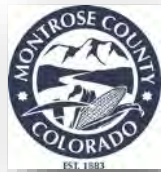


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## UTE INDIAN MUSEUM TO HOST ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR DEC. 3



*Ute Indian Museum Director CJ Brafford welcomes visitors on a tour of the project Thursday. See the completed First Phase renovation at the Craft Fair Dec. 3.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The idea is to bring the outside in. And along with the great outdoors, visitors will be transported, listening to stories, viewing belongings of the Ute (Nuche) peoples, basking in light amidst the curving spaces of the new structure.

The Ute Indian Museum (17253 Chipeta Rd) will host the annual Arts & Crafts Fair on site Dec. 3, as the museum welcomes the community to experience the first phase of the updated facility, including classroom space, expanded gift store, Chipeta Room, and cultural library. There will be a day-long grand opening celebration in June of 2017 as well.

"We are 60 years old this year," Museum Director CJ Brafford said. "We have new voices, new stories. When the project is finished, we will have five flag poles here; one for each of the three Ute tribes. Our new building has more curvature; everything about nature is curves and circles, the idea is to bring the outside in."

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## POLICE, CITY ATTORNEY CONSIDER IMPOSING MIDNIGHT CLOSURE ON 'DOUBLE DIGIT' NIGHTCLUBS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-A discussion on how to curb police calls to Downtown Montrose bars evolved from a liquor license renewal hearing for Sam's Tavern (35 North Cascade) at the Montrose City Council meeting of Oct. 4, and Council chose to table the renewal for further discussion. At issue is a request by police to impose a midnight closing time on Downtown drinking establishments despite state laws to the contrary.

Montrose City Attorney Stephen Alcorn informed Sam's Tavern owner Jim Bridges, who has owned Sam's for 12 and half years, that in addition to an incident in which a minor from the Drinking & Drug Task Force was served earlier this year, Sam's Tavern has had more police-related incidents than other Downtown bars.

"There has been a fight each of the past two

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*Sam's Tavern has been targeted by Montrose City Officials, who are considering making the renewal of the club's liquor license contingent upon a midnight closing time.*

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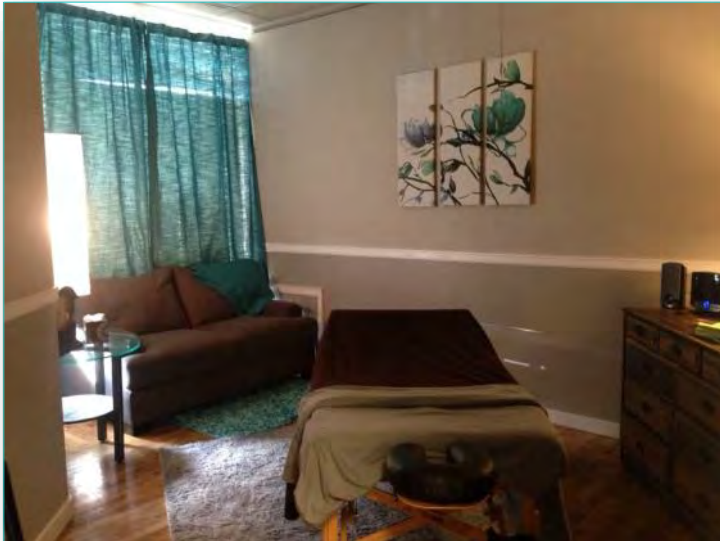
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## TREAT YOURSELF...TO HEALTH, WELLNESS, WELL BEING!



**Here to help people achieve a pain-free lifestyle is Elements Natural Wellness in Downtown Montrose.**



**Massage Therapist Andrea Brezonick. Courtesy photos.**

*By Liesl Greathouse*

MONTROSE-For those days when you want to de-stress from the craziness of life or find relief from the pain related to specific injuries, massage therapy might be just the right 'treatment' for you. Here to help people achieve a pain-free lifestyle is the team at Elements Natural Wellness in Downtown Montrose.

Owner Andrea Brezonick has worked as a massage therapist for 18 years, and she and her team of three bring together all their years of experience to provide the best massage experience for anyone who walks through their door. Together they created this cooperative business in July of 2015. "We all had our own businesses and we all came together and decided to do business [as a team]," Brezonick explained. "We focus on pain management, deep tissue massage, and Neuromuscular Therapy. We tailor [what we do] to each

one of us, Jackie, is working on life coaching, and we also have a gal who offers all natural and organic skin care."

For Brezonick, her favorite part of working where she does now is the low stress environment and being able to work together with others. "We get to set the hours that best fit our lifestyles and families," she said. "If we get a question from a client, we can ask one of the other therapists to help and can refer clients to each other."

Becoming a massage therapist was not something that Brezonick initially set out to do over 18 years ago, but it fit her different interests perfectly. "I knew that I wanted to help people and I liked physical therapy, so when I was introduced to massage, I really enjoyed it," she said.

Being a massage therapist has given her the ability to work with chiropractors, other massage therapists and a physical ther-

apist. "It's interesting how massage can help in different areas," she added. "I love the connection with people and being able to help them."

One thing that the team at Elements Natural Wellness hopes to help people to see is that massage has a wide range of health benefits beyond just relaxation. "A lot of people think that massage therapy is a luxury and they don't realize how it can help everyone," Brezonick said.

"It can help people de-stress, help them with the movement of their body, and can really help with injuries and recovery from surgery."

The ultimate goal for the team at Elements is to help people feel good and to not always be in pain. "We just want to help people learn what massage can do for them," Brezonick explained. "We had someone who was in a car accident and who refused to try massage therapy for a year. When he finally came in, he found that nothing else could give him relief and it was the only thing that helped his injury."

With a list of happy clients, the team at Elements Natural Wellness continues to grow and help a wide variety of people, together. "We love cooperating together to educate as many people as we can, to help them become aware of the lifestyle massages can give them," Brezonick said. "We want to help people get on the road to healing."

Elements Natural Wellness is located at 205 E Main St in Montrose. They are by appointment only. For more information and to make an appointment, call 417-7600.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ***POLICE, CITY ATTORNEY SEEK MIDNIGHT BAR CLOSURE*** ***From page 1***

weekends," Alcorn said, and listed some staff recommendations for cutting down on situations that involve the police, including midnight closure except by special permit; no two-for-one or drink specials; maintaining an 86 list; setting a three-drink maximum for problem customers who have not made the 86 list; and no re-entry after a patron leaves. He suggested that other "double digit" incident bars should face the same recommendations upon applying for license renewal.

If the midnight closing restriction is not applied equally to all bars, the result would be a "shell game," Alcorn said, with patrons moving on to other establishments that have remained open.

Bridges spoke of his efforts to cut back on incidents at Sam's Tavern, including a year of early closures (the early closure

was not followed by other establishments), shutting down the business for an entire day recently to allow alcohol server training for the whole staff, and maintaining an "86" list for problem drinkers as well as "no shot" and "no drink" lists. Of the 48 police contacts cited by Alcorn, Bridges noted that as many as 12 contacts were actually initiated by Sam's contacting police. He also noted that many servers, who have families to support, earn their greatest tips between midnight and 2 p.m.

Still, police are "quite concerned about all the fights," Alcorn said. "Over-service keeps coming up," Alcorn said.

Montrose Police Chief Tom Chinn suggested ways to prevent future problems, including early closure and a calling tree for Downtown bars to communicate with

one another when problems arise with a customer who is in danger of being over-served at another establishment.

Councilor Dave Bowman moved to table the discussion for a future work session. "I don't feel good about voting on this tonight," he said, citing the need for more in-depth discussion. Bowman's motion to table the liquor license renewal hearing was approved by Council.

[Colorado's Liquor Code](#) states that licensees (such as Sam's Tavern) who sell alcohol beverage for consumption on the premises (e.g., taverns, restaurants, and brew pubs for on premises sales) may sell from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m., 365 days a year. When clocks are turned back one hour for Daylight Savings Time at 2 a.m. in November, licensees may remain open the "extra" hour.

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## NEIGHBORS PLEAD FOR GREATER TRANSPARENCY AS COLORADO OUTDOORS ADDITION NO. 1 ANNEXATION/REZONE FAILS; NO. 2 APPROVED

### Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE- Montrose City Council approved the annexation and rezoning of Colorado Outdoors Addition No. 2 at the regular City Council meeting Oct. 4, but failed to approve the annexation and rezoning of Colorado Outdoors Addition No. One, which died for lack of a second.

The meeting began with "citizen comment" by City Councilor Dave Bowman, who thanked Council for financial and in-kind support for his free summer music series at the City-owned Black Canyon Golf Course. Mayor Rex Swanson asked Council to "give Dave a hand."

Following Youth Council applicant interviews (Councilor Files excused herself from the process), Council gave a land parcel designated for the Hill Street park back to the developer apparently without compensation (though Council kept the escrowed funds of \$28,000 for playground updates at another nearby park); and held a public hearing on the Colorado Outdoors Additions One and Two.

First, Ordinance 2388 was approved on second reading, re-zoning adjacent Parcel Number 37672823001 from "R-6", Medium Density/Manufactured Housing District, to "I-1", Light Industrial District. In response to a citizen question, City Planner Garry Baker stated that the property abuts Colorado Outdoors Addition No. One but is located on the East side of the Uncompahgre River.

Council held public hearings on the Annexation and rezoning of Colorado Outdoors Additions One and Two.

Among those who addressed Council was Mustang Lane resident Alan Mathews, who questioned the process with which the City approached the Colorado Outdoors Annexations.

"The first thing that comes to mind on this project is that the zoning designation meeting before the annexation vote taken on this property...that doesn't seem quite right to me," said Mathews, who also pointed out that nearly all of the properties in nearby Palomino Acres are all three-quarters of an acre in size, while Colorado Outdoors Addition No. 1 would now be rezoned as an "R-3A", Medium High Density



*Neighbors on beautiful, quiet Mustang Lane, above, fear that access to a new Renfrow development, Colorado Outdoors, will be through their Palomino Acres subdivision. No information about access has yet been provided, due to ongoing real estate negotiations.*

District.

"This proposal seems out of touch with reality," Matthews said. "And how many more empty, platted lots do we need in the City of Montrose? I don't think that, at this place and time, this is appropriate."

Palomino Acres Homeowners Association President Mark Irving questioned the lack of transparency that has characterized the project, and the fact that the parcels lack designated access. "There are a whole lot of unanswered questions," Irving said. "Eighty percent of our property owners are not real happy, and don't know what's going on."

Irving also noted the irony of Council's earlier resolution in support of Conflict Resolution month.

"Part of Conflict Resolution is being open and transparent about what is going on," he said. "We would like to see more information provided before the County (sic) goes ahead and annexes this."

Access through Palomino Estates would be opposed by residents, he said.

"There is no access to this land on the West side of the river except through resi-

dential properties that already exist there," resident Karma Kennedy said, and expressed concerns over what developers would do the subdivision's roads.

"If we cannot be repetitive please we would appreciate that," Mayor Rex Swanson interjected.

Neighbor Robert Cook called the land in question "swampland." The deer live there, beavers live there, all sorts of wild animals which do come through our property...I would prefer to keep that as nature land rather than put houses back there. That's basically swamp."

Cook questioned the compatibility of the development with a nature park also planned for the area. "Mosquito Acres would probably be a good name for it."

Other residents raised the possibility of the City pursuing a bridge through Palomino Acres.

"Let's stop this annexation; we don't need it," said resident John Greeley, his voice cracking at one point before Swanson informed him tersely that his three minutes were up.

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## **NEIGHBORS PLEAD FOR GREATER TRANSPARENCY From previous page**

Councilor Bowman also asked for more specifics as to access. "Is growth paying its own way? I would like to know how that property will be accessed."

City Manager Bill Bell stated that the access question was inappropriate at this stage in the process, and Swanson closed the hearing and asked for a motion.

Though Judy Ann Files moved to approve the annexation, the motion died for lack of a second. Confusion reigned as Council attempted to move forward with the re-zoning designation.

Upon being asked, City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said that the zoning item could not be heard due to the failure of Annexation No. 1.

