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CITY HEARS VIRUS UPDATE, APPROVES ANNEXATIONS



During the regular City Council meeting of July 7, Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall thanked community members for their support of Measure 2A, which has helped to fund needed equipment as well as Axon body worn cameras for officers.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Mayor Barbara Bynum called the session to order as the Montrose City Council convened for a regular virtual meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7. All councilors were present; City Councilor Dave Frank led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held via Zoom call.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

An additional item was added to the agenda prior to the regularly-scheduled Public Comment Period; at the request of Council, Montrose County Public Health Director Jim Austin was present to provide an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Those who wish to be tested can call their local provider, or contact the Delta County Health Department at 970-874-2168, Austin said. Medical updates related to the virus are provided regularly by Dr. Joe Adragna, who is serving the county as medical advisor.

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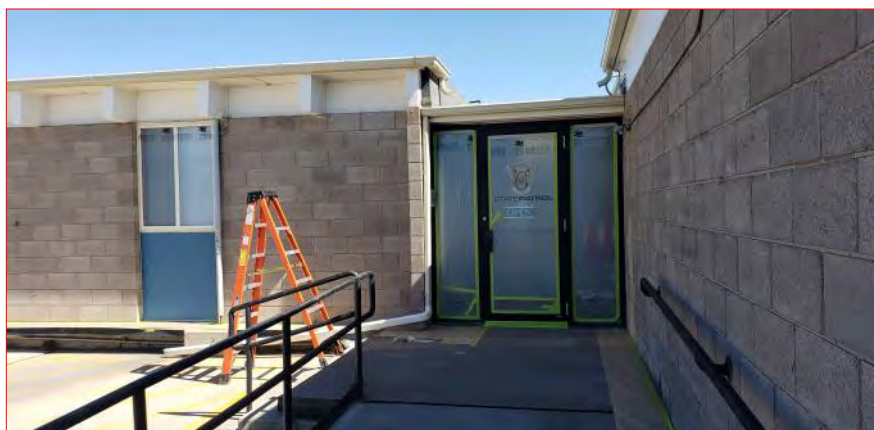
By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Air quality tests taken on the Montrose Colorado State Patrol (CSP) Office in December 2019 revealed asbestos in the facility.

On New Year's Day 2020 the Montrose Communications Center was evacuated and Communication Officers (dispatchers) were sent to the Craig CSP office to work remotely. Kelly Bass, Communications Officer Team Leader said, "We went up to Craig in

groups of three and we stayed for three or four days at a time. Employees were displaced for about five weeks, but phone lines were installed and our service was not interrupted."

In February dispatchers worked from temporary trailers set up at the Montrose site.



Along with interior asbestos abatement, the exterior of the Montrose Colorado State Patrol Office will also get a facelift. Masking of the facility began on July 10, 2020 and it is estimated the painting will be completed next week. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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Photo taken at the McDonald's parking lot on East Main by Paul Gottlieb. "This has been a daily get together for three months. We keep social distancing," Gottlieb said.

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ASBESTOS ABATEMENT COMPLETE AT CSP From pg 1

Bass said, "It really wasn't too difficult, but the trailers didn't have running water or bathrooms. We had to walk about a block." During a pandemic and without running water, employees relied heavily on sanitizing handwipes.

After more than six months of working remotely, the communications facility reopened on July 9. Although fully operational, a few maintenance items remain to be done in the interior. Communications Officer Troy Marvel said, "We did not get a lot of new equipment, but we have new LED lights which are brighter and the new ventilation gives us better air circulation."



(L to R) After more than six months of working remotely, Communications Officer Team Leader Kelly Bass, Communications Officer Sharon Million and Communications Officer Troy Marvel are happy to be back in the Communications Center facility. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP UNDER ATTACK

Editor:

Can the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) leadership get back to serving the American people? The effort to confirm William Pendley as director is a way to instill another fox into the public service-oriented agency. Pendley has a history of being a thumb in the eye of the BLM and

this would only continue. Sen. Bennet, of course, would oppose such a destructive move but Sen. Gardner is fence-straddling again, trying to support a belligerent administration.

The BLM is already suffering from the attempt to move necessary leadership out of Wash., D.C., the attempt to muffle its

scientists, and to open its holdings to corporate interests. These lands belong to all U.S. citizens and need reliable public oversight.

While BLM field management is to be commended, its leadership is under attack. I suggest we all weigh in on this.

Wayne Quade, Montrose

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UPDATE-POLICE CHIEF RESPONDS ON CBI INVESTIGATION

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council held a Special Meeting on July 1, 2020. The virtual meeting had one agenda item, "An executive session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f); and the following additional details are provided for information purposes: personnel matter."

Following the 45-minute executive session council drafted a public letter in response to the allegation that Councilman Dave Bowman, former mayor, extorted \$6,000 from Divot's owner Janece Culver.

An excerpt from the council's letter states, "We believe an investigation is warranted and have asked the Montrose Chief of Police to ask the Colorado Bureau of Investigation to investigate."

On Monday July 6, 2020, Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall responded quickly to the Mirror's questions about the status of the investigation.

Hall said, "I've been in contact with CBI Agent-in-Charge Collin Reese, and provided their agency with the letter drafted by the Montrose City Council. The 'official request' is the letter drafted by City Council. I am unable to answer your questions regarding parameters because it's not our investigation. However, to be clear, the City of Montrose will fully cooperate with any investigation should we be contacted."



Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall. Mirror file photo by Gail Marvel.

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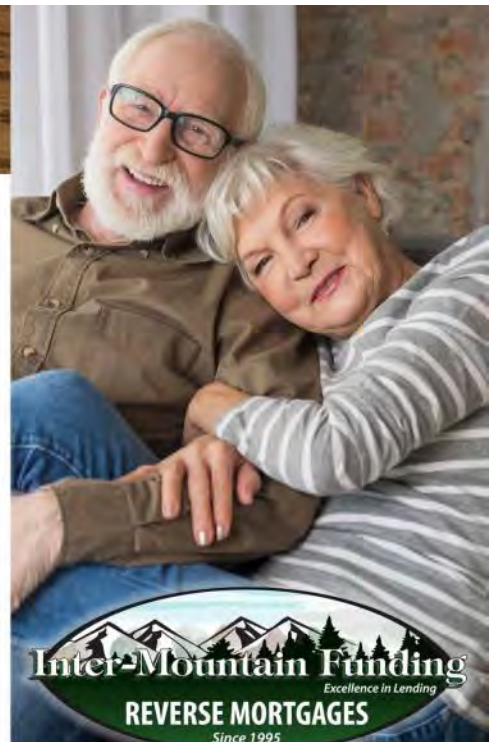
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INFOCU5 RELOCATES TO WESTERN SLOPE

Tech Company Set to Bring Several Hundred Jobs to Region

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-INFOCU5 is pleased to announce its expansion into Montrose, Colorado, with plans to create over 171 net new permanent full-time jobs across the towns, cities, and rural communities located in the Western Slope.

The expansion is part of the company's goal to create more than 403 jobs over the course of the next three years. The software company received the state's first Location Neutral Employee Incentive (LONE) for the western slope from Colorado's Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT).

The incentive provides companies with a Job Growth Incentive Tax Credit and additional cash incentive for each remote worker employed in an eligible rural county of the state. Additionally, the company strives to close the existing socioeconomic gaps across the Western Slope by bringing higher paying job opportunities to the

region. "The Western Slope of Colorado is uniquely tied together in a way that I haven't experienced anywhere else in the country," said Jake Bush, company CEO. "Telluride, Montrose, and Grand Junction are all key players in one larger and greater economic ecosystem collectively working together for the greater good of the entire region. You truly could not have one without the other, and we see immense value in bringing that connection even closer together."

Headquartered in Telluride, INFOCU5 wants to create up to 403 net new jobs over a three-year period with an average annual salary of \$62,295.29, nearly 55% higher than Montrose County's median annual salary of \$39,700. INFOCU5 plans to move its California-based employees from Pasadena to Grand Junction, including other rural-based Colorado communities such as Montrose. The company is seeking to fill immediate positions with a

diverse group of employees for a variety of roles. Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Executive Director Sandy Head was very pleased with the news.

"Montrose is a prime location for INFOCU5 due to the efforts over past years to build out the 1gigabyte internet service. We are known to have the best internet service on the Western Slope. The LONE Incentive program has served as a stimulus for INFOCU5 to invest in our community as well as other communities across the Western Slope.

