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## INVESTMENTS IN MONTROSE REGIONAL AIRPORT HELP LOCAL ECONOMY TAKE OFF

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-If you live here, you probably know that Montrose has an airport. If you travel, you know that Montrose Regional Airport is a great place to fly in and out of. What you may not realize is that in addition to visitors, the Airport brings wealth to Montrose with every plane.

—The turnover of dollars in our community due to people coming in on flights is very significant,” Airport Manager Lloyd Arnold said. —And once people get here, they tend to come back.”

According to the [Colorado Division of Aeronautics](#), the economic impacts of an airport are calculated by taking into account both on-airport and off-airport impacts. On-airport, or direct impacts, include airport administration, airport tenants and capital investment. Off-airport, or indirect impacts, include commercial visitor spending, general aviation visitor spending, and businesses using air cargo shipping. These are then multiplied; in 2013, the Montrose Regional Airport showed a total impact of 2,035 jobs, \$77.4 million in payroll, with total economic output of \$221.8 million.

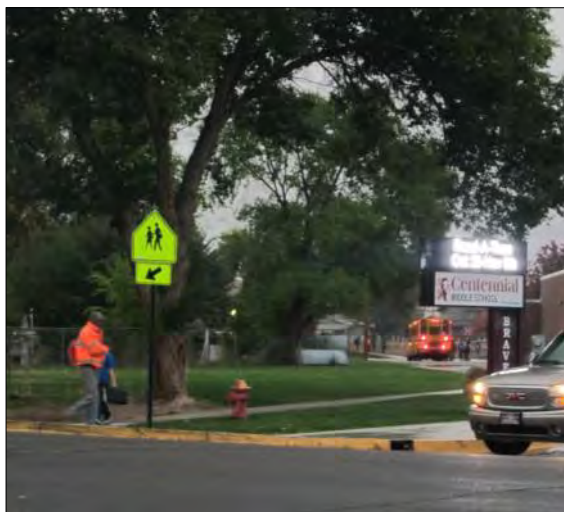
—The growth of our airport

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Local businesses like Coffee Trader and Horsefly Brewing Company (above) at the terminal give travelers a taste of Montrose, Airport Manager Lloyd Arnold said.

## FULL “STEAM” AHEAD! RE-1J EXPLORES STEM PROGRAMMING WITH ARTS INCLUSION



A crossing guard walks a student across South Fifth Street to Centennial Middle School early Monday, the “School of Innovation” that has helped inspire STEAM.

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-There have been many changes going on in the Montrose School District recently. One such change is an idea that looks to bring STEM studies to the forefront, but in a manner that will open it up to all middle and high school students.

The program in the works is called STEAM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. The addition of the arts is part of what makes the program unique, opening it up to students who may not be as interested in science or math.

While many people have heard of STEM, the addition of the arts may seem odd to some people. Superintendent Stephen Schiell explained, —We brought in the arts because the arts connect with the other [parts of STEM]. Think of architects. One of my children considered being an architect, and architects are [really] artists that want to build things. The arts fit everywhere and it makes the program more comprehensive. By expanding into the arts, we include all students and all kids benefit.”

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## ROLL THE DICE...HELP FUND INNOVATION AFTER SCHOOL!

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose's Innovation After School program needs your help--and organizers have found a fundraiser that's as simple as a roll of the dice! Bunco Madness takes place from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Nov. 13, at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose.

Even if you have never played before, Bunco does not require thinking, organizer Susan Bony of Community Heart and Hands Foundation said. "Bunco is a game of chance—all you do is the roll the dice."

The object of the game is to accumulate points and to roll certain number combinations. The winners get prizes (provided by local businesses) for accomplishments such as the highest score, the lowest score, and the most "Bunco's".

The doors will open at 5 p.m. so those new to the game can get pointers from Vicious Victoria, known for her famous, left-handed, under-hand throw. And while local businesses and groups are encouraged to sign up as teams, Bunco is a game that encourages new friendships.

"The groups get split up, so this is a good way to meet new people," Bony said.

"Even if you come with your buddies, you won't end up with them."

There will be prizes for best costume and wildest hat or hairstyle, she said.

"People say that Bunco is a women's game, but guys actually gossip more and clandestinely love the game," she said.

"We have a team of linemen coming, and we expect they will wear muscle shirts."

"We're encouraging people just to come and have fun."

There will be prize drawings throughout the evening, along with a cash bar and desserts and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets for players are \$20 each, and additional sponsors are needed for the evening.

Funds will go to support Innovation After School, which brings hands-on, educational classes to middle school students after school. The program can also use additional volunteers willing to share time and interests with young people, Bony said, adding that the after school aviation class even took students for a tour at Black Canyon Jet Center. Though no transportation is available through the school district, all middle school students are welcome.

"By bringing people in from different backgrounds, they can help teach kids about careers," Bony said. "A middle school is really when kids need to start thinking about what they want to do. If we can help them figure out a portion of their life, what a huge thing for everybody."

The mission of Community Heart & Hands is to "empower stewardship through programs designed to support personal independence, improve quality of life, and enhancing community engagement". CHH is a registered non-profit and runs several programs including the Handyman Program which provides simple handyman services to low-income and disabled, the Montrose middle school students Innovation After School Program; and the Montrose Main in Motion summer downtown festivals. They can be reached at 249-9639 or by stopping by 121 N. Park Ave., suite C, Montrose.



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

# CRIME DOESN'T PAY – BUT CRIME STOPPERS DOES!

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Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc., a Colorado IRS designated non-profit corporation, just over a year old, is having remarkable success in solving crimes and apprehending fugitives. At the last Board of Directors meeting, four substantial awards were approved, closing by arrest nine felonies and four misdemeanors covering three separate counties. Tips are increasing monthly and awareness of this process of providing anonymous information to law enforcement agencies, with the possibility of a reward, is growing dramatically. Call **970-249-8500** to anonymously report a crime or criminal and to be eligible for a reward. If it is an immediate crime in progress, call 911. Operated solely by volunteers and funded only by donations and grants, Crime Stoppers depends on community financial support. Send tax deductible donations to Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. at 434 S. 1st St., Montrose, CO. 81401. It is worthy investment in the safety and security of our families, friends and neighbors.

*John W. Nelson*

*President, Montrose Regional  
Crime Stoppers, Inc.*

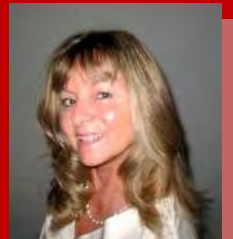


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## OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

### LITTLE THOUGHT PUT INTO OLATHE DECISION ON DISPATCH

*Open letter to: City Manager/City Council, Olathe Colorado*

*Ladies and gentlemen:*

I am writing this letter as a concerned grandparent of an Olathe High School Student.

My opinion that your recent decision to remove the town of Olathe from the dispatch services of the Montrose County Sheriff's Office was a decision that is fraught with many unintended consequences. It appears that very little thought was put into the decision. As recent school shootings show, time is crucial, effective communication is paramount. By removing yourselves from the Sheriff's dispatch center, you have placed all of the children in the High School/Middle school in a situation where they may be in the shooting zone even longer if in fact it were to happen here.

When you move, and if a call of this nature were to happen, the 911 call for assistance would go to the Olathe Police Department. The school resource officer is a member of the Montrose Sheriff's office and he would be operating on a different channel, he may be in the school but would have no idea what is happening.

After Olathe is dispatched, the Montrose Police dispatcher would then have to contact the Sheriff's dispatcher and relay the information to the Sheriff's dispatch then to the officer. That officer would have to attempt to get adequate information as to location, description of subject and other important elements, all of this would be third hand information. Any additional 911 information given to the Olathe Officer would again have to be relayed to the sheriff's dispatch then to the resource officer. (Same for those of you that live in unincorporated Montrose County fire protection district with regard to fire, ambulance etc.)

Your move has added many precious minutes to an already terminal action. Your moving dispatch does not bode well for the safety of our children nor your own officers. Added time for an assistance request/ response is a given with this move. (Who provides assistance, Montrose Police Dept. or the Montrose Sheriff's Office?)

Perhaps it is time for the City of Olathe to furnish and fund a school resource officer as finances/politics should not dictate the health and safety of our children.

I see this whole dispatch debacle as follows:  $2+2+2+2=0$ , twice the personnel, twice the equipment, twice the location and twice the tax expense to citizens of Montrose and the County with less service, who loses?

Thank you,

*Richard L. Murdie*

*Gunnison*

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## FULL "STEAM" AHEAD! From page 1

The plan is that, if the STEAM program is approved, it would be in all three middle schools and both high schools in the district. So far there have been three meetings about the program and it has been discussed at a school board meeting.

The ultimate goal is that each student who takes the program and who graduates would receive an accreditation certificate as their diploma. The hope is that the certificate would be shown by students when they apply for technical school or college and that it would mean something to those organizations. Another possibility is that STEAM would create internships and apprenticeships with local businesses so that a student who graduates would have the potential to go directly into work right out of high school.

The idea for the program was born from various things, including potential collaboration with Colorado Mesa University (CMU) and Centennial Middle School's current school of innovation status. "We wanted to find a game changer for students and the community," Schiell said. "CMU is interested in developing a technology education program, with welding, mechanics, plumbing, IT, electrical, and even food service type programs. They would love for us to participate. The community is

interested in collaboration with CMU, and the STEAM type curriculum would put Montrose out on the forefront."