Council then considered Colorado Outdoors Addition No. 2, findings of fact for annexation, near the intersection of North Ninth and Grand Avenue.

Swanson gruffly reminded neighbors not to repeat themselves, interrupting John Greeley rudely at one point to say "Set the timer!"

"This whole thing seems to be a jumbled mess here," Alan Mathews said. "Let's go back to transparency—isn't this the infamous road to nowhere? Somebody needs to develop some transparency...we need a better picture before we can get any of this."

Eventually, Colorado Outdoors Developer John Renfrow spoke to both annexations.

"...The reason why we have not come up

and done more transparency is that we are in the middle of negotiations for several different properties."

Too much public awareness would affect pricing," he said, inviting neighbors who want to sell their properties to come and visit him privately. He declined to offer more information due to contract negotiations, but said that the project involves three parcels.

Renfrow then read a statement from Colorado Outdoors, which said no details could be shared until parcels have closed.

Following additional discussion Council voted to adopt Resolution 2016-19, Ordinance 2391 on first reading for the annexation of Colorado Outdoors Addition No. Two; and Ordinance 2392 on first reading, re-zoning Colorado Outdoors Addition No. Two as a B3 General Commercial District.

During Public Information Officer Report, Manager Bill Bell reminded all that he and staffer David Spear would present results of the recent city survey at the Heidi's Deli Forum on Wednesday. "...we're really excited about what came out in the survey."

Mayor Swanson then boasted of the City's recent activities. "Bill and I attended Mayors' summit a week and half ago in Denver...Bill made a presentation that was phenomenal on the relationship between Management, Council, community and so on. Very good presentation; so kudos to you for that. Ninety mayors were there, and in conversations with many...there is

just almost nothing we are not doing that every other city in Colorado is doing...I was so impressed...they would talk, and oh yeah, 'we're doing that in Montrose, we're doing that in Montrose.

"I was hearing from many their relationship with management and community is not good...ours here is very good," Swanson said.

"We don't always agree; far from it. But we are moving ahead, making decisions, and when the decision is made, we move on."

"The river is a big attraction for Montrose," Bob Cook then reminded Council, and asked that any new development be set back from the river, providing public access to the river.

"There is something in the air that the trees give off that is good for people," Cook said. "We need to keep access to the green spaces, where the birds and the animals live."

"Thank you," a terse Swanson barked, and adjourned the meeting.

In other business, Council considered a liquor license renewal for Sam's Tavern (see related story); awarded a bid for the Otter Road Bridge Replacement Construction Contract to Mountain Valley Contracting in the amount of \$289,857.15; issued a proclamation in honor of National Conflict Resolution Month and interviewed candidates for the City's Youth Council.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE**

### **2016 CRAB CRACK FUNDRAISER FOR BLACK CANYON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB SET FOR NOV. 18**

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The 2016 Crab Crack benefiting Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club will be Friday, Nov. 18, from 6 pm - 9 pm @ the Montrose Pavilion Event Center, 1800 Pavilion Drive. Enjoy dinner and live music. Price: \$50 to \$5,000 —\$50 General Admission, private & sponsor tables available This second annual event is the Montrose version of a Southern crab boil that features Dungeness Crab, Giant Shrimp, Sausage, Potatoes and Corn served up low country boil style. Dinner is followed by a special dessert and dancing to a live band. Unique fundraising opportunities will be available .TICKETS ON SALE NOW [bcbgc.org/tickets](http://bcbgc.org/tickets) or (970)249-5168.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SERVICE AND CITY OFFICE CLOSURES

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose reminds customers with scheduled residential trash collections falling on a city-observed holiday will be rescheduled to occur on another day of the same week.

Trash collection regularly scheduled to occur Monday, Oct. 10 will be picked up Tuesday, Oct. 11 for all residences south of San Juan Avenue and Highway 50. Trash collection for residences north of San Juan Avenue and Highway 50 will occur Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Alternative trash collection days apply

only to customers whose normal collection day falls on Columbus Day. All non-holiday collection days will not be affected.

Note that recycling collections that occur on a city-observed holiday will be delayed until the customer's next scheduled collection day. Recycling pickups regularly scheduled to occur Monday, October 10 will be picked up Monday, October 24.

City offices to be closed in observance of the holiday include Montrose City Hall, Elks Civic Building, Visitor Center, Mont-

rose Pavilion, Animal Shelter and City Shop. Police Department offices will also be closed; however, officers will be on duty and responding to calls.

Remaining 2016 city-observed holidays include: Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, which will be observed Monday, December 26.

To view the "Holiday Schedule and Routes Map" document for information about holiday collection schedules and for additional information about the city's sanitation and recycling services, please visit [CityofMontrose.org/trash](http://CityofMontrose.org/trash). Customers with questions about holiday collection schedules may call [\(970\) 240-1480](tel:9702401480).



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MONTROSE-Rocky Mountain Health will no longer offering Insurance through the Exchange.

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In- person assistance will be available for those who need help finding a plan that fits their needs and budget. People can call for an appointment at the Volunteers of America's Assistance site. 970 252 0660 this is a free service Connect for Health Colorado's office is located at 121 N. Park on the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Park in Montrose and at the Brown Building in Delta.

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# QUADE SCOLDS BOCC FOR CLIMATE CHANGE COMMENTS

## Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Two County staffers were honored at the start of the BOCC meeting Oct. 3, and local citizens spoke out on a variety of issues—including Wayne Quade, who took exception to Commissioner Glen Davis comments on climate change in a recent meeting, and Roger Brown, who addressed the BOCC four times to minutely question various details of county decisions.

County Media Relations Manager Katie Yergensen and Government Affairs Director Jon Waschbusch were asked to step forward, for recognition of their efforts on behalf of the new Rimrocker Trail from Montrose to Moab.

"Katie, I want to congratulate you for your work on the Rimrocker Rally," BOCC Chair Glen Davis said, noting that more than 300 attended the grand opening celebration for the 160-mile trail in Nucla. "Jon, I want to thank you for your incomparable efforts toward the successful implementation of the Rimrocker Trail..."

Sharing Ministries Executive Director Oneda Doyal and board vice president Bill Bond offered an update on the non-profit's progress on the new 9,000 square foot warehouse and thanked County officials for help with dirt removal during construction.

Wayne Quade, who holds a Master of Science in Resource Conservation, shared a letter he had prepared and offered comments concerning Commissioner Davis' recent rebuttal of climate change science.

Quade, recently honored as a peacemaker during Montrose's International Peace Week, thanked commissioners for the chance to speak, and read a letter he had prepared (included in this week's Mirror).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback," he said. "I know you have con-

cerns over jobs and economic matters in the west end, but I think we need to get beyond complaining and actively seek citizen input. The loss of the mining market and loss of the outdated power plant should not have been unforeseen. Where is our economic study and plan for the future? Where's our public hearings? Where's our plan for infrastructure for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?"

Calling these comments a prelude "to what really set me off a few weeks ago, when I caught wind of a commissioner pontificating on his uneducated view of science," Quade said that Davis comments had shocked him, "I feel I must personally call him out."

He then began to read a letter entitled, "Commissioner Ignorance."

Commissioner Glen Davis interrupted. "I am not going to insult your opinion. I am not going to insult you. But you are not going to stand before a room and call somebody ignorant who was elected by the people," Davis said. "Skip the character assassination and I will be happy to listen to it."

Quade then accused Davis of "spouting misinformation at a public meeting," and read his letter.

"We ignore science at our own peril," Quade said in conclusion.

The BOCC also took questions from several citizens—including two residents of Shavano Valley and Roger Brown—regarding the new animal control ordinance. County Attorney Teresa Williams responded that section eight concerning livestock would be deleted.

In other business, the BOCC approved Consent Agenda items, and declared October 2016 as Adult Education and Family Literacy Month; approved an ordinance concerning the parking of vehicles in the

public right-of-way and appointed Kimberlee Wilson to an open seat on the Montrose County Fair Board to expire Sept. 1, 2017.

Citizen Roger Brown complained of the continued selection of Granicus, Inc. to record and provide videos of County meetings.

"I have, from time to time, been dissatisfied," Brown said, "sometimes the video recording is just not there." He pointed out that the system does not operate properly 100 percent of the time, and that quality issues are apparent. He also asked that other meetings be recorded in addition to BOCC meetings. "...What I am asking you under Item 3 is to demand greater reliability and a level of excellence and to add the Airport Advisory Board meetings to the recording process."

BOCC Chair Glen Davis said that Consent Agenda Item 3 was intended to correct the quality issues with Granicus.

The BOCC also approved an Ordinance for Surplus Property Disposal of a heavy fleet vehicle and miscellaneous equipment through advertisement, trade, auction, online auction or scrap.

Citizen Roger Brown spoke, "I don't understand the wording," and questioned the number of hours that a vehicle being sold for scrap had been used.

Also approved was the award of the Request for Proposals for the Airport Advertising Concession program in the amount of \$14,432, to In-Ter-Space Services, Inc. d/b/a Clear Channel Airports, as reviewed by Counsel.

Citizen Roger Brown questioned the wording of the agenda item. The BOCC then entered into executive session.

[For the full meeting agenda and video click here.](#)





## UTE INDIAN MUSEUM TO HOST ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR DEC. 3

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*The newly remodeled museum building incorporates curved spaces and glass to allow natural light.*

Also new for the Ute Indian Museum will be an education coordinator, she said, a position that has been funded before.

And though the [Ute Indian Museum is owned by History Colorado](#), the emphasis will not be on history alone, but on the present day and the future. "The Utes are still here," Brafford said.

Expect an expanded selection of books and gifts, dynamic exhibits, enhanced community spaces, and areas dedicated to geographic regions. "The Shavano Valley



*Brafford shows the plans for the completed renovation project. The Ute Indian Museum is 60 years old this year.*

will be a focus here."

The Museum's expansion to 8,500 square feet has been a collaborative process, working with the three Ute tribes, both the City and County of Montrose, and the local community. Colorado Yurt will continue to provide Tipis, and the facility will be handicapped accessible, History Colorado's Susan Beyda said.

The entryway will be surrounded by a garden area, and the Dominguez Escalante area across Chipeta Road will be cleaned and updated as well. "You will be able to read the panels," Brafford said.

The renovation process has been made much easier by a partnership with local government, including the City of Montrose Office of Business & Tourism. "Our hats are off to the City," Brafford said.

"They have been phenomenal. They have given us office space at the Elks building, at no cost."

Montrose Rotary and Alpine Bank have been major supporters as well.

"Our funding has really come from a variety of sources," Brafford said. "Our very first contribution toward the new museum came from Arby's here in Montrose."

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### OCTOBER MARKS NATIONAL COOPERATIVE MONTH... DMEA TO HONOR MEMBERS AT ANNUAL APPRECIATION DAYS



*Three friends share a laugh at DMEA's 2015 Member Appreciation Days. They also picked up a coffee mug and an energy efficient LED lightbulb. Courtesy photo.*



*A group of members brought their coffee klatch to DMEA's 2015 Member Appreciation Days to enjoy coffee, baked treats, and good conversation. Courtesy photo.*

#### Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-October kicks off National Cooperative Month and members of Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) are invited to celebrate during the co-op's annual Member Appreciation Days: *Wednesday, Oct. 26 at the Read Service Center from 9-11 a.m.*

*Friday, Oct. 28 at the Montrose Headquarters Office from 9-11 a.m.*

The public is invited to stop by either event to enjoy refreshments while visiting with employees and learning about the co-op or pick up treats to go. All items are free, and members can come and go as they please. There will be no formal presentation.

"National Cooperative Month reminds us to stop and think about what truly makes

everyone in the community to stop in, visit with us, and let us say thank you for being an informed and engaged membership," said DMEA CEO, Jasen Bronec.

The Montrose event will feature a ribbon cutting ceremony for Elevate Fiber and the opening of DMEA's new member experience center. As a special treat, Buckhorn Coffee will also be on site with their coffee truck. Members will have the opportunity to order any coffee of their choice from the truck and enjoy a wide selection of baked treats.

