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SCOUTS PRESENT FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE On Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020, Boy Scout Troop # 478 held a Flag Retirement Ceremony for worn, tattered and no longer serviceable American flags. The 820 flags, collected from Montrose, Gunnison, and Olathe, were the Eagle Scout Service Project of Mekhi Mangrum.

Scout Leader Paul Gifford said, "Troop # 478, the Montrose Hell

Fighters [wildfire designation], is sponsored by a private party and was chartered in January 2020. We currently have eight boys who are active members, and we are recruiting."

Cotton flags are retired by fire; however, other synthetic flags, such as polyester, are disposed of differently. Gifford said, "We want what's best for the environment and we don't want



On Saturday, Nov. 7, Boy Scout Troop # 478 held a Flag Retirement Ceremony for worn, tattered, and no longer serviceable American flags. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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MONTROSE PD HOLDS PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE



The City of Montrose held an open house Nov. 2 to show the designs and talk about the new public safety building. Photo by Paul Arbogast.

By Paul Arbogast

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose held an open house Nov. 2 to show the designs and talk about the new public safety building. Peter Icenogle of Blythe Group & Co. gave a presentation showing plans and renderings of the new building. While turnout by the public was sparse, those in attendance showed favor for the plans.

The new building will basically enclose the current police building on South First Street, extending to the west where they recently removed the old Wells Fargo Bank drive-through building, and to the east across South Uncompahgre and into the currently empty lot across that street. In addition, it will extend to the center line on South First

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Email Taylor at tevans@montroselibrary.org to sign up for this virtual event on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 6pm.

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MONTROSE POLICE HOST PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING OPEN HOUSE

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Street, leaving a one-way traffic lane between the new building and City Hall.

While the majority of the building will be only one floor, the new construction on the west side will be two floors, the second housing police administration, support staff, and other offices.

I spoke with MPD Administrative Commander Matthew Smith who said they toured several modern facilities prior to beginning the planning and design of the new building. According to him the internal layout is set up to allow for more communication and a smoother workflow which will help increase efficiency.

Some of the other things the new building will feature are vehicle bays that align with South Uncompahgre, a community room that will be open for groups to reserve for various meetings and public functions, and a 'safe station' to allow for the turn in of drugs as required by Colorado House Bill 20-1017.

The designs for the building and surrounding landscaping were picked to allow the building to fit in with existing buildings in the area and provide a welcoming space.

Once new construction is completed, the long-term plan for the old police building is to convert it into the municipal court as well as offices for the

court and city attorneys, freeing space in the Elks building and City Hall.

The new secure parking behind the west side of the building will displace All Points Transit. Because of this, the city is looking into providing the old Powderhorn

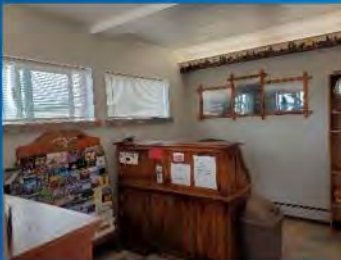


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UPDATED INFORMATION RELEASE-BODY RECOVERED FROM PULPIT ROCK AREA

Montrose County Sheriff's Office

MONTROSE-On [Friday, Oct. 30, 2020](#), a body was recovered from the Pulpit Rock area in the Black Canyon led by Rick Fellabaum, Chief Investigator of the Montrose County Coroner's Office along with the Montrose County Sheriff's Office and the National Park Service (NPS). The retrieval was made possible utilizing a helicopter owned by Hillsboro Aviation from Hillsboro, Oregon and the assistance of crew members from the NPS out of Mt. Reiner, Washington. The identity of the deceased has been confirmed as Walter Kent Jackson, an 18-year-old student of Western Colorado University in Gunnison. Cause and manner of death are pending an autopsy and continuing investigation by the Montrose County Sheriff's Office, the Gunnison Police Department, The National Park Service and the Montrose County Coroner's Office of Medical Investigation.



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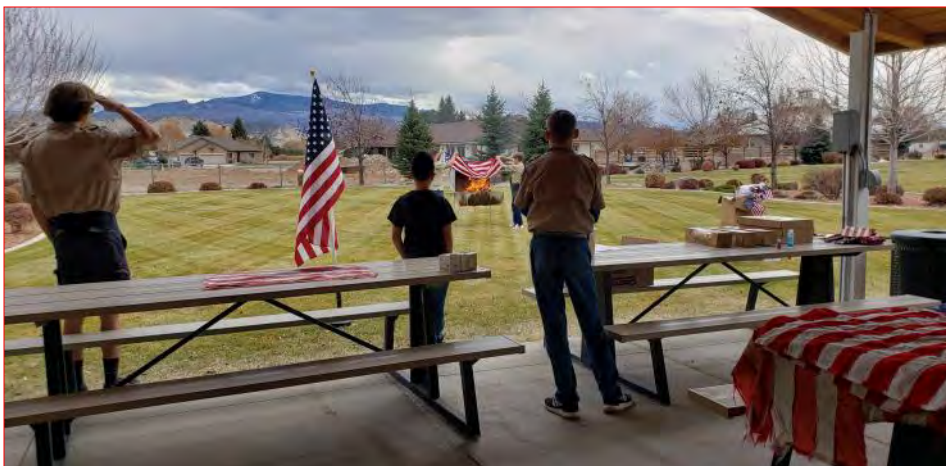
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The ceremony took place at the LDS Church south of Montrose. Photos by Gail Marvel.



to put black smoke and oils into the air. We cut those flags into four pieces with fabric scissors and then it is no longer considered a flag.

"We recycle the material where we can. If there are embroidered stars on the blue canton, we cut those out and send them to Stars for Our Troops. The stars are then given to Veterans to carry in their pocket."

The retirement ceremony, which took place at the LDS Church south of Montrose, opened with a prayer, presentation of colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mekhi Mangrum then gave a reading of "I Am Your Flag."

Once his application is completed, Mangrum, the son of Ryan and Heidi Mangrum, will be the fifth scout from the troop since December to become an Eagle Scout.

Boy Scouts is open to young men between the ages of 11 – 21.

Those wanting information on local Troop # 478 can contact Paul Gifford at 970-596-9932, or they can go to beascout.org and enter their zip code for a troop near them.

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DELTA HOSPITAL NURSE IS AWARDED REGISTERED NURSE OF THE YEAR



Jillian Emmons, Registered Nurse (RN) of the Year Award from the Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado (EMSAC). Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA—Jillian Emmons, Trauma Nurse Coordinator in the Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) Emergency Department was recently awarded the Registered Nurse (RN) of the Year Award from the Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado (EMSAC).

The RN of the year award recognizes an RN who, by outstanding actions, contrib-

utes to the advancement of emergency care provided to the citizens of Colorado.

"I am completely surprised and overwhelmed by this honor," said Emmons. "I appreciate those who nominated me for this award. You never know the impact that you will have when you are just trying to do a good job."

This statewide EMSAC recognition comes after Emmons received the Trauma Nurse of the Year Award from the Western Regional Emergency Services and Trauma Advisory Council (WRETAC) in August.

"Jillian's compassion and diligence to emergency nursing and trauma coordination are what made her stand apart from other nominees in receiving the Registered Nurse of the Year Award," said Merri Brennecke, Director for the DCMH Emergency Department.

"Delta County is very fortunate to have a nurse that is dedicated to the health and well-being of all those living in the area. This award recognizes an extraordinary nurse that goes above and beyond to de-

liver compassionate care and she inspires those around her to achieve greatness."

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CITY OFFICES TO CLOSE ON VETERANS DAY

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MONTROSE – In observance of Veterans Day, City Hall, Animal Shelter, Visitor Center, City Shop, Montrose Pavilion, and Police Department offices will close Wednesday, Nov. 11.

The Black Canyon Golf Course and Municipal Court will remain open all day. Police Department offices will be closed, however, officers will be on duty and responding to calls.

City residential trash customers who would normally receive service on Wednesday, November 11, will instead be served on Monday, November 9, and Tuesday, November 10.

Wednesday customers located north of East Oak Grove Road will be served on Monday, Nov. 9. For Wednesday customers residing south of East Oak Grove Road, trash pickup will occur Tuesday, Nov 10.

Recycling customers who would normally receive collection service on Wednesday, November 11, will instead be served Friday, November 13.

For more information contact City Hall at 970.240.1400, or visit [CityOfMontrose.org/Holiday](https://www.cityofmontrose.org/holiday).



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COMPASSIONATE NURSES RECOGNIZED AT DELTA HOSPITAL



Lisa Garcia, RN from Stork's Landing at DCMH and this quarter's overall DAISY Winner. Courtesy photo.

DELTA-Last week nine nurses at Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) were honored with The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses® to recognize the extraordinary, compassionate nursing care they provide patients and families every

day. This quarter's DAISY nominees were: Sierra Bigelow, RN, Lorie Spencer, RN, Kelsey Stark, RN, Meg Robinson, RN, Ashley Tregarthen, RN, Promise Almon, RN, David Brodhead, RN and Shelby Wilson, RN. The overall DAISY Award Winner for this quarter was Lisa Garcia, RN from Stork's Landing, the Birthing Center at DCMH.

"Lisa is a great asset to Stork's Landing and DCMH," said Carol Swingle, RN, BSN, CLC and the DCMH OB Director. "She has always shown great compassion when caring for patients and fellow staff. She is very experienced and skilled in her care for mothers and babies. Lisa can float to other departments to lend a helping hand, and she does so with a smile."

