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MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL LOOKS @ INCENTIVES PACKAGE FOR CHOW DOWN PET SUPPLIES



An incentive package presented to the Montrose City Council on behalf of Chow Down Pet Supplies requests City financial assistance to remove an Ink Tank left by the former occupant, Montrose Daily Press (\$14,000), and to complete Asbestos Abatement (\$86,000).

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- In the absence of Mayor Barbara Bynum, Mayor Pro Tem Doug Glaspell led a brisk and focused Montrose City Council work session on Aug. 17. Councilors Bowman, Frank and Anderson were present for the work session, which was held in a hybrid format with Council and key staff social distancing in chambers while others called in from remote locations, including Councilor Roy Anderson.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

City Human Resources Director Terri Wilcox opened the session via Zoom call from the City's Centennial Room; although unable to hear audio from council chambers, Wilcox was unphased. "I am sorry I can't hear you, but if you can hear me, I'll just start," she said, and went on to virtually introduce five new City employees.

Joining the City team are Guest

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 73 DONATES TO BLACK CANYON BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

By Paul Arbogast

MONTROSE-The American Legion Post 73 Commander and members met with the Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club (BCBGC) at the site of the club's future home near 6700 Road and Niagara on Thursday, Aug. 20. Post Commander Jeremy Rousseau presented BCBGC with a donation of \$5,000.

Bud Taylor, the executive director of BCBGC, said their local goal was to raise one million dollars for the new facility, and that they previously had raised 860K. He said that a few weeks back they had a person reach out and offer to match any donations the BCBGC received, so the American Legion donation



Photo by Paul Arbogast.

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The deadline for return of completed applications to the same location is **Friday, September 4, 2020**, at 5 p.m.

Interviews will be conducted the week of September 7, 2020, and elections will be held by the Board of Directors at its annual meeting in October, date to be announced.



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SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR ONE RESIDENT SEAT FOR THE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE

Special to the Mirror

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE-The Town of Mountain Village is currently seeking candidates for one regular seat on the Mountain Village Green Team Committee. Applicants must be a Mountain Village resident. Those interested may submit a letter of intent and resume by 5 p.m. on Sept. 2, 2020 to mvclerk@mtnvillage.org. The seat will be appointed by Mountain Village Town Council at its September 17 council meeting.



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WATCH FOR COWS ON THE ROAD NEAR RICO *Many Colorado highways are in open range areas*

Special to the Mirror

SOUTHWEST COLORADO — CDOT warns southwest Colorado travelers to be aware of cows on the road in Dolores County. Local ranchers are grazing cattle on public lands where “open range” falls on a five-mile stretch of CO Highway 145 immediately south of Rico, MP 42-46. Travelers should drive with extreme caution in this area, as cows frequently wander onto the roadway.

Additionally, travelers should be aware that many rural highways across the entire state of Colorado are in “open range” areas. Along many state highways, cattle and other livestock like horses or sheep, may be grazing near the roadway where there may be no fence keeping the livestock from roaming onto the highway. CDOT posts “open range” signs in these areas to help warn motorists of the possibility of cattle on the road.

The local CDOT maintenance patrol in Rico is also using portable electronic signs to caution drivers of “cows on the highway.” Motorists should be aware that they

may meet up with roaming cows.

From the Colorado Department of Agriculture: “In Colorado, landowners have the inherent right to fence their land or leave it unfenced. In the early 1880's the Colorado legislature passed a “fencing” statute. This statute is commonly referred to as the “open range” or “fence out” statute.”



CO Highway 145 south of Rico. Courtesy photo.



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actually brings them \$10,000 closer to their goal.

The American Legion is the nation's largest veterans service organization, with one of their continued goals being to support and mentor youth and youth programs. "It is important to us that we take care of the kids," Rousseau said.

BCBGC plans for a ground-breaking within the coming year, and members and staff have expressed excitement that they have had such wonderful support from the community. *Photo at right by Paul Arbogast*



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CDOT TO RE-PAVE INTERSECTION OF US 550 AND LA PLATA CR 310

Special to the Mirror

SOUTHWEST COLORADO — CDOT will be performing paving operations next week on US Highway 550 south of Durango near Bondad. Crews will re-pave the roadway at the intersection of US 550 and La Plata CR 310, about four and a half miles north of the NM state line.

Monday through Thursday, Aug. 24-27, motorists will encounter one-lane, alternating traffic guiding by flagging personnel. Travelers should be prepared for full traffic stops with delays of up to 15 minutes. CDOT urges motorists to watch for maintenance workers and equipment in the work zone. Use slow speeds and obey all signage.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

PARTICIPATE IN 19TH AMENDMENT COMMEMORATIVE MARCH AUG. 26

Editor:

In response to some recent comments, as President of the League of Women Voters of Montrose County also serving Delta County, I would like to clarify the League's identity as a nonpartisan political organization that neither supports nor opposes candidates or political parties at any level of government. The League of Women Voters of Montrose County, as does the League of Colorado and the League US, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Through its Education Foundation, the League works to register voters, provide voters with election information through voter guides as well as candidate forums and debates. Further information, with specifics about the Leagues of Montrose, Colorado, and the US are available at lwvmontrose.org, lwvcolorado.org, and lwvus.org, respectively.

Both the Board of County Commissioners of Montrose County and the Montrose City Council have proclaimed, for the local League, August 26, 2020 as "19th Amendment Day", honoring its 100th anniversary and the right of women to vote and run for office. The Montrose League invites the community to participate in a commemorative March on August 26, beginning at 5 pm at the Montrose County Courthouse. Your local League will provide a community education webinar in September. We will also provide, in cooperation with other Western Slope Leagues, virtual candidate and ballot issues forums this fall. Please find further information on these events and others, or to join or donate to the League, at the address above.

Jan Edwards, President

Montrose County League of Women Voters, serving also Delta County



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WEST NILE VIRUS UPDATE FOR DELTA COUNTY

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The Delta County Department of Health is reporting a second human case of West Nile virus. This case is a resident from the North Fork region of the county.

The second case is a female in her 30's that reported positive on August 17th.

August through September are when most human cases of West Nile virus have been reported in Colorado. "West Nile Virus can be a serious illness and residents should understand the health risks associated with this virus" said Delta County Environmental Health Director Ken Nordstrom "We continue to see mosquitoes collected from the Delta area testing

positive for West Nile Virus. There continues to be a large amount of virus circulating in the valley this year. So, protect yourself from being bitten by a mosquito!" Residents should remember, that COVID-19 is currently increasing in our community and some symptoms appear similar to West Nile,

Health officials say most people bitten by a West Nile virus infected mosquito show no symptoms of illness; however, some people may develop symptoms 3 to 15 days after being bit by an infected mosquito. About 1-in-5 infected persons will have mild illness with fever, and about 1-in-150 infected people will become severely ill.

Physicians are urged to test patients for the West Nile virus if they show signs of fever, altered mental status, suspected meningitis or encephalitis, or sudden painless paralysis in the absence of stroke, in the summer months.

The public is encouraged to take preventative measures against the virus. The following prevention tips are encouraged:

Drain standing water on property.

Dusk and Dawn- avoid being outdoors at this time when mosquito activity is high.

DEET, Picaridin, and Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus are effective ingredients in bug repellent.

Dress in long sleeves and pants during dusk and dawn and in areas where mosquitoes are active and open windows tightly screened.

For more information:

www.fightthebitecolorado.com or the Colorado Health Emergency Line for the Public (CO HELP): 1-877-462-2911. You can also visit the CDC West Nile Prevention Page: <https://www.cdc.gov/westnile/prevention/index.html>



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COLORADO APPROVED FOR THE LOST WAGES ASSISTANCE (LWA) PROGRAM

Special to the Mirror

DENVER – Today the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) announced Colorado's application for the federal Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) program was approved and the Department has now begun a system reprogramming effort to administer the new benefits.

