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An artist's rendering of how the redevelopment of Bullock could appear, from the Montrose Assessment Grant prepared for City officials. Courtesy image.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The old Bullock power plant beside the Uncompahgre River is tall and forbidding—a rusted hulk of a structure flanked by chain link fencing, and surrounded by abandoned outbuildings, vehicles, equipment, and weeds. Still, recent architectural renderings prepared by consultants to show the possibilities of redevelopment are cheerful and bright.

When the City of Montrose obtained a “Brownfields” grant totaling \$400K (\$200K for hazardous substances and \$200K for petroleum) in 2014, it was with the idea of eventually allowing the cleanup and redevelopment of some of the most blighted properties in Montrose.

At the time, a document

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OFFICIALS HEAR UPDATES @ MRCOG: BALLOT ISSUE A 'VERY, VERY,' REAL POSSIBILITY FOR MONTROSE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose hosted the Montrose Regional Council of Governments (MRCOG) in council chambers on Monday, June 11.

Organizations represented included the City of Montrose and Montrose County, Montrose Recreation District (MRD), Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH), All Points Transit (APT),

Montrose Fire Protection District (MFPD), Montrose Regional Library District (MRLD), RE-1J School District, River Valley Health Center and Montrose Economic Development (MEDC).

Holly Park/Riverbottom Drive project - MRD Executive Director Ken Sherbenou.

Sherbenou gave a PowerPoint presentation on the combined effort to get grants

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Sarah Judkins and Paul Rinne, Main Street Montrose, LLC, purchased the downtown building located at 347 Main in October 2017. The Vine Market & Bistro, which is located on the first floor, will be joined by a book store and the KVNF public radio studio. The upstairs space will have five residential units. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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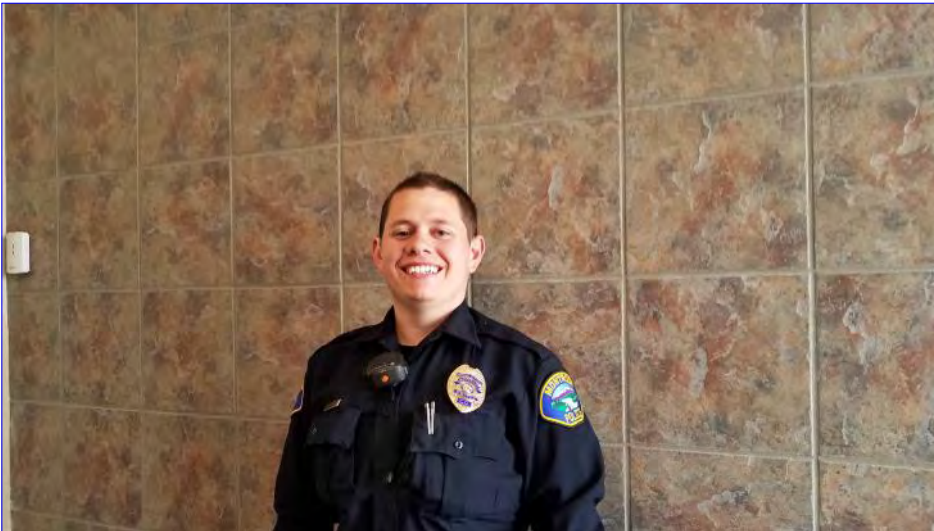
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ANSWERING THE CALL: PATROL OFFICER CAMRON ESPINOZA



Patrol Officer Camron Espinoza. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Patrol Officer Camron Espinoza was born and raised in Delta and graduated from Delta High School in 2012. In college he obtained a double bachelors, one in Criminal Justice and the other in Geography. When Espinoza considered going into law enforcement his mother suggested becoming an accountant or a lawyer, "I didn't want to be confined to a desk job. I wanted a job where I could help people and interact with them."

Espinoza applied to the Montrose Police Department (MPD) and they sponsored him to attend the Police Academy in Greenwood Springs. "There was only one year between getting my degrees and going to the academy, so the study part was not too hard. There were a lot of challenges, but the most nerve wracking was getting tased and pepper sprayed. It was scary leading up to it. You definitely have respect for a taser once it's used on you.

You won't use it indiscriminately." The lesson in getting pepper sprayed, "It teaches you that you can fight through it and still be able to fight."

Espinoza, who has been with MPD for 10 months, recently completed training for Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE). In describing his career Espinoza said, "It's a unique job with a wide exposure to different walks of life. It keeps the job interesting when you never know what to expect. It's fun doing different stuff." The least enjoyable part of his job is the paperwork, "I'd rather be out talking to people."

When asked about the most stressful aspect of his job Espinoza said, "Being new has a little added pressure on how to approach each call. Every call is a learning experience and it's hectic. You have to think through how to handle the situation. You're learning as you go. There are a lot of senior officers on my crew to help me

out, but there is still a lot to learn."

Espinoza has yet to use CPR, but he is trained and ready when the situation arises.

Using humor helps Espinoza in his job, "We're exposed to a lot of negativity. I'm a positive person and I like to laugh and keep my spirits up. It helps keep the negativity from affecting me."

A character trait that Espinoza brings to the table is the "honest factor." He said, "When I show up and approach people they can see that I am actually invested in them and their problem. I'm young and not intimidating. I enjoy interacting and communicating with citizens."

Similar to his hometown of Delta, Espinoza has embraced Montrose, "Montrose is now my hometown and I like to see us keeping it nice. Citizens support us when they wave and when they have the blue line stickers on the cars. It makes a huge difference to us every day. The people who support us are the ones I try to focus on throughout the day."

As for goals and aspirations, "I want to try everything. This job is what I want to do for the rest of my life. I'm open to opportunities to get more training and education."

In the area of interests and activities Espinoza likes hanging out with friends and doing outdoor stuff — hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and mountain biking.

When asked how citizens could help make his job easier he said, "Don't hesitate to call. We can't be everywhere. Citizens can give officers information and that is what we like. Some citizens are hesitant to make reports because they don't want to waste our time. It's absolutely not a bother, so please call."



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ASST. CITY MANAGER, OBT DIRECTOR ROB JOSEPH TO STEP DOWN

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--According to a City of Montrose news release, Assistant City Manager and Office of Business & Tourism Director Rob Joseph will step down as of June 28. Joseph joined the City of Montrose as an intern through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs' Best and Brightest Program in 2012 and was named Assistant City Manager in 2013. He received the manager's Excellence in Service Award in 2016 and the Colorado City and County Management Association's Assistant City Manager of the Year award in 2017.

Under Joseph's direction, the Visit Montrose program achieved accreditation from Destinations International.

The effort to hire a new Assistant City Manager has begun. Individuals interested in applying for the position are invited to view the full position description at CityofMontrose.org/Jobs. At this time, the City is taking time to examine current OBT operations before making any departmental changes.

CITY TO RECEIVE \$85K HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION GRANT

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-WORK SESSION: Seven new City staffers will be introduced at the [City Council Work Session of June 18](#). Joining the City are Office of Business & Tourism Guest Services Assistant Kyli Rodgers; Animal Shelter Technicians Harry Dunn and Savannah Russel; Police Officers Russell Maranto and Jeremy Payne; Streets Superintendent John Cain; and Utilities Worker Alexander Wall.

Discussion items include a Save the Sculptures fundraising update and a Colorado Healthcare Foundation Grant authorization (according to the meeting packet the City of Montrose has been selected by The Colorado Health Foundation, a Colorado nonprofit, to receive \$89,520 which will provide \$25,000 in matching funds for the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Connect Trail, and \$64,520 for engagement efforts with the Hispanic/Latino Community.) Items to be discussed in future work sessions include the Holly Park/Riverbottom DOLA Grant Resolution on July 2; the Hogback Addition Annexation Hearing July 17; the Hitchmarc Addition Annexation Hearing Aug. 7; and a new

beer/liquor license for "Alta" on Sept. 18.

REGULAR MEETING: At the [regular City Council meeting](#), also on Monday, June 18, Council will consider approving a Fireworks Display Permit for the City of Montrose Fireworks on July 4.

Council will consider approving a Special Events Liquor Permit in conjunction with the closure of Apollo Road for the FUNC Fest event in Riverbottom Park on July 14; and approval of Resolution 2018-14, setting Aug. 7, 2018, as the hearing date for the Hitchmarc Addition annexation (Consent Agenda).

Council will hold a hearing and consider approving a new Hotel and Restaurant liquor license at 1413 E. Main Street for Shanda LaRue, d.b.a. Jimmers, for consumption on the licensed premise; as well as a new Arts liquor license at 420 S.12th Street for Magic Circle Players Ltd., d.b.a. Magic Circle Players, Ltd., for consumption on the licensed premises.

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2449 on second reading, an ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, for the annexation of the 1890 Homestead Addition, as well as Ordinance 2450 on

second reading, zoning the 1890 Homestead Addition as an R-3A medium high-density district and B-4 neighborhood shopping district.

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2451 on first reading, adding a new Section 4-16 to the Official Code of the City of Montrose codifying provisions regarding historical preservation.

Also to be considered are Resolution 2018-15, temporarily banning the sales and use of fireworks within the City; Resolution 2018-16, approving the Plan of Development for the area of land encompassed within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Montrose Downtown Development Authority (DDA); and Resolution 2018-17, supporting the City of Grand Junction in pursuing the relocation of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Headquarters to Grand Junction.

Council will consider the award of a Professional Services Contract for landscaping services to S&E Ward's Landscaping Management Incorporated of Delta County at an annual cost of \$67,528.

Following staff reports Council will adjourn.

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entitled [the Lower Montrose Assessment Grant](#) was prepared, with assistance of consultants from DHM Design and Ayres Associates.

In January of 2017, a public meeting was held on the "[Montrose Assessment Grant](#)," complete with a presentation and architectural drawings of how several local sites might look after cleanup and restoration. Among those sites was the former James A Bullock Steam Electric plant along the Uncompahgre River.

Documents from the library of the University of Utah note that the first unit of the Bullock Steam Electric plant was built in 1950 and the second in 1953. Originally powered by coal, the plant was converted to natural gas in 1973, but was not profitable and the plant was closed in 1983. In 1975 the Bullock plant became the property of the Colorado Ute Electric Association (CUEA), which declared bankruptcy in

1992.

Current owner Eric Jacobson has owned the plant since 1995.

According to Justin Clark of consultant DHM Design, "The City worked with the design team to provide redevelopment concepts for the Bullock Site, previously occupied by a coal-fed power plant. The vision includes converting the plant into a brewery, a river recreation equipment rental site, housing, a community center and an outdoor riverfront market."

And the City of Montrose has made an "informal" offer to purchase the Bullock power plant itself. City Manager Bill Bell said that he offered Jacobson \$200K for the property five years ago.

