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State Sens. John Hickenlooper (left) and Michael Bennet (right) listen as Interior Secretary Deb Haaland speaks during a visit to Top of the Pines near Ridgway to discuss the CORE Act on Saturday, July 24, 2021. Western Slope county commissioners also shared perspective on the legislation during the roundtable. (Josue Perez/Montrose Daily Press)

## Haaland discusses CORE Act, outdoors during Ridgway visit

State sens. Hickenlooper and Bennet were on hand alongside community leaders

By JOSUE PEREZ AND  
ANNA LYNN WINFREY

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland met with Western Slope county commissioners and Sens. Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper at Top of the Pines near Ridgway on Saturday, discussing and championing for passage of the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act, which unites four previous legislation initiatives: the San Juan Wilderness Act, Thompson Withdrawal and Protection Act, Curecanti National Recreation Area Boundary Establishment Act, and the Continental Divide Recreation, Wilderness, and

Camp Hale Legacy Act. The Act proposes to protect 400,000 acres of public land in Colorado, with 80,000 acres to be developed into recreation and conservation management areas. The legislation passed the U.S. House of Representatives in February, and now awaits legislative action by the U.S. Senate. House Rep. Joe Neguse secured passage of the CORE Act through the House of Representatives, with bipartisan support, in October 2019. “It’s critical to our mission at Interior to ensure that everyone has access to the outdoors, and if we want folks to care about the outdoors into the

future, that means we need to give them an opportunity,” Haaland said during Saturday’s roundtable. “... We know that the outdoors — we can create good paying jobs, we can conserve our lands and waters for future generations. When I was in Congress, I was very proud to support the CORE Act to promote outdoor recreation.” County commissioners from Gunnison, San Miguel, Summit and Otero were present (those counties would be affected by the CORE Act), addressing the potential impact the protections from the bill could have on their areas. Overcrowding on trails has been a recent theme due to increased visitation, San Miguel County Commissioner Hilary

Cooper said, with the outdoor recreation industry booming and tourism a constant during the pandemic. “We’ve got a lot of leave-no-trace ethic that needs to be reminded,” she said. “We’ve got a lot of educational opportunities. We need to work on spreading out the impact, because a lot of our areas are being over-impacted, and that to me is one of the latest reasons why doing these kind of bills that are land designations built from the ground up are so important, to allow for that access to public lands and allow for local communities to determine how to mitigate the impacts of more and more visitors.”

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## New state tourism director steady on mitigating visitor impacts

By JASON BLEVINS  
THE COLORADO SUN

Colorado hospitality veteran Timothy Wolfe is taking the reins at the Colorado Tourism Office just as the state’s tourism industry lurches and limps out of a pandemic decline. “Economic recovery for our industry is essential,” said Wolfe, pointing to the Colorado Tourism Office’s two-phase, \$3 million Roadmap to Recovery to reignite the state’s tourism economy. “We are focused on helping the tourism industry rebound as quickly as possible.” Wolfe replaces Cathy Ritter, who was ousted from her six-year position in April by Pat Meyers, Colorado’s new director of the Office of Economic Development and International Trade.

Wolfe recently was the general manager of both the 241-room Brown Place and adjacent 231-room Holiday Inn Express Downtown Denver. He is a veteran of the state’s highest profile tourism boards. He served on Visit Denver’s board of directors, was twice the board chairman for the Colorado Tourism Office and chaired the Colorado Hotel and Lodging Association board. He arrives as Front Range hotels and tourist businesses are pining for groups and business travelers while mountain destinations bemoan a record-setting crush of visitors. Wolfe said the state’s tourism industry must address the growing challenges surrounding affordable housing in mountain communities and labor shortages in the hospitality industry. Destination marketing organizations like the Colorado Tourism Office “must lead the way,” he said. “By building back and evolving with industry needs, we can show the value of tourism to the residents of Colorado — the jobs it creates, the taxes it saves, the new dollars it brings into Colorado,” said in an email. “Tourism is a \$24 billion part of Colorado’s strong economy and part of our job at the CTO is to help ensure that its benefits are seen and felt by all Coloradans.”

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Tim Wolfe, a longtime veteran of Colorado’s hotel industry, is the new executive director of the Colorado Tourism Office.

## Fair and Rodeo ceremonies kick off with parade

STAFF REPORT  
While some events kicked off over the weekend, the ceremonial opening of the 2021 Montrose County Fair and Rodeo took place down Main Street Monday, when parade-goers lined the streets and young members of the agricultural community waved at spectators. That was after kids weighed many of their animals — including beef, sheep and swine — Monday morning for the stock show portion of the fair.

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The Olathe 4-H Club is loaded with members during the Monday, July 26, 2021, Montrose County Fair and Rodeo parade. The event kicks off a week of fair and rodeo events. (Joseph Harold/Special to the Montrose Daily Press)

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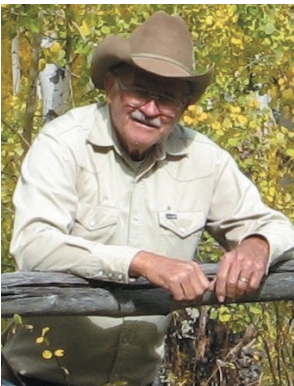
Robert James Duncan

Robert James Duncan was born to his mother Helen Marshall and father Robert William Duncan on July 16, 1932. Roberts mother gave birth to him in Manhattan, Kansas, near her family and when he was 3 weeks old they returned to their hometown of Olathe, Colorado.

Bob attended school and grew up in Montrose, Colorado. After graduating from high school, he spent four years in the U.S. Navy. During those years he served aboard a troop ship the U.S.S. General J.D. Breckenridge, was stationed at Port Hueneme, California, and spent over two years on tug boats in Yokosuka, Japan.

Bobs parents were divorced when he was very young, and he was raised by his Uncle Harland and Aunt Opal.

Bob was married to his first wife Lois Jean



Pierce on June 22, 1955. Bob and Jean made their home in Montrose and of this union they had three children, Michael, Cindy, and Kindra. Bob worked for Perry Flanigan as a mechanic and then for Cummings gas and Equipment. He went to work for Western Colorado Power Company in 1956 in Ouray, Colorado. He worked as a power

plant operator, on the line crew, as a truck driver, and equipment operator in the sales and marketing department. He continued to work for the company when DMEA bought them out. While working for DMEA he and Jean opened Montroses first pet shop, The Tiki Shop.

Bob resigned after working for the two power companies for 22.5 years. He then started a lawn care business which he operated for four years. He helped Jimmy Flowers build the Western Slope Livestock Sale Barn and worked with him off and on for many years, which was one of his favorite jobs. Bob drove truck off and on even after he went to work for the City of Montrose in 1987.

In 1986 Bob married Sherry Carson. They were happily married for 35 years. During that time, he purchased some land near Buckhorn for firewood. One day he stood in the

meadow and said, This would be a great place for a cabin. His son and grandsons also built a cabin in the area. Both cabins were built using cut and peel aspen logs. The cabins are enjoyed by all, and it is one of the greatest family legacies left behind.

Some of his greatest joys in life were ranching, farming, and working rodeos. He was the rodeo chairman while being a member of the Jaycees and Montrose County Sheriffs Posse. He was also a rodeo clown/bullfighter and rough stock rider for the Labor Day Rodeos in Ridgway.

He enjoyed traveling coast to coast and border to border with his beloved wife Sherry in their RV. His hobbies included leather crafting, woodworking, horseback riding, fishing, building hot rods, and restoring old cars. He loved hunting with all his friends for over 40 years.

Bob was well known for his storytelling abilities which included many tales about his Navy career, dodging snow slides in Ophir Canyon, his power company line crew experiences, along with many unplanned rodeos during cattle drives. He enjoyed sharing stories of his adventures with his family. His most recent adventure included skydiving with his grandson Dusty on his 88th birthday.

His ultimate joy was spending time with family.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents and grandson, Ryan Swim.

Bob is survived by his children Mike (Kim) Duncan, Cindy (Darren) Bruce, and Kindra (Sam) Swim; brother Bill (Shirley) Duncan and family; step-daughter, Bonnie (Terry) Krohn; grandchildren Adam (Yesenia) Duncan, William (Danielle) Duncan, Dusty (Ann) Duncan, Benjamin (Heather) Bruce, Betha-

ny(Bucklin) Newby, Karissa (David) Kellerstrass, Makenzy Swim, Kendra (Garrett) Barten, Brittany (Johnny) Ward, Tyler (Richelle) McCollum; Kara McCollum; Mishayla Buller, Kay (Loran) Shrock, Johnny Rayoum; great-grandchildren Mia and Ellie Duncan; Sawyer and Brady Duncan; Declan and Liam Duncan; Braelynn, Briar, and Brynlee Newby; Makinley, Jace, and Emery Kellerstrass; Bryce Schrock; Arrow Bar-ten; Clayton and Barrett Ward; Carson McCollum.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday July 26, 2021, at Circle 3 Cowboy Church located at 62885 Lasalle Road Montrose, Colorado, with fellowship immediately following.

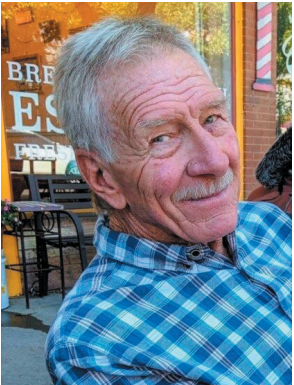
In Lieu of flowers please consider donations made to Circle 3 Cowboy Church or Hope West Palliative Care Montrose.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Mr. Duncans family.

