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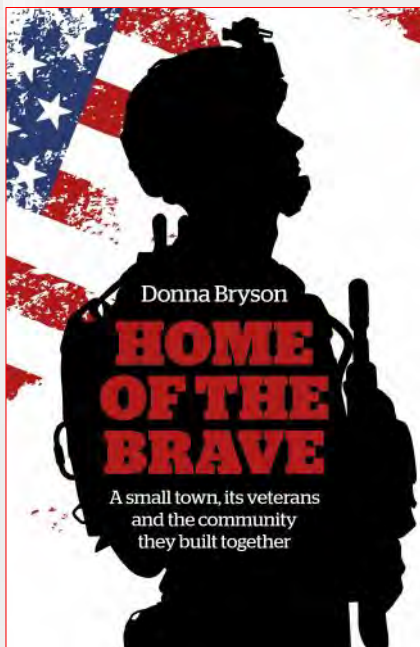


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# THE MONTROSE MIRROR

Issue No. 216, April 10 2017

## MONTROSE: 'HOME OF THE BRAVE'



By Caitlin Switzer

DENVER-Journalist [Donna Bryson](#) has spent her career in the major leagues, covering breaking news and worldwide events for the Associated Press and other prestigious news organizations from such locations as Cairo and Johannesburg, South Africa. Now, Bryson has turned her eye on Montrose, penning her second book about this small Colorado town and its efforts to provide a welcoming and supportive community for returning veterans. Bryson's book, *Home of the Brave*, will be published in January of 2018 by the British publishing house Chronos.

Early reviews have had high praise: "Donna Bryson gives a detailed and honest accounting of how residents of a struggling Colorado town revitalized their community by helping veterans desperately looking for a place to call home," said Chris Tomlinson, New York Times Bestselling Author, in a foreword to *Home of the Brave*.

Bryson's interest—and fascination—with Montrose began years ago, when she read an article in the *Denver Post*, one in a series on returning warriors. The article, by

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## SWANSON ANNOUNCES \$61k EXPENDITURE FOR RANGE NET POLES INSTALLED AT GOLF COURSE

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council meeting on April 4, 2017 began with two proclamations. The first proclamation announced Earth Week as April 17-22 with this year's theme, "This Land is Your Land." The second announced Arbor Day, which is observed throughout the nation on April 28. For 28-years the City of Montrose has been distinguished as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.

The selection of mayor and mayor pro tem was made through written ballot nominations and then voted on by the council. In a unanimous vote Mayor Judy Ann Files and Mayor Pro Tem Roy Anderson were elected for the 2017-2018 term. Files replaces outgoing Mayor Rex Swanson.

Following a brief ceremony to recognize the change in leadership council members took a moment to acknowledge supporters and reflect on their accomplishments over the last year.

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**On April 4 the Montrose City Council voted unanimously for Councilwoman Judy Ann Files to serve as Mayor for the 2017-2018 term. Councilman Roy Anderson was elected to serve as mayor pro tem. Photo by Gail Marvel.**

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## HOUSES OF WORSHIP: CHURCH ON THE HILL

By Gail Marvel

Jesus said, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them" (Matt 18:20 NIV).

MONTROSE-Church on the Hill aptly describes the location of this conservative Baptist church that sits atop Ashenfelter Hill. On Feb. 12, 2017, two days before Valentine's Day, approximately 70 people gathered for worship.

Attentive to visitors, members of the congregation milling around in the foyer and auditorium said, "Do I know You? Your face is familiar. Have you been here before?"

Prior to the service worship leader Doug Graff put the praise team through one last sound check. He tweaked mics, balanced speakers, adjusted monitors and fine-tuned the 10-member praise team. Accompaniment consisted of a piano, drums and three guitars.

Song selections were displayed on a video screen and included, "Love Never Fails," "People Get Ready (Impressions 1965)," "Clap Your Hands (1972)," "We Fall Down" and "Where I belong."

Announcements included a new members class, a youth ski trip and asking for volunteers for church clean-up. This congregation formally supports 11 mission/missionaries and February's missionaries were, Life Choices Pregnancy Center in Montrose and Mission Door in Holyoke, CO and Imperial, NE.