"There is no formal offer on the table; it is informal at this time," Bell said. "We would love to have the Bullock Power



Plant; we could improve access. We have talked to people about an indoor climbing gym, and a takeout area from the River; we look at the big picture."

Bell said that he is in contact with Jacobson's realtor Ty Jennings, but that the owner is not ready to sell because he has not yet found another location at which to store the collectibles currently located at the Bullock site.

Still, "I would love to sell if I could find a place to move my industrial equipment," Jacobson said. "He (Bill Bell) has got a heck of a plan."

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BLM UNCOMPAHGRE FIELD OFFICE IMPLEMENTS STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – On Friday, June 15, 2018 Stage 2 fire restrictions went into effect within the Bureau of Land Management Uncompahgre Field Office including BLM managed lands in Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Delta and Gunnison counties.

The following acts are prohibited under Stage 2 fire restrictions on BLM lands: Building, maintaining, attending or using an OPEN FLAME, including fire, campfire, stove fire, charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves, and *devices (stoves, grills or lanterns) using liquid fuel* such as white gas or kerosene.

Exception: Operating a stove, lantern, or other device using pressurized gas canisters (isobutene or propane) equipped with a valve that allows the operator to immediately turn the flame on and off. SMOKING.

Exception: Within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building.

WELDING or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.

Using an EXPLOSIVE. This includes but is not limited to fuses or blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets, and tracers or incendiary ammunition.

Operating a CHAINSAW without an approved spark arresting device, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (8 oz. capacity by weight or larger and kept with the operator) and a round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available for use, or *outside of the restricted hours of 5am – 1pm.*

All TARGET SHOOTING – To include discharging a FIREARM, air rifle, or gas gun. Possessing or using a MOTOR VEHICLE OFF ESTABLISHED ROADS, motorized trails or established parking areas, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the vehicle.

Except for parking overnight in developed campgrounds and trailheads.

The use of fireworks, flares, or other incendiary devices, including exploding

targets, are always prohibited on federal lands.

Exemptions to the Stage 2 Fire Restrictions include authorized activities of any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting effort in the performance of an official duty.

Additionally, holders of valid BLM permits, leases and authorizations are allowed to conduct approved activities, but

are advised to take extra precautions to prevent fire starts.

Visit <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-information/colorado> or call the BLM Southwest District Fire Management Information Hotline at 970-240-1070 for maps and updates to local fire restrictions. The BLM continuously monitors the conditions throughout the area and will modify the restrictions as needed.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

TIME TO RECALL, OR IN SOME OTHER WAY OUST, OUT-OF-CONTROL CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Editor:

How is a "[private development](#)" worthy of [a press release from the City of Montrose](#)??

And a road closure to boot? Really? Would they do this for Matt Miles or Doug Casebier or other private developers? I doubt it!

The clue to all of this "special treatment" for this project (in my opinion of the matter) can be found in the words "affordable housing" used in the City of Montrose press release (link above) which is Mayor Roy Anderson's "pet cause" as was the Black Canyon Golf Course for former Mayor Rex Swanson; trails and bike paths for former Mayor Judy Ann Files; publicly funded concerts for Mayor Pro Tem Dave Bowman and his business, etc., etc.

The number of times that City management has been kissing this and previous City Council's royal posteriors is incredible!

ble!

The hundreds of thousands of dollars of tax money thrown at the feet of private developers and interests over the last 2-3 years is beyond the pale and in violation of state statutes.

The most recent example was the City Council approval of \$241,000++ in taxpayers funds being given to Dr. Tim Judkins (orthopedic surgeon) and his wife Dr. Sarah Judkins (general surgeon) along with their business partners, Dr. Paul Rinne (anesthesiologist at Montrose Memorial Hospital) and family for the downtown Montrose "Vine Building" (the building where Cornman's Hallmark Store and Great Harvest Bread Co. were formerly located) for renovations to the building wherein they plan to convert the upstairs floor into "affordable housing" apartments of 1-2 bedrooms in size with an "affordable" rent of \$1,000 and up per month!! Really? Who do they think will

believe that line??

And to top it all off, City Councilor Barbara Bynum and her husband, Dr. Kelly Bynum (also an orthopedic surgeon and partner with Dr. Tim Judkins at Western Slope Orthopedics in Montrose) are partners with the Judkins in the "Panorama Addition" (a recent planned residential development annexed into the City of Montrose)! In the case of the vote for the Vine Building project funding, Councilor Barbara Bynum failed to recuse herself when voting to fund the Judkins the \$241K for their downtown project.

I continue to ask...what the heck is going on in Montrose?? This is beyond the pale and a complete violation of the public's trust!

This information needs to be used as a basis for recalling or, in some other way, ousting an out-of-control City Council and City Manager.

David White, Montrose



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A FRESH POINT OF VIEW: SUMMER BREAK REPORT!



**Jack Switzer, 14,
MHS student.**

ran into the house, trying to make this quick. I head up the stairs, make it to my room, where I had already set up food, water, and a litter box. I set the carrier on the ground beside the food, and open the door. I wait for a few seconds for the kitten to come out, but she doesn't. I sneak a peek inside and Boots (the cat) is standing in the corner of the carrier, hissing at me. I put my hand in to pet her, and that was my (almost) fatal mistake. My hand flew clean off, across the room, and

By Jack Switzer
MONTROSE-
Surprisingly, I caught her, after a few minutes outside. I slid the cat carrier into my arms and

out my window. No, it didn't. But it felt like it did when she scratched me. Shaken, I stepped back.

Maybe this was a mistake, I should put her back outside. No, I have to keep going, in the end all my progress will have been worth it. I sat back against the corner of my room and talked to her for a few minutes so she'd get used to my voice. After a little while of trying to lure her out, I gave up and decided to go to bed.

It was hard falling asleep at first, thinking about everything that comes with a new cat. I thought about how close we'd be once we got all this introduction stuff sorted out. She just needed to get comfortable with the surroundings right? I hope so.

At about 3 am the meowing started. Loud, and obnoxious meowing. I jump up to see if Boots is alright, only to find her curled up in her carrier still. I talk to her

for a few minutes and go back to bed. Around 40 minutes later I wake up to see Boots looking me in the eyes, I was surprised, but I knew this meant she was making progress.

She ran around the room for a few minutes, then passed out underneath my bed, I passed out with her

The second day of taking care of Boots was by far the worst. She would not stop knocking things off shelves and keeping me up all night long with obnoxious meows and scratching. It took everything within me not to explode with rage and fury, and I don't know how I kept calm, but I knew if I lost control I would be losing someone I loved.

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CPW CLOSES SOME STATE WILDLIFE AREAS NEAR DURANGO; OTHERS & STATE PARKS REMAIN OPEN



Colorado Parks and Wildlife has closed several state wildlife areas in and around Durango due to extreme fire danger. Navajo and Mancos state parks remain open. These anglers are at Echo Canyon State Wildlife Area in Archuleta County which is open. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

DURANGO – To assist federal and local agencies during the current dangerous fire conditions and recently enacted public

land closures, Colorado Parks and Wildlife has announced that some State Wildlife Areas in southwest Colorado are now closed to all public access. But in addition, several other water-based wildlife areas and two state parks remain open to the public. In and near Durango the Bodo, Perins Peak, Haviland Lake, Devil Creek and Williams Creek state wildlife areas are closed until further notice. In Bayfield the Lion's Club shooting range, managed by CPW, is also closed. West of Durango in Dolores and Montezuma Counties, Lone Dome and Fish Creek State Wildlife Areas are also closed.

"We regret having to enact these closures, but we do so in an effort to protect the public and protect natural resources. These measures will also help with compliance to the recent closures enacted by the U.S. Forest Service and La

Plata County," said Adrian Archuleta, a District Wildlife Manager with CPW.

CPW also wants area residents and visitors to know that there are several other State Wildlife Areas and State Parks that remain open for recreation. CPW asks that people comply with any current local fire restrictions so that these areas can remain open for recreation.

The areas that are open include: Echo Canyon SWA in Archuleta County; Pastorous SWA in La Plata County; in Montezuma and Dolores counties -- Summit, Puett, Narraguinnep, Totten, Twin Spruce, Dolores River, Joe Moore and Ground Hog Reservoir state wildlife areas.

Also open are Navajo State Park in Archuleta County; and Mancos State Park in Montezuma County. Both parks offer campsites, hiking, fishing and other water recreation.



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THE ONLY RESPONSIBLE, SMART MOVE: ELECT ADAM MURDIE FOR SHERIFF

Dear Editor:

I have lived in this town all of my life except for years and I have seen so much change in this town such as us getting a k9. I think that was one the best decision for our community but know it's time to make another very important decision that could help us or destroy us. I for one don't want to destroy this community. I feel like the only reasonable and smart move is to elect Adam Murdie for sheriff. He honestly cares about the community and does not sit around talking about all the awards he has gotten. He has so much integrity and pride for us and is firm but also caring. In my mine there is no one who is better fit for the position of sheriff.

Sincerely,

Taylor Brown, Montrose

WHAT QUALITIES TO WE WANT IN A SHERIFF? VOTE GENE LILLARD

Editor:

We, here in Montrose, have had some contentious elections and I have been involved in some of them. I have not ever observed representatives of either party or on either side of an issue nit-pic one another with what amount to non-issues. Non-issues is to say that they have nothing to do with the candidate's ability or propensity to perform in office.

This sheriff's contest is the only one I have observed in the last fifteen years of anyone hurling unfounded or slanderous accusations at their opposition. Elected officials must tolerate such vitriol. Plain old citizens do not. Slander is a criminal behavior and for a candidate for the highest elected law enforcement office in the county to condone, perhaps even encourage such behavior, or possibly even engage in, is reprehensible.

The Murdie minions have done just that!

Condoning such behavior could very well be indicative of the kind of office that that candidate will run if elected. Is this what we want for our county chief law enforcement officer? I think not!

This says a lot. Every Deputy Sheriff I have spoken with looks forward to a new Sheriff and Under-sheriff in Montrose County. New Leadership.

Gene Lillard is a long serving public servant with a proven record in law enforcement and police department management. He is a leader of men. His record is clean. His impeccable behavior both professionally and personally, has been observed by his constituents for 42 years. He is what Montrose County needs and should have now as its Sheriff.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

GENE LILLARD'S LACK OF RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING PUTS OTHERS AT RISK; VOTE ADAM MURDIE FOR SHERIFF

Editor:

Mr. Nicholson's Letter to the Editor (Montrose Press), June 13, 2018, is riddled with inaccuracies.

We need a strong, knowledgeable, highly experienced, and honest candidate for the Office of the Sheriff. Adam Murdie knows the Montrose County Sheriff's Office inside and out, he doesn't have to rely on how the city does it.

He has been the only candidate that has already demonstrated his dedication and actions to facilitate mutual operations and communication region wide, not tear it apart.