The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's mission to recognize nurses who go above and beyond in the care for their patients. Nurses may be nominated by patients, families, and colleagues, and the quarterly DAISY award recipient is chosen through a select Daisy Committee and DCMH's T.E.A.M. M.A.S.H through a scoring rubric recognizing the nurses P.E.T.A.L.S., (Passion, Empathy, Trust, Admirable attributes, Love and Selflessness). Applications are blinded to these committees and scored. Awards are then presented four times throughout the year to celebrate the nominees.

"The DAISY Award Program allows us to honor and remind our nurses that they are highly valued and appreciated here at DCMH," said Dawn Arnett, DCMH Director of Med/Surg and Daisy Coordinator.

"During these uncertain times, we want to remind our healthcare workers that we recognize the work they put in every single day to keep our communities safe. We are proud to be among the healthcare organizations that participate in the DAISY program." The certificate that each honoree receives commends her or him as an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." Honorees also receive a DAISY Award pin and a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe. DCMH will honor their next quarter nominees for October, November and December in January 2021.

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CITY LOOKS AT FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE



On Monday, Nov. 2, Montrose City council met for a work session. The session was held in chambers with social distancing measures and masks. Members of the media and the public could attend online or view the work session on cable television.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONDAY—On Monday, Nov. 2, Montrose City council met for a work session. The session was held in chambers with social distancing; members of the media and the public could attend online or view the work session on cable television. All councilors were present.

Mayor Barbara Bynum opened a discussion of proposed revisions to the City's Fee Schedule; areas subject to revision include administrative fees, land use fees, parks/public use of private property (specifically memorial benches and plaques) and trash and recycling rates and fees.

Revisions are made on an annual basis with feedback from department heads, City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo said, and would take effect Jan. 1, 2021. DelPiccolo reviewed the changes line by line.

Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler reviewed changes to the City's land use fees. "These are updates, they aren't increases," she said, and discussed the proposed changes in detail.

DelPiccolo noted that bench and plaque fees for memorials have been updated to accurately reflect costs. Trash and recycling rates and fees were updated as discussed during budget meetings, she said. Public Works Manager Jim Scheid discussed trash and recycle fees. "...We were just trying to...smooth it out a little bit so it's simple, the same fee for everybody whatever kind of collection it is," Scheid said.

Councilor Dave Frank asked that the fee schedule be posted to the City web site. Scheid said that the Public Works Department will post examples of trash piles and mattresses so that customers could compare pickup costs. "...It would be quite an extensive chart to show all of our rates for all our equipment..."

"I think examples would be helpful," Mayor Bynum said. "Thanks for clarifying that."

Scheid said that trash and recycle pickup fees have been increased overall. "That's a five-percent increase to both the residential and the...commercial...it is what we

discussed at our recent budget retreat."

"We did discuss that in depth," Mayor Bynum said and thanked Scheid. "I appreciate all the work that you and Shani (Finance Director Shani Wittenberg) put in."

New fees have also been added to recycle items such as TVs, tires, and light bulbs, and for return pickup trips. The charges are intended to recoup costs, and are comparable to fees charged elsewhere, Scheid said. In the past the trash and recycling division covered those costs as a service to constituents.

"So people can still bring their TVs here, but we would try to recoup our costs and have...recycling be a zero cost item."

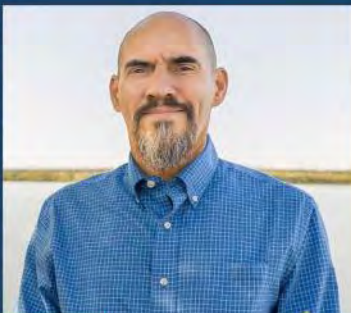
City Manager Bill Bell said that initially, the City considered eliminating the service altogether.

"That's what we talked about as an option during our budget discussions," Bell said. "We thought for the convenience of our customers, we would still offer it for those who can't go somewhere else... as long as we were covering our costs it doesn't impact us financially."

City Planner Amy Sharp and City Engineer Scott Murphy presented information on the Lynch Addition Annexation Overview. Background—A memo prepared by Sharp for Council states, "The Lynch Addition is a proposed annexation approximately 16.84 acres in size. The parcel is located north of Hwy 50, south of Locust Road, west of 6700 Road, and east of 6600 Road. It is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, the City of Montrose Water Service Area, and the City of Montrose Sewer Service Area. Annexation of this property will allow for future residential and business development. A Utility Connection and Annexation Agreement has already been completed."

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mayor Bynum asked Scheid to discuss the City's snow removal strategy; Scheid shared information including a map and the City's four-tier snow removal plan.



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MONDAY MORNING GOP RALLY IN MONTROSE



Photos by Paul Arbogast

MONTROSE--A day before the November election, candidates were out and about holding rallies across the nation. On Monday, Nov. 2 the Montrose County Republicans held one with Marc Catlin (Colorado HD 58), Lauren Boevert (3rd Congressional District, U.S. House of Representatives) and former U.S. Senator Cory Gardner.



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ELECTION INTEGRITY FOR AMERICA

Dear Editor:

I want to be very clear, the 2020 election is not about Trump vs Biden; rather, this election is about process integrity and a fairness for America. It is time for everyone to look at themselves in the mirror and root for what is right, and not claim "victory" via a personal bias, gripe, or Machiavellianism ideal. I have strong personal and policy feelings about whom I prefer to be in the White House, and will accept an outcome that is backed with process integrity.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

OUR ELECTION SYSTEM NEEDS CHANGE



By Paul Arbogast
UNITED STATES-
America has
been in crisis for
a while, and it
seems some-
thing new
comes along to
make it worse
pretty frequent-
ly. The division,

Paul Arbogast. Courtesy photo.

the lack of civility, the intolerance of opposing views, it all seems to keep growing. This national election certainly did not help the situation. Even more so just three days after the election and the winner for president not even declared yet.

As each side claims victory--even when they don't say it directly--the fighting and division grow. Is this really the America we want?

As a member of the ever-growing number of independents in this nation, I think we need change. I don't mean blue or red, I mean a clean election process, so there is never a doubt, so the results never need to be challenged and the legitimacy of our elections can never be questioned.

Isn't that what even staunch partisans on both sides should want? Quick results that cannot be questioned so the legitimacy of any victory can never be called into question, thus at least ending that little bit of division in America? It seems the only reason people would not want such a thing is perhaps they don't have good motives.

While many seem to live in complete denial, voter fraud and election tampering do exist and there are plenty of examples over our history to show this. Is it generally enough to swing an election? Probably not on a federal level, but I have no doubt

it has at state or local levels on occasion. Why can't we devise a system that 100 percent prevents it?

Depending on the outcome of the presidential race, many may say that it is the mail-in voting that has caused the problem. I say no matter who wins, it certainly offers up the biggest chance for those with no scruples to cheat the system. Why? Because in many states it lacks any chain of custody from the voter to the vote counter. Colorado has been doing mail in elections for some time, and has the system down pretty good, but not every state does.

There is also the current argument about counting all those votes even if they come in after election day. I agree that should not happen. While the postal system can be slow and the cause of delay, we know exactly when election day is, every single election year. There really should be no excuse for not being able to get your ballot off in the mail in time.

In our modern world of marvelous technology, where most people, when out in public, are on some surveillance camera, why aren't we requiring all places to do so with the public voting and the vote counting recorded? As the old saying goes, if you aren't doing anything wrong, you have nothing to worry about, right? An easy way to ensure more transparency and avoid rumors of wrongdoing behind closed doors.

Another big point of contention seems to be the Electoral College. It was created as a compromise for the original 13 colonies. The founders were worried about more populous states having too much influence thus nullifying the voices in smaller states. The logistics of a nationwide election were daunting in those times, so the

Electoral College was created thinking that would force candidates to win multiple states rather than just coming from a big state.

I have always supported that system, but I have changed my opinion. In a world with TV and the Internet, getting the word out about yourself is a lot easier than in the days of the founding, so that excuse doesn't stand. As for the small state vs big state, I'm not sure that really matters anymore either. We have developed, sadly, into a nation of red and blue states, which I think suppresses votes far more than anything else. If you live in California, you know it's a blue state, it's probably always going to be a blue state, so if you vote any other way than blue, why bother? On the flip side, if you are a blue voter in a solid blue state, you don't need to bother because enough other people will vote so the person you like is elected.

Wouldn't it be great to do away with swing states? Forcing candidates to actually care about all the states rather than a handful seems like a win for the people. Heck, no longer having red and blue states seems like a good idea because we could just get back to having American states.

I think a national popular vote, with strict deadlines, complete transparency via video and voter verification is the way to go. All parts are needed because without any one of them, the integrity of the system fails. As someone who feels the federal government screws up most everything it does, even I must admit such a system needs to be on a federal level. If we can come up with a system that quits dividing us into one of two colors and pitting us against each other, that might help bring us back together. Even if it is just the smallest bit, that would be a good thing.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA HOSPITAL'S STORK'S LANDING CONTINUES BABY-FRIENDLY DESIGNATION SINCE 2017

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) birthing center, Stork's Landing, recently received funding from the Colorado Baby-Friendly Hospital Collaborative for re-designation fees and continued staff education. As one of only four baby-friendly designated hospitals on the Western Slope of Colorado, DCMH can continue putting mothers, babies and families first with these additional resources.

"We are honored to receive this state funding," said Carol Swingle, RN, BSN, CLC and the DCMH OB Director. "It's a big deal to stay baby-friendly and this [funding] helped tremendously. We received 4,000 dollars to go towards re-designation fees as well as for staff education courses and overall baby-friendly costs. We also received 2,000 dollars for implementing and improving evidence-based breastfeeding support."