Colorado is one of eight states to date to apply for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Other Needs Assistance (ONA) program announced earlier this month by President Trump.

The LWA program is one of four measures within the Other Needs Assistance program and provides additional unemployment benefits to workers impacted by Covid-19.

On August 8, 2020, President Trump signed an executive order authorizing FEMA to expend up to \$44 billion from its Disaster Relief Fund to provide lost wages assistance to Americans receiving unemployment benefits. While Colorado has not yet finalized the amount of its LWA payments, the program will provide eligible Coloradans with an additional \$300 on top of their regular unemployment benefits, with an additional \$100 should states be able to identify state funds.

The Department has begun reprogramming its systems to include the new benefits and estimates that claimants will begin receiving LWA benefits in mid to late September. For those who are eligible, payments will be retroactive to the week beginning July 26th and will extend through the week ending Aug. 15.

Colorado's application for Lost Wages Assistance has been approved initially for this three-week period. The Department will communicate to claimants should Colorado be approved for additional weeks of LWA benefits.

Claimants do not have to take any action to receive the additional benefit amount provided by the LWA program. The additional benefits will be added automatically for all claimants who are eligible to re-

ceive at least \$100 in weekly unemployment benefit payments.

This includes claimants receiving any type of regular unemployment insurance benefits as well as those receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits. "This additional benefit of \$300 per week will put at least \$265 million into the hands of our unemployed workforce who have been impacted by the economic downturn caused by the pandemic, and provides critical support during this time of extreme need," said Joe Barela, Executive Director of the Colorado Department

of Labor and Employment.

Colorado is one of the first eight states to apply for the LWA program, and was previously among the first states to implement the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) programs after the CARES Act was signed in April.

The LWA program succeeds FPUC, which previously supplemented unemployment benefit payments by \$600/week and expired July 25th. Colorado paid over \$2.4 billion in FPUC benefits to approximately 560,000 claimants between April and July.

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DELTA HOSPITAL RECEIVES TELE-HEALTH GRANT FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEALTH FOUNDATION



Dr. Saliman at Internal Medicine Associates doing a telehealth visit. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA – Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) is pleased to announce it has received a \$10,000 grant from the Rocky Mountain Health Foundation (RMHF). These funds will support additional tele-

health equipment for the DCMH hospital and its clinics throughout Delta County.

The additional telehealth equipment will help meet the growing need for patients to have the option to connect virtually with their providers. Throughout the pandemic DCMH has continued providing safe, high-quality health care services to the community, and this grant will allow them to expand their telehealth options for patients.

"As we continue to adapt and grow, our top priority remains the health and safety of our patients, staff and community members," said Matt Heyn, CEO for DCMH. "We are thrilled to be able to continue offering telehealth services to our

patients, and we are thankful to the RMHF for the grant."

With the mission of improving the overall health of a community, Rocky Mountain Health Foundation serves 22 Western Slope counties. The Foundation addresses some of the Western Slope's most pressing health needs, including access to healthcare, hunger, transportation to/from medical treatments, and integrated behavioral health. More information can be found at <http://rmhealth.org/>.

Currently telehealth services are available for patients at all DCMH Primary Care Clinics. To learn more about the telehealth options available at DCMH, visit deltahospital.org.

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DEMAND OPEN AND INCLUSIVE REGULATORY HEARINGS

Editor:

Under pressure from the oil and gas industry the new Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) has pulled the plug on a briefing by our Colorado State Toxicologist on the results of the state sponsored public health study. What does this say about open hearings to collect information relevant to appropriate health setbacks for oil and gas development? Let's insist that all safety measures, in light of the COGCC's mission change to regulate development, be brought before the table for discussion. We cannot allow a suppression of possibly pertinent information by any vested interest. It is time to let your representatives know how you feel about open and inclusive regulatory hearings.

Wayne Quade, Montrose

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Target shooting with explosive targets is not permitted.

MONTROSE COUNTY ADOPTS AGREEMENT WITH MMH, INC FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING



At the special meeting of Wednesday, Aug. 19, the Montrose BOCC adopted an agreement with Montrose Memorial Hospital, Inc. (MMH is pictured above) for the distribution of Coronavirus Relief Funding.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—On Wednesday, Aug. 19 the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) met for a special meeting at 3 p.m. Joining the BOCC were officials from Montrose Memorial Hospital, Inc. All commissioners were present for the session.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Ken Norris had no changes to the meeting agenda.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Deputy County Manager Jon Waschbusch presented for consideration an agreement with Montrose Memorial Hospital, Inc. for the distribution of Coronavirus Relief Funding, an unbudgeted base expense of \$319,700 pursuant to the terms of the agreement with the possibility of additional charges as outlined in the agree-

ment. The county has been allocated unbudgeted revenue to offset this expense through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

The county and the hospital have been working collaboratively to find a viable long-term solution to ensure that COVID-19 testing remains readily available in the community into the fall months, Waschbusch said.

"The agreement that's before the board today...would utilize CARES funding-- Coronavirus Relief Act Funding-- specifically to reimburse the hospital and cover their expenses going back to June 29 and then moving forward through the remainder of the year," he said.

"Pursuant to the agreement, the hospital will continue to provide COVID specimen collection through the end of the year,

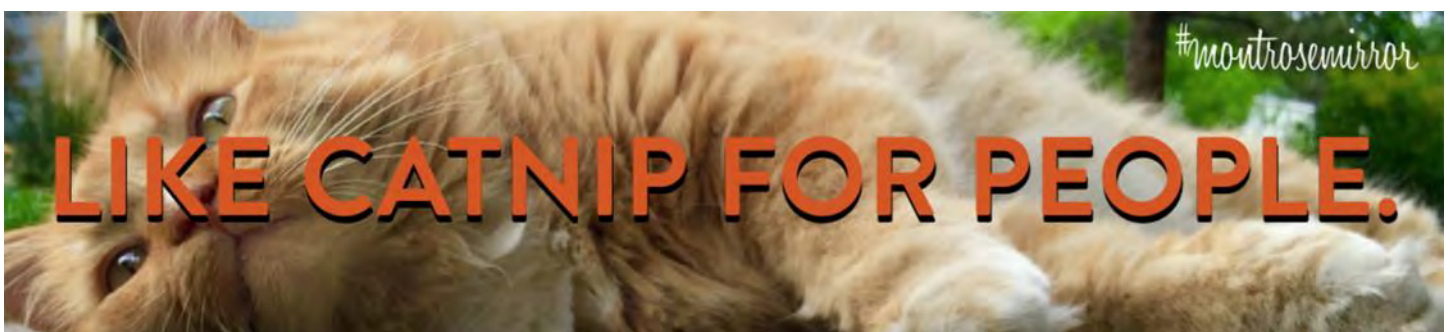
including for public outbreak sites, in coordination with Public Health," Waschbusch said. "That is really a great capacity and ability to have as we move into the fall and back into flu season and back into school."

The agreement also formalizes critical aspects of testing, which will move back to the Montrose County Event Center Oct. 1 and remain there through year's end.

Montrose Memorial Hospital CEO James Kaiser was present to answer specific questions.

Following some discussion, the BOCC voted unanimously to adopt the agreement with Montrose Memorial Hospital, Inc. for the distribution of Coronavirus Relief Funding.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

PART 2 OF A SIX PART SERIES *by Dee Laird*



THE MONTROSE TAKEOVER BEGINS

A previous council member felt that Bell's true colors began to show after the 2012 municipal election, with a council that could be more easily manipulated to his purposes. Early in his tenure Bell seemed to be determined to weed out long time city employees. Some that I talked with indicated one method was to either increase work loads or severely cut hours, thereby forcing an employee out.