As far as his wife working at County Dispatch (MRDC), Adam does not supervise the dispatch personnel. By policy personnel are under the direct supervision of the Sheriff. MRDC had one opening that needed to be filled as quickly as possible and hiring/training can take several months to a year to complete. Adam's wife has 20 years of experience at MRDC and was asked to come back to fill this immediate need.

Who do you want to answer your 9-1-1 call, a dispatcher with 20 years exemplary service in public safety or one with minimal experience?

The quality of services, officer safety and care for our citizens was paramount in making this decision, and there are General Orders and procedures in place that we adhere to.

Mr. Lillard's daughter works at WestCO and if he is elected and contracts with them for services, he would be a voting member on salaries, bonuses, budget, and

personnel issues. Is he going to request her termination as well?

Having the two dispatch centers has had a significant impact on MRDC's budget and staffing. Montrose County citizens that are in the Montrose Fire Protection District have an unnecessary delay in services from WestCO, when their calls must be transferred from MRDC. Adam Murdie did everything possible to prevent the split including reducing budget, reducing fees, implementing an annual cap of the budget and creating a Board with both operational and managerial authority over MRDC!

Reminder to you Mr. Nicholson, you were part of the City's group that went to Grand Junction's dispatch center prior to the split and came back during negotiations with the request for the Sheriff to use GJ's model. Sheriff Dunlap in fact offered that model as was requested. The City still went ahead with the City's dispatch and created WestCO. As far as what a cost per call is, I would like to see the report from both Dispatch Centers and ask that it be shared with the citizens. I am sure you also included the more than \$1.5 million dollars that it cost the City of Montrose for the new center in that figure? Mr. Lillard quoted that the PD's fees with MRDC were going to be over \$700,000. Not true. For 2016, Sheriff Dunlap set your fees at \$539,284 and an annual budget cap of 3% increase. That is fact. According to WestCO's work session packet dated 09-11-17, for 2016, Montrose Police Department fees at WestCO shown were \$715,431 and

\$726,369 in 2017, which had they stayed at MRDC would have been about \$555,462. (Data from www.wcrdc.net and CORA request from MCSO).

Of course Mr. Lillard supports WestCO. He is doing the city's bidding and though he stated on many recent accounts (watch video posted of the GOP debate) that it is a risk to officer safety and a waste of tax dollars, he supported it. How can anyone find any common sense in that? It will be very costly to combine communication systems AGAIN. My question to Mr. Lillard and the City of Montrose: Do you intend to use Montrose County dollars for Montrose Police Department to have access to County records?

It is concerning that Mr. Lillard does not put officer safety at the forefront and even recently requested and accepted a donation from a local church for protective vests for his detectives.

Why didn't he make the protective gear required for these detectives a priority in the budget? It is definitely a foreseeable need and the Police Department can receive 50% reimbursement from Bullet Proof Partnership.

His lack of responsible decision-making puts others at risk.

Do your homework and do not believe the unsubstantiated rhetoric from those that have no idea of the facts. Reality is what happened, and all this nonsense needs to stop and elect the most qualified candidate, Adam Murdie.

Susan Byrne, Montrose



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CANDIDATE MIKE JOHNSTON OUTLINES POLICIES AND VISION

By Mike Johnston
Special to the Mirror

COLORADO—For over a century, people have looked west to find a way forward. Families came to Colorado to build a new life and escape the divisions of the old world — a world that separated us by religion, by class, by heritage. Coloradans are a practical people. We're problem solvers who recognize that Colorado works best when we work together. That's the kind of leader I was in the State Senate, where I passed over 100 pieces of legislation with bipartisan support, and that's the kind of governor I will be: one who gets things done by crossing divides.

In my experience, good ideas aren't exclusive to one political party or another. If you're working to build Colorado up, to envision a future where no one in our state is left behind, then I want to work together. That's why, as a state Senator, I was one of the first Democratic sponsors of Jump Start: legislation that offered tax incentives to bring 80 new businesses and more than 220 new jobs to Mesa County. It's also why I've written bold policy proposals like the Colorado Promise, which gives every Coloradan two debt-free years of career training or post-secondary education in exchange for meaningful service to the state, so no one is left unprepared when new industries emerge. Politics aside, industry leaders—from nonprofit CEOs to retired U.S. Army General Stanley McChrystal—support this policy because it is a commonsense response to the growing pains we've faced in our country and in our state. If you want a well-paying job, you should have access to the skills and the resources you need in the community where you grew up, whether that's the western slope, the eastern plains, the front range, or downtown.

As we define what progress for our state

can mean, from the economy to housing to healthcare, we will be strongest if we rely on one of our oldest values: community. In a moment when some have lost faith that good people can still come together to solve hard problems, let's keep Colorado

the new frontier it's always been by focusing less on making a point and more on making a difference.



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MONTROSE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH: DEALING WITH SMOKE IN THE AIR

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-High winds, open burning, and unexpected fires have contributed to poor air quality in the Montrose area. Montrose County Public Health would like to offer a few tips to community members that are affected by the additional smoke in the air. Most healthy people have no more than minor or short-term health difficulties with smoke. However, excessive smoke can result in unhealthy or hazardous air quality. If smoke is affecting your health, contact your doctor. Also try to move in a place with cleaner air flow and follow these following tips:

Close windows and doors and stay inside. However, do not close up your home tightly if it makes it dangerously warm inside.

-Be extra vigilant at night. Nighttime air is usually more still than during the day and smoke can be worse. Close windows at night.

-Filter your air by running your air conditioner or evaporative cooler, but only if the system is filtered. You may also run a fan or air purifier. Keep the outdoor intake closed and be sure all your filters used are clean. Use HEPA room air filtration units if you have them.

-Avoid exercise or strenuous activities in heavy smoke.

Do not rely on commercially-available dust masks, which do nothing to filter out the particles and gasses in smoke.

Consider temporarily locating to another area if it's safe to do so and you are able to so.

-Always be prepared to evacuate if any fire is in your path and plan ahead. Your evacuation route and destination can save your life. Ready Colorado has great resources for emergency planning and preparedness at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dhsem/readycolorado-0>.

Those who are most likely to be affected by smoke are the elderly, young children, people with pre-existing respiratory conditions such as asthma, emphysema, COPD, and cardiovascular disease. Symptoms that are related to smoke exposure are: eye, nose and/or throat irritation-runny eyes and/or nose, coughing, sore throat. Trouble breathing or tightness of the chest are symptoms that may be a health emergency—at that time please call 911. For more information on Montrose County Public Health, please visit montrosecounty.net.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

JOIN OUR FAMILY IN SUPPORTING ADAM MURDIE FOR MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF

Editor:

"Integrity is choosing your thoughts and actions based on values rather than personal gain." - Chris Karcher

I can assure you with my whole heart that there is no one who cares more about the Sheriff's Office, its employees and the community it serves than Adam Murdie. He chose this office early on to begin his law enforcement career, and has dedicated himself to it from day one. Holidays, special occasions, personal time away from home, all for his love of this Sheriff's Office family and the community it serves.

From the trenches to administration, he has the knowledge and experience to lead the Montrose County Sheriff's Office into the next decade. I have seen first-hand over the past 21 years the tremendous dedication, the professionalism, and the leadership that make Adam the right person for this job. He is sought out for advice, respected for his sound decisions and confident in standing behind everything he believes in. He has always been committed to strengthening mutual cooperation with area agencies, and has years of experience managing the extensive budget and forecasting for the future needs of this growing agency. Most importantly, he is committed to protecting the vital role of the Sheriff's Office in Montrose County, and will not allow it to be compromised into another extension of city government. Adam is the right person to advocate for Montrose County in its ENTIRETY.

Join our family in supporting Adam Murdie for Montrose County Sheriff.

/s/ Mrs. Robbi Murdie, Montrose

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LILLARD WILL ADDRESS CRITICAL CHANGES NEEDED IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Editor:

Thanks to the self proclaimed "People's Advocate", with a history of stirring the pot, the Sheriff's primary race has been embroiled in "righteous controversy" of Hatch Act violations of uniforms, sidearms, and badges being evident in the Lillard campaign. Never mind that the Murdie campaign was found to have made similar unintentional mistakes. The ultimate goal of course, was to attempt to denigrate Lillard in the eyes of the voters. As per Wm. Shakespeare; "Much ado about nothing", but an insight certainly into the mindset of the instigators.

An obviously planned letter writing cam-

paign by Murdie supporters, including at least four Sheriff's office employees, have attempted to excoriate Lillard, questioning his character, honesty, and integrity. In defaming Lillard publicly, those writers may well have opened themselves up to potential libel and slander allegations. What goes around may very well come back to bite you where the sun seldom shines.

Supporting your candidate positively is one thing, but impugning the character of your opponent is nothing but pure gutter politics at it's worst. It is often character indicative, certainly insulting to the voters, and more often than not, has a negative

affect on the offending campaign.

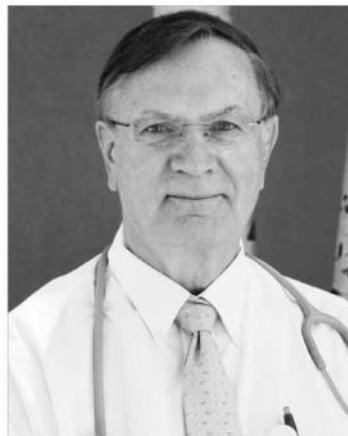
Lillard's campaign has maintained the high road in all of this nonsense, because of the very same integrity and character, publicly called into question. He should certainly be the overwhelming choice in the Sheriff race. His vast years of experience, as well as his obvious maturity, overshadows the published credentials of his opponent. His long law enforcement career of 42 years, and professional training, coupled with his long administrative career, make him the strongest candidate to address critical changes needed in the Sheriff's office.

Dee Laird, Montrose

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IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY: NEW INTERSECTIONS FOR SEVERAL ROADS



Courtesy photos above and right of county crews performing asphalt overlay operations with the safety edge on Uncompaghre Road.

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MONTROSE-Montrose County will be changing stop signs at several intersections to make the intersections safer and more efficient for the traveling public. As part of the Begonia Road resurfacing project, the curves at 5600 Road and 5675 Road are being removed. Begonia Road and 5600 Road will become a two-way stop with north/south traffic stopping. Traffic on Begonia Road will not stop at this intersection. Additionally, the intersection of Begonia Road and 5675 Road

will become a four-way stop. Lastly, Hickory Rd and 5600 Road will change from three-way stop to a one-way stop, while north/south traffic on 5600 Road will not stop.