Pastor Mike Lundberg also views local pastors and churches as a mission field and this Sunday he asked God's blessing on the First Church of the Nazarene and their pastor, Buddy Cook.

Following the collection of tithes and offerings the children were dismissed for their class. The pastor then took a moment to play the role of the Lost and Found Department and held up a pocket-knife that was found downstairs, "If no one claims it, it might become mine!"



Setting the stage for a Valentine's Day sermon Lundberg read three disastrous and humorous honeymoon stories that he found on the internet. He said, "Today we are going to talk about love...love between believers." Out of respect for God's Word the audience stood while the pastor read the sermon text, 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12. Lundberg said, "Our secret weapon is love. We are supposed to love because God is love. Paul told the Thessalonians, 'You guys are loving each other so well... keep it up!'"

Using the Thessalonian church as a model church to follow Lundberg said, "That [type of] love makes a difference. Then why aren't all churches that way? Some churches are known for vindictiveness and rancor; mole hills of opinions that develop into a huge mountain of dissension. We are called to be as loving as the church in Thessalonica."

Referencing the Montrose Association of Churches, the pastor said, "We associate with other churches in town. Do we have our differences? Yes." Audience members chuckled as he continued, "If it were up to me they would all be Baptists!"

Lundberg compared the Western Slope to the New Testament area of Macedonia,

"The Western Slope is our Macedonia and we need to be known as a loving church. Our love for one another has to be active, not passive."

Following a two-minute video based on 1 Corinthians 13, the Love Chapter, Lundberg said, "Our daily life and faith attracts people to the church. As living messengers for Jesus we earn respect and are known as a loving church."

Answering his own question, "How can we show love in the community?", the pastor mentioned various ministries that are always in need of volunteers — Shepherd's Hand, Haven House, Christ's Kitchen. Lundberg said, "With the Methodist Church now serving meals Sunday nights the homeless can get a hot meal in Montrose every day of the week. It's the faith community doing this...but let's do it more and more!"

Fittingly, the song "Make Me a Servant" brought the service to a close.

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Pastor Mike Lundberg

Worship services 9:30 a.m.



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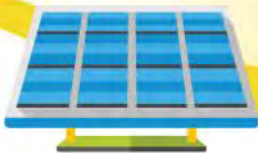
MONTROSE- On April 6, 2017 at about 2:00pm Montrose County Sheriff's Office

Deputies received a request to check on the welfare of Rose E. Zaldivar, DOB 07-06-66. The reporting party, Tracy Sutherlin,

said that Ms. Zaldivar was at a residence located at 4210 Highway 90 in Paradox, Colorado. Deputies responded to the residence and located a vehicle registered to Ms. Zaldivar. Deputies attempted to make contact but no one answered the door. Deputies then checked the inside of the residence for any sign of Ms. Zaldivar and found the residence empty. Deputies also checked the surrounding roads and area in an attempt to locate Ms. Zaldivar.

The West End Sheriff's Posse was placed on standby to respond to the area for a ground search. Due to the late hour, it was decided to conduct the search on the morning of April 7th, 2017. In the early morning hours of April 7th, deputies were contacted by Ms. Zaldivar's family and informed that they had located her and that she was deceased.

An investigator from the Montrose County Sheriff's Office responded and after initial investigation, foul play is not suspected. The investigation is ongoing.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CELEBRATING 10 YEARS IN DELTA COUNTY... ALPINE BANK SUPPORTING DELTA FOOD PANTRY

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-In recognition of the 10th Anniversary of Alpine Bank in Delta, the bank and staff are planning various monthly activities throughout the year.

There will be a bigger celebration occurring during the month of July, the actual month the bank opened in 2007. Stay tuned for announcements of additional events and activities.

For the month of April, the Delta staff has selected to support the Delta Food Pantry. Throughout the month there will be collection boxes at our Delta branch located at 1660 Highway 92 in Delta to support the needs at the pantry. Mary Pfalzgraff, co-director of the Delta Food Pantry shared the mission of the pantry that "No one should be hungry." The pantry is serving 40 more families per month then

last year. With that increase there is even more need for donations to support their organization.

Mary stated, "Honestly, we're having trouble keeping food on the shelves. We are completely out of canned fruit, and we are always in need of cereal, peanut butter, soups and tuna fish."

