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Revelers crowd a past Oktoberfest in downtown Montrose. Centennial Plaza will be the site of this year’s Oktoberfest event Saturday, Oct. 1, beginning at 1 p.m. (Montrose Daily Press file photo)

Montrose Oktoberfest draws statewide flavor

More brewers, entertainers from throughout Colorado added to lineup

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Craft beer, wine, delicious food and good times are on tap for this week-end’s Montrose Oktoberfest, which organizers said will be the biggest yet. The 11th annual event (presented by TEI Rock Drills and the Black Canyon Homebrewers Association) is set to run from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday in Centennial Plaza, and it will make history, too, with a record-breaking 20-plus breweries and two wineries on hand. For the sixth-consecutive year, Montrose Oktoberfest’s proceeds will benefit All Points Transit, a nonprofit organization that provides transportation services throughout Montrose, Delta and San Miguel counties for seniors, people with disabilities and the general public.

“It’s an extremely important event because it’s our big annual fundraiser,” said Sarah Curtis, executive director of All Points Transit. “This is our opportunity to raise money from the community and for the community to come out and learn about what we really do.” Eric Svensen, president of the Black Canyon Homebrewers Association, said Montrose Oktoberfest was born as a result of local interest. “Oktoberfest is a big event that includes beer, and we just felt Montrose needed a good Oktoberfest,” he said. “So we decided to put it on.” Curtis touted this year’s showing of wineries and breweries at the event as the biggest yet, noting they will come from all over the state. Of course, local favorites like Horsefly Brewing Company, 2 Rascals, Colorado Boy Pizzeria and Zulu will be among them,

she added. Also featured will be Elevate IPA, a partnership between Delta-Montrose Electric Association and Revolution Brewing of Paonia. It’s a limited release black IPA expected to be available Saturday with DMEA officials in attendance. “We are thrilled to have more breweries than ever before participating in the tasting this year,” Curtis said. “Thanks to the hard work of the Black Canyon Homebrewers Association and to The Liquor Store, which is sponsoring the Biergarten, more than 20 breweries have committed to sampling beer at the event. Two wineries will also be on hand for those who prefer wine for their tasting.” It’s not all about the beverages, though. The day will also feature a variety of festive food and entertainment. The main stage will feature live music from Grand Junction-based group Zolopht and Denver’s Halden Wofford and The HiBeams. Other forms of entertainment expected include an Oompah band and costumed

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Zoning request heads to council

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The Montrose Planning Commission Wednesday night considered a proposed rezoning of 16.13 acres between the Uncompahgre River and the east side of the Palomino Acres subdivision. Five resident neighbors concerned about the property’s use showed up Wednesday evening to express their views. Speaking on behalf of the land-owners and proposed developers was Realtor John Renfrow. Renfrow told commissioners and the audience that the annexation and rezoning of this property would bring it into the same jurisdiction as other property that is part of a planned “much larger project”. Renfrow also disclosed that the proposed development of the project now called Colorado Outdoors ‘1 Addition “will revolutionize and make Montrose a much better space.” Renfrow hinted at more good news to come. The proposed Colorado Outdoors No. ‘1 Addition is located next to the Uncompahgre River between Mustang Lane and Arabian Court. Nearby resident Alan Matthews told commissioners many of his neighbors along Mustang Lane and Arabian Court are opposed to the development of the land, noting a “multitude of species now live in the proposed development area and consider it a safe haven.” Matthews was concerned about what a development would do to resident wildlife, as well as having other concerns. Other concerns voiced during the hearing included: • A lack of transparency in regard to the planned development • The impact on a proposed nearby nature park • Who will pay for the improvements required to develop the property • What would the traffic impact be on neighbors • And, how the flood plain along the river will figure into the plans Senior City Planner Garry Baker told residents the planning commission is merely deciding to approve or disapprove the recommended zoning. He said the zoning is compatible with long-range plans in the area.