Another new safety measure included in the asphalt resurfacing projects is a safety edge. Occasionally, the gravel shoulder material washes away or settles, leaving an exposed vertical edge of pavement. A safety edge helps drivers who drift off the paved roadway to return to the roadway safely. The safety edge shapes the edge

of the new pavement at a slope instead of a vertical drop-off. This enables an easier recovery for a vehicle that has left the paved roadway. The Federal Highway Administration estimates that construction of a safety edge requires about 1 percent additional asphalt material. The safety edge also provides a more durable pavement edge by decreasing edge raveling.

"The end result is a longer pavement life," commented County Public Works Director Keith Laube. "The safety edge provides a key safety component and increases the life of the pavement, providing both a benefit to county residents and an efficient use of taxpayer dollars."

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OFFICIALS HEAR UPDATES @ MRCOG: BALLOT ISSUE A 'VERY, VERY,' REAL POSSIBILITY FOR MONTROSE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT From pg 1



The Montrose County Courthouse, which was completed in 1922, is reaching the point where piecemeal maintenance is no longer working. The county will apply for grants to do design work to renovate the facility. Photo by Gail Marvel.

for the renovation of Holly Park (MRD) and re-do Riverbottom Drive (City of Montrose). Sherbenou said, "Holly Park was established in 1973 and is the oldest park in the recreation district. When we did the recreation center [ballot issue] we made sure we had funds to do Holly Park. We do have money in our reserves to do the renovation of Holly Park. There is a high rate of funding with DOLA grants. As a community we can come together and go after those funds."

The deadline to submit a grant application to the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) is Aug. 1 and the grant will be awarded in December. Sherbenou said, "We will be asking for letters of support."

Transit and Transportation Funding - All Points Transit (APT) Executive Director Sarah Curtis.

Curtis introduced Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning (Region 10 LEAP) representative Karla Distel, who contribute to the discussion. Distel first updated the group on Region 10's relocation, "We will be moving into our new building on June 21st or 22nd."

Distel brought the group up to speed on the legislative session, including SB 267 and this year's SB 1, "I think you will see a

lot of interest and activity this fall. There is a possibility for a statewide increase in sales tax for transportation. A cautionary tale, if we don't have a statewide ballot issue, those on the Front Range will do their own initiatives [leaving the West Slope out]."

Curtis said, "Montrose is identified as the center of activity for [large coach] busses coming through. The issue is not having a place for busses to get in and out of. Anyone having an idea for a parking lot that would accommodate the big busses let us know." Curtis reported on potential regional bus service to Nucla, Naturita and Norwood as well as a daily service between Montrose and Gunnison.

Challenges for APT include the mandatory minimum wage increases that take place in 2018-2020, which will increase the organization's operating costs.

River Valley Family Health Center - CEO Jeremy Carroll.

Carroll reported that an RFP has gone out for the 10,000 – 12,000 square-foot facility to be built on two acres located at 1010 Rio Grande, "We'll start construction in three to four months." The health center had originally planned to remodel the old Montrose Athletic Center (MAC); however,

the cost related to the remodel proved prohibitive. Carroll said, "The MAC is for sale...it's been for sale for six-months." Hygiene services will be added to the health center's program.

City of Montrose – City Manager Bill Bell.

Earlier this year the city took out a bank loan to pay for street improvements (\$5 M) within the city and new infrastructure in the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) for water, sewer, streets and gutter (\$7 M). Bell said, "[The bank loan] was partly to show the community if we had the money what we could do."

The Ross Reel/Mayfly building, which is the anchor business for the URA, is now going up. Bell said, "We're trying to get manufacturers to go into that area." The city is working on a housing development policy to bring in housing with rentals in the \$800-\$1200 range and home purchases in the under \$250,000 range.

Referring to the \$241,186 incentive package the city recently awarded to Sarah Judkins and Paul Rinne, Main Street Montrose, LLC, The Vine Market & Bistro, Bell said, "We're not handing out money to people, contrary to what you are reading in social media. We never pay developers directly, we pay [their] contractors. We're

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getting our feet wet with historic preservation. If you don't take risks as a community you'll go backwards. Go out there in spite of the criticism and make things happen."

The city staff and city council used historic preservation and downtown affordable housing as justification for awarding the incentive package. The breakdown for the Judkins/ Rinne incentive package, as approved by city council, is for: Asbestos mitigation \$43,700. Replacement of upstairs windows to historic look and feel \$42,343. Tap fee abatement for sewer/ water \$18,190. Building permit fee waiver \$18,180. Fire Code required sprinkler system (only if residential) \$115,000. In his comments to the MRCOG group Bell said, "The upstairs redevelopment will have six or seven residential units." However, these numbers are not in agreement with the development plans submitted to, and approved by council, which call for only five residential units.

Bell addressed the potential safety sales tax ballot initiative proposal being put forth by the city staff and a community group, "We don't have adequate resources to be proactive. Right now, we are reactive. We are starting to see the fatigue factor with officers. We heard from the community that we need more school resource officers."

Additional police officers and administrative staff would require a new police department facility. Currently the city staff is looking at funding the officers and the facility separately. A three-story structure built on the old Wells Fargo Bank Drive-Thru property would be financed similarly to the street maintenance and URA projects. Bell said, "The facility [funding] would be a loan." A proposed sales tax increase of .6 or .62 percent in perpetuity would go on the November 2018 ballot to fund additional police officers and administrative personnel. City staff is working on informational pamphlets and graphic bulletins for the campaign.

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Bowman promoted the July 14 FUNC Fest and noted the drainage taking place at the Cerro Summit Res-

ervoir. The sale of fireworks within the city has yet to be determined.

Montrose Recreation District (MRD) - Executive Director Ken Sherbenou.

Sherbenou said, "The Connect Trail Project is in design [stage] now and will be built next year. The Rec Center is a very busy place in the summer,"

Montrose County - Commissioners Keith Caddy and Glen Davis, County Manager Ken Norris and Government Affairs Director Jon Waschbusch.

Norris said, "We have a great team put together at the county. Our turnover is lower than it has been. We've done a study to adequately compensate our employees. We're keeping our county in good financial health. Now thru mid-December there are a lot of budget meetings. We have a plan to address long-term jail deficiencies."

Davis debunked a statement made during a recent city council work session when an attendee stated the county might look at a tax increase, "We're not. I don't know where it [the rumor] came from. There is a lot of crime in our community... we can catch them all day long, but they are coming back onto the street."

"The judges are putting them back on the street."

The new county Road and Bridge facility will be finished in July and the airport needs to expand. Speaking to City Manager Bill Bell, Davis cautioned the city to check the airline flight pattern before pursuing a three-story PD facility in the Wells Fargo Drive-Thru location, "You might not be able to build that high."

Caddy said, "Hopkins Field is being extended out another mile. It will allow private jet traffic into Nucla Airport and encourage growth over in the West End."

The county has a new financial transparency module on their website.

Waschbusch said, "We need to look at the courthouse. The top two floors have been vacant for 20-years. It was completed in 1922 and is arriving rapidly at the point where piece-meal maintenance is not working. It needs a top to bottom renovation. The roof needs to be replaced

and we're in the early stages of looking at the building." Waschbusch laughed and said, "We've tried doing nothing and that has not worked." The county will apply for a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant to do design work and will solicit letters of support.

Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) - Executive Director Sandy Head.

Head said, "We are going to write a community letter to support BLM relocating [from Washington DC] to Grand Junction. If anyone wants to sign we'll add their logo to the letter."

MEDC is pursuing a grant for a feasibility study for hemp seed grain in the valley. Tri-State selected MEDC to administrate \$50,000 in job grant funding to help make up for mine closures. Head noted that Montrose is recognized statewide, "Montrose has it together and we're doing a lot of positive things. We are very busy right now."

Montrose School District RE-1J - School Superintendent Steve Schiell.

Schiell recognized Centennial Middle School's Joe Simo for being named the State Middle School Principal of the Year and for RE-1J to soon have the designation as the first K-12 STEM in Colorado. Schiell said, "Columbine will be open on time and under budget. We have two new [elementary] principals, one at Northside and one at Pomona. Safety is a big deal and we are improving doors, fencing and cameras with live, real-time video."

Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH) - CEO James Kiser and Community Engagement Director Leann Tobin.

Tobin discussed hospital safety, drills, training and a recent compensation study for the staff. New staff consist of two oncologists, two cardiologists, one pediatrician and one ophthalmologist.

Kiser, who is new to the community, said, "One of the things that attracted me to MMH was that I heard the board was progressive...the city is also progressive." Kiser noted that potential staff have turned away from Montrose because of the high cost of housing.

OFFICIALS HEAR UPDATES @ MRCOG: BALLOT ISSUE A 'VERY, VERY,' REAL POSSIBILITY FOR MONTROSE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT From previous pg

Areas of opportunity for MMH are in orthopedic surgery. Kiser said, "Too much of our spine work is leaving our community. A lot of orthopedic is going to Durango." Although MMH produces a lot of services, the compensation is lacking. Kiser said, "We're giving \$25 M in services and only collecting \$8 to \$9 M."

Montrose Fire Protection District (MFPD) - Fire Chief Tad Rowan.

Rowan said, "We finished up our boundary expansion project. We put our taxing boundary with our service area. We're doing a lot of wildfire preparation. Fire and EMS services continue to increase."

The Gallagher Amendment has reduced MFPD operational revenue by \$179,000 for 2018. By 2020 the revenue will be reduced by \$220,000. Rowan said, "Declining revenues are not just a Montrose County issue, but a statewide issue." Speaking about a potential tax initiative for the November 2018 ballot Rowan said, "It is a very, very real possibility that we will be putting on a ballot issue."

Montrose Regional Library District (MRLD) – Executive Director Paul Paladino.

Paladino said, "Things are going really well at the library. The passage of the increased mill levy took us back to pre-2008 levels. We're open two more days a week and we have five new staff members. We've just completed our first compensation study." A free concert is slated for Aug. 13 with tickets going out in the next couple of weeks.

The biggest challenge facing MRLD is the Gallagher Amendment. Paladino said, "It will wipe out about half of what we just accomplished. We'll lose \$170,000." MRLD stands to lose \$200,000 in 2020.

Next meeting: Oct. 1, from 4 to 6: p.m. at Columbine Middle School.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DURANGO COULD USE A HAND: LOCAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

Special to the Mirror

DURANGO— The Durango area's 416 Fire, which has consumed more than 32,000 acres, has also led an estimated 500-1,000 people in La Plata and San Juan counties to lose their jobs. To help provide urgently needed bridge funding for essentials like groceries and gas, the Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) is accepting donations.

The CERF is managed by the Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado based in Durango. This fund is set up for broad-based community emergencies in southwest Colorado. The Phase 1 goal is to raise \$500,000 to help community members who are jobless due to the 416 Fire. Tax deductible donations can be made directly to the Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1673, Durango, CO 81302, or donate online at www.swcommunityfoundation.org.

"Many area workers were already struggling due to the light snowfall this winter, making the Community Relief Fund even more critical," said Eric Eicher, president, Alpine Bank Durango. "Please join Alpine Bank and donate to the Community Relief Fund today."