Join us in supporting of the Delta Food Pantry; bring your donations by today!

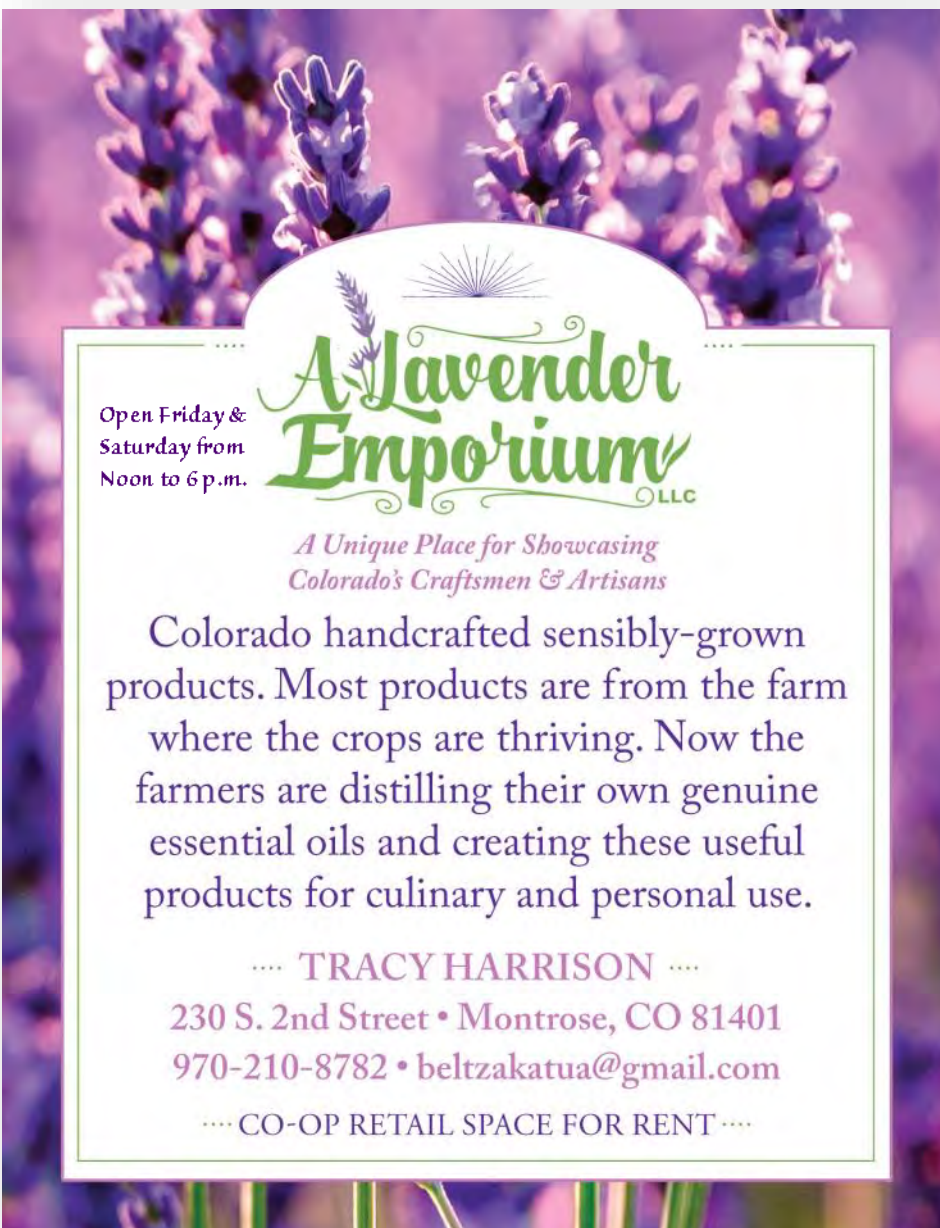
### CITY OF MONTROSE TO PERFORM MINOR ARTERIAL SPEED LIMIT STUDY

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose will soon conduct a speed limit study on minor arterial roadways. The study will analyze existing traffic volumes and speed data using "tube" style traffic counters at the locations shown in the attached figure. City staff will consider possible modifications to existing speed limits in order to ensure the most appropriate speed limits according to roadway conditions and accepted standards. Modifications may include increases or decreases to currently posted limits.