This is a win-win for all of us."

INFOCU5 plans to host job fairs along the Western Slope in the coming months for its location-neutral positions, the first of which will occur on July 9, 2020, at the Mesa County Workforce Center in Grand Junction, Colorado, from 10 am to 2 pm. More information can be found at www.mcwfc.us/event-calendar/

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Editor:

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

I'M GETTING QUITE DISTURBED AT THE LETTERS YOU ARE PUBLISHING

To the Editor,

I look forward to reading your issue every Monday morning, however I'm getting quite disturbed at the letters you are publishing. There are 3 people who constantly have a grip to pick, and are using YOUR newspaper as their "mountain top platform." Ya know, YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUBLISH EVERY WORD THEY SAY EVERY WEEK. (They Shoot Horses, Don't They?) This town and nation need a lot more love than dissension in every aspect of our lives. Things will get back to normal quicker under those auspices.

Sue Nally, Montrose

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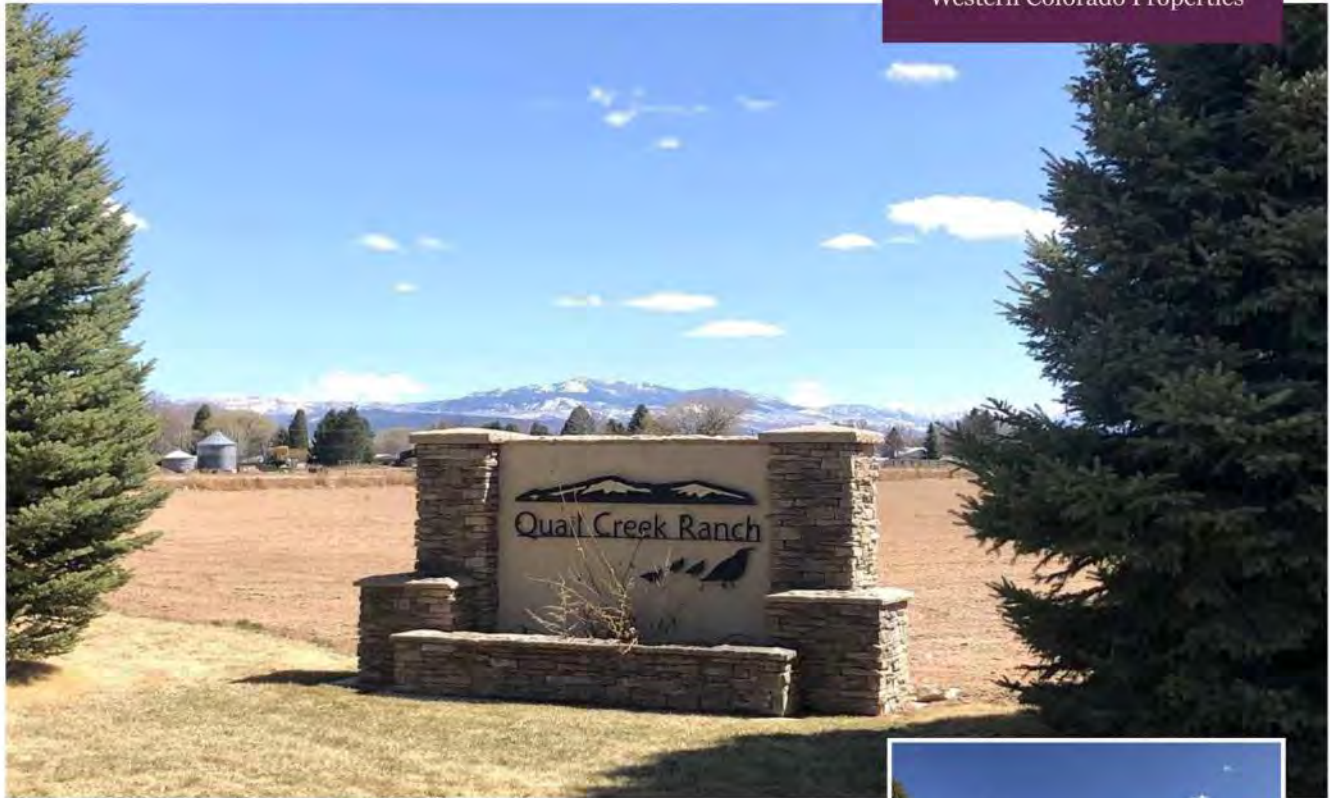
MONTROSE — The City of Montrose is accepting applications for a vacant position on the city's Planning Commission. The term for the vacant seat expires on December 31, 2020, at which point the successful applicant could reapply for a full four-year term.

The Planning Commission evaluates matters related to planning and community development and serves at the pleasure of the City Council. Members are appointed for four-year, overlapping terms.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 5 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 107 South Cascade Avenue.

Applications are available at City Hall, 433 S. First Street, on the City of Montrose website at [CityOfMontrose.org/Application](https://www.cityofmontrose.org/Application), or by calling 970.240.1422. Applications and letters of interest must be submitted to the City Clerk by 6 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020.

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Don't miss the Grand Opening/Open House Thursday July 16, from 3 – 7 pm. 203 S. Uncompahgre Ave. COVID-19 precautions will be observed. Photos by Paul Arbogast.

By Paul Arbogast

MONTROSE-Kensho Total Wellness Day Spa and Shawnee Salon & Skin Care are two businesses in Montrose that have been providing health, wellness, and aesthetic services in Montrose for years. Now they have joined together to offer clients even more options in one new, convenient location.

Shawnee Salon & Skin Care is owned by Shawnee Embrey, who brings 15 years of experience in cosmetology with additional education in dermatology and plastic surgery. Fully licensed, she provides medical grade treatments geared towards making your skin and hair healthier as well as her own line of products, specifically designed for our unique environment, which are also medical grade.

"I want to change what people think of

aesthetic care," she said as she talked to me about the procedures she performs, and her philosophy on healthy skin.

The damage done to our skin takes years, so there is no once and done solution to fixing the damage done. It does take time, but the health of your skin, just like the rest of your body, is important, and as Shawnee pointed out, "healthy skin is beautiful."

She has a list of services she provides which include IPL (intense pulsed light), microneedling, hydradermabrasion, and many more.

Kensho Total Wellness Day Spa is owned by Dr. Ken Edgar, DC, Dipl. Med. Acup (IAMA) and Holly Padilla-Edgar, LMT, Esthetician. They bring more than 40 years of experience in natural health and aesthetic care to their practice.



Dr Edgar provides chiropractic, acupuncture, and other natural and holistic treatments and education. Holly provides massage therapy as well as preventative facials (with ISUN natural products out of Ridgway), and body waxing.

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They also have a far infrared sauna and an open space that is used for yoga and nutritional education, as well as other classes.

There are benefits of sharing a location such as the opportunity for couples or mother/daughter treatments together.

In addition, Shirley Olsen, NP-C, IFMCP comes in on Fridays and sees her local patients on site so they do not need to drive to Ridgway. Everyone is invited to the Grand Opening/Open House celebrating this new business venture on Thursday July 16, from 3 – 7pm. 203 S. Uncompahgre Ave. COVID-19 precautions will be observed. For more information you can call or visit their websites, and as always, support local Montrose businesses. shawneeskinicare.com Phone: 970 318-6944.

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The Mirror: many views, one newspaper.



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CRAIG STATION UNIT 2 OWNERS ANNOUNCE RETIREMENT DATE OF SEPT. 30, 2028

Special to the Mirror

CRAIG—After months of analysis and discussion, the five owners of the Craig Station Unit 2 have reached a unanimous decision to retire the 410-megawatt generating unit on Sept. 30, 2028.

Craig Station is a 1,285-megawatt, three-unit generating facility in Moffat County, Colo. Craig Station Units 1 and 2 make up the Yampa Project, owned by PacifiCorp, Platte River Power Authority, Salt River Project, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association and Xcel Energy – Colorado.

The Yampa Project owners [previously announced](#) the retirement of the 427-megawatt Unit 1 by the end of 2025. The 448-megawatt Craig Station Unit 3, which is owned by Tri-State, [will retire](#) by 2030. As the operator of Craig Station, Tri-State will work with local officials and the State

of Colorado to develop a transition plan for those impacted by the retirement of the power plant, which currently employs 240.

