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7 CITIZENS SHOW UP FOR CITY BUDGET MEETING

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-A presentation of the City of Montrose 2017 budget proposal was given to the public on Oct. 25th. Although only seven citizens attended, City Clerk Lisa Del-Piccolo put a positive spin on the turn-out, "It's double what we had for the 2016 proposal...then we only had three people attend."

While preparing the city budget is a year-round endeavor, concentrated efforts during the budget process itself involve retreats with city council, retreats with department heads and meetings

with the citizen advisory committee. The current Citizen Budget Advisory Committee members are Dee Laird, Kevin Williams, Ron Ewing, Audrey Cook and Jim Anderson.



Finance Director Shani Wittenberg uses a PowerPoint presentation for the City of Montrose 2017 Proposed Budget. Two public hearings will be held in November to approve the budget. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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Included in the RMP documents under "Reasonably Foreseeable Development Scenarios for Oil & Gas," this photo depicts Dakota Sandstone along US 550 near Ridgway, showing a coal seam near the base of the section. Courtesy photo BLM.

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL-One day remains for public comment on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)'s [Uncompahgre Field Office Draft Resource Management Plan \(RMP\)](#). The original period for comment on the plan was scheduled to close on Sept. 1; however, that was extended to Nov. 1 to allow additional time for public input.

According to a news release issued earlier this year by the BLM, "The BLM identified a wide range of alternatives in the Draft RMP that analyze impacts to important wildlife, vegetation and cultural resources while balancing the need for resource uses such as grazing, minerals and recreation on about 675,800 acres of BLM-administered surface lands and 971,220 acres of federal mineral estate in Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel counties."

In the North Fork Valley, some

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GRAND JUNCTION RESIDENTS WITNESS POLICE CHASE OF MURDER SUSPECT SUNDAY



Officers with the Grand Junction Police Department ended a manhunt for a Utah murder suspect Sunday afternoon near downtown Grand Junction. The suspect was taken to the hospital. Photos by William B. Woody @wwodyco

*By William B. Woody
Digital Content Producer*

Twitter and Instagram: wwodyCO

GRAND JUNCTION — A days-long manhunt for a Utah man — wanted on suspicion of murder — ended in arrest Sunday afternoon, in a residential neighborhood following a 45-minute chase with police, Mesa County Sheriff's Deputies and the Colorado State Patrol.

With police keeping a safe distance, the man sped down some of the busiest roads in the city, sometimes into oncoming traffic. Amazingly no one was injured. The suspect, identified as 34-year-old James Main Jr. was arrested at gun point and taken into custody at about 1:30 p.m. Police believe he had been in town since Saturday night and considered him armed and dangerous.

Police allege Main kidnapped two men at gunpoint before killing another man in a home Friday night in Roosevelt, which is in Duchesne County Utah.

According to police, Main arrived in

Grand Junction sometime Saturday driving a white 2000 Ford F-250 truck with an extended cab with Utah license plate.

Active searches for Main were conducted in neighborhoods surrounding St. Mary's hospital and the campus of Colorado Mesa University Sunday morning. The Grand Junction Police Department issued a reverse 911 call at around 12:30 p.m. stating residents should remain inside with doors locked.

Minutes later the police issued an alert that Main had shaved his facial hair, changed clothes, and stole a 2002 Buick sedan to avoid capture.

Shortly before 1 p.m. police officers and deputies alerted dispatch they had spotted the car and were involved in a chase.

The chase started around the I-70 business loop where officers there observed Main driving into oncoming traffic in the east bound lanes. Main then drove up 30 road and merged onto North Avenue.

When Main arrived onto Patterson road

he drove into oncoming traffic and crashed into at least one vehicle.

For public safety, officers did not pursue Main into oncoming traffic.

Officers then stated they had positive identification the suspect was Main.

The chase then moved into residential neighborhoods where residents there stood outside with phones trying to capture a glimpse of the mayhem.

Main then turned from Orchard Ave onto 29 1/2 road and drove south turning onto Gunnison Avenue. With officers close behind, Main then turned north onto Glen road where he crashed his stolen car into a silver Dodge SUV and GJPD police unit.

Eyewitnesses nearby said Main was arrested with a large wound on his face. He was then taken to the hospital shortly before 2 p.m.

There was no information if any weapons were recovered from the stolen vehicle.



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perceive as the RMP as potential "back door zoning" that could allow natural gas exploration on public lands throughout the North Fork agricultural region. An Oct. 26 letter to the [Delta County Independent](#) authored by Rita Clagett and signed by a group of citizens paints a verbal picture of 1,271 gas wells generating an average of 2,300 truck trips per well, and asserts, "... the BLM's proposed oil and gas-leasing plans are a concealed backdoor to zoning Delta County for heavy industrial use in the service of widespread oil and gas operations... a no-oil and gas-leasing alternative is the only way to prevent the BLM (an unelected federal administrative agency) from turning Delta County into a heavily industrialized oil and gas sacrifice zone." The North Fork community was unique in

presenting an alternative plan for inclusion in the RMP, [Hotchkiss Merchant Herald](#) publisher and bookstore owner Tom Wills said.

[Alternative B.1, the North Fork Alternative Plan](#) would close certain areas to oil and gas leasing and would also impose development setbacks with strict surface use restrictions in places where leasing may be allowed.

And while the entire valley may not be impacted by oil and gas drilling, the public relations disaster created for the local agricultural industry by the prospect of heavy industry is also a consideration, Wills said. "The perception is almost as big a problem as the reality."

In any case, the RMP will impact many aspects of public lands usage throughout

the region in addition to potential gas drilling, Wills said. "This RMP covers everything," he said. "If people are concerned about hunting or fishing, they need to know what's in the plan."

"There is a ton of other stuff that people should be commenting on."

According to the BLM, The plan and associated environmental documents are available at http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/ufo/uncompahgre_rmp.html (or www.uformp.com).

Written comments will be most effective if they are specific to the proposal or analysis and in order to meet today's deadline, should be submitted by email to uformp@blm.gov or by hand to the BLM, Uncompahgre Field Office, 2465 S. Townsend Avenue in Montrose.

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Finance Director Shani Wittenberg and City Manager Bill Bell unveiled the draft budget with a printed handout and a PowerPoint presentation. Department heads were available to answer follow-up questions.

Bell spoke about city goals and challenges, "The challenges are: 1) How can we improve service to citizens without increasing costs? 2) How can we improve employee morale?"

With a review of history, the economic climate and current trends at the city Bell said, "The last eight years have been tough times and we had to do some early retirement incentives." In recent years the city has seen a 15.5 percent staff reduction and they are now beginning to backfill some of those positions.

As stated in the handout: *The General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance as of Dec. 31, 2016 is estimated to be \$8.1 million. Per the City's Regulations Manual, the City shall try to maintain reserves equal to 50 percent of the City's budgeted General Fund operating expenditures. An adequate minimum reserve would be approximately \$8.1 million.*

This reserve fund allows the city flexibility in land acquisitions, such as river front properties when they become available. Bell said, "If we have more than six-months reserve we can buy those acquisitions."

Sales tax is the prominent revenue source for the city's general fund; the city

does not receive property tax. In the last three years retail sales have shown double digit growth; however, construction growth is slower in rebounding. Bell said, "We are three years behind Denver in construction growth. People are starting to come back for construction jobs."

The 2016 Community Survey indicated the top three negatives for the city: 1) traffic flow and congestion; 2) street maintenance; 3) economic development. The proposed 2017 budget handout highlighted some capital improvements which may relate to the identified needs of constituents:

Grand/Rio Grande arterial extension construction from South 1st to South 3rd

\$800,000 (\$600,000 CDOT + \$200,000 city). Miami/Hillcrest Intersection Engineering (roundabout); design work, no construction (\$120,000).

Hillcrest Extension (design) - Niagara to East Oak Grove Road (\$175,000).

Broadband High Speed Internet Fiber Installation for Anchor Institutions (\$100,000).

The full Grand/Rio Grande arterial extension and the 6700 Road connection have been in the Master Plan for years. However, the Grand/Rio Grande extension continues to be seen as cost prohibitive and the 6700 Road is a lesser priority.

Referencing the 2016 summer traffic detours throughout the city Bell said, "We want to give people a break from construction and detours...we'll do design

work in 2017."

After purchasing some additional equipment citizens can expect to see an increase in street maintenance in 2017.

Other discussion items that have in the past garnered public interest are funding for both the Black Canyon Golf Course and the Montrose Police Department (PD).