David Kuklish

David was the first born to Millard and Irene (Dlugosh) Kuklish on Dec. 27, 1942 in Ord, Nebraska. David was raised in the Ord and Anselmo area of Nebraska where they farmed and ranched cattle. He graduated from Myrna High School in May of 1961 and entered the Navy in San Diego, California. He was a pipe fitter on the USS Princeton. He served four years in the Navy during the Vietnam War and would often tell stories of his time spent on the ship. They were close enough to Vietnam in what was classified as “brown water” that he could hear the gunfire coming from the ground troops. David was very honored to serve his country and was thankful to his father for recommending the Navy instead of the Army.

After leaving the Navy, David returned to his family who had relocated from Nebraska to the Western Slope of Colorado in Montrose. It was there that David met his first wife Pennie Louise Scott and they



married in June of 1967. David and Pennie built their life together while he went to Mesa College to earn his Associates Degree and moved to Colorado Springs to work for Command Nuclear. After leaving his position there he started working in the home building industry as a plumber and would go on to own Ponderosa Plumbing and Heating and earn his Master Plumber's license. They had four children and finally settled down on a small farm outside of Palisade where they raised their family. There was never a dull moment

in the Kuklish household between all of the activities of the kids and running a business but David always made time for his family and friends doing the things that he loved.

David was an avid outdoorsman and loved spending time in nature. Even during his last weeks, he would sit outside listening to the birds and feeling the fresh air on his face. He grew up bird hunting in Nebraska with his dad and brother and eventually started big game hunting with his friends in Colorado. It was one of the most special times of the year for him and they would all spend many weeks ahead of time planning the hunt. David would refer to his hunting friends as his second family, many of them he has known for the past 45 plus years. He would return to Nebraska every fall with his brother Bobby for pheasant hunting and to visit their uncle Lumire and friends and family in the area. David and Pennie and the kids would often spend their summer weekends camping with friends and family in the mountains. He was never more at home than he was

riding a horse on the farm, hiking and fishing in the mountains or simply going for a walk and taking in the world around him.

In 1997, he married his second wife, Barbara Garrison, and they made their home on Cedar Mesa in Cedaredge. The log home they built ended up being one of David's favorite places, with 360-degree views of the mountain ranges from the Wet mountains, the San Juan's, the Uncompahgre, the La Salle's and the Grand Mesa. This home offered him respite and joy as he would sit out on the patio sipping a cold beer watching the deer and wildlife. In his later years, David and Barb would spend the first part of every year travelling with their 5th wheel to get away from the cold and enjoy camping and the life they built together, often meeting up with friends and family. Their last stop was usually in Scottsdale to enjoy spring training for the Colorado Rockies. When not traveling they would spend their time with family and their grandchildren supporting them in all of their sporting events, choir

concerts and just spending time with them doing the things they loved. Barb introduced David to the joys of live music and they would often travel to hear a band play or a concert performed.

David was known for the funny phrases he would say, or messing up a really long joke and getting embarrassed about it and then trying to retell it so it would make everyone laugh. When little did he know that the messed-up joke was often funnier than the actual joke. He was meticulous when it came to his work ethic and how he ran his business. David would pride himself on completing a job that was more than someone asked for because his name was on that job. One thing about David is that he was consistently thoughtful and kind to other people. He was a man of integrity, honor and kindness. He had a gentle soul and a strong faith in the Lord. He would go out of his way to make sure he would visit family when they were in town, call his children when they were away and

treat people with love. Family was everything to David and he would often spend his down time with his siblings and children playing cards or a round of pool at the Elks Lodge in Montrose where he was a member until his death.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, his sister Susan and his first wife Pennie. He is survived in death by his wife Barbara, his children Laura Kuklish-Triest and her husband Jeff and their boys, Connor, Garret and Nicholas. Karrie Kuklish and her daughter Emily. Kevin Kuklish and his daughter Lyla. Lindsay Kuklish (David Grove- Fiancé) and her daughters LiLu and Sam. Barb's children Gabe Stokes (Erica), Katie Garrison and her son Colter, Tyler Garrison (Carol). His sisters Patti Bohall (Lance), Judy Burke (Dan) and his brother Bobby Kuklish (Heather), his Aunt Dorothy Setlik of Sacramento, countless nieces and nephews and hundreds of friends.

There will be a celebration of life event to be held on July 31, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at Riverbend Park in Palisade.

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Almanac

Montrose Airport through 4 p.m. Monday

Temperature	
High/low	88/62
Normal high/low	90/60
Record high	102 In 1931
Record low	46 in 1904

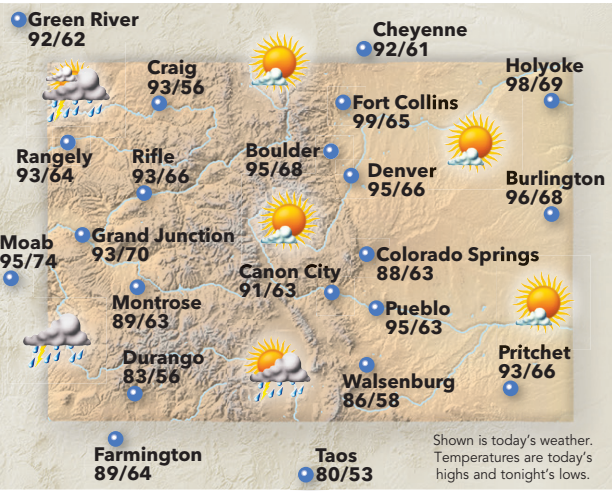
Precipitation (in inches)	
24 hours through 4 p.m. Mon.	trace
Month to date	1.00
Normal month to date	0.71
Year to date	3.58
Normal year to date	4.46

Rivers

	Stage Mon. (ft.)	Flow (cfs)	Normal Flow
Taylor Park	1.88	158	358
East R. at Altmont	3.02	171	358
Lake Fork at Gateview	2.97	593	316
Cimarron River	1.92	139	147
Anthracite Creek	1.20	65	166
Muddy Creek at Paonia	5.15	16	
Surface Creek	1.11	24	60
Gunnison R. at Delta	2.33	899	1330
Uncompahgre River	3.21	229	305
Dallas Creek	2.74	51	65
Loutsenhizer Arroyo	2.52	69	102

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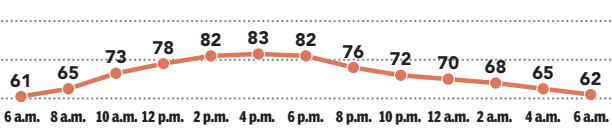
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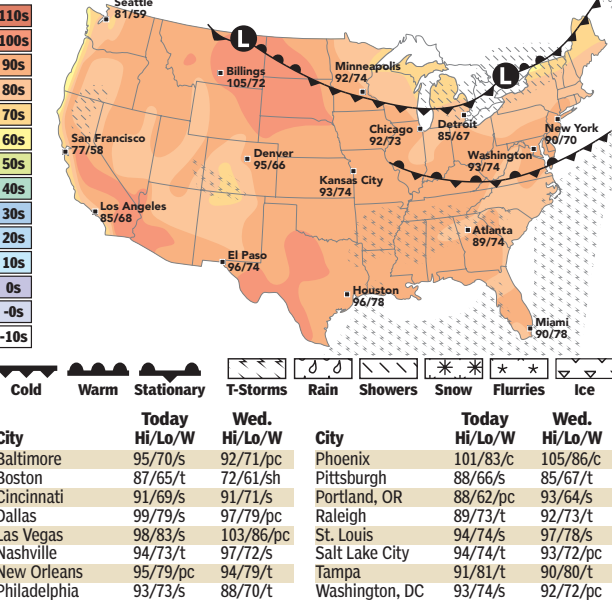
City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Alamosa	84/50/t	86/52/t
Albuquerque, NM	87/67/t	88/68/t
Amarillo, TX	94/71/s	94/69/s
Arvada	96/69/s	99/70/s
Aurora	95/66/s	97/67/s
Brush	98/63/s	102/62/s
Casper	99/63/s	96/63/p
Dalhart, TX	94/66/s	95/66/s
Flagstaff	77/53/p	78/55/t
Fort Defiance, AZ	82/59/t	81/60/p
Gallup, NM	82/58/t	84/59/t
Greeley	98/61/s	101/63/p
City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Kit Carson	93/65/s	97/67/s
Las Animas	100/69/s	104/71/s
Lakewood	96/69/s	98/69/s
Laramie, WY	89/53/s	89/53/p
Monte Vista	84/51/p	84/52/t
North Platte, NE	98/69/s	101/70/s
Provo, UT	89/67/t	90/67/t
Rock Springs, WY	91/61/p	87/59/t
St. George, UT	95/75/s	99/76/t
Santa Fe, NM	82/60/t	85/60/t
Scottsbluff, NE	101/66/s	104/67/s
Westminster	96/69/s	99/71/s

24 Hour Temperature Forecast



National Weather for Tuesday, July 27

Shown are noon positions of weather and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.





HAALAND

FROM PAGE 1

Cooper added San Miguel County has engaged with the Ute tribes on the bill.

Summit County Commissioner Elisabeth Lawrence said the White River National Forest is one of the most popular sites to visit in the nation. She cited a provision in the bill that would create three new wilderness areas (21,895 acres) in Eagle and Summit Counties.

Gunnison County Commissioner Jonathan Houck spoke on the somewhat “jumbled ownership” of the Curecanti National Recreation Area, though stressed agencies do a fine job of managing the land. However, the Curecanti National Recreation Area Boundary Establishment Act would “basically establish a firm boundary” for Curecanti, Houck said, adding the ability to move management into the recreation area “saves money and is more streamlined.”

Having access to nature in cities and the need for conservation was a focal point for Beatriz Soto, director of Defiende Nuestra Tierra for Wilderness Workshop.

“There is a big issue with

cities, parks, towns and other places that are forcing people to come to these areas because there is not accessible nature where we have urban areas, so people are being pushed to come further away from where they live,” Soto said. “So when we think about conservation, I really want us to start thinking about conservation that is local, and that is in communities and especially in communities that don’t have access to nature.”