“Even though the Unit 2 retirement date is only one year earlier than the full retirement date for Craig Station, the decision weighed heavily on us,” said Duane Highley, CEO of Tri-State. “As we implement our Responsible Energy Plan, we remain focused on working with our partners in the plant, as well as local and state leaders, to support our employees and the community through this transition.”

“Platte River continues to take the steps needed to meet our board-adopted Resource Diversification Policy,” said Platte River Power Authority General Manager/CEO Jason Frisbie.

“This agreement is another important step among many we need to take to

reach that goal. Each of the five partners in the Yampa Project face different challenges associated with this resource and we greatly appreciate Tri-State’s leadership in the process to find the most optimal date for Unit 2’s retirement.”

“We appreciate Tri-State’s leadership as operator of the Craig Station and the work by our joint partners on this decision. As a company with a vision to deliver 100% carbon-free electricity to our customers by 2050, Xcel Energy recognizes this is not an easy decision. We believe in providing as much advance notice as possible so we can work with our economic and community partners through this transition,” said Alice Jackson, president, Xcel Energy – Colorado.

Craig Station was constructed by Colorado-Ute Electric Association and began operations between 1979 and 1984.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

CUSS AT THE MESSAGE, NOT THE MESSENGER

Editor:

Tis a shame, even the so-called educated accomplished leaders are neither. This person should be an embarrassment to all those who call themselves teachers.'

Does Mr. Bowman drink in the morning? I mean no self-respecting purportedly educated man, a city council person, a pillar of his community would utter such foul and vitriolic language toward another person 'before five o'clock', would he? Or does he have a naturally 'lose' tongue?

As a kid, I did not know that teachers even knew those kinds of words. And my father was a teacher. So was my mother. They were both polite, courteous and well spoken. I guess times have changed. I cannot believe that a mature man, a retired public school teacher and a city

councilman, even a mayor, would verbally assault a couple walking peacefully down a street together with the vile profanity that Mr. Bowman recently oozed. Mr. 'Mayor' Bowman, did you do that? Shame, shame! I have been known to cuss a bit (to say the least) but such language for me was always confined to bar-rooms after work and among the 'boys'. Not in front of women. That was before I took the pledge! Times have changed. But even then I was taught that you cuss at the message, not the messenger! Mr. Bowman might have been looking at Mr. Michaels, but both Lance and Lori sign their writings so he was saying it to Mrs. Michaels as well, was he not? How gauche!

More to the point. Our city council held

an executive session about him, about a subject that they claim is not the city's business. If it is not a city 'personnel issue' then it does not rate an 'executive session' to discuss "a personnel issue". Au Contraire, it IS a city issue. He is a city official is he not? While holding public office did he not illegally extract money from a city contractor? He admitted this on TV. Ms. Culver not only knew that he was the mayor but that he held sway over her liquor license, and hence her livelihood. Intimidation. Is he not a poor example to his former students? Is he an awful example as a public official representing Montrose, too?

As Mayor, sitting on the 'Liquor license committee' or whatever they call it, he was obligated to have a working knowledge of the state liquor law. He claims he did not. Not an excuse but he obviously did not or his claim of ignorance of the law was a fib. Why did he not ask the city attorney in order to be right? Or did he really not want to know? What do we pay these people for? To perform their duties in ignorance? How many of the other four don't do their homework? It seems that he is paid to sit still, shut up and obey Mr. Bell. Hence when off on his own tangent he performed miserably. From the cover-up still at hand by the council maybe it's because another one or two have pulled the same kind of stunt, eh? Just how many others on that august board are pulling shenanigans?

All of us who have held positions of public trust understand more than that if what we do off duty reflects poorly on our employer, we would be in 'deep kim-chee'. (A fermented cabbage popular in Korea) The police know it, the military knows it and I was taught that in teacher's college. It is MORAL TURPITUDE (look that one up) and in most public employment, a lack of it is reason for dismissal. By the way Mr. Bowman, I have read most, if not all of the Michael's articles and HAVE FOUND NO LIES, or the 'effing' kind either. The time is NOW to get rid of Bowman and the board that hides and covers for him and their puppet master as well.

Bill Bennett, Montrose

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STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS FOR GUNNISON AND UNCOMPAGHRE NATIONAL FORESTS

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-As of Friday, July 10, the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests implemented Stage 1 Fire Restrictions for the entirety of the Gunnison and Uncompahgre National Forests along with the Fruita Division of the Grand Mesa National Forest. Previously, the Fruita Division and Uncompahgre Plateau were placed under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, which took effect on July 1, 2020.

Fire managers base decisions about fire restrictions on specific fuel moisture measurements in vegetation and other risk factors such as predicted weather and amount of current fire activity. Fire danger is increasing, and these restrictions will be implemented to protect public health and safety due to the current and anticipated elevated risk of wildfire. Fire restrictions on these lands will be placed until further notice.

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- Petroleum fueled stoves or lanterns that use gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel.

- Fully enclosed (shepherd type) stove with a ¼" spark arrester type screen.

SMOKING, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or in a developed recreation site, or while stopping in an area at least 3 (three) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

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with an overall length of at least 35 inches.

WELDING or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame, except in cleared areas of at least 10 feet in diameter and in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A.

EXPLOSIVES, including fireworks, tracer bullets, and exploding targets.

For more information on fire restrictions, wildfires and prescribed burns on National Forest System lands please call the GMUG Fire Information line at 970-874-6602 or visit our website:

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For more fire-related information on Colorado's Western Slope please visit:

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

US 160 ASPHALT OVERLAY JOB TO BEGIN WEST OF SOUTH FORK *Project will improve the road surface east of Wolf Creek Pass*

Special to the Mirror

MINERAL & RIO GRANDE COUNTIES — The Colorado Department of Transportation announces improvements to US Highway 160 beginning the week of July 13. The project will improve approximately 11 miles of US 160 in Mineral and Rio Grande Counties, beginning west of South Fork at Mile Point 185 and ending at near the Wolf Creek Tunnel, MP 174.

The work consists of milling and overlaying old worn asphalt, improving shoulders, replacing guardrail, and replacing faded sign panels. The project was contracted to Oldcastle SW Group, and is expected to be completed by the end of October 2020. The project will greatly enhance safety for travelers on this narrow two-lane high-

way. When completed motorists will experience a smoother roadway with improved safety. Busy highways must bear heavy commercial truck traffic as well as passenger vehicles. About every 10-15 years asphalt roads need to have their top layers milled and resurfaced. Periodic resurfacing of the top layer of asphalt and timely repairs can greatly extend the life of the highway pavement.

TRAVEL IMPACTS

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Project work hours are daylight hours, Monday through Friday. No weekend work is currently anticipated.

Expect travel delays of up to 15 minutes. Motorists will encounter brief stops with single-lane alternating traffic, guided by flagging personnel.

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments from the public on non-agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted unanimously to approve minutes of the June 16, 2020 regular City Council meeting and the July 1, 2020 special City Council meeting as presented.

ORDINANCE 2503-SECOND READING

Also approved unanimously was Ordinance 2503 on second reading, amending the zoning district designation of Lots 1-10, 13, 15-28, and 36-56 in the Estates at Stone Ridge from R-2, Low Density District to R-3, Medium Density District.

The Planning Commission recommended approval May 27; staff had recommended approval as well. Presented by Senior Planner Amy Sharp, the item was discussed previously in work session and on First Reading.

HILLTOP ADDITION-FIRST READING

After a public hearing, Council approved the annexation of the Hilltop Addition, and adopted Resolution 2020-12, Findings of Fact for the annexation of the Hilltop Addition. Council approved Ordinance 2504 on first reading, for the annexation of the Hilltop Addition, and Ordinance 2505 on first reading, zoning the Hilltop Addition as an R-4, High Density District.

Prior to approval, applicant's representative Ivan Geer of River City Consultants spoke briefly about the project.

Councilor Frank asked staff about the proposed zoning, "What is the proportion of R4 to R3 and R2 and R1A?"

Sharp said she was unsure of that percentage.

Still, "There is R4 throughout the City just as there is R3," she said, "...the property directly to the south of this one is R4, and that is why staff had recommended that it be R4 as well, to match up with the adjacent zoning and also to meet the needs of the client."