The Colorado Baby-Friendly Hospital Collaborative helps improve breastfeeding

rates and practices by helping maternity hospitals achieve and maintain the prestigious baby-friendly designation.

The designation means that a hospital provides the best maternity care for mothers and babies while also supporting breastfeeding. Some of the actions that hospitals do as part of the designation is to have a written breastfeeding policy, train all health care staff on the skills necessary to implement the policy, help mothers initiate breastfeeding within one hour of birth, and more.

DCMH has been baby-friendly designated since 2017. To be considered a baby-friendly birthing center, DCMH has implemented system-wide adoption of the 10 steps to successful breastfeeding.

At DCMH all of the physicians at Premier Women's Healthcare, Delta Family Medicine and the West Elk Clinic in Hotchkiss have participated in the baby-friendly education/training.

"In addition to that, 90 percent of our

staff at Stork's Landing are certified lactation counselors," said Swingle. "[This] means they're trained in breastfeeding and breastfeeding problems. We also have two international board-certified lactation consultants."

The Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) is a global program that was started in 1991 by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to recognize hospitals that offer an optimal level of care for mothers and babies. Part of the initiative is the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding and the International Code of Marketing of Breast-Milk Substitutes. Stork's Landing offers free childbirth preparation classes with infant CPR that are held on the first and second Tuesdays of the month from 6 p.m. to 9p.m. To learn more about Stork's Landing or classes, please call 970.874.2225 or to make an appointment at one of DCMH's primary care clinics, visit deltahospital.org.



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1,874 sq. ft. | Year Built: 2020

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CTIY APPROVES LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SIDELINES SPORTS BAR



Montrose City Council has approved the liquor license for Sidelines Sports Bar.
Photo by B. Switzer.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council gathered for a regular meeting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3; normally held at 6 p.m., the meeting was rescheduled due to the November election. All councilors were present in chambers; the media and public were limited to online viewing via the Internet or cable television. Mayor Barbara Bynum greeted those present and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Doug Glaspell had no changes to the meeting agenda.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Oct. 20, 2020 regular City Council meeting were approved as presented.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION-SIDELINES SPORTS BAR

Council unanimously approved a new Hotel and Restaurant liquor license at 35 N. Uncompahgre Avenue for Sidelines Sports Bar, Inc., doing business as Sidelines Sports Bar for consumption on the licensed premises.

The applicants, Christine Cox, Adrian Alvarez, Valerie Perrin and Jeff Perrin, were present via Zoom call to answer questions. Sidelines Sports Bar will maintain a family-friendly environment, with games for the kids. Patrons can enjoy a meal

without loud music blaring all day, and without brawls or fights. Every I.D. will be checked, every time.

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn questioned the applicants, discussed the recent history of the location, and at one point recalled, "...There was a time when Council used to head over and have a beer there after City Council ...it was nice to be able to do that."

ORDINANCE 2514-FIRST READING

After a brief public hearing, Council approved Ordinance 2514 on first reading, providing and appropriating funds for defraying the expenses and liabilities of the City of Montrose, Colorado, during the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2021.

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg gave an overview of the \$78.2M budget. A summary page, rather than the 2021 budget itself, was included in the meeting packet. Councilor Roy Anderson asked that the actual budget document be made available on the City's web site as well.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, Council voted unanimously to approve **Resolution 2020-22**, amending contribution rates to the FPPA defined benefit system administered by the Fire and Police Pension Association for reentry police officers for the City of Montrose; and approved **Ordinance 2511** on first reading, designating the BPOE Lodge Building, 107 S. Cascade Avenue, as

a City of Montrose Historic Property.

Also approved were **Resolution 2020-23** setting Dec. 1, 2020 as the hearing date for the annexation of the Hilltop Addition II; **Ordinance 2512** on second reading, authorizing the disposal of real property (Adamson Family Trust #1 Gap Parcel); and **Ordinance 2515** on first reading, amending the zoning district designation of Lot 5 of the Elder Homestead at Montrose Parcel Number 3767-353-04-005, from R-3, Medium Density District, to R-4, High Density District.

Council voted to approve **annexation of the Woodgate Addition No. 4**, approved **Resolution 2020-24**, Findings of Fact for the annexation of the Woodgate Addition No. 4, and **Ordinance 2516** on first reading, for the annexation of the Woodgate Addition No. 4. Council approved **Ordinance 2517** on first reading, zoning the Woodgate Addition No. 4 as a B-3, General Commercial District.

Council approved the **Waterfall Canyon Subdivision Filing No. 4 Final Plat** to create 24 new residential lots and dedicate rights of way and/or easements.

Alcorn presented **Ordinance 2513** on second reading, authorizing the sale of real property pursuant to the 1972 Russell Stover lease and § 1-9-2 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose. Council voted to approve Ordinance 2513 on second reading.

Councilor Roy Anderson said, "I think it's interesting that nearly 50 years ago our predecessors found it important to have business incentives, and so these have a long precedence in our community and this is just an example...we're just following through with decisions made many years ago."

Said Mayor Bynum, "Forty-seven strong years of an employer in our community that multiple generations have worked there, sad to see it come to an end but it has been a good 47 years."

Also approved unanimously was an **agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc.** to perform Nutrient Removal Optimization pilot testing at the City of Montrose Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for

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CITY APPROVES LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SIDELINES SPORTS BAR

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an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

STAFF REPORTS/GENERAL COMMENTS

Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler presented an update on the Help4Hope collaboration with the Montrose Community Foundation.

"More details are included in the packet for your review," Morgenthaler said. "In June, you approved for \$25,000 to go towards the Help4Hope Montrose Restaurant program...you directed us to give those vouchers to the neediest in our community...that's what the help4Hope program did...in August you dedicated another \$10,000 to this program..."

Participating restaurants are listed in the [meeting packet](#).

Background-A memo prepared by Mor-

genthaler for Council states, "...Each Help4Hope card was worth \$50, and provided one meal for a family/group of four... to ensure a 100-percent redemption rate, the Montrose Community Foundation issued 1,000 City of Montrose restaurant voucher cards, and a total of 691 were redeemed, which is just over the 689 cards funded by the City. The Help4Hope program funded the additional few City cards...689 meals for four people, or 2,756 total meals, were provided by the City's contribution to the program."

Mayor Bynum said, "What a great partnership between the City and the Montrose Community Foundation."

City Manager Bill Bell gave an update on CARES ACT funding. "...We did receive our

first reimbursement from DOLA. The City received \$148,182 from our first request to go back and recoup some of our costs related to COVID...I'm really excited about that." Public Works Manager Jim Scheid outlined the City's four-tier snow removal system. Level one is the highest priority.

"Every storm is different, our strategy changes every time depending on temperature, depending on the amount of snow," Scheid said, and referred citizens to the City's web site for detailed information.

Following further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Doug Glaspell thanked staff and the Montrose Police for the Nov. 2 meeting concerning the Public Safety Complex.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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QUARANTINE EVENT AT OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Today, Nov. 5, the Montrose County School District (MCSD) COVID-19 Response Team (CRT) received confirmation that two students at Oak Grove Elementary School (OGES) tested positive for COVID-19.

MCSD has worked with Montrose County Public Health (MCPH) to contract trace any staff and students with whom the individual had prolonged close contact, and who now need to quarantine and seek testing.

The CRT determined that thirty-nine OGES students and five OGES staff need to quarantine and seek testing. These individuals will be quarantined through Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Montrose County School District has contacted all individuals affected, prior to public notification, and no other students or staff cohorts are affected at this time.

The School District is grateful for our partnership with MCPH and, thanks to our shared efforts, have improved the COVID testing model for our students and staff. Free drive through testing for affected individuals now uses an oral swab PCR test (much less invasive than the nasal swab test) and results are guaranteed to return in 72 hours or less.

We again remind our community to stay home when you are sick, wash your hands often, social distance whenever possible, and wear your Personal Protective Equipment (masks) consistently, in order to prevent widespread school or District closure.

MONTROSE FARMERS' MARKET OPENS FOR HOLIDAY AND WINTER MARKET

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-As the summer season draws to a close, the Montrose Farmers Market is still open for the chilly weather!

The Montrose Farmers Market is the only year-round market on the western slope, and after 42 years we're still serving our community fresh, local produce and goods.

Shop local this holiday season, with a wide selection of artisan crafts, seasonal produce, coffee, honey, baked goods, meats, and so much more!

Times and Dates for market are as followed:

Holiday Market: 10 am to 1 pm on Centennial Plaza and South 1st St.

Nov. 7

Nov. 14

Nov. 21st

Dec. 5

Dec. 12

Dec. 19th

Winter Market: 10 am to 1 pm in the Centennial Meeting Room (every other weekend, dates below)

Jan. 9

Jan. 23

Feb. 6

Feb. 20

March 6

March 20

April 3

April 17

SNAP and Double Up Food Bucks service are still available at the manager's table! Bring your EBT card and double your dollars to spend on fresh fruits and veggies! Curbside service is also available for our holiday and winter market. Seasonal selection of produce and market goods at a \$20 value, customers can pay cash, card, SNAP/Double Up, or market dollars! Order yours today: <http://tiny.cc/vfpfoodbox> (link can also be found on the Montrose Farmers Market Facebook page).

COVID precautions will continue to be implemented.

Details:

The **Montrose Farmers' Market** is a weekly gathering of vendors selling local fruit, vegetables, meat, crafts, and more.