The proposed budget handout states: *The Black Canyon Golf Course - \$150,000 has been budgeted for 2017 to replace Back-9 Sand Traps, Range & Nets and Posts, as well as to perform necessary major repairs to Hole #10/#12, Miami/Columbine Landscaping, Concrete Bridge & Riprap replacement.*

Bell said, "The golf course is on a five-year track to be in the black. We are three-years in [since purchasing] ...there has been quite a bit of deferred maintenance."

Traditionally municipal owned golf courses are not self-sustaining and must be subsidized by the city.

The PD, who is allowed 38 staff, is currently understaffed and two officers short. The 2017 budget provides for two additional patrol officers, which when fully staffed will bring the department up to 40. Concerning the hiring process Chief of Police Tom Chinn said, "It's hard to find good people. The wheels turn slow on getting people hired."

Two public hearings will be held in November to approve the budget and the appropriating ordinance.

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MHS BAND PLACES SIXTH IN 4A STATE COMPETITION @ USAF!

Editor's Note: We are more than pleased to announce that award-winning photojournalist William Woody is joining the Montrose Mirror team.

At left, After months of preparation, members of the Montrose High School Band placed sixth in 4A state band competition Saturday evening at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. The photo at left was taken during the band's full program performance at Montrose High School during half-time of the Montrose-Rampart football game. (Photo by William B. Woody).



Above and left, Delta-Montrose Electric Association celebrated Member Appreciation Day in Montrose Oct. 28. Mirror staff photos.



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GIVE WILDLIFE A BREAK: PUT YARD TOYS, EQUIPMENT INTO STORAGE



A deer tangled in what appears to be a hammock. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

DURANGO, Colo. – With warm weather now behind us for the year, Colorado Parks and Wildlife urges residents to take down equipment and yard toys that cause problems for wildlife.

Recently in Durango, a young buck deer became tangled in a hammock which broke off an antler and part of its skull. A resident reported seeing the deer, but wildlife officers were not able to find the animal. "When we looked at the antler we knew the deer had sustained a very serious injury," said Matt Thorpe, area wildlife manager in Durango.

At this time of year buck deer are especially active because the mating season is approaching. It's common for deer to get tangled in hammocks, volleyball nets, swing sets, tire swings, clothes lines, yard decorations, garden fencing, tomato cages, buckets, etc. Those items should be stored for the winter or covered and secured.

"Deer can end up with almost anything

on their antlers," Thorpe said. "We've even had deer with bicycles on their antlers."

Every year holiday lights also end up as decorations on the heads of deer. Lights should be attached tightly to a building, to a post or fence and not just draped over trees or shrubs. Hang lights more than six feet above the ground to prevent an unexpected disappearance of those expensive decorations.

If you see an animal tangled in a net or decorations, please call the near CPW office or local law enforcement. Do not approach the animal or attempt to remove items. An animal does not understand that you are trying to help it and can be very dangerous in that type of circumstance.

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE RECEIVES 2016 COLORADO LIBRARY PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Special to the Mirror

DENVER – Colorado Parks and Wildlife was honored to accept the 2016 Library Project of the Year award on Oct. 21 from the Colorado Association of Libraries. CPW was recognized for the Check Out Colorado State Parks program, which allows Colorado library users to check out Colorado state parks passes. The award recognizes "a creative and innovative project which furthers library service within the state of Colorado."

"Check Out Colorado State Parks is a great opportunity to encourage people who might not otherwise visit state parks to go free of charge," CPW Director Bob Broscheid said. "This award recognizes CPW's innovative marketing team and the partners who helped implement this outstanding program. This is the result of what I believe will be an ongoing successful partnership with libraries throughout the state on the goal of advancing Colorado's outdoor education resources."

The recipient of the 2016 Colorado Asso-

ciation of Libraries Library Project of the Year Award is nominated and chosen by the CAL Awards Committee. CPW Marketing Specialist Debbie Lininger accepted the award at the CAL Awards Luncheon on Friday, Oct. 21, in Loveland, Colorado.

"Coloradans love their state parks and their libraries, so combining the two makes Check Out Colorado State Parks a wildly popular program," said Sharon Morris, director of library development at the Colorado Department of Education.

Starting June 20, 2016, libraries across the state began offering two Colorado State Parks passes to check out along with a parks activity backpack containing educational materials. CPW partnered with the Colorado State Library to design the program for a pilot program at eight libraries in 2015. The following summer, a total of 287 libraries statewide (public, academic and military) cooperatively implemented the program, putting two backpacks in each library.

Check Out Colorado State Parks passes



are good for entry into any Colorado state park for up to seven days. One park pass permits one vehicle per park. The backpack that accompanies the pass includes binoculars, a wildlife viewing guide, a tree and wildflower identification guide, a park brochure, suggested activities list and a guide to Leave No Trace outdoor ethics principles.

For more information, follow the hashtag #CheckOutColorado on social media or visit <http://cpw.state.co.us/librarybackpack>.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS SHARES POSITIONS ON BALLOT ISSUES

Dear Editor:

The League of Women Voters works to both educate and advocate. Our educational work provides pros and cons in our widely regarded Ballot Issues pamphlets which are currently available. In our advocacy work, the League develops positions based on study and consensus. The League supports the following statewide ballot issues:

LWVCO supports Amendment T – No Exception to Involuntary Servitude Prohibition based on the League's position that the constitution and amendments should guarantee the rights of individuals.

LWVCO supports Amendment U – Exempt Certain Possessory Interests from Property Taxes based on the League position for support of measures to improve the coordination, effectiveness, efficiency, and economical operation of local government units.

LWVCO supports Amendment 69 – Statewide Healthcare System because of the League positions that every U.S. resident should have access to a basic level of care and that healthcare may be financed by general taxes in place of individual insurance premiums.

LWVCO supports Amendment 70 – State Minimum Wage because the League supports programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

LWVCO supports Amendment 72 – New Cigarette and Tobacco Taxes based on

League's position that state funds should be generated from taxes on various "luxury" items to fund healthcare.

LWVCO supports Proposition 107 – Presidential Primary Election and Proposition 108 – Primary Election because the League encourages all citizens to vote and believes that voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be protected and guaranteed.

Nancy Ball, League of Women Voters, Montrose



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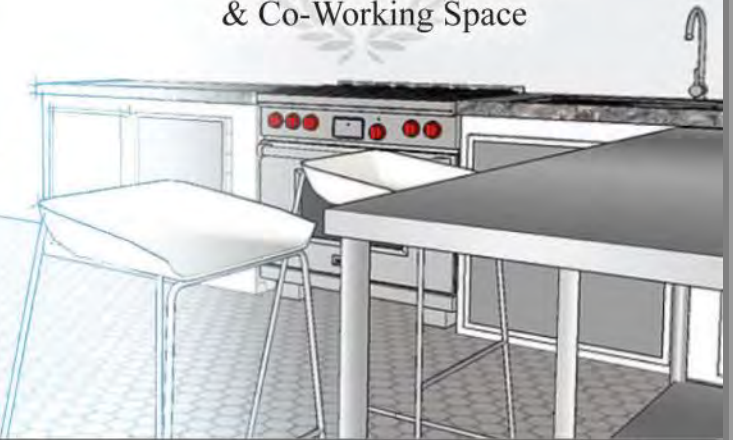
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CITY EXPLORES CHANGES TO LIQUOR CODE, ANNEXATIONS

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will hear a presentation from Montrose Community Foundation Executive Director Sara Plumhoff at the [work session on Oct. 31](#). Council will also discuss a Waiver of Undergrounding Ordinance with City Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner; and look at revisions to the municipal code regarding alcoholic beverages and annexation of four city-owned properties. Council will also look at several items with Assistant City Manager Rob Joseph and Office of Business & Tourism Operations Manager David Spear, including an RFP for printing the 2017 Official Montrose Visitors Guide and support for "National Parks Deferred Maintenance."

Topics to be discussed at future work sessions include a Colorado Outdoors project overview on Nov. 14 while the third quarter budget review, eagle head cane presentations, and proclamation of Hospice Month will be on Nov. 15. In addition to the Colorado Outdoors Ad-

dition No. 1 Annexation Hearing, Youth Council will report to City Council and there will be a liquor license hearing for Pitchfork Tavern on Dec. 6. At the [regular City Council meeting of Nov. 1](#), Council will consider renewal of a Tavern liquor license for Sam's Tavern LLC, d.b.a. Sam's Tavern, at 35 N. Cascade Avenue, as well as a Request for Waiver of Undergrounding New Construction by Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA).