At the first Concerts @ the Park event June 14, Alpine Bank announced a donation of \$10,000 to CERF, part of a total of \$40,000 raised in one evening by local businesses and individuals attending the concert for the relief fund. "The community showed up at the concert in support of their neighbors, friends and families and gave generously. Alpine Bank is proud to be part of this amazing community," said Beth Drum, senior vice president, Alpine Bank.



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FISHERING CONTINUES TO CALL FOR TIGHTER ACCESS TO STUDENT DIRECTORY DATA AT RE-1J SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-At the Montrose County RE-1J School Board meeting on Tuesday, June 12, District E Director Sarah Fishing once again urged stronger protections for student privacy, specifically concerning access to data that is considered "directory information."

Fishing spoke as the board was asked to approve [a revised board policy](#) concerning the release of student records and information. The item had been pulled for further discussion from a previous meeting agenda in May.

"I am very uncomfortable with the specific language regarding directory information," Fishing said. "From my perspective this policy doesn't protect our student data enough."

She noted that the current policy is "not unusual," but pointed out that as the public grows more aware of the risks of data falling into the wrong hands, some school districts are adopting more restrictive policies with regard to the sharing of student directory information for "nefarious reasons or even for legitimate legal reasons that they don't want."

Many parents are not even aware that they can opt out of information sharing, she noted.

School Board President and District D Director Tom West said that there may be statewide legislation pending to tighten information access statewide.

Said District G Director Stephen Bush, "Our legal council says we should stay with this...this is what CASB (Colorado Association of School Boards) recommends so this is what I recommend."

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and School Board Laurie Laird said the information is "mostly used by athletic directors."

Fishing continued, "This (policy) isn't specific at all; it allows anyone to have access to this information."

District B Director Jake Suppes, a retired police officer, said that directory information can be very useful to law enforcement. "I have used it several times." He suggested implementing a written request form.

"That still doesn't really limit access...I would be more comfortable with a process that limits access," Fishing said. "I think this is the right time, rather than waiting for something to happen."

"Sarah has a good point," District F Director Phoebe Benziger said. "This information could be hacked."

District C Director Gail Johnson reminded the board that the revised policy is preferred by CASB. When Fishing attempted to interject, Johnson said, "Sorry, I was talking!"

District A Director Jeff Bachman asked who does have access to the information. "If (the policy) is so broad that every employee has access to it, we should narrow it."

Laird insisted that staff are not supposed to access records for students who are not theirs. "Even teachers do not have access to all information on a student."

Fishing said that the information approved as directory information can be used to infer other information. "Someone can guess with some accuracy here what a student's zip code is; they can open a credit line with that."

"We're not protecting their data well."

West asked Fishing and Benziger to look at what other districts are doing to tighten access to student directory data.

Superintendent Stephen Schiell weighed in. "This policy exists...Sarah can work with Lori and I and our attorney...these are just CASB's recommendations...my thought is to pass the changes, after Sarah does some research we can send it to our attorney first and put it before the board for a vote."

The board voted to approve the revisions.

OTHER BUSINESS

[Community partnerships](#) included donations: \$1095 worth of fertilizer and labor to fertilize athletic fields in Olathe, and



A public hearing on the proposed 2018-2019 budget was a disorganized fracas at the school board meeting June 12.

\$4,000 from the City of Montrose and boulders from Haynes Excavation for the playground at Cottonwood Elementary School.

[Celebrations](#) included Johnson Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher Ashlyn Jones, recognized by the State of Colorado as an inspiring alternative licensure candidate, and staff recognition of PEAK Academy's Counselor Amber Bray and Paraprofessional Laura Schroedel.

"We have one of the best staffs in the state at PEAK Academy," PEAK Principal Tom Godfrey said, as he recognized Bray and Schroedel.

Committee Updates included the new Columbine Middle School Building, "On July 11 or 12 they will put in a climbing wall," West said. "...by July 2 we'll get water out there...the kiln arrived today." Soon the old building will be taken down, though not by wrecking ball, he said. A punch list will be prepared in July.

The project is still on budget, Benziger noted.

"It's really exciting. Wait until you see it. It's really magnificent," Johnson said.

West presented information on a proposed [statewide funding initiative \(Citizens Ballot Initiative #93\)](#) and Schiell presented information on a [rural funding grant](#) that will bring \$997,540.08 in additional funds to the district.

Directors heard an [update from the Early](#)

FISHERING CONTINUES TO CALL FOR TIGHTER ACCESS TO STUDENT DIRECTORY DATA AT RE-1J SCHOOL BOARD MEETING *From previous pg*



School Board Directors Sarah Fishing and Jake Suppes.

[Childhood Educational Center](#) (ECE) and a district accountability committee update, presented by Chad Huffman.

The school board heard [end of year building updates](#) from Columbine Middle School, Olathe Middle School, Oak Grove Elementary, PEAK Academy, Montrose High School, and Exceptional Student Services.

The board unanimously approved a recommendation to [approve revised board policies](#) on second reading as well as [Consent Agenda items](#).

A public hearing on the [proposed 2018-2019 budget](#) was a disorganized fracas as Schiell and staff attempted to find the right graphics and pie charts to coordinate with the discussion.

In other business, the board approved a recommended [negotiated settlement between the school district and the Uncompahgre Valley Education Association \(UVEA\)](#) as well as contracts for non-represented staff.

Directors heard a [personnel report](#) and entered into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

GUARANTEED COVERAGE FOR PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS PART OF COLORADO LAW FEDERAL ACTIONS WON'T CHANGE THAT FOR COLORADO CONSUMERS

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - "Guaranteed health insurance coverage for people with pre-existing conditions is enshrined in Colorado law," said Interim Insurance Commissioner Michael Conway. "Regardless of how the Justice Department or the Trump administration attempt to change the Affordable Care Act, the Division of Insurance will continue to enforce Colorado law and maintain this important protection for our citizens." Commissioner Conway offered this reassurance to Colorado health insurance consumers in response to last week's actions by the U.S. Justice Department and the Trump administration. The Justice Department said it would not defend parts of the ACA from a lawsuit brought by 20 Republi-

can state attorneys general. In particular, the administration argued that the ACA's provisions that guarantee health insurance coverage for people with pre-existing conditions be eliminated.

The administration also suggested that the part of the ACA that requires health insurance companies to set rates based on communities - as opposed to individuals themselves - be overturned.

"A single risk pool is also part of Colorado law. Gone are the days of being charged more because you have high blood pressure or because your child has asthma. While the ACA led the way on prohibiting insurers from such practices, Coloradans can rest assured that they will remain protected from any political gamesmanship at

the federal level because of the foresight of our State legislators and Governor Hickenlooper," said Commissioner Conway.

"Providing access to health insurance to people with pre-existing conditions and not charging them more simply because they've been sick are two of the fundamental improvements of the ACA," continued Commissioner Conway. "That's why the Division will continue to make sure that plans offered in Colorado conform to Colorado law. We won't be turning back the clock."

The Division of Insurance, part of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), will be reviewing individual and small group plans for 2019 over the summer, as detailed in a [May 10 release](#).



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Fireworks

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PERMITTED: You can have propane fueled stoves or heating devices that have an on/off switch.



SMOKING

PROHIBITED: Smoking while traveling in timber, brush or grass areas

PERMITTED: You can smoke in vehicles, trailers, or in a building.



OTHER RESTRICTIONS

PROHIBITED: Using a Chainsaw without an approved spark arrester

PERMITTED: You must have approved spark arrester, a 2A rated fire extinguisher, and a round pointed shovel at least 35 inches available.



PROHIBITED: Welding or operating a torch



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CONTAINMENT INCREASES TO 35 PERCENT ON THE UPPER MAILBOX FIRE

Special to the Mirror

NORWOOD— Containment of the lightning-caused Upper Mailbox Fire near Redvale, CO has increased to 35 percent. The fire is being managed by a Type 3 Incident Management Team through a joint delegation with the Bureau of Land Management and Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control. Fire activity was minimized by overnight rainfall, along with cooler temperatures and higher humidity. No additional fire growth was observed, and the fire remains at 474

acres. Steep slopes and wet ground conditions made access difficult for crews on the fire today. Firefighters are focusing their efforts on securing the fire's perimeter by completing control lines and extinguishing any smoldering fuels along the fire's edge.

Smoke may remain visible as fuels within the interior of the burned area continue to smolder. MAs of 8 p.m. Sunday, the pre-evacuation notices previously issued to nearby residences will be lifted.

Additionally, Bureau of Land Management

officials plan to rescind the temporary closure on the BLM-managed lands accessed via Montrose County Road BB36 which included the San Miguel Ledges Recreation Area and its Cottonwood and Rock House campgrounds.

These BLM-managed lands will be open for public re-entry at 6 a.m. on Monday, June 18, 2018.

The public is asked to avoid the immediate fire area due to remaining hazards and ongoing firefighting operations.

RIDGWAY YOGA SHALA ANNOUNCES EXPANSION INTO NEW LOCATION AT 540 SHERMAN


Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Ridgway Yoga Shala (RYS) announces their move to a new space, located at 540 Sherman Street (corner of Lena & Hwy 62). The space has been renovated into a beautiful studio and boutique focused on wellness and medicinal apothecary offerings. The reopening includes the return of daily yoga, with an expanded schedule including new yoga styles. New to the schedule is Kaiut Yoga and Yoga Nidra along with the favorites such as Prana Flow, Gentle, Fit Flow, Yin Yoga and Vinyasa practices suited for everyone. The best place to learn more about the classes is to reference the offerings at

www.ridgwayyogashala.com/schedule/. Workshops and classes, along with customized retreats and a variety of educational components will comprise the new venture called Shala Living. The Shala welcomes the public to join in the grand opening on June 21, 2018 for a day of solstice celebration; view the full schedule at

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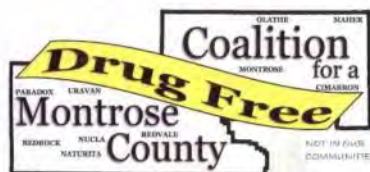
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Wednesday, June 27
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22739 US-550
Ridgway, CO 81432

Details:

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THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY BAND TO PERFORM INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT AT MONTROSE PAVILION EVENTS CENTER

Special to Art & Sol

COLORADO SPRINGS-The United States Air Force Academy Band from Colorado Springs presents an Independence Day Celebration Concert at the **Pavilion Events Center** in **Montrose** on **Monday, July 2nd** at **7 PM**.

This family-friendly event will feature the Concert Band in a program that celebrates the patriotic spirit of the American people. Free general admission tickets are available for pick-up at the Montrose Visitor Center and the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way, starting June 11th. For more information, please visit www.usafacademyband.af.mil.