In my opinion Bell embarked on a course of reshaping Montrose government, slowly acquiring unprecedented power for a city employee. All following articles in the series will address some of the many incidents I feel were instigated by Bell to gain control over the direction our city government has taken.

THE PARKS ADVISORY BOARD:

This board was formed by council c-1999 as a purely volunteer board, to advise council on all matters relative to about 118 acres of parks. Members went through an application process, and all meetings had recorded minutes. A previous board member indicated to me that the PAB process had all been smooth until Bell inserted himself into their advisory operations.

According to PAB records I reviewed, Bell and councilor Files appeared at the December 2014 board meeting and were queried as to why the Parks supervisor had "resigned". According to one board member, Bell became "defensive and autocratic" and ordered the PAB secretary to delete all discussion regarding the supervisor in the PAB minutes. It quickly

became obvious to PAB board members that Bell didn't want his behind the scenes actions to meet the light of day.

On February 5, 2015 Bell [not council] advised the PAB by letter that it was dissolved immediately, conveniently putting the blame on city council for the actions he obviously recommended. The result? One good volunteer citizens volunteer group torpedoed by Bell. THE CITIZEN BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Bell invited me to sit on this committee and I readily agreed. At my first meeting there were about 8 citizens in attendance. But I quickly found out that this was no "advisory group". All information presented was all but a done deal. Bell and the Finance Director would answer questions, but that was it. The second year I attended, only 3 citizens attended, and once again, it was a done deal with no chance of "advising" on any item. Why I went back my third and final year I'll never know, but now the "committee" was down to just me, Bell, and the finance director. and once again, there was no "advising" allowed.

If you have ever attended a city budget presentation, Bell always points to the Citizen Budget Advisory Committee in his presentation, alluding to "citizen involvement" in the budget process that, in reality, does not exist. The public and gullible councils have no idea how misleading those remarks are.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY [DDA]

According to former board members the DDA was formed by the city, but was established by a vote of property owners in the DDA zone, establishing taxing authority. Board members were interviewed and appointed by council, with no input or consideration by DDA board members allowed. Board members indicated to me this allowed Bell to have his personal selections appointed in an attempt to control DDA.

Previous board members indicated that at one point, most of the DDA files mysteriously disappeared from their city office. When queried by a city clerk about

the "missing" records, board members responded that all proper records had been regularly filed with the city and if missing, it was the city's responsibility. Then, mysteriously, all files suddenly reappeared. Board members I spoke with felt this was an attempt by Bell to implicate DDA for acting improperly, thereby creating an excuse to dissolve it.

In summer 2018 council authorized \$246,000 in tax dollars for the Vine building, owned by a private company. DDA board members reported that in December that year Bell made a demand that DDA authorize a payment of \$50,000 of DDA funds as the DDA's portion of the \$246,000 Vine allocation, but the board refused. Since Bell found he could not control DDA, board members I spoke with felt he was determined to destroy that organization.

The final straw involved the USDA loan program, which had to be administered by the DDA. In 2019 a USDA representative informed the DDA board that they were two years delinquent in reporting, but no DDA board member knew anything about the program. As it turned out, the city finance department, who had total responsibility for reporting to USDA on behalf of DDA, had failed to properly file reports. According to a previous DDA board member, Bell tried to get out of the USDA loan program but was told by USDA he had no authority to take such action, since the program was a part of DDA. So, according to a former DDA chair, Bell started the ball rolling to dissolve DDA. In June 2019 a city ordinance was drafted to dissolve DDA, and council voted lock step with Bell in the dissolution, absorbing all DDA funds.

After council dissolved DDA, Bell apparently took \$60,000 + of DDA funds and paid off the USDA loan program, thereby eliminating loan document requirements the city failed to provide to both DDA and USDA, after demands were made by both entities.

So it certainly seems Bell manipulated the demise of yet another valuable city organization.

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BOCC RESCHEDULES HEARING ON COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATION AMENDMENTS TO SEPT. 2



At the BOCC regular meeting on Aug. 19, a public hearing on Amendments to the Montrose County Subdivision Regulations was moved to Sept. 2.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Chair Keith Caddy opened the regular meeting of the BOCC on Aug. 19 and welcomed the public. Also, "...Our esteemed colleague from City Council Doug Glaspell, thanks for joining us today."

Delivering the Invocation was Pastor Ken Lentz of Grace Community Church. He referenced scripture, *Philippians 4:6-7* "Don't be anxious for anything, but in every situation pray to God. And the peace of God will transcend all understanding and will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Peace is the only way to lead, Lentz said. "The only way we can be at peace with others is to be at peace with ourselves... Let peace be your guide and the protector of your heart and your mind."

He prayed that the Lord would bring peace to the commissioners.

Glaspell led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Ken Norris had no changes to the meeting agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items passed unanimously, with Resolution No. 38-2020 assigned to Item 12.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Montrose County Undersheriff George Jackson was present as the BOCC voted to approve a contract between AXON of Scottsdale, AZ and Montrose County for 55 Body Worn Cameras and 36 In-vehicle Camera Systems, for the total amount of \$739,760.76. The equipment will arrive in six to ten weeks; installation will be a lengthy process, Jackson said.

"I appreciate all the hard work you guys put in researching this," Caddy said. "I know this is something you've been talking about for a while, and the State sort of pushed the envelope in House Bill 217 this year and is going to require this."

He thanked the people of Montrose County for funding public safety with the Public Safety Sales Tax. "Without that we'd be in a big bind right now."

Said BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash, "I want to let you guys know how much we appreciate the work you do...we are very pleased to have an outstanding group of men and women that protect us."

Commissioner Sue Hansen suggested that once the equipment is installed, "It'd be really great to see...what has changed and how it makes a difference in what you do."

Jackson said, "For that kind of money, I am sure we can arrange several 'Show and Tells.'"

Commissioners voted to approve Trans-Care Incorporated Ambulance Service's Application for License and Permit for one Ambulance to operate within Montrose County; as reviewed by Counsel, effective August 19, 2020 through June 30, 2021. All Insurance, Certifications, Medical Director's Affidavit and Inspections have

been submitted. TransCare will now offer Advanced Life Support.

County Treasurer Rosemary Murphy presented Resolution No. 39 -2020 for approval, "regarding the cancellation of uncollectable property taxes. Property taxes that are delinquent and have been determined by the Treasurer to be uncollectable and should be purged from the tax roll to give an accurate amount of outstanding taxes. This list contains mobile homes that have been destroyed or moved out of county and property that is now exempt or the account schedule number has been eliminated from the Assessor's records."

Murphy also presented Resolution No. 40 -2020 for approval, "regarding the cancellation of seven property tax liens. These county-held liens adhere to C.R.S. 39-11-143 (6)(a). In all cases where a tax lien on real property has been struck off to the county at a tax sale and the county has held the certificate of sale for thirty years or more without obtaining a tax deed as provided in this section, then such certificate may be declared void and of no effect."

Commissioners adopted both resolutions unanimously.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

A public hearing on Amendments to the Montrose County Subdivision Regulations was moved to Sept. 2.

MONTROSE COUNTY LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL AUTHORITY

Closing regular session and reconvening as the Montrose County Local Liquor Licensing Authority, the commissioners approved renewal of the Pleasant Valley Store, 84100 E. US Hwy 5, Cimarron, CO 81220, License #03-05359.

Commissioners returned to regular session.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

THANK YOU FOR READING.