Date and time: Saturdays 10 am-1 pm, first three weeks of November and December 2020, every other weekend starting Jan. 9 2021

Location: Montrose Centennial Plaza and Centennial Meeting Room, 15-99 S Uncompahgre Ave, Montrose, CO 81401

Cost: Free to attend

The Montrose Farmers' Market is a program of Valley Food Partnership (VFP), a local non-profit dedicated to local food access and support for local agriculture production and education.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PLANNING COMMISSION ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR OPEN SEATS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – The City of Montrose is accepting applications for two positions on the city's Planning Commission. Each appointee will serve a four-year term, beginning on Jan. 1, 2021, and expiring on Dec. 31, 2024.

The Planning Commission evaluates matters related to planning and community development. Members of the Planning Commission serve at the pleasure of the City Council and 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 CityOf-Montrose.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, Nov. 23, 2020.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

OURAY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCES COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Special to the Mirror

OURAY-Ouray Silver Mines Inc (OSMI) in partnership with Ouray County Public Health Agency is reporting 3 new confirmed Ouray County cases and 1 new confirmed non-resident case associated with an outbreak of COVID-19 in Ouray County.

"Ouray Silver Mines has been a great partner in this outbreak investigation and I want to applaud them in their proactive efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 at their site" said Ouray County Public Health Director Tanner Kingery. "All cases and close contacts are being contacted and assigned a case investigator as per protocol. I am confident in the abilities of Ouray Silver Mines and our investigators to continue to be proactive in mitigating the potential spread of COVID-19".

Upon notification of the new cases Ouray Silver Mines immediately suspended all operations and initiated complete disinfection of all facilities, tools, and equipment at the site. OSMI is also conducting COVID 19 testing of the entire OSMI workforce as well as all employees of its contractors. OSMI has hired over 60 new employees over the past several months and has contracted with Meridian Partners, Brahma Group and Harrison Western to assist in pre-startup construction at the mine site with the expectation of resuming full operations in 2021.

In order to promptly address the COVID 19 safety concerns OSMI also contracted with 5M Enterprises, LLC based in Montrose for additional support with site disinfection after each shift as well as medical screening of employees prior to and after each shift. 5M has a doctor on staff, Dr. Carl Meredith and has a professional Cleaning Division for Covid-19.

OSMI expects to ramp back up operations at the mine site once all testing is complete and 5M has declared the site has been fully disinfected. OSMI's COVID protocols have been provided to Ouray County Public Health as well.

Updates are provided on the Ouray County website: ouraycountyco.gov as well as Ouray County Public Health Facebook page: [Facebook.com/OurayCountyPublicHealthAgency](https://www.facebook.com/OurayCountyPublicHealthAgency)

Ways that you can continue to protect yourselves, family members and community members:

Stay home

Wash your hands, often

Disinfect hard surfaces frequently Practice social distancing

Wear a mask when around people

And if you become sick or are a close contact of a confirmed case:

Self-Quarantine. If possible, keep yourself isolated from other people in your household.

Call your healthcare provider if you have concerns about your symptoms

Seek testing if recommended by your healthcare provider

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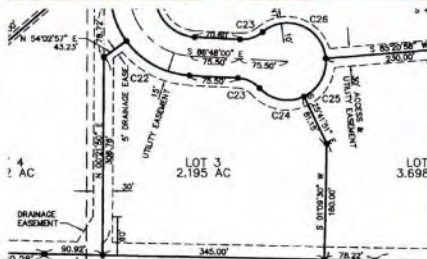
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QUARANTINE EVENT AT MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On Tuesday, Nov. 3, the Montrose County School District (MCSD) COVID-19 Response Team (CRT) received confirmation that a staff member at Montrose High School (MHS) tested positive for COVID-19.

MCSD has worked with Montrose County Public Health (MCPH) to contract trace any staff and students with whom the individual had prolonged close contact, and who now need to quarantine and seek testing.

The CRT determined that nine MHS staff members and two MHS students need to quarantine through Friday, Nov. 6, and seek COVID testing. Montrose County School District has contacted all individuals affected, prior to public notification, and no other students or staff cohorts are affected at this time. As we enter the winter months and approach cold and flu season, we remind every community member to stay home when you are sick, wash your hands often, social distance whenever possible and wear your Personal Protective Equipment (masks) with consistency.

QUARANTINE EVENT AT MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On Friday, Nov. 6, Montrose County School District (MCSD) COVID-19 Response Team (CRT) received confirmation that a Cohort A student at Montrose High School (MHS) tested positive for COVID-19.

MCSD has worked with Montrose County Public Health (MCPH) to contract trace any staff and students with whom the individual had prolonged close contact, and who now need to quarantine and seek testing.

The CRT determined that 26 MHS students and five MHS staff members need to quarantine through Thursday, Nov. 19, and seek COVID testing.

Montrose County School District has contacted all individuals affected, prior to public notification, and no other students or staff cohorts are affected at this time.

As we enter the winter months and approach cold and flu season, we remind every community member to stay home when you are sick, wash your hands often, social distance whenever possible and wear your Personal Protective Equipment (masks) with consistency.

QUARANTINE EVENT AT CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Special to the Mirror

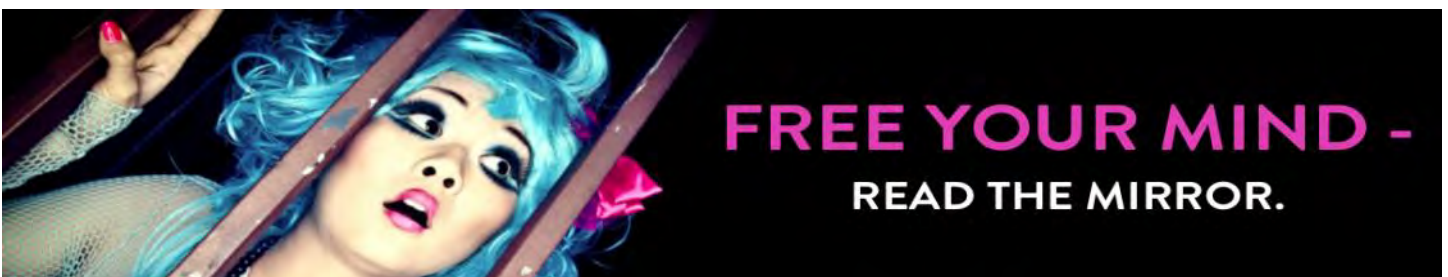
MONTROSE-On Wednesday, Nov. 4, the Montrose County School District (MCSD) COVID-19 Response Team (CRT) received confirmation that a staff member at Centennial Middle School (CtMS) tested positive for COVID-19.

MCSD has worked with Montrose County Public Health (MCPH) to contract trace any staff and students with whom the individual had prolonged close contact, and who now need to quarantine and seek testing.

The CRT determined that nine CtMS staff members and six CtMS students need to quarantine and seek testing. As a result of additional contact tracing, the CRT determined that twelve Early Childhood Center (ECC) students and four ECC staff need to quarantine and seek testing as well. The quarantine period for these individuals will last through Tuesday, November 10.

Montrose County School District has contacted all individuals affected, prior to public notification, and no other students or staff cohorts are affected at this time.

As we enter the winter months and approach cold and flu season, we remind every community member to stay home when you are sick, wash your hands often, social distance whenever possible and wear your Personal Protective Equipment (masks) with consistency.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA COUNTY SEES RISE IN COVID-19 CASES

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-As with the rest of the state of Colorado, and around the nation, Delta County is experiencing a rise in COVID-19 cases. While this was not unexpected, it is still something that should be taken very seriously. Delta County has seen an increase of 45 cases in the past two weeks, which is just about 1/6th of all positive cases that have been reported since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Keeping in line with concerns at the state level, one of Delta County's highest priorities is keeping Delta County Memorial Hospital's (DCMH) capacity manageable. "As a community partner, we are working closely with the hospital; DCMH and their clinics, along with Delta County Health Department, are the first line of defense for our COVID-19 response," said Delta County Administrator Robbie LeValley, "With flu season upon us, we all need to do everything we can to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, to protect our

healthcare workers and our hospital."

The best measures are to continue washing one's hands thoroughly and often, keeping at least 6 feet of physical distance between you and others as much as possible, and of course, wearing a mask. "People tend to believe that COVID-19 only targets older populations, however the average age of COVID positive individuals in Delta County is now 54," said Public Health Director Karen O'Brien, "We encourage you to think about all of the individuals in your circle, are they vulnerable in a way you hadn't considered? Are they pregnant? Do they have diabetes? Do they have asthma or cancer? What if you are an individual that has COVID-19 and are asymptomatic, and inadvertently spread it to someone you know? If an individual wears a mask, they have a much lower risk of getting or transmitting the virus."

Delta County remains at the Safer at Home: Cautious level for the [State Dial](#);

we are experiencing significant community spread throughout the entire county. Governor Polis is encouraging Coloradans to limit interactions with individuals outside of one's household, to lessen the spread of the virus. Delta County Health Department also encourages all residents to be cautious as we approach the holidays; specific guidance can be found [here](#).

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to an individual who has tested positive, contact your primary care physician or Delta County Health Department at 970-874-2172 to make an appointment to be tested, and please adhere to the quarantine and isolation guidelines that can be found [here](#).

Click [here](#) for additional information on Delta County's COVID-19 guidelines, as well as the dashboard.