Mayor Bynum called attention to a letter Council had received regarding the zoning

and opened a public hearing on the matter. Realtor and local resident John Renfrow spoke during the zoning hearing, noting that the letter to which Bynum referred came from him, and that he had collected 53 signatures of residents opposed to the R4 zoning.

"There's not that many people who are in support of this high of density in the zone," Renfrow said. "...it was not a unanimous vote at Planning (Commission) at all...I've been working with the City of Montrose for 15 years.

"I helped out extensively with the Planning Department quite a bit," he said. "...We have not done an R4 zone to my knowledge...since I've been here. R4 zone was meant to be for a metro area when the code was created. That is the highest density we can have."

The zoning goes with the property if sold, Renfrow said. "I am not in agreement that it is in compliance for high density zoning." Hilltop has sold and flipped properties in the past, he said.

Jackson Berry of property owner Hilltop Community Resources spoke. The intention is not to sell the property, Berry said, though that is an option.

Council briefly discussed the matter and possible impacts, including to traffic.

"I think this expands affordable housing in our community," Mayor Bynum said.

Councilor Roy Anderson said that on the campaign trail he had promised voters that he would address the subject of affordable housing.

"There's a critical need in our community." The Hilltop Addition Second Reading will take place July 21.

RIVER CROSSING ADDITION ANNEXATION

Council discussed, held hearings, and then voted unanimously to approve annexation of the River Crossing Addition; Resolution 2020-13, Findings of Fact for the River Crossing Addition; Ordinance 2506 on first reading, for the annexation of the River Crossing Addition; and Ordinance

2507 on first reading, zoning the River Crossing Addition as a "B-3", General Commercial District. Prior to the vote, Owner's Representative John Renfrow spoke on behalf of the applicant, Chad Horning, who was present to answer questions as well.

"...For those of you still following along, you can see that we're following this process of first annexing through a resolution and ordinance process, and next, once we have new property in the city limits, we then zone it," Mayor Bynum said, prior to approval of Ordinance 2507.

"Look how the city just gets bigger and bigger by the minute," she said.

SINNER SUBDIVISION COMBINED SKETCH PLAN AND PRELIMINARY PLAT

In other business, Council voted unanimously to approve the Sinner Subdivision Combined Sketch Plan and Preliminary Plat as presented.

STAFF REPORTS/GENERAL COMMENTS

Police Chief Blaine Hall discussed the recent situation involving two deaths at a home on Sara E. Lane. Without the support of citizens and the recent passage of Measure 2A to fund public safety improvements, keeping officers safe would have been more difficult.

"The equipment we used out there would not have been possible," Hall said, noting the recent deployment of body worn cameras for all officers. Following further discussion by Council, Mayor Bynum said, "I'll remind our public that not only do we televise and record and stream these sessions, but work sessions, which precede our council meetings for a day...those are also available to view, lots of good discussion there.

"If you're still watching that means you really like this kind of thing," Bynum said. "There's more where this came from, and you can find that on the city web site if you ever want to watch a work session."

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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CITY COUNCIL LOOKS AT UPDATES TO SALES & USE TAX CODE, SMART START DAYCARE INCENTIVES



City buildings are re-opening to the public; appointments are encouraged.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council convened for a regularly-scheduled work session at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 6. Mayor Barbara Bynum welcomed all to the virtual Zoom session, which was also broadcast on Cable Channel 191. "...These work sessions are designed to give Council a time to talk with our city staff about upcoming items that will appear or may appear on future City Council agendas. So, there's no voting during work sessions...there's also no public comment," Bynum said.

DMEA FRANCHISE BALLOT QUESTION

Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said there will be an item on the November ballot for the Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Franchise Agreement. The current franchise agreement expires in 2021; DMEA is interested in renewing now. There will be some changes to the agreement, Morgenthaler said in response to a question from Councilor Dave Frank. Staff has worked with DMEA and with outside legal counsel on terms of the new franchise agreement.

"You will not see the specifics of the franchise agreement right now, what you would do is simply agree to put this item

on the ballot in November," Morgenthaler said.

Councilor Dave Bowman recused himself, "There are those that might perceive that I have a conflict so I will not participate in the discussion or any vote that eventually happens."

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said that voting will take place in an actual meeting, and so long as Bowman did not comment on the item during the work session he could recuse himself when it comes before Council in a public meeting.

Background: A memo prepared by Morgenthaler for Council states, "The City of Montrose and Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) are party to a franchise agreement which governs the sale of electricity to DMEA's members within Montrose city limits. The existing franchise agreement expires on April 3, 2021... renewal of an existing franchise agreement or establishment of a new franchise agreement requires approval by the voters of the City of Montrose...City Council must notify the Montrose County Clerk of their intention to authorize a ballot question for the election by July 24, 2020. If City Council chooses to place this question on the November 3, 2020 ballot, Council will consider a resolution notifying the Montrose County Clerk of that intention at the July 21, 2020 Council meeting... DMEA and City staff intend for City Council to review the proposed franchise agreement at the August 3, 2020 work session, and review the ballot language on Aug. 18."

SALES & USE TAX CODE UPDATE

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg could not attend; Assistant Finance Director Erin Gewuerz presented information on the proposed update. "The goal of the ordinance is to join in on the simplification efforts of the self-collecting home rule cities in Colorado," she said, and is the result of a coordinated effort to simplify the sales tax process for vendors and facilitate the collection of sales tax from online retailers with no direct or physical presence in the City. "We will give up a

little of our home rule to agree on certain definitions," City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said. "Online retailers have agreed now that they only have to collect for the state and locality...it all goes to one source at the state and the state will distribute to the cities...it will probably even the playing field some."

SMART START DAYCARE PRESENTATION

City Director of Business Innovation Chelsea Rosty presented information on Smart Start Daycare, which is expected to open in the fall in the Gold's Gym Facility. The company is seeking financial assistance from the City of Montrose.

Background: A memo prepared by Rosty for Council states, "Gold's Gym Montrose is planning a physical remodel and business expansion into the childcare service industry under the name Smart Start Daycare. The East side of the building located at 1840 E. Main Street will be remodeled into a childcare facility that will accommodate 48 children ages infant to seven. The remodel will include a fenced outdoor space component on the East side of the building that will have soft turf, playground equipment and shade. Smart Start will employ eleven individuals to start who will all be licensed childcare providers."

Montrose County is currently experiencing a state of emergency when it comes to childcare, Rosty said. The project supports adaptive re-use of an underused facility; the total cost of the remodel is \$300K; \$30K would be paid directly to the contractor.

Also included in the work session packet is a letter from Bryce Berry, managing member of the applicant, MGG Operations. Berry was present during the work session to speak and answer questions. Council and staff spent time discussing the proposal in depth and asking specific questions. Mayor Bynum noted that childcare is a major issue in the community; Councilor Frank asked whether similar proposals from others would be considered as well. Councilor Roy Anderson said that childcare is a critical part of economic

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development for the city. Though the applicant requested a 25-percent contribution, Rosty said that the official recommendation is closer to 10 percent; "...I think that if we went to the full \$75,000 it would be a little bit outside of the scope of what we typically do for other businesses."

"I think this is something we can do to provide literally more daycare spots in our community," Mayor Bynum said.

UNREIN OUTLOT DIVISION OF PROPERTY

City Engineer Scott Murphy presented information on the property division.

Background-A memo prepared by Murphy for Council is in the [work session packet](#), and includes extensive history and documents concerning the proposed division. The memo states, "The City entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Unrein Family outlining framework for this public-private partnership to divide the land and secure rights of way... the City would have financial contributions to this project mostly in the form of survey costs and the construction of a sewer stub...The plat includes 100-foot right of way dedications for both Ogden Road and Rio-Grande Avenue along the City's preferred alignment...By default in the code, developers are required to construct all infrastructure necessary to support the development; however, if Rio-Grande or Ogden Road are constructed as City capital projects beforehand, these would be available to support adjacent development..."

Once the document is recorded, the City owns the right-of-way.

Council will vote to approve the formal division of property, Murphy said. Other commitments will be handled at staff lev-

el. "You would probably see a budget line for a \$25,000 sewer construction to get that out of the road...that's something we would do when Rio Grande is constructed anyway...we're doing that now instead of later."

SUNSET MESA TANK COLOR

Murphy presented color selections for the new standpipe water tank on unset Mesa. The tank will have the City of Montrose logo at the top; the preferred color is "cloud."