Soto added that people in the Latino community, a major contributor to the outdoor economy, often work multiple jobs due to the lack of affordable housing (also a problem in urban areas, she said). Most, Soto said, aren’t able to visit public lands, despite their contributions.

When asked what the Department of Interior could do to help address issues raised by Soto earlier, Haaland provided an example where that’s been addressed.

“In Albuquerque, we have a wildlife refuge, right in the south valley of Albuquerque,” Halland said following the roundtable. “It’s so accessible (for) the school children all over the city. We support areas like that and we want to

make sure kids have opportunities to get out there. We care about that and that’s one of my priorities.”

The Land and Water Conservation Fund, established in 1965 by Congress to safeguard natural areas, water resources and cultural heritage while providing recreational opportunities, has a grant program targeting urban areas with few parks and recreation resources.

Haaland, near the end of the roundtable, discussed the importance of paving a path for future Coloradans. Following the roundtable, she mentioned the importance of collaboration to address issues raised by locals in the communities.

“We have to help make sure that future generations are caring about the things that we care about,” Haaland said. “The only way to do that is get them out in nature, and so when we think about what we’re doing and why we’re doing it, it’s for the children.”

In conversations with Haaland this week, Gov. Jared Polis also urged passage of the CORE Act.

“The Colorado way of life relies on public lands and our vast great outdoors. Coloradans cherish our access to

hundreds of thousands of acres of public lands and wilderness for recreation,” Polis said in a press release. “The CORE Act serves to protect the lands that Coloradans love. As our state works to protect our wilderness in the face of development and climate change, the CORE Act will help Colorado permanently preserve our natural beauty while providing endless opportunities for recreation that will drive our economy and create jobs. I urge Secretary Haaland and the Biden administration to help ensure the Senate passes this important bill.”

Through CORE, 73,000 acres of land would be designated as wilderness (including in the San Juan Mountains), formally establish the boundary for the Curecanti National Recreation Area, and around 200,000 acres in the Thompson Divide area, southwest of Glenwood Springs, would be withdrawn and protected from future gas and oil projects. It also proposes to create the first National Historic Landscape at Camp Hale (training home of the 10th Mountain Division).

Josue Perez is a staff writer for the Montrose Daily Press

TOURISM

FROM PAGE 1

Wolfe begins his new job at a critical moment, not unlike his predecessor who took over the state tourism office just as the marijuana tourist industry exploded. Colorado’s tourist reliant businesses are enduring a critical labor shortage. Destination management groups across the state — there are 33 of them — are recasting tourism marketing messages from clarion calls for all visitors to campaigns that educate visitors about how to minimize impacts. They are also working with locals to better illustrate the role of tourism in local economies.

That shift from marketing to management balances the benefits of tourism and mitigates the impacts of over-tourism, Wolfe said, so both visitors and guests benefit.

“This was a priority before COVID and the post-COVID migration to outdoor destinations has accelerated those efforts,” he said, pointing to the Office of Economic Development and International Trade’s help to fund the \$16.8 million modular housing construction facility in Buena Vista as an example of the state’s focus on both economic momentum and mitigating the impacts of tourism and growth.

Amie Mayhew, the president and CEO of the Colorado Hotel and Lodging Association, called Wolfe “a very thoughtful leader.” Wolfe’s career at the intersection of hospitality and tourism policy, she said, makes him “absolutely the right person to thread this needle during these challenging times.”

“Coming in understanding both the tourism industry and political policy,” she said, “he can really serve as a guide, figuring out what makes sense for the state and what makes sense for some of these local communities, and making sure the state’s messaging is aligning with what these local DMOs are doing and what the dollars from the state are meant to do.”

Wolfe said he would

continue the Colorado Tourism Office’s focus on sustainable tourism and the “Care for Colorado” principles that grew last year to include messages for both tourists and residents. He said this winter’s “Do Colorado Right” campaign, which tapped Colorado influencers to promote masks and social-distancing, will be expanded to include fire prevention and low-impact travel messages.

“The ‘Do Colorado Right’ campaign evolves with current needs such as mitigating overcrowding, disposing of trash properly and hiring local guides,” said Wolfe, who also will continue the Colorado Tourism Office’s new backcountry safety campaign promoting safe travel in avalanche terrain.

Richard Scharf, the head of Visit Denver whose resume of board service rivals Wolfe’s, said Wolfe is “a real believer in tourism marketing” who will work closely with the state’s 33 destination marketing organizations.

“He understands the importance of the work we are doing,” Scharf said. “We need someone to bring us together and find common ground.”

Wolfe’s experience managing hotels including the Brown Palace lends the management experience needed as Colorado’s destination marketing groups transition into tourism management organizations, Scharf said.

The recent concerns over traffic in the backcountry and overwhelming crowds in popular destinations like Crested Butte and Telluride need management, Scharf said. He points to innovative programs like Glenwood Springs’ use of shuttles and reservations to manage traffic at the popular Hanging Lake trail and Boulder’s use of downtown buses to ease parking problems at Chautauqua Park as examples of destinations managing tourism without rejecting visitors.

“Tim is a strong leader and, like they say, you don’t make generals in peace time and this is an opportunity for him to tackle what is really a management issue,” Scharf said.

FAIR

FROM PAGE 1

Events continue today with the junior rabbit show at 9 a.m., among many other activities. Early Tuesday morning, young FFA and 4-H members

were taking pictures of their swine to share with buyers. And at 6 p.m. today, the kiddie tractor pull event will take place in the showing at the Montrose County Fairgrounds.

Events continue through Saturday.



The Montrose County Fair and Rodeo parade kicked off events Monday. (Joseph Harold/Special to the Montrose Daily Press)

Coming Up at the Fair

Wednesday, July 28

8:30 a.m. — Kids with Kids (Show Ring)  
9 a.m. — Jr. Goat Show (Show Ring)  
9 a.m. — Open Judging Art & Living Arts (Event Center)  
Noon — Brown Bag Lunch & Learn — Soil Health with Jerry Allen with Shavano Conservation District (Event Center Room 1)  
1 p.m. — Royalty Modeling (Friendship Hall Stage)  
3 p.m. — Fashion Revue (Friendship Hall Stage)  
4:30 p.m. — This Little Pig (Show Ring)  
5 p.m. — Jr. Swine Show (Show Ring)  
7 p.m. — Antique Tractor Pull (Outdoor Arena)

Thursday, July 29

8:30 a.m. — Merry Little Lamb (Show Ring)  
9 a.m. — Jr. Sheep Show (Show Ring)  
9 a.m. — Wild Mustang Show (Event Center Indoor Arena)  
Noon — Brown Bag Lunch and Learn — Freezer Jams with Ann Duncan with Colorado State Extension (EC Room 1)  
1 p.m. — Barn Tours (Friendship Hall Stage)  
3:30 p.m. — Ferdinand & Friends (Bucket Calf) (Show Ring)  
4 p.m. — Jr. Beef and Dairy Show (Show Ring)

5 p.m. — 8 p.m. — Carriage Rides (Front of Event Center)  
6 p.m. — Wild Mustang Main Performance (Event Center Indoor Arena)  
Friday, July 30  
8:30 a.m. — Carcass Awards (Show Ring)  
9 a.m. — Small Animal Round Robin (Show Ring)  
10:30 a.m. — Large Animal Round Robin (Show Ring)  
Noon — Kids Reading & Craft (Friendship Hall Stage)  
Noon — Brown Bag Lunch & Learn — Small Farm & Small Acreage Meet & Greet with Katie Alexander with Colorado State Extension (Event Center Room 1)  
12:30 p.m. — No Limits Swine Show (Show Ring)  
1 p.m. — Barn Tours (Friendship Hall Stage)  
1:30 p.m. — Mandatory Meeting for Jr. Auction Sellers (Event Center Arena)  
2 p.m. — Black Canyon 4H Club Pig Scramble (Show Ring)  
6 p.m. — Root to Tip Dinner (Event Center Indoor Arena)  
6:30 p.m. — Mutton Bustin (Outdoor Arena)

7 p.m. — Royalty Contestant Introduction (Outdoor Arena)  
7:30 p.m. — Buck It Bull Riding (Outdoor Arena) \$12 for Adults \$7 for Kids 12 and under  
Saturday, July 31  
8 a.m. — Rodeo Slack (Outdoor Arena)  
11 a.m. — Buyers Lunch (Event Center Indoor Arena)  
1 p.m. — Jr. Livestock Auction (Event Center Indoor Arena)  
6:30 p.m. — Mutton Bustin (Outdoor Arena)  
7 p.m. — San Juan Sparkles & Spurs Performance (Outdoor Arena)  
7:15 p.m. — Crowning of Royalty (Outdoor Arena)  
7:30 p.m. — CPRA Ram Rodeo (Outdoor Arena) \$12 for Adults \$7 for Kids 12 and under  
9 p.m. — 4-H/FFA Dance (Friendship Hall)  
Sunday, August 1  
6 a.m. — 9 a.m. — Buyback and Processor Load Out  
8 a.m. — Noon — Premium Pick Up (Event Center)  
8 a.m. — 2 p.m. — Vendor Tear-down  
9:30 a.m. — Noon — Animal Load Out  
5 p.m. — All stalls and pens must be clean

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At least 610,000 white flags will stand in D.C. in honor of those who died from coronavirus. A Coloradan is among those behind it.

In September, the National Mall in Washington, D.C., will become a sea of white — one flag for each American who has died from the coronavirus.

President Joe Biden will see it from the Truman Balcony of the White House, and from a distance, it will seem like it snowed in the nation's capital. Up close, visitors will see the names and personal messages on at least 610,000 individual flags — whether they are walking the pathways through the three-week art installation or viewing the digital version on their computer screens in a faraway state.

The pandemic memorial project — the largest participatory public art installation on the National Mall since the AIDS quilt in 1987 — will come together because of the efforts of three key people.