You can also visit Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's COVID-19 resource page at: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>

DELTA COUNTY REPORTS A COVID-19 OUTBREAK SITE

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has informed Delta County Public Health of an outbreak site, HopeWest. As a reminder, an outbreak is defined as 2 positive cases at the same location, within a 14 day period. A coordinated investigation team in-

cluding Delta County Public Health and CDPHE worked to identify the positive cases, and immediately began contact tracing. According to CDPHE guidelines, outbreak resolution is defined as 28 days after the onset of symptoms of the last case. The best prevention against COVID-19 remains washing your hands thorough-

ly and often, maintaining 6 ft. of physical distance between you and others, and wearing a mask. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to an individual who has tested positive, contact your primary care physician or Delta County Health Dept. at 970-874-2172 to make an appointment.



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CELEBRATE GLOBAL PEACE POLE DAY NOV. 22



The Montrose High School ROTC color guard carried the American and Colorado flags during the Dedication of the Peace Pole at Ute Indian Park in 2007. CJ Brafford, Director of the Ute Indian Museum, Roland McCook, and Geshe Puntok also participated in the ceremony. The First Annual Global Peace Pole Day will be celebrated with a Peace for All Nations Ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 22 at noon. The community is invited to attend. (Masks and social distancing required.) Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The community is invited to a special Peace for All Nations Ceremony on Sunday, November 22, at noon, at the Peace Pole in Ute Indian Park to celebrate

the first annual Global Peace Pole Day.

Flags of the different nations will form a mandala around the Peace Pole as prayers for peace are sent to the people of each nation. (Masks and social distancing are

required.) This first Peace Pole in the 100 Peace Pole Project was planted and dedicated in 2007. It was hand-painted by local artist Linda Guy and a time capsule is buried at the base.

Because of its age and condition, this Peace Pole will be replaced with a new Peace Pole in the spring.

The original Peace Pole will be preserved at another location. In addition to the 8 languages representing the local cultures and the five continents, the new Peace Pole will include the message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth," in Braille.

Peace Pole owners are invited to have a ceremony at their own poles on Nov. 22 to commemorate this First Annual Global Peace Pole day. There are more than 200,000 peace poles in 197 countries around the world with more being added every day. The poles stand as silent messengers of peace for all people.

A display of photos of the 2007 Dedication and local Peace Poles will be on display at the Ute Indian Museum from 11-22 to 11-27 during regular business hours. If the weather prohibits holding the ceremony outdoors, the Peace for All Nations Ceremony will be held in the Chipeta Room at the Ute Indian Museum. For more information call 970-252-0908.

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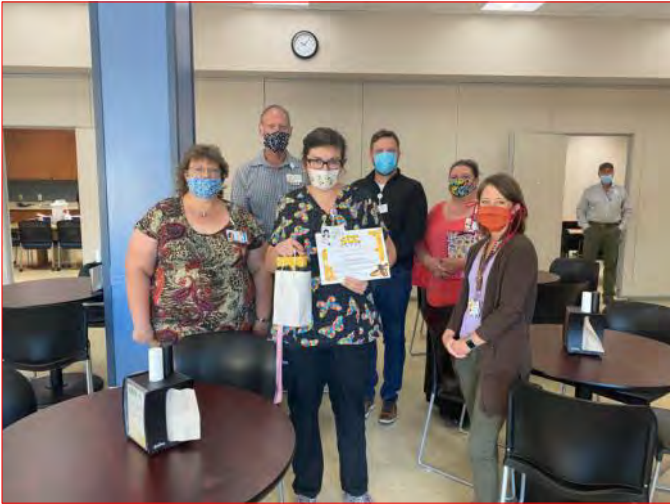
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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA HOSPITAL RECOGNIZES EXTRAORDINARY HEALTHCARE WORKERS



Claudia Beltran from the Environmental Services Department at DCMH is this quarter's overall BEE Award winner. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA – Seven Delta County Memorial Hospital (DMCH) healthcare workers were recognized for this quarter's Beyond Exceptional Expectation (BEE) Awards that honors all hospital employees.

The award is meant for all employees outside of those not a Registered Nurse (RN), and this quarter's overall BEE award winner was Claudia Beltran from the Environmental Services Department at DCMH. The other BEE nominees were: Alanna Kind, Certified Nursing Assistant, Tammie Abeyta, Certified Nursing Assistant, Juan Barajas-Ramirez, Food Services, Cindy

Hyde, Billing, Toni Colby, Respiratory Therapist and Drew Rogouski, Physical Therapist.

"The news of Claudia's 'Queen Bee' status overjoys the Environmental Services team," said Sarah Knop, the Environmental Services Director for DCMH. "To be recognized for going above and beyond is very rewarding."

Established in 2016, the BEE award was established by nurses at Jewish Hospital to recognize the extraordinary mem-

bers of their staff that go above and beyond in the healthcare services they provide. "We are beyond proud of each and every employee who was nominated for a BEE Award," said Matt Heyn, CEO of DCMH. "The multiple nomination forms that we receive show what great lengths our employees go to provide exceptional, high-quality healthcare services to our patients and community members. We are so honored to have such an amazing team of healthcare workers at DCMH."

At DCMH, The Employee Action Makers Making Awesome Stuff Happen (T.E.A.M. M.A.S.H.) group that decided to bring

these awards to the forefront. T.E.A.M. M.A.S.H. is made up of employees from departments across DCMH, making them an ideal group to review nominations from patients and coworkers.

"The BEE award helps bridge the gap so that all of the DCMH staff can be recognized for the critical role they play in enhancing a patient's experience and outcome," said Kaitlyn Jones, Director of the Foundation and T.E.A.M. M.A.S.H. Co-Chair. "The symbols for the DAISY and BEE awards are fitting, as bees and daisies have a symbiotic relationship in nature and rely on each other to thrive. The same is true at DCMH and the relationship that our healthcare team has with one another." Fellow employees, patients and community members can nominate a DCMH employee for a BEE award, and each quarter a BEE award winner is selected in a blinded scoring process by the T.E.A.M. M.A.S.H. group. Nominations can be completed via an in-person form or by going online to fill out a digital nomination form at deltahospital.org.

"Every person at DCMH plays a critical role, and this award helps acknowledge those individuals that continuously go the extra mile in their level of patient care regardless of their position," said Jones. "It is an honor to be able to recognize each of them for their hard work and excellence."



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OURAY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCES ANOTHER COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Special to the Mirror

OURAY-Brickhouse 737, in partnership with Ouray County Public Health Agency, is reporting two new confirmed Ouray County cases associated with an outbreak of COVID-19. "Working with the Brickhouse in this outbreak investigation has been as smooth as I could have hoped for. I would like to thank the Brickhouse for taking proactive efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 at their site" said Ouray County Public Health Director Tanner Kingery. "All cases and close contacts are being contacted and assigned a case investigator as per protocol. I am confident in the abilities of Brickhouse 737 and our investigators to continue to be proactive in mitigating the potential spread of COVID-19 in Ouray County."

Upon notification of the new cases, Brickhouse 737 immediately suspended all operations and initiated disinfection procedures of their facility and equipment on site. Testing is being done for staff and results should be returned shortly.

Coordinating with Ouray County Public Health Agency, Brickhouse 737 expects to continue operations on-site once all testing is complete, results are back and disinfection has been completed.

Updates are provided on the Ouray County website: ouraycountyco.gov as well as Ouray County Public Health Agency Facebook page: [Facebook.com/OurayCountyPublicHealthAgency](https://www.facebook.com/OurayCountyPublicHealthAgency)

Ways that you can continue to protect yourselves, family members and community members:

Stay home

Wash your hands, often

Disinfect hard surfaces frequently

Practice social distancing

Wear a mask when around people And if you become sick or are a close contact of a confirmed case:

-Self-Quarantine. If possible, keep yourself isolated from other people in your household.

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THREE QUARANTINE EVENTS AFTER WEEKEND POSITIVE CASE REPORTS

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MONTROSE-On Sunday, Nov. 9, the Montrose County School District (MCSD) COVID-19 Response Team (CRT) received confirmation that a staff member at Centennial Middle School (CtMS), a student at Oak Grove Elementary School (OGES), and a student at Cottonwood Elementary School (CES) tested positive for COVID-19.

MCSD has worked with Montrose County Public Health (MCPH) to contract trace any staff and students with whom the individuals had prolonged close contact. The CRT determined that:

Six CtMS staff members, six CtMS students, and one Northside Elementary School (NES) student need to seek testing and quarantine through Thursday, Nov. 19. One new OGES staff member will need to quarantine and seek COVID testing; another OGES staff member and eighteen OGES students from the previous (11/05/20) Oak Grove COVID event will be offered a second COVID test and need to expand their quarantine through Sunday, Nov. 22 as a result of a second, later exposure. Six CES staff members and 64 CES students need to quarantine and seek

COVID testing through Friday, Nov. 13.

Montrose County School District has contacted all individuals affected, prior to public notification, and no other students or staff cohorts are affected at this time.

As we enter the winter months and approach cold and flu season, we remind every community member to self-screen for temperature and symptoms prior to leaving the house for school or work, stay home when you are sick, wash your hands often, social distance whenever possible and wear your Personal Protective Equipment (masks) with consistency.

NEW PODCAST AND VIDEO DISCUSSES WILDFIRE IMPACTS ON WILDLIFE



Wildlife officers assisted with the evacuation of Estes Park on Oct. 23-24 when both the East Troublesome and Cameron Peak fires were approaching town. Picture is from between Glen Haven and Storm Mountain on Oct. 24. Courtesy photo.

such magnitude, additional concerns have been expressed towards the impacts on wildlife. In the newest podcast episode of Colorado Outdoors, we dive right into the pros and cons of wildfire as it relates to wildlife, aquatic life and the health of our forests.

Providing us with the context on the subject is senior wildlife biologist for CPW's northeast region Shannon Schaller, northeast region senior aquatic biologist Jeff Spohn and Casey Cooley, who is CPW's forest habitat coordinator.