Councilor Frank asked if more natural appearing color selections, including shades of green, were available. Mayor Bynum said that color choices were discussed by Council a year ago.

CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION FOR CM/GC FOR THE POLICE DEPT, BUILDING

Council considered award of a contract to SHAW Construction, for construction management and general contractor (CM/GC) services for all phases of the new Public Safety Complex (PSC) Construction Project. SHAW Construction would begin working with the Owner's Team as soon as this contract is awarded, the work session packet notes.

Public Works Director Jim Scheid introduced the item. "This is a very important selection and this contractor will play a critical role in this project moving forward and will definitely be an important part of our City's team." Owner's Representative Dynamic Program Management was present as well. "...They have facilitated this entire selection process for us," Scheid said.

"We have made some really great progress on the Fire Department Project," Dynamic Program Management's Colleen

Kaneda informed Council. She reviewed the CM/GC delivery method, contract, and interview process. "This delivery system enables us to bring on board a general contractor early in the design process that really becomes part of the team...they also help us with value engineering."

The contract award will come before Council for approval in two weeks.

VICTIM ASSISTANT LAW ENFORCEMENT (VALE) GRANT RESOLUTION

Police Chief Blaine Hall presented information on the Victim Assistant Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant Resolution, which helps to fund a portion of the salary of the Department's Victim Advocate.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The City is working on a video about the new Axon body-worn cameras, Chief Hall said. Technology used during the recent situation in American Village was made possible by the passage of Measure 2A.

Councilor Roy Anderson asked for a COVID-19 update, Councilor Frank expressed support for a presentation outlining what is allowed under the current variance from the Governor's most recent order. Mayor Bynum said that the City does not have a Health Department and is following Montrose County's lead. "The City doesn't have a variance...the County has a variance."

City offices and services are reopening to the public; appointments are still encouraged, Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said.

The City Planning Commission currently has an opening, City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo said.

City Manager Bill Bell said the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (URA) board will begin to meet again soon.

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DELTA'S 'BACK THE BADGE' INITIATIVE HEADED FOR BALLOT

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-In 2019, Delta County Law Enforcement agencies spent a great deal of the summer and fall attending meetings and events in an effort to educate voters on their Back the Badge ballot initiative. A collaborative effort was put forth from Cedaredge Police Department, Delta Police Department, Delta County Sheriff's Office, Hotchkiss Town Marshal's office and the Paonia Police Department to help voters understand the reasoning and need behind their request for a \$.01 tax increase. The need has not gone away; it continues to be a priority for Delta County Law Enforcement to provide the services Delta County residents demand.

The purpose of the Back the Badge initiative was to provide additional funding to Delta County Law Enforcement agencies to increase the number of on duty officers, increase and improve existing services and response times, provide increase traffic enforcement especially in school zones, business districts, and neighborhoods, and to provide proactive vs. reac-

tive law enforcement services across the board. "There is no better deterrent of criminal behavior than a marked patrol car in your neighborhood" said Sheriff Mark Taylor.

Currently the Delta County Sheriff's office, including the detention facility and the dispatch center, along with all of the police departments within each municipality continue to see increasing demands for emergency calls for service and criminal investigations. Based on expressed needs, increasing demands, and escalating criminal activity, the Back the Badge initiative will place before the voters a ballot question to provide an additional minimal .080% sales tax on goods purchased by tourists, visitors of Delta County and Delta County residents. This tax is specifically designated to increase funding to the Delta County Sheriff's Office, along with the police department in the City of Delta and the towns of Hotchkiss, Cedaredge, Paonia and Crawford. The committee to support the Back the Badge Initiative heard and recognized some of the

concerns from last year's attempt. The November 2020 initiative will include a sunset after ten years, which will allow voters to decide whether or not to keep or make changes to this sale tax. The allocation of funding was reestablished based on current and future needs. The Back the Badge team also sharpened their pencil and has lowered the request from a \$.01 cent increase to .080 of a cent, a 20% decrease.

Additional details will be forthcoming as each municipality and Board of County Commissioners considers the ballot language.

Sheriff Taylor, along with all Delta County Law Enforcement would like to thank everyone who has demonstrated their continued support by bringing in food, cards, letters, not to mention the hearts of support placed on our buildings. "We are extremely lucky to live and work in a county where people take pride in their Law Enforcement" said Sheriff Taylor, "It's our mission to continue to earn that level of support every day."

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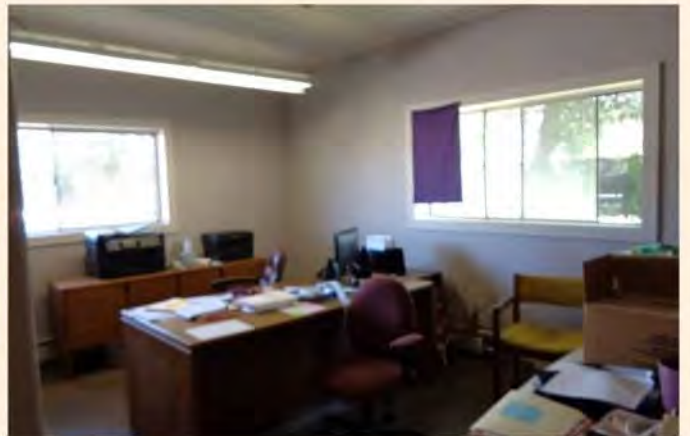


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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

CDOT LAUNCHES NEW SEAT BELT CAMPAIGN TO COINCIDE WITH CLICK IT OR TICKET ENFORCEMENT

Special to the Mirror

STATEWIDE — Starting Sunday, July 12, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and local law enforcement agencies statewide will begin a weeklong *Click It or Ticket* seat belt enforcement period.

The summer enforcement period also marks the launch of CDOT's latest seat belt safety campaign, *Common Bond*. The campaign features a variety of contrasting images to underscore that, even though Coloradans hold passionate opinions and may not agree on everything, we can all get behind seat belts. The *Common Bond* campaign underscores that despite our differences, the majority of Coloradans do buckle up.

As a state, Colorado's seat belt use rate currently sits at 88% — slightly below the national average of 90%.

CDOT's campaign is featured on billboards, posters, bus tails, social media, and radio PSAs. To view campaign materials, visit: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/c1bu6ktdw79jkoa/AADcw32hRh1OHNV26mCSWKga?dl=0>

In 2019, 196 unbuckled drivers and passengers were killed in crashes in the state, accounting for more than half of the 377 total passenger vehicle deaths. The counties that had the most unbuckled deaths in 2019 were Adams (25), Weld (23) and El Paso (15).

In 2018, eight unrestrained fatalities involved children ages 14 or younger.

"Choosing to wear a seat belt can be a

lifesaving decision. Drivers and passengers wearing seat belts are much more likely to survive a crash. It's an easy choice," said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew. "Please remember to buckle up and remind fellow drivers and passengers to do the same."

During the statewide *Click It or Ticket* enforcement last year, 775 unrestrained drivers and passengers were issued citations in communities across Colorado. "Unfortunately, there are people who continue to believe they do not need to fasten their seat belt. Some drivers think that because there is less traffic or they are only traveling a short distance that seat belts are not always necessary," said Col. Matthew Packard, chief of the CSP. "That couldn't be further from the truth. The reality is, 52% of collisions occur within a 5-mile radius from home, and 69% occur within a 10-mile radius of home. We hope every citation issued is a reminder to always buckle up every time you enter a vehicle."

In 2019, the top five counties with the lowest seat belt use in Colorado were all rural, according to a CDOT study. Those counties include:

Moffat (71%)
Cheyenne (74%)
Pueblo (80%)
Delta (81%)
Weld (81%)

COLORADO'S SEAT BELT LAWS

• **Adults** — Colorado has a secondary enforcement law for adult drivers and

front seat passengers. Drivers can be ticketed for violating the seat belt law if they are stopped for another traffic violation.

• **Teens** — Colorado's Graduated Drivers Licensing (GDL) law requires all drivers under 18 and their passengers, regardless of their age, to wear seat belts. This is a primary enforcement, meaning teens can be pulled over simply for not wearing a seat belt or having passengers without seat belts.