There is also potential to incorporate STEAM with Peak Academy, connecting the STEAM curriculum to online middle and high school students. "Where does the opportunity end?" Schiell added.

For Principal Joe Simo at Centennial Middle School, he and two of his teachers (Christopher Thompson and Jeanna Jasper) have been part of the committee researching the need for STEM in middle and high schools, and they are now looking at forming the STEAM program.

They have also been keeping themselves busy with Centennial's school of innovation, which Simo believes ties in perfectly with the potential for STEAM. During its first year, the school of innovation created its own curriculum. The school picked up three tracks and offers them as electives for Seventh and Eighth graders. Students can choose from applied engineering design class, applied science, and an economics elective. Students can select one of the courses instead of traditional electives such as art, P.E. or home economics.

With the school of innovation providing some of the inspiration for STEAM, Simo is excited about how the STEAM program

would help students. "I'm excited to be able to offer students more choices and greater control over their education," he said. "With more courses, students have more control. It's exciting to see what the students will want to do in their classes."

The hope is to start STEAM next Fall, but there is still a lot of work to do with developing the program and getting school board approval. "It's still early and you don't start a program without people on board," Schiell said. In terms of what the district is doing with STEAM, Simo said, "It's exciting to see all the buildings, administration and staff come together. It's nice to see the district as a whole excited about this." Even with all the work that is left to be done, Schiell is hopeful about what this program will offer every child, at every level. "This is all inclusive, not just the top 50 students," he said. "Every student can participate. Even if a student chooses not to take a pathway, it is okay, they are still in classes with those type of activities. That's why it is so exciting: it is for every child." Simo suggests that parents who are interested in the STEAM program attend P.A.C. meetings and give their input there. For people interested in more information, contact Schiell at 252-7902 or Simo at 275-6076.



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## ABRAMS CO CREATES "MY MONTROSE" VIDEO SERIES, BELL REQUESTS ROUND OF APPLAUSE AT COUNCIL



*The area in front of Heidi's Chalet on Sunnyside Road was the subject of public comment at Montrose City Council Oct. 20.*

### Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-City Manager Bill Bell requested applause for his friend Josh Freed when Montrose City Council convened on Tuesday, Oct. 20, as Bell unveiled the new *My Montrose* video series created by Freed and his company, Abrams.

Bell praised the rustic video, which features current Councilor Bob Nicholson and Kathy Ellis, as the "rollout of our new video series," though no public bid process appears to have taken place for the project.

"This shows how we partner," Bell said, "and the wonderful things we have as assets, like our new Rec Center. The politics don't matter."

"I would like to acknowledge Josh Freed; can we have a round of applause?" Bell asked. "Hand his company Abrams and the new Proximity Space have been wonderful partners—we even received a Governor's award for that project. We are very excited; please visit if you have not—it is

about a meeting of the minds for tech people and lone eagles."

"People are really happy about where Montrose is said Councilor Kathy Ellis in the video, which also features Councilor Bob Nicholson, Rec District Board Chair Barbara Bynum and Rec District Executive Director Ken Sherbenou. "Government can help you do more for less," Nicholson said.

During the Call for Public Comment local business owner and City resident Reiner Seelhoff of Heidi's Chalet requested that the City contact him regarding curb and gutter improvements near the private elder care facility. "There are safety issues," Seelhoff said. "I've tried to get in touch with the City Manager twice, but there has been no response. I just want to finish the project, a Special Improvements District that has been sitting there for 28 years with no improvements by anyone other than the subdivision owners."

"It doesn't look nice," he said. "There is no signage, and we have older folks driving on the sidewalk." Seelhoff requested

that he be allowed to finish the project privately so there will be no problems with the Public Works Department."

City Manager Bell refuted Seelhoff's concerns.

"We are handling this appropriately at the Public Works level," Bell said. "There is a difference of opinion on why the project is where it is, but we will continue to work on it as necessary." Council also appointed 11 new members to the City's Youth Council, and approved the appointment of Anthony Russo to the City Planning Commission. Following a Sales, Use and Excise Tax report, Nicholson and Bell made glowing statements about the health of the local economy, despite the closure of three struggling Main Street businesses in recent weeks. "This is an indication that our economy is doing better than in the past," Nicholson said. "The reality behind the numbers is really important."

"There are still empty storefronts, but the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) is working on that," Bell said, adding that stores close for many reasons. "It's not always the economy," he said. "Often the owners have personal issues." Bell also noted that this is "budget time," and that anyone interested in the 2016 budget should attend the City's Budget Workshop at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 28. In other business, Council approved a Proclamation in Support of National Save for Retirement Week, and took photos of Mayor David Romero and Black Canyon Golf Course Pro Angelo DeJulio with their "awards" from the *Montrose Daily Press* "Best in the Valley" section. Following the Public Information Report Council removed to executive session to conduct an employment evaluation of the City Attorney.



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# MIRROR IMAGES...SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2015!



*With Alfred Hitchcock, Kim Scaredashian, Alpine Bank's Money Man and a host of other scarecrows created by local artists on display, it would have taken a brave crow to show up at the Montrose Botanic Gardens this weekend!*



## BOCC AWARDS AVIATION PLANNING CONTRACT, ALLEGIANT OPERATING AGREEMENT



*A 5-year contract for on-call aviation planning services was awarded to CH2M Hill, for Montrose Regional Airport, above, and Hopkins Field in Nucla.*

### Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) convened at the Maher-Onion Valley Club on [Oct. 14](#), hearing an update on local issues as well as approving an engineering service agreement for Montrose Regional Airport and Hopkins Field in Nucla. A five-year contract for on-call aviation planning services was awarded to CH2M Hill, Inc., one of two firms that submitted proposals for the contract. Also submit-

ting was Jacobson Engineering.

Montrose County Manager Ken Norris noted that staff had looked in great detail at both proposals, with particular attention to the individuals committed to the project who had worked with Montrose County on successful past projects. Consent Agenda items included possible approval of the [Nepotism and Personal Relationship in the Workplace Policy](#).

The BOCC met in Montrose Oct. 19, with Consent Agenda items including a Notice of No Winter Maintenance to County Roads; Scheduled Airline Operating Agreement and Terminal Building Lease with Delta Air Lines, Inc.; and Agreements for the Montrose Regional Dispatch Center to provide emergency and non-emergency dispatch services to the City of Ouray; the County of Ouray; the Log Hill Mesa Fire Protection District; the Paradox Fire Protection District; and the Town of Ridgway. Also on the Consent Agenda was the C10 Airport Allegiant Air Airline Operating Agreement, representing revenue in the amount of \$40,440.33.

General Business items included approval of Addendum No. 1 to the Airport Facilities Lease with the State of Colorado, Department of Military Affairs, Colorado Army National Guard to vacate 16.878 acres of leased Airport property that the Guard no longer needs; and approval of the Prestige Valley Estates Final Plat Filing 1. Prestige Valley Representative Mike Perkovich called the project a work in progress, and thanked County Staff for their efforts. "I have been working with your staff for years, and I think they deserve more credit than they get from the public," Perkovich said.

"You guys are fortunate to have staff who provide you with the necessary information and the facts you need to make logical and unbiased decisions."

In other business the BOCC approved Resolution 32-2015 changing the name of Z84 Road to County Road 864A for consistency purposes. The board retreated to executive session for consultation and advice of legal counsel regarding the airport Fixed Base Operation (FBO).

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MONTROSE-The Down Home Country Bazaar sponsored by the Montrose United Methodist Women will be Saturday, Nov. 14th from 8 AM to 3 PM at 19 South Park Avenue in Montrose. The coffee shop will be serving all day and the delicious hot lunch will be served from 11AM to 1PM for \$5.00. There will be tables of wonderful crafts plus the great bargains in Granny's Attic. The Bake shoppe will also have home-made goodies. Fresh pecans will be available for sale.

For Bazaar information contact: Suzanne Carter 970-240-3616.



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### COMMUNITY OPTIONS CLIENTS OF THE YEAR!



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**MONTROSE**-These are the "Community Options Clients of the Year!" They are being honored for going above and beyond for themselves and/or their community. In order left to right: Amber Raoult; Amelia Steele; Valerie Mihelich; Julie Hilmes; Everett Bennett. Courtesy photo.



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### MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIMESTOPPERS ALERT!

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REGIONAL-Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers and the Montrose Police Department are seeking the help of citizens to locate and apprehend the perpetrator(s) involved in the following incident(s).

On Oct. 14, 2015, at about 5:15 p.m. in the 400 block of South Cascade in Montrose, an unknown male pointed a rifle at a man and woman and demanded a wallet. The victims complied and handed over a black and purple wallet. The suspect ran from the area and fled in a green sedan. The male suspect is described as Hispanic or Caucasian in his early twenties, wearing a baseball cap, a bandana to cover his face and a light colored flannel shirt. He is approximately 5'10" tall and of slender build.

Anyone with information about the suspect(s) or the location of the stolen item(s) can call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500. Crime Stoppers and the Montrose Police want your Information, not your identity. If the Tip results in an arrest, the caller may receive a cash award.