"We pride ourselves on being a progressive cooperative that is responsive to our members. I think we can all agree that DMEA is doing just that. It is a true testament to the cooperative spirit for DMEA to bring high-speed internet to our rural

DMEA special-our members. I encourage

communities, just like we did with electricity 75 years ago," said Bronec.

The open house at the Read Service Center in Austin will also feature coffee and other warm refreshments, baked goods, and a free gift for those who attend. At each event, representatives from DMEA and Elevate Fiber will be on hand to visit with members and answer questions.

For more information about the event visit [www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com) or follow the event on Facebook by visiting the [co-op's page](#). DMEA is a rural electric distribution cooperative, located in Montrose, Colorado. DMEA was originally founded in 1938, as Delta-Montrose Rural Power Lines Association. The cooperative is governed by a board of directors, from nine districts covering three counties. DMEA serves approximately 32,000 residential, commercial and industrial meters, on over 3,000 miles of cooperative owned distribution line.

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## VISION CHARTER NHS INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

By Kami Collins

DELTA-On a sunny September day, friends and families of three outstanding learners gathered at the Delta campus of Vision Charter Academy to honor Jackson Duckworth, CJ Braddy and Noah Miller as they were inducted into the school's chapter of the National Honor Society. The three join the elite ranks of only 23 learners who've been inducted into the school's chapter since 2012.

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students.

More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921.

More than simply a club of "the smart kids," membership in the National Honor Society is a celebration of a students who have successfully woven and demonstrated exceptional skills, attitude and compassion. Learners who are inducted into NHS

are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Caryn Braddy, the Director of Business for VCA, spoke at the ceremony.

Becoming a member of the National Honor Society requires much more than good grades, she told those gathered.

"This organization values and recognizes people who intertwine what they know with the actions they take to make a difference in the world," she said. "Each of these young men have met the requirements of becoming a member in his own unique way, and all have the common value of not just acquiring knowledge for knowledge's sake, but in order to take the next steps in

their place in the world."

Before the new members were sworn in, current members of the Vision chapter read short essays about the characteristics of NHS members and held a candle lighting ceremony.



**On Sept. 16, the Vision Charter Academy chapter of the National Honor Society inducted two new members and accepted a transfer of membership from another chapter. Pictured from left are current members Monique Archibeque, James Andrew Davis and Riah Coulter; new members Noah Miller and CJ Braddy; newly transferred member Jackson Duckworth; and members Renee Hannenberg and Vladimir Saye. Courtesy photo.**





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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### RURAL PROPERTY OWNER: MONTROSE BOCC ABUSES POWER

Dear Editor:

Who would have thought that our very own county commissioners would be so willing to trample taxpayer's property rights? Just ask residents on E81 Road, Old Paradox Road, and Dave Wood Road about recent experiences with the BOCC. Under pressure from the mysterious Montrose County "Road Research Working Group", the County Commissioners led by Glenn Davis (who owns an OHV sales business in town) ramrodded reopening of "historic routes" through their properties. The stated purpose was to provide OHV and jeep access, at significant public expense, to small areas of BLM lands that already have public access. While long-since repealed RS 2477 law provides some backing for this move, the road openings were handled in a bullying and non-transparent manner that points to a pattern of BOCC abuse. Unsurprisingly, lawsuits are likely because the county has taken Rights of Way (ROWs) without legal substantiation of claim of right, and after

having approved numerous permits for buildings, wells and septic systems in the path of the claimed ROWs.

Landowners, when attempting to address impacts and find solutions, have been threatened, pressured, misled, and belittled by the BOCC. In the end, the County takes a 60 foot ROW and puts in a 10 foot ATV and jeep track through private properties, diminishing their natural habitat, and ultimately their resale value. If you disagree, your only option is an expensive lawsuit. If you want any changes made to their route, you will be expected to pay for them.

Why is this happening? It has been 40 years since repeal of RS 2477 and 16 years since County should have resolved all claims (by Resolution 29-2000), but the BOCC is letting a hand-picked advisory group made up of jeepers and political

cronies identify additional "historic routes" at will. This threat to private rural property hangs over each and every landowner in Montrose County, impacting property values and peace of mind.

There is no clear justification given for these actions but it's clear that the BOCC feel they have the power to pursue their own personal agendas, taxpayers be damned. In the process, Glen Davis has committed the County to significant annual expenses to improve and maintain these new county roads. The only way to stop this abuse of power and mistreatment of tax-paying citizens is to bring in commissioners with integrity and respect for the citizens of Montrose.

That's why I am voting for Beatrice Lucero and Derrick Ferguson this November.

*Amanda Clements, Montrose County*

#### NEW ACCESS FOR GOVERNMENT SPRINGS RD

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-New changes are ahead for motorists who access Government Springs Road from US Highway 550. The access for Government Springs Road is permanently closed as paving operations are complete. A new access to Government Springs Road has been constructed by way of the new intersection at Uncompahgre Road and the newly paved Frontage Road along the west side of Highway 550. Highway signs in the area will be modified over the coming weeks to help motorists with this new traffic pattern. Paint striping of the frontage road will also be provided pending contractor availability. For questions, please contact the County Engineer Dean Cooper at [970-252-7001](tel:970-252-7001)

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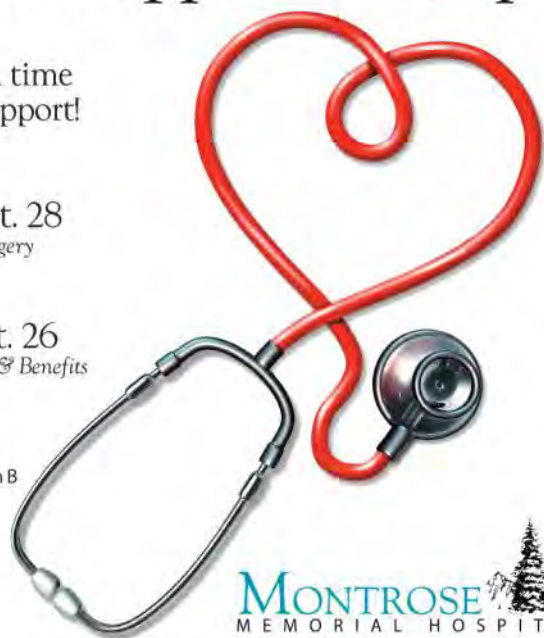
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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### TO BOCC: WE IGNORE SCIENCE AT OUR OWN PERIL

Dear Editor:

It's a shame to have a county commissioner who not only lacks a critical understanding of science and of the environment, but spouts false information at a public meeting. Not only are the actual facts about climate change well documented by the scientific community, but we can see actual empirical evidence right here on the Western Slope. We have shifting ecosystems, shorter and more erratic ski seasons, shorter winters, hotter and drier weather, more invasive species, beetle epidemics, higher fire danger, and less groundwater infusion. The worst is yet to come if we don't react significantly.

Furthermore, ignorance or concern for the rest of the world is disconcerting. As a further significance is the lack of the commissioner's concern for the views of their overall constituency.

*Wayne Quade, MS (Resource Conservation)*

### TIPTON SLANDERS DELTA COUNTY TO ATTACK OPPONENT

Dear Editor:

Incumbent Congressman Scott Tipton's YouTube campaign video is titled: "Gail Schwartz's War on Coal devastated Delta." At the very end, there is a distant photo of three lonely, seemingly abandoned concrete silos. They are the video's dramatic symbol of how coal mine closings have "devastated" Delta County.

There's one little problem. Those silos aren't about coal. And they aren't empty. They held sugar beets when Holly Sugar dominated the Delta area. For the past 30 years they've held grain to feed Delta County's many chickens. Sugar beets went its way; Delta County adapted.

The rest of the video is as phony as the silos. There's a shot of the old Armory near the Delta Post Office - shut long ago for nothing having to do with coal. There's a photo of the old City Market building in Delta, closed because City Market built a larger, better, brighter store years ago. Progress, not "devastation".

While funeral music plays, Tipton's video says: "Housing values in the area are falling." In Paonia and Hotchkiss, where Delta County's mining was concentrated, real estate is booming. Rentals simply can't be had; houses sell quickly, for good prices. People are coming here in part because Paonia is only the second town in Colorado to have gigabit speed broadband. Sixty ex-coal miners are helping to wire the area. Transition, not "devastation."

Yes, Delta County and its North Fork Valley have taken body blows. You don't lose 800 coal mining jobs (300 of them because an underground fire - not a state bill - closed the Oxbow Mine) and just shrug it off. But we are doing remarkably well even though we are being kicked while we move to new economies.

One coal miner in Tipton's work of fiction tearfully describes Paonia's main street as devastated. The truth is, Grand Avenue is mostly full, and lively, day and evening. The schools took a hit, but young families are moving here for beauty, wildlife, clean air and water and lightning fast broadband.

The storm cloud on Delta County's horizon is natural gas and its champion: Scott Tipton. If he gets his way and gas drilling lays waste to our back country, we will lose what brings people here. And what keeps us here.

Tipton personally slandered ("I approve this message") an entire rural county to attack his opponent.

Shame on you, Congressman! There must be honorable ways to run for public office.

*Sincerely,*

*Ed Marston, Paonia*





## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL HONORS DIVISION AWARD WINNERS



*Special to the Mirror*  
**MONTROSE-** Montrose High School Division Award winners:  
Front L-R: Rosario Parra, Lucy Wittenberg, Mia Bartschi, McKenna Case, Yoana Coronado  
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## DDA ADDS 2, CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE PUSHES CIVILITY PROJECT



*Erica Weeks, (far right) Program Coordinator for the Civility Project, explains to the city council the need for a common language that rejects the current incivility seen in the community. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

By Gail Marvel

Discussion Items:

### **Downtown Development Authority**

**(DDA) Board Applicant Interview** with Debbie Blanchard and Ken Vail. Prior to the interviews DDA Executive Director Lance Michaels informed the council that the DDA is in the process of changing the bylaws in order to grow the board from seven members to 11 members. Both Blanchard and Vail were welcomed as new board members.

### **Asset Management System Presentation**

– Information Systems Director Jeff Scheetz and GIS Coordinator Eric Svensen. A year ago software was purchased to track work orders and assets. The biggest user of Cartograph will be the Public Works Department and data collected will include costs of projects, inventory, history and preventative maintenance. Employees will carry iPads in the field and record data on projects. City Manager Bill Bell said Svensen had been trying to get the idea of using software in place for a decade. Bell said, "...but it took a change in leadership at public works and the city manager's office to get it pushed through." Svensen said, "It should help with budgeting."

**Civility Group Presentation** – Program Coordinator Erica Weeks. The idea of a Civility Project came from the City Manager's Office. Weeks said, "People are hostile to one another throughout the

said, "We want to build community, rather than divide it." Weeks shared an example from someone who experienced difficult conversations and attacks and reported that they, "...experience incivility on a daily basis." A survey, which will close Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, will go out to the entire community, "This is not an ethics policy by any measure. It's a way to provide a common language and say, "[about incivility] ... that's not *how* we do business here; that's not the *way* we do business here." Weeks asked the council to consider a resolution of support.

**Recreation Collaborative and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** – Office of Business and Tourism (OBT) Manager David Spear. The MOU will get local groups (mountain biking groups, trails, BLM) together. Spear said, "...so that there is no disconnect in projects. There will be guidance up-front to help shape projects. It creates a document that demonstrates we are working on the project together." The partnership of various groups strengthens a project when entities are applying for grants.

### **General Discussion:**

The recent 2016 Community Survey was discussed. Councilman Roy Anderson said, "I thought some things [comments] would be more positive, but they went negative." The survey indicated the top three negatives to be 1) traffic flow and congestion; 2) street maintenance; 3) economic

development. Long range plans will address traffic flow and streets, but speaking to the issue of economic development Bell said, "People want us to get more active in economic development."

entire community — Facebook, message boards, city council meetings. When that type of behavior is allowed to continue the incivility [causes] loss throughout the organization."

The school district

and the Montrose

Community Foun-

dation are two

organizations that

have signed onto

the project. Weeks

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Anderson asked for an update on liquor licenses for downtown events. Special event permits and gallery permits are more restrictive in time, but less expensive than a liquor license. Montrose City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo said, "It cost \$1,400 for a wine and beer license for a year."