Under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Daniel L. Price, the United States Air Force Academy Band proudly represents the Air Force Academy and its mission to educate, train, and inspire men and women to become officers of character, motivated to lead the United States Air Force in service to our nation.

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concert works and Broadway classics, this versatile ensemble presents a unique variety of musical styles that is sure to entertain audiences of all ages. The Concert Band supports the Academy Band's mission to advance the United States Air Force Academy and the Global Air Force missions by providing professional music products and services for official military, recruiting, and community relations events worldwide.

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innovative musical programs and products, and communicate Air Force excellence to millions around the world.

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The United States Air Force Academy Band from Colorado Springs presents an Independence Day Celebration Concert at the Pavilion Events Center in Montrose on Monday, July 2nd at 7 PM. Courtesy image.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: FUN & ADVENTURE

MEET TWO ADVENTURE WRITERS @ MONTROSE LIBRARY JUNE 28

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Meet adventure writers Jennifer Pharr Davis and Jane Parnell at the Montrose Regional Library on Thursday, June 28, from 6:30 -8:30 pm. Jennifer Pharr Davis is a hiker, speaker, and National Geographic Adventurer of the Year who posted a Fastest Known Time on the Appalachian Trail. Her latest book is *The pursuit of endurance: harnessing the record breaking power of strength and resilience*. Jane Parnell was the first woman to summit the hundred highest peaks in Colorado. Her mountaineering memoir is *Off trail: finding my way home in the Colorado Rockies*. Book signings and refreshments will follow the presentations. For more information, please call Tania at 964-2546.

MONTROSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM'S LEGENDS & TRUE TALES WALKING TOUR SET FOR JUNE 22

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On June 22nd at 7 pm the "Legends and True Tales" walking tour will start at the Montrose County Historical Museum. Come and enjoy the "Unknown Stories of Downtown Montrose." This short walk will take you to the alleys of our historical downtown where you will learn where our first jails and courthouse were located, along with the some of the stories of our famous visitors who had come to town to work, live or visit. You will also learn some of unknown stories that had happened behind the closed doors in our historical buildings. The cost is \$5/person, and space is limited. Please call 249-2085 to reserve a spot.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

'WILLY WONKA' SUMMER MUSICAL THEATER PROGRAM FOR YOUTH @ RIDGWAY'S SHERBINO THEATER

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Weehawken Creative Arts brings back their popular theater program this month with teaching artist Kathleen O'Mara, who is in high demand from coast to coast.

Students explore the wonder of literary work through the arts as they rehearse and perform an original adaptation of Willy Wonka. Using the original text from Roald Dahl's beloved work, students design their performance based on their favorite characters taken from this children's favorite. This adaptation will be customized for the participating students and will have the opportunity to enhance the storytelling by including song and dance in the performance. Through a workshop process, students will have curriculum in improvisation, stage presence, character development and voice.

Kathleen says this program is ideal for young performers who love to shine. The workshop is open to ages seven to 18 years old and the program will run from Noon-5 pm at the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway for three weeks starting June 25. Sessions Monday through Friday, except on July 4, ending with a public performance. Those who have a desire to participate but can only commit to a limited



Photo courtesy Weehawken Creative Arts.

number of days of the week are still encouraged to call Weehawken to register (at a pro-rated rate), as Kathleen is extremely flexible with student schedules and needs. Weehawken is offering "Willy Wonka" in Ridgway for ages 7 to 18 on June 25-July 13 from 12-5 pm. Registration is \$395 for the 3 week workshop, which, at 5 days per week for a five week program, boils-down to less than \$6 per class hour! Students are encouraged to register in advance through Weehawken Creative Arts

at www.weehawkenarts.org (youth arts classes tab) or by calling Weehawken at 970.318.0150. A minimum number of students must be met in order to guarantee the class, so interested students are encouraged to register several days in advance. Scholarships are available for this program and scholarship applications are available on the Weehawken website or at the Weehawken office in Ridgway. More details are available at www.weehawkenarts.org or [facebook.com/weehawkenarts](https://www.facebook.com/weehawkenarts).

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MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS ALERT

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MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc., the Montrose Police Dept. and Montrose Sheriff's Office are seeking the help of citizens to identify and locate the suspect(s) in a rash of thefts from motor vehicles, including:

5/3/18-Highland St.
5/11/18-Rhine Ct.
5/11/18-Bighorn St.
5/15/18-Ogden Rd.

5/21/18-Sunshine Rd.

6/1/18-S. 3rd St.

6/9/18-S.Townsend

6/11/18-Haystack Rd.

6/12/18-numerous

Thefts included money, firearms, and anything of value.

Anyone with information about these crimes or the identity of the perpetrator (s) or any other crimes, may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500,

use the mobile app P3 Tips, or provide information via P3tips.com. Crime Stoppers wants your information, not your identity.

If the Tip results in an arrest, the Tipster may receive a cash award.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & EDUCATION

HUNTER DAVIS NAMED TO CORNELL COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

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MOUNT VERNON, IA--Cornell College named 231 students to its Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester, including Hunter Davis of Montrose, CO (81401).

Students must earn a minimum of a 3.6 GPA for the semester to be honored.

Cornell College's picturesque campus is located in Mount Vernon, Iowa. One of the "Colleges That Change Lives," Cornell College is a national liberal arts college with a distinctive One Course At A Time curriculum. Students take one class for 18 days, which provides students the chance

to dive into their studies and focus more intensely on the classes of their choice.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & EDUCATION

WEEHAWKEN CREATIVE ARTS OFFERS GARDEN ART SERIES FOR KIDS WITH ALLISON WOFFORD IN MONTROSE

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Weehawken Creative Arts invites kids to enjoy the summer outdoors with "Garden Art Series" beginning June 25 with instructor Allison Wofford.

Students will create pieces of artwork using and inspired by plants you could find in any garden. Students will learn about art and plants and spend plenty of time outside (maybe even getting a little dirty).

Allison Wofford is a Colorado native who fell in love with the Western Slope while attending Western State College in Gunnison. She has degrees in Art History and Elementary Education and is passionate about using the creative process to empower her students. Allison makes learning fun and her personality makes her classes a blast to attend.

Garden Art Series runs June 25-27 from 10-11 am at MRD Field House (25 Colorado Ave) and is open to ages 5-10. Tuition for the class is \$30.

Students are encouraged to register in advance through Weehawken Creative Arts at www.weehawkenarts.org (youth arts classes tab) or by calling Weehawken at 970.318.0150. A minimum number of students must be met in order to guaran-



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tee the class, so interested students are encouraged to register several days in advance.

Scholarships are available for this program and scholarship applications are

available on the Weehawken website or at the Weehawken office in Ridgway.

More details are available at www.weehawkenarts.org or [facebook.com/weehawkenarts](https://www.facebook.com/weehawkenarts).



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE'S MARKET ON THE PLAZA OPENS WEDNESDAY, RUNS FROM JUNE 20 – AUGUST 22, 2018

Special to Art & Sol

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE— Colorado summer is here, and nothing says summertime in Colorado like an open-air market, especially amid the sun-soaked scenery of Mountain Village. Beginning Wednesday, June 20, the pedestrian-friendly Heritage Plaza comes alive with tents, food, and crafts made up of Colorado-proud vendors as the annual Market on the Plaza returns to Mountain Village, Colorado.

"Summer calls for outdoor community markets, and we invite locals and guests alike to come to Heritage Plaza in Mountain Village Center on Wednesdays to shop and to visit our brick and mortar merchants," said Bill Kight, director of marketing and business development for

the town. "Let's also not forget about the 20th annual Sunset Concert Series kicking off evenings June 27 in Sunset Plaza on the same day."

Now in its eighth year, Market on the Plaza is a vibrant local community market providing an avenue to support regional and local businesses that offer home-grown food and homemade products. The Market runs every Wednesday beginning June 20 through August 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Patrons can, of course, expect farm produce, including eggs, fruits and vegetables, goat milk and cheeses, jams and marmalades, garden herbs and oils, and a wide variety of artisan crafts.

Market on the Plaza also features leathers, jewelry, quilts, textiles, handmade

soaps, balms and lotions, hand-carved wood items, healing products, custom pet supplies, and kitchen goods, among other items. In addition, the town is partnering with the Wilkinson Public Library to bring more entertainment and programming to Mountain Village Center, and our local law enforcement teams will be on hand to answer questions about our community and fire awareness and restrictions.

To learn more about Market on the Plaza visit townofmountainvillage.com/market. For Market highlights follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/townofmountainvillage), Instagram (@townofmountainvillage), Nextdoor (bit.ly/MountainVillageNextdoor), and Twitter (@mountainvillage).

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MIMO'S ON TOWNSEND GOOD "DINER" FOOD

If you liked Pollo Asada you will love Mimo's; it's in the same location, but with a new menu.

We decided to try the new place this afternoon and did not know we were walking into a new diner in town. The former Pollo Asada dishes are still on the back of the menu, and more.

You can now get breakfast all day with familiar diner type food in a new location. Michael and I tried the menu and he declared the French dip "delicious;" atmosphere not so much. We inadvertently seated ourselves under a loud television set by the door; very distracting. The newly-expanded space has been completely redone, but without the Mexican décor; actually, without much décor at all and newly painted beige walls.

No matter, the food was decent and affordable. Service was quick and efficient. He had onion rings on the side and they were crispy and also good. Me, I had the "beyond melt," a veggie pattie smothered with sautéed onions and Swiss cheese. On the menu it said it also would have spinach and would come on rye toast. No spinach but the sandwich was good. The house salad it came with was fresh but somewhat mundane.

We will come back to try out the breakfast "served all day;" choose from various breakfast offerings ranging from \$5.75-10.50. Or, scramble bowls from \$9.75-11.95; omelets range from \$8.75-10.50; breakfast sandwiches from \$5.75-10.00 (for a "monster"). Skillets and breakfast burritos go for \$11.50-12.00. The burritos

come with hash browns, a six-cheese melt inside and are smothered with green chile and a cheese melt. Sounds like a mouthful.

Don't worry, you can get your sweet fix here, French toast, waffles come with strawberry sauce, or bananas foster, or choco banana, or caramel. Pancakes can be drizzled with caramel, pecans, strawberries or cooked with bacon and sausage.

For dinner, such as we had, choose a burger (\$7-9.95), melts (\$6.95-11.75) hearty dinners (\$10.95-18.50) or Mexican foods (\$7.50-23.00).



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

STRAY GRASS TO PLAY THE RADIO ROOM JUNE 22



Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION-The Radio Room proudly presents Stray Grass, a popular bluegrass band in the Grand Valley. Stray Grass will hold a CD Release Concert on Friday, June 22 in KAFM's Radio Room. Come out for this dance party celebration of their new double CD, *Live in the Radio Room*.

