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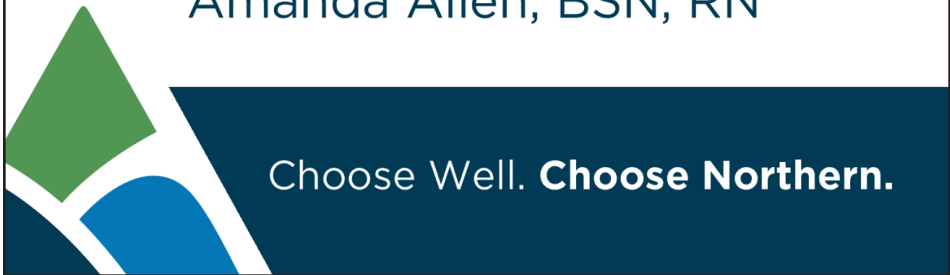
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Carroll News Editor, William Patrick Paine introduces the event's keynote speaker.



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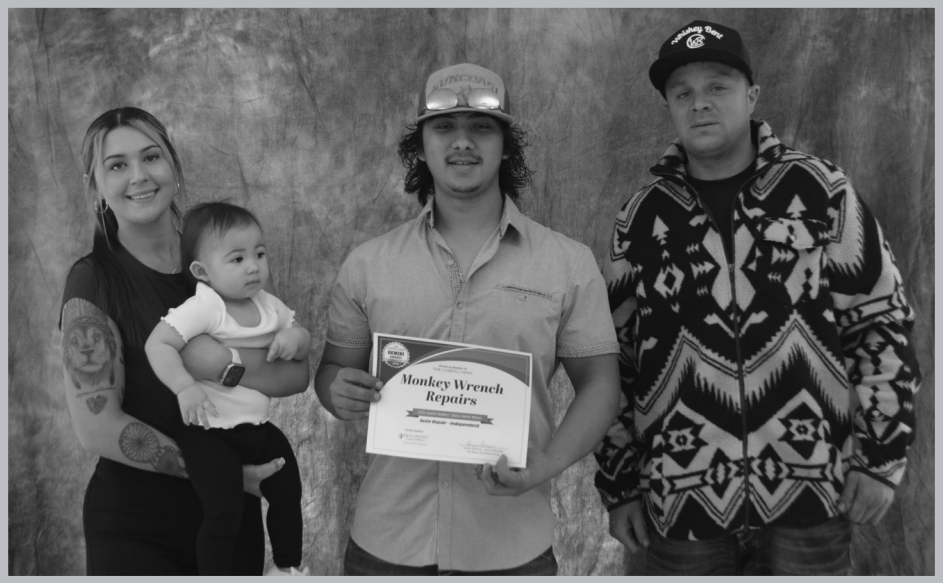
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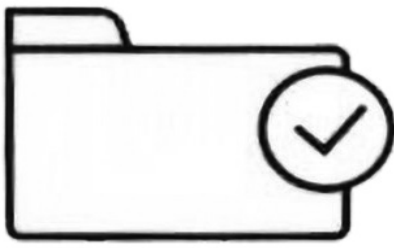
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