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Hospital honors Dreitlein, Canfield

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Two Montrose doctors received top honors from their peers recently. Montrose Memorial Hospital’s emergency room medical director, Dr. David Dreitlein, was named Physician of the Year at the 45th annual MMH Fall Clinics event. “I appreciate having my colleagues think of me that way. It’s a nice thing to receive from others,” Dreitlein said Wednesday. Dr. Thomas Canfield, Montrose County coroner, was honored with the Community Service Award. Canfield called his award a singular honor. “I am blessed. I am really proud and pleased to have received such an award from my peers,” he said. Dreitlein was selected based on his work in innovative care, continuing education, ongoing contributions to quality medical care and other criteria, according to a hospital press release. He is serving his second term on the state Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council,

which advises the state on trauma and emergency medical services policies. Dreitlein is also the chairman of that body’s review committee, which recommends trauma-level designation for level-3 to level-5 trauma centers. He further chairs the Air Ambulance Task Force, which last year drafted legislation pertaining to how air ambulance agencies are licensed in Colorado. The task force is presently drafting governing rules for such agencies. These duties fit well with Dreitlein’s duties as medical director for CareFlight Montrose. In this capacity, he provides quality assurance, guidelines and oversees the medical protocols under which flight nurses and paramedics operate, plus goes out on flights a few times a month. “In essence, it’s your medical license those people are authorized to act under,” Dreitlein said. “If I actually fly, it helps me a tremendous amount with understanding what those crews do, with understanding

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Community Service Awardee Dr. Thomas Canfield (left), MMH Fall Clinics Physician of the Year Dr. David Dreitlein (middle), and Fall Clinics Committeeman Dr. Lars Stangebye. (Submitted photo/Montrose Memorial Hospital)





The City of Montrose Planning Commission Wednesday evening held a public hearing on this property, across from the Montrose County Service Center on North Grand Ave. on the east side of the Uncompaghre River where Colorado Outdoors development is proposed. (Paul Hurschmann/Montrose Daily Press)

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The planning staff noted the addition borders the Uncompaghre River and the area is currently under Montrose County Residential Zoning with the following minimum lot sizes:

- 6,500 sq. ft. for manufactured housing
- 10,000 for a site-built house
- 15,000 sq. ft. for a duplex

 Baker said that should a development of the property be proposed, that development would go through hearings and scrutiny that would involve any questions about the flood plain, road access and impact on neighboring properties. Those with concerns regarding the annexation and rezoning of the property can attend and state their concerns at the Oct. 4 Montrose City Council meeting, he said, when

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the circumstances under which they work.”
 On top of his administrative work, Dreitlein works between 10 and 12 days a month in ER.
 Dreitlein is a former chief of staff at MMH and also volunteers at his children’s school.
 “I enjoy what I do. In Montrose, we’re really fortunate to have good medical staff,” he said. “... Clinically, it’s an excellent group of physicians and just as important, it’s common interests.”
 Canfield won accolades for outstanding service to the hospital and community. The selection committee cited his recent work in advocating for safety

improvements on U.S. 550, his efforts to reduce suicides and heroin addiction, as well as his time working with families of the deceased.
 Canfield said he’s proudest of the latter.
 “That’s what I do most. The statutes don’t require that I support the families, and I believe that is the most important part of my job,” he said.
 “When a sudden death occurs, it’s devastating to that family. They need support; they need guidance; they need counseling. As a physician, I can provide that to them.”
 Canfield’s background as a forensic pathologist means he doesn’t find that part of his job as difficult as coroners who are not pathologists might. “The most difficult part is taking care of the

families and that’s the most important,” he said.
 Canfield requires deputy coroners to follow up with survivors and arrange support for them if they want it, he said.
 “It’s me trying to support my community,” Canfield said.
 The Community Service Award usually goes to a non-physician, but the award committee believed Canfield, a past Physician of the Year, had earned the distinction.
 “I’m a little overwhelmed by it, quite honestly,” Canfield said.
 “It was a complete surprise to me. I’m honored to be so honored.”
 Steve Hannah, hospital CEO, praised Dreitlein and Canfield for their leadership.
 “Our community is made stronger by their hard work and we are proud of their achievements,”