The artist from Maryland. The anthropologist at a university in D.C. The software engineer from Colorado.

“People will come and they will be astounded by the visual immensity,” said Suzanne Brennan Firstenberg, the artist behind the project. “This is an opportunity for a nation to pause and to really think about what it means to be

an American. The country is people. If we don't care for all of them, if we are going to discount lives of color, the elderly and pretty much anyone we don't know, that's not a country.”

The flags will go up in mid-September, arranged in 142 sections, divided by 3.8 miles of walking paths. The design, all in white, is intended to evoke Arlington National Cemetery.

More than offering a bold visual, the art will connect people who have grieved the deaths of loved ones in isolation, perhaps without an in-person funeral, Firstenberg said. It's visualizing the vastness of loss. And it's allowing people to participate — digitally or in person — whether or not they know someone who died of COVID-19.

Relatives and friends can enter messages into the project website, and visitors to the National Mall can write a message on a flag and plant it in the grass. Volunteers will use a geolocation app on their smartphones to map the flag, and relatives and friends of the dead who cannot travel to Washington can zoom in online to see their personal message.

“The person at the space can take up the responsibility — only for a few minutes — to write out that personalized message and to plant that flag,” said Sarah Wagner, a sociocultural anthropologist and a professor at George Wash-



Last fall, Firstenberg planted 267,000 flags on 4 acres outside Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium in Washington, D.C., one flag for each death from COVID-19 so far. “I ran out of time and space,” she said. “Deaths were mounting so rapidly in September and October that I had no space. We had to deinstall.” (Provided by Suzanne Firstenberg)

ington University. “And maybe, for a moment, shoulder a little bit of that burden, partake in a total stranger's mourning.”

The technical support for the memorial comes from the Lakewood office of Esri, an information technology company that makes maps for cities and counties across the world. Some of the company's workers are volunteering their time to create the online version of the installation, plus provide the app that will allow on-site volunteers to geolocate each flag so that family members can find it.

## “A collective sigh”

Esri software engineer Jeremiah Lindemann had been working on a COVID-19 memorial project of his own when he got the call from artist Firstenberg about her idea for a massive, in-person memorial on the National Mall.

In April 2020, a month into the pandemic, Lindemann built the Coronavirus Lost Loved Ones

map, accepting photographs and entries from across the globe. But the effort didn't take off as he had hoped, with only a few hundred entries. Lindemann figures it was too soon, that people were still in shock at that point in 2020 and unsure how long the pandemic would last, and that his website got lost in a wave of online memorial projects nationwide.

Four years earlier, Lindemann created an opioid overdose map to memorialize victims of the opioid epidemic. The first entry was for his younger brother, J.T., who died at age 23 after struggling with an addiction to Oxycontin.

When Lindemann heard about the Washington, D.C., project, he revamped his coronavirus map and notified the families who had already uploaded photos and messages about the upcoming memorial on the National Mall. About 300 people signed up within the first day.

“The whole intention of this is that the whole

country needs a collective sigh,” Lindemann said. “Let's turn the corner on this, yes, but there were some who never had a chance to grieve.”

## “Draw the person in and deliver the message”

Firstenberg, too, tried to memorialize coronavirus victims earlier in the pandemic, in a way she now realizes was premature — the “largest mass casualty event of our lifetime” wasn't nearly over, she said.

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The work felt unfinished, and Wagner, who was leading a research project on mourning and rituals at George Washington, thought so, too.

Wagner drove to the field of flags to volunteer and gather information for her research on the pandemic's effect on collective mourning. The anthropologist and the artist sat on benches 6 feet apart next to the swath of white flags and discussed how this should not be the end.

People craved a place to share in the sorrow. Firstenberg recalled how a woman in an SUV drove by one day and shouted out her window, “What's all this for?” And when Firstenberg explained that each flag represented a person who had died from COVID-19, the woman stared at her for a moment and then burst into tears.

One of those 267,000 deaths was her mother's, just two weeks earlier.

“Something magical in a way happened at the art,” Firstenberg said. “It was heartening to see strangers being validated by others in that space. Compassion and empathy really are at the core of rebinding us as a society.”

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Carol Kline

Carol Lynn Kline passed away on July 22, 2021 at the age of 79 in the loving care of the staff at the Montage Creek Senior Living Center.

Carol was born on February 20, 1942 to Ted and Pauline (Anders) Cooper. She married Larry Flowers on February 22, 1959 and the couple had two sons, Joey and Jamie. The marriage ended in divorce.

Carol worked for many years at the Montrose Memorial Hospital. Carol enjoyed her job at the hospital and made many lifelong friends while working there.

On July 2, 1983, Carol married Gary Kline and they moved to Arizona and spent many wonder-



ful years there together as husband and wife. Carol had a green thumb and it showed with her beautiful yard and flower beds. She also loved her cats Puff and Red. They brought so much joy to Carol and were great companions for her.

Carol was also very talented and made beautiful crafts throughout the

years and shared these with numerous family and friends. Carol was a character and was known to pull some pranks on anyone that gave her an opportunity. Her jokes and her wonderful laugh will be missed by many.

When Carols memory started failing, Gary was her main caregiver. His love, care and patience will always be remembered and appreciated by her family and friends.

After Gary's death, she came to live with Joey and Diana. With the help of her granddaughter, Misty, the three of them provided loving care for Carol. Eventually, Carol went to live at the Montage Creek Senior

Living Center where they continued her loving care until her passing.

Carol will be lovingly remembered by her son Joey (Diana) Flowers. Her grandchildren, Dustin Flowers and Misty Kies, as well as numerous family members and friends.

Carol was preceded in death by her infant son, Jamie, her brother Jerry, her parents Ted and Pauline Cooper and her husband, Gary Kline.

A celebration of Carol's life will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 1 p.m. A viewing will be held on Tuesday, July 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. Both the celebration of life and the viewing will be held at Crippin Funeral Home.

FLAGS

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Before Biden's inauguration, Firstenberg had applied to the inaugural committee and the National Park Service pitching her idea for a sea of flags on the mall. She didn't hear back before the inauguration.

But later, the National Park Service got in touch to ask whether Firstenberg was still willing to create her memorial art project. Wagner, at George Washington University, had told Firstenberg about the Colorado software engineer who had created a COVID-19 memorial map online.

Firstenberg quickly called both of them with the news that the National Park Service had OK'd the project. She'll begin planting flags Sept. 14, and expects that several thousand will already have messages from the website. The rest will be blank, until people come. Visitors also can help plant the flags of those who die while the exhibit is ongoing.

Walking among the flags, people who lift their gaze will see the immensity of death, but when they look down, will notice a single flag and its message "that reminds them of the humanity of that person," Firstenberg said.

"I try to create aesthetics that are either unique or utterly beautiful, to draw the person in and deliver the message."

**Suspended grief**

Before she studied pandemic grief, Wagner worked in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the families of some of the 8,372 missing at the end of the war in 1995. They were lost, victims of genocide who were executed and left in mass graves.

Wagner also worked with the U.S. military as it tried to identify remains of soldiers killed in the Vietnam War.

All of her previous research with families of the missing has similarities to the suffering of those who have lost relatives to coronavirus — their loved ones are not missing, but they missed their opportunity to mourn them through the typical rituals of funerals and gatherings. Without closure, their grief is suspended.

Also, like the families in Bosnia and Herzegovina who fight for recognition that their loved ones were victims of genocide, families who lost relatives during the pandemic have had to grapple with a politicized country in which some people do not acknowledge their deaths or their cause, Wagner said.

The anthropologist was struck by how Firstenberg's smaller field of flags last fall embodied that reality.

"This is white. This is ordered. This is overwhelming in its numbers," Wagner recalled thinking at the time.

The memorial will have a much greater impact in the heart of D.C., she said. "That it's on the National Mall is a forceful act, not a gesture, that the nation seeks to remember," Wagner said. "It's an opportunity for us to reckon with loss on that scale, in a physical way, a tangible way, one flag for each life."

The exhibit will run from Sept. 17-Oct. 3.

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Carol Sanburg



Carol Sanburg passed away July 22, 2021 after a long battle with Alzheimers. Carol was born June 17, 1933 to Carl and Florence Scheibler in Montrose Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her husband Carroll (Scrub) Sanburg, parents Carl and Florence Scheibler, siblings June Rose,

Evelyn Woods, Richard Scheibler and grandson Beau O'neill. She is survived by children Mike Sanburg (Annette) of Durango, Colorado, Jim Sanburg (Nancy) of Loveland, Colorado and Leanna Jaworsky of Hesperus, Colorado, sisters Shirley Sanburg and Lorene Huser, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren as

well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association in her memory either on line at ALZ.ORG or by phone, 800-272-3900. Cremation has taken place and a private memorial will be held at a later date. HAPPY TRAILS.

Miles Weaver

Miles Weaver, born August 24, 1939, was called home to be with the Lord on July 23, 2021. Known by his friends and family (two sons, three grandchildren, a sister and brother) as a kind and loving family man who loved God and all He created.

Working his entire career for the Forest Service, he enjoyed his job and riding horses,



ATVs, hiking, skiing and spending time outdoors. He passed his love of

tennis and skiing to his two sons as well as many camping trips and Boy Scout adventures.

Loving and being loved by his wife (Sheri) of 36 years what is the "best time" in both of their lives!

We will miss Miles and look forward to being reunited with him in Heaven.

*Written by son, Andrew Weaver.*

We want to thank the staff at Montage Creek

Memory Care Unit and HopeWest Hospice Care for their kind and loving concern for Miles & Sheri.

Donations should be made to HopeWest Montrose Colorado (rather than flowers, etc.) A small family service will be held at a later time.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. 970-249-2121.