Anderson also inquired about the Homeless Coalition. Bell said, "We don't know if this is the city's responsibility to [solve] the homeless problem." Past councils have addressed the issue through the Homeless Coalition, the Community Foundation, Haven House, Common Ground, and Hilltop. Bell said, "We've had good discussions, but no solution. Several cities in Colorado are in the hot seat when it comes to panhandlers and transients." The city does not give financial support to the Warrior Resource Center, "...but we help with non-monetary assistance."

A brief update on broadband fiber was given by Director of Innovation & Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner. The city is working with fiber competitors DMEA and Deeply Digital. Turner said, "Doug Seacat [Deeply Digital] has a head start over DMEA. DMEA has a heavy lift; Doug is a little more nimble. We are trying to work with whoever wants to put in fiber."

The city manager's office is receiving calls from people on the "Tiny Home Movement."

A Tiny Home (built on a foundation) should not be confused with a Park Unit (mobile, built on wheels). Zoning regulations require Park Units to be placed in mobile home and RV parks and they are not allowed in residential areas. The previous city council made zoning changes that were more accommodating to Tiny Homes. Tiny Homes have a smaller footprint. However, it was reported that the smaller close-living quarters and smaller footprint of Tiny Homes has in some areas led to an increase in reports of domestic violence and alcohol-related situations.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

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Training takes place in Grand Junction. Classes are once a week January through March, from 9 am to 4 pm.

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A non-volunteer option is also available, for an additional charge.

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For more information or application, please contact CSU Master Gardener Coordinator, Susan Honea at Colorado State University Tri River Extension Office, 2775 Hwy 50, Grand Junction, 970-244-1834.

### FOREST SERVICE TEMPORARY CLOSURE-OWL CREEK GRAVEL PIT

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-A temporary closure has been issued by the Ouray District Ranger for the Owl Creek Gravel Pit, located southwest of Ridgway, CO. This closure prohibits dispersed camping and public access to the site. The gravel pit is accessed by National Forest System Road #858 (Owl Creek-Big Cimarron Road). The closure was established to allow Forest Service gravel crushing operations to safely occur and to provide for public safety. This closure will be in effect until crushing operations are concluded and the site is deemed safe for public use to resume.

Gravel from the crushing operation will be used to facilitate repairs on the Owl Creek Pass Road and provide a better road surface for travel and recreation use.

"We are sorry that this work is an inconvenience for some fall hunters; however, the work to repair the Owl Creek Pass Road will facilitate better, safer access to public lands for the future," stated District Ranger Tammy Randall-Parker. For more information contact the Montrose Public Lands Center at 970-240-5300.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### GRASS HAY AND PASTURE DEMONSTRATION PLOT OPEN HOUSE

#### Special to the Mirror

HOTCHKISS-Landowners are invited to the "Grass Hay and Pasture Demonstration Plot Open House", on October 14th, 2016 at the Delta County Fairgrounds (403 S. 4th Street, Hotchkiss, CO). The event will be located on the southeast corner of the fairgrounds, by the river.

The demonstration plot offers a hands-on view of 17 species of irrigated grasses and another 17 species of dryland grasses suited for the local area climate and soils. These grasses can be used for agricultural and natural resource conservation purposes, such as: growing hay, grazing livestock, weed suppression, erosion control, and enhancement of wildlife habitat. Be sure to visit our Open House and take a few minutes to tour the grass pasture demonstration plot and ask local experts your

specific questions. Booths will be set up at various stations at the demonstration plot. You will be able to take a self-guided walking tour and discuss your property needs with our professionals.

The project is a cooperative effort by CSU Extension, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, Delta County, Delta Conservation District, and the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts. The cooler weather brings a great opportunity to consider your property goals and planning needs for your pastures. Talking to experts about your plans now for potential improvements next year is essential.

The management decisions you make and actions you take now, will ensure your crops are able to maintain their health and vigor throughout the hard times and into the future. Local professionals will be in

attendance from 9 am until 1 pm, join experts from the area to learn about a variety of topics related to pasture health and management. The experts will provide up-to-date information on the establishment of your grasses, understanding the importance of proper management, and discussions about specific actions you can take to improve the quality of soil that produces your crops.

The program is free and has no cost to participate. There will be plenty of time to ask your neighbors and the experts your specific questions.

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# WRITER GAIL MARVEL'S CLUB CONNECTION

## MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN ESTABLISHED IN 1936



*State Representative Don Coram gives an elected officials report at the September meeting of the Montrose County Republican Women. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

*By Gail Marvel*

MONTROSE-The Montrose County Republican Women were established in April 1936. Current membership stands at 50, with another 18 member-associates comprised of men and women from other Republican party groups. Dues are \$27 a year with part of the funds going to support the Colorado Federation of Republican Women (CFRW) and the national organization.

The age demographic ranges from 17 to 90 years-old and President Dianna Coram said, "All of our members are active. If I say I need help everyone raises their hand...but when it comes to volunteering to be president those hands slip under the table!"

The next election for officers will be in December; however, Coram, who has served four years as president, will not seek another term.

In the area of community outreach the Republican Women support Operation Sweet Tooth all year around. Coram said, "Every month we take a collection of Bibles, books, sports equipment, toiletries and socks to the radio station and the items are then shipped to military bases overseas." When the group learned that

service personnel returning to Colorado would arrive without any personal items, they took it on as a project and filled 50 laundry bags with sheets, toiletries and necessities.

A priority for the organization is "Educating Women in Politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," and an element of fulfilling that goal is providing a yearly college scholarship for a young Republican girl from Montrose County. Politically the group supports all Republicans running for office, whether state, national or local (city council, county commissioner).

Structured meetings include an invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, program (speaker), elected officials' reports and legislative reports. More than 40 people were present for the Sept. 16 meeting, including local elected officials; State Representative Don Coram, County Commissioners Glen Davis and David White, Montrose County Treasurer Rosemary Murphy, and Montrose County Coroner Dr. Thomas Canfield.

Dr. Canfield reported on his campaign to improve safety on Hwy 550. State Representative Coram added to the topic, "CDOT [Colorado Department of Transpor-

tation] is an enterprise of its own. We don't give them any money...this is one of the first years we are giving them money out of the general fund." CDOT get its funding from Colorado vehicle users.

Unopposed in the November election for Colorado House of Representatives District 58, Coram said, "I've been there six years and I'm coming back." He addressed Tri-State closing the Nucla plant, "There are 120 jobs connected with Nucla. It's a huge hit to the State and the school district may have to merge with another school district. It's devastating. The general assembly doesn't have a voice in it; Tri-State made the decision to close it and it's a done deal."

Program speaker Steve House, Chair of the Colorado State Party, covered a variety of topics including rising health care costs, the weak economy, and 2016 Republican races. "Donald Trump's message is about America first. I would not be surprised to see significant movement [supporting Trump] in the Denver area."

Dolores Urralburu gave a brief legislative report which included updates on the funding for the Zika virus and the bill in Congress which would allow families of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to sue Saudi Arabia.

During general Q & A member Tricia Joy asked House to give his thoughts on the division within the Montrose Republican Central Committee (local level). House said, "Right now I intend to be the go-between. Don't worry about unity now... we'll get to it after the election. We're not going to unify the party in the election cycle."

Dianna Coram said, "We're the Montrose County Republican Women...and we're 80 years-old!"

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DAVIS AND WASCHBUSCH TESTIFY BEFORE TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE



**BOCC Chair Glen Davis, Montrose County Government Affairs Director Jon Waschbusch; and State Rep. Don Coram. Courtesy photo Don Coram.**

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--Montrose County Commissioner Glen Davis and Government Affairs Director Jon Waschbusch testified before the Transportation Legislation Review Committee at the State Capitol Building on Oct. 5th.

Davis and Waschbusch addressed this joint committee of Senators and Representatives with regard to safety issues on Highway 550 between Montrose and Ouray.

"It was an honor to provide local perspective on a critical public safety issue to the committee," said Waschbusch.

Davis added, "We are continuing to work with the Colorado Department of Transportation, Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region and local communities to improve highway safety in our region."

Their testimony was in support of Montrose County Coroner Dr. Thomas Canfield's ongoing campaign to increase awareness about safety issues on Highway 550 South.

Dr. Canfield was spurred to action after working on two fatal incidents on Highway 550 this past July. Potential safety improvements include rumble strips to alert drivers who stray from their lane, widening shoulders, a wild-life underpass and fencing, straightening of curves and resurfacing.

Another important factor of the campaign is to remind drivers to abide by the posted speed limits, use seat belts, practice defensive driving techniques and avoid distracted and drowsy driving.

### SCREENING OF 'DOLORES RIVER OF SORROWS @ COMMUNITY SPIRIT UCC OCT. 20

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--There will be a screening of "Dolores River of Sorrows:" Thursday Oct. 20th at 6 pm, Community Spirit UCC Church, 2900 Sunnyside Rd. Produced by Western Colorado's own Rig to Flip, this film shines a spotlight on the many perspectives community members have on the Dolores River and the subsequent challenges of managing this public resource. Movie will be followed by a short informational presentation about the BLM Resource Management Plan and how members of the public can act to protect the Dolores River through the RMP process.



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## BILL BELL, CITY STAFFERS DISCUSS RESULTS OF 2016 CITIZEN SURVEY, ANSWER QUESTIONS AT HEIDI'S DELI FORUM

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Heidi's Brooklyn Deli forum welcomed City Manager Bill Bell, City Office of Business & Tourism staffer David Spear, and other members of the City team on Oct. 5, to present the City's take on results of the 2016 City of Montrose citizen survey.

Heidi's Forum moderator Chris Peak introduced the City, commenting, "We are here to discuss the city survey; and I am glad we are because I had not even heard of this survey! I suppose that's because I live in the County, but I drive your roads, and I shop in your stores!"

Spear presented specific information from the survey responses, [which can be found online](#) (though specific citizen comments cannot) and noted that surveys are conducted because "the city only hears from a small percentage of the population." Spear pointed out that, nationwide, only three percent of respondents acknowledged attending a city council meeting within the last year. Here, "82 percent of residents are satisfied with the quality of life, and 78 percent are satisfied with Montrose as a place to live."

After presenting at length on the most favorable results, Spear took a moment to define the items which constituents have responded that they are least satisfied with—traffic flow congestion; the condition of city streets and sidewalks; and the quality of the City's recent economic development efforts. Also highlighted by citizens for improvement are a job market with few real opportunities, poor code enforcement, access to quality, affordable housing, communication with the community, and allowing public involvement in decision making.

Bell spoke next. "The top priorities identified really validate what Council and staff have been working on over the past few years," he said, while acknowledging that now "it takes 15 minutes to get down Townsend."

The City is working to improve traffic congestion, he said. "Now that we have our six-year capital improvement plan in place, our long-term strategy is to connect



*The City of Montrose attended the Heidi's Deli Forum on Oct. 5. At right, City Manager Bill Bell shares handouts.*



different parts of town."

Sidewalk repairs and accessibility improvements are also on the radar, though, "We could use another \$5 million a year."

Bell said he was surprised and excited that the public rated the City's economic development efforts so poorly. "I am proud to say that our Council has been very pro-business," he said. "We have worked with our partners at MEDC (Montrose Economic Development Corporation) and have really helped small business...the City will continue to focus on our partnership with Proximity Space and Abrams as we work to identify needs for our retail sector."

Though past MEDC efforts have targeted manufacturers, Bell said that the City will now work to recruit quality retail as well. "Economic development means a lot of different things depending on who you talk to," Bell said. "I really like to call it business development, or business services."

Citizens have identified a need for better restrooms in local parks, and the City will include a new restroom facility for Baldrige Park in next year's budget. "We did the bathrooms on Sunset Mesa this year, and it's the best thing we have ever done," he said.

Following the presentation Bell took questions. Attendees asked about code enforcement, crime and the completion date for the Hillcrest Drive roundabout project.