Additional details on the study are located in the work plan and available for download at [CityofMontrose.org/projects](http://CityofMontrose.org/projects). Study results will be posted to the website once they become available.

Questions regarding the project or feedback on speed limit modifications may be directed to City Engineer Scott Murphy: [smurphy@ci.montrose.co.us](mailto:smurphy@ci.montrose.co.us) or (970) 240-1498.



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## DRIVING THE OBT WITH NEW, WRAPPED SUBARU



*Among expenditures of the Montrose Office of Business & Tourism is a new Subaru, to be wrapped with the OBT logo this week. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—Following up on a reader's tip the *Montrose Mirror* learned that the Office of Business and Tourism (OBT), a department within the City of Montrose, recently purchased a new Subaru. The vehicle, purchased with tourism mar-

keting funds, is scheduled to be wrapped in a city or visitor's bureau logo during the coming week.

When contacted about the vehicle Mayor Judy Ann Files, who only days ago was installed as mayor, first had to contact Assistant City Manager/OBT Director

Rob Joseph to find out about the purchase.

In a brief email Mayor Files confirmed the vehicle had been purchased, was scheduled to be wrapped with a logo and that Joseph could be contacted on Monday.

Outgoing Mayor Rex Swanson was contacted by phone and said, "I don't know anything about it. As long as it's in their [OBT] budget they can do whatever they want."

In an attempt to put the situation in context Swanson was asked to compare the recent purchase of new police vehicles and a pick-up truck for Public Works Director John Harris, to that of the Subaru purchased by OBT. The fleet vehicles were publicly vetted by staff in work sessions and council meetings as to purchase price, warranties, and point of purchase. However, it is unclear why the purchase of the Subaru by OBT was not vetted or approved by council. Swanson said, "I don't have an answer." City offices are closed on Fridays and as of deadline Joseph could not be reached for comment.

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## MONTROSE: 'HOME OF THE BRAVE' From pg 1

by former Denver Post reporter Nancy Lofholm, mentioned the initiative known as Welcome Home Montrose (now the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans). "I was intrigued by it," Bryson said. "I had just returned to the states; I made an initial visit to Montrose, and spent three days there."

With that visit, Bryson began to talk to people. She started to explore the formation of Welcome Home Montrose, and the diversity of those who helped bring it to life—from Founder Melanie Kline to Jared Bolhuis, the young warrior whose story helped inspire Kline when she saw it on a national television broadcast. Bryson spoke at length with Emily Smith, the nonprofit's executive director and a military wife, and with Tim Kenney, a local busi-

nessman and wounded veteran who has volunteered and donated to the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans. She spoke with veterans, and with their loved ones.

After an article about Welcome Home Montrose, written by Bryson, appeared in the *Stars and Stripes* several years ago, she realized that she still had information and material to spare. "I tend to over report," she laughed. "I couldn't leave all that material alone! It gave me a real big foundation to build on."

So Bryson, whose work as a freelancer has included assignments for *The Associated Press*, *Agence France-Presse*, *Al Jazeera*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, *The Daily Beast*, *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, *Stars and Stripes*, *VICE*, and *The Wall Street Journal*, embarked upon

her second full-length book.

In addition to the work being done at Welcome Home, Bryson grew increasingly interested in the community of Montrose itself. "In a place like Montrose, people want to see that the money is well spent," she said.

"The way people work together and encourage each other really appealed to me; so I am also trying to tell about Montrose."

Bryson continued.

"I hope that the people of Montrose will see themselves in my book. I hope that I was able to bring these personalities to life, so people who don't know the characters will keep reading. And I hope that the people of Montrose know that I think they are important."



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## CITY, REC DISTRICT PLAN BIKE PATH EXPANSION



**Montrose Assistant City Manager Rob Joseph (left) and Montrose Recreation District Executive Director Ken Sherbenou exchange pleasantries following the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Trails Application Discussion. Photo by Gail Marvel.**

By Gail Marvel

**MONTROSE-Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Trails Application Discussion** – Montrose Recreation District Executive Director Ken Sherbenou and City Engineer Scott Murphy. This item was a last minute addition to the agenda.