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1pm Royalty Modeling (Friendship Hall Stage)  
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4:30pm This Little Pig (Show Ring)  
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9am Jr. Sheep Show (Show Ring)  
9am Wild Mustang Show (Event Center Arena)  
12pm Brown Bag Lunch & Learn – Freezer Jams (Event Center Room 1)  
1pm Barn Tours (Friendship Hall Stage)  
3:30pm Ferdinand & Friends Show (Show Ring)  
4pm Jr. Beef & Dairy Show (Show Ring)  
5pm – 8pm Carriage Rides (Front of the Event Center)  
6pm Wild Mustang Main Performance (Event Center Arena)

**FRIDAY, JULY 30**

9am Small Animal Round Robin (Show Ring)  
10:30am Large Animal Round Robin (Show Ring)  
12pm Kids Reading & Craft (Friendship Hall Stage)  
12pm Brown Bag Lunch and Learn – Small Farm, Small Acreage Meet & Greet (Event Center Room 1)  
12:30pm No Limits Swine Show (Show Ring)  
1pm Barn Tour (Friendship Hall Stage)  
4pm Black Canyon 4H Pig Scramble (Show Ring)  
**6pm Root To Tip Dinner (Event Center Arena) \$65 per ticket. Tickets available to purchase at montrosecountyfairandrodeo.com**  
6:30pm Mutton Bustin (Outdoor Arena)  
7pm Royalty Presentation (Outdoor Arena)  
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1pm Jr. Livestock Auction (Event Center Arena)  
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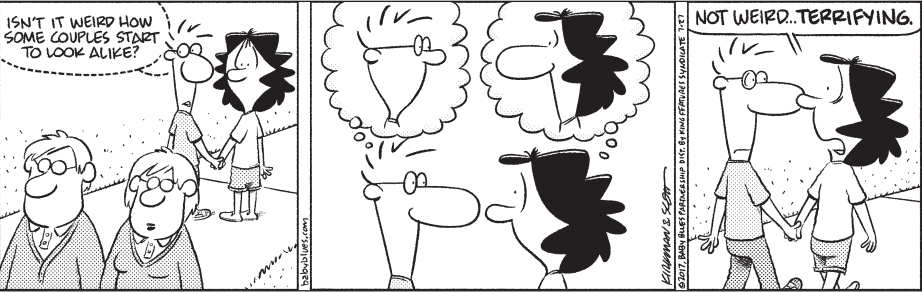
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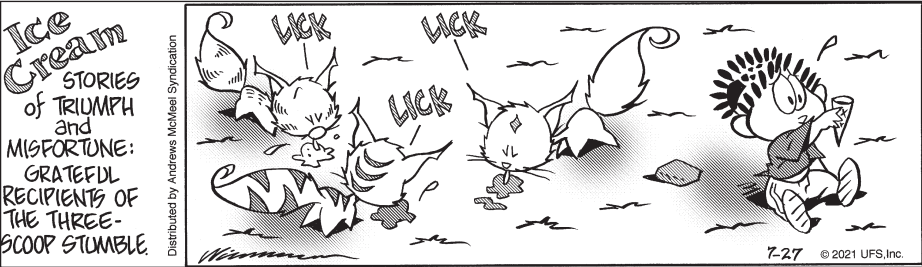
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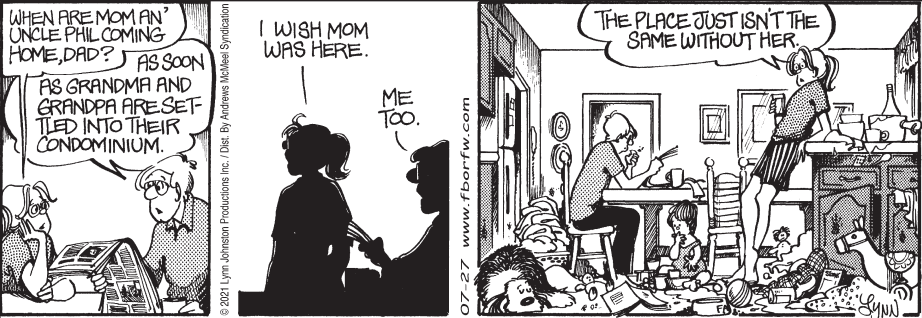
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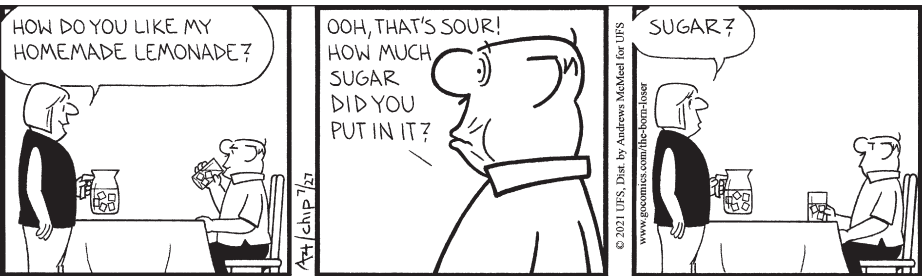
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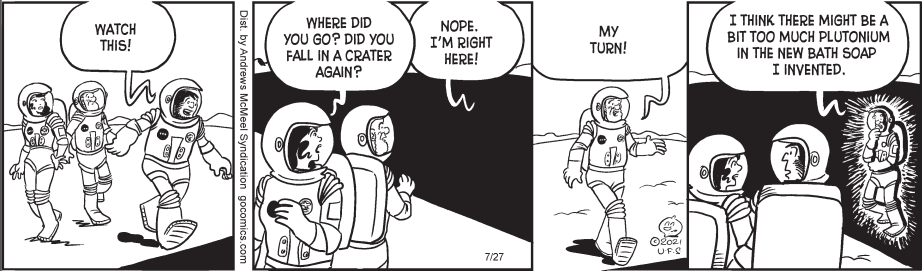
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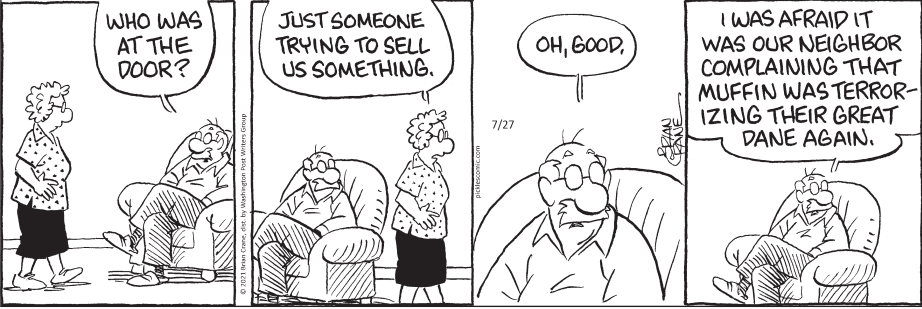
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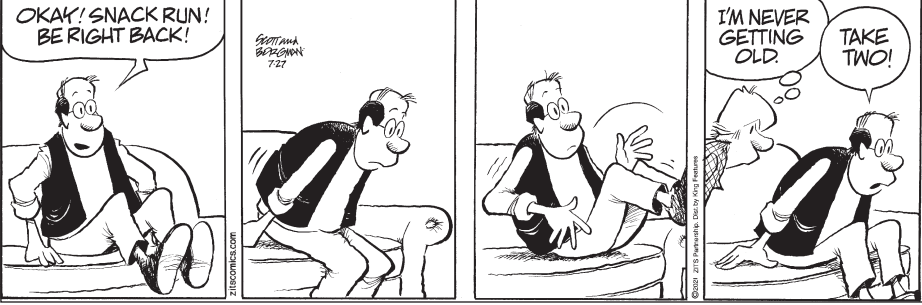
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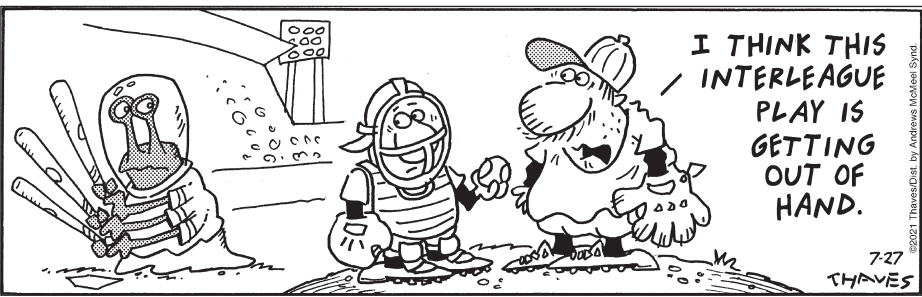
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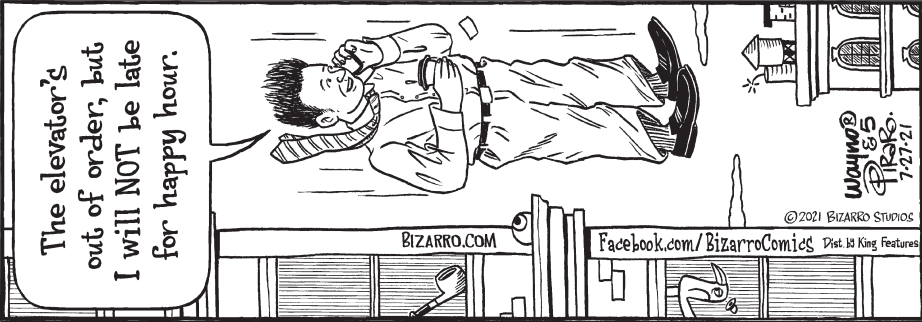
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YOUNG ADULT STRUGGLING AS A FULL-TIME CAREGIVER

DEAR ABBY: I'm 23 years old and caring for my two grandparents. My dad, their only son, lives with them, but avoids them at all costs, no matter how much I beg him to help. He causes more problems than he solves. I graduated from college last year, but because of all the doctor appointments, nurse visits and the attention they need, there's no way I can work. My life is completely absorbed in caring for them. I'm going crazy! They don't want to leave their home and won't pay me or anyone else to care for them, but they need round-the-clock care. I'm not asking for help with THEM, I'm asking for help with balance. How can I be a young adult and full-time caregiver? -- IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES

DEAR I.D.C.: You can't. The longer you allow this to continue, the more trapped you will become. Contact senior services and inform them about what's going on with your dad and your grandparents. Then find a job. I am sure there are many available openings right now. You may have to continue living with your grandparents for a while, but as soon as you can manage it, you should live independently. As to your father, tell him that if he doesn't accept at least some of the responsibility for his parents' care, you will report him to adult protective services for neglect. It may not make you popular, but if you don't assume control of your



DEAR ABBY Advice

future, you will become increasingly isolated.