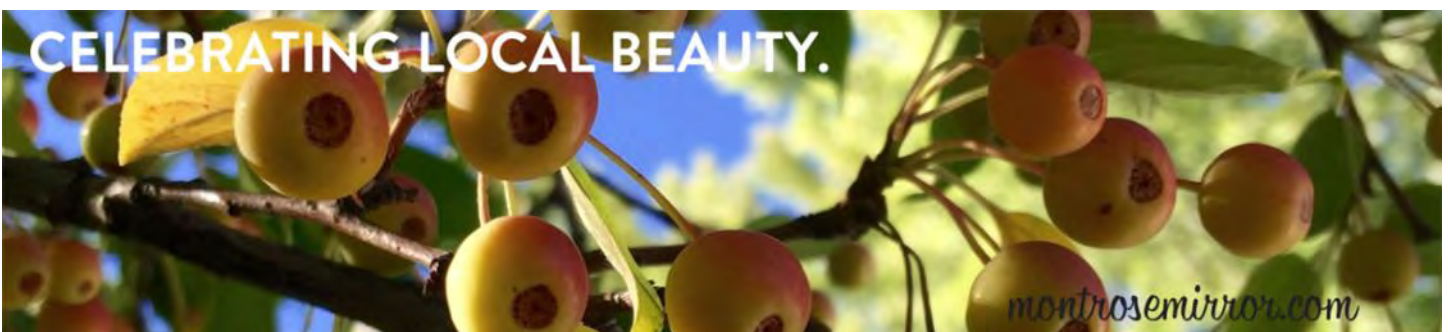
• **Children** — Colorado's Child Passenger Safety law is a primary enforcement, meaning the driver can be stopped and ticketed if an officer sees an unrestrained or improperly restrained child under age 16 in the vehicle.

Fines for not buckling up in Colorado start at \$65, and parents or caregivers caught with an improperly restrained child can receive a minimum fine of \$82.

From 2013 to 2017, 30 children aged 0 to 8 were killed in passenger vehicle crashes in Colorado. Among these, more than half were in an improperly used or installed car seat — or no car seat at all. Parents and caregivers can learn more about Colorado child passenger safety laws, recommendations and recalls at CarSeatsColorado.com.

ABOUT CLICK IT OR TICKET

Click It or Ticket is a nationwide campaign from NHTSA. Since *Click It or Ticket* was introduced in Colorado in 2002, statewide seat belt use has increased from 72% to 86%. For more information about seat belt safety and enforcement citation numbers, visit codot.gov/safety/seatbelts-carseats.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR BOARD POSTPONES COLORADO PRO RODEO

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— The Montrose County Fair Board voted to postpone the bull riding and Colorado Pro Rodeo (CPRA) originally scheduled for Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25 to Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29. The postponement stems from current guidelines state officials have implemented limiting outdoor event capacities to 175 attendees.

"We had hoped to be able to host both events on their original dates, however, with the limitation on ticket sales, we are unable to do so. We are hoping that in another 45 days, we will see another lifting of restrictions and we will be able to host both events," said Fair Board President Chris Cohick.

The Fair schedule has been modified to include only the Jr. Show and 4-H and FFA participants. Additionally, all events are limited to participants and their immediate families per the guidelines set by the Fair Board. Current guidelines, information and schedules are available at montrosecountyfairandrodeo.com. Montrose County COVID-19 information is available at montrosecountyjic.com.

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MONTROSE COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE-INFORMATION RELEASE



Thomas M. Canfield MD, Coroner
MONTROSE-Early in the morning of Wednesday, July 1, 2020 a call was received by Western Colorado Regional Dispatch stating there were two deaths at a local residence. Montrose Fire Protection District EMS and the Montrose Police Department responded and discovered the two decedents. The decedents were Thomas M. Courser, a 73 year old male and his son Andrew T. Courser, a 34 year old male both of Montrose. Cause and manner of death are pending autopsy results and toxicology analysis. The cases are under investigation by the Montrose Police Department and the Montrose County Coroner's Office of Medical Investigation.

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CDLE: 7,854 REGULAR INITIAL UI CLAIMS FILED FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 4

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) has reported that 7,854 regular initial unemployment claims were filed the week ending July 4th. There were also 5,900 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims filed for the same week. Over the past 16 weeks, a total of 483,065 regular unemployment initial claims have been filed and a grand total of 617,481 claims, including federal PUA benefits.*

The Department also announced it has paid out approximately \$3.3 billion in unemployment benefits since March 29th. That amount includes regular unemployment 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 \$1.14 Billion

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (gig workers/self-employed) \$373.4 Million

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (\$600/weekly UI benefits to eligible claimants) Apx. \$1.76 Billion Total \$3.27 Billion

Claims by industry and benefits paid Benefits paid: Regular UI

Week ending July 4: \$83.6 Million

Top 10 industries with highest initial claims for week ending June 20th

#1 Accommodation and Food Services: 971 (13.2% of claims for week)

#2 Healthcare and Social Service: 767 (10.4%)

#3 Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services: 754 (10.3%)

#4 Retail Trade: 657 (8.9%)

#5 Manufacturing: 585 (8.0%)

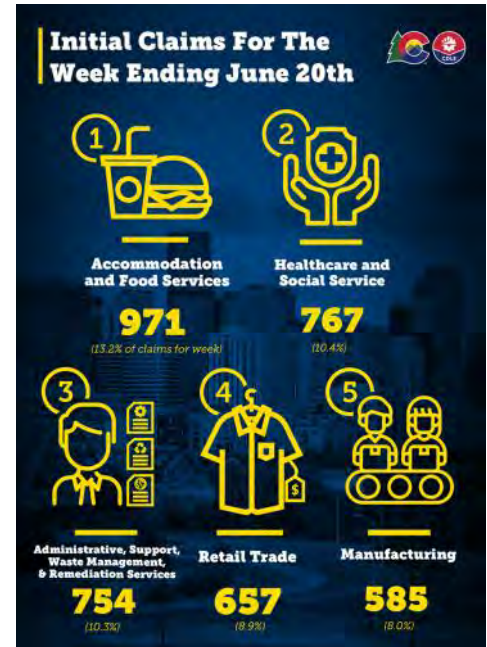
#6 Construction: 534 (7.3%)

#7 Professional and Technical Services: 487 (6.6%)

#8 Education Services: 420 (5.7%)

#9 Wholesale Trade: 354 (4.8%)

#10 Transportation and Warehousing: 300 (4.1%)* Initial claims are claims filed to establish benefit eligibility. Initial claims



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

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Stage 1 Fire Restrictions Fact Sheet



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Fires contained within liquid fueled or gas fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices.



Target shooting in a safe manner is permitted.



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The personal use of all fireworks is prohibited.

Any fire or campfire, not within a permanently constructed fire grate in a developed park, campground, private residence, or picnic area.



Smoking, EXCEPT within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area of at least six feet diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible material.

Agricultural burning is not allowed.



Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame EXCEPT in cleared areas of at least 10 ft in diameter and in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher.

Operating or using any internal combustion engine, such as chainsaws, without a spark-arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order.



Target shooting with explosive targets is not permitted.

COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

PARKS & WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO HOLD VIRTUAL MEETING JULY 16 - 17

DENVER - The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will consider emergency regulations necessary to temporarily reauthorize the use of a Temporary Authorization Number (TAN) as proof of privilege for most Division products for up to 45 days and to temporarily reauthorize offering hunter education completely online, as well as permanent regulations to increase the fee for river outfitter licenses, to create the "Independence Parks Pass" for disabled veterans, to require the purchase of either a furbearer license (or a furbearer permit in addition to a small game license) for the avocational harvest of all furbearer species except coyotes, to close the 2020 hunting season for greater sage-grouse in Game Management Units 4 and 5 pursuant to thresholds set forth in the Northwest Colorado Greater Sage-grouse Conservation Plan, and to make corrections to the 2020 Public Access Program enrollment. The Commission will also discuss revising refund and reissue regulations to provide more consistency and

customer service opportunities, and an annual review of regulations related to "Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" and "Passes Permits and Registrations" at a virtual meeting on Thursday, July 16 and Friday, July 17. The meeting will be streamed live on CPW's YouTube page here.

The commission will also consider a recent CPW relevancy study, State Recreational Trails Committee member appointments, 2020-2021 Snowmobile Capital Grants funding recommendations, a presentation on the Youth Internship Program (YIP), the Fishers Peak property name, the West Slope Draft Mountain Lion Management Plan, multiple elk herd management plans, and State Wildlife Area access. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 16 and adjourn at 4:45 p.m. The commission will reconvene at 8 a.m. on Friday, July 17 and adjourn at 10:30 a.m.