Del Kinkel, who asked about the Hillcrest project, also asked about the safety of

schoolchildren who must traverse the roundabout area to walk to school. The roundabout will increase pedestrian safety, Bell said, and noted that completion of the Hillcrest project will be the week of Oct. 21.

A citizen asked about funding sources, "Do you get money from other sources besides sales tax?"

Eighty percent of City funds are generated by sales tax, Bell said, and there is income that is generated by fees as well.

Tricia Dickinson asked about any plans to move the Downtown Visitor Center to a more accessible location.

"I have been trying to fire Rob (Assistant City Manager and Office of Business & Tourism Director Rob Joseph) for years, but he just won't go away," Bell joked, before saying there are no plans to relocate the Downtown Visitor Center. However, the City intends to create satellite visitor centers in other parts of the community. "We are working with (Visitor Center Volunteer Coordinator) Jennifer Loshaw," Bell said. "If they are all tied together and provide service, (access) shouldn't be an issue."

The City's wayfinding project is ongoing, he said.

When asked about his take on the recent city government turmoil in Grand Junction, Bell placed the blame on the state's worst economy, management turnover, and a city council that does not get along as well as that in Montrose.

The City will hold a budget open house on Oct. 25, at 6:30 p.m., he said.



## BELL: REC MARIJUANA TO BLAME FOR INCREASE IN TRANSIENTS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-In response to a *Mirror* reporter's question at the Heidi's Deli Forum Oct. 5, City Manager Bill Bell said that he was unaware that three uptown hotels (the Briarwood, Log Cabin and Western motels) now provide short-term residential housing in a neighborhood already served by numerous mobile home parks with vacant units.

Instead, Bell attributed an increasing influx of transient men into the East Montrose (EMO) neighborhood to Colorado's 2012 vote to allow recreational marijuana.

The state has seen an "influx of 18 to 35 year old's that thinks it's cool to come to Colorado," said Bell, "but they don't have

jobs. And the ACLU has made it to where now, we are not allowed to push panhandlers out—though nobody was doing that anyway.

"People will just have to be creative," he said.

"We have quite a bit of subsidized housing with high vacancy rates—young people don't want to live there. There is a big difference between affordable housing and subsidized low income housing.

"We are trying to push quality affordable housing because it can be hard to find a rental in Montrose—we're hoping to get a developer to build some of those."

A more specific answer to the reporter's question about the huge increase in transients over the past three years was

offered by Keith Caddy of the Montrose Police Department (also a BOCC District One candidate).

"We have identified 28 (vacant) trailers," Caddy said of the aging Great Homes mobile home parks, two of which are located within a block of the three short-term lodging hotels.

"We know that kids are hanging out in them, and we are trying to get those out of there." The age of the units can make it extremely difficult to move them, he said.

"We do need low income housing here," Caddy said. "But you can update and modernize and still meet a need in our community.

"We are working on it."

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CPW: PROOF OF OWNERSHIP TO BE REQUIRED ON PURCHASE OF BOATS, OHV'S, SNOWMOBILES IN 2017

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds anyone planning to purchase a boat, OHV or snowmobile that after Jan. 1, 2017, a new regulation requires that the buyer demonstrate proof of ownership before it can be registered. Failure to show proof of ownership will prevent the completion of the registration. If planning to purchase this year, CPW recommends to all new owners that they ask for a bill of sale during the transaction. For convenience, [CPW offers a bill of sale template, available online](#). If proof of ownership cannot be obtained, a physical inspection of the craft will be necessary and can be performed at any CPW office. The bill of sale must include:

*Both the seller and buyer's printed names and signatures*

*The vessel/vehicle identification number - if known*

*The vessel/vehicle make, model and year - if known*

*Date of the sale*

*Other forms of proof of ownership include:*

*Previous registration certificate*

*issued by a governmental entity that lists the applicant as registered owner*

*Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin (MCO)/Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO)*

*Certificate of Title*

*Any court issued document proving ownership*

*A physical inspection form completed by a*



CPW agent

Boats and off-highway vehicles must be registered with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, including motorcycles, dirt bikes, three-wheelers, ATVs and dune buggies that are operated on public land or trails in Colorado. For additional details, visit the [registration page at CPW's website](#), or call your [local CPW office](#).

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### OURAY COUNTY AND WEST CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNERSHIP INVEST IN LOCAL EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE MIND AND BODY HEALTH CARE

*Special to the Mirror*

OURAY COUNTY-Ouray County is leading the West Central Public Health Partnership (WCPHP) in investing more than \$120,000 per year for three years in a local health project to integrate primary and behavioral health care in the WCPHP region of Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel counties, as part of a larger state-wide effort.

The Colorado State Innovation Model (SIM) will receive as much as \$65 million over four years from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to increase access to services, lower costs and integrate care for Coloradans with behavioral health needs. Funding will help the state integrate physical and behavioral health care in more than 400 primary care practices and community mental health centers with 1,600 providers serving 80 percent of Coloradans. As part of this effort, the Colorado Department of Public Health

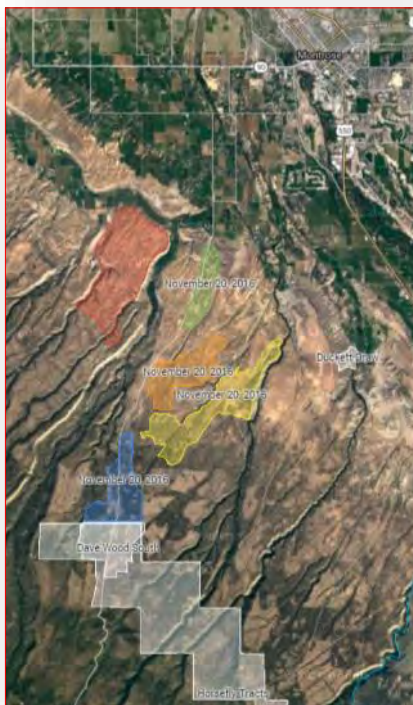
and Environment (CDPHE) has allocated funding to Ouray County Public Health Agency, which has developed collaborative projects involving mental health centers, public and private health organizations, and a wide variety of community groups working together to promote behavioral health awareness and improve community-based screening and prevention of behavioral health disorders in the six county region. These efforts complement other state SIM activities to increase access to integrated physical and behavioral health care services in coordinated systems of care.

Ouray County Public Health Agency Director Elisabeth Lawaczek shared: "Mental health is inextricably intertwined with physical health. The primary goal of this effort is for citizens to be evaluated and provided services for mental health and substance abuse issues when they visit their primary healthcare provider,

even during routine visits. Integration of mental health services and professionals into primary care will provide a holistic approach to healthcare."

Integrating mind and body care has been shown to improve population health outcomes. Per Lawaczek: "Local health departments in our region will work with community partners and providers to reduce the stigma of seeking behavioral health services by reassuring citizens that it's normal to need and seek behavioral health services in different stages of challenging periods of life." *Collaborators for this project include:* Center for Mental Health, primary care practices, private behavioral health service providers, local health departments of WCPHP, Regional Care Collaborative Organization, Tri County Health Network, county social services staff, school leaders, law enforcement, juvenile diversion staff, and early childhood councils.

### WILDFIRE MITIGATION COMMUNITY CHIPPING PROGRAM



*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The West Region Wildfire Council (WRWC) Community Chipping Program is available to residents in wildfire prone areas within Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray & San Miguel Counties. The program provides free curbside chipping services to help residents in enrolled communities get material cleaned up from their property and reduce their wildfire risk. After making up to five piles, following the materials and piling guidelines, residents of enrolled communities register for the program using an online form available on the Council's website ([www.COwildfire.org/chipping](http://www.COwildfire.org/chipping)) or by calling the Council's Montrose based office at (970)615-7300. Each enrolled community will have a pile registration deadline and all participants within that community must register their physical address and pile information on or before that date. The Uncompahgre Plateau in

Montrose County currently has five "enrolled communities" (Beaver Hill Heights, Tres Coyotes, Happy Canyon, Dave Wood North and Dave Wood South) and the pile registration deadline for these Montrose County residents is Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Residents of other communities that are not yet enrolled may contact the West Region Wildfire Council to enroll their community in the free program. A list and map of communities enrolled in the program, as well as a full description of the rules and guidelines of the program, are available on the Council's website at [www.COwildfire.org/chipping](http://www.COwildfire.org/chipping). The WRWC 2016 Community Chipping Program in Montrose County has been made possible by support from Montrose County and the Bureau of Land Management Community Assistance Program. For more information, visit the West Region Wildfire Council on the web at [www.COwildfire.org](http://www.COwildfire.org) or call 970-615-7300.

*Screenshot of interactive map showing enrolled Montrose County Communities. [www.COwildfire.org/chipping](http://www.COwildfire.org/chipping). Courtesy image.*



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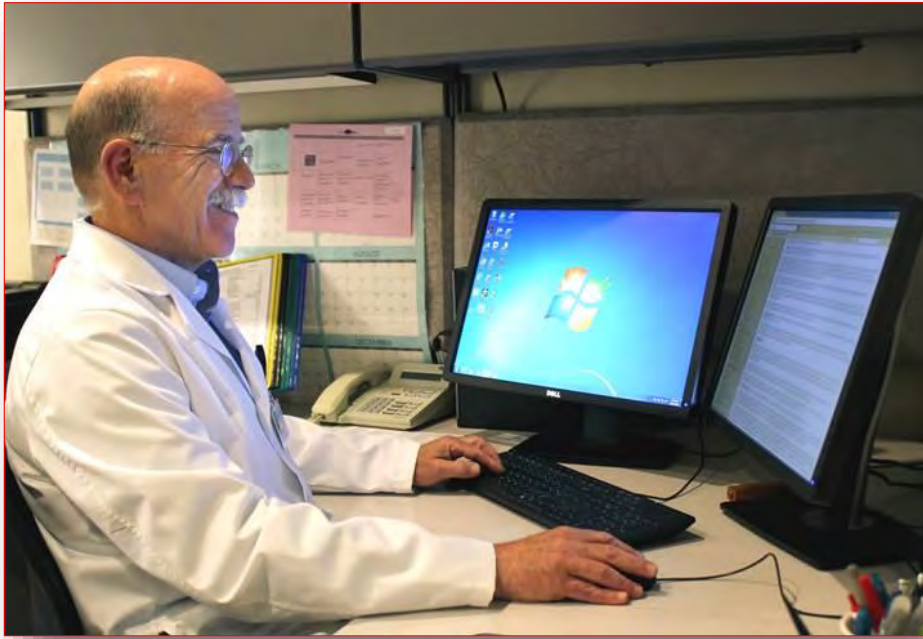


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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SUPPORTS PATIENT CARE WITH \$5K GRANT



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Physicians in Montrose practicing outside the hospital walls are also assisted by this grant: the hospital underwrites the cost of the UpToDate subscription for all MMH-affiliated providers in the area to help ensure excellent care in the community. Because of this subscription, Doctors in their private practice office can perform immediate research on a particular issue or challenge and receive instant information. Currently, there are more than 150 registered users of the program through the hospital's subscription.

Without this resource, patient treatments could be delayed. When physicians are presented with a situation in which more information is required prior to treatment, the physician without UpToDate would likely need to go to the hospital to access this information or contact a colleague for a formal consultation for specialty care.

UpToDate ensures area doctors have the tools they need to deliver quality patient care in a timely manner.

**Montrose Memorial Hospital was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Mable Y. Hughes Charitable Trust. The hospital will use the funds for UpToDate, a clinical decision support database made available to physicians and practitioners. Courtesy photo.**

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MONTROSE-- Montrose Memorial Hospital was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Mable Y. Hughes Charitable Trust. The hospital will use the funds to support payment for UpToDate, a clinical decision support database made available to physicians and practitioners. The database enables care givers to look up symptoms, diagnoses, and treatments for the latest evidence-based information and

provide improved outcomes to patients.