Also up for approval will be Ordinance 2395 on first reading, providing and appropriating funds for defraying the expenses and liabilities of the City of Montrose, Colorado, during the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2017. In other business, Council will consider approving two Ordinances on Second

Reading; Ordinance 2393 authorizing the sale of real property, and Ordinance 2394, amending the zoning of the King Parcel from "P", Public District, to "B-2", Highway Commercial District.

Following staff reports Council will adjourn.



At the regular Council meeting of Nov. 1, Montrose City Council will consider renewal of a Tavern liquor license for Sam's Tavern LLC, d.b.a. Sam's Tavern, at 35 N. Cascade Avenue.

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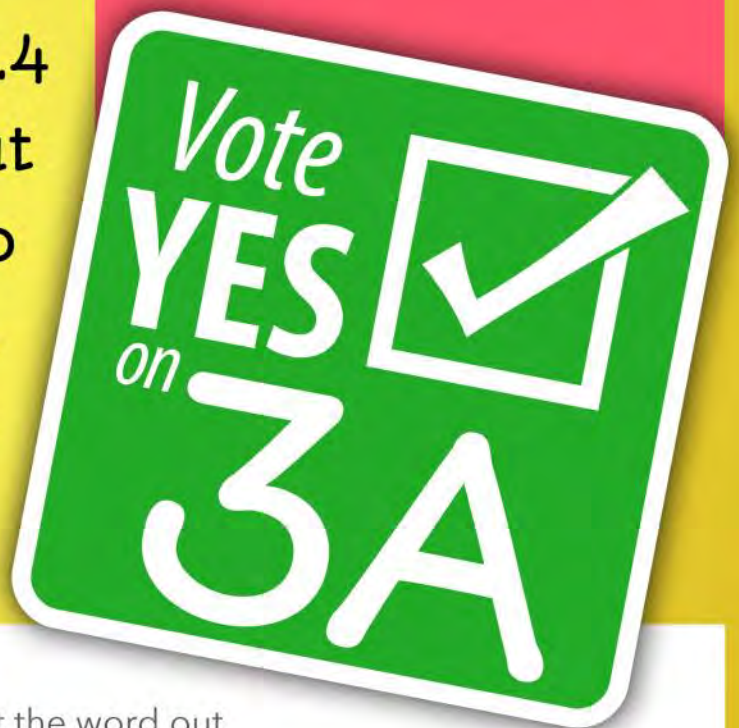
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LONG TIME REPUBLICAN INTENDS TO VOTE FOR DEMOCRATS ON BOCC

Dear Editor:

The ballots are in our hands and it is time to use this election to fix some serious problems that exist in Montrose county. We have two candidates for county commission seats that have teamed up on their campaigning and appear to be ready to join the leftover in continuing the current methods of operation. We need to keep in mind that current and past board members have spent millions of dollars of our money on losing lawsuits, appeals and settlements caused by improper management practices. Now they have decided to spend millions more without approval of the citizens. It is time to end the era of arrogance, cronyism and abusive treatment of taxpayers.

We have two other candidates who appear to be very capable, qualified to do the job and no ties to the good old boys. Checking two little boxes could make this area more like we came here to enjoy.

This long time republican will be voting for two democrats in the county election.

Larry Cumley, Montrose

SUPPORTS CLARICE NAVARRO-RATZLAFF FOR CO HOUSE DISTRICT 47

Dear Editor:

Clarice Navarro-Ratzlaff's opponent's advertisements indicate that Clarice is not a part of and does not support the constituents of her district, and only hangs out with lobbyists and Donald Trump. Wrong! Let's start out with the last first. Clarice does not run in the same circles as Donald Trump and he does not have any idea who she is unless he met her when he came to Colorado on a campaign stop. Next up – anybody who knows anything about being in the legislature knows that all legislators have lobbyists trying to talk to them and explain the position that the lobbyist is representing. That is what the lobbyists are paid to do. I have been to the State Capitol and have seen them working. They are all over the place and it does not matter what political party affiliation you are if you are on a committee that affects their client then they will be talking to you.

And lastly, Clarice is a part of and a supporter of District 47. I have seen her on the streets of Pueblo and I have seen her at various events. I have watched her participate in the seed spitting contest on Melon Day at the Arkansas Valley Fair. Very few other politicians were willing to do that. And then the one that is very personal to me. My daughter was Miss Rodeo Colorado last year. When she held her coronation dinner and fundraiser all (Republican and Democrat) of the local and district politicians were invited. The list included county commissioners (Pueblo, Crowley and Otero), the Pueblo City Council, Representative Navarro, Senator Garcia, Senator Grantham, and Senator Crowder. Who came? Clarice Navarro-Ratzlaff and Pueblo Councilman Ed Brown. We were not even acquaintances with her and yet she came. Not only did Clarice come but she also spent money on auction items. Mr. Muñoz should know what he is talking about before he puts out his bullet points. Clarice Navarro-Ratzlaff has my vote.


Rick Kidd, Avondale

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OBJECTS TO CURRENT BOCC'S 'GRANDIOSE PLANS'

Dear Editor:

I attended Wednesday morning's program at Heidi's where the county presented the 2017 budget and more details for their exciting, but grandiose plans for a new indoor arena plus a roads and bridge facility.

The current commissioners seem to be in a hurry to tie the hands of the next commissioners to their 2017 budget, which includes plans for these two new facilities totaling some \$20 million dollars with very little economic research.

The proposed indoor arena is a nice, but unnecessary facility that should be put to a county-wide vote. The \$1 million dollar grant in support of the project allows time for a vote as well as for the new commissioners to weigh in on the project. Right now the only hold up to approval of the arena is the effect of elections results for Amendment 69, not the will of the people.

The plans for the roads and bridges facility, as presented, seemed to me like an ideal or pie-in-the-sky facility. I understood the need to relocate the facility, but there was no indication that the county had looked at cost-saving alternatives. And I just don't get the need for about 20% of the space to be devoted to accommodating the public, especially a meeting room, at a maintenance facility of all places.

These recent proposals come at a time when the county residents are reeling from the tax increases for the city's luxurious recreation center and looking at more taxes for vital school expenditures. Wonder where the commissioner came up with an extra \$20 million dollars for extra projects when our roads and schools are in such deplorable shape?

Stephanie Gibert, Montrose

HOLDING MY NOSE AS I VOTE, BUT NOT VOTING IS NEVER AN OPTION

Dear Editor:

For 15 Presidential elections I have exercised my obligation to vote. On only two occasions did I have 100% confidence in the vote I cast. Most of those votes were for the lesser of two less than ideal choices, and on several occasions, I had to hold my nose when completing my ballot. Not voting was never an option.

A free wheeling liberal/progressive ideology has brought this country to the brink of self destruction. The escalating National Debt, deficit spending, the economy / jobs, illegal immigration, health care, expanding radical islamic terrorism, Supreme Court nominees, true energy independence, military readiness, and proper treatment of veterans are the real issues.

Clinton has blazed a 40 year trail of lies, corruption, and back room deals designed to defraud the public for personal gain. As Sec State she provided special favors for donors to the Clinton Foundation. Her actions in Benghazi led to American deaths and she lied to cover it up. Gross incompetence in the email scandal put this country at risk. Her actions have followed her like a bad smell, making her the most despicable candidate I have ever seen nominated for President. A vote for her is a vote for the continuing downward spiral of this country.

Trump, never my favorite, is brash, arrogant, speaks his mind, and is far from politically correct. He is a successful businessman with a record of promoting women and minorities. Most of all, he is not a Washington insider and addresses the major problems facing us. What he said 10 years ago or his ill chosen comments are irrelevant. Of the two candidates, he offers the best chance of reversing the decline of our country.

So, once again, I must hold my nose as I vote.

Dee Laird, Montrose



OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

TIME FOR A CHANGE OF DIRECTION ON BOCC

Dear Editor:

Why should we continue down the road of the "good ole boys" when we have such highly qualified alternatives? The public has been clamoring for better transparency, less lawsuits, and more fiscal responsibility. Why don't we use some of our local talent and expertise to broaden the outlook of our current commissioners, add diversity to the Board, and more interaction with the public?