Stray Grass musicians include guitarist/vocalist Ted Shook, Byron Walcher on banjo, Dave Rowley on bass, and Garry Tullio on mandolin and vocals. Their sound includes a high-energy interpretation of acoustic music with a style that is all their own. Stray Grass has opened for the Infamous Stringdusters, Cadillac Sky, Hot Buttered Rum, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and many others.

Tickets are \$20. All ticket holders will receive the double CD. To purchase tickets, go online at kafmradio.org, or call 970.241.8801 to pay by phone during business hours. This event will be a dance party with limited seating is available.

The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors open at 7pm, and concert begins at 7:30 pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & HORTICULTURE

TREE WATERING NECESSARY DURING DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Special to Art & Sol

LA JUNTA-Persistent drought conditions have parched the soil over southern Colorado, stressing even irrigated lawns and larger landscape trees. During these periods of drought, homeowners should consider supplemental watering to keep their trees healthy.

"Adequately watering your trees is the best way to ensure optimum growth and vigor during the summer months," said Donna Davis, CSFS community forestry program specialist for the Colorado State Forest Service.

"Dry trees become susceptible to root and branch die-back and subsequent insect and disease problems."

The most recent U.S. Drought Monitor map, released last week, indicates that all of southern Colorado is currently experiencing some form of drought – with 50

percent of the state under "severe" or worse drought classifications.

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

Mulch. Mulch is an inexpensive solution to retain soil moisture and save water.

Apply 4 inches of organic mulch onto bare soil outward 2 to 3 feet from the base of the trunk (removing any grass first, if necessary). Do not allow the mulch to directly contact the trunk.

Water a wide area. Tree root systems, unlike carrots, typically don't dive downward but instead go outward – spreading two to three times wider than the height of the tree – and most absorbing roots are in the top foot of soil. Apply water to soak the entire area underneath the full span of a tree's branches.

Water slowly. To ensure soil penetration,

use a deep root fork (inserted 8 inches or less), soaker hose on low setting or soft spray wand to apply water gradually to the full area.

Keep the yard green. Trees located in irrigated lawns generally do not require additional water, as long as the area surrounding the tree receives adequate moisture. Conversely, a dry, yellow yard means the roots of any trees present are also dry.

Focus on smaller and non-irrigated trees. Trees that do not receive water from sprinkler systems or irrigation require additional water. Every week, apply 10 gallons of water for each inch of tree trunk diameter.

Water small and newly planted trees even more frequently, as they have less extensive root systems.

Visit csfs.colostate.edu for more tips on tree watering, planting and general care.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

ONE, TWO, THREE...FORTUNA TIERRA CLUB JUMPS ABOARD CARRY ON! BAND WAGON

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Fortuna Tierra Club is joining the Carry-On! Ridgway Reuses campaign to advance the effort to rid the town of single-use plastic bags.

The Log Hill-based women's club has taken three steps to support use of reusable and recycled plastics. First, it has designed a grocery tote bag to hand out at its 3rd Annual Log Hill Hustle Fun Run on the Mesa. Racers and volunteers will receive complimentary bags at the August 26 event.

The lime green bag is made from recycled plastics. One side will be imprinted with race sponsor logos. The other side reads "Ridgway, Colorado" and "If this bag was any greener, you'd need a lawn mower." The wording draws attention to the campaign and recycled products.

The second step of FTC's three-step plan is to feature the Carry On! team of rising

eight-grade entrepreneurs at the race. The girls will hand out the Log Hill Hustle reusable bags. Carry On! creators also will be on hand to discuss the dangers posed to wildlife by plastic bags. They may also have their own bags and products for sale at the event.

Thirdly, FTC will be approaching Ridgway retailers to offer them the opportunity to order the recycled, recyclable lime green bags at FTC's low-cost rate.

The bags are \$1.50 each and may be given to customers or resold. Order, payment and logo submission deadline is August 1. Printed bags will be distributed to local retailers the week of August 20.

The Log Hill Hustle on the Mesa is FTC's annual fundraiser. The "on the Mesa" part of the event's name was added this year to alleviate concerns that the race requires runners to race up the hill. The entire route takes place on the flat, smooth

roads of the Divide Ranch and Club subdivision, formerly known as Fairway Pines. The Sunday August 26 date was chosen for the 2018 race to encourage more student participation. Registration and race information is on FTC's website at www.fortunatierra.com.

Fortuna Tierra Club, founded in 1970, was organized to promote neighbors coming together for aid and support and to raise funds for local philanthropic endeavors.

For more than 15 years, fundraising proceeds have been used to provide scholarships to high school graduates who live in Ridgway.

Due to the generous support of our sponsors, this year FTC gave \$10,000 to eight 2018 graduates and two past graduates currently in college.

Fortuna Tierra Club is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

FREE PATRIOTIC CONCERT BY THE MONTROSE COMMUNITY BAND

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Free Patriotic Concert by the Montrose Community Band. We will be honoring our veterans and remembering our fallen. Let the Montrose Community Band entertain you with patriotic songs, toe tapping marches, and a moving rendition of Hymn to the Fallen from the movie "Saving Private Ryan." Sunday, June 24, 3 p.m., Montrose Pavilion.

LECTURE WILL HIGHLIGHT STANDARDS USED TO EVALUATE QUILTS IN COMPETITION

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-"It's in the Details," a lecture presented by Black Canyon Quilt Show Judges July 18, will explain the objective standards of workmanship and design used to evaluate quilts in competition. Whether you quilt for fun or competition, information presented will help attendees to produce their very best work. The judges will also announce the winner of the 2018 Black Canyon Quilt Show Best of Show ribbon and explain why the quilt was selected. Each judge will also announce their selections for the Judge's Choice ribbons. Holiday Inn Apex Room, 1391 South Townsend. 6 p.m. Cost: \$5 at the door.

BLACK CANYON QUILT SHOW RETURNS TO THE PAVILION JULY 20-22

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-The Black Canyon Quilt Show will be at the Montrose Pavilion, July 20-22, 1800 Pavilion Dr. Show features: 200 Quilts, Vendors, Scissor Sharpening, Demonstrations, Boutique, Raffle Quilt, Lectures, Appraisals, and Classes. Visit blackcanyonquiltshow.com for more information. Show admission: \$4.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

RADIO ROOM WELCOMES LIPBONE REDDING JULY 7



Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION-Don't miss Lipbone Redding at the Radio Room July 7. In his

early twenties, Lawrence "Lipbone" Redding migrated from North Carolina to New York City with his guitar where he performed in the NYC transit subway. His natural human sounds of throat singing, bass and beat-boxing, and his astonishingly realistic lip-tromboning are a must-experience evening of entertainment as he weaves his stories with intricate rhythms, catchy melodies, brash humor, soulful singing, and inventive guitar playing.

Lipbone Redding is an organic soundman who has crafted a talent that must be seen and heard to be believed. Lipbone has taken his singular vocal instrumental style to a new level by playing guitar and producing all of the

instrument sounds while simultaneously singing and telling stories without the use of electronic effects nor a loop pedal.

Lipbone has released eight albums and many live recordings selling thousands worldwide.

He has collaborated with artists, musicians, theater and dance troupes, and has toured widely, performing over 200 shows a year.

Check out Lipbone Redding's music at <http://www.lipbone.com/>.

Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door and can be purchased by calling 970.241.8801 or online at www.kafmradio.org. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors open at 7 p.m.

THE BLACK CANYON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, ON THE MOVE!

Special to Art & Sol

REGIONAL-For the past two years, The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club (BCBGC) has been working to get a new van to transport the Club kids to and from activities. In May of this year, the BCBGC was finally able to make it happen! The new Club-mobile had its grand unveiling at the 2018 Montrose Wine and Food Festival on May 19. The Club was able to get this awesome new set of wheels with the help of several sponsors: Haynes Excavation, TEI Rock Drills, Montrose Oral Surgery, ASAP Signs, Montrose Ford Nissan, The Rocky Mountain Health Foundation, and Flower Motor Company. Thank you for your generosity!

Below, BCB& Girls Club members enjoy a bookmobile visit.



BLACK CANYON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OLATHE WELCOMES A VISIT FROM THE BOOK MOBILE

Special to Art & Sol

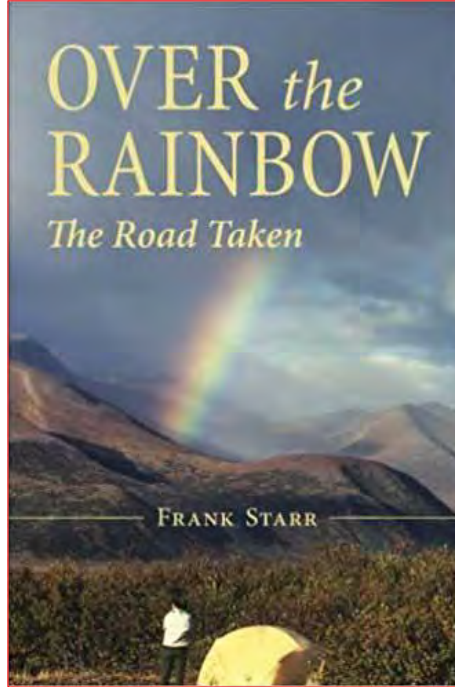
OLATHE-On June 14, the Montrose Regional Library book-mobile visited the kids at the Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club Olathe Unit. Photo at left.

Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Watering in a time of drought



Statue of Pres. Salvador Allende Gossens in Plaza de Constitución in Santiago, Chile (photo by Art Goodtimes).



Starr bookcover (courtesy photo).

AGUA PARA JARDINERÍA ... I came from a long line of gardeners. Growing one's own food, even if only a portion, was a family tradition. And as a homeowner (in the capitalist sense), I feel a responsibility to increase the tilth of the acre I've had the privilege to caretaker these last 30+ years ... So, this winter's lack of snow had me worried before I left for Chile in mid-April. I thoroughly watered all my young trees, special flower gardens and raised vegetable beds, pumping from my pond, as soon as the ice melted ... But coming back from Santiago in mid-May, I found my pond shrinking. Before the end of May, it exposed a dry, cracked bottom, parched and empty of moisture. I used all my emergency storage on site at Cloud Acre before I set up a system of hauling water. Working non-stop, into the second week of June, I finally got it all together: replenished my depleted storage systems, finished the year's spud planting, and got my daily two hours of critical hand-watering down to an art (all puns of course intended) ... At any rate, if I've seemed a hermit, forgive me. I

haven't much responded to messages, have missed meetings, have been somewhat incommunicado. For me, my relationship with the world of plants and pollinators, soil and water, sunshine and spring winds is what connects me best to the natural world. The spiritual world. The world that makes me most joyful. Watching things grow. Noticing bumblebees in the snapdragons and western swallowtails in the comfrey. Feeding my thirsty flora their life-giving water.