[Listen to the podcast here.](#) The Cameron Peak Fire in Larimer County has burned into largest fire in Colorado history at nearly 209,000 acres. Colorado Parks and Wildlife has 30 elk with GPS satellite collars on in the burn area and their location data helps to show how wildlife react and move when fire comes across the landscape. Wildlife biologist Angelique Curtis discusses what the satellite collars on the elk are showing us in this [video on elk movement in and around the Cameron Peak Fire.](#)

For more information on the study taking place and why the elk have the GPS collars on in the first place, please [click here.](#)

Special to the Mirror

DENVER – 2020 has seen the three largest wildfires in Colorado history and over

600,000 acres have burned across the Centennial State. Along with many of the obvious concerns that come with fires of

COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

PARKS & WILDLIFE PLANS RESTORATION EFFORTS FOR GRAY WOLVES



Colorado voters passed Proposition 114, directing the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to develop a plan to restore gray wolves to Colorado, west of the Continental Divide. Courtesy photo U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - On Nov. 3, 2020, Coloradans voted to pass Proposition #114 - The Restoration of Gray Wolves, a measure directing the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to develop a plan to reintroduce gray wolves west of the Continental Divide. With this decision, the planning process for reintroduction will begin.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife wildlife experts currently manage 960 wildlife species for the state and have restored several of Colorado's most iconic species. CPW staff is fully prepared to work with stakeholders, including consultation with other state agencies with specific experience with introducing the species, to develop the plan to reintroduce gray wolves over the coming months.

"Our agency consists of some of the best and brightest in the field of wildlife management and conservation," said Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director Dan Prenzl. "I know our wildlife experts encompass

the professionalism, expertise, and scientific focus that is essential in developing a strategic species management plan. CPW is committed to developing a comprehensive plan and in order to do that, we will need input from Coloradans across our state. We are evaluating the best path forward to ensure that all statewide interests are well represented."

For more than 120 years, the people of Colorado have looked to Colorado Parks and Wildlife for leadership and expertise to protect state lands, secure a successful wildlife legacy in Colorado, and provide quality outdoor recreation that evolves with generational trends and demographic population changes.

Please see CPW's Wolf Management webpage to read Frequently Asked Questions and find living with wolves resources. For more information on CPW's existing conservation programs, visit cpw.state.co.us/conservation.

CDOT CONTINUES CRACK SEALING WORK ON US 550 NORTH OF RIDGWAY NEXT WEEK

Special to the Mirror

SOUTHWEST COLORADO — CDOT will perform crack sealing next week on US 550, approximately 10 miles north of Ridgway, near the Ouray-Montrose county line (MP 113-116). Motorists should allow themselves extra travel time. The work will take place next week, Monday – Friday, November 9 – 13, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Travelers will encounter flagging personnel guiding, one-lane alternating traffic with full stops and should allow for extra travel time. Delays should be no longer than 15 minutes.

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ITALIAN RESEARCHERS SHARE STORY OF WWII PILOT'S FINAL DAYS

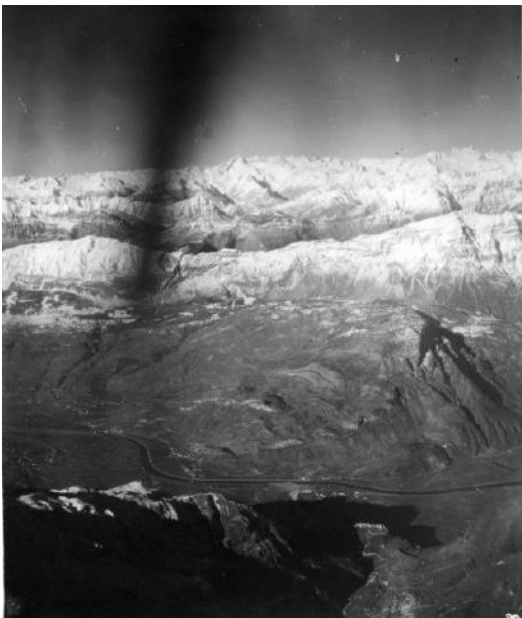


Photo taken by a B25 Bomber approaching the target, Calliano. Photo courtesy 57th Bomb Wing Association.

Mirror staff report

TRENTINO val LAGARINA-VALLARSA- A native of Western Colorado, First Lieutenant Charles Ross perished during the final months of WWII, but his memory and the story of his last days have been kept alive through the dedication of a researcher in the Italian community where Ross fell to earth.

One of seven aviators who were shot down above Italy on February 12, 1945,



Charles D. Ross. Photo courtesy 57th Bomb Wing Association.

Ross was a B25 Pilot for the 486th Bomber Squadron. He was able to parachute away from the fiery explosion that engulfed his plane, only to succumb within days to severe burns.

"Thanks to the help of a passionate friend we were able to complete the research on the seven aviators who died in February, 1945 TRENTINO val LAGARINA-VALLARSA," Nicola Campolongo wrote in an email to the *Mirror* dated Nov. 7, 2020. The history that Campolongo has compiled can now be read and shared online.

Ross, who was 28 at the time of his death, was greatly missed by his family in the United States, including younger sister Lela Ala who was a schoolteacher at the of



View of the crash site. Photo by Archivio Paniz.

her brother's passing. In 2013, the *Mirror* interviewed Lela after learning that she had received a picture of her long-lost brother from Campolongo, who had located Lela through the non-profit organization Welcome Home Montrose.

Though Ala passed away earlier this year at age 96, she shared some memories with the *Mirror* in 2013 Charles Ross was born near Ridgway in 1916, and delivered by Ouray's Dr. Bates, she said.

As a young man he was good looking and charismatic and might have pursued a career in the field of entertainment had he survived.

"My brother was no coward," Ala said.

"He was burned and broken, and his crew had gone down with the plane. He was in a hospital right there, but he may not have had the will to live."

To read Nicola Campolongo's full history of the seven lost aviators, [Click here](#).

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES FALL CLINICS PHOTO CONTEST

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE— The Fall Clinics Committee of the Medical Staff of Montrose Memorial Hospital is sponsoring the annual Fall Clinics Photo Contest. The committee is looking for a fall scene of Western Colorado to be used for the hospital's annual Fall Clinics events taking place September 2021 and September 2022.

Photos will be judged by the Fall Clinics committee; the winning photographer will receive a \$100 award. All submissions must be received on or before November 13th 2020.

Please submit digital entries to Kate Roth at rroth@montrosehospital.com. Entries must include first and last name, address, and a telephone number. For further information, contact Kate at (970) 240-7340.

2021 will mark the 50th year of the Fall Clinics event, an educational conference aimed at medical professionals to improve education on topics timely and relevant to the community. Topics for this year's event included presentations on medical marijuana, sleep apnea, structural heart disease, and various other clinical subject matter. The Fall Clinics event strives to improve physician competence and performance, patient outcomes, and personal and population health in the community.



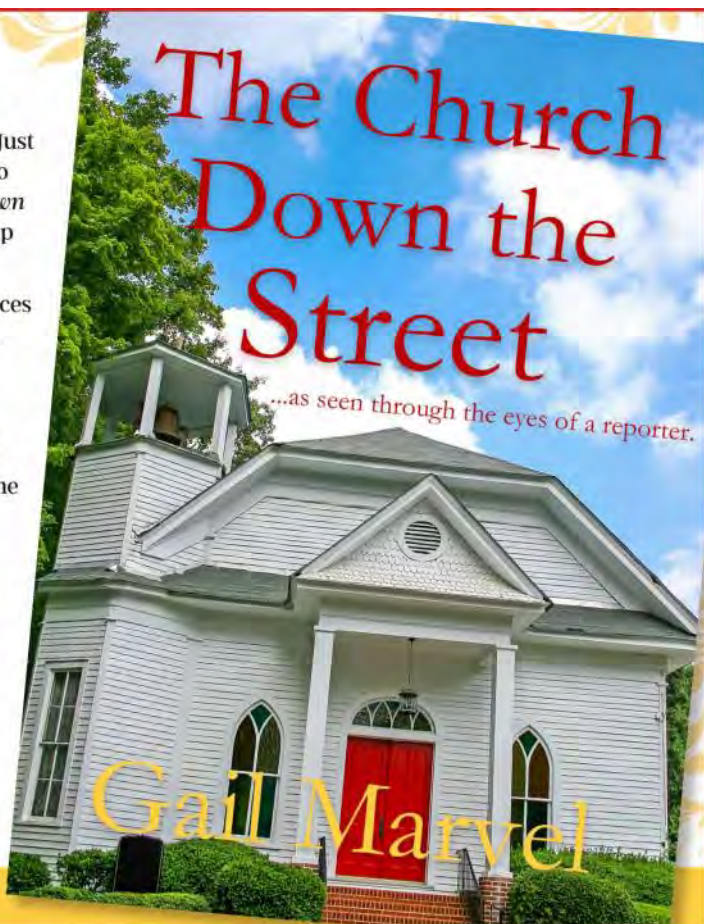
GAIL MARVEL
Montrose Author
& Reporter

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.



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FAITH COLUMN: DEACON SPEAKIN' WITH DWIGHT HARP



Anglican Deacon Dwight Harp. Courtesy photo.