In 2015 the Montrose Recreation District (MRD) sought grant funding to build a bike path beneath a bridge on South Townsend Ave which would connect the new rec center with the river corridor bike path. The plan for the east side of Townsend was well received; however, according to Sherbenou, “West of Townsend was not ideal and that part of the application was weak.”

A separate project planned for the re-

cently approved Colorado Outdoors Recreation/Business Park calls for the city to extend the river corridor bike path north through the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) boundary. The plan would extend the path from the West Main trailhead, go beneath the West Main bridge and proceed north to the proposed Mayfly Outdoors facility, which is near the Justice Center.

Sherbenou said, “We now have the opportunity to combine the two projects. This is a really great opportunity to go after a huge amount of money.” The combined projects would double the river trail and include better alignment for the MRD 2015 plan.

Currently some areas along the river are problematic because of transients. Property acquisition, as well as working with property owners who will experience increased pedestrian traffic, will be addressed. In some instances, fencing may need to be installed.

The proposed excavation at the bridge underpass on South Townsend, near City Market South, allows for a 15-foot clearance, while the West Main bridge site ex-

cavation allows for a 10-foot clearance. Graffiti now mars the site under the West Main bridge and the proposed bike/pedestrian underpass would be cleaned-up and would include lighting and video surveillance. Murphy said “We’ll de-bum the place a little bit.”

In order to meet GOCO application deadlines MRD and the city must move quickly. Grants will be awarded in 2018; however, if Montrose is successful construction would not begin until 2019. Murphy said, “The grand total of the project, including land acquisition, is \$2,800,000.”

Councilman Roy Anderson said, “I’m really excited. I love the concept.”

City Manager Bill Bell was absent from the work session; however, Assistant City Manager Rob Joseph conveyed Bell’s thoughts. Joseph said, “Bill supports the entire project to make both pieces happen. If we don’t [get both], our priority would be to work on the north side and go up to Colorado Outdoors.”

Likewise, speaking from the MRD perspective, Sherbenou noted the extent of their financial support hinges on doing both projects together.

**Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region (GVTPR) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)** – City Engineer Scott Murphy.

The City of Montrose has always participated in the GVTPR; however, that participation has not been formalized in writing

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## ***CITY, REC DISTRICT PLAN BIKE PATH EXPANSION***

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since 1992. Region 10 is re-formalizing participation with the 23 governmental agencies listed in the IGA. The city's participation is funded through dues paid to Region 10.

**Disposal of City Property Ordinance** – Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner.

The proposed ordinance allows property owned by the Adamson Family Trust, 16 acres near Anderson Road, to be swapped for 17.6 acres of city owned property on Sunset Mesa. The city describes the Adamson property, "...as a parcel of land along the Uncompahgre River, which is important to further recreational opportunities within the City of Montrose, as well as important for planned public improvements."

Turner noted that the property also lends itself to housing development.

**Columbine Middle School Land Exchange**

**Ordinance** – Senior Planner Garry Baker.

In order to re-build Columbine Middle School and keep the newer existing building in place, the school district has asked for two pieces of city property. One is right-of-way property along Mesa Avenue that is located on the east side of school property. The other is a large portion of Rotary Park to the west of the school. The combined properties total two acres with a value of \$150,000. While there is no compensation for the land exchange, Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner noted that in the future the school district would likely be inclined to provide easements needed for broadband fiber installation.

**Doogan Additions No. 1 and No. 2 Annexations** – Senior Planner Garry Baker.

The timetable for this project is accelerated. The property is located in Solar Hills Subdivision and the annexation will allow


the owner to build a single-family residence and connect to city sewer. Baker said, "The petition comes from the property owner. There are not a lot of issues with this annexation, but it requires two annexations. The State annexation process is a little complicated. This sets the hearing date and puts it in motion for the State process."

**Miami Road Farm Addition Annexation** – Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This 165 acres, bordered by Miami on the north, Sunnyside on the south, and 67.20 Road on the west, is a more traditional annexation. The annexation process takes about three-months and June 20 is the scheduled date of completion.