This is especially true now that we are fortunate enough to have an actual experienced professional economist, by the name of Beatrice Lucero, running for our county commissioner. This is exactly what we need to, not only deal with our economic problems, but keep us out of more lawsuits and supply us with innovative ideas for the future. She not only has a PhD in agricultural economics, but extensive work experience as a senior economist and budget analyst with both public and private organizations. Further, Lucero has already offered various new ideas at some of her public forums. She brings a lot to the table that other candidates fail to offer. We need this change, and she will serve this county well.

Vote Beatrice Lucero for the good of our county.

Wayne Quade, Montrose

BELIEVES WAYNE QUADE IS WRONG ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE, DATA SOURCES

Dear Editor:

Mr. Quade accuses me of "Cherry picking", "distorted" data. But exactly the opposite is true. Quade relies on NASA GIS (surface) metrological data, where I rely on satellite (all of it not cherry picked) data for temperature and sea level. The problem with surface data is that the temperature stations have been encroached by cities i.e. heat Islands. For example NYC's central Park station shows average annual temperatures in 1869 were 51.4 F, now, in 2016 it is 59.1 F or an 8 F rise. This is not anywhere near the UN IPCC calculated global warming of 0.6F since 1750 but the heat island effect of air conditioning, space heating, industrial activity, cars, trucks etc. This is where Quade's "distortion" comes into effect. NASA tries to "correct" for the heat island effect. Suffice it to say there is a big discrepancy between Ground data and satellite data. Satellites see the whole globe, prairies, cities, oceans (75% of the earth's surface), tropics, arctic all of it without correction. Further, as pointed out in the original letter, sea level data is entirely consistent with satellite temperature measurements i.e. no increase in the rate of rise which would indicate GW since high precision radar altimetry sea level satellites were launched in 1992. Quade dishonestly implies sea level rise as man caused where sea level has been rising non stop since the last ice age 16,000 years ago rising a little over 400 feet and will continue until we enter the next ice age. GIS surface measurements show August 2016 as the hottest in 136 years. Satellite data shows nothing out of the ordinary for a strong El Nino year. 1998 was the last comparable El Nino year with almost identical temperature deviation. August data of 0.445 C in 1998 as opposed to this El Nino year (2016) of 0.478 C. El Nino heating is the release or up welling of stored ocean heat and has nothing to do with man. But Mr Quade doesn't tell you this years El Nino was the strongest in 18 years (since 1998) leaving you to incorrectly believe all of this is Global Warming. As a scientist I was trained to look at data and theory and if there is a difference use that to refine the theory not deny reality.

Mike Mason, Cedaredge



OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS ARE ALIVE AND WELL IN MONTROSE

Dear Editor:

Day in and day out we are bombarded with an onslaught of negativity. If we are not hearing about the slaughters by ISIS, it is the venomous epidemic of political rampages. Our nation and the world are, quite frankly, in a downward spiral of bitterness and distrust. But, there are rays of sunshine! Four of us "girls" were celebrating a birthday luncheon at Horsefly Brewery last Tuesday, October 24th. Birthdays become more special when you have had over 60 or 70 of them. You cherish each and every new one with joy and thanksgiving. Near our table were 6 strangers, 2 ladies and 4 gentlemen. When we asked for the bill, our waitress informed us that the adjoining table had paid for our meals. What a delightful positive surprise. Montrose is blessed with a large number of community-minded non-profit organizations and volunteers who care for each other. Those 6 strangers lifted all of our spirits that beautiful day and we thank them. Truly, they are a ray of sunshine on an often cloudy day. We salute you and vow to pass it on.

Linda L. Nelson, Montrose

LUCERO HAS COMMON SENSE VISION & PLAN FOR MONTROSE COUNTY

Dear Editor:

When my mother was 78 years old, I asked her not to go out in the snow to vote on a school bond issue. She responded very emphatically, "If I don't vote, I can't -itch." Indeed. But it is equally important to look critically at those running for office, regardless of party affiliation. The thought of voting outside "my Party" caused me great upset at first, but the Montrose County political scene has challenged me to do just that.

While I remain a "non-Democrat", I am concerned about my vote endorsing more of the same for the county. We need someone with the background, experience and a willingness to work for the betterment of ALL Montrose County businesses, as well as ALL Montrose County citizens. Beatrice Lucero has a common-sense vision and plan. Most importantly, she has the fortitude, commitment, and energy to stand strong for the revitalization of Montrose County. Isn't it time we vote for someone who stands for the betterment of all citizens of the county?

M. Elizabeth Tesitor, Montrose

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MONTROSE CHAMBER TO SEEK NEW LEADERSHIP AGAIN

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Montrose Chamber of Commerce will once again begin the search for another executive director. Executive Director Chris Hines, who held the position for a mere 120 days, was officially removed from his position on Monday, Oct. 24th.

When hired Hines was tasked with member recruitment and retention. Chairman of the Chamber Board John Pope said, "Chris had some success in that area. We wish him well as he goes on from here to

other endeavors."

Pope would not discuss, or make comment on the termination since it is a personnel issue.

However, from the Chamber perspective, "It's business as usual. We will keep the doors open. The infrastructure is in place and it's business as usual."

Administrative Assistant Yvonne Diez, who was hired about the same time as Hines, will be in charge of daily operations until a replacement for Hines can be found. Pope said the board has not yet

determined if the search for a new executive director will be a national search, but he does not expect the position will be filled before the end of the year.

Chamber activities, such as Business After Hours and the annual Gala, will go on as scheduled.

Previously the City of Montrose approached Hines and the Chamber to take over community events (Christmas parade, Santa's House, i.e.).

However, Pope indicated that idea was in the very early stages of discussion.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA HOSPITAL SEEKS COMMUNITY FEEDBACK WITH SURVEY

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County Memorial Hospital is requesting members of the community to please take time to respond to The Region 10 Community Survey.

The counties of Colorado's Region 10 -- Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel -- have come together to determine the health and wellness needs facing these communities. The West Central Public Health Partnership and Quorum Health Resources are gathering data and feedback and will help build

plans for addressing the top health needs.

This survey is open to any county resident over 18 years of age. Feel free to pass along the survey and encourage others to take it.

The survey should take less than 15 minutes to complete, and all responses are anonymous. Links to the survey on located on the DCMH Facebook page and on the hospital website home page, deltahospital.org. To receive a paper version of this survey, please call Margaret Wacker at (970) 641-7913. If you have any

questions, please contact Margaret at mwacker@gunnisoncounty.org.

Thank you to everyone in the surrounding communities for taking the time to provide valuable feedback which will assist Delta County Memorial Hospital in determining health care needs in the coming years and help provide additional ways to offer high quality medical services to patients and their families. This regional survey will assist all medical facilities in the six county region to prioritize community health needs for the future.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SUPPORTS HOPEWEST KIDS AND IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR IMPACT GRANTS



Sitting, Sara Plumhoff, ED Montrose Community Foundation; Kirk Henwood Board Member, Montrose Community Foundation. Standing: Starla Bacon, Program Director for HopeWest; Nancy Hoganson, Community Relations Director HopeWest. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—"A generous \$10,000 matching grant from the Montrose Community Foundation (MCF) has made a huge difference in helping HopeWest Kids provide care to grieving children in Montrose," says Nancy Hoganson, Director of Communications for HopeWest Montrose. In 2015, 90 unduplicated children received services through school grief groups, summer grief camps like Camp Good Grief and Itty Bitty Camp, equine groups and individual counseling. In 2016 HopeWest has touched almost half that number of children so far.

Services are available for all children in our communities who have lost a loved one through death. HopeWest Kids teaches positive coping skills in dealing with the emotions surrounding a loss. Parents and teacher recognize noticeable improvements in their children's attitudes, behavior, confidence and the ability handle their grief.

"We value the partnership we share with the Montrose Community Foundation and we are incredibly grateful for their support," adds Shirley Harvey, HopeWest Coordinator of Youth Services.

The MCF awards grants to local non-profit

organizations through donor funds, an annual grant cycle and an Immediate Need granting program. In late 2015, the Montrose Community Foundation Board of Directors and specifically the committee that oversees the Foundation grants, decided to award the \$10,000 matching grant to HopeWest Kids Program. "Giving back to the community continues to be the guiding mission of the MCF," says Sara Plumhoff, Executive Director for the Montrose Community Foundation. "We are honored to be able to support the HopeWest Kids Program because the program provides critical services for suffering kids and families that are not duplicated elsewhere by other organizations. These families need HopeWest to help them heal."