### BOAT RAMP CLOSING FOR SEASON AT RIDGWAY STATE PARK OCT. 31

*Special to the Mirror*

RIDGWAY--The boat ramp and aquatic nuisance inspection station will close for the season at Ridgway State Park at 4 p.m. on Oct. 31. Boats that are hand-launched such as canoes and kayaks, can go onto the reservoir year around. Colorado Parks and Wildlife urges anyone using small boats to wear a life jacket at all times. Children under 13 must always wear a life jacket when out on a watercraft. Anglers can also continue fishing from shore. Depending on weather conditions, the boat ramp will open again sometime in the spring. Camp sites and yurts are available throughout the year at Ridgway. Camping during fall and winter is a great way to experience the quiet splendor of the park.

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### DMEA NOVEMBER MEMBER FORUMS FOCUS ON EFFICIENCY

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) will host two member forums next month that will highlight the co-op's programs and services designed to help members reduce their energy use.

The forums are scheduled for Monday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. at Orchard City Town Hall, 9661 2100 Road, Austin, CO, and Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. at Hotchkiss Memorial Hall, 175 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Hotchkiss, CO. Free dessert and refreshments will be served. All members who attend will receive a \$10 bill credit.

The forums are an opportunity for members to learn about DMEA's numerous efficiency and billing programs that can help them reduce their energy consumption and save money. DMEA staff members will discuss the programs and walk at-

tendees through a variety of demonstrations and hands-on activities.

—Invite all members who are interested in learning about how to use energy wisely to attend. The forums will provide opportunities to learn about efficient technologies and the incentives available to take advantage of them.

At the very least, you'll walk away armed with information that can help you save money," said DMEA Energy Services Supervisor, Phil Zimmer.

Although the forums will begin with presentations from DMEA, ample time will be allotted for questions and answers. Members of DMEA's management team and board members will be available to help answer questions.

—These forums will focus on energy efficiency and assistance programs, but our

ultimate goal is to listen to our members. They are informal gatherings where all members are welcome to ask questions on any topic," said DMEA Manager of Member Relations and HR, Virginia Harman.

The forums are free to attend, and no RSVP is required. For more information contact Becky Mashburn, (970) 240-1263 or [becky.mashburn@dmea.com](mailto:becky.mashburn@dmea.com).

DMEA is a rural electric distribution cooperative, located in Montrose, Colorado. DMEA was originally founded in 1938, as Delta-Montrose Rural Power Lines Association. A board of directors, from nine districts covering three counties, governs the cooperative.

DMEA serves approximately 32,000 residential, commercial, and industrial meters, on more than 3,000 miles of cooperative-owned distribution line.

### COLORADO MUSICIAN, SONGWRITER, STORYELLER AT LARK AND SPARROW!

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MONTROSE-Saturday, Nov. 14th, 7:30 pm – Montrose, CO , Gabrielle Louise in concert at [The Lark & Sparrow Venue](#), 511 East Main, Montrose, CO. Accompanied by David Kaye on Dobro, Mandolin, and Guitar. Tickets \$15 in advance/\$18 at door. Advance Tickets available online through Eventbrite:

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DELTA HOSPITAL KICKS OFF DOHJE GRATITUDE PROGRAM



**DohJE Gratitude Program Kick-off**—A new hospital employee gratitude program was launched with hospital employees getting their photos taken. DohJe (Doe-Jay) is Cantonese for Thank you. Courtesy photo.

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-Delta County Memorial Hospital just kicked off the DohJe gratitude program.

The Delta Hospital is part of a Harvard based study measuring the power of gratitude in the workplace by implementing the DohJe program.

DohJe (pronounced Doe-Jay) – Means “Thank you” in Cantonese, a way to improve healthcare through gratitude. The mission of this program started in 2013, is to make it easy to thanks nurses, doctors,

therapists or any healthcare hero who goes the extra mile.

Delta County Memorial Hospital is the third health care facility to institute the DohJe gratitude program joining University of California San Francisco Medical Center and Mountain Midwifery in Englewood, CO.

For healthcare heros, the site provides a safe way to receive, respond to, and keep all of their positive feedback in one place. Each time an e-Thanks is sent out, a caregiver's management team is notified. This

gratitude data is extremely valuable in showing hospitals and other facilities a new point of view on staff performance. But don't use DohJe to lodge complaints, it's about gratitude only.

“I started DohJe because I still have not been able to thank Laura, the amazing nurse who helped me deliver my first son 5 years ago,” says DohJe CEO and Harvard Business School Alum, Amanda Krantz.

“With the birth of my second son, I made sure I showed my gratitude before so much time passed that I couldn't track her down. When I realized how many other people share this unpaid gratitude debt, I knew I needed to start DohJe.”

Recently, a \$5.6 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation was awarded to UC Davis psychologist Robert Emmons. Emmons's research shows that practicing gratitude can increase happiness by 25 percent, lowers the lifetime risk for mental illness, and can alleviate depression.

“Gratitude works,” he says. “It has the power to heal, to energize and to change lives.” <http://www.apa.org/monitor/2012/09/gratitude.aspx>, <http://www.spring.org.uk/2007/09/practicing-gratitude-can-increase.php>

“A person's whole life can change through the expression of gratitude. But sometimes people just need help getting started.

DohJe might be just the right tool to help a lot of people share their gratitude, and to a very deserving segment of society.” – Catherine Ryan Hyde, author of Pay It Forward.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### COLORADO STATE LIBRARY AWARDS \$4,500 TO RE-1J SCHOOLS

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MONTROSE - Montrose County School District RE-1J is pleased to announce it has received a grant in the amount of \$4,500 from the Colorado State Library through the State Grants to Libraries Act. Funds will be used to support the library's at Centennial Middle School, Columbine Middle School and Montrose High School.

As a District, we know, and every study confirms that strong reading skills are critical to a child's success in school. These skills impact everything from English class to a student's performance in Math. But

students won't simply take to reading because they are told to read. They need a way in. Funding from this grant will allow our schools to purchase a diverse set of print books that provide a range of new stories and new adventures for our students.

Last year, Olathe Middle High School received \$3,000.00 from the Colorado State Library grant. Mr. Scot Brown, Principal of Olathe Middle High School stated "The grant came at a crucial time for us. Our budget to purchase new books has been low in recent years, and this provided more materials for people using our li-

brary." Principal, Joe Simo of Centennial Middle School states "Centennial is very excited to receive the State Library Grant for our library. We have a school goal to improve reading and getting new books will help instill the love for reading to our students." The State Grants to Libraries was funded by the Colorado Legislature to help increase access to early literacy and educational materials. This non-competitive program administered by the Colorado State Library funded a combined total of 315 public libraries, academic libraries, and school districts this 2015-2016 fiscal year.

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## WEST CENTRAL WOMEN OF INFLUENCE...LINDA GANN



*Linda Gann. Courtesy photo.*

*Interview by Gail Marvel*

MONTROSE—Raised in Carbondale, Linda Gann married her high school sweetheart and moved to Montrose in 1978 and in 1980 the couple invested themselves in family farms and ranches.

Linda gives credit to her grandmother for being a role model, —She would say, —Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Until the good is better, and the better is best.” That doesn’t mean being the best...but be the best you can be. I look back on that core culture expectation and it is a guide for what I do.”

In the mid 1980’s Linda began working in the Montrose High School registrar’s office and collectively she has 26 years in public schools. Her career path in education led her to become Communication and Special Project Coordinator for Montrose School District RE-1J and propelled her to become a public figure. —Afirst I was just doing my job, but I began to see opportunities and challenges.” Linda recalled the implementation of the —No Child Left Behind” program. She said, —Iremember thinking we didn’t intend to leave any child behind. The question was, how do we get there?”

When the former school superintendent had a vision for a school-based health care center it was Linda’s job to figure out a way to fund it without taking money from the general fund.

—There is a direct correlation between good health and better academics. After meeting with hospitals, doctors and health providers I started writing grants. We had support for our business plan and it resulted in 100 percent funding for the Northside Child Health Center.” The success of the center located at Northside School led to the Olathe Elementary School Based Health Center, renamed the River Valley Family Health Clinic. That clinic is now branching out to Montrose. —This is an example of how a small town in Colorado can come together and solve a need in the community. It helps us economically because children don’t have to go to the emergency room for health care.”

Her years with school-based health cen-

ters made Linda a good candidate for her current position with Connect for Health Colorado as Senior Manager of the West Slope Region. —Ihad experience and it was an opportunity that I knew I could do.” When asked if she had thoughts of climbing a career ladder she said, —Inever really had a ladder to climb!”

Linda had lived in the community for 20 years when she took the Uncompahgre Valley Leadership Program.

—I’m very bonded and tied to Montrose and I thought I knew the community, but I really didn’t. There was so much I didn’t know.” Linda considers herself an accidental advocate, —I’ve always had tremendous mentors who propelled me forward. They gave me confidence and encouragement. Mentoring is BIG and I like to work with the next generation.”

Uncomfortable with calling herself a leader Linda said, —I’m an implementer. I take the ideas of others and say, —I think we can do that!’ It’s fun being part of something and I’m inspired by working with diverse people to solve problems. I get satisfaction out of the work.” Although Linda does not believe gender has held her back, she feels younger women sometimes have to earn a seat at the table.

Linda’s advice to others: —Follow your passion. I know it sounds cliché, but follow what your heart is saying. Find a good mentor. Volunteering without any expectation of reward is HUGE. It gives you an inner sense that you can make a difference.”