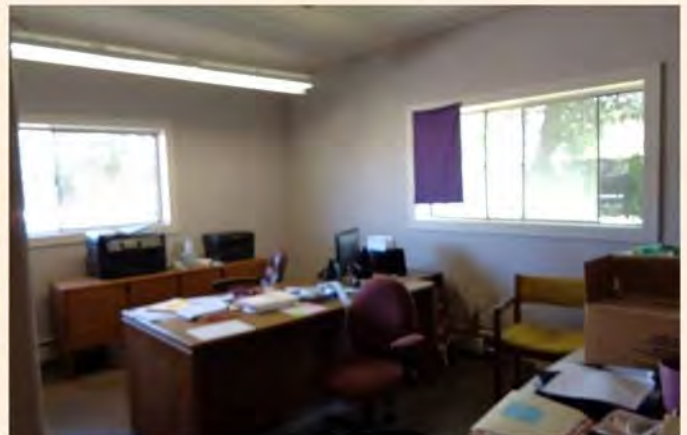


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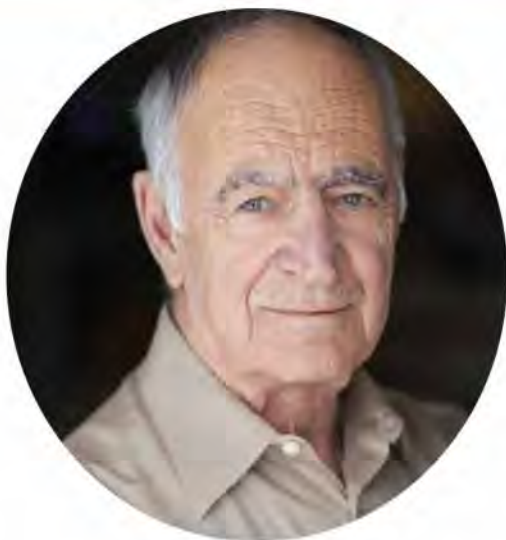
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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TO TRANSFER RADIOS IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING PARTNERS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Southwest Colorado Fire and Aviation Management Unit (SWCFAMU Fire) plans to transfer 23 Digital Mobile Radios to **Montrose County Sheriff's Posse** and another 23 digital mobile radios (DMRs) to the **Nucla/Naturita/Paradox Fire Department** to enhance their wildland firefighting capabilities. The transfer is authorized under the BLM's Rural Fire Readiness (RFR) program, which is designed to provide equipment to local wildland firefighting partners at no cost. This transfer furthers the Trump Administration's commitment to working with local partners to ensure they have necessary equipment and support for protecting public safety and property. Through the RFR Program, the BLM has transferred 35 fully equipped fire engines to local fire departments across the west, as well as tens of thousands of feet of fire hose, wa-

ter tanks, pump kits, communications equipment, drip torches and other tools, including packs and fire-resistant clothing.

"BLM Southwest Colorado Fire works to maintain strong partnerships with local communities in wildland fire management," stated **SWCFAMU Fire Management Officer Brandon Lewis**. "Being able to make equipment such as these digital mobile radios available to Montrose County goes a long way toward strengthening wildland fire response capabilities throughout our area."

Such cooperative partnerships between the BLM, local, and rural fire departments are vital in providing effective wildfire response in remote areas on private, state, and federal lands affecting grazing, recreational, wildlife and other values important to local economies. Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPAs) comprised of ranchers and farmers are a mod-

el for neighbors helping neighbors, as these volunteer firefighters provide initial attack and respond right alongside their BLM counterparts. They bring valuable knowledge of local access routes into remote areas, along with a strong motivation to protect the land.

In order, to receive wildland firefighting vehicles, equipment, and supplies through the RFR program, local fire departments and RFPAs must:

- Have an existing cooperative fire response agreement with the BLM
- Serve a rural community or area
- Have wildland fire protection responsibilities
- Be near BLM-administered lands and respond to wildland fires in support of the BLM when available and as needed.

For more information on the RFR program, contact Brandon Lewis, SWCFAMU Fire Management Officer at bclewis@blm.gov.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CITY OF OURAY TO RE-ENTER STAGE ONE FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Special to the Mirror

OURAY – Due to continued dry conditions in the City of Ouray and in neighboring areas, the Ouray City Council, in partnership with Ouray County, has re-entered Stage One Fire Restrictions, effective August 20 at 12:01 a.m. Ouray City Council asks residents and visitors to please be diligent and use extreme caution as fuels are dry and, as we are seeing across our beautiful state of Colorado, wildfire potential is very high.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE BANNED:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire EXCEPT in designated and signed campgrounds or developed recreation sites with provided fire grates.
- Open burning of ANY kind, including burning of trash or debris, burning of ditches, open charcoal or wood fires
- Use of ALL FIREWORKS and use of explosives.
- Smoking, EXCEPT in an enclosed vehicle, trailer, building or tent, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in a barren or cleared area at least 3 feet in diameter, and disposal of cigarette butts anywhere outdoors.
- Operating a chainsaw, without an approved spark arrester and without a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher and pointed shovel, kept within immediate reach of the operator.
- Welding or use of a torch with open flame EXCEPT in a barren or area cleared of all flammable materials at least 10 feet on all sides from the equipment.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE PERMITTED:

- Cooking on manufactured charcoal, liquid fuel or propane grills or other manufactured liquid fuel cook stoves.
- Campfires with flame length NOT exceeding two feet in height in pre-fabricated concrete or metal fire enclosures in established campgrounds (USFS, NPS, privately owned).
- Fires in chiminea type manufactured enclosures on private property.
- Campers and drivers are asked to limit travel to designated roads and trails as much as possible, to avoid igniting sparks on grass and brush.

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COUNCIL PROCLAIMS SUPPORT FOR 19TH AMENDMENT

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All councilors were in attendance, with Councilor Roy Anderson attending via Zoom call, when the Montrose City Council convened for a [regular meeting](#) on Tuesday, Aug. 18. With new social distancing rules in place, City Manager Bill Bell and City Attorney Stephen Alcorn were no longer seated on the dais with council but are returned to the staff table to which their predecessors were consigned.

19TH AMENDMENT DAY PROCLAMATION
Joining Montrose City Council in honoring the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment were Nancy Ball and Jan Edwards of the League of Women Voters as well as City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo. Mayor Barbara Bynum read the Proclamation into the record wearing a mask.

"Thank you guys for coming tonight; this is really important," Bynum said. "It's certainly an issue I care a lot about and I know you guys do too."

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were heard from the public on non-agenda items.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT
Council voted unanimously to appoint Applicant Phoebe Benziger to the City's Planning Commission, for a term that begins immediately and ends on Dec. 31, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Aug. 4, 2020 regular City Council meeting as presented.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING/MONTROSE BUCKS PROGRAM

Council voted unanimously to approve an additional \$10,000 in funding for the 2020 Montrose Bucks Program, as previously discussed in work session.

HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Also approved was a new Hotel and Restaurant liquor license at 3410 Williams Drive, Suite 400, for Tacos and Beer Montrose, LLC, doing business as Tacos and Beer Montrose for consumption on the licensed premises. The site is the former location of the Mountain Country Café.



Honoring the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment were Nancy Ball (right) and Jan Edwards of the League of Women Voters (second from right) as well as City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo (left). Mayor Barbara Bynum read the Proclamation into the record wearing a mask.

Tacos and Beer LLC owners Adaauto Jimenez and Patricia Marquez were present to answer questions; they are also owners of the Viva Mexico Restaurant on East Main, where there have been no liquor license violations in eight years. When Tacos and Beer opens, there will be a Happy Hour from 2 to 6PM seven days a week, Marquez said.

RESOLUTION 2020-17

With Councilor Dave Bowman abstaining because DMEA financially sponsors his Summer Music Series, Council voted to approve Resolution 2020-17, granting a franchise to Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) in the November 2020 General Election. The matter has been discussed previously in work sessions. "Councilor Bowman is involved with a local non-profit that gets sponsorships from DMEA," Mayor Bynum said. "So, he has chosen to recuse himself."

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MONTROSE COUNTY

Council voted unanimously to approve as presented an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Montrose County and the City of Montrose for the 2020 General Election.