**General City Council Discussion:** No council discussion or comments.

Maps for trails, annexations and property exchanges are available on the city website.



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### COLORADO WATER PLAN: WATER STORED UNDER A HOT SUN EVAPORATES

*Dear Editor:*

I am a fan of Art Goodtimes' columns, but there were some inaccuracies and mis-statements in his 'water column' in Issue 215 that convey a scarier picture of water issues, especially evaporation along the Colorado River, than the real situation (which is scary enough) supports. I am writing as a member of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable that prepared the Gunnison Basin portions of the Colorado Water Plan, and as a journalist who has been studying Colorado River issues since the late 1970s.

The headline itself is misleading - and is not exactly what Goodtimes said in his text. The overall evaporation from the entire Colorado River averages around 14 percent of the river's total flow - to be sure, a scary enough number, but considerably less than 20 percent. Most of that evaporation occurs in the hotter drier portions of the Basin, not in the Upper Basin itself.

Goodtimes claims that the evaporation for the two huge reservoirs, Powell and Mead, is 1.5 million acre-feet (roughly three years worth of what flows through the Gunnison Tunnel into the Uncompahgre Valley), which is indeed about 20 percent of the water the Upper Colorado River Basin is obligated to send to the

Lower Basin every year on average. But that number is only accurate for those rare times when both reservoirs are nearly full. The amount of evaporation is calculated according to the surface area of the reservoir; as levels drop, the surface area also decreases (especially in Powell Reservoir) and the amount of evaporation drops accordingly - a very thin silver lining to the cloud of drought, I guess.

A recent (December 2016) study by Dr. John Schmidt of Utah State University has an in-depth analysis of the evaporation problems associated with the Colorado River Basin; his study has graphs describing the evaporation rates at different levels for the two big desert reservoirs that are the largest part of this problem in the Colorado's Basin.

Goodtimes is correct in saying that Powell's evaporate rate has not been measured by state-of-the-art techniques, but Mead Reservoir's evaporation rate has been studied by such methods (eddy covariance, mass transfer) since 2011. The findings to date seem to suggest that the old evaporating-pan techniques painted a worse picture than the new techniques (my reading of Schmidt's paper, not a stated conclusion); more accurate measures may diminish the scale of the problem although it will always be a significant con-

sumer of stored water.

In defense of the Colorado Water Plan, we did not ignore evaporation so much as just acknowledge it as an unavoidable consequence of storing water behind dams - something to which the Colorado River Basin is, at this point, unalterably committed, along with the rest of the arid West.

Forty million people depend on the water and food produced by that stored water, which prior to the storage ran off to the ocean in a two-month, largely unusable flood. Nowhere does the plan discourage any workable technique or process for conserving more water, and the plan does encourage the exploration and development of underground storage by recharging aquifers, which avoids evaporation.

But for the most part, we have to live with the fact that water evaporates under a hot sun, even from natural streams, and when you spread it out under the sun - in reservoirs or on agricultural fields - more of it evaporates.

But until we manage to get most of our stored water underground, the 14 percent we lose to the sun should probably just be regarded as a 'tax' we have to pay to get the use of the other 80-some percent throughout the year.

*George Sibley, Gunnison*

### CONGRESSMAN TIPTON: ROLLING BACK CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW HURTS CONSTITUENTS

*Dear Editor:*

In Friday's Montrose Press, Congressman Tipton proudly pointed to one of the early uses of the Congressional Review Act (CRA) in rolling back regulations to allow coal companies to dump their waste into surface water.

The economic benefits were hugely inflated for this dying industry. There is no increasing demand for heavily-polluting coal in today's world.

The short-term savings to coal corporations are heavily outweighed by the untold, long-term damage to local and downstream water users. I grew up in the coal country of the Central Appalachians

in the 50's & 60's where I lived with the devastation of land and water from the mining along with the acid rain produced by coal-fired plants. This use of the CRA was just another lame excuse to favor short-term corporate savings with little job impact over the protection of the valuable water and Public Lands of the West.

Our Public Lands represent a vital asset to the Western Colorado life-styles -- so dependent upon multiple-use for jobs and the production of clean air and water. I love the EPA and land management agency regulations that protect our air, water, and public lands.