By Deacon Dwight Harp

MONTROSE-So I go to church every week. It's expected of me. I expect it of myself. I'm ordained. Before ordination my weekends weren't quite as structured. Golf or fishing might occasionally supplant church attendance. I did attend church a lot. After Mom died I searched for a church home diligently until I found one. In this search I found much of "my way or the highway" dogma after the initial, "we're glad you are here!" introductory formalities. This may be a topic for another day. So? Do you attend church regularly? This COVID thing puts a crimp in many people's pre-COVID habits. One recent article suggests that following all this COVIDness the average church attendance nation-wide may be down as much as 30 percent.

I think going to church is important. What do you think? Or, maybe more importantly, as an ordained minister, I need to ask—what do scriptures say on the subject? You'd be correct in reflecting that they relate that corporate religious meetings are important.

It may have started longer ago than you might think. Corporate worship grew out of individual home worship when the family house/home grew too small to comfortably attend to all in the family and attending friends.

Hospitality in the ancient middle-east was critically important. Abraham welcomed 'sojourners' to his tent in the Genesis 18 account. He asked Sarah, his wife to quickly bake bread and he killed and prepared a young calf in a sumptuous feast and then

waited on them 'hand-and-foot.' Wouldn't a bit of water for them and their animals have been sufficient? Maybe, but this 'stranger-turned-guest' strongly focuses the hospitality of the ancients as a cornerstone of their living. Much has been written about this single event. Suffice it for us as bedrock for kindness and a model for amiable behavior. Fellowship was important

then as now.

Ancient Hebraic religious teachings point to a deep-seated feeling of kindness toward strangers among them. The host meets the stranger, asking no questions as to their situation until their needs were met. If this is the way strangers were treated, the idea of communal fellowship certainly follows these ancient teachings. Rabbinical writings include, "Let thy house be open wide, let the poor be the members of thy household."

The ancient Hebrew teachings are still followed world-wide. Messianic congregations believe in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and follow as closely as they can the teachings found in the ancient scriptures.

How do the ancient teachings form our present Christian church and therefore, church going?

Jesus is asked what is the greatest commandment of all the teachings. His response recorded in the Gospels is, "Love God and one another!"

Hospitality leads to fellowship, "a joint participation in a common interest and activity." The ancient teachings 'joint participation and common interest' was survival.

I'll use a transliterated Greek word to transition to the more present church I go to each week.

Koinonia is the transliterated form of a Greek word referring to concepts such as fellowship, joint participation, sharing, jointly contributing, collecting, and a word/concept I revere-communion. Web-

ster's describes Koinonia as the intimate (spiritual) communion and participative sharing in a common commitment. Another definition of the word expresses the idea of being together for mutual benefit.

We started by asking why we did or didn't go to church. My research suggests that families (even families of one) who find it hard to find time for church are "pushing themselves too hard." That may be true. Further research on the subject of church going is interesting. I'll borrow from an article by Ruth Soukup I found on line. She suggests, and I firmly concur, that getting to church may not be easy but once there I really LIKE IT! The article continues with this statement, "People who regularly attend church report stronger social support networks and less depression."

Church is literally good for your health.

There are other benefits of church going. They might surprise you.

-Church Connects Us with God

-There is something reverent about simply being inside a church. (I pause here to exclaim that church really is the grouping of believers, not just the building itself.) It gives us a physical space to connect and draw closer to God and to realize the there is something out there BIGGER THAN OURSELVES.

-Church Gives Us a Chance to Reflect on Gratitude

-By practicing gratitude, we reframe negative situations into learning opportunities. Things may be rough in your life. Lost job. Sick child. Death of family member or friend. Attending church can help us open our hearts and eyes to see the things we do have.

-Church Connects Us Socially

-Church attendance provides a place for newbies to a community or neighborhood to socially connect. Church people are generally friendly and most have a variety of social events, groups, clubs, and connection opportunities.

-Church Helps Us Better Connect with our Spouse.

-Couples who attend church together report higher levels of happiness and satisfaction within their marriage. Couples who attend church together are making time to reiterate the important foundations of

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their marriage. You are reminded of your pledge. Your connection is reinforced.

- Church Allows/ Opens a Route to Reverence
- It's a place of calm and peace and joy. Attendance can help us revisit these states regularly. Peaceful feelings build from these weekly events.
- Church Provides Plenty of Opportunities to Give Back
- Church offers an opportunity to give our time and talent to causes we believe in. Organizations who share similar values offer a place to share our blessings.

- Church Teaches Us Forgiveness
- It can be hard to let go of disappointments, frustrations and annoyances. Who has done you something hurtful? Forgiveness is one of the hardest lessons to learn, and yet when we are finally able to things go, it can take a huge weight off our shoulders. There's no better place to remember the gift of forgiveness than in church. Soften your heart in there.
- Church Fills our Hearts with Song
- Music is magical. Listening to and singing in church uplifts my spirit. I've been told those who sing pray twice.

- Church is Where We Find Deeper Meaning in our Lives

What's the point? Despair, sorrow, frustration and stress flood today's lives. Church helps us revisit the larger story of our lives and those around us and thereby gives us reasons to 'hold-on' and 'keep the faith.'

Let's conclude with this scriptural message: 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

Remember that church is not a place to go. Church is a family.

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COLORADO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR



Sherry Kammerer, courtesy photo.

Special to art & Sol

MONTROSE-In October the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club's (BCBGC) Board President, Sherry Kammerer, was awarded Board Member of the Year for the State of Colorado.

This award is very competitive as each Boys & Girls Club Executive Director in Colorado, including those long established Clubs in cities like Denver and Colorado Springs, nominate a Board Director.

It is an honor that is truly deserved as Sherry is a pivotal part of the BCBGC. Her guidance, hard work, and determination in addition to her giving spirit is a huge part of the success of the BCBGC. She has played a vital role in launching the BCBGC's capital campaign for a new, larger permanent facility in Montrose.

The primary goal of the new facility is to be large enough to end the BCBGC's current three year waiting list for members; Sherry has noted since starting on the Board that her main goal was to end the waiting list. She is a true asset not only to the BCBGC but the Montrose community as a whole.

Thank you Sherry for all that you do and congratulations!

MCA PRESENTS 'IF ALLEYS COULD TALK'

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Montrose center for the arts is pleased to present a community art show titled "If Alleys Could Talk." Many Western Slope artists and citizens have entered the show. Journey through the exhibit and experience artistic interpretations of abandoned history, discarded treasures along dusty passageways, and unique alleys of countries like Italy and Thailand.

Please join us at the center, 11 S. Park Avenue. We observe social distancing and ask guests to wear masks. The show will run from Nov. 3 to 27.

MCA is also having a holiday art market for the months of November and December. Numerous artists and artisans have created exciting items that would make great holiday gifts. Some of the creations



Bonnie Heidbrak, photo "Colorful Eclectic Gates."

include fabric purses, hand woven scarves, jewelry, cards, wonderful books, pottery, soaps, and of course, ornaments.

The upcoming art shows in December will feature Mary Pat Ettinger's oils in the main gallery, and Montrose Visual Arts Guild miniature painting exhibit in the



Mike Simpson, watercolor, "If Alleys Could Talk."

columbine room.

The center is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

GREENHOUSE WINS FISCHER PRIZE, ORESKOVICH THE CANTOR PRIZE

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TELLURIDE ... The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds poetry program is happy to announce that Jonathan Greenhouse of New Jersey has won the 23rd national \$1000 Fischer Prize with his poem, "Thanks a Lot, Shakespeare, for the Starling." And Mark Oreskovich of Pueblo has received the \$500 Cantor Prize for the best poem by a Colorado poet in the Fischer competition, "The Sunflower Miners." This year's judge was Claire Blotter of San Rafael (CA).

"In three short stanzas, Greenhouse skillfully navigates from the personal to the political to the historic – and finally, back again to the personal with a poet's sharp eye and profound empathy," explained Blotter. "This poem shines among those that espouse the sometimes contradictory values of preserving the earth, its bird and animal life."

Greenhouse's winning poem was first published in America. He was a runner up for last year's Fischer Prize and for America's 2019 Foley Poetry contest, and he was shortlisted for the 2019 Mick Imlah Poetry Prize from London's *Times Literary Supplement* and for The Black Spring Press Group's 2020 Sexton Prize for Poetry. His poems have recently appeared or are forthcoming in *Contemporary Verse 2*, *Lake Effect*, *The Lascaux Review*, *New Ohio Review*, *Notre Dame Review*, *Salamander*, and the Poetry Society website, among others.

"It's wonderful to honor Colorado poet Mark Oreskovich who writes about local history and the miners who immigrated from the Old World to their Promised Land," said Talking Gourds co-director Art Goodtimes.

Raised in Pueblo, Colorado, Oreskovich



Mark Oreskovich. Courtesy photo.

calls this city home again after years in Pittsburgh and Chicago. Away from work, he writes poetry, sings, and plays both guitar and a Croatian folk instrument called a tambura, which is obscure but lovely. He shares life with Annie, who "smiles when she sleeps, and paints like God, to borrow Guy Clark's phrase." They have two daughters, Molly and Wilia.

This year there were 230 poets participating in the contest and over 500 poems submitted. The top-five finalists for the Fischer Prize — each receiving a \$200 award — included Melissa Studdard of Texas for "Migration Patterns," Partridge Boswell of Vermont for "Upon Hearing Amy Winehouse at St. James Church in Dingle" (which first appeared in Poetry), Julie E. Bloemke of Georgia for "After Rousseau's 'The Dream,' Museum of Modern Art, 2016," A. Kaiser of New York for "Shape Shift," and V. Penelope Pelizzon of Connecticut for "Sentimental Education" (which first appeared in Gulf Coast). "I'm delighted with how the Telluride Institute has grown this contest.