DEAR ABBY: I have a strong, healthy bond with my 5- and 8-year-old daughters. When the older one was 6, my wife taught her not to let me see her naked when using the bathroom and bathing. That broke my heart. I'm OK with it now, but my wife is now discouraging them from sitting on my lap. I'm a loving and responsible dad, and I would never do any harm to my kids, or do the things my wife thinks I will do. What should I do? -- NOT TRUSTED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NOT TRUSTED: What you should do is discuss with her the reasons for her fears about the safety of your daughters. The answer may be that when she was small, she was molested by a male relative she trusted. There is nothing wrong with 5-year-old and 8-year-old girls sitting on their father's lap. What is troubling is your wife's reaction to it.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of six months (whom I do not live with) refuses to agree not to contact his ex-girlfriends. He refuses to send me copies of emails or texts from them, and won't agree to allow me to send a polite, but firm, email requesting they stop contacting him, even though his therapist said it was OK to send. What should I do? -- DISTRUSTFUL IN NEW YORK

DEAR DISTRUSTFUL: The person you married clearly isn't ready for the responsibilities of being a husband. Ask him if he's willing to meet with a licensed marriage and family therapist. If he is unwilling, talk to a lawyer about an annulment. If you do, you may save yourself years of frustration and heartache.

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3 Refinery waste

4 Make happen

5 Ref's cousin

6 Tyke

7 Marquee notice, for short

8 Ignited again

9 Canned

10 Underground chamber

11 Sultan's cousin

16 Stuns

19 Superman's emblem

21 Sister's boy

22 Down in the dumps

23 Goddess of victory

24 Lands in "la mer"

25 Give a hand

27 Paraphernalia

28 Capital of Peru

29 Father of Seth

30 Sported

36 Leering sort

38 Stiller of "Zoolander"

40 Limerick writers

42 Wide cravat

43 Raw metals

44 Disrobed

45 No future

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48 — — -foot pole

49 Have occasion for

51 Male swan

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Sudoku

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

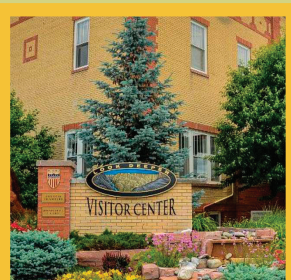
Answer to previous puzzle

3	9	2	4	7	1	5	8	6
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Level: Beginner





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Tuesday, July 27, 2021

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### Homes For Sale

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Secluded 80 Acres 5 miles from  
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Unit 66 at Pine Creek, 2 homes,  
metal shop/garage, year around  
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Gunnison

### Houses for Rent

**\$1100 Condo IN TOWN**  
2bd/2ba. Walking distance to town.  
Clean, newly remodeled. Washer/  
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ALL UTILITIES PAID Studios,  
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Free

5-HP Snow Blower

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Please only call on  
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**Schedule your free Reiki session.**  
Or take my 16 hour course and  
become certified as a Reiki II  
practitioner and do it yourself.  
Julie Dew,  
[juliabdew@gmail.com](mailto:juliabdew@gmail.com),  
[Reikiinridgway.com](mailto:Reikiinridgway.com),  
(970) 318-0403

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**WANTED!**  
CASH paid for OLD Hi-Fi's,  
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Baskets  
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**Free Barn Kittens**  
About 6-Weeks Old  
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**POODLE SALE**  
puppies and adults  
range from \$500 to \$1000  
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### Animals

**RED HEELER STUD WANTED**  
Seeking a Red Heeler Stud to  
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coming into heat mid-August. I  
live in Crested Butte and will pay  
your stud fee for the right match.  
email: [dferrante13@gmail.com](mailto:dferrante13@gmail.com)

### Help Wanted



Delta County  
is seeking applications for  
**Assistant County Attorney.**

Under the general direction of the  
County Attorney, the successful  
candidate will perform a variety of  
complex administrative, technical  
and professional legal services.

Duties include, but are not limited  
to, performing legal services for  
the Department of Human  
Services in the areas of child  
protection, child support and adult  
protection; and, to a lesser extent,  
providing legal services to other  
County officials and County  
departments.

Application and information may  
be obtained on our website at  
[www.deltacounty.com](http://www.deltacounty.com).

Delta County is an  
EOE/ADA employer



Delta County is accepting  
applications for  
**Caseworkers and  
Case Managers**

**Requirements:**  
Bachelor's degree in human  
services, social service,  
psychology or related field  
required  
2 years of experience in case  
management preferred

**Salary Range:**  
\$38,847 - \$51,824/year

**Open Until Filled**

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be obtained on our website at  
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Colorow Care Center is currently  
hiring for the following positions:

**RN- Full-time (Night)  
and PRN**

**LPN- Part-time and PRN**

**CNA Full-time and Part-time  
and PRN (eves and night shifts)**

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**Memory Care Director Full Time**

For more Information and apply  
please contact Jennifer Redden at  
(970) 323-5504  
or by email at  
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### COUNTERTOP FABRICATOR NEEDED!

Job applicant must be able to lift  
50-75lbs, read a tape measure,  
have dependable transportation  
and be willing to learn.

Starting pay is \$18 an hour

Call 970-626-3055  
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The Montrose Daily Press has an  
opening for a  
**Customer Service Coordinator**

This position is responsible for  
answering incoming calls, assisting  
subscribers, taking classified ads,  
and other customer  
service related duties.

Position requires the ability to learn  
and navigate between multiple  
computer programs, ability to  
create and update Excel  
documents, and strong  
multi-tasking skills.

This position is part-time with a  
flexible schedule or full-time  
for the right person.

**Pay and Benefits:**  
From \$13.00- \$14.00 per hour  
plus commission pay

**Benefits (For Full Time Only):**  
Dental insurance, Health insurance,  
Paid time off,  
Vision insurance

To apply, you must send a cover  
letter and resume. Applications that  
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### Help Wanted

#### JOIN OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM!

Chipeta Solar Springs Resort

Chipeta Solar Springs Resort is  
looking to fill positions in the  
following departments:

- Housekeeping
- Front Desk
- Spa Front Desk and Massage  
Therapists
- Four Corners Restaurant (prep  
cooks, servers, bartenders,  
dishwashers)

Please contact  
[marissa@chipeta.com](mailto:marissa@chipeta.com)  
or inquire within.

**Ridgway School District**  
is accepting applications for:

**HS Basketball Girls Head Coach**

**HS Volleyball Head Coach**

**Paraprofessionals-Special  
Education**

**Special Education Secondary  
Teacher**

**Elementary Classroom Teacher**

**Substitute Bus Drivers  
and Custodians**

View  
<https://www.ridgway.k12.co.us/employment>  
for job posting and information  
or call (970) 626-4320.

Submit application materials to  
[jbutterbaugh@ridgway.k12.co.us](mailto:jbutterbaugh@ridgway.k12.co.us)

#### OPHIR SEEKS TOWN MANAGER

The Town of Ophir seeks a  
qualified Town Manager. Full time.  
Salary commensurate with  
experience. Please inquire by  
emailing: [clerk@ophir.us](mailto:clerk@ophir.us)

#### OURAY COUNTY Deputy Clerk & Recorder

Ouray County is accepting letters of  
interest and resumes for the  
position of  
Deputy Clerk & Recorder.

This position is 36 hours per week  
Monday-Thursday, benefits  
included. This positions reports  
directly to the Ouray County Clerk  
& Recorder. Job responsibilities  
include but are not limited to the  
processing of title and registrations  
for Motor Vehicles, Election  
administration and certification,  
data entry for Voter Registration,  
issuance of Marriage Licenses,  
recording of all Real Estate  
documents and any other duties  
associated with this office.

Knowledge of general bookkeeping  
along with a broad range of  
computer skills and customer  
service is essential. Position  
responsibilities are illustrative  
only and not all inclusive.

Hourly rate range: \$20.09 - \$25.00.  
Compensation may be negotiable  
depending upon experience.

Job description posted on the  
County's web site  
[www.ouraycountycogov](http://www.ouraycountycogov).

Position open until filled.

Please submit letter of interest  
and resume to  
Human Resources,  
PO Box C,  
Ouray, Colorado 81427.  
970-325-7332.

Ouray County is an equal  
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#### PART-TIME SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

STA, Inc. is seeking drivers for  
our Montrose Terminal.  
Starting wage \$16.00/hr-pay for  
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Learn about the STA Difference

- Up to \$750 sign-on bonus
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Join our Team. Love coming to  
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Delta County  
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interest in property.

If you have good organizational  
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team environment, and the  
training to become a certified real  
**Property Appraiser.**

Information may be obtained  
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## News tip or story idea?

email  
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Help Wanted

**PATIENT RELATIONS SPECIALIST**  
The Telluride Regional Medical Center is seeking to hire a full-time Patient Relations Specialist.  
This position is responsible for providing exceptional customer service and successfully navigating patient needs in a confidential, professional and efficient manner. A full position description is included with this posting.  
  