## HONORABLE MENTION

*To everyone who created scarecrows for the first Annual Montrose Botanic Gardens Scarecrow Contest...*

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### NATIONAL BAT WEEK CONTINUES THROUGH OCT. 31

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DENVER – From now through Halloween, celebrate National Bat Week, a campaign to inspire Americans to help protect bats. The initiative is important to Colorado, home of 18 species of bats, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) who monitors bat populations statewide as part of a nationwide effort to detect changes from threats like White-nose Syndrome (WNS) and wind energy development.

Bats are an important yet under-appreciated part of our world, said CPW Species Conservation Coordinator Tina Jackson. This threat is something we all should be worried about.

WNS, which is caused by a fungus known as *Pseudogymnoascus destructans*, is responsible for large scale bat die-offs in the Eastern United States, in some cases

killing 100% of the bats in a site. WNS is named for the white powder seen on the nose, ears, and wings of infected bats.

WNS has not been found in Colorado, however since first documented in a New York cave in 2007, WNS has spread to 26 states and 5 Canadian provinces.

Some signs of WNS in bat populations are: 1.) Bats moving to the openings of the hibernation site during the winter. 2.) Bats leaving hibernation sites in the winter, especially on cold days. 3.) Bats with a white powder on their nose, ears or wings. 4.) Dead bats.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is asking the public to report the sighting of any active or dead bats. A special phone line 303-291-7771 and an email address ([Wildlife.Batline@state.co.us](mailto:Wildlife.Batline@state.co.us)) are available to report sightings.

CPW would also like to know of any sites, especially in eastern Colorado, that have hibernating bats so biologists can include them in the monitoring effort.

Finally, the public is asked to not disturb hibernating bats and to respect cave closures. All the bat species found in Colorado are insect eaters, in some cases eating thousands of insects a night. This diet of night flying insects makes bats important for the control of agricultural and human pests. Bats are also important to the cave environments they roost in, bringing energy into these mostly closed systems in the form of their guano.

Learn more about bats and participate in National Bat Week Oct 25 to 31. Go to <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/Bats.aspx> for more information and a list of activities.

### TWO MONTROSE POETS FEATURED AT TALKING GOURDS NOV. 3

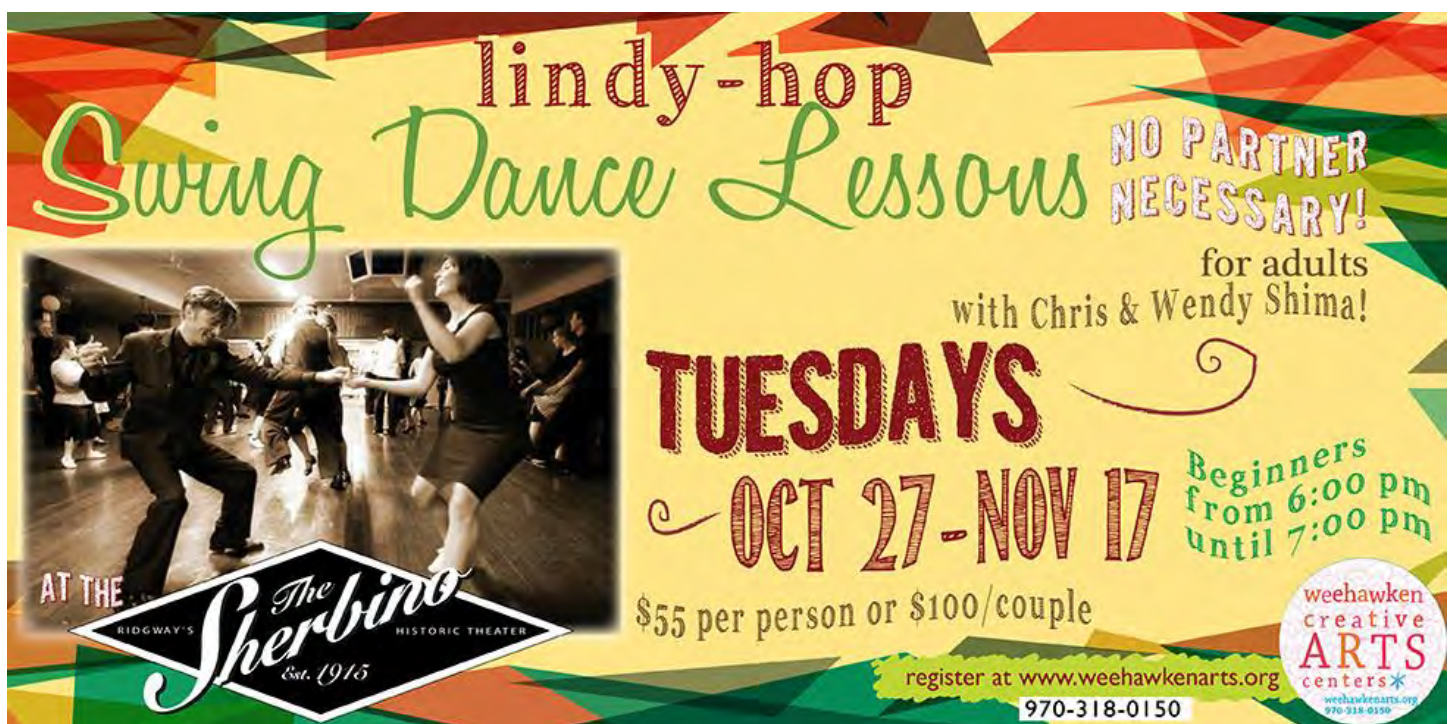
#### *Special to the Art & Sol*

TELLURIDE – The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Club hosts two poets from the Uncompahgre Valley -- Carol McDermott and Vanda Harris -- on Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. at Arroyo's in Telluride.

In continuing its partnership with the Montrose Regional Library, McDermott and Harris will perform at the Library's Open Mic reading series at 6 p.m. on Wednesday Nov. 4.

For more info, contact Meg Nagel at <[www.montroselibrary.org/event/open-mic-10](http://www.montroselibrary.org/event/open-mic-10)> or 970-964-2548

Talking Gourds is indebted to generous donations from Audrey Marnoy, Peter Waldor and the Montrose Friends of the Library. Call 970-729-0220 or visit the Gourds website <[talkinggourds.weebly.com](http://talkinggourds.weebly.com)> for more info.



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## AIRPORT HELPS LOCAL ECONOMY TAKE OFF From pg 1



*Airport Manager Lloyd Arnold, right, created the sculpture above himself. He believes that well-chosen art can enhance the airport experience.*

has had tremendous economic impact on our region," Arnold said. "We have successfully improved infrastructure and amenities for the public, and we are also successfully increasing traffic to our region. This year we have an additional 18,000 seats coming in.

"Colorado Flights Alliance" does a great job of attracting airlines, creating demand and hub markets for people who come to the area," he added. "With all of the hub destinations we fly into, we really have the best service of any community this size in the United States. And we are often less expensive than Grand Junction.

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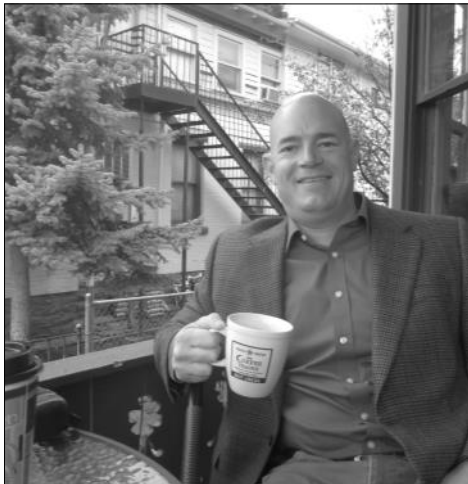
Montrose Regional Airport is also very safe.

"The culmination of our navigation enhancements, the length and width of our runway and category of approaches make this a very safe airport," Arnold said. "We have the best record in Colorado because of our weather—we have fewer cancellations."

Arnold gives credit to the Montrose Board of County Commissioners for supporting safety enhancements and recognizing the economic importance of the airport.

"We have completed \$40 million in infrastructure improvements over the last eight years, and we have been very successful at getting grants for the majority of the projects," Arnold said.

"The BOCC has been instrumental in driving the economy in our region," he said. "They have been very supportive of the airport, and because of that support we have been able to increase the economic impact of the airport." The County has also been supportive when it comes to acquiring land for the airport and improving roads with curb, gutter, sidewalks and drainage, he said, and added that the Airport Master Plan includes parking im-



provements as well. "Now there is one main entry and exit," he said, noting that improvements will include an additional exit and more parking spaces.

The Montrose Regional Airport Terminal is also a bright, welcoming place to be these days. With Coffee Trader and Horsefly Brewing Company both welcoming travelers, and a business center with free WIFI for people who need to get work done or charge cell phones, PDA's or computers while waiting for a flight, the terminal is a comfortable landing spot.

"The terminal has come a long way in eight years," Arnold said. "With the expansion of amenities, it is a much more pleasant environment. We try to make it a good experience from the parking lot to the aircraft; you can get food and beverages that you want. Flight information is very easy to find, and updated every three minutes." By including local

businesses like Coffee Trader and Horsefly Brewing Company rather than typical airport franchise outlets, even guests just passing through can get a taste of Montrose, he said.

The busiest months of the year tend to be January and February, Arnold said, with the [winter flight season](#) extending from Dec. 14 through April 1.