The Foundation's granting program has spanned more than two decades and seeks to provide broad-based support while implementing a community agenda. The Foundation is now accepting applications for Impact Grants, specifically for projects or activities that fall into the categories of Education or Recreation. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Applications will be reviewed by a community committee in December and grantees will be notified before the end of the year. Grant monies will be handed out in January or February of 2017.

For criteria, topics and an online application, please visit www.montrosecf.com/apply-for-grants.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

WILDLIFE ARE ON THE MOVE!

MIGRATION SEASON BRINGS AN INCREASE OF WILDLIFE/VEHICLE COLLISIONS

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-Vehicle collisions with wildlife happen year round, but statistics indicate that the migration of animals to their wintering habitats can lead to higher incidents of wildlife-vehicle collisions during the fall and winter seasons. The Colorado Department of Wildlife (CDOT) and partnering agencies, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and Colorado State Patrol (CSP), remind motorists to be alert because, "Wildlife are on the Move!"

"It's a very significant occurrence – the migration of wildlife. We need to understand that while roads have been built for our convenience, they are sometimes paved in the middle of animal migration corridors," said **Mark Lawler**, CDOT biologist. "As snow begins to fall in the high country, the changing weather pushes wildlife to the foothills and lower elevations. The animals' natural instinct sends them in search of food and water sources which means crossing our state's roads and highways."

Motorists should be aware that wildlife can cross roads without warning at most any time of day or night, but a majority of animal-vehicle collisions occur from dusk to dawn, when wildlife are more active and unfortunately more difficult to see.

Over the past ten years the state has seen an average of 3,300 reported wildlife related collisions each year. Also in that ten year period 2,661 crashes involved driver or passenger injuries. And sadly, 33 of the collisions resulted in fatalities.

CDOT has created a new educational video, "Wildlife on the Move," which touches upon the risks of potential wildlife encounters on the road. The visual tool also outlines several tips for preventing collisions and gives recommendations on what to do if you experience a wildlife collision.

CSP Public Information Officer Joshua Lewis, who is featured in the video, offered this advice, "The best practice for drivers is to be aware, drive with caution, and slow down, especially at night. If you see one deer or elk, expect others. And remember to scan the sides of the road for signs of movement and to watch for



A young buck peers through the oak brush before making his decision to cross the highway in SW Colorado. Courtesy photo.

the shining eyes of animals that reflect car headlights at night."

If a wildlife collision does occur, the video instructs drivers to, "brake, look, and steer." Brake: slow down and concentrate on retaining control of the vehicle. Look: be aware of your surroundings especially other vehicles. Steer: move your vehicle to a safe position off the road.

To view the "Wildlife on the Move" video and for more information about wildlife visit: <https://www.codot.gov/programs/environmental/wildlife>.


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Dear Montrose Community,

Sharing Ministries Food Bank is celebrating our **20th Anniversary** of serving our friends and neighbors and we have a lot to celebrate, as well as, a lot of work to do.

The community's new food bank is near completion and will be completed by the end of this year. We are committed to obtaining the freshest food possible from various sources and distributing it at no cost to those who need food assistance in Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Ouray and San Miguel Counties.

About Sharing Ministries Food Bank

To qualify for services, income is based on National Poverty Level Standards. On the first visit be sure to bring a picture ID, proof of income, and a Social Security card if possible.

2015 Facts

- 6th largest food bank in Colorado
- Served an average of 5,500 people a month
- 919,897 pounds of food was distributed to over 70,000 client visits
- Approximately 40 non-profits organizations in 5 counties benefited from Sharing Ministries Food Bank
- 100% of our customers are at or below poverty level
- Over 150 registered volunteers contributed over 20,000 hours of service
- Open 5 days a week from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

End Of The Year Help Needed

- 1) The holiday season is fast approaching and many families will need additional help to supplement their tables during Thanksgiving and Christmas. *(Turkeys & Hams Are Always Welcome)*
- 2) There is an increased need during the winter months due to a reduction in seasonal jobs. *(Cash To Purchase Additional Food Is Always Needed)*
- 3) Continued need from non-profit organizations we support such as; Christ's Kitchen, Shepperd's Hand, Vista Charter School, Food Pantries, Children's Organizations, Senior Centers, and many more.
- 4) With our new warehouse we will be able to distribute food more efficiently and keep up with the growing demand in our community. However, the warehouse is being built on a minimal budget to ensure your donated dollars are being used as effectively as possible. Funds are still needed to complete the project to purchase shelving, additional refrigeration, furniture, and supplies.

Ground breaking for the new warehouse took place in June 2016.



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HILLCREST AND SUNNYSIDE ROUNDABOUT NOW OPEN



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MONTROSE— The City of Montrose is pleased to announce that construction of the new roundabout at Sunnyside and Hillcrest is complete and the intersection is now open to the public. The project was completed on schedule, approximately \$55,000 under budget, and injury free. A ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening will be held at the project

ground, installing new below-ground fiber optic conduits for future expansion, installing street lights, concrete sidewalk, pavement, curb and gutter, asphalt paving, striping, signage, and landscaping the center island. The center island landscaping also includes a power service that will allow for the area to be decorated during the holidays.

One last intersection closure is planned

site Wednesday, November 2 at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

The project included clearing the site, removing existing asphalt and concrete, replacing an aging waterline, boring a waterline beneath the Altrusa Park sledding hill, replacing an aging sewerline, constructing and replacing storm drain inlets and piping, relocating overhead power and fiber optics below

for a half day in early November in order to seal the new concrete and protect it against salts used for snow and ice removal operations. As recommended by the manufacturer of the sealant, this work cannot take place until the concrete has cured for at least 30 days. The closure is currently scheduled for a Sunday afternoon in order to minimize impacts to motorists. The City will issue a press release to make the public aware of the closure once a date has been finalized.

The City would like to express special thanks to Montrose residents for their patience throughout the construction project. The City would also like to thank Rundle Construction (general contractor), Bernhardt Construction (primary concrete subcontractor), Bull-Basin Construction, United Companies, Stripe-A-Lot, San Juan Sweeping and Striping, Pederson Electric, England Fence, Rainmaker, GJ Pipe, DMEA, Century Link, and DOWL for all helping to make this project a success.

Any questions regarding the project may be directed to City Engineer Scott Murphy at [\(970\) 901-1792](tel:9709011792) or smurphy@ci.montrose.co.us.

CITY OF MONTROSE, DMEA, ALPINE BANK, AND SAN JUAN HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION HELP LAUNCH NEW CLINIC IN MONTROSE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—The Community Dental Clinic has partnered with the Center for Mental Health, Delta County School District, Delta-Montrose Technical College, and primary care providers to open an integrated care office in Montrose called, the PIC Place. Along with these partnerships, the City of Montrose, DMEA, Alpine Bank, and the San Juan Healthcare Foundation have generously donated both time and money toward renovating the facility.

The City of Montrose has provided in-kind contributions and without them, the PIC Place would be unable to move forward with its mission to provide care with a greater impact. This care will serve the uninsured/underinsured, Medicare, and Medicaid population – a population that is underserved in our communities.

DMEA donated \$25,000 to aid in the startup of the educational component of the PIC Place. Alpine Bank gave \$10,000 to help ensure the beginning phases of the PIC Place remodel. The San Juan Healthcare Foundation donated \$2,500 to assist in improvements for the PIC Place building.

Partners from the PIC Place accepted the numerous checks from each of the contributors at an honorary luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016. The PIC Place will use these donations to guarantee the renovations and launch of the integrated care facility.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

VETERANS TAKE STEPS TOWARD HEALING IN 'ALMOST SUNRISE'

Special to the Mirror

GLENWOOD SPRINGS – In recognition of Veterans Day on November 11, across Colorado, Alpine Bank is presenting free screenings of the independent film “Almost Sunrise” throughout the month.

“Almost Sunrise” tells the inspiring story of two young men, Tom Voss and Anthony Anderson, who, in an attempt to put their haunting combat experiences behind them, embark on an extraordinary journey—a 2,700-mile trek on foot across America.

While the film exposes some of the brutality of war, it doesn’t dwell there. It’s ultimately a story of hope and potential solutions. Most importantly, the film reveals the promise of holistic practices for healing. Where the stereotypes of “the broken veteran” or “homecoming hero” leave off, the film continues onward, offering an unprecedented portrait of those who return from war rich, complex, far more hopeful. “Almost Sunrise” allows us to connect with a universal human aspiration for happiness and through Tom and Anthony’s genuine search for it, be reminded of our common soaring possibilities.