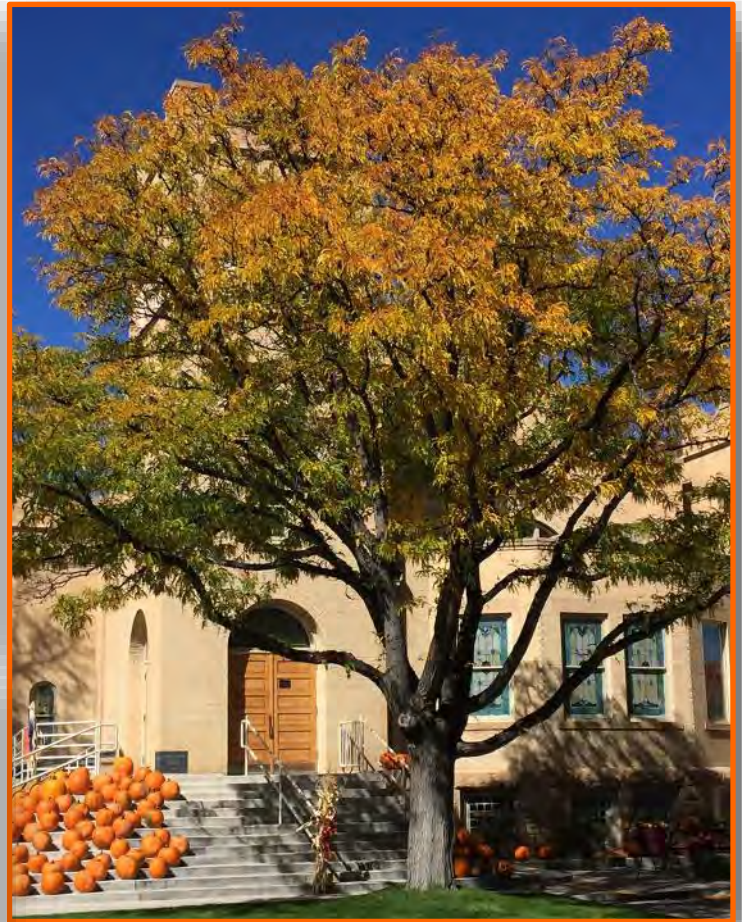
"We would like to thank the Mable Y. Hughes Charitable Trust for the award," said Steve Hannah, MHA, CEO of Montrose Memorial Hospital. "It is very important for us to ensure that the individuals giving patient care in our community have the very best resources available to them. This award speaks to Montrose Memorial Hospital's dedication to excellent patient outcomes."

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## MIRROR IMAGES...PUMPKINS!



*Color abounds at the Montrose United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch. Montrose United Methodist Church members sell pumpkins to benefit youth missions. The Pumpkin Patch is open 9 am to 6 pm Monday through Saturday and from 9:30 am 2 pm on Sundays. Photos by Mirror Staff.*

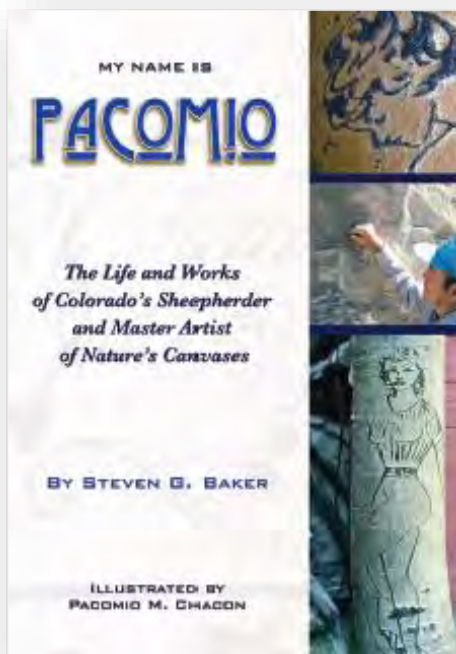




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## ART &amp; SOL

## MONTROSE AUTHOR STEVEN BAKER'S LATEST WORK CELEBRATES COLORADO'S SHEEPHERDER ARTIST, PACOMIO CHACON



**Author Steven Baker has released his latest work, "My Name is Pacomio."**

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—It takes far less time to dig than it does to analyze archaeological discoveries and write scholarly books. Still, Montrose author Steven Baker knows that now is the time to tell the stories he has spent a lifetime sifting through. So shortly after releasing a book that took him 25 years to write, *Juan Rivera's Colorado 1765 (Western Reflections, 2016)*, Baker took 90 days to tell the story of his friend,

the sheepherder artist Pacomio Chacon. The result is *My Name is Pacomio: The Life and Works of Colorado's Sheepherder and Master Artist of Nature's Canvases (Western Reflections, 2016)*. This book is as much a tribute to a dear friend as a celebration of a unique and ephemeral art form. "I had been in Las Vegas, and I saw a bronze by Richard McDonald at an art exhibition that I just knew would have blown Paco's mind," Baker said. "And then I realized I better write this book."

Baker's promotional literature for the new book explains that "Pacomio Martinez Chacon was the grandmaster of aspen tree and cliff drawings. 'Pac'" Chacon has been designated as a master folk artist by the Colorado Council for the Arts, the Museum of Western Colorado, and the Rocky Mountain Regional Office of the U. S. Forest Service. This book is the story of both the man and his work, as well as the story of aspen carvings by sheepherders in the American West. This art is unique, because Paco had to carve in a way where he could visualize his work after the wound scarred and the tree healed. With his cliff drawings he had to plan for erosion and fading."

"His, as well as most other sheepherder's art, is so rapidly disappearing that today most of what remains has to be viewed in a few private collections or in remote rural areas of western Colorado and eastern

Utah." His dear friend Paco loved women, Baker said. "He celebrated women—every one of his pieces has a different look to it. He gave them a character, and a look that people would recognize."

"He was born into a sheep herding family, and all he knew how to do was herd sheep," Baker said. "But he had beautiful script—he used to address letters home for his army buddies to send to their girlfriends."

"My only regret is that I could not include more examples of his art (in the book)," Baker said, noting that he was not always able to get permission to take photos of pieces on private land. Still, the book has sold very well.

"A lot of people in agriculture and in the sheep industry knew him," Baker said. "I took my book to the Meeker Sheepdog trials and sold a number of them—they had a show of his artwork there." Pacomio's work could be considered 'risque,' but taps into a cherished sense of nostalgia as well.

Though created on trees and rocks, the works of art often featured beautiful women in the tradition of classic pinups and 'Vargas' girls. As for the book itself, "People really seem to like it," Baker said. Purchase your copy from Baker himself, through *Western Reflections* publishing, and at bookstores and the Museum of Western Colorado in Grand Junction.



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## MAN PARADE + AUCTION + DANCE PARTY

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Dress to the nines for a Man parade, Auction, and Dance party (M.A.D) fundraising event for the Sherbino, in celebration for the debut of the 'Men of Ridgway' 2017 calendar. This fun and lighthearted evening is sure to be M.A.D.ly entertaining and unforgettable. Those dressed to impress will receive a free drink upon entry.

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(Ridgway) starting October 1st.

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

### OURAY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM BEGINS FALL HOURS

*Special to Art & Sol*

OURAY-The Ouray County Historical Museum has begun fall hours. The museum will be open to the public 10 a.m. -4:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday through Nov. 12. The museum will reopen in mid-April, 2017. The museum is located at 420 Sixth Avenue in Ouray. For more information, call (970) 325-4576 or visit [www.ouraycountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.ouraycountyhistoricalsociety.org).

### MONTROSE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM TAKES WALK ON THE SPOOKY SIDE!

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-On Oct 28-29, The Montrose County Historical Museum takes a walk on the Spooky Side with tales of ghost stories. The museum's ghost authority intertwines history and legend on a walk down Montrose's shadowy Main Street and dark alleyways. Armed with flashlights, patrons will hear mysterious tales of the town's eerie history of paranormal activity and perhaps have their own experiences to share afterward! Montrose County Historical Museum is the starting point for the tour which starts at 6 pm and lasts till about 7:30 p.m.. The cost is \$8/person please RSVP space is limited at [970-249-2085](tel:970-249-2085).

## GET COVERED MONTROSE – Health Insurance Fair



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## NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer

### HIGHLIGHTING SOME LESS FAMILIAR U.S. COMPOSERS...

The final installment on American composers will be a brief overview and mention of several composers who have not been featured. These individuals work in the areas of opera, orchestra, chamber music, and film composing. It is important to mention names that are not often as well known or may have been somewhat forgotten in the shadows of more famous names.

One of the composers we will mention has a reputation that is growing and will be a well-known name in the years to come. Mentioned in a previous article, composer Jennifer Higdon has found recent success with a Pulitzer Prize winning violin concerto and in the opera house with the world premier of *Cold Mountain* at the Santa Fe Opera in 2015. Known for works of great texture and tonality, Jennifer Higdon produces works for small and large ensembles and continues to innovate musically. An interest in American music and in American composers most certainly should include the close following of Jennifer Higdon. She lives with her wife Cheryl Lawson in Philadelphia.

A discussion of the music and career of John Williams would take tens of thousands of words. His music for film has been the soundtracks to our lives and he has written some of the most memorable film music of all time. Dozens of Academy Award nominations show just how diverse and deep his work is and how entrenched he is into the pop culture of America. We hear just a few notes of his music and we immediately know the name of the film. His music is a trigger for many happy memories from childhood to adulthood. Now in his 80's, John Williams continues to compose music for film and continues to enrich our lives with sound. In fifty-

years, the name John Williams will be as recognizable and as famous as that of Beethoven or Mozart.

Known for his work as a Composer, Arranger, Producer, Instrumentalist, Conductor, and Humanitarian, Quincy Jones is a true polymath whose impact on American music has spanned six decades. His career has included a record-setting 79 Grammy Nominations and 28 Grammy awards.

Beginning his career as a trumpeter in the 1950's, Quincy Jones is likely most known for his work with Michael Jackson as a record producer on some of the best selling albums of all time. Like that of John Williams, a detailed examination of his life's work would require volumes. In 1985, immediately following that year's American Music Awards ceremony, Quincy Jones brought together many of the stars of the day to record *We Are the World* to benefit the victim's of the famine in Ethiopia. The song and the collaboration of so many artists have become world famous and well known to this day.

While discussing Quincy Jones, a diversion needs to be taken to his work on the soundtrack to the movie *The Wiz*, an adaptation of *The Wizard of Oz*. The music itself is admittedly somewhat disturbing for unknown reasons and is off balance and quirky in ways that rest just beneath the surface of your conscious mind. Really, it is problematic visually and makes one wonder what they are looking at on the screen. However, the soundtrack to the movie is absolutely stunning and features the top session players in the business laying down tracks of powerful virtuosity. Jazz, funk, early hip-hop, and rock are all mashed together along with a smokin' horn section that will truly amaze the listener. Some time spent with the sound-



Quincy Jones in Davos. Wikipedia photo.

track is absolutely mandatory. Time spent with the actual film is very, very optional.

Our series on American composers comes to an end with Bill Conti. You may be asking yourself "Bill who?" His music from one particular series of movies is his most well-known work and is immediately recognizable. Bill Conti composed the soundtrack for the original *Rocky* movie along with works featured in subsequent films in the long series. The theme from *Rocky* is so well known that it has become a cliché and brings to mind humor rather than its original goal of inspiration and perseverance. The tracks that come after the main theme offer the listener an insight into the powerful compositional mind of Bill Conti. *Philadelphia Morning* and *Butkus* take us into the world of Rocky Balboa. This is deep and powerful music that brings the listener on waves of emotional ups and downs. Beautiful compositions from a lesser-known American composer.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE!

## BUY TICKETS NOW FOR THIRD ANNUAL PAONIA OKTOBERFEST!

### Special to the Mirror

PAONIA-Paonia Chamber of Commerce presents the Third Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 6pm.

Come enjoy this fun celebration at Delicious Orchards, 39126 Highway 133 in Paonia, Colorado. Tickets are \$12 and includes Brats with fixins' and two sides! Featuring local and regional beers, contests and music. For more information, please visit [paoniachamber.com](http://paoniachamber.com). Tickets are available online at [paoniachamber.com](http://paoniachamber.com), at the Chamber Visitor Center at

136 Grand Avenue in Paonia, Delicious Orchards, or from any Paonia Chamber Board Member.

This is a fundraiser event for the Paonia Chamber of Commerce. Did you know that the Paonia Chamber and Information Center is completely funded by Business Members, Sponsors, donations and fundraisers? Please help keep this valuable community service alive, while having fun at the same time!