ENGLISH GARDENS 4 SUBDIVISION FILING #5 FINAL PLAT

Also approved unanimously was the Eng-

lish Gardens 4 Subdivision Filing #5 Final Plat, as previously discussed in work session.

STAFF REPORTS

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg gave an updated *Sales, Use & Excise tax report*. "Where COVID has hit us hard is in our excise taxes," she said. "...One positive is that when COVID hit, our OBT staff switched gears and did a lot of the COVID advertising and helping out with the business and that type of thing, so we'll recover some of our downturn through the CARES ACT."

City Manager Bill Bell gave a Public Information Officer report. "...A bit of a comment on the overall economy in Montrose. We get a lot of questions related to the COVID impacts and I think the report we just saw shows that the diversified economy we have in Montrose is really good. Just to remind everyone of the importance of having a diversified approach to retail...proud of that conservative approach we use for finance...I want to let the public know that we are as concerned about the overall impact on our economy as you are...we are working really hard to conserve our resources...we are trying to make sure that we are bit more conservative than we have been in the past but at the same time move projects forward.

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And development activity in our community is going really strong right now. Construction activity is booming.

"...Gonna see some new ventures and business activity all come before City Council," Bell said, "for discussion and consideration." He encouraged citizens to contact the City with questions or concerns.

The City has talked about re-starting programs such as Mingle with the Manager.

Next year's budget process is moving forward; Bell said. There will be a public budget meeting all day on Sept. 10, during which the budget will be reviewed line by line. Citizens can watch and listen in.

There will be an open house to share the proposed budget as well, Bell said. He invited citizens to get involved with city committees.

The City is very transparent, and all budget information is available on the web, Councilor Roy Anderson said.

"We are financially doing very well," Councilor Dave Frank said, noting that

capital projects will not be cancelled locally but will continue to move forward.

Most city funds are healthy, but the trash and recycling fund could be healthier, Bell said. The City must keep up with growth; a new recycling route is needed.

"But otherwise we are doing very well," he said.

Said Frank, "In my short time that I've been on City Council it's been an educational process learning about the amount of work that staff puts in bringing these issues forward to City Council. It's like watching a fleet of ducks on the pond and the pond is serene...it's really important for the public to know that there is an incredible amount of work and a lot of information being processed by City staff before it ever comes to us."

He thanked staff for their efforts.

"It's really appreciated. Very, very well done."

Anderson said that there is a beautiful new gas station at Ogden and South Townsend. "...Another example of our

economy growing."

Bynum said that Montrose is seeing increased traffic due to summer vacations and I70 closures. Montrose is at the intersection of two state highways, causing pressure.

"I ask everyone to take a deep breath, remain calm, we're all ok, it will be quiet before you know it," Bynum said. "And we're all working on it together. We can celebrate our economy but also we have to recognize that sometimes we also need to be a little patient with our booming economy."

She thanked everyone for their hard work on behalf of the City. The summer heat tries her patience, Bynum said.

She thanked viewers for watching the virtual meeting, and said that citizens are welcome to contact city officials via email or phone.

"I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding on this format," she said.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Services and DART Coordinator Kate Adams; Public Works Customer Service Representative Kennah Baecker; Assistant to Golf Course Superintendent Walter Felton; Street Division Worker Nikolas Pridy; and Parks & Special Project Division Worker James Hendricks.

Adams has worked with the City in various capacities for three years and was born and raised in Montrose. She presently serves on the Development and Revitalization (DART) board.

Baecker was born in Montrose but raised in New Mexico. "...Happy to be here, I feel like I work with a great group of people, and I thank you for the opportunity," she said.

Born and raised in Montrose, Pridy said that he and his family are happy to be back and he is happy to be part of the City team.

A Parks & Special Projects Division worker, Hendricks was a seasonal employee for the past two years who has now been hired full time. "Pretty much born and raised in Montrose, moved here long time ago, been working for the parks two years now...looking forward to trying to make the parks the best they can be."

Originally from Virginia, Felton said he has been in Colorado for 12 years. "I really love the area and appreciate the opportunity to work at a great golf course," he said. "It's going to be a challenge but we're going to meet that challenge."

In closing, Wilcox said to Council, "I'm sorry about the volume, that we can't hear you, but thank you for having us and we'll talk with you soon."

SINNER SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT

Senior Planner Amy Sharp discussed the Sinner Subdivision Final Plat; the item has been considered previously when the preliminary plat was approved on July 7 and nothing has changed. All improvements should be complete by Sept. 1.

Background-A memo prepared by Sharp for Council states, "The Sinner Subdivision Final Plat will subdivide Lot 2 of the Marbella Minor Subdivision which consists of



Montrose City Council met in a "hybrid" work session on Monday, Aug. 17. With social distancing rules, City Manager Bill Bell (front right) is no longer seated at the dais with Council.

12.8 acres into five new lots. These lots will range from 1.7 acres up to three acres. Lot 1 will front on the existing 6840 Road and the rest of the lots will front on the existing East Oak Grove Road. There is an existing City force main sewer line that runs along the east and north lines of the property that each lot will be able to connect to. There is existing Tri-County Water out on East Oak Grove Road that each lot will tap into for water. The land is zoned "R- 1A" Large Estate District. It is located south of East Oak Grove Road and east of 6800 Road. City acceptance of new roads and infrastructure improvements is planned for mid-August 2020."

UNREIN ADDITION II ANNEXATION

Council discussed the Unrein Addition II Annexation, an action staff referred to as a "cleanup" task. According to the work session packet, "Annexation of this Property will clean-up an orphaned strip of land not annexed into the City in 2002 with the parent parcel. This orphaned strip was added by court order to the parent parcel in 2008 and has remained in the County since that time."

DMEA INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA)/ EXTENSION OF A CONTRACT TO GRANITE INLINER

Council considered the Intergovernmental

Agreement (IGA) with Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) for the 2020 General Election, as well as extension of a contract to Granite Inliner (formally Layne Inliner, LLC), in the amount not to exceed \$200,000, for cured-in-place lining of sanitary sewers.

SUNSET MESA WATER TANK AND PUMP STATION PROJECT

Council considered the award of construction and engineering support contracts totaling \$4,746,166.07 for construction of the Sunset Mesa Water Tank and Pump Station Project. The matter has been extensively discussed in past sessions; City Engineer Scott Murphy gave an update. Glaspell noted that an in-depth review was done last year.

ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES CONTRACT-POLICE FACILITY

Discussing a Contract Award Recommendation for Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Police Department Facility to Blythe Group and Co (BG&Co, Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said, "I think they'd be a great fit for the team."

Information on the selection process is included in the work session packet. The selected firm is based in Grand Junction and was chosen through a competitive

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national process and will team with Montrose consultants. Principals from the selected firm and project manager were available for questions.

"We've been working the last several months to build a team for the police department," Scheid said. "...This design team is the last big puzzle piece...they're the architect of record...all the major parts of design and engineering.

"Their office is out of Grand Junction, which is very local when it comes to architects of this caliber."

"It's an extensive evaluation that you guys conducted," Councilor Roy Anderson said. "It's pretty well represented in the packet. I don't have any questions, I guess I just admire the process that you guys went through and thank you for that. Looks like a good decision as much as I know about it. You brought a lot of experts in to help you and I think that's commendable."

The staff recommendation notes, "The proposed contract is with Blythe Group and Co (BG&Co), for design and engineering services of all phases of the new Public Safety Complex (PSC) Construction Project...the proposed lump sum contract amount is \$764,198 plus reimbursable expenses not-to-exceed \$19,870. This amount would be paid through the public safety fund and tracked with all expenses related to the Public Safety Complex Construction Project."