Greeley officers see more mental health calls

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — Greeley police officer Ryan Oettinger drove his patrol car around, waiting for calls on a slow day after a crazy night, when he noticed a woman sitting on the sidewalk.
 “That’s a little strange,” Oettinger said. “Let’s go see how she’s doing.”
 The sidewalk faced a busy street. There was no bench, no bus stop or any place inviting pedestrians to sit for a bit. It felt off to Oettinger. As a police officer trained to recognize situations that could lead to trouble, Oettinger decided to trust his instincts.
 He turned the car around and pulled up to the woman.
 He rolled down the window and asked how she was. She seemed unsure of the question at first. She’d done nothing wrong.
 She said she was OK, but then she took it back. She’d just watched her son walk to the liquor store. He’d been drinking heavily for a little while now and acted strangely when he was drunk. He was of age, but she was worried.
 Oettinger asked if she wanted him to speak with her son.
 “It might sound different coming from me rather than his mom,” Oettinger said. She agreed.
 Oettinger gave the woman a lift back to her place and walked

with her into her home. There, he saw her son sitting on the couch.
 A pin with the letters ‘CIT’ rests under Oettinger’s name tag, reported The Tribune. It’s not as big or flashy as the police badge, but Oettinger wears it proudly. It stands for Crisis Intervention Team — it’s a subtle way to let people know he can offer extra help.
 The training teaches officers to address mental health concerns before a dangerous — even deadly — situation arises.
 Police hope getting to unstable people early and connecting them to the right resources will help the community avoid tragedies such as police shootings, suicides and violence. It’s part of a ramped up effort to collaborate with mental health agencies in Greeley to address a growing number of people who need mental health treatment in northern Colorado but are unable or unwilling to find it. Greeley police say they’re seeing more and more instances where they’re called to resolve situations involving mental health issues.
 Oettinger asked the son how he was and what he’d been up to. Oettinger asked if he’d been drinking. He said no, but his answer was jumbled and his words were slurred.
 “It’s not illegal to drink, but your mom

is worried about you,” Oettinger said.
 Then he listened.
 Oettinger found out the man’s roommate recently died, and he’d just lost his job. It was a rough time, just the kind of thing that can affect even those who previously didn’t have any kind of a mental condition.
 Oettinger took out his business card and wrote down the number for Labor Ready, a temporary staffing agency, and North Range Behavioral Health. Oettinger told the man both those agencies would help him.
 Oettinger also gave the man his work cell phone number to call in case he needed someone to talk to.
 Oettinger knows some of the top risk factors for suicide are relationship losses and job losses. He knows because he lost his own mom to suicide when he was 19 years old. When he has to, he uses that to relate with people.
 “Sometimes when I’m being empathetic, people think I have to be because it’s my job,” Oettinger said. “When I pull that out, they realize I’m actually connected to this.”
 Oettinger said he often deals with folks who are depressed during his patrols. He knows they don’t want to feel that way.
 “We’re obviously not psychiatrists, but we have to play that role a lot,” Oettinger said.

SUICIDE BY COP
 Mental health calls have gone up in the past few years in Greeley, police chief Jerry Garner said. Especially suicide calls.
 “I can’t tell you why, I don’t know why,” Garner said. “We’re answering attempted suicide or threatened suicide calls literally every day, sometimes more than once a day.”
 Garner is also worried because he’s seen more instances where people want to use officers to help them commit suicide. They call it “suicide by cop,” and generally it happens when unstable people force police officers to shoot them. Often, they pull a weapon or pretend like they have one.
 Earlier in September, a woman waived a pistol around in the courtyard of an apartment complex on the 1100 block of 7th Street. She yelled that she was going to kill everyone. When officers arrived, she refused to listen to their orders.
 She told them they’d have to kill her and went to grab the pistol — which turned out to be a replica Smith and Wesson .40-caliber BB gun — out of her waistband.
 They warned her to drop the weapon. When she didn’t listen, they Tased her. It could have been worse.
 The idea is to prevent situations from getting to that point.