"Ski resorts drive the majority of flights, but we have also been increasing our summer service," he said.

Arnold has been on the job since 2007, the longest tenure for a manager at the Montrose Regional Airport in the past 26 years. "I like the area," he said. "Montrose is a nice community with a lot to offer an outdoor person, which I am—I like to snowboard, hike and spend the majority of my time out of doors." And when he can take to the skies, he does. "I have been very actively flying lately," Arnold said. "It's really nice with the changes in colors. I took my wife up to look at the leaves, and we flew to the West End, to the airport that serves our community there."

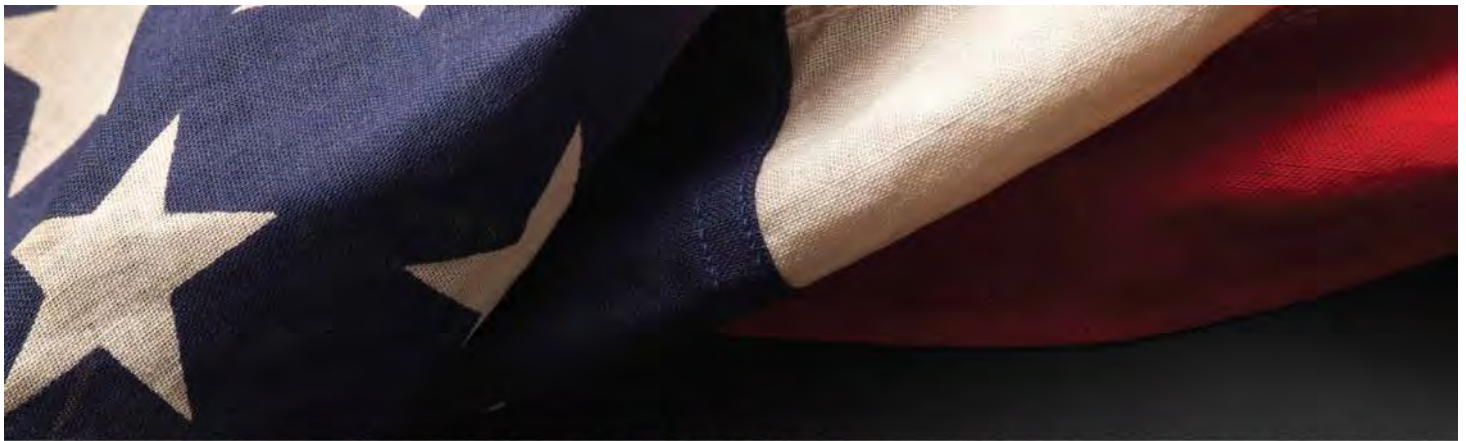
"We enjoyed another activity this area provides for us."



*Weary travelers are now greeted with the welcoming sight of Coffee Trader beverages. Courtesy photos Dee Coram.*







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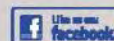
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## OBITUARIES

# PAUL DAVID BURKHOLDER



Paul D. Burkholder  
Aug. 26, 1955 – Oct. 1, 2015.  
Paul made his final journey in this life to complete healing and eternal life on Oct. 1, 2015 surrounded by his loved ones.

Paul was born in California and lived in Missouri, Texas, Wyoming and Colorado.

He went to college in Texas and Colorado and completed his Accounting degree at Mesa State College.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy of 19 years, daughter, Abigayle, son, Joshua, mother, Paddy Jane Burkholder, brothers, Bill and Robert Burkholder; his in laws Betty, Dwight, Cindy, Kellie, Karen, Gus III, Jim and Joy; many nieces and nephews, Ashley, Christopher, Charlotte, Peyton, Aubrey, Brooke, Luna and Lincoln, Blake, Derrick, Portia, Declan, Gus IV, Kora, Cody, Jordan, Eden, Honor and Alex; his brothers and sisters in Yeshua Steve, Shirley, Debbie, Trish, Jason, Stan, Karl, Tom, Cathy, Ruth, Orchard City Bible Study group, Christian Church of God, Covenant Christian Church, Beit Lechem, Joined to Hashem, and Beth Yeshua International.

Paul was an extraordinary husband, father, brother, and CPA.

Paul never knew a stranger and was an inspiration to all.

He dearly loved his office staff Carrie, Bobby, Judy, Kristen and the tax season staff that have helped thru the years.

He always thought of his staff and clients as family.

There will be a memorial service on Oct. 27 at 10 am at Crossroads Victory Church located at 515 Hillcrest Dr. Montrose, Co.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Burkholder Memorial Fund at [www.gofundme.com/8z5t5psc](http://www.gofundme.com/8z5t5psc) NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!!!!!!!!!!

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CITY TO HOST OPEN HOUSE ON BUDGET OCT. 28

#### *Special to the Mirror*

**MONTROSE**—The public will have an opportunity to receive information and provide feedback regarding the City's 2016 budget at an open house Oct. 28, in the City Council Chambers (107 S. Cascade Avenue). The event will begin with an overview of the budget at 6:30 p.m., followed by informal, one-on-one discussions with City officials who will take comments and provide additional information.

The City budgets on an annual basis for a fiscal year that begins Jan. 1.

The City Charter (Article V, Finance, Appropriations and Taxation) outlines the basic budget procedure that is used to create, approve, and implement the annual budget.

The city manager is required to prepare a

recommended annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year and provide it to the City Council on or before October 15.

The budget development process begins in early summer with each department preparing a preliminary budget estimate based on an analysis of its operational needs for the coming year.

Departmental budget estimates are carefully reviewed and adjusted by the city manager and are then combined into a draft budget for the entire City organization. The draft budget is then provided to the City Council for review. Two public hearings are held in November to approve the budget and an appropriating ordinance.

A Citizens Budget Advisory Committee was organized in 2013 as a new avenue for community involvement in the City's budget development process. The city

manager and finance director meet with the advisory committee to share information and discuss their input and ideas.

Residents who are unable to attend the open house are encouraged to view the proposed budget at [CityofMontrose.org/budget](http://CityofMontrose.org/budget).

The site includes an electronic version of the budget, a link to submit comments, documents related to past and current budgets, and more information about how the public can actively participate in the budget process.

Copies of the proposed budget are also available at City Hall (433 South First Street) from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

All interested citizens are encouraged to accept the opportunity to give written and verbal comments.

### CATCH LIVE MUSIC WITH DAVID NUNN AND THE BAD HABITS NOV. 7!

#### *Special to the Mirror*

**RIDGWAY**—Come out to the Sherbino Theater on Saturday, Nov. 7th ready to dance and jam to the best blues-rock out of Ridgway, Colorado from local band, David Nunn and the Bad Habits.

Doors and cash bar at 7:30pm with music starting around 8pm. \$5 cover at the door. David Nunn has been playing guitar since

1970. Raised in the south and heavily influenced by early Allman Brothers, that blend of blues rock played to jazz rhythms has stuck with him. Playing solo acts steadily in the Ridgway area for the past two years, David has teamed up with veteran bass player Tom Yengo, lifetime harp player Bill Wilson, the unmistakable acoustic groove of Dave Carman, and

Wesley Dicks holding things together on drums and percussion. This will sure to be a fun evening with a diverse set list of blues, rock, country, and guitar oriented jams.

For this show, the Bad Habits will have two drummers and will also have Tom Bennet joining them for the night on the bass guitar.



Leslie Gibson, Certified Nurse Midwife, and her son Zach volunteer to ring bells for the Salvation Army

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### HOPEWEST RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF 100 BEST PLACES TO WORK IN HEALTH CARE IN THE U.S.

#### *Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-HopeWest has been recognized as one of Modern Healthcare's Top 100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare for 2015 nationwide, ranked number 30, among more than 400 organizations who participated across the country.

Modern Healthcare, a national trade publication, honors workplaces throughout the healthcare industry that empower employees to provide patients and customers with the best possible care, products and services. Of the criteria used to determine rank in the Best Places to Work in Healthcare assessment, 75% is the result of employee surveys.

HopeWest, the only organization of its kind on the Western Slope, offers hospice services, palliative care and grief support to Mesa, Delta, Montrose, Ouray and Rio Blanco counties. Founded in 1993 through

a community-wide vision, HopeWest is dedicated to profoundly change the way the community experiences serious illness and grief – one family at a time.

HopeWest was also ranked #15 in the category of Healthcare Providers and was the highest ranking hospice of the hospice organizations represented.

“The commitment we have to our mission of helping patients and families across the Western Slope is also what drives our dedication to our employees and to creating a great place to work,” said Christy Whitney, President and CEO of HopeWest. “It’s very inspiring to be associated with other dynamic healthcare companies across the nation.”

Modern Healthcare revealed the ranked order of the 100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare for 2015 at a banquet on Oct. 14 in Nashville during Modern

Healthcare's “Workplace of the Future” conference. HopeWest will also be featured in a special supplement to be published along with the Oct. 19 issue of Modern Healthcare. “It’s wonderful that we were recognized for being a best place to work,” said Beth Brown, Clinical Manager of Transitions & Living with Cancer Programs and employee of HopeWest for more than 20 years. “I get to work with really great people and I truly love that we’re all working towards the same mission. HopeWest is a very caring place and allows everyone to have creativity in the work that they do. I’ve been here for 21 years and have stayed because there is so much opportunity to grow, learn and be a part of something positive.” To get more information about HopeWest please visit [www.HopeWestCO.org](http://www.HopeWestCO.org) or call 970-241-2212.