CHOW DOWN BUSINESS INCENTIVES

City Director of Business Innovation Chelsea Rosty presented a requested business incentives package for Chow Down Pet Supplies. Rosty asked Council to consider the following incentives related to the company's move to 535 South First Street,

a former location of the Montrose Daily Press that is now under contract to Chow Down:

- Daily Press Ink Tank Removal \$14,000
- Asbestos Abatement \$86,000
- TOTAL \$100,000

A memo prepared by Rosty for Council is included in the work session packet, and states, "The building has asbestos as well as an old ink tank that will need to be removed before the facility can be safely utilized by a business. Because of the excess cost of this hazardous material mitigation, Chow Down is requesting incentives and partnership from the City of Montrose."

The building is desirable to Chow Down because of the available parking, Rosty said, and because it will allow the business to remain Downtown. The expansion will allow Chow Down to add eight to nine new jobs and increase retail sales by 18 percent and overall revenue by 28 percent.

The entire footprint will be in use, with retail on the east side of the building and services on the west. Chow Down Owner Krista Bush thanked Council for considering the incentives. "We are so excited for the opportunity to grow in Downtown Montrose."

Councilor Roy Anderson asked why the former occupant of the space, the Montrose Daily Press, had not been required to clean up their ink tank. "It seems like something they left behind for future occupants...it's kind of odd."

The question has come up before, Rosty said. She asked City management for comment.

City Manager Bill Bell said, "The City has received a little over \$600,000 in Brown-

fields EPA monies to do phase one and phase two site assessments. Over the past several years we were able to do phase one on this particular property...As far as going back on previous owners, there's a process that the EPA follows, and so it's really out of the City's realm determining who's responsible for what and who should pay for what.

"...in order to make the sale possible and not hold it up for a long period of time, then going after previous owners from years ago would be very difficult," Bell said. "And it could tie this property that's already been underutilized and blighted...for quite a long time, (it) would drag that out and make it non-transferable for even more years.

"...It's a small amount of money," Bell said. "The \$14,000 is just a quick way to move this property, transfer it to new owners, to get people occupying the space and generating sales tax for our community, and just providing a better customer experience."

FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

Rosty presented information on the City's proposed Façade Improvement Matching Grant Program. Detailed information is included in the work session packet. The minimum award is \$2,000 and the maximum award is \$12,500 per parcel or \$25,000 per project where the property comprises more than one parcel.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Murphy said that ongoing closures of I70 due to wildfire have caused a visible uptick in traffic.

Montrose Police Commander Matt Smith said that new officers will be sworn in at Centennial Plaza on Aug. 24 at 8 a.m.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN 2020 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose Republican Women are proud to announce the 2020 Scholarship Recipients, Montrose High School graduate, Emily Hartman and Nucla High School graduate, Hailey Hibbert.

The young Republicans were honored by the MCRW Charter and each given a \$1000 higher education scholarship to the institution of her choice. Hartman and Hibbert were two of many brilliant young ladies to apply; each writing an essay discussing their Republican values and how these values relate to current American events.

Emily Hartman is attending Benedictine College in Kansas to fulfill a teaching de-

gree in Elementary and Special Education. Hailey Hibbert is attending an institution to learn Medical Coding with future plans of attending the Business School of Northern Arizona University.

In addition to the \$1000 scholarship, each was given a certificate, medal, gift certificate, and honored with applause and cake.

The ladies also received a personal video message from US Senator Cory Gardner.

The MCRW, an 84-year Charter, has a long standing in educating the electorate in Republican values, principles, process, policies, and politics; also, to increase the effectiveness of women in government. The scholarship is funded by sales of patriotic jewelry and donations by members and the community.

Pictured: Hailey Hibbert - 2020 NHS Graduate; Emily Hartman - 2020 MHS Graduate. Courtesy photo.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE.—The unincorporated area of Montrose County will be in stage 1 fire restrictions as of Thursday, Aug. 20 at 12:01 am. Seasonal high temperatures, worsening dry conditions, and resources committed at major fires across the state were the deciding factors to take this precautionary measure. Additionally, the smoke in the valley has created poor air quality and is challenging for individuals with asthma, COVID-19, and other respiratory conditions.

"We are in a severe drought and measures need to be taken to keep our public lands and community safe," said Sheriff Lillard. "Resources are limited due to major wildfires across the state, and we do not want to place a burden on an already taxed system. This is the smart and responsible thing to do for our community. We are continuing to work closely with federal land partners and adjoining counties to monitor conditions. We appreciate the public's help in taking measures to prevent wildfires in our area."

As Fire Marshal for Montrose County, Sheriff Lillard has the authority to implement and lift fire restrictions as necessary throughout the summer months.

The restrictions apply to the unincorporated county area and do not include the City of Montrose, Town of Olathe, Town of Naturita, and Town of Nucla. The stage 1 fire restrictions do not allow open burning of any kind to include agricultural burning, open campfires, and fireworks. Smoking cigarettes outdoors is not allowed, unless in an enclosed vehicle or building or in a developed recreation site. Campfires in a pre-approved campground, State Park/KOA, or enclosed fire pits are permitted. As a reminder, fireworks on publicly managed lands are prohibited.

Please be advised that penalties for violating the fire ban include: Class-2 petty offense with fines ranging from \$100 to \$500 depending on the number of offenses. If a fire causes damage to another individual's property, additional criminal charges may apply.

These fire restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.



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

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

CONTINUING TIMESHARE SCAM TARGETING COLORADANS

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DENVER - The Division of Real Estate (Division) continues to receive calls regarding what appears to be timeshare scams targeting Colorado consumers, real estate brokers, and out-of-state consumers. In the current version of the scam, timeshare owners are cold-called, mailed or emailed solicitations from an unlicensed business entity purporting to be a full service property management company, real estate brokerage or title and escrow company that lists and sells timeshares.

Representatives of the company falsely identify themselves to consumers using the names and license numbers of actual Colorado real estate brokers unbeknownst to those brokers. The company claims to be a Colorado company but cites a false physical or virtual office address. When consumers respond to the solicitation, they are directed to forward various up-front transaction fees (often in excess of

\$5,000) to an out-of-state or out-of-country escrow company. Some consumers have reported losing tens of thousands of dollars.

In response to these fraudulent solicitations, and to further inform and protect consumers, the Division has created a [Timeshare Resources webpage](#) on its [Division website](#) that provides information and resources concerning:

How To Recognize a Timeshare Scam

How To Verify the Authenticity of a

Timeshare Resale Company

How You Are Protected in Colorado From Timeshare Scams

Important Tips to Prevent Timeshare Scams

What To Do If You Have Been Scammed

Consumers who are contacted by a timeshare resale company should first use the Division's [online license lookup](#) feature to verify the authenticity of the company and ensure the business license details match the information from the

timeshare resale company. The Division then recommends contacting the [Better Business Bureau](#) and the [American Resort Development Association](#). If you feel that you are the victim of a timeshare scam, please contact your local law enforcement agency, the Colorado State Attorney General's Office, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BLM GUNNISON, TRES RIOS, AND UNCOMPAGHGRE FIELD OFFICES IMPLEMENT STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Increased hot, dry weather conditions have elevated the potential for wildfires in southwest Colorado, prompting three Bureau of Land Management (BLM) field offices under the Southwest Colorado Fire and Aviation Management Unit (SWCFAMU) to implement Stage 1 Fire Restrictions.

BLM-administered lands in the Gunnison, Tres Rios, and Uncompahgre field offices went to Stage 1 Fire Restrictions effective at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20.

"Rising temperatures and a lack of adequate precipitation have pushed fuel conditions to a point where a fire start could pose containment challenges for available fire resources," observed SWCFAMU Fire Management Officer Brandon Lewis.

"Fire restrictions help prevent human-caused wildfires by limiting activities that could cause a new start."

Under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions:

- Campfires are only allowed within designated fire grates in developed campgrounds

- (i.e. a metal, in-ground containment structure – fire pans and rock campfire rings are not acceptable).