Buy your ticket now at the Paonia Chamber of Commerce, 136 Grand Ave or

online at [paoniachamber.com](http://paoniachamber.com). *Schedule of Events includes:* Master of Ceremony: Ulli Lange; Mistress of Ceremony: Tensi Plummer; Well-known tradition of tapping the beer keg; Costume Contest with prizes; Chicken Dance; Music and Fun; Menu Items include: Brats and Fixins', German Potato Salad, German Coleslaw, Pretzels Unveiling of Face Cut-out! Students from Paonia High School painted a beautiful face cut-out stand depicting a unique picturesque town of Paonia backdrop, for a fun and playful photo-op.

## WEEHAWKEN'S OPEN FIGURE DRAWING SESSIONS SEEK MODELS IN RIDGWAY

### Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Weehawken Creative Arts is in search of live models for their twice-monthly Open Figure Drawing sessions, which start back up in November on Nov. 5th. It's a warm, friendly atmosphere con-

sisting of a serious group of artists who love to draw from a live model. Open Figure Drawing runs the first and third Saturday of each month from 1 pm until 4 pm each session. The class pays \$20 an hour, so models get \$60 for the week's

session. If you are interested in being a model for this group, please contact Weehawken at [questions@weehawkenarts.org](mailto:questions@weehawkenarts.org) or email the volunteer coordinator of the program, Meredith

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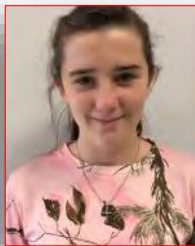
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## MONTROSE/OLATHE ABC CLUB STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



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Amberlyn Lamm  
Olathe Middle School  
Grade: 7



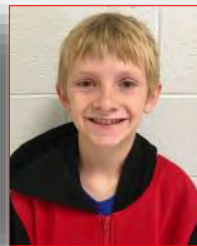
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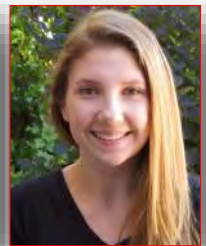
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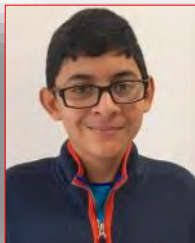
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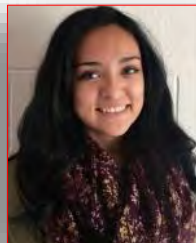
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Ethan Osorio  
Pomona Elementary  
Grade: 4



Gabriel Arechiga  
Olathe Middle School  
Grade: 8



Janelle Salazar  
Olathe High School  
Grade: 11



Justus Sanchez  
Vista Charter School  
Grade: 12



Kadin Abbath  
Columbine Middle School  
Grade: 8



Kaileigh Lyons  
Montrose High School  
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Katie Casebier  
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Katy Story  
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Grade: 5



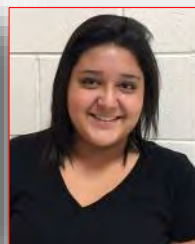
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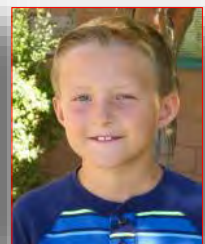
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Vista Charter School  
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Noah Richmond  
Johnson Elementary  
Grade: 5



Riley Kettell  
Centennial Middle  
School



Sadie Corn  
Olathe Elementary  
Grade: 5



Samantha Hodges  
Peak Academy  
Grade: 8



Samantha Noelle Go  
Pomona Elementary  
Grade: 5



Teagan Fletcher  
Cottonwood Elementary  
Grade: 4

Since 1983, the Academic Booster Club <<http://montroseabc.org/>> has collected and returned between \$7,000 and \$10,000 annually to schools and students by giving grants to teachers, students, parents, administrators and support staff to promote positive aca-

ademic experiences in our community. Academic Booster Club (A+BC) has awarded over \$225,000 in grant money since its inception! Each month, A+BC selects one student from each school in the RE-1J district to be a Student of the Month. These students are recognized

at a quarterly awards ceremony. A+BC has been doing this for more than 30 years! We invite you to attend the A+BC Award Ceremony on Monday, October 10th at 7PM. Students selected to receive the A+BC award will be honored at the ceremony at Olathe Elementary School.



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE!

### OCT. 15 FUNDRAISER FOR RIDGWAY'S SHERBINO THEATER TO INCLUDE MAN PARADE, CALENDAR SIGNING

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-Support the men of Ridgway and the Sherbino on Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> for a one-of-a kind fundraiser that is not to be missed. Along with a man parade, auction, and dance party, (MAD) the 2017 *Men of Ridgway* calendars will make their debut and are available for purchase at the event.

A number of the 'men of Ridgway,' who posed for the 2017 calendar will be at the event to sign the calendars before

strutting their stuff on the catwalk. A silent auction throughout the evening features wonderful packages and donations from local business and artists including; a private couples massage, a private aerial silks lesson, an original painting from artist Kellie Day, and more.

Dress to impress for the occasion and receive a free drink upon entry. A dance party wraps up the evening with a mix of dance music from multiple eras. All money collected at the door and from calendar

sales go help fund the Sherbino's operational costs. Tickets for this MADly entertaining event can be purchased in advance at Cimarron Coffee Roasters in Ridgway for \$15, and for \$20 at the door.

Doors open at 7:30 pm with the man parade starting at 8:30pm. Follow the Sherbino on Facebook for the more of the inside scoop as the event approaches.

For any further questions about the evening, call the Sherbino at 970.318.0180.

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## YOUTH FIRE ART WORKSHOP IN TELLURIDE!

### Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE— Nov. 19-20: The Telluride Fire Festival has created a two-day fire art program for local and regional high school students involving the five STEAM themes—science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The workshop will take place in two locations in and around Telluride. Students and their mentors will create a group art installation using their new skills and knowledge.

Their creation will be showcased at the January 20-22 Telluride Fire Festival and then at each of the student groups' communities, if practical.

Tuition (\$400) includes lodging, meals, transportation, and materials. The class is limited to 15 participants.

Artists, teachers, scientists, engineers, and craft persons will mentor students in their areas of expertise. Instructors will teach their art through welding, carpentry, clay, chemistry, math, physics, and, above all, safety.

Three of our instructors for this special class are Jon Hubbard from Norwood, Brent Cain from Moab, Andy McKim and Natasha Mills from Moffat. Students can apply for a scholarship by submitting two paragraphs about why a scholarship is needed for student participation to [erin@telluridefirefestival.org](mailto:erin@telluridefirefestival.org). The deadline to request a scholarship is Nov. 1. Students involved include those from all walks of life, from the surrounding counties. Some of the students will be coming

from Saguache County as a result of a grant received for this workshop.

The Festival is accepting scholarship donations for students wishing to take this once-in-a-lifetime fire art workshop. The Telluride Fire Festival, a 501c3 organization, is an interactive fire art experience offering free workshops and outdoor displays of fire artistry free to attendees to enable all to immerse themselves in fire arts.

Dates for 2017 are January 20-22. For more about the Festival, to give a student scholarship donation, volunteer, or submit a fire installation for consideration, or subscribe to their enews, visit [www.telluridefirefestival.org](http://www.telluridefirefestival.org) or email [erin@telluridefirefestival.org](mailto:erin@telluridefirefestival.org).

# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

## EAST AND WEST COAST SWING DANCE LESSONS KICK OFF OCT. 15

### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Teaching Artist, Deb Aspen will return to Weehawken Ridgway on Oct. 15 to begin a new six-week session of dance lessons.

This time, the two classes offered will be East Coast Swing and West Coast Swing and while enrolling with a partner is great, partners are not required to take these classes.

East Coast Swing will be offered on Saturdays for six weeks from 5:30 until 6:30 pm at Weehawken Ridgway for \$75 per person for the entire session.

East Coast Swing has a "rock-step, triple-step, triple-step" timing and is danced to a medium speed tempo. It is generally associated with music from rock & roll songs of the 50's & 60's, but it is versatile enough to dance to other eras of rock & roll. The speed is the key. If the music gets too fast, like sounds from the 40's big bands, swing dancers opt to choose the

single step version which is essentially jitterbug or Lindy hop.

West Coast Swing will be offered on Saturdays for six weeks from 6:30 until 7:30 pm at Weehawken Ridgway for \$75 per person for the entire session. West Coast Swing has the same timing as East Coast Swing, but instead of a "rock-step" it starts with a "walk-walk" step, followed by the "triple-step, triple-step."

West Coast Swing is danced in what is called a "slot", which moves up & down a certain path. This dance began with a Blues type feel to it, but can be danced to funky music or anything with a slower tempo.

The teaching artist, Deb Aspen is an Arthur Murray certified dance instructor, and is currently graduating through their Master's Program. Deb teaches varying levels of different styles in the following categories: smooth, Latin, swing, country, night club, and specialty dances. Her

'traveling' In Step Dance Academy offers quality dance instruction to many areas in the Western Slope of Colorado; and has a private studio at her home in Cedaredge.

These classes are designed for beginner to intermediate levels, ages 16 & up (ages 12-15 possible with tryout). You do not need a partner to attend.

Those participating are asked to please wear comfortable clothing and smooth soled shoes that do NOT leave black marks or mud. A minimum of eight students are needed to make the class "go", so preregistration is needed through Weehawken Creative Arts

at [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) or by calling 970-318-0150. If the eight-student minimum is reached, Weehawken will allow for drop-in participation at \$15/class. More information is available at [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) or [facebook.com/weehawkenarts](https://www.facebook.com/weehawkenarts) or by calling 970-318-0150.

## PAX SEEKS VOTES FOR 2016 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

### *Special to Art & Sol*

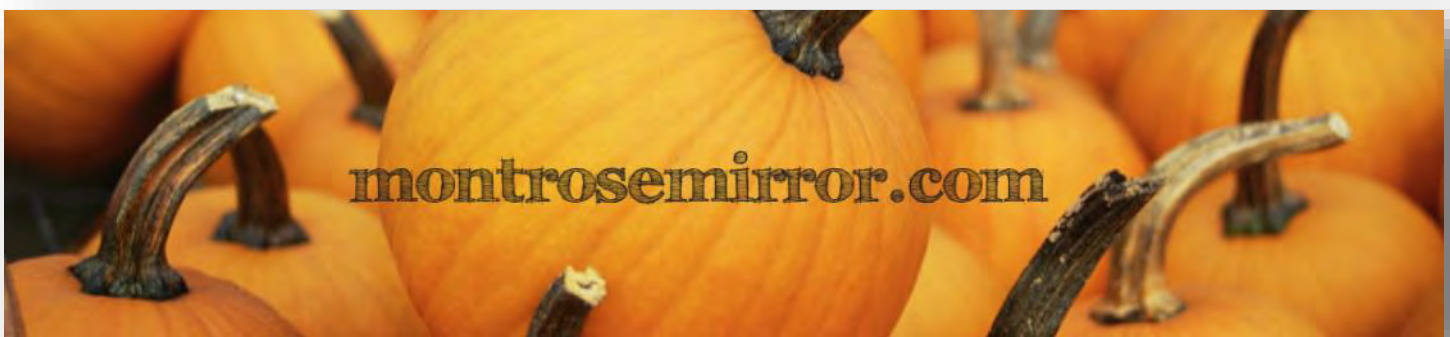
MONTROSE-The Public Art eXperience (PAX) invites the public to participate in selecting the winner of the 2016 "People's Choice Award." The winning artist will receive a \$500 cash prize. Eligible sculptures include: Alter Ego— Pokey Park Can I Keep Him— Ella Marolf (2011 People's Choice winner)

Couger Crouching— Margaret Tange  
Organic Dream— Chuck Christie  
War Horse — Prospect Steel, Inc.  
Wild One— Daphna Russell

Visit [CityofMontrose.org/art](http://CityofMontrose.org/art) to vote online or complete a form, available at City Hall (433 S. First Street). The deadline to vote is Oct. 11. The Montrose Public Art eXperience (PAX) is a partnership be-

tween the PAX volunteer board, Montrose Downtown Development Authority, City of Montrose, local business sponsors, and the public. PAX is also a Montrose Community Foundation component fund.