Congress is not noted for its scientific

expertise, while the EPA NOAA, and land-management agencies are chocked full of scientists and economists.

Therefore, who are you, Congressman Tipton to be weighing the huge costs to humans and Public lands against short-term corporate gains in future uses of the CRA?

What can you do to ensure that Congress does not ignorantly over-reach itself with these rollbacks to endanger the multiple-use and valuable resources of Our Public Lands?

Stop selling your votes to corporations and start representing your constituents.

*Stephanie Gibert, Montrose*



## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### UPSET BY DISRESPECT SHOWN AT TIPTON TOWN HALL

*Dear Editor:*

Last evening I went to hear Representative Tipton speak in Montrose. It upset me to see so much disrespect for our Representative. Most of these type of folks have no idea what respect is, but they sure know where to get their next weed. Funny how the Democrats can find so many disrespectful young and old Snowflakes and Fruitcakes in a town so heavily populated by Republicans. Oh, that's right they couldn't they had to bus them in from other areas.

One of the idiots favorite highlights was when someone said we should have socialized medical care like so many of the European countries that got all kinds of cheers and applause. Wonder if any of these idiots have ever tried to get health care in one of those countries? Amazing how many people die waiting for care in these areas including our neighbor to the North, Canada. It's my guess these George Soros's paid zombies with all their many printed signs were not hear to do any good or listen to any reasonable information, they only know one way and that is to cause as much disruption as possible. It looked like a big nest of baby Robins, you know all mouth and a big rump to sit on and a nest full of droppings. It is time the silent majority began to come forward and stand up for our country before these idiots destroy it completely. You can only be a lamb for so long before the evil wolf eats us into an unfixable position or destroys us completely. These moles with their heads in the ground have no idea what they are doing or where they are headed but to them it looks like a party and for a narcissist that is all they look forward too.

Thank you Representative Tipton for all you do and having the guts to stand up in front of the Soros minions.

*Doug Glaspell, Montrose*

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### PUT A LID ON WATER WASTE: CITY OFFERS WATER CONSERVATION REBATE FOR NATIONAL MAYOR'S CHALLENGE

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-As the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation kicks off, former Montrose Mayor Rex Swanson has a few thought-provoking questions for residents. "What are you doing to conserve water? How much water do you flush down the toilet each time you flush?" Toilets manufactured since 1994 are designed to use 1.6 gallons per flush (gpf) whereas some of the older model use 3.5 or more per flush. With that in mind, Mayor Swanson asks, "Is it time to replace that old, high-volume flush toilet?"

As part of Earth Week activities, the City of Montrose is kicking off a rebate program for replacing older toilets with new high-efficiency models. To be eligible the model must be a qualified WaterSense labeled toilet that uses either 1.0 gpf (\$25 rebate) or 0.8 gpf (\$50 rebate).

Get flush with your next flush and claim a rebate by submitting an application to the city with a receipt showing the brand and model number for the new toilet to claim your rebate. Rebates will be issued as a credit on your water bill.

The National Mayor's Water Challenge and water conservation rebate program are part of the city's Earth Week festivities. Visit [CityofMontrose.org/EarthWeek](http://CityofMontrose.org/EarthWeek) for a schedule of related events for all ages.

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## BOCC HEARS MEDC UPDATE, MEETS NEW BLM FIELD OFFICE HEAD

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-An update by Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), an introduction to new Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office Manager Greg Larson, and a presentation by Shane Duckworth of C-Pace were on the agenda at the Montrose County Work Session of April 4.

MEDC Executive Director Sandy Head thanked commissioners for allowing her to visit, and reminded them that County representation is welcome on the MEDC board of directors. "Your representation is important to us...the County is an investor, and I want you to know that I am your tool, and that we are your arm." MEDC has served as the County's voice of economic development, she said. "We want to continue that relationship."

MEDC board meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month, from 4 to 6 p.m, she said.

Commissioner Glen Davis noted that MEDC meetings can be very informative. "It's a great education; I recommend it to anybody," he said. "It's about knowing what's happening, who's talking to who, what could happen."