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# Experiencing the (local) Church

## WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS OLATHE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

OLATHE—On Aug. 2, 2015 I visited the Olathe United Methodist Church and was welcomed at the door by Fran Byers. The bulletin contained a detailed order of service, with an insert listing activities for the week, announcements and a lengthy list of prayer requests.

I settled into the pew in front of four older ladies and overheard one say to another, “What happened to the other preacher?” Fran, attentive to me as a visitor, asked if the pastor had greeted me and she then explained that Reverend Monte Baker had only been serving the congregation for three or four weeks.

Prior to the service, music director Ken Cotter set the stage for worship and skillfully played renditions of familiar hymns on the piano. Two ladies brought large vases of roses from their gardens and placed them on the piano at the front of the auditorium. Reverend Baker gave a warm welcome to worshippers, who numbered about 40, and they robustly responded, “Good morning!”

The Reverend announced an upcoming

series, “Biblical Religion in Six Easy Lessons,” which he promoted by saying, “It should answer questions that quite a few of you never knew how to ask.”

This day the order of service was changed to accommodate Communion Sunday. The pastor, being new to the church, was sensitive to the feelings of the congregation and said if the schedule change didn’t work for members he would work around the desires of the congregation.

Prior to worship the congregation sang Happy Birthday to Paul, who said he was 49, but looked suspiciously like he could be in his late 70’s. Reverend Baker announced Children’s Time and invited Birthday-boy Paul to join the children who gathered around the platform. Good naturedly Paul went forward and regressed with his own memories of childhood.

Pastor Baker said, “Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven belongs to those adults who still have kids in them.” At the conclusion of the children’s lesson participants were given a small trophy for being special and Paul, staying in character, strutted back to his pew and in a sing-songy voice

said, “I’ve got a trophy!”

The Scripture text for the message was Mark 10:13-16, a passage that speaks about the little children and Jesus. The pastor had recently weighed himself on an old-time scale which not only gave your weight, but also your fortune. His fortune said, “Inside every older person there is a young person wondering what the heck happened.” The pastor joked, “Some of us are too young to be as old as we are. It’s not a matter of looks, but of attitude and outlook. For some folks, the older they look, the more they look like Jesus. Older people are wise — there’s no such thing as a

wise young person!”

Using various illustrations the pastor took the audience back to their childhood and reminded them that childlikeness is not the same as childishness. He said, “Children are comfortable with who they are; they are open and vulnerable.” Following the message we appropriately sang “Jesus Loves Me.”

Following Communion the Reverend Baker dismissed us with the charge, “I send you out to do the Lord’s bidding as children of God.”

As I was leaving 89 year-old Lois Curfman, who had peered over my shoulder during the service said, “I’m going to be nosey. What were you doing?” I explained my note taking and about the article I would write.

With a twinkle in her eye she said, “Well, if you quote me maybe you could say I was inquisitive.”

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*Speaking to the disciples of John the Baptist, Jesus said, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see ...” (Matt 11:4 NIV).*

*To our readers: Though Montrose writer Gail Marvel does belong to a local church, she is interested in the other houses of worship here in town as well. With this column, Gail will share her experiences as she visits local churches and congregations to learn more about them. Gail wrote a church newsletter for years, and has published her work in a number of Christian publications including The Lookout, Christian Standard, Discipleship Journal and The Christian Communicator.*



## OBITUARIES

# ROBERT WRAY WILBER



Robert "Bob" Wilber, age 84, passed away on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at Montrose Memorial Hospital in Montrose, Colorado.

Robert Wray Wilber was born in the early morning hours of November 1, 1930 on the family farm east of St. Francis, Kansas to William Roland and Esther (Paschen) Wilber. He attended St. Francis Grade School and St. Francis Community High School. Robert lost his right eye as the result of an accident when he was in second grade. During the Second World War, he and his brother often walked to grade school and at times were fortunate enough to be picked up by Loyd (Gaylord's older brother) driving to high school. Robert always hoped to see him coming. His father was interested in airplanes and this interest was conveyed to both sons. This was further stimulated by the model planes the Cram boys had built which the Wilber boys saw while taking piano lessons from Mrs. Cram.

Robert and Bill built their own model airplanes when they grew older. They saved their money during their school years and they had enough, would go up to the airport and take airplane rides from Harry

Risch. Harry would place both boys together in the rear seat of his Aeronica and off they would go. Robert purchased Bob Cram's Cessna 120 when he graduated from college and learned to fly. Both boys had a deep interest in aircraft throughout their lives.

Robert graduated from high school near the top of his class in 1948. He played the trombone in the band, sang in the choir, was in the junior play and participated in sports. The loss of depth perception due to the loss of his eye handicapped him in some sports.

He attended Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma and graduated with a BA and a double major in Mathematics and Physics in 1952. Robert obtained employment as an Electronic Engineer with the National Bureau of Standards in Colorado Springs. He operated radio transmitters on top of Cheyenne Mountain and Pikes Peak. He also made electronic measurements in Hawaii during the atomic tests in the Pacific. Robert was hired by Denver Public Schools in 1967. He taught science in Horace Mann, Jr. High School, Hill Jr. High School and retired from John F. Kennedy High School in 1992. He sponsored the ski clubs at Hill Jr. High and John F. Kennedy High School, leading the ski trip from each school nearly every weekend during the ski season. His students were active in Science Fairs, Science Olympiads and bridge building contests, accumulating numerous trophies. He obtained his Master's Degree in science education from the University of Northern Colorado in 1980. He also helped teach continuing education courses in physics at Colorado School of Mines for other teachers.

He served on the Board of Directors for the Pleasant View Metropolitan District and later became its first district manager.

The district provided fire protection, emergency medical services, parks the recreation for a population of about 5000 living between Golden and Lakewood, Colorado. In this position he was responsible for the day-to-day operation of the district. He also obtained many grants from various sources to help finance various district projects. Robert also served on several civic committees including the Design Advisory Board for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden and the Jefferson County Human Relations Committee. He was a judge for a number of years at both the regional and Colorado State Science Olympiads. He joined the Pleasant View Lions Club in 1986 and the Golden Breakfast Optimists. He led a number of canoe trips into the wilderness areas of the U.S. & Canada. He also climbed 38 of the 54 Colorado 14000' mountains.

Robert built his dream house in Montrose, Colorado and moved there in 2005. He remained active in the Lions Club Transferring to the Montrose Lions Club where he held the offices of 1st vice president, president and zone chairman. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, two brother and a sister. He is survived by his cousin, Mary Jean Paschen of Des Moines and several second and third cousins.

A funeral service was scheduled for Friday, October 23, 2015 at 2 P.M. at Knodel Funeral Home, followed by interment at the St. Francis Cemetery.

A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, October 30, 2015 at 7 P.M. at Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors. A reception will follow at Signature Events (next to Sunset Mesa) immediately following.

Arrangements are being handled under the direction of Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors (970) 240-9870.

*The Mirror welcomes obituaries from the community.*

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MMHI BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE- Montrose Memorial Hospital Inc. held its annual meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> and elected board members and the executive committee.

The nominating committee for MMH consisted of community members, physicians and hospital staff members.

The new board candidates chosen were Dr. Mike Brezinsky and Bert Hatter, BSN. The full board then took on the task of selecting officers for MMHI.

Ron Courtney was elected as the new Chairperson; Kjersten Davis, DVM, Vice Chair; and Lance Lehigh, Secretary/Treasurer.

The board will assume their new roles at the October board meeting.

The MMHI Board of Directors (BOD) is

responsible for ensuring clinical standards, quality of care, operational & financial accountability, and regulatory compliance at Montrose Hospital.

They meet on the fourth Monday of every month at 5 p.m. in the hospital. Minutes are available on the hospital website at [www.montrosehospital.com/news-events/news/](http://www.montrosehospital.com/news-events/news/).

For more information, contact Michelle Oliver at 970-240-7397 with any questions regarding the board meetings.

**About Montrose Memorial Hospi-**

**tal** [www.MontroseHospital.com](http://www.MontroseHospital.com)

Montrose Memorial Hospital is a 501(c)3 nonprofit healthcare system serving Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Gunnison, Delta, Hinsdale and San Juan counties.

The health system offers a 75-bed hospi-

tal and an extensive range of inpatient & outpatient health care services, including cardiology, oncology, minimally invasive surgery, laboratory, medical imaging/radiology, Mountain View Therapy, Level III Trauma Center and the family birthing center.

The health system partners with regional providers on joint ventures to meet local healthcare needs, including CareFlight air ambulance service, the San Juan Cancer Center and Black Canyon Surgical Center. Montrose Memorial is the second-largest employer in Montrose County, with more than 600 employees and 100 physicians who represent 23 medical specialties.

The hospital has received patient satisfaction ratings exceeding 90 percent since 2010.

### JASMINE ROAD CLOSING FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE- Montrose County Road & Bridge Department will close Jasmine Road at the Coal Creek Bridge (100 feet west of 5800 Rd) for bridge replacement. Closure will begin Monday, November 2, 2015 at 8:00 am and is estimated to reopen Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at 8 am. Motorists will be required to use alternate routes of 5850 Rd, Ida Rd, and Hillside Rd. For more information please call Montrose County Road and Bridge Department at 970-249-5424.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DMEA ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL--Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is accepting applications for their 2016 summer youth leadership programs. DMEA will sponsor one student to attend the National Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. and three students to attend the Colorado Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs, CO. Each program is all-expenses-paid. Current high school students between the ages of 16 and 18, as of June 2016, are encouraged to apply.