Additional agenda items include:
Department of Agriculture update

Department of Natural Resources update
Financial update
Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) update
A complete agenda along with all materials for public review for this meeting can be found on the CPW website. The public is encouraged to email written comments to the commission at

dnr_cpwcommission@state.co.us. Details on providing public comments for virtual meetings are available on the CPW website. The commission meets regularly and travels to communities around the state to facilitate public participation. Anyone can listen to commission meetings through the CPW website. This opportunity keeps constituents informed about the development of regulations and how the commission works with Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff to manage the parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs administered by the agency. Find out more about the commission on the CPW website. The next commission meeting will take place on Sept. 2 and 3.

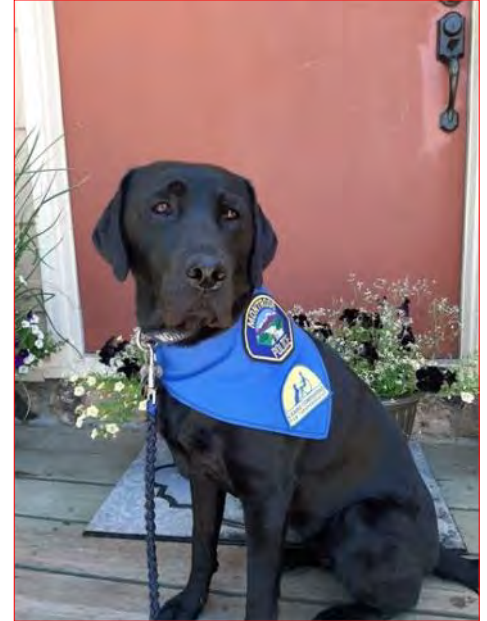


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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES FACILITY DOG 'APPLE' TO FORCE



Courtesy photos City of Montrose.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— The Montrose Police Department has welcomed a new facility dog named "Apple" to its ranks to assist officers who might experience anxiety from daily police work and to provide a calming environment for victims of crime.

In early January, the Police Department was awarded a \$2,500 grant from Montrose Walmart to help acquire the dog. The Police Department received Apple from Canine Companions for Independence (CCI), a volunteer program that breeds, raises, and trains dogs as service animals then places them free-of-charge with individuals or organizations.

Montrose Police Department Victim Advocate Chantelle Bainbridge, the dog's handler, worked with Apple at a training center in California in February before bringing her to Montrose to begin a trial period before Apple was certified and ready to begin work.

Apple will be at the Police Department each day to help create a calming environment when victims of crime are brought in for interviewing.

Bainbridge said victims of crime who proceed through the criminal justice system

can often experience additional trauma and re-victimization, regardless of how hard criminal justice professionals work to be gentle and empathetic.

The department's first goal is to use Apple to reduce the fears and anxiety of crime victims during the criminal justice process. The second goal is to create a welcoming and approachable environment where crime victims feel safe and comfortable coming into the Police Department to seek assistance and when returning for additional victim advocacy and help through their healing process. The third goal is to use Apple to provide additional support to victims of child abuse and/or child sexual abuse to help calm their nerves and reduce their fears during the judicial process, according to Bainbridge. "Apple is a very important piece in caring for the crime victims in our community as well as our staff and within a short amount of time has proven to have a positive impact on both," Bainbridge said.

The use of facility dogs is also becoming more common within police departments for use in peer support programs for police officers to help reduce stress from the

daily rigors of police work.

"Studies have shown that PTSD for police officers is five times higher than the civilian population due to exposure to trauma and shootings," Bainbridge said. "We often forget to take care of those who take care of everyone else and suffer from the trauma of others." The dog returns home with Bainbridge at the end of each shift. "Apple is an awesome addition to our police department because it's going to provide another layer of support that we can offer to the victims of crime in our community," Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall said. "I think that it will eventually expand, hopefully into the realm of helping victims testify in court and internally within our own agency. We will be using Apple for our peer support program for our officers. She's a great addition and we are really thankful that we have her."

The Montrose Police Department would like to thank Tim and Krista Bush with Chow Down Pet Supplies and Dr. Jake Rehard with Black Canyon Veterinary Clinic who have stepped up to sponsor the dog with essentials and care. Bainbridge said she thanks the Montrose community for its support with phone calls and donations to the department in the short time Apple has been on staff.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNOUNCES HEARING SCHEDULE

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) Chair Jeff Robbins has invited the public and stakeholders to attend the Commission's newly announced hearings and announced an update to the SB 19-181 rulemaking schedule.

"We are excited to have all the commissioners meet our leadership team and each other today. We have a bold schedule ahead of us, and we will be working to deliver on these critical rulemakings to implement SB 19-181," said COGCC Chair Jeff Robbins.

Beginning July 14, the Commission will host meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday mornings of each month. These regularly scheduled hearings will offer public comment, address enforcement issues, general business, and work sessions as needed. These meetings will be in

addition to upcoming SB 19-181 rulemakings. All hearing information will be posted at the COGCC website.

Chair Robbins also provided an overview to the rulemaking schedule:

Aug. 4: Mill Levy Rulemaking Commission Hearing

Mission Change will be conducted through two rulemakings:

200-600 Series:

200: General Provisions; 300: Permitting Process; 400: Operations and Reporting; 500: Rules of Practice and Procedures; 600: Safety and Facility Operations
Dates: Aug. 24 - Sept. 10*

800, 900, 1200 Series:

800: Underground Injection; 900: Environmental Impact Prevention; 1200: Protection of Wildlife Resources
Dates: Sept. 28 - Oct. 9*

*While these dates have been noticed, they may not be necessary if the hearings

are completed earlier

SB 19-181 ensures that oil and gas development and operations in Colorado are regulated in a manner that protects public health, safety, welfare, the environment and wildlife resources. The COGCC is in the midst of reviewing its rules and procedures to evaluate what changes are required to reflect the new law's requirements. On Nov. 21, 2019, the Commission adopted Flowline rules and Wellbore Integrity rules on June 10. The Commission will take up additional SB 19-181 rulemakings at future Commission hearings, including rulemakings around Mission Change, Cumulative Impacts and Alternative Location Analysis, which begins Aug. 24, 2020.

To learn more about upcoming hearings, the rulemaking schedule, and how to comment using the online portals, visit the COGCC website: cogcc.state.co.us.



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CYLLIA LYNN PHOTOGRAPHY TO HOST GRAND OPENING JULY 17



Next Friday, July 17 Cyllia Lynn Photography is holding its Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting at 5pm (219 N 1st Street). Photo by Paul Arbogast.

By Paul Arbogast

MONTROSE-If you have ever shopped around for a photographer in Montrose, you know her name and have seen her work. Cyllia has been shooting lifestyle, personal portrait, branding, and boudoir photographs for Montrose residents for many years now. Most of her work has been outdoor or on-site shooting, but she

is expanding that with her own well-equipped professional studio which is now open and operating for all your photography needs. When you contact her with interest in a photo shoot, you will have a consultation scheduled where she will sit down with you to discuss and plan your vision for the photographs you want. Cyllia emphasized, "I want to capture spe-

cial moments ... that they are proud to share with everyone."

To her it is not about posing, it is about emotion and real moments between people and family members, "it is about the love and interaction. I want to give people their favorite photos of themselves."

Any good photographer will tell you a part of a great session and amazing photos is the connection formed between the themselves and the client, and Cyllia spends the time to learn about her clients, so she can deliver top level photographs that they will treasure. "We all want to change the world, but I will settle for changing one life at a time." Next Friday, July 17 Cyllia Lynn Photography is holding its Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting at 5pm (219 N 1st Street). There will be gift vouchers, live music with Coral Skye, and a chance to win a family session valued at \$1,000. For any inquiries she can be reached at 970-275-0076, through her website (www.cyllialynnphtography.com) or on Instagram and Facebook (@cyllialynnphtography). So, check out her work, visit for the Grand Opening, and as always, support local Montrose Businesses.

COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

RURAL, OLDER ADULT SURVEY PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

By Karen Brown,

Director of the Changing the Narrative Age-friendly Workplace Initiative

DENVER—Perhaps you've felt that your voice isn't heard by decision-makers and elected officials in Denver. Many of us older adults, many of us over 50 who have been or want to be in the workforce, and many people in rural areas have felt this way acutely and persistently.