The ideal candidate will have a high school diploma or equivalent, possess exceptional interpersonal and relationship building skills, including conflict resolution, strong attention to detail, proficient computer skills to learn eCW [eClinical Works] program effectively. Bilingual [English/Spanish] is preferred, but not mandatory.  
  
A competitive Salary and Benefits package is available and includes: Medical, Dental, Vision, Vacation, Sick Leave, 401(a) and 457 Retirement Plan options. This position is an hourly/40 hours per week/non-exempt position. The salary range for this position is \$20-\$23/hour.  
  
Telluride Regional Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer and healthcare provider, providing the highest quality, comprehensive Primary Care and exceptional Emergency & Trauma Services to all residents and visitors to our region. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all.  
  
Position will remain open until filled. Candidates should apply for the position at: <https://jobs.tellmed.org>

**PRIMARY CARE RN**  
The Telluride Regional Medical Center is seeking to hire a full-time Primary Care Nurse.

The Primary Care Nurse is responsible for managing the individualized patient care by promoting and restoring patients' health through the nursing process; collaborating with physicians and multidisciplinary team members; providing physical and psychological support to patients, friends, and families; and supervising assigned team members. This position is reports to the Clinical Practice Manager and Medical Director.

The ideal candidate will have graduated from an accredited school of nursing and hold a license in good standing as a Registered Nurse in the State of Colorado, in addition to evidence of Current Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification. A minimum of 2 years of experience in this function is required. Spanish medical interpretation is a plus.

A competitive Salary and Benefits package is available and includes: Medical, Dental, Vision, PTO, 401(a) and 457 Retirement Plan options. This position is hourly/non-exempt position. The salary range for this position is \$28-\$33 per hour.

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Help Wanted

**PRN- EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT RN**  
The Telluride Regional Medical Center is seeking to fill two (2) PRN Emergency Department Nurse positions.  
  
A full position description is available upon request. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 1-2 years of emergency or critical care in this function. Spanish medical interpretation is a plus.  
  
Formal education/training requirements include: graduate from an accredited school of nursing and be currently licensed and in good standing as a Registered Nurse in the State of Colorado, evidence of Current Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification, ACLS, PALS or ENPC and TNCC or ATCN.  
  
This position is a PRN, hourly/non-exempt position. The salary range for this position is \$35/hr-\$39/hr.  
An additional \$250 is paid for each on-call overnight shift. Telluride Regional Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer and healthcare provider, providing the highest quality, comprehensive Primary Care and exceptional Emergency & Trauma Services to all residents and visitors to our region.  
  
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For more information visit our website at <https://tellmed.org/careers>  
  
Please send cover letter and resume to: [creams@tellmed.org](mailto:creams@tellmed.org)



The Montrose Daily Press printing facility in Montrose CO, has an immediate opening to join our staff in our PrePress department to prepare and complete the necessary duties that are required for the production team to print various commercial print jobs.

This is a part time position. Salary at \$12.50 to \$13.50 per hour.

Willing to train- The ideal candidate would be someone with computer literacy.

Applicants must be in good physical condition as the job requires standing for long periods of time., Must be available to work days, or nights and weekends.

Please send resumes to [dennnyh@montrosepress.com](mailto:dennnyh@montrosepress.com)



The Montrose Daily Press printing facility in Montrose CO, has an immediate opening to join our Production Staff where we print 2 daily newspapers and various commercial print jobs on our 17 unit Goss Community Printing Press.

This is a full time position that comes with full benefits. Salary at \$16 to \$20per hour.

The ideal candidate would be someone with a mechanical background and the ability and willingness to learn and be trained to perform the duties of setting up and operating print machinery

Applicants must be in good physical condition, able to lift 50 pounds, and available to work days, or nights and weekends.

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Recreational Vehicles

**2019 TERRYX**  
2019 Terryx side by side. Been lightly used, around 800 miles. Has currently been serviced, runs extremely well. It has 4 seats. Asking \$9,500, obo. P lease contact Taylor at 970-644-2088.

Legal Notices

21-0079, PUBLIC NOTICE  
The City of Montrose Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed initial zoning of the Riverbend RV Park Addition II, a pending annexation to the city limits of Montrose. The proposed zoning is "B-2" Highway Commercial District. The property is 0.26 acres in size. It is located east of Chipeta Rd, west of the Uncompahgre River, and north of Chipeta Lake. The meeting packet and agenda will be posted on the City's website the week prior to the meeting. <https://www.cityofmontrose.org/126/Planning-Commission> The hearing will be on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. In the

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City Council Chambers at 107 S. Cascade Ave., Montrose CO 81401. The public is invited to attend in-person or virtually and can be accessed by video conference or phone. JOIN BY VIDEO CONFERENCE: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84632695215> JOIN BY PHONE: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location): US: +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 9128 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656 Webinar ID: 846 3269 5215 If you have questions or concerns, please contact Amy Sharp at [asharp@cityofmontrose.org](mailto:asharp@cityofmontrose.org), 970-240-1407, or written comments may be sent to the Planning Services Department, City of Montrose, P.O. Box 790, Montrose, CO 81402-0790. Published in the Montrose Daily Press Jul 27, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Estate of Nancy V. Hanna aka Nancy Virginia Hanna, Deceased, Case Number 2021PR30068

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Montrose, County, Colorado on or before November 15, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.

James E. Plumhoff III  
Devor & Plumhoff LLC  
PO Box 3310  
Montrose, CO 81402  
Tel: 970-249-7000  
Email: [jim@coloradowestlaw.com](mailto:jim@coloradowestlaw.com)  
Published in the Montrose Daily Press July 13, 20 and 27, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Estate of Lois J. Kitsmiller, Deceased**  
**Case No.: 21PR30091**

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Montrose County, Colorado with a courtesy copy to Personal Representative on or before December 10, 2021, or said claims may be forever barred.

**Lynda Christensen, Personal Representative c/o Conerly & Callahan, LLC 333 S. Townsend Avenue Montrose, Colorado 81401**  
Published in the Montrose Daily Press July 27, August 3 and 10, 2021

**The Town of Hotchkiss is now accepting applications for a full-time position with the Public Works Department.**

Requirements include the following: Minimum of a D water and D wastewater operator's license or ability to acquire one within one year. Minimum of a class 1 water distribution and class 1 wastewater collection license or ability to acquire within one year. Minimum of a class B CDL driver's license or ability to acquire within one year. Ability to perform physical labor. Successful applicant must be able to pass pre-employment drug screening and background check. Experience with equipment operation, computer, mapping, map and blue print reading, electrical, plumbing, pipe laying, construction and mechanical skills are all great assets to the Public Works Department. Weekend Plant Duty is a requirement of all Public Works positions. Employees must perform this rotating weekend assignment. Public Works is considered part of the emergency response team for the Town of Hotchkiss. Employees must be able to accept on call status and respond within 20 minutes. Compensation is based on experience and includes benefit package. **Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. On August 13, 2021.** Town of Hotchkiss employment applications are available on the Town website at [townofhotchkiss.com](http://townofhotchkiss.com) or can be picked up at the Town of Hotchkiss Town Hall, 276 West Main St. Hotchkiss, CO. Please send completed applications to Town of Hotchkiss, P.O. Box 369, Hotchkiss CO 81419 or drop them off at the Town Hall, 276 W Main Street, Hotchkiss, CO 81419 **EOE**  
Published in the Montrose Daily Press July 27 and August 3, 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 2546

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO, REPEALING TITLE 6 CHAPTER 1 SECTION 19 (6-1-19) ONLY, REGARDING FALSE IDENTIFICATION**

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED on second reading this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

ATTEST: Douglas Glaspell, Mayor  
Mikayla Unruh, Deputy City Clerk

A full version of this ordinance is available on the City of Montrose website at [www.cityofmontrose.org/notices](http://www.cityofmontrose.org/notices) or by contacting the Office of the City Clerk, (970) 240-1422. Published in the Montrose Daily Press Jul 27, 2021

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**ORDINANCENO. 2547**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO, DESIGNATING THE DENVER AND RIO GRANDE DEPOT, 21 N. RIOGRANDE AVENUE, MONTROSE, COLORADO AS A CITY OF MONTROSE HISTORIC PROPERTY PURSUANT TO § 4-15 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE

INTRODUCED, READAND ADOPTED on second reading this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

ATTEST: DouglasGlaspell, Mayor

Mikayla Unruh,Deputy City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 2548

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO, VACATING A PORTION OF ORCHARD ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF MONTROSE**

You will please take notice that the Montrose City Council will accept public comment upon the above ordinance and the question of its adoption on second reading on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. In the City Council Chambers of the Elks Civic Building, 107 S. Cascade Avenue. Public participation will also be available via [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_E7le8wKhTnanz7b7ak18WQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_E7le8wKhTnanz7b7ak18WQ)

A full version of this ordinance and a link for public participation are available on the City of Montrose website at [www.cityofmontrose.org/notices](http://www.cityofmontrose.org/notices) or by contacting the Office of the City Clerk, (970) 240-1422. Published in the Montrose Daily Press Jul 27, 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Weimer Ranches, LLLP; whose address is 29537 2700 Road, P.O. Box 590, Nucla, CO 81424, and phone number is (970) 258-0778, has filed an application for a Limited Impact (110(c)) Reclamation permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board under provisions of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials.

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# Coloradans await rental assistance as moratorium set to expire

BY MOE CLARK  
 COLORADO NEWSLINE

Colorado distributed \$11.4 million in rental assistance in June — more than the previous five months combined. But thousands of households are still awaiting payments for approved rental assistance as the expiration of the federal eviction moratorium looms less than a week away.

The federal eviction ban, established in September 2020, is set to expire on July 31, with no indication from the White House or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that the moratorium will be extended. Another protection that's set to expire at the end of the month is an executive order issued by Gov. Jared Polis that gives tenants 30 days — not 10 — to get caught up on rent before a landlord can file an eviction.