The National Rural Electric Youth Tour will take place June 10 – 18, 2016 in Washington, D.C. The week of activities begins in Denver where students from around the state visit the state capitol and are introduced to the electric cooperative industry with a presentation from Tri-State Generation and Transmission. The students then head to Washington D.C. with more than 1,000 of their peers for a week of

learning and exploring. They will visit the Arlington National Cemetery, stroll through the Smithsonian museums, tour historic monuments, meet elected officials, and learn about the role of electric cooperatives in today's world. This once-in-a-lifetime experience is capped off with a dinner and dancing cruise on the Potomac River.

The Colorado Cooperative Youth Leadership camp will take place July 17 – 22, 2016. This weeklong adventure brings together more than 100 students from Colorado, Kansas, Wyoming, and Oklahoma at the Glen Eden resort in the mountains north of Steamboat Springs, CO. The primary objective of the camp is to teach students about the cooperative model and how it works. The students will be asked to form their own cooperative, electing board members and voting on issues. They will participate in a variety of activities designed to develop leadership skills, includ-

ing communication and teamwork. There is also plenty of time set aside for campers to explore and enjoy the mountains of Northern Colorado and Steamboat Springs. Students learn leadership skills through hands-on activities, and their teambuilding is put to test on a raft trip down the Colorado River.

DMEA covers all costs to participate in either program, including travel, lodging, and food. Each program is all-expenses-paid, with the only costs to the students being spending money for souvenirs or extra snacks.

Applicants must be current high school students, between the ages of 16 and 18 as of June 1, 2016, and be dependents of a DMEA member. Interested students must complete an application form and a 500-word essay. Applications are available online at [www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com). Students can also pick up application forms from their high school guidance counselors.

Applications must be received by DMEA on or before Friday, December 4, 2015.

Mail your application to Delta-Montrose Electric Association Attn: Phil Sanchez, PO Box 910, Montrose, CO. Applications can also be dropped off in person at one of DMEA's local offices: Montrose – 1711925 6300 Road Read – 21191 H75 Road

For more information visit [www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com) and look for youth tour and leadership camp information under the Community tab, or contact Phil at (970) 240-1207 or [phil.sanchez@dmea.com](mailto:phil.sanchez@dmea.com).

DMEA is a rural electric distribution cooperative, located in Montrose, Colorado. DMEA was originally founded in 1938, as Delta-Montrose Rural Power Lines Association. A board of directors, from nine districts covering three counties, governs the cooperative.

DMEA serves approximately 32,000 residential, commercial, and industrial meters, on more than 3,000 miles of cooperative-owned distribution line.



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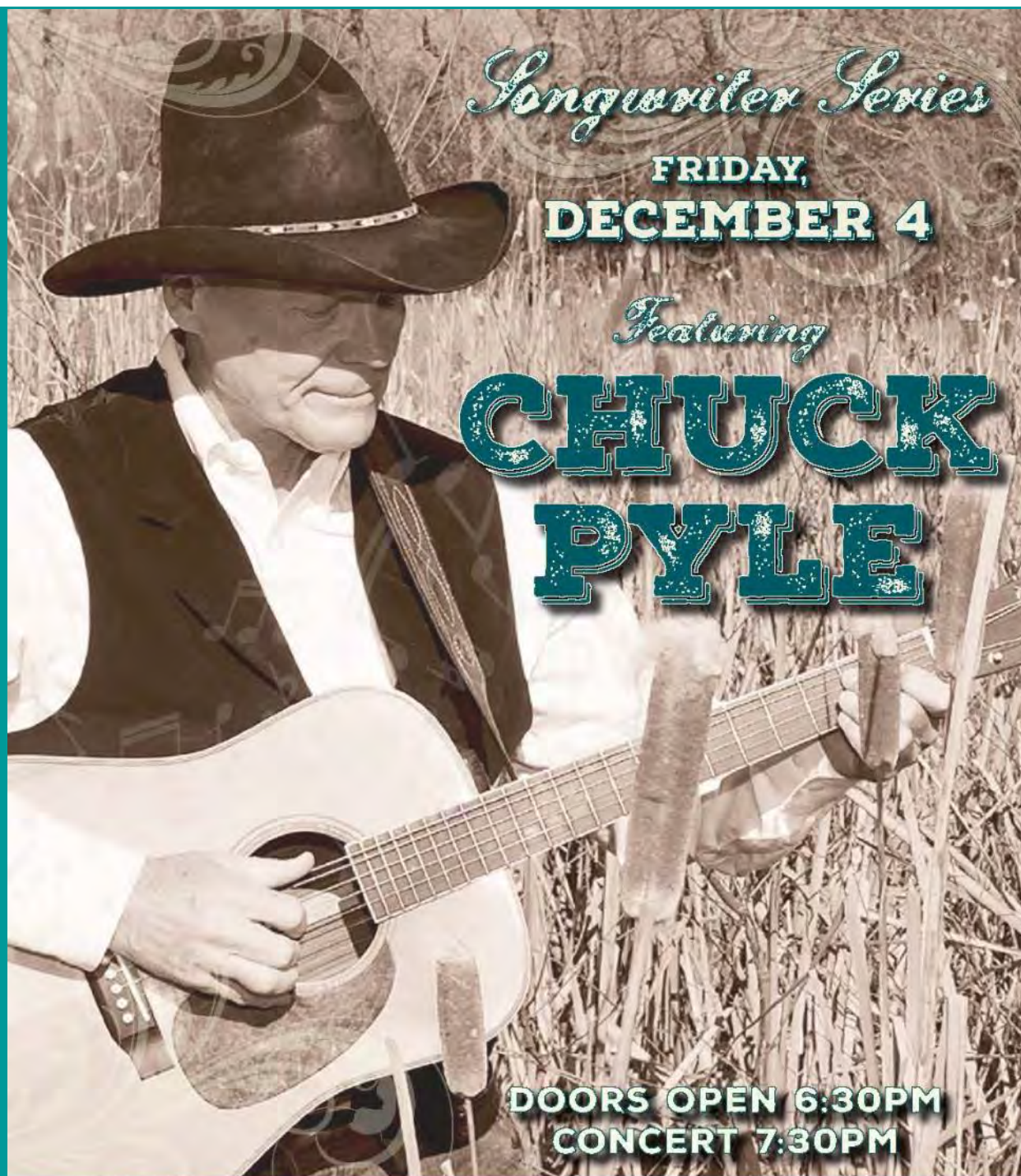
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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ROCKY MT. HEALTH PLANS ROLLS OUT “KEEP IT LOCAL” CAMPAIGN



*Special to the Mirror*

**GRAND JUNCTION** – Rocky Mountain Health Plans (RMHP) has rolled out a new multi-media advertising campaign encouraging Coloradans to “Keep It Local” dur-

ing the 2016 Open Enrollment Period for health insurance.

Individuals across the country can enroll in a 2016 health insurance plan from Nov. 1, 2015 to Jan. 31, 2016, and RMHP wants Coloradans looking to renew or choose new plans to know that we’re Colorado’s health plan.

RMHP kicked off the new campaign on Sunday during the Denver Broncos’ game in the first airing of their *If You Live Here You Get It* television commercial. RMHP highlighted what makes them stand out from the competition with a touch of humor, highlighting comical Colorado situations. The ads remind us there are certain

things a Coloradan just knows, like how to pack a back pack, [drink water in the wilderness](#), and how to carry your skis without [creating a scene in the ski shop](#). The campaign emphasizes that it takes one to know one and when it comes to delivering personalized attention from a health insurance company, you may just want to choose your neighbor – who gets it.

RMHP kept it local themselves while creating the ads. The entire campaign was produced within Colorado, features only local actors, and relied 100 percent on Colorado businesses to produce the television, radio, magazine, and newspaper ads that will be hitting airwaves, high school athletic fields, and even local coffee shops.

The campaign’s message supports RMHP’s philosophy to put people before profits and improve the lives of Members and the health of Colorado communities.

“For over 40 years, Rocky Mountain Health Plans has been Colorado-based and Colorado-focused,” said Leanne Hart, Director of Marketing and Communications at RMHP. “This year’s campaign reminds those looking for health insurance that we’re Colorado, too, and we are uniquely positioned to help them find the plan that best fits and supports their own Colorado lifestyle.” The new campaign will run heavily across the Western Slope during the Open Enrollment Period.

**About Rocky Mountain Health Plans**  
Founded in 1974 in Grand Junction, Colorado, as an independent, not-for-profit health insurance provider, Rocky Mountain Health Plans uniquely understands the needs of Colorado and the people who live here. We provide access to high quality health care enabling our more than 300,000 Members to live longer, healthier lives, while maintaining our mission to put people before profits. Rocky Mountain Health Plans is the only health plan in Colorado to serve every market segment, including individuals, families, employers, Medicare, Medicaid, and Child Health Plan Plus beneficiaries. The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has awarded Rocky Mountain Health Plans a commendable status for continuously improving the quality of care and services provided to Members. For more information, visit [rmhp.org](#) or connect with RMHP on social media @RMHPColorado on Facebook, @RMHP on Twitter, @rmhpcolorado on Instagram, and RockyMtnHealthPlans on youtube.