Now, on an important and urgent issue—the experiences of workers age 50+ on the job and when job-seeking—you can be heard. You can help influence Colorado's policies on older workers in the pre-and post-COVID eras from the comfort of your home and in a few minutes: just answer a survey. It's an easy action to take on a complex issue.

Older adults in Colorado who were, are, or hope to be in the workforce are encouraged to take the brief survey at <https://bit.ly/CTNWorkforceSurvey>

Changing the Narrative, an initiative to change the way Coloradans—including employers—think about aging and older people, says that hundreds of urban older adults have filled out the survey but fewer rural older adults have responded. Let's change that!

By gathering feedback from adults age 50+ on the challenges they have encountered in the workforce and when applying for jobs—in addition to noting the strengths we bring to the workplace—the data can be shared with key leaders. Changing the Narrative will inform and advise state officials, county decision-makers, nonprofit organizations, and employers who are beginning to re-hire as the state opens up. The goal is to help design and influence policies so as to best include older workers.

Responses also will be used to help inform programming designed to assist

those experiencing difficulties and to help people age 50+ gain access to meaningful work that fully uses their talents and abilities.

Those of us at Changing the Narrative Age-friendly Workplace Initiative hope to include the voices of more rural respondents, and we need them quickly!

When the unemployment insurance benefits run out on Aug. 1, many more people will be seeking work but needing resources to successfully do so. Changing the Narrative believes that there are many rural adults age 50+ who share characteristics, experiences, and needs with their urban counterparts, but have their own perspectives.

By learning more about what those are, based on the real experience of adults age 50+ impacted by COVID, our program can

help employers, state and local counties, and nonprofits to design solutions, programs, and policies that will help people age 50+ get back to work, benefitting older adults, employers, and Colorado's economy.

Questions in the survey range from "Are you looking for work and how long have you been looking?" to "Why are you seeking employment?" as well as questions about ageism in the workplace.

All responses will remain anonymous. This survey takes six to eight minutes to complete. At the end of the survey, respondents will have a chance to enter a drawing for one of five \$100 gift cards.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

BOSOM BUDDIES ANNOUNCES 2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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REGIONAL-Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group of Southwestern Colorado is pleased to announce the names of the 2020 Bosom Buddies scholarship recipients. This year's recipients are Carlie Wytulka (Nucla), Maria Herrera (Olathe), Teagan Bailey, Jilian Keenan and Sierra Vigil (Montrose).

Bosom Buddies offers three scholarship opportunities to residents of Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel counties. Scholarship funding is available to students enrolling in an institution of higher learning

who are applying to Bosom Buddies for educational assistance for the first time.

Continuing educational funding is also available to previous recipients. Students must apply annually but can re-apply for up to a total of four years. Four of this year's scholarship awards were to previous recipients.

Applicants must have a parent or guardian who, at some time, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Funding is available for full-time and part-time students enrolling in a vocational, community college, university, or accredited on-line program.

The application deadline was extended to May 15 for this year due to the health crisis.

"In addition, educational funding is available year-round to survivors of breast cancer," said Kim Jones and Lori Webb, co-chairs of the Bosom Buddies Educational Assistance Committee.

"Survivors can apply at any time; there is no deadline."

For further information on Bosom Buddies scholarship and financial assistance opportunities, visit the Bosom Buddies website www.bosombuddieswc.org.



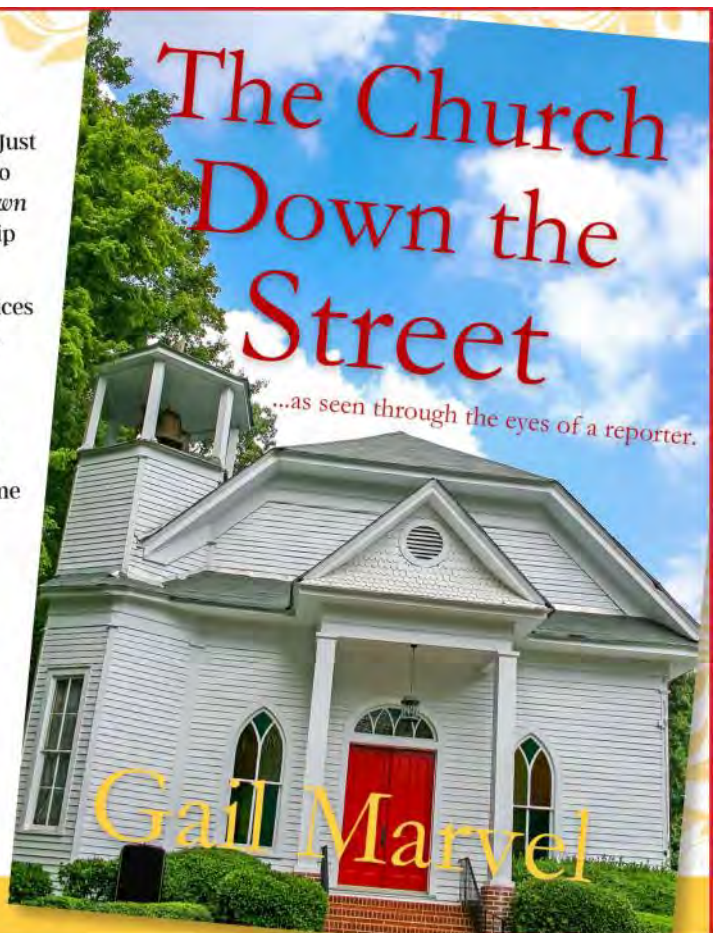
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It is human nature to compare ourselves with others, and the church is no different. Just as Paul's Epistles allowed the early church to peer into the lives of each other, *The Church Down the Street* allows readers to peer into the worship services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

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

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

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



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RIDGWAY-The Ridgway Western Heritage Society is reluctantly cancelling this year's Old West Fest scheduled for September 25-27, 2020, due to uncertainties surrounding the pandemic.

"The festival has a number of events held at various locations including a concert, movies, demonstrations and presentations. These activities involve people being in close proximity to each other. We just don't know whether suitable venues will be available for these events and what health restrictions will be in place at that time," said Eve Becker-Doyle, president of the Ridgway Western Heritage Society in Ridgway, Colorado.

As of this date, the festival's partner entities still intend to go forward with their activities that weekend. **The Ridgway Railroad Museum's Ouray County Railroad Days and the OC Ranch History Museum's demonstrations (classes, gallery show, and sales) of fine artisan leather crafts, mule packing, and blacksmithing are currently planned and underway.**

Next year's Old West Fest is slated for September 2021 during the Ouray County Railroad Days weekend. Although the Railroad Museum has not yet established 2021 dates for Railroad Days, the last weekend in September (September 24-26) is usually their choice.

The inaugural old West festival, October 11-13 last year, commemorated the 50th anniversary of True Grit's release in 1969. The Ridgway Western Heritage Society published a book, True Grit: A 50-Year Tribute, in connection with the celebration. The 128-page book is \$21.81 for on-site purchase from the Ouray County Ranch History Museum (open 11-3 Friday and Saturday, 12 to 3 on Sunday). Mail order purchase is \$26.80.



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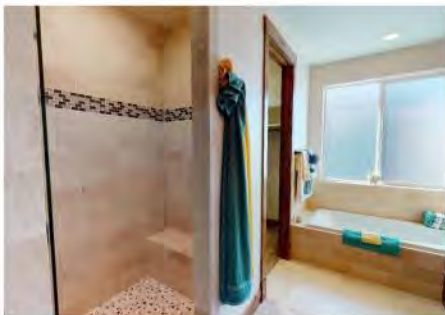
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ONGOING-

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.

MONTROSE ALTRUSA-1st Tuesday of the month Program meeting; 2nd Tuesday of the month committee meeting; 3rd Tuesday of the month Business meeting. Meetings are held at the Hampton Inn conference room at Noon.

MONTHLY-

July 17-To keep everyone safe, the Black Canyon Quilt Show and Boutique is going virtual this year. Starting July 17, you can view the virtual quilt show at www.blackcanyonquiltshow.com Enjoy!

July 17-Tired of government overreach? Sign the petition. A Convention of States table will be available from 2 to 6 p.m., at LRJ Customs Gunsmith, 409 North First, Montrose.

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

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



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