Filet Mignon, 8 ounce filet mignon, \$38.99. New York Strip, 10 ounce

New York Strip, \$32.99. Ribeye, 12 oz ribeye.

**Burgers & Sandwiches:** There is a wide variety of burgers (including the Beyond Meatless) all served on a toasted Tuscan bun, with your choice of lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles. Also choice of cheese, mushrooms, green chiles, BBQ sauce or grilled onions at \$0.50 an item; \$13.49. Specialty sandwiches run from a steak sandwich at \$13.99 to California Chicken sandwiches at \$13.99.

### Specials this night included:

Delmonico open-faced Prime Rib hoagie with onions/peppers, smothered in brown gravy and served with mashed potatoes and sautéed veggies and a choice of Stone House salad or cup of soup for \$26.99.

**Surf & Turf:** 6 ounce sirloin, plus 4 grilled jumbo shrimp, tri-color cauliflower, based potato and choice of Stone House salad or cup of soup, \$24.99.

**Filet Medallions,** 8 ounces of filet medallions with a red wine mushroom sauce, served with roasted asparagus, baked potato and a salad or cup of soup. Throw some delicious dessert in there and it's a meal to remember.

Stone House is located at 1415 Hawk Pkwy, Montrose, CO 81401. **Phone:** (970) 240-8899

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

# MONTROSE RECREATION DISTRICT ANNOUNCES REOPENING OF MORE AMENITIES

### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-The Montrose Recreation District (MRD) announces reopening of more amenities! The Community Recreation Center (CRC), Field House and outdoor pool, and recreation programming all have more options available to for your summer fun!

The MRD continues in its cautious march forward to bring more parks and recreation services back to the community. As of June 22, the CRC is open 6am – 7pm Monday – Friday and 8am – Noon Saturday. In the early stages of reopening, reservations for specific appointments were required to use the amenities; those requirements have now been relaxed. Staff has closely monitored the supply and demand of the facilities, and as the State orders are now allowing more participants within buildings, there is plenty more room for people to safely attend to their activities.

“We are thrilled to report that folks may simply drop in to the CRC during the open hours. A few activities, such as lap swimming now, and the climbing wall and racquetball, when those open in a couple of weeks, will still require reservations since we can only handle a small number of people in a space at one time. This past week, we opened our outdoor pool fully and are managing the strict 25-person capacity through reservations, too”, noted Mari Steinbach, Executive Director of the district.

The district’s customer service team has been fielding many calls asking the status of reopening to allow children access. So far the CRC has been opened mostly to adults only, although both private and family group swim lessons and open gym basketball have enabled youth to come in when actively supervised by a responsible adult. Masks are still required to enter the facility. While not required once the activi-

ty has begun – such as swimming or using a fitness machine – coverings must still be used any time distancing from others cannot be maintained.

Beginning Monday, July 6, family open swim resumes at the CRC, with slides, diving boards and aquatic children’s playground to be opened, 1 – 5pm Monday – Friday, and 12-4pm on Saturday. The climbing wall, racquetball, and some fitness classes are also planned to resume.

Jeremy Master, Recreation Manager adds, “The staff is beyond attentive to helping our public be as safe as possible. We miss our facility and program users and have been working so very hard to make this difficult situation work for the safety of the community. We’re here for you, to serve your parks and recreation needs!”

For a full listing of facility and program offerings, go to [montroserec.com](http://montroserec.com) or contact the CRC front desk at (970) 249-7705.



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Photos taken near Last Dollar wilderness.