“We homeschool, so we get a lot of our resources from the library. We would love for the library to be open on Saturday.” --Tori, Chase & Marnie’s mom, Victoria Girard





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## *Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events*

### ONGOING-

**THE OURAY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM** has begun fall hours. The museum will be open to the public Thursday through Saturday until Saturday, Nov. 14. Following Nov. 14, the museum will be closed for the season and will reopen in April, 2016. Hours are 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Admission, \$6 per adult, \$1 for children ages 6-12, free for children under 6. The museum is located at 420 Sixth Avenue in Ouray. For more information, call (970) 325-4576.

**THE ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB** meets every second Tuesday at St Mary's Catholic Church in the St Paul Room, 1855 St Mary's Drive, Montrose. The Public is welcome to attend. For more information, email [alpinephotoclub@aol.com](mailto:alpinephotoclub@aol.com).

**FREE FAMILY LAW CLINIC-LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH**, Montrose County Courthouse (Leslie German self-help center) at 1200 North Grand, Noon to 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid and the 7th Judicial District Bar Association. Call 970-249-7202 for information.

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

**FREE LEGAL ADVICE NIGHT-SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH**, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Region 10 Enterprise Center, 300 North Cascade. Sponsored by Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid and the 7th Judicial District Bar Association. Call 970-249-7202 for information.

**MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET**— Every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. -1pm, Centennial Plaza.

**FIRST FRIDAY STROLLS MONTROSE DOWNTOWN** —Monthly from 5:30 p.m.-8p.m. Artist Demonstrations, Free Wine Tastings, and in-store promotional events!

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

**MONTROSE STAMP (PHILATELIC) CLUB** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 420 Alta Lakes Dr. from 7-8pm. For Beginners to Pros! Please contact Brenda Moureaux at 970-765-6948 for more information.

**AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE**-Save on insurance, keep up on newer traffic laws, and learn defensive driving techniques. For details and schedule for Montrose and Delta, contact John 970-856-6924 or 970-424-1778.

**TAIZE-STYLE SERVICES OF MUSIC, PRAYER AND MEDITATION** on Scripture are offered on the first Thursday of the month, except June, July and August, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome. Montrose United Methodist Church.

### MONTHLY-

**Oct. 28**-Montrose Chamber to present at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli Forum, 8 to 9 a.m. 1521 Oxbow Dr. Coffee is \$1.

**Oct. 28**-Sherbino Theater in Ridgway presents "Sherb Nerds" Trivia Night. \$5, Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**Oct. 29-30**-Ghostly stories and ghosts of Montrose Downtown...\$6 per person. Call to reserve space, as tour size is limited. 249-2085. Meet at 6 p.m. Montrose County Historical Museum, 21 North Rio Grande.

**Oct. 29**-Family Night with Dinner and Halloween & Autumn Movies, Thursday, October 29, at 6 to 8 p.m. at Ridgway Elementary School Eagle's Nest, 1115 W. Clinton St., Ridgway. A whimsical selection of Halloween and Autumn-themed animated shorts for children of all ages. Tickets \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. Hot Dog & Chili Bar, Drinks & Snacks Available. Info: [info@friendsofridwayschools.org](mailto:info@friendsofridwayschools.org) or 970-626-5468.

**Oct. 30 — 31**—Grand Junction's Highline State Park Monster Mash-Meet Friday at 5 p.m. in the campground between campsites 9 and 12, and at 7 pm, venture into the darkness to the Day Use Area for a spooky, but kid-friendly, Halloween movie spooktacular. Meet Saturday at 4 p.m. in the campground between campsites 9 and 12. On Saturday there will be a campsite decorating contest and hay rides. For more info, contact the friendly spirits at Highline Lake State Park at 970-858-7208, or ask a question via email at [highline.park@state.co.us](mailto:highline.park@state.co.us). All programs are free, but each vehicle entering the park must have a valid pass on the windshield. A seven dollar vehicle pass can be purchased at the park. For more information about Highline Lake State Park, visit [www.cpwstate.co.us/placestogo/Parks/highlinelake](http://www.cpwstate.co.us/placestogo/Parks/highlinelake).

**Oct. 31**-Niceness to play Halloween at Ridgway's Sherbino Theater. Doors open at 7 p.m. Goodtimes Music Company opens. \$15.

**Oct. 31**-Annual Stupid Band Halloween Dance, Turn of the Century Saloon, \$10 admission and two non-perishable food items for Sharing Ministries. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 31**-RnRn Sports Bar welcomes Johnson County Coroners for Halloween.

**Nov. 3**-The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Club hosts two poets from the Uncompahgre Valley -- Carol McDermott and Vanda Harris -- on Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. at Arroyo's in Telluride. Call 970-729-0220 or visit the Gourds website <[talkinggourds.weebly.com](http://talkinggourds.weebly.com)> for more info.

**Nov. 5-7**-Ouray High School presents "Zombie Prom" the musical. 970-325-4505 for info.

**Nov. 6-8**-"Mary Poppins" brings to the Magic Circle Theatre stage the magic and music of the Walt Disney film that is based on the stories of P. L. Travers. Ticket information: 249-7838, or online at [www.magiccircleplayers.com](http://www.magiccircleplayers.com) or visit the box office at 420 S. 12th St., Montrose, Tuesdays through Thursdays, 2 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday shows are 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinee is 2 p.m.

**Nov. 7** - Altrusa Autumn Affair - 5:30-9 pm at the Lark & Sparrow - live jazz, catered appetizers, silent auction. Tickets available from Fabula or online <http://altrusa.bpt.me> - \$35 through Oct 31; \$40 starting Nov. 1.

**Nov. 7**-David Nunn & the Bad Habits at the Sherbino, doors open at 7:30, music starts at 8 p.m. \$5 cover.

**Nov. 10**-Centennial Middle School Veterans Day Assembly, 9 a.m.

**Nov. 10**-Montrose County Food Safety Class, Friendship Hall Kitchen 2 to 4:30 p.m. Montrose County Fairgrounds. RSVP to 970.252.5067 or 970.252.5043.

**Nov. 13-15**-"Mary Poppins" brings to the Magic Circle Theatre stage the magic and music of the Walt Disney film that is based on the stories of P. L. Travers. Ticket information: 249-7838, or online at [www.magiccircleplayers.com](http://www.magiccircleplayers.com) or visit the box office at 420 S. 12th St., Montrose, Tuesdays through Thursdays, 2 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday shows are 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinee is 2 p.m.

**Nov. 14**-from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be the United Methodist Women's Down Home Country Craft Bazaar! This event will be all over the building on 19 S Park Ave.

**Nov. 14**-Songwriter Series at Lark and Sparrow, 511 East Main, with singer/songwriter Gabrielle Louise. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. 870-615-7277 or [www.thelarknsparrow.com](http://www.thelarknsparrow.com).

**Nov. 16-17**--Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) will host two member forums next month that will highlight the co-op's programs and services designed to help members reduce their energy use. The forums are scheduled for Monday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. at Orchard City Town Hall, 9661 2100 Road, Austin, CO, and Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. at Hotchkiss Memorial Hall, 175 N. 1st Street, Hotchkiss, CO. Free dessert and refreshments will be served. All members who attend will receive a \$10 bill credit.

**Nov. 20-22**-"Mary Poppins" brings to the Magic Circle Theatre stage the magic and music of the Walt Disney film that is based on the stories of P. L. Travers. Ticket information: 249-7838, or online at [www.magiccircleplayers.com](http://www.magiccircleplayers.com) or visit the box office at 420 S. 12th St., Montrose, Tuesdays through Thursdays, 2 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday shows are 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinee is 2 p.m.

**Nov. 21**-San Juan Weavers Guild 38th Annual Show and Sale, Holiday Inn Express Montrose. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, and the public is cordially invited. For information, call (970) 249-2981 or e-mail [irwin@rmi.net](mailto:irwin@rmi.net).

**Nov. 21**-Del-Rose Chorus Annual Show "Colorado Adventure" Sweet Adeline Style, 3 pm at Delta Christian Church 1600 and I Rd, with Afterglow following after the Show, 970-256-9763 for Details.

**Nov. 27-28**-Basement Boutique Craft Show, Montrose Pavilion. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

**Nov. 27-28**-"Mary Poppins" brings to the Magic Circle Theatre stage the magic and music of the Walt Disney film that is based on the stories of P. L. Travers. Ticket information: 249-7838, or online at [www.magiccircleplayers.com](http://www.magiccircleplayers.com) or visit the box office at 420 S. 12th St., Montrose, Tuesdays through Thursdays, 2 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday shows are 7:30 p.m.



A Halloween-themed poster for a concert by The Stupid Band. The background is black with a large, stylized orange jack-o'-lantern face at the bottom. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a large, dripping red font for 'HALLOWEEN'. A hot air balloon with a basket is in the center, and several colorful circles of different sizes are scattered around. The event details are listed at the bottom in a white, serif font.

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*Nothing spooky about the new sign at House of Spirits on East Main (the old sign had an unfortunate accident); the Chow Down Guard Dog and Alfred Hitchcock did not keep „the birds“ away at the Montrose Botanic Gardens Scarecrow Festival this past weekend.*



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