- No fires of any type including charcoal outside of developed areas.

- No smoking except within an enclosed vehicle of building, a developed recreation site or in a barren area free of vegetation.

- No use of explosive materials, including explosive targets.

- No welding or operation of an acetylene or other similar torch with open flame except from an area that has been cleared of vegetation.

- No operation of any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed and in working order.

These fire restrictions are in addition to the year-round wildfire prevention restrictions on BLM-administered public

lands in Colorado that prohibit:

- Leaving a fire unattended or unextinguished.

- Possession, discharge or use of any fireworks.

- Discharge of a firearm using incendiary or tracer ammunition.

- Burning, igniting or causing to burn any tire, wire, magnesium, or other hazardous or explosive material.

- Operating an off-road vehicle on public lands unless equipped with a properly installed spark arrester pursuant to 43 CFR 8343.1(c).

- Stage 1 Fire Restrictions on these lands will remain in place until further notice.

Violation of federal fire restrictions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$100,000 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months or both.

Those found responsible for starting wildfires will also face restitution costs of suppressing the fire.



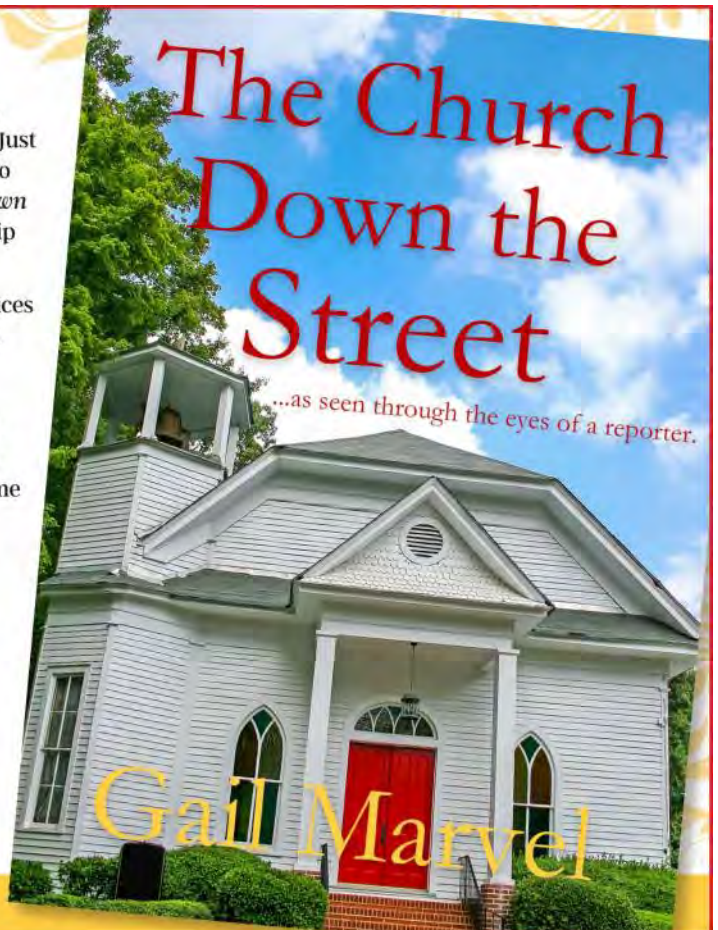
GAIL MARVEL
Montrose Author
& Reporter

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

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

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

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



OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

BICYCLISTS TOO MUST OBEY THE RULES OF THE ROAD

Editor:

When I was a kid, we bicyclists shared the road with cars and trucks generally on their terms. You can bet that we stayed out of their way! As the old saying goes, "might makes right!" There were no bike lanes, no bike trails and no rights for cyclists except to stay out of the way. The roadways back then were often narrow and seldom with shoulders.

Cycling is different today. All sorts of rules to 'protect' cyclists. Bike lanes along wider roadways for their use. Bike paths all over town and out into the county. If they are dirt paths they are well maintained. In many cases, at least here in Montrose, they have been paved, provided with tunnels under main thoroughfares and even 'traffic signs' so that the cyclists can know what they are to do or where to go.

As it often goes with things like this, the

more protection we give them, the more they expect.

In general, they are required to obey traffic laws. BUT MANY DO NOT!

I like cyclists. Simply put, each one of them is one less car on the roadways I travel, they are ecologically friendly and good exercise for our overweight public. And they do not take up any parking spaces. But now to the point:

Many cyclists think that they are all important in their cycling endeavor. They go where they want, when they want and DO NOT OBEY THE RULES.

In this past month, on two separate occasions, a cyclist has approached an intersection to my right and 'blown' right through the stop sign 'close aboard' the 'elk bumper' on my truck. Both of these 'peddlers' were old enough to know better and both were indignant that they almost became 'road kill'.

Two things that I would suggest:

1. All cyclists should understand that except for a dog, cat or raccoon, they are the most vulnerable life on the roadway. While the motorist might feel horrible if he hits a cyclist, it is the cyclist who will receive the damage and possibly be crippled or killed by even the smallest of cars.

2. I would encourage the men and women of our police departments to ticket individuals who they see disobeying motor laws while bicycling. I think that those violators should be offered the opportunity to visit a judge, pay a fine, get a lecture and possibly pay for and go to a bicycling safety course. For starters.

The City and County of Montrose have gone 'many extra miles' to facilitate safe cycling in our fair town.

Now it is up to the cyclists to 'stay safe'.
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2020 TELLURIDE HORROR SHOW TO MOVE ONLINE *"Shelter-In-Place Edition" Coming in October*



This year's Telluride Horror Show, the "Shelter-in-Place Edition" will take place virtually October 15-18, 2020. Courtesy graphic.

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE-This year's Telluride Horror Show is moving online. The "Shelter-in-Place Edition" will take place virtually October 15-18, 2020, with an announcement of the first wave of films, guests, and pass sales coming in mid-September.

Festival dates may expand depending on

the final line-up.

While a virtual festival is incomparable to a live event in world-famous Telluride, the festival promises to keep the spirit alive and stay connected with its diehard and dedicated horror fans by showcasing the latest and best genre films from around the world.

In keeping with the tradition of past festivals, programmers are also planning special events for the online edition.

Each year, fans look forward to the annual festival artwork, and they won't be disappointed in 2020. Merchandise (including new t-shirts and posters) will be available for purchase, so collections can continue.

Currently, Telluride Horror Show is accepting short and feature film submissions from the following categories: Horror, Thriller, Suspense, Fantasy, Sci-Fi, Genre Comedy, and Genre Documentary. Filmmakers are encouraged to submit their films through [FilmFreeway](#) by Sept. 20, 2020, the final deadline.

Please stay tuned for the festival's September announcement.

Telluride Horror Show is Colorado's first and longest-running horror film festival. Every year (outside of a pandemic), the festival attracts the latest & best genre films from around the world and attendees from all over North America for an incredible gathering of film fans in the world-famous mountain resort town of Telluride, Colorado

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

CURTAIN FISHING ON SOME SOUTHWEST COLORADO RIVERS



CPW courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

DURANGO, Colo. – Because of the low flows and warm water temperatures on some southwest Colorado rivers, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is asking anglers to curtail their fishing activity early in the day and to observe a voluntary closure.

Recently, conditions at several rivers in

CPW's Southwest Region that receive a lot of fishing pressure have deteriorated to critical levels for trout survival. Water temperatures have approached or exceeded 71 degrees and daily flows are far below normal at less than 50% of average. Consequently, anglers are being asked to stop fishing activity at noon on these rivers:

- Animas River through Durango from the 32nd Street bridge downstream to Rivera Crossing bridge near Home Depot.