CHILE SANS PINOCHET ... After arriving from the airport and getting settled into one of three dispersed hostel lodgings in Santiago, El Grupo boarded a tour bus with a professional guide to show us around Chile's capital city. I'm not one easily impressed by guided tours, but this one turned out to be a great introduction to a country I'd only read about, never visited ... Santiago had a very modern, big-city feel, with lots of parks and old colonial architecture. Ornate facades. Amazing doors – from arcane metal handiwork to

intricate wood carvings, fancy murals, painted detailing. Even simple homes had intriguing portals ... Our guide took us on a short walk downtown. At one square there was an odd blockish sculpture intended to honor the native peoples who had occupied the western littoral of the continent before the European entrada. And, nearby, a crowd of a couple hundred folks circled, mesmerized by a plain looking fellow, without microphone, who was telling a story that had many captivated. My Spanish was too poor to understand, but it was interesting to see people deeply engaged by a public speaker. After he was done, he walked the crowd with a hat, and I contributed a few Chilean pesos ... Most public statues on display were top-heavy with shoulder braids -- military heroes from the days when Chile broke away from Spain. But one statue made me come full circle ... In the Seventies I had followed the overthrow of the democratically-elected government of Pres. Salvador Allende by Nixon and Kissinger. To those of us radicalized by the Vietnam War, we were in no mood to countenance the hypocrisy of our democracy's political establishment encouraging military coups in South America to bolster U.S. business interests. We wrote. We demonstrated. We protested against the killing of Allende. We mourned the death of Chilean poet Pablo Neruda. We condemned those responsible for the thousands of socialists and leftists who were rounded up, tortured and made to disappear. Many thrown, still alive, from helicopters over the open sea ... In that same era I had met filmmakers when I traveled to D.C. who knew Ronni Moffitt, the young activist slain when Pinochet's secret police (DINA) assassinated Chilean diplomat Orlando Letelier on a Washington street with a car bomb in '76 ... So when the tour guide took us to the *Plaza de Constitución*, I was amazed to see, first thing, an official statue of Salvador Allende Gossens just a stone's throw from La Moneda,

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

the presidential office building where he was assassinated ... Clearly, Chile had come to terms with America's intervention in its affairs and Kissinger's hand in taking down democracy in a country that had a long history free of military coups – until the American puppet Pinochet ...

Now, Chile had come to embrace its martyred president, to honor him for the lawful Chilean leader he was ... This was the country I was visiting – a nation proud of its democracy. No longer a pawn in a Wall St. game of American hegemony. A country I was honored to visit.

OVER THE RAINBOW ... Frank Starr's captivating account of the days he and his high school sweetheart Penny forsook early retirement and pursued the backwoods life of National Park Service seasonal rangers in the Black Hills of South Dakota, in Yosemite National Park, and for multiple years in Alaska (self-published with Luminare Press, 2017) has a second tag line to its title, "The Road Taken."

Theirs is a story of choosing not what's best or merely comfortable, but chasing

after one's dreams. It's a page-turner, as you follow them through rough spots in the trail, bear encounters, ordeals, near-death moments, as well as the glories of our magnificent public lands (currently under assault by pro-biz pols Trump & Zinke).

As for the local angle (Frank and Penny lived in Ouray County for many years), the book was inspired by our own Priscilla Peters of Ridgway, former book maven and political sparkplug, as Frank notes in his Prelude ... Here Frank is talking about their end of a day after touring the Alaska coast with a new outboard patrol boat that actually worked (the last one had left them stranded in the wilds and they had to bushwhack their way back to their seasonal camp) ... "That evening we built a nice little beach fire behind some driftwood logs, sipped some Scotch, grilled our steaks over driftwood coals, and toasted naïveté – actually I had a little Scotch and we both had wine with the steaks since Penny doesn't like Scotch whisky or whiskey of any kind. (Scotch whisky is spelled without an 'e,' other whiskeys include the

"e.") Our friend, Ernie the Ermine, showed up to join in our celebration and got to share in the spoils with a couple scraps of steak ... Looking toward the Aleutian Range southwest of us that evening, we watched clouds performing differently than we had ever seen. A heavy bank of clouds was roiling over a mountain ridge and down a cliff face like an avalanche or waterfall in slow motion; we decided to call them Niagaras ... [O]ur first observation of a unique weather phenomenon that we would see a few more times in the future along the Pacific side of the Aleutians" ... It's a memoir, a love story, an account of living together and depending on each other in sometimes the most trying of circumstances.

Frank, as you see, is completely honest, although he too can get carried away by an ambiance. In the process he manages to catalogue a rogue's gallery of unique experiences they both had.

And by the end you want to invite them over to dinner, to talk some more ... Available at local independent bookstores and Amazon. Highly recommended.

THE TALKING GOURD

Father's Day

-for Vincenzo

I think of you sailing into the wild blue yonder
eyes trained on the top secret Norden bombsight

I think of you peeling a peach in long dancing curls
because the soft down of its skin made you curl

I remember you laughing when the tumor took
your actor's memory & you stood there

midword
letting it go



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DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS meeting every 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m. at Friendship Hall in Montrose. All veterans with at least a 10 percent service connected disability are welcome. For more information call [\(970\)964-4375](tel:9709644375).

June 14-DMEA Annual meeting at the Montrose Pavilion, 4:30 to 8 p.m.

ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING, Tuesday, June 12, 7 p.m.

NEW LOCATION: Montrose Lions Club, Clubhouse, 602 N. Nevada Ave., Montrose. Presentation: Portraits by Sharon Brown, Bella Rose Photography; Image Sharing: "Water" (3-5 images) Photo Critiques: May remain anonymous (2-3 images). All are welcome to attend.

ARTISTS' ALPINE HOLIDAY

Now through June 25-Final days to register for the 58th Artists' Alpine Holiday Art Show. Go to www.ourayarts.org for details! (Art does not have to be delivered until July 22 & 23.)

MONTROSE TOASTMASTERS

Meetings every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Proximity; 210 E Main St, Montrose, CO 81401.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL, non-profit organization, provides opportunities to explore new cultures by bringing people together at the personal level. Friendship Force of western Colorado's regular monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of the month. Meeting location - Red Cross Training Center, 5th and Gunnison in Grand Junction, 6:15 p.m.

FREE JAM SESSION AND SING ALONG, Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Montrose Senior Center.

MONTROSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM-"Montrose County Historical Society Presents" is held at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Pioneer Room of Friendship Hall, 1001 N. 2nd St. The public is invited to free programs based on topics of regional history. For more information please call 249-2085.

MONTHLY-

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June 18-First Aid for Festivals Basics Class: Monday, June 18, 6-8 p.m. Ouray County 4H Event Center, 22739 US-550, Ridgway. Learn fundamental first aid skills from Ouray EMS Paramedic Ruth Stewart. Up to 20 people (minimum: 6 people). Student fee: \$15. Please register by Thursday, June 14 at <https://ridgwayriverfest.org/2018>

June 20-Montrose Regional Library Crafternoon club for teens and adults. Knit & crochet projects for charity. All ability levels welcome and supplies are provided; Library Meeting Room; 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

June 21--The 101st Army Rock Band & The 101st Army Winds will be performing on June 21st at 6pm in the Cedaredge Town Park. Our local Cedaredge Public Library will be located in the Lion's Pavilion where Rick Smith will be on hand to demonstrate how to make your own instruments for kids. They will also be offering popsicles from 5-6pm. This is being offered as part of their Summer Reading Program for Families- This year's theme is music. During intermission, you can purchase pie and root beer floats to enjoy from your local Cedaredge Area Chamber of Commerce.

June 21- Black Canyon Voices Toastmasters Open House, First Colorado National Bank, 150 Gunnison River Dr., Delta, CO

Time: 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm For more information, email Edith Johnston at blackcanyonvoicestm@gmail.com

June 21-7 to 9 p.m., Name that Tune, Montrose Library meeting room. Test your music trivia skills in this friendly competition, hosted by local music columnist Rob Brethouwer. Go head to head with other competitors; if there are enough players we can form teams. Register in advance at the Montrose Library, by email to thajjar@montroselibrary.org, or call 964-2546. Winner receives an iTunes gift card! Also featuring door prizes and delicious locally-made cookies.

June 21-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Gunnison Ranger District is holding a public meeting to get input from communities on the Taylor Park Vegetation Management Project. The meeting will be held on June 21st from 6 to 8 pm at the Town Hall in Tin Cup. Additional information is presented on the project webpage: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53662>.. For additional questions, please contact John Slown, Project [Environmental Coordinator](mailto:Environmental_Coordinator) at 406-239-3749; email jslown@fs.fed.us.

June 22-On June 22nd at 7 pm the "Legends and True Tales" walking tour will start at the Montrose County Historical Museum. The cost is \$5/ person, and space is limited. Please call 249-2085 to reserve a spot.

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June 23-Sherbino Theater in Ridgway presents "Out West;" Doors at 7:30 p.m., Music at 8 p.m., \$5 entry.

June 24-Trap a crook -Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers Fundraiser, Sunday, June 24 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Delta Trap Club, 8017 Trap Club Road - 970-874-7424.

June 24--Join the Montrose Community Band for their annual Patriotic Concert on Sunday, June 24 at 3 pm at the Montrose Pavilion. The band will play patriotic songs and marches to honor veterans, remember the fallen and entertain all ages. The concert is free and will be held in the auditorium. For more information visit www.montroseband.com or call 970-596-1188.

June 24--The Annual German-American Club Picnic will take place on Sunday, June 24, 2018 from 3 to 7 PM in Lincoln Park in the Oak Shelter [It is east of the swimming pool and north of the Golf Clubhouse, near the tennis courts]. The public is cordially invited. Join us for food, fellowship and lively conversation!

June 24-Gal Holiday and the Honky Tonk Revue. Doors and bar at 6:30 pm, Music at 7: pm. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

June 27-The Ouray County Historical Society offers its perennially popular Geology Field Trip Wednesday, June 27. Participants will view 1.6 billion years of earth's history as seen in the rocks of the Ouray area. Led by local geologists Larry Meckel and Robert Stoufer, the all-day trip will make nine stops along US 550 from Ridgway to Red Mountain Pass. Tour guests will ride in open-air trucks from Colorado West Jeep Rentals. A small bus also will be available. The \$135 fee includes transportation, lunch, beverages, park admission and a guidebook. Admission fees are nonrefundable. For more information or to register for the field trip, please call (970) 325-4576 or e-mail ochs@ouraynet.com. Registration for the trip will remain open until all spaces are filled.

THE MONTROSE MIRROR

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The flag of our nation was honored on Flag Day, June 14. Clockwise from top left, a ceremony in Centennial Plaza brought community members together; Writer Gail Marvel took this photo of the flag display at the VA Medical Center in Grand Junction; local businesses showed their American pride in creative ways.



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