For more information about PAX, contact Carolyn Bellavance at the City of Montrose at [970-240-1421](tel:970-240-1421) or visit [CityofMontrose.org/art](http://CityofMontrose.org/art).





## MIRROR IMAGES... OUT AND ABOUT!



*A balloon prepares for flight in Rotary Park Saturday. Photo by Gail Marvel.*



*Sharon Baker welcomes guests to Camelot Gardens for the Montrose Visual Arts Guild Show & Sale Saturday.*

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### AFTER SCHOOL ARTS PROGRAM IN OURAY & RIDGWAY BEGINS OCT 17- 18

#### Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Join Weehawken Creative Arts for a fall session of After School Art in both Ridgway and Ouray with teaching artist, Ann Cheeks. In these classes, students will learn all different techniques and styles over the course of the six-week semester and projects range depending on the student's skill set and artistic knowledge.

Classes will be offered weekly for first through second graders from 4-5 pm and for third through fifth graders from 5:05 until 6:50 pm each week (excluding Thanksgiving week). The Ridgway classes will be held on Mondays at Weehawken Ridgway (The Old School-house: 1075 Sherman Street) and on Tuesdays in Ouray (upstairs at the Wright Opera House).

The class cost for the six-week session is \$65 and includes all materials. The teaching artist, Ann Cheeks is an accomplished artist and art teacher with 13+ years of teaching art. Before moving to the region, Ann worked as an art teacher both privately and in a middle school in Virginia to children aged 7 to adults. Since moving here, she has actively worked with Weehawken Creative Arts, AhHaa and with a program in Naturita.

Classes are limited to ten students per class, so pre-registration is highly encouraged. Register online at [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) or visit [facebook.com/weehawkenarts](https://facebook.com/weehawkenarts) for more information. Weehawken also welcomes calls at 970-318-0150.

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## LAWTON EXHIBIT TO OPEN AT HEALTHY RHYTHM GALLERY OCT. 15



### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Healthy Rhythm Community Art Gallery is pleased to announce a seven-week photography exhibition by world traveler, photographer, graphic artist, and designer, Michael Lawton.

Opening Night for "Gifts to Natives: Memoirs of a World Traveller Who Photographs", will occur [Saturday evening](#), October 15, 2016, at Healthy Rhythm Community Art Gallery in Montrose, Colorado.

Michael will be in attendance during Opening Night. A Q&A session will be facilitated by the Artist and the Gallery. The photographic exhibition will be on display [from October 15 through November 30, 2016](#).

Exhibition photographs will be available for viewing by the general public between [6:30-8:30 p.m.](#) on Opening Night. Photographs on display will be from Lawton's travels around the world. An earlier showing for Gallery Patrons and

collectors will occur between [5:30-6:30 p.m.](#) If you are a collector interested in attending the early showing, please contact the Gallery at [healthyrhythm@gmail.com](mailto:healthyrhythm@gmail.com) no later than [October 5](#).

Gallery owner/curator, Ken Vail, will be on hand for individuals interested in ordering Limited Edition Luxury Prints. The first print ordered of each photograph on display, will be signed, numbered, and marked "EP" (Exhibition Print) in an exclusive Limited Edition of only 1 of 1.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Wine will be provided by Mountain View Winery. Street and rear lot parking available.

Michael Lawton is a traveler who trades photographs for airline tickets, because until now he had no interest in anything other than travel. No awards, no badges from associations proclaiming him the greatest since Ansel Adams; just what you see in his works. The Images. The Photo-

graphs. Think of him as just reentering earth's atmosphere after 43 years in the far reaches of the universe. The images he presents are two-dimensional representations of three-dimensional experiences he's had. The Experiences, the Stories, are why he went there in the first place.

Unlike other wide angle Panoramas, Lawton's images are designed to be presented as Flat Field Art with minimal curved distortion. It's important to note that Michael invented the camera that shot the panoramic images displayed; the most versatile Flat Field, wide angle, Panorama camera ever made. Bold statement? Maybe. However, the proof is in his photographs. What's unique is Lawton's ability to create Flat Field, wide angle, Panoramic high-resolution aerial images that can be printed in sizes up to 35 feet on a single piece of paper without distortion. (Courtesy images by Michael Lawton.)





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**THE ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB** meets every second Tuesday at St. Mary 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.

**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.

**SNOWSHADOW GYM**-Zumba classes with Maria Gonzalez week nights 5:30 to 7:30; Swing dance with Kevin Mears Mondays 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 535 S. First St. Snowshadowgymnastics@yahoo.com.

## MONTHLY-

### Happy October birthday!

**Oct. 10**-Academic Booster Club Students of the Month to be honored at Olathe Elementary School, 7 p.m.

**Oct. 11**-Join the World Affairs Council of Western Colorado as Dr. Tim Casey and Dr. Bill Flanik of the Political Science Department at Colorado Mesa University will moderate a panel discussion and multi-media presentation on Vladimir Putin's role in geopolitics, Russian politics, and in Western political discourse. The presentation and panel discussion will take place on the Colorado Mesa University Campus in Houston Hall Room 205 on Tuesday, October 11. The event will start at 5:30 in the evening and is free to the public.

**Oct. 13**-Montrose County League of Women Voters County Commissioner Candidate Forum, Montrose Pavilion (1800 Pavilion Drive) 7 p.m. Doors open @ 6:30 p.m. Four candidates Town Hall format.

**Oct. 14-16**-The Bow Wow Film Fest Tour is heading your way! This Fundraiser for Second Chance Humane Society is stopping to "Raise the woof" in: Ridgway on Friday Oct. 14, 7pm at the Sherbino Theater & Montrose on Sunday Oct. 16, 6 pm at the Turn of the Century. This is a family friendly short collection of films all for "The Love of Dog"! Tickets are on-sale now \$12/Adults, \$8/kids - \$15/door & a movie preview at [www.bowwowfilmfest.com](http://www.bowwowfilmfest.com). ALL proceeds benefit Second Chance Humane Society a 501(c)(3) animal organization serving the counties of Montrose, Ouray & San-Miguel.

**Oct. 15**-@7 p.m. Montrose Pavilion (doors open at 5 p.m.)-Celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the National Parks with the scholar Clay Jenkinson as Theodore Roosevelt. Presented by the park service and Uncompahgre Valley Association, [tickets.montrosepress.com](http://tickets.montrosepress.com). \$25, students \$15, 240-4739.

**Oct. 15**-Paonia Chamber of Commerce presents the 3rd Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 15th from 2 - 6pm. Come enjoy this fun celebration at Delicious Orchards, 39126 Highway 133 in Paonia, Colorado. Tickets are \$12.00 and includes Brats with fixins' and two sides! Featuring local and regional beers, contests and music. For more information, please visit [paoniamchamber.com](http://paoniamchamber.com). Tickets are available online at [paoniamchamber.com](http://paoniamchamber.com), at the Chamber Visitor Center at 136 Grand Avenue in Paonia, Delicious Orchards, or from any Paonia Chamber Board Member.

**Oct. 18**-Representatives from the Western Colorado Congress and Great Old Broads for Wilderness will offer a comment-writing workshop on an important public lands document at the Ouray County 4-H Center Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. The 4-H Center is located at 22739 US-550, Ridgway. For more information, contact Emily Hornback, [emily@wccongress.org](mailto:emily@wccongress.org).

**Oct. 19**-The Chipeta Archaeology Society presents Douglass Scott discussing Battlefield and Conflict Archaeology - Some New Insights into Custer's Last Stand, on Wednesday on Oct. 19 @ 7 pm United Methodist Church, Baldrige Hall, South 1st and Park Avenue, Montrose

**Oct. 19**-7 p.m. @ 2 Rascals Brewery, Montrose: Citizens' Climate Lobby presents Green World Rising by Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, free 970-765-9095.

**Oct. 19**-Seventh annual CMU Chili Cook Off, Wednesday, Oct. 19th, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$1 for tasting, \$3 bowl, Montrose Library Atrium. Proceeds support CMU Montrose Student Nurses Public Welcome.

**Oct. 20** CMU Campus Blood Drive for Breast Cancer, St. Mary's Blood Mobile @S. 3rd and S. Cascade Ave, Thursday, Oct. 20th, 1-3 p.m. Call 249-7009 for donation spot.

**Oct. 20**-Screening of "Dolores River of Sorrows:" Thursday Oct. 20th at 6pm, Community Spirit UCC Church, 2900 Sunnyside Rd. Produced by Western Colorado's own Rig to Flip, this film shines a spotlight on the many perspectives community members have on the Dolores River and the subsequent challenges of managing this public resource. Movie will be followed by a short informational presentation about the BLM Resource Management Plan and how members of the public can act to protect the Dolores River through the RMP process.

**Oct. 21**-Colorado Connect for Health, Get Covered Health Fair, Westminster Hall I n Delta, 145 East Fourth Street, 9 a.m. to Noon.

**Oct. 24**-Montrose Public Lands Action Hour. Representatives from the Western Colorado Congress and the Uncompahgre Valley Association host a comment writing workshop for the Resource Management Plan of the BLM's Uncompahgre Field Office. Monday, Oct 24th at 6:30 p.m., the Centennial Room, 433 S 1st Street, Montrose. ( For more information, contact Emily Hornbeck, [emily@wccongress.org](mailto:emily@wccongress.org).)

**Oct. 26**- Please join us for a time of education and support. Statins. Understanding Risks & Benefits. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Montrose Memorial Hospital Conference Room B, 800 South Third Street.

**Oct 28-29**-The Montrose County Historical Museum takes a walk on the Spook Side with tales of ghost stories. The museum's ghost authority intertwines history and legend on a walk down Montrose's shadowy Main Street and dark alleyways. Armed with flashlights, patrons will hear mysterious tales of the town's eerie history of paranormal activity and perhaps have their own experiences to share afterward! Montrose County Historical Museum is the starting point for the tour which starts at 6 pm and lasts till about 7:30 p.m.. The cost is \$8/person please RSVP space is limited at 970-249-2085.

**Oct. 29**-Connect for Health Colorado, 9 a.m. to Noon, Get Covered Health Fair in Montrose, Centennial Room (former City Council Chambers) @ 422 South First Street.

Oct. 29-514 Duo @ Healthy Rhythm Gallery, 68 South Grand Avenue, 7 to 10 p.m.

**Oct. 29**-Stupid Band Halloween Dance. Turn of the Century Saloon. Admission \$10 and two non-perishable food items. Doors open 8 p.m.

**Oct. 31**-Happy Halloween!

**Nov. 5**-Grand Opening of Precedence Art Academy, Noon to 4 p.m., 509-513 East Main Street, Montrose.

**Nov. 12**-Ridgway Moonwalk Film Fest, 6 to 9 p.m. @ the historic Sherbino Theater.

**Nov. 12**-My Name is Pacomio, Montrose author Steven Baker book signing at Barnes & Noble, Grand Junction. 2 p.m.

**Nov. 18**-The 2016 Crab Crack benefiting Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club will be Friday, Nov. 18, from 6 pm - 9 pm @ the Montrose Pavilion Event Center, 1800 Pavilion Drive. Enjoy dinner and live music. Price: \$50 to \$5,000 —\$50 General Admission, private & sponsor tables available This second annual event is the Montrose version of a Southern crab boil that features Dungeness Crab, Giant Shrimp, Sausage, Potatoes and Corn served up low country boil style. Dinner is followed by a special dessert and dancing to a live band. Unique fundraising opportunities will be available .TICKETS ON SALE NOW [bcbgc.org/tickets](http://bcbgc.org/tickets) or (970)249-5168.

**Nov. 25-26**-42nd Annual Basement Boutique Craft Show & Sale @ the Montrose Pavilion. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 4c p.m. Saturday.



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