The suicide statistics for our returning veterans are staggering—22 U.S. veterans take their own lives each day—

which means we lose more soldiers to suicide than to combat. “Almost Sunrise” is a timely and ground-

breaking look at what could be

a missing piece of the puzzle—the true nature of the psychological wounds of returning soldiers known as “moral injury,” and the undeniable potential power of meditation and nature therapy in helping veterans to reclaim their lives.

“‘Almost Sunrise’ helps to shine a light on serious issues facing our veterans,” said Allison Nadel, Alpine Bank regional marketing director. “We felt this film tour was an opportunity to share this important message of hope and healing with our communities.”



Ex-soldiers Anthony Anderson and Tom Voss carry heavy backpacks and emotional burdens as they walk 2,700 miles across the country. (Courtesy Image Thoughtful Robot Productions)

While this film is unrated, it does deal with issues of violence, war, mental health, trauma, suicide and addiction; there are also instances of mild cursing. Parents and educators should use their discretion if considering accompanying children 14 or under. Alpine Bank will sponsor free showings of this film throughout Colorado during the month of November.

Please visit alpinebank.com/veteransday2016 for a complete schedule and show times.



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COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE JOINS NATIONAL BAT WEEK

MONTROSE-Colorado Parks and Wildlife participates in Bat Week from Oct. 25 to 31, just in time for Halloween. Bat Week is an annual, international celebration of the role of bats in nature organized by a team of representatives across the United States and Canada from conservation organizations and government agencies. The focus this year is on raising awareness of invasive plants that contribute to the decline of bat habitat.

"Bats aren't really out doing batty things on Halloween in Colorado because they have already migrated south or moved to a winter hibernation site," said Tina Jackson, CPW's species conservation coordinator. "But Halloween is a good time to talk about all the benefits they bring to our state, such as protecting humans and crops from insect pests, and why we should preserve their habitat as much as possible."

There are 18 species of bats in Colorado, including 13 hibernating species that might already be tucked away for winter. During warmer seasons, hundreds of thousands of free-tailed bats congregate

in the San Luis Valley at the Orient Mine. Other species can be found in smaller numbers in old buildings, trees, caves and abandoned mines around the state. Bats also like to hang out near streams and lakes across the state as this is often the best place to find insects for dinner. Bats are facing a number of threats in North America, the most worrisome White-nose Syndrome. This disease is responsible for the loss of millions of bats in the eastern half of the continent, and recently moved west into Washington. Bats also face threats from wind energy development and habitat loss, which is why this year Bat Week is focused on restoring bat habitat by removing invasive plants, an activity that will benefit many different wildlife species.

CPW is conducting a multi-year survey in order to compile baseline data on bats that live or migrate through Colorado. Every summer, CPW biologists go to sites around the state to survey bats using acoustic detectors as part of a nationwide "occupancy program" (a little like a census for bats). In North Park, CPW is working



Courtesy image CPW.

with the Colorado Natural Heritage Program to monitor maternity colonies using technology similar to the chips used in pets. This summer, biologists surveyed Castlewood Canyon State Park, where CPW is also building bat houses so that the bats don't share buildings with the staff. Bats are known for carrying rabies and should never be handled by people without the proper equipment. There are multiple "bat-ucational" events scheduled this month at Colorado state parks. Check the calendar [here](#). For more information on Bat Week, [click here](#). Spotted a bat colony in Colorado? Call CPW's Bat line 303-291-7771 or email Wildlife.Batline@state.co.us.

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Everyone in the community is invited to help support hungry kids in Delta County simply by casting a vote online.

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The community can help by voting 10 times per day online. All you need is a valid email address. Voting is Wednesday, Oct. 26 - Friday, Nov. 4. Visit www.neighborhoodassist.com and search for "Food for Thought" to vote.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

GOVERNOR GIVES 2016 24-KARAT GOLD AWARD TO ALPINE BANK

Special to the Mirror

GLENWOOD SPRINGS— Gov. Hickenlooper presented Alpine Bank with the 24-Karat Gold Award on behalf of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Environmental Leadership Program. Alpine Bank was honored for creating a first-of-its-kind, clean-energy partnership between a for-profit and nonprofit that expands community-generated solar and supports families facing financial hardship. The award was presented during the 17th Annual Colorado Environmental Leadership Program Awards Event in Denver on Oct. 4, 2016.

The department created the 24-Karat Gold Award to recognize Gold Leader members who have gone above and beyond required job duties to create and implement a program or initiative that made a measurable contribution to the environment, the economy and society. The award is open to all Colorado businesses, industries, offices, educational institutions, municipalities, government agencies, communities, nonprofits and other organizations. The 24-Karat Gold Award winner, selected by Gold Leader peers, is based on several criteria, including the environmental project's level of innovation and impact on society, education and the economy.

In addition to Alpine Bank, the 2016 award nominees included Ball Aerospace, City and County of Denver, Corden Pharma Colorado, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and Denver International Airport.

Alpine Bank received the award for a creative initiative that put solar credits into the hands of a nonprofit committed to helping low-income families. The bank purchased solar panels in a Breckenridge community solar garden, and subsequently donated its ownership of the solar pan-



Gov. Hickenlooper, right, presented the 24-Karat Gold Award to representatives from Alpine Bank, from left, David Miller, Jackie Devine, Matt Teeters and Noel Hansen. This award is determined each year by Gold Leader members who are asked to nominate an individual or team that has gone above and beyond required job duties in the creation and implementation of a program or initiative that has made a measurable contribution to the environment, the economy and society. Courtesy photo.

els to the Family and Intercultural Resource Center, a Summit County nonprofit that supports local families in need. The bank's donation allows the center to assign solar-energy credits to families who can benefit the most from a reduced monthly electric bill. The arrangement will provide approximately 20 low-income families with a continuous source of solar credits from locally generated clean energy.

"We applied for the award because we wanted to inspire people, and we wanted this project to have a trickle-down effect when people read about it," said David Miller, senior vice president and head of

Alpine Bank's 30-employee Green Team Leadership Committee. "Our project had never been done before and didn't fit any format. There was no template to use. We had to invent it all on the fly. But we wanted to show that if you have the inspiration, you could do it. So, dream and try something new."

Miller added, "If you've got something that's really innovative and makes a difference, it doesn't matter how large or small you are. We are the little green bank that could. We are proof that any organization can rise to the top with an innovative and forward-looking green practice. And by sharing it, you can give your story legs."

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HOSTS FREE PROSTATE EDUCATION



Drs. Jordan Luskin, left, and Craig Peterson, right, of San Juan Urology. Courtesy photos.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- Local urologists Drs. Craig Peterson and Jordan Luskin of San Juan Urology are presenting a free community

lecture Tuesday, November 1 to educate the community on prostate health.

Titled "You & Your Prostate," the presentation will be held 6:30 pm at Montrose Memorial Hospital Conference Rooms A & B. The presentation will cover topics including benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH, otherwise known as enlarged prostate) and the signs, symptoms & treatment of prostate cancer.

Prostate enlargement is a common problem men face as they age. According to one large study, more than 40 percent of men in their 60's experienced enlargement with symptoms significant enough to prompt them to visit their doctor. Pros-

tate cancer is also a significant health concern, according to local Urologist Dr. Jordan Luskin. "Prostate cancer is the single most prominent cancer in men, and the second leading cause of cancer death," said Dr. Luskin. "There are many new developments in the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer that many people may not be aware of." "At Montrose Memorial Hospital, we are always pursuing the best outcome," said Steve Hannah, MHA, CEO of Montrose Memorial Hospital. "This free lecture is a great resource for people in our community to learn about prostate health and equip them with the knowledge they need to make educated decisions about their prostate." Light refreshments will be provided. The event is free for attendees. No RSVP is required: event registration is at the door.

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BASEMENT BOUTIQUE SHOW TO INCLUDE REGIONAL ARTISTS, ARTISANS...
Potter Lori Biggins, Blacksmith Brandon Christie, Fused Glass Artist Mary Hill



The 2016 Basement Boutique Show & Sale will be Nov. 25-26. Mirror File photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—After 30 years of bringing her stoneware pottery to the Basement Boutique Craft Show (Nov. 25-26, 2016 @ the Montrose Pavilion), **Cedar Mesa artist Lori Biggins** continues to be excited about the 42-year-old-craft show and sale.

"We're one of the longest running shows, and every year we have new vendors," she said, "And there is always something a bit different."