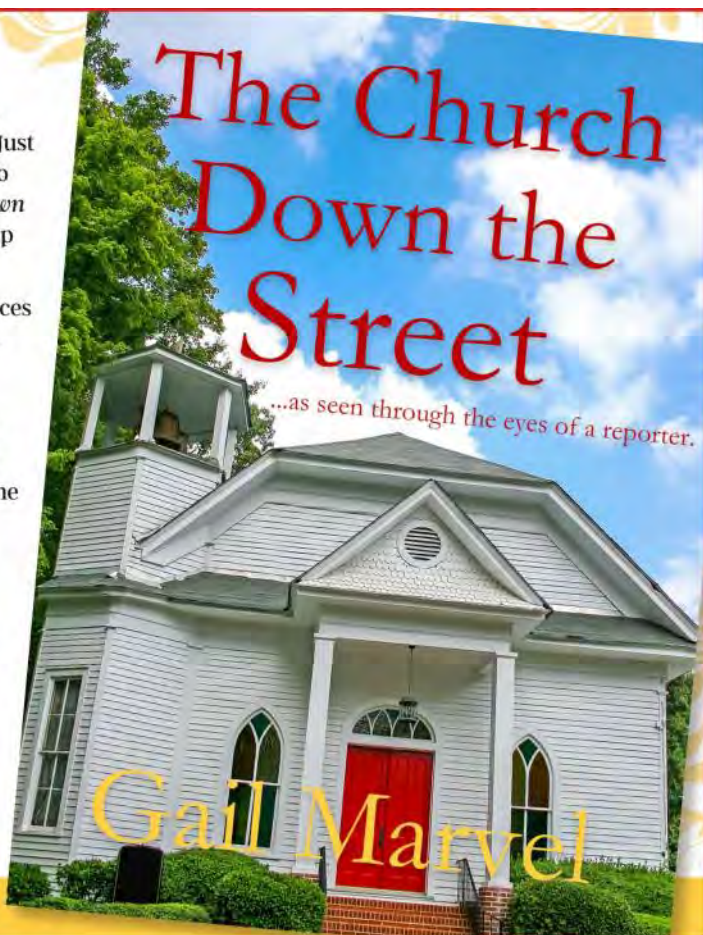
**GAIL MARVEL**  
Montrose Author  
& Reporter

**I**t 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.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## BIRDS OF A FEATHER — A CONTEST TO GROW YOUR FAMILY BIRDING SKILLS!



*Searching and identifying birds and observing their behaviors is a perfect way to focus on something positive together as a family. Courtesy photo Friends of Youth and Nature.*

By Anita Evans

from Friends of Youth and Nature

REGIONAL-Birds of a feather flock together, as they say, and what better outdoor activity is there than bird watching in your backyard, or on your nearby public lands? Birds are everywhere, but we often don't take the time to learn about them. Friends of Youth and Nature wants to encourage you to learn more about local bird species and start your bird list by offering a chance to win one of three pairs of Celestron or Vortex binoculars as motivation. The age categories for winners are: 5-9, 10-14, and 15-19 years old.

How do you enter? Visit our website at [www.friendsofyouthandnature.org](http://www.friendsofyouthandnature.org) and download the bird identification worksheet, or contact us ([friendsofyouthandnature@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofyouthandnature@gmail.com), 970-901-1459) with your mailing address for a hard copy. Go outside with your family — anywhere local will do: your backyard, a local park, or nearby public lands. Take your identification worksheet - it lists nine of the most common birds seen in Western Colorado. And don't forget your phone! There are several apps that can

help you identify birds. Some helpful apps that have both pictures and songs are: The Audubon Bird Guide of North America (found at [audubon.org](http://audubon.org)); the Merlin Bird ID from Cornell Labs ([merlin.allaboutbirds.org](http://merlin.allaboutbirds.org)); and eBird, which also has a cool song sleuth app that will listen to the bird song or call you hear and identify possible matches. When you complete your bird identification worksheet, take a picture of it and email it to [friendsofyouthandnature@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofyouthandnature@gmail.com) by July 31. Be sure to include your name, age, and the details you have recorded about your birding experience. You can also mail it to FOYAN at P.O. Box 634, Hotchkiss, CO 81419 by that date. We will draw one name for each age category on August first and arrange for you to pick up your new binoculars! So, how do you start? If you want to attract birds to your backyard, the best way is to provide a bird bath. Bird baths are better than bird feeders, because bird seed is known to attract rodents and even bears! Just sitting quietly under a tree in your backyard offers easy access to many common birds such as Robins, House Finches, and even Hum-

mingbirds. You will be surprised at how many birds there are so close to home.

Where do you find birds? Everywhere! How do you find them? Some advice from the Audubon society helps make it easier. There are four basic bird finding steps: Stop, Look, Listen, and Repeat. First, **STOP**: take a minute to stand still and take in your surroundings and think like a bird! Second, **LOOK** for possible perches like powerlines, fence posts, and tree tops. Look for movement. Third, **LISTEN**. Your ears can detect vocalizations, tapping, or rustling of birds as they communicate with each other. Finally, repeat. You will become more and more aware of birds around you as you meander slowly through their world.