“I think what’s really frightening about the situation is that you have hundreds of millions of dollars that are ready to go,” said Zach Neumann, co-founder and executive director of the Colorado-based COVID-19 Eviction Defense Project. “But you have people who don’t know about it, or you have people who are trying to access it, but it takes time.”

Colorado was allocated \$247.8 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds for emergency rental assistance. State lawmakers also allocated \$54 million in December towards the state’s emergency housing assistance programs. Local governments have also received additional state and federal funding for housing assistance programs.

Though the number of households that received rental assistance hit an all-time high in June, thousands of households that have been approved are still waiting on their payments. The exact number of households is difficult to determine because the state’s rental assistance reporting dashboard doesn’t distinguish between applications that have been approved versus people that have actually received their rental assistance payments.

“The dashboard says approval/payment, and it looks really high,” Jana Happel, a staff attorney for Colorado Legal Services in Denver, referring to the state’s rental assistance reporting dashboard. “It looks like they’re doing great. But you can’t tell how many payments have been made. And we have clients who are just nervous as hell for August 1 because they’ve been approved months ago.”

### Discrepancies with the state’s rental assistance reporting dashboard

A spokesperson with the Department of Local Affairs told Newsline in an email on Monday that the dashboard was under construction and wouldn’t be updated until sometime in August. But the dashboard was updated later on July 26 after not being updated in 20 days.

Before the dashboard was updated, it showed that \$57.2 million had been approved in rental assistance between January and June 2021. After the update, the dashboard showed \$48.7 million for the same time frame — a difference of \$8.5 million. According to data from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Colorado paid out \$19.9 million in rental assistance from January through June 2021.

Happel said the whole point of Polis’ executive order and the federal eviction moratorium was to buy state and local entities more time to get the historic amount of rental assistance funds out the door.

“Imagine how many people’s housing could be saved if that money gets out, before the moratorium expires,” Happel added.

“Now it looks like the worst is going to happen. All that money is mostly in the bank. The states are pushing out very little for a variety of reasons,” Happel said. “We’re not talking about onerous (regulations) or tenants dragging their feet or landlords, we’re talking about people who are approved and now we just need to cut the check. And they can’t explain to us why they’re not spend-

ing the money that’s just sitting in the bank.”

No one from the Department of Local Affairs was made available to answer questions from Newsline regarding the state’s rental assistance dashboard.

State auditors are currently taking a closer look at Colorado’s rental assistance programs, specifically around the administrative costs associated with distributing pandemic relief funds and how well the state’s Property Owner Preservation Program has operated. The two audits are expected to be published in September and October.

### Coalition encourages Polis to take executive action

A coalition of elected officials, organizations and housing advocates sent a letter to Polis on Monday urging him to slow the eviction process for people who have been approved for rental assistance but are waiting for the payment.

Republican and Democratic mayors who signed onto the letter include those from Arvada, Aurora, Boulder, Broomfield, Castle Pines, Denver, Edgewater, Golden, Lafayette, Northglenn, Thornton, Westminster and Wheat Ridge. Other supporters included officials from school districts, Children’s Hospital of Colorado, Colorado Center on Law and Policy, Denver Department of Public Health Environment and Mental Health Center of Denver.

Conor Cahill, a spokesperson for Polis, said in an email that “the Governor and his team review all input including letters and appreciate the engagement of so many Coloradans on this important issue.”

Happel said that even if the eviction process was slowed for renters that have assistance funds in the pipeline, there is still the issue that landlords are not required to accept rent payments after an eviction is filed with the court. A bill signed into law this year, Senate Bill 21-173, changes that by allowing tenants to pay back their rent at any time until a court has

issued a judgement for possession. But the law doesn’t take effect until Oct. 1.

Currently, 40.5% of Colorado adults — a huge jump from 25.5% in early June — are living in households that are not current on their rent or mortgage payments and where eviction or foreclosure in the next two months is either very likely or somewhat likely, according to the Census Bureau’s Household Pulse Survey. The survey estimates that 78,971 Colorado adults fall into this category.

Black and brown households have been disproportionately impacted by the state’s housing crisis, according to the state’s data. Renters who identify as Hispanic or Latino represent 31.4% of rental assistance applications, while only making up 21.8% of Colorado’s population. Similarly, renters who identify as Black or African American make up 13.9% of applications and only represent 4% of the state’s population.

Due to longstanding income inequality along racial lines in the U.S. — a product of ongoing discrimination, unequal job opportunities and systemic racism — Black and Latino households make up a disproportionate amount of the rental market. In 2018, 27% of U.S. renters were white, compared with 55% of Latino households and 59% of Black households, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

### Eviction filings steadily increase

Since Jan. 1, 12,683 evictions have been filed around the state as of July 25, according to data from the Colorado Judicial Branch and Denver County Court. Denver alone accounts for nearly 25% of the filings with 2,499 cases.

Happel, with Colorado Legal Services, said she expects to see a spike in eviction filings once the federal eviction moratorium expires, similar to what was seen in January.

“Through the pandemic, there’s been ebbs and flows with the different holes and the changing of orders and things like that,” she said. “We’re expecting to see a lot.”

In comparison to other states, when it comes to distributing rental assistance Colorado appears to be the middle of the pack, Neumann said. He participated in a White House roundtable last week regarding rental assistance and evictions. “There’s certain states that have been faster. There are also a lot of states that have basically moved none of the money.”

“People are trying hard to figure this out, it’s just, it’s really hard to do with the federal rules. They don’t make it easy and it takes time, and they’re just real hurdles,” Neumann said. “I think the slowness is largely a product of those challenging federal guidelines and not because anyone has not moved quickly or not worked hard.”



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Bok choy and potato soup.  
(Ari Levaux/Flash in the Pan)

# Bok choy redemption

Add potatoes, and you have a tasty soup

By Ari Levaux  
Flash in the Pan

I had given up on bok choy, because all I ever did was add it to my soggy stir-fry. I felt guilty, because I was really giving up on myself. It certainly isn't bok choy's fault. Although, it should take credit for causing so many impulse purchases.

I know I'm not alone. How can you not resist that striking beauty? My friend and editor Dorothy Patent, a prolific book author and noted amateur Chinese brush painter, also admits to being a repeat impulse purchaser of bok choy at the farmers market.

"I'll stop, hypnotized by the pure white leaf bases, embracing one another, curving outward as if on the verge of bursting, then relaxing inward, the whiteness narrowing as the leaves expands outwards, dark green ovals nourished by branching white veins. Sure enough, I can't help myself. I must make room in my already heavy bag for just one

fresh perfect bok choy, forgetting almost on purpose that last week's bunch still lurks at the back of the vegetable drawer in my fridge."

You see those curves, and that sharp white dark contrast, and next thing you know it's in your cart. You latch onto one halfway decent way to prepare it, and call off the search. Next thing you know, you're bored out of your mind.

When you're in a rut, you can't see the world of possibilities. With enough determination, you can maybe crawl out. But sometimes a little bump can help push you over the edge and into a well-lit world of options. In the case of my bok choy capitulation, that catalyst came in the form of a farmer at the Missoula Farmers Market on North Higgins (aka the "original" Missoula Farmers Market). Nancy is from northern China, has limited English, a great garden, and is a wealth of simple, vegetable-based recipes. I was at her stand for the garlic chives, and next thing you know she is giving me the hard sell on some heads she had languishing. I

had just given up on bok choy, but I've learned it pays to say yes to Nancy.

She calls it Bai Chai, which means something along the lines of white cabbage, and she sealed the deal with a soup recipe called Bai Chai Tum, which means Bok Choy soup. It's mostly bok choy and potatoes, with a few seasonings. Thanks to the language barrier I wasn't able to get a perfect read on how she makes it, but I worked with what I understood, adjusting as I saw fit, and it was a hit. The only ingredient I use that probably wouldn't be found in Nancy's northern Chinese version is butter.

Nancy recommends adding tofu as a protein. I've also tried it with egg, shrimp, scallops, browned ground lamb and Chinese BBQ pork, each of which becomes a new realm of flavor to play in, possibly with additional ingredients or garnishes. I have also tried an "all of the above" protein special, which was pretty amazing.

But before you go crazy, I recommend starting with this simple base. Get a feel for the

core flavor of this soup and then build slowly from there.

**Bok Choy Potato Soup**  
*This soup comes together in just a bit more time than it takes to boil some potatoes.*

*Serves four*

- 1 lb potato, diced into ½-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon bouillon paste
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- ½-oz crushed ginger
- 1 small crushed shallot or part of an onion
- 1 tablespoons oyster sauce
- 1 tablespoon fish sauce
- 1 lb bok choy, washed and trimmed
- Optional proteins: Tofu, seafood, meat. You can also crack an egg in and let it cook
- Garnishes and condiments: Hoisin sauce, chives, chile paste, mayo, salt to taste

Heat 2 quarts of water to a boil. Add the bouillon paste and potatoes. Simmer for about 15 minutes, until they are soft.

While the potatoes simmer, clean the bok choy, as it can be dirty near the base. If you have baby bok choy, submerge them whole in clean water and drain them, repeating as needed.

For large bok choy, pull off each stem — or leaf, however you see it — and wash it separately. Then cut the white halves from the leafy halves of each unit, roughly in half. Chop the leaf part coarsely. Chop the stem part into sections of about an inch in length and keep separately. Trim the bottom of the base and slice it if you like, but definitely use it as it's particularly flavorful.

When the potatoes are soft, add the butter, sesame oil, soy sauce, fish sauce, oyster sauce, pepper flakes, black pepper and the white parts of the bok choy, including the bases, (if using baby bok choy add the whole things), along with any protein you may care to add. Cook for five minutes at a simmer. Add the bok choy leaves and cook for another 2 minutes.

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