Blacksmith Brandon Christie's Golden Bough Forge is a great example of a modern artisan putting his own touch on a traditional art form, she noted. "He does really nice work, with simple designs,"

Biggins said.

Her own work emphasizes the functional, she said.

"I always bring a large presentation of my work," she said. "It's all useable, functional pottery at affordable prices." Biggins is known for her colorful glazes, and has developed a loyal following over the years. Still, "There are always new people who are excited to find my work," she said.

At age 38, **Brandon Christie of Delta** is starting a new career—as a Blacksmith. Christie found his way back to the profession after years of working at other jobs, and creating anvils from railroad steel.

"I had thought about blacksmithing for a long time," he said. "But I thought you had to apprentice, and I thought about the cost of the tools.

"Then I realized that I could get there gradually," he said, "and that I could learn everything on my own. I built my forge, from an old brake drum."

Christie started making anvils, and slowly built up a supply of necessary blacksmithing tools. He makes his own charcoal to fire the forge. And his work is drawing a growing clientele for its simple beauty.

"I sold at the Ridgway Farmers Market this past summer," Christie said, "and I did

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pretty well."

This is an exciting time to be a blacksmith, he said, because "the industry is actually growing."

Though many Americans think of the traditional village blacksmith who spent his days shoeing horses, today's smiths

face a field of increasing opportunity.

"There are bladesmiths, who specialize in knives and swords; there are people who do tools; and there is the decorative side of the industry, the architectural side," Christie said. "There is a lot of money in that—many of the wealthier homes, espe-

cially in places like Telluride and Crested Butte, have forged steel in places."

Blacksmithing never really went away as an industry, he said, though the number of smiths has dropped.

"I am excited over it, enjoy it, and I am glad that other people enjoy my work," Christie said. "It's always nice when people comment, and let you know you're on the right track."

For **Montrose favorite Mary Hill**, the Basement Boutique is one of four shows that she will attend this year, bringing her fused glass Christmas ornaments and jewelry. This year marks the first year she has attended the Basement Boutique in a number of years, as well as the first in which she will focus on her work in fused glass. Hill also draws with charcoal and paints in oils, and teaches painting classes at Cheri McPherson's Amazing Glaze studio, a successful Montrose business that Hill founded years ago.

"Come on out to the Basement Boutique and do your Christmas shopping!" she said. "It is important to support our arts community; it's hard to earn money with art, and artists always appreciate it when local people show up and buy things from us!"

KAFM RIBBON CUTTING TOMORROW IN PALISADE!

Special to Art & Sol

PALISADE-Celebrate the official dedication of the Palisade Translator with a ribbon cutting on Nov. 1st at 4 PM at the Palisade Town Council Chambers, located at 341 West 7th Street and at Palisade Fire Station. We would love to have your presence for this celebration with champagne and light refreshments. For more than 17 years KAFM has served as an essential source of music, culture, and local community information and discussion not otherwise available on FM radio. Every day, KAFM provides free public service announcements and public affairs programming. More than 120 local nonprofit organizations have used KAFM airwaves to talk about their missions, and promote their events.

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COMMUNITY SPIRIT UCC OFFERS ELECTION WEEK LABYRINTH WALK

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MONTROSE-Community Spirit UCC in Montrose is responding to rising fears and anxieties this election season by opening its doors November 7-9 from 4-8 PM so that those in the community might seek peace by silently walking the canvas labyrinth set out on their sanctuary floor.

"Recognizing that many will be feeling incredibly unsettled the day before, day of, and day after the November elections, we decided the best gift we could give our community is a chance to experience peace and centeredness, regardless of political affiliation or spiritual orientation," the church's pastor, Rev. Karen Winkel explained.

Unlike a maze, a labyrinth is a single, indirect path that in 20 minutes quietly leads a person to its center and then back out again. This 4,000 old spiritual tool fosters peace and clarity of mind and has been part of Christian contemplative practice for many centuries. The labyrinth Community Spirit uses is patterned after one from Chartres Cathedral in France.

This is the fourth time Community Spirit UCC has made the labyrinth available to the community at no charge.

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NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer

BECOMING EMOTIONALLY PRICKLY OVER BEING EXPOSED TO NEW MATERIAL OR NEW SOUNDS IS NO WAY TO GO THROUGH LIFE

This week's words will be brief and will be about exposure. To acquire knowledge in any area you must be exposed to the content. This is especially true in the worlds of classical music, chamber music, and opera. A random person walking down the street is quickly and suddenly exposed to music they have never heard before. They are asked to form an opinion of this music based on five minutes of exposure. Unless something within that music reaches out and grabs that listener around the senses, their opinion will likely be mundane or will be a knee jerk reaction to something they perceive as something that it is not. More exposure to this same kind of music perhaps combined with some basic background knowledge and context would likely transform the opinion. Now, the opinion may be something that a more than casual listener might not agree with, but it would certainly be a more informed opinion because of the exposure that was acquired.

Exposure is not only important when hearing new kinds of music, but also when

learning about music in general. Comments in the past week have been heard regarding the content of the last two articles. The circle of fifths involving major and minor keys. Three out of four readers who made comments were somewhat miffed that the content was obscure and irrelevant and could only be understood by "some kind of genius or something." In all reality, the content provide in those two articles was fairly basic in the world of music theory and offered a cornerstone and foundation of all music theory that follows from that exercise forward. The content was seen as difficult because it was perhaps read superficially or the reader simply had not been exposed to the basics on any level. The articles were meant to be a jumping off point for new exploration and new exposure.

Nothing happens without exposure. A personal philosophy is never developed without being exposed to certain kinds of politics, religions, and values obtained from sources ranging from family to school to friends. It is the very nature of exposure that has defined and molded all

of us into who we are today. Becoming emotionally prickly over being exposed to new material or new sounds is no way to go through life. The pure negativity generated from this sort of thing is not worth the mental effort needed to develop a snarky comment. Expose yourself and make a rational decision about something that will then lead to rational comments and conversation.

The purpose of the previous 68 articles was never to convert people to lovers of classical music, chamber music, opera, and general music theory. The purposes of these articles fall into two categories. The first area is that they are done because the author finds pure joy in using words to discuss a lifelong love and interest. The second area is to simply expose those who read the articles to new material, new sounds, and direct them towards sources where they can find even more exposure. If readers determine that they do not like this "stuff" then that is simply fine.

Move on towards something else, but do not forget that it is all about exposure.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

CREATIVE CORNER CELEBRATES SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY NOV. 4-6!

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Creative Corner will be celebrating their 7th anniversary Nov. 4th, 5th, 6th. We invite all our patrons as well as the public for refreshments and door

prizes to help us celebrate this event. Creative Corner is a local artist cooperative gallery providing one-of-a-kind art pieces and gifts not found anywhere else. We appreciate your patronage and want to

thank all our customers for the support you have given us over the last seven successful years.

We hope to see you during our anniversary!



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE!

ANNIE TO OPEN AT MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE NOV. 4

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Magic Circle Players are busy rehearsing for the musical *Annie* opening at Magic Circle Theatre on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 pm., and continuing through the first weekend of December. Get tickets online at <http://magiccircleplayers.com> or by phone at (970) 249-7838, or in person at the box office, 420 S. 12th St., Montrose, from 2 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays and two hours before each performance.

At right, The orphans describe life at the Municipal Girls Orphanage in New York City in the song "It's The Hard Knock Life."



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WRITER GAIL MARVEL'S CLUB CONNECTION

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ENCOURAGES ACTIVE, INFORMED VOTER PARTICIPATION



By Gail Marvel

The Montrose League of Women Voters (LWV) was established in 1982; however, the national organization is in its 96th year. Their mission statement reads, "The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy."

The local LWV membership numbers 41, seven of whom are men. According to spokesperson Nancy Ball, "About half of our membership is active in attendance, but many just support financially and through encouragement." Membership comes from throughout the region and while age demographics lean toward older adults, the group has seen an increase in younger members over the past two years.

Dues are \$55 a year; \$49 of which goes to support the state and national organization. The cost of printing educational pamphlets and holding voter outreach programs is offset by community businesses and other organizations.

While the LWV is non-partisan, Ball noted there is a national trend among millennials, "There are 82 million millennials and they lean toward third party affiliation and Independents." Recently the LWV amended their bylaws to include 16-year-olds and non-citizen membership. Ball said,



Top left, Past President Karen Connor leads a League Forum; above, former party chairs Dave Laursen and Bob Connor (D) at a League event. Mirror file photos.