If you choose to go to a local park or forest, make sure you gear up! Parents, take your children under your wing, wear comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes, take a pack with snacks and a water bottle, and use your eagle eyes to see the birds around you. If you don't have a pair of binoculars, your local library has a Colorado Parks and Wildlife outdoor backpack for check out — complete with binoculars, and a state park pass. Before you know it, you will become so absorbed in the bird search that all the world's problems and your anxieties will melt away.

Searching and identifying birds and observing their behaviors is a perfect way to focus on something positive together as a family. Give it some time and patience; you will take to it like a duck to water, and feel your stress roll off your shoulders like water off a duck's back!

Enter our birding contest by August 8th for a chance to win a new pair of binoculars!

For more outdoor safety tips, trail game ideas, and hiking trails, visit the Friends of Youth and Nature website: ([www.friendsofyouthandnature.org](http://www.friendsofyouthandnature.org)). FOYAN is a non-profit that promotes opportunities for youth and families to go outside, experiencing outdoor activities and exploring nature.

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## HUNTER K. GENTRY OF MONTROSE NAMED TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S LIST

*Special to the Mirror*

CLEMSON, SC-- Hunter K. Gentry of Montrose has been named to the President's List at Clemson University.

Gentry, whose major is Genetics, made the President's List for the spring 2020 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all A's) grade-point average.

## UNIVERSITY OF UTAH CONGRATULATES 2020 GRADUATES

*Special to Art & Sol*

SALT LAKE CITY, UT-- The University of Utah congratulates 8,628 graduates in first-ever virtual commencement ceremony on April 30, 2020. The 151st general commencement can be viewed [here](#).

The graduating class of 2020 includes students who graduated summer 2019, fall 2019 and spring 2020. Students in the Class of 2020 ranged in age from 18 to 69 and earned 9,280 degrees. Graduates represented 50 U.S. states and 59 foreign countries. This class is the first to graduate from the U since it was selected as a new member of the Association of American Universities-an invitation-only, prestigious group of 65 leading research institutions.

Local graduates include:

Maranda Mumm of Olathe, CO, whose major is listed as Linguistics BA .

Makenna Terrell of Olathe, CO, whose major is listed as Nursing HN .



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**\$2,140,000** • MLS 756442 • Bdt: 4 | Ba: 5 • 7,334 sq. ft. • 0.360 Apx. Total Acres: 30 S Badger Trail, Ridgway • Offered by: Patricia M Floyd



Listed from left to right: Henny Algaes, Autumn Barrett, Kerri Noonan-Inda, Sarah Gulman, Holly Hensley, Brian & Trena Unrein, Elizabeth Spitzer, Linda Stiel, Lisa Wood, Kree Christie, Jeff & Lark Keenhus, Amy Harmsen, Patrice & Troye Floyd, Jessamy Pressler, Michael Scott Dosch, Don & Ellen Bailey, Jennifer Johnson, Betsy Fernandez, Darrell Gilks, Jamie Carver.

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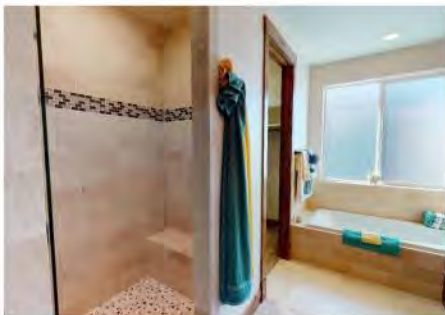
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## SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

**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-

**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](mailto:ataylor@bcbgc.org).

**July 3**-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, pastel artist, Barbara Kendrick, from Ridgway will also be exhibiting her outstanding pastel landscapes for the month of July, from July 3-31.

**July 4**-Independence Day! Free popsicles in Montrose while supplies last. Fireworks displays planned in Gunnison, Delta. Check with municipalities for details.

**July 4**-Saturday, 5 p.m. Montrose Community Band: Free *Patriotic Concert* Concert on the Lawn at GREYSTONE, 21565 North Rd, Eckert. We will be performing marches and patriotic songs as well as selections from our Spring Concert Show Tunes.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:uwpcommunications@gmail.com), 970-325-3010 Information: <http://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/events/>

**Nov. 2**--Montrose Women's Giving Club meets at Bridges, 5:30 p.m. Open to all women; each member donates \$100 per quarter at each meeting.



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