Where it once attracted a few dozen local entries, now it attracts some of the best

poets writing in America today,"

noted Talking Gourds co-director Rose-merry Wahtola Trommer. "And I love how it honors all poems, not just previously unpublished poems."

All the poems are available for viewing at [here](#).

The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds poetry program continues its two decade tradition of offering a national Fischer Prize contest in honor of the late attorney/poet Mark Fischer, who died in the '80s, and more recently a Colorado Prize honoring his wife — politician/painter Elaine Cantor Fischer, who passed away four years ago.

The 2021 Fischer/Cantor Prize contest will begin accepting submissions in January. Once again the Institute will be offering \$1000 first prize award in the national contest and five \$200 finalist awards for selected poems.

A \$500 Cantor Award will be made for the best poem submitted to the contest by a Colorado poet.



Jonathan Greenhouse. Courtesy photo.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

VALLEY FOOD PARTNERSHIP AWARDED \$135K PLANNING GRANT

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MONTROSE— VFP (Valley Food Partnership) in conjunction with ENGAGE (Entrepreneurial Growth in Agriculture, Energy) of Delta County were recently awarded a 2 year, \$135K, USDA planning and design grant for Regional Food System Partnerships.

Grant partners include the Colorado Department of Agriculture, Farm Runners, Jack Rabbit Hill Farm, LiveWell Colorado, Mountain Roots, Natural Grocers, Region 10, Roan Creek Ranch, Startup Colorado, Telluride Foundation, CSU Dept of Ag & Resource Economics, Triple M Orchards, and Valley Organic Growers Association. The grant is provided to strengthen the viability and resilience of regional food economies through collaboration and coordination. VFP, ENGAGE and the grant partners will use the planning grant to form a Western Slope Food System Partnership and design a digital logistics platform to increase the resiliency, production, profitability, and consumption of local food.

"Agriculture is the largest industry in Region 10. In order to sustain this industry, we have to find ways to make it more

profitable" Sandy Head, Executive Director of MEDC (Montrose Economic Development Corporation).

The Partnership welcomes stakeholders from across the regional food value chain. A Western Slope Food & Ag discussion group and resource sharing platform has been created at startupcolorado.org to recruit and engage partners. The group site will be the place to register any interested partner and a place to go for all information, discussion, news, resources, and event listings. "Critical mass is the key to ensuring sustainability for all industries, but even more so for agriculture. Coordinating our diverse agriculture as we all connect with consumers will provide that necessary tool for long term growth in Delta and Montrose counties" Robbie LeValley, Delta County Administrator.

Over the next 18 months partners will analyze regional food value chain workflows and business processes. This analysis will be used to design a digital communications and trading platform where producers, distributors, mid-tier value chain businesses, and buyers can share accurate, reliable, and timely data. The goals of the platform are to increase the ability to

match regional production with regional demand and optimize efficiencies in inventory management, transportation, processing, and warehousing. Alan Lewis, VP of Natural Grocers, points out that "even locally owned and operated grocery stores like ours have a difficult time sourcing locally produced food and food products. We expect this initiative will help us close the gap on efficient logistics between producers and retailers."

Partners will also coordinate and collaborate on writing a partnership agreement expressing their shared operational values and social mission goals. The agreement is aimed at empowering small and mid-scale local food producers to share their production data and engage in omni-channel marketing.

This partnership agreement and platform design will culminate in a plan to be rolled into an USDA implementation grant in March 2022.

Success will be measured in stakeholder data sharing engagement, supply chain operational cost reductions, supply chain efficiency improvements, growth of market channels to producers, and year two investment commitments.

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SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

ONGOING-

MONTROSE FARMERS' MARKET is a weekly gathering of vendors selling local fruit, vegetables, meat, crafts, and more. **Date and time:** Saturdays 10 am-1 pm, first three weeks of November and December 2020, every other week-end starting Jan. 9th 2021

Location: Montrose Centennial Plaza and Centennial Meeting Room, 15-99 S Uncompahgre Ave, Montrose, CO 81401

Cost: Free to attend

Curbside service is still available in the winter season!

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.

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-

Nov. 10-The U.S. National Christmas tree, harvested from the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests, will make an appearance in Montrose on Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. in front of the city's Visitor Center located at 107 South Cascade Avenue. The tree's visit to Montrose on Nov. 10 will be open to the public and free for all to enjoy. Due to the ongoing concerns over COVID-19, face coverings are required as well as social distancing.

Nov. 11-Montrose Elks Lodge Veterans Breakfast, 8:30 to 11 a.m. at 801 South Hillcrest. All veterans are welcome.

Nov. 14-Montrose Elks Charity Ball, 6p.m. at 801 S. Hillcrest. Theme is Miners & Madams. Dance the night away to the Ghost River Band. \$30 couple and \$20 single.

Nov. 18-There will be a ribbon cutting at 3 p.m. for two sidewalk libraries at La Raza Park. Books will be filled with free books for Montrose youth at this time, and more books will continue to be added throughout the year. The Little Libraries are a project of the Montrose High School ASTRA, led by Clara Carrasco, ASTRA secretary and 2020 graduate.

Nov. 18-We were all very sad to learn that the Vine Market & Bistro closed its' doors earlier this year. However, we are happy to announce that Nick Rinne, the founder of that restaurant, has graciously volunteered to show us how to prepare a tasty dish! He specializes in Mediterranean cooking and will show us how to prepare an endive salad with gorgonzola and toasted walnuts, and spaghetti carbonara. Email Taylor at tevans@montroselibrary.org to sign up for this virtual event on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 6pm.

Nov. 20-The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club's (BCBGC) 6th Annual Crab Crack fundraiser will be a little different this year to comply with COVID-19 social distancing restrictions and will be the "Stay in your Shell" edition. This means the BCBGC will not be having an in-person event at a specific venue but, rather, Crab Crack will be delivered to you at the location of your choosing in Montrose! A land and sea feast of crab, shrimp, Andouille sausage, corn, potatoes, and dessert with wine (with all the eating supplies you need) delivered to your door. There will be no individual ticket sales this year but sponsorships are available. There will also be an online benefit auction where you can bid on and fund items the Club members' need. The link to this auction will open on the Club's website (www.bcbgc.org) on Nov. 20. Please contact Bud Taylor at btaylor@bcbgc.org or at 970-249-5168 for sponsorship inquiries or event questions.

Nov. 22-The community is invited to a special Peace for All Nations Ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 22, at noon, at the Peace Pole in Ute Indian Park to celebrate the first annual Global Peace Pole Day. Flags of the different nations will form a mandala around the Peace Pole as prayers for peace are sent to the people of each nation. (Masks and social distancing are required). If the weather prohibits holding the ceremony outdoors, the Peace for All Nations Ceremony will be held in the Chipeta Room at the Ute Indian Museum. For more information call 970-252-0908.

Nov. 26-26th Annual Friends Thanksgiving Dinner, Takeout and Delivery only. Pre-register at Montrosecommunitydinners.com.



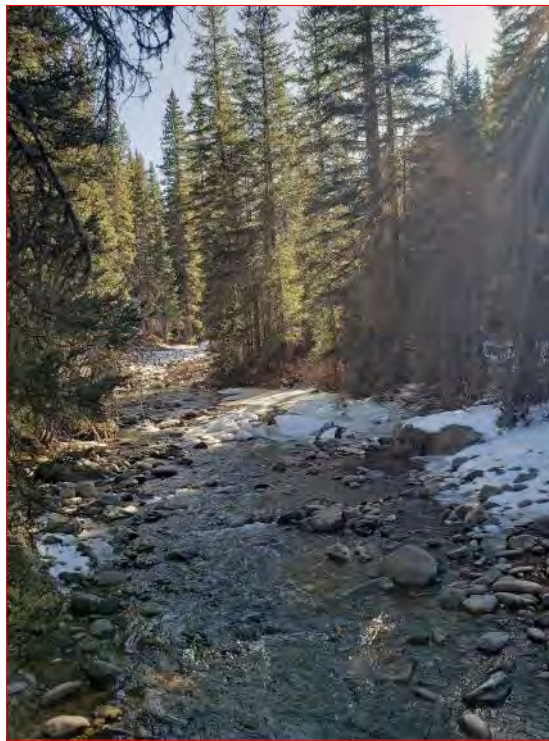
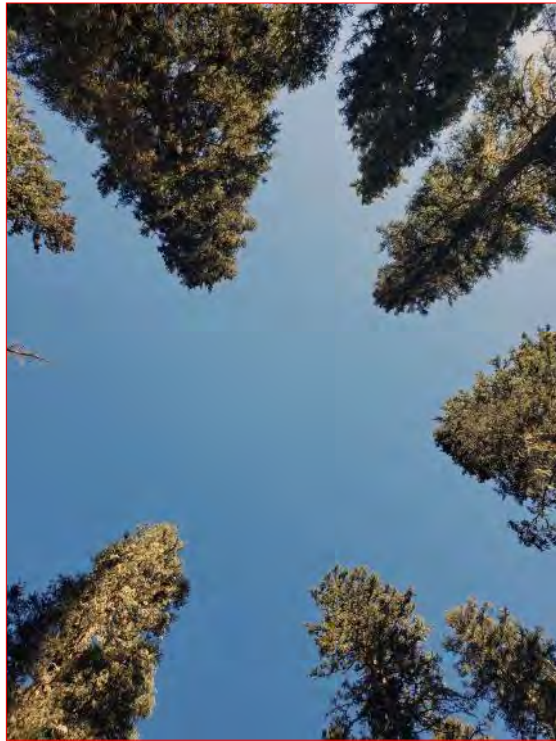
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