"They [LWV] did it to get input from these groups; to reflect the change in the national demographic. People from these two groups can become members, but they are non-voting members." To be a voting member in LWV you must be of voting age and a US citizen.

The LWV do not support or oppose candidates or political parties; however, they do take positions on issues at the national, state and local level. Ball said, "We wear two hats. One is education and the other advocacy. We study an issue and adopt a position." As an example, the LWV adopted a position in support of Amendment 69, the Statewide Health Care System; however, Montrose County and the City of Montrose oppose Amendment 69.

This year the leadership structure of LWV is an administrative team model, rather than having elected officials (president, VP). Ball said, "It's a trial. If we decide to stay with the administrative team model, we'll change and amend our bylaws." The current administrative team has seven members and while LWV programs and events are open to the public, administra-

tive meetings are open to members only.

In community voter outreach the group recently held two candidate forums; they discussed statewide ballot issues during the Oct. 19 forum at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli; and they are working with Olathe Middle and High School on a kids voting project.

In the area of state and national recognition the Montrose LWV spent two years helping set up a task force to study Behavioral Health [mental health and substance abuse]. Ball said, "It started in Denver and was a big local and state accomplishment that was adopted for the national platform."

One of the strengths of this organization is the wide variety of member's backgrounds. "We have people who moved to Montrose from different states and countries [New Zealand, Germany]."

As to their weaknesses, Ball said, "We're a little behind in social media. We're on Facebook now...and we're trying to learn to tweet."

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PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP INTENDED TO HELP MUSIC INDUSTRY

Special to the Mirror

DENVER-Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) and Bohemian Foundation have announced a public-private partnership to advance music in Colorado through the Colorado Music Strategy, a comprehensive plan to support music as a key creative industry in the state.

"Bohemian Foundation brings more than 10 years of experience providing opportunities and enrichment through music," said CCI executive director Margaret Hunt. "We are thrilled to partner with them on the execution of The Colorado Music Strategy, focusing on economic development objectives, such as industry workforce development and increasing music exports."

The Colorado Music Strategy aims to increase revenues for Colorado-based musicians and music-related businesses while raising the state's profile nationally and internationally. The strategy will provide resources and leadership for music projects, grants to nonprofits to present music, and opportunities for networking and thought-sharing at an annual music conference. Bohemian Foundation has committed \$75,000 in matching funds to support the first year of the strategy.

"We are excited to help CCI advance music in Colorado," said Bohemian Foundation music programs director Tom Scharf. "We share an interest in supporting live music and helping to grow musicians and music-related organizations, and we are happy to share what we've learned and collaborate with communities across the state."

The strategy includes designating a Colorado Music Ambassador. Gov. John Hickenlooper along with CCI chose Shawn King of Devotchka as the 2017 ambassador for his outstanding creative, professional and social contributions to the state. In addition to his exemplary creative activities, King has worked recently with Colorado

businesses to increase music licensing opportunities for Colorado musicians. King will continue to advocate for the placement of Colorado music in film, on television and online. He also will lead workshops around the state on music licensing.

The CCI pilot music touring project, Detour, will continue through 2017 as part of the strategy with two or three additional statewide tours. Detour was launched in partnership with the Colorado band Flo-bots to match Colorado musicians with communities throughout state for special performances, community events and workshops. Detour has helped to increase touring opportunities for Colorado musicians while also creating

access to music in parts of the state that are not traditional tour stops.

Colorado's music industry currently contributes 16,300 music-based jobs to the state's economy and generates \$1.8 billion in annual revenue.

"Music is an essential part of our state's creative economy, increasing tourism, creating jobs and helping make Colorado an all-around great place to live," said Gov. Hickenlooper. "Since 2011, the state's music economy has outperformed the nation as a whole, and job growth in live music has grown by 70 percent in the past five years. Colorado is a global destination for music festivals, and our musicians play to fans just about everywhere in the world."

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MONTROSE MINI PARK SPOTLIGHT: MCINNIS PARK



Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Montrose has a number of smaller public parks, including McInnis Park, above, which is located at North San Juan Avenue and 6530 Road in North Montrose. While it is small, the turf here is maintained, the trees are lovely, and the sidewalks are in good shape. There is a bench. What makes this mini-park less than perfect, however, is a lack of convenient parking away from traffic. "I don't think many people use McInnis Park—I have never seen anyone in it—but making it into a park was probably the only logical use of the space," Former Montrose Parks Advisory Council Chair Marge Morgenstern said.

@ ROTARY PARK, IT'S 'CLEANUP ON AISLE THREE...'

Photo by Gail Marvel
MONTROSE-Recently, grocery carts and a loveseat that had been thrown in the Rotary Park arroyo were removed; however, the clean-up was short-lived.

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MONTHLY-

Oct. 31-Trunk or Treat, Black Canyon Classics Car Club @ Kentucky Fried Chicken Parking Lot. 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 31-Halloween costume contest for kids and pets @ the Real Estate Store, 500 East Main. Downtown 11 a.m.

Nov. 1-KAFM celebrates the official dedication of the Palisade Translator with a ribbon cutting on November 1st at 4 PM at the Palisade Town Council Chambers, located at 341 West 7th Street and at Palisade Fire Station.

Nov. 3-Blood Drive Rosemont Baptist Church with St. Mary's Bloodmobile Thurs, Nov. 3rd 9am - 12 pm. ONE donation SAVES up to THREE lives! Photo Id required. Stay Hydrated. Eat a healthy meal before donating. (16 yr - 17yr olds must have parental consent). Sign-up to be a donor at (970) 249-4887. <http://www.stmarygqj.org/services-and-departments/blood-donor-center/who-can-donate/>

Nov. 3--2016 7:30. Vincent Harris - Herald Journal. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door \$12 for students with ID (must be purchased in person) and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, Ext. 0 or online at www.kafmradio.org. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Nov. 4-5-Montrose Woman's Club annual Hobby and Craft Bazaar is set for Nov. 4 and 5, 2016 and it is the largest and longest running Bazaar in Montrose. This year's event will host vendors from Montrose, Eckert, Gunnison, Grand Junction and even Bayfield! The vendors will be offering Christmas items, decorations, antiques, fine collectables, jewelry, soap, candles, knitted items. Hours for the public are 10 am to 6 pm on Friday, November 4th and 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, Nov. 5. For more information about our Club or the upcoming Bazaar, please call Lexy Stevenson at 970-275-3336.

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

Nov. 7-9-Community Spirit UCC in Montrose is responding to rising fears and anxieties this election season by opening its doors November 7-9 from 4-8 PM so that those in the community might seek peace by silently walking the canvas labyrinth set out on their sanctuary floor. Community Spirit UCC is located in the St Paul Episcopal Church building at 2900 Sunnyside (at 6700 Road). More information can be provided by calling 970-275-1725.

Nov. 10-Montrose Pavilion Senior Center: \$3 Lunch and Learn on Thursday Nov. 10, 1 pm: Understanding the changes to Medicare for 2017; 'Having the right questions will give you the right answers;' Prescription Drug Coverage support with Marilyn Huseby of Senior Awareness Programs. Program is free. Reservations required for lunch (252-7787) \$5.

Nov. 11-Eleventh Annual Benefit for Community Options and Uncompahgre Valley Association. Montrose Pavilion, Friday, Nov. 11, 6:30pm. Doors open at 5:30. The event has typically filled the Pavilion to capacity, so come early. FREE event, no tickets required, but donations are gratefully accepted at the show. Cash bar, coffee and free cookies at intermission. Drawings for free giveaways at intermission.

Nov. 12-Montrose United Methodist Church Down Home Country Bazaar, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Craft tables, bake shop, coffee shop, Grannie's Attic. Join us from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a Homemade hamburger soup luncheon \$5. Now accepting credit cards.

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. 17-Montrose Pavilion Senior Center: \$3 Lunch and Learn on Thursday, Nov. 17th. 1 p.m. "Tai Chi Chih," presented by Dan Mohr.

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 or (970) 249-5168.

Nov. 21- Thanksgiving stories with Allen Beck, Montrose Pavilion Senior Center, Monday Nov. 21, 1p.m.

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 4 p.m. Saturday.

Dec. 1-Holiday Craft Fair at Homestead of Montrose, 1819 Pavilion Drive, 1 to 7 p.m.!

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At left, Mirror staffer Gail Marvel snapped locals using the Roundabout at Hillcrest and Miami the day it opened...above, voters are returning ballots as Election Day nears. Mirror Staff photo.

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