- San Juan River through Pagosa Springs from the intersection of U.S. Highway 160 and Colorado Highway 84 intersection downstream to the Apache Street Bridge.

- Conejos River from Platoro Reservoir downstream to Broyles Bridge.

- Rio Grande from Rio Grande Reservoir downstream to the town of Del Norte.

- South Fork of the Rio Grande from Big Meadows Reservoir downstream to confluence with Rio Grande below the town of South Fork.

This voluntary closure is effective from now through Sept. 25 or until river conditions improve significantly, said John Alves, senior aquatic biologist for CPW in Durango.

"We're asking for cooperation from anglers on this voluntary closure to protect our trout resources in these rivers," Alves said. "Anglers are encouraged to fish high-elevation lakes and streams.

But there might be some streams in the high country that also become too warm. We encourage anglers to carry a thermometer to check the water temperature. If it's 70 degrees or above, please stop fishing."

TWO SIBLINGS SHOW GENEROSITY AND COMPASSION AS THEY BEFRIEND A STRAY CAT BY OFFERING HIM PANCAKES

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DURANGO – As a child, Cherry Odelberg had the enviable privilege of growing up on a farm and always having a cat and kittens to observe. As a mother of preschoolers, she realized that parents are teachers from day one of the child's life and it is crucial to provide a banquet of experiences and interesting information and to nurture children by teaching relationship skills.

In "The Pancake Cat" ([published by Xlibris](#)), Odelberg tells a delightful story about a cat and 9-year-old Andrea and 4-year-old Philip who befriended this cat by offering pancakes. Even in poverty, their family was generous with what they had. In addition to being an entertaining story, this book is also content and fact rich with regards to history and culture as well as lessons in how to get along and make friends.

"This is a book you can read to a 3-year-old child sitting on your lap. This is a book an 8 or 9-year-old early reader can read to himself or herself and learn new historical

and cultural information as well as broaden vocabulary in the process. This book has big enough words and grand enough concepts to keep adult readers from getting bored," Odelberg says.

An excerpt from the book:

Andrea was a pet lover as well as a people lover. Right now as she finished her breakfast she was thinking and dreaming and plotting and planning. Maybe she could have a home for stray kittens when she grew up. It would go right along with her plans for an orphanage.

The little girls in the orphanage would love taking care of kitties every day, feeding them, petting them. Andrea knew quite a bit about what girls liked to do....Her teachers were always commenting on her kindness to new classmates. She just seemed to know right off what kind of friend the new kids needed. When asked what she wants readers to take away from her writing of this book, Odelberg replies, "Satisfaction of time well spent in a good read, a deeper understanding and appreciation of individuals

and the diverse backgrounds that make them what they are today."

"The Pancake Cat"

By Cherry Odelberg

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About the Author

Cherry Odelberg thrives in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado where she hikes, makes melodious music and writes what the hikes and music teach her. She has lived and written in places as diverse as Guam, Germany, Texas, Seattle, Chicago, Utah and Arizona. She loves to travel, but hates to drive; likes to eat gourmet food, but dislikes to cook; revels in a tidy house, but shrinks from dusting; and feels that most of life's problems — including writer's block — can be solved by a long walk, a session at the piano, or a soak in the nearest hot springs.

She also writes women's fiction and delightfully educational children's musicals.



CSP TROOPER TIPS: ALWAYS KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING

By Master Trooper Gary Cutler

STATEWIDE-Our vehicles today seem to have everything we can possibly want in them. We can connect to the internet, talk on our phones through the vehicle's system, and of course use our GPS. Doesn't seem as if there is anything else we could possibly need for a road trip. But should we have absolute faith in those devices?

Being given road information through your GPS navigation system has helped drivers in finding your way around the globe. But what happens when your intended route is altered or completely closed due to some unforeseen problem such as road construction, rockslides, fires, or other items that may arise? Well one thing is your GPS can give you alternate routes. That's good, isn't it?

Recently I saw a story where navigation systems had taken travelers on what was considered by GPS to be a good alternate route to get around a closed road, but that wasn't really the case. Travelers found themselves being mired on roads unfit for two-wheel drive vehicles. Sometimes the road looks as if it is more fit for an Armored Personnel Carrier than the family car. Unfortunately, these stories have been around ever since GPS first came into existence and will probably still be around for a long time to come.

I caution travelers not to have blind faith in GPS when given alternate routes. Do your research first, just as you would anything else you are unfamiliar with. If the road starts off as a dirt road, this may be the first indicator that GPS may not have your best interest in mind.

This is also a good time to talk again about being prepared when you travel. Even though you may not think you would ever need a shovel to visit grandma, the video I saw of drivers going through rivers seems to show otherwise. I'm not saying every trip will require a shovel, but it's nice to know you have items to help out when necessary. So along with a shovel, keep blankets, food, water, flares, and anything else you think may be needed on a trip. Also, before you go on an alternate route that you may be unfamiliar with, check that gas gauge and make sure you are topped off with fuel. So, remember, as Melchor Lim stated: "Difficult roads can often lead to beautiful destinations." Just make sure you're prepared when someone, or a GPS, sends you on that journey. As always, safe travels!



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In addition to viewing quilts made by members of Columbine, Friendship, and San Juan Quilt Guilds, you will see close-up details of this year's Raffle Quilt, "Anniversary Bouquet," a Quiltworx design, pieced and appliquéd by a committee and quilted by Gale Smith.

"Anniversary Bouquet" is King Size, 102" x 102". For the first time ever, Raffle Tickets are available on-line in multiples of 10 for \$10 at

www.blackcanyonquiltshow.com. The drawing for "Anniversary Bouquet" will be held at Friendship Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 17th and you need not be present to win. At left, "Anniversary Bouquet," 102" x 102" Raffle Tickets: Multiples of 10 for \$10 at www.blackcanyonquiltshow.com.

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ONGOING-

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY-Every Wednesday beginning Sept. 2, 2020, through April, 2021 - Community Bible Study live virtual meetings mornings and evenings: gospel of John. Classes for women and children. Call 720-635-0091 for more information or to register.

EVERY SATURDAY THROUGH OCTOBER-Ridgway Railroad Museum – free rides on RGS Motor 1 (Galloping Goose prototype) 9 am – noon. 200 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway.

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-

Aug. 25-UNDERSTANDING SIGNS & STAGES OF DEMENTIA; Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2 pm, mt

Online VIA Zoom-Register In Advance: <https://tinyurl.com/y5ho77qq>. First 10 to register receive a Coffee Trader "It's Our Treat Card" to exchange for any medium drink.

Aug. 26-Wednesday, August 26 - Community Bible Study drive-through registration for 2020-2021 virtual study of gospel of John. First Presbyterian Church, 1840 E. Niagara St., Montrose 9: to 11 AM and 6 to 7 PM or call 720-635-0091.

Sept. 2-The Montrose County Historical Society will attempt to return to monthly meetings Sept. 2, 2020 and will feature Pam Friend discussing the history of the Star Drive-in. The public is invited, admission is free. This meeting will be held in the Events Center at the Montrose County Fair Grounds complex.

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, unwpcommunications@gmail.com, 970-325-3010 Information: <http://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/events/>

Sept. 21-24-Tenth annual San Juan Mining & Reclamation Conference. Location: Online with local, state, national and international guests. Details: An interactive mix of networking happy hours, short presentations, and expert panels (1.5 to 3 hours daily over four days) bringing key stakeholders together to advance the science and policy of mining and mine lands remediation, as it relates to reducing non-point source pollution and addressing water quality impairments. Organized by Mountain Studies Institute, Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, San Miguel Watershed Coalition, and Headwaters Alliance.

Cost: \$55 per person (scholarships and sponsorships with benefits available) Information & Registration: <http://www.mountainstudies.org/sjmrc> Contact: Kelly Northcutt, kelly@mountainstudies.org, 970.387.5161

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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