Man accused of prostitution offenses

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A Montrose man offered his inheritance money to teenage boys for sexual acts, according to allegations by police and the District Attorney’s Office.
 Billy Hansen, 57, was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of inducement of child prostitution and patronizing a prostituted child, both class-3 felonies. He was also held on suspicion of felony-4 contributing to the delinquency of a minor and sexual assault as a class-1 misdemeanor.
 Formal charges have not been filed. These are due by Oct. 12. Hansen’s next court date is Oct. 13.
 The allegations are “contested,” public defender Jessica Hempstead said at Hansen’s advisement Wednesday.
 According to Hansen’s arrest affidavit, three teenagers contacted police and alleged that Hansen, whom they referred to as “Herbert the Pervert,” had offered them money in exchange for sex. They refused, even when, they said, he kept raising the price. They also alleged he had sexually assaulted an acquaintance.
 Hansen said, however, that the boys had been harassing him for money. He denied having any sexual interest in underage males.
 The youth who allegedly was assaulted later told police Hansen offered him some work for “60 bucks,” but when he reached Hansen’s room, Hansen offered to pay him “just for talking.”
 Hansen allegedly gave the teen a drink that made him feel “a little weird, dizzy,” per the affidavit.
 Hansen then allegedly began touching the youth, who told him no. The boy alleged that Hansen said: “I have some people that can take your friends that you hang out with, make them go bye-bye as long as, like with you.”
 The teen said he became scared and submitted to sexual contact. Hansen allegedly then withdrew \$60 from his account and gave it to the boy.
 Prosecutors sought elevated bail at Wednesday’s hearing, while Hempstead argued for lower bail.
 Hansen has lived in Montrose for seven years and has access to public transportation in order to get to court, she said.
 He lives in a hotel, is on disability and is HIV positive, she said. Hansen scored low on a risk-assessment metric and has no history of any kind of sexual offenses, Hempstead said.
 “This is a contested case,” she said.
 Deputy District Attorney Matt Magliaro said Hansen poses a direct threat to the community and the charges he faces are serious.
 Magliaro said three teens reported that Hansen had offered them money for sex, while a third was sexually assaulted. Reports that there is more than one victim and allegations of repeated contact have a direct effect on public safety, per Magliaro.
 Montrose County Judge Ben Morris agreed that Hansen has limited criminal history and does not appear to be a flight risk; however, he said, the allegations are “very serious.”
 He left bond as it was upon Hansen’s arrest — \$60,000, with a protection order as a condition of bond.
 The order prohibits Hansen from having contact with the minors involved and excludes him from places where they are likely to be.
 “I don’t know where they hang out,” Hansen said softly when Morris informed him of the condition.
 He is also barred from any contact with people under 18, although Hempstead is to file a motion seeking clarification on the condition. She said it is too broad to be reasonable, because it does not distinguish between intentional and inadvertent contact.

Brief

Special Olympics fundraising events

The Montrose-Olathe Special Olympics program has two events coming to help raise money for the athletes.
 • Garage Sale and Bake Sale Saturday, Oct. 8 at Centennial Middle School parking lot from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Donations accepted at 7 a.m. For donation pick up call Carolyn Rettig, (970) 497-0435 or Kennitha Hawley, (970) 596-4655.
 • Family Harvest Festival and Spook House “Night at the Museum” on Oct. 22 at Montrose High School Art Building. Admission is \$3 for an individual and \$10 family of four. Activities include goody walk, face painting, beanbag toss, fortune telling and much more, plus Cotton Candy, popcorn and hot dogs.

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