The BLM's Greg Larson introduced himself to the BOCC, and said he has been on the job since February. Recently from Silt, "I am new to this area but not to Western Colorado," Larson asked Commissioners about their top priorities. "What's on your radar with the BLM and public lands?" Commissioner Glen Davis spoke about the new Rimrocker Trail, and the County's strategy of using already open routes to create trails. "We're not interested in establishing new trails, but trails that the BLM has established in the past."

"It's a great success," Larson agreed "We love the model of using existing trails." "Looking at the interests of the public, keeping trails open is very important to most of the people who live on the West-



*MEDC Executive Director Sandy Head met with the Montrose Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, April 4. Photo by Caitlin Switzer.*

ern Slope," BOCC Chair Keith Caddy said. "For hiking, biking, horseback riding, and all kinds of things."

Larson updated commissioners on the BLM's Resource Management Plan (expected to be issued in Spring of 2018) and said the Bureau is working to get the Bull Mountain (ROD) Record of Decision out.

Larson also spoke about the challenges of the ongoing Federal hiring freeze.

"Prioritizing staffing is one of our big challenges," he said. "We're down five permanent staff; we working every angle to keep people in chairs."

Also presenting to Commissioners was Shane Duckworth of [Colorado Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program \(C-PACE\)](#). According to a handout, C-Pace is "an innovative financing model that enables building owners to fund 100 percent of the cost of energy efficiency and

water conservation improvements." An additional assessment is tied to the property through the County's taxation system and the repayment obligation transfers along with building ownership in case of a sale. C-PACE is associated with the Colorado Energy Office. "It's a public-private partnership," Duckworth said. "It funds commercial projects with private funding, and leverages the existing government system."

"It is intended to stimulate the economy in the energy sector." Counties must choose to participate, Duckworth said. "That is what we are here to ask you to consider." Fourteen Colorado counties are presently enrolled, he said.

Commissioners also heard staff updates, and discussed the possibilities of creating or re-establishing a citizens' advisory council, and of recording county work sessions.

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## ***CITY: \$61k EXPENDITURE FOR RANGE NET POLES From pg 1***

### **Resolution 2017-02 and Resolution 2017-03 - Senior Planner Garry Baker.**

Annexation of Doogan Addition No. 1 and No. 2. Although this property is one lot it requires two separate annexations. Baker said, "This is on an accelerated schedule. The applicant wants to build a single-family residence on a vacant lot in Solar Hill Subdivision and connect to city sewer." The action sets the hearing date and both resolutions were approved unanimously.

### **Ordinance 2414 (First Reading) – Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko.**

This ordinance, which will permit swimming in Taviwach Park, states "...incidental to use of non-motorized watercraft in accordance with posted signage." General public swimming is not permitted, but is allowed with the use of non-motorized watercraft, such as paddle boards. Future plans to mitigate risks associated with the lake include building take-in and take-out areas for watercraft. Approved unanimously.

### **Ordinance 2415 (First Reading) – Senior Planner Garry Baker.**

This ordinance amends zoning in the Uniwest Minor Subdivision and the Edstrom Minor Subdivision. The subdivisions are located north of East Main and south of Locust. Baker said, "The amended zoning is compatible with the comprehensive

plan." Approved unanimously.

### **Ordinance 2416 (First Reading) - Senior Planner Garry Baker.**

This ordinance transfers city owned property to the school district for the expansion and rebuild of Columbine School. Two acres, one which borders south Mesa Avenue and the other located in Rotary Park, have a combined value of \$150,000. The properties will be transferred to the school district without compensation. Approved unanimously.

### **Bid Approval – Public Works Director John Harris.**

Contracts were awarded to both American Striping (Denver) and Stripe-A-Lot (Montrose). The contract is for on-call, 48-hour notice work. Harris said, "We want to give American Striping an opportunity to perform, but it is a short turn around they have to work with." The contract amounts to about \$150,000 a year; however, there are no dates or money associated with awarding the contract. Approved unanimously.

### **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner.**

The MOU between Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) and the city gives assurances of what each entity will do to further broadband in the city. Describing the MOU Turner said, "This is a foundation

component for building a great community with a great quality of life. Within four years DMEA will pass every meter in the city service area with 99.9 percent availability and citizens will have the opportunity to sign up for service. The service will include affordable and competitive prices for telephone, television and internet service. Turner said, "There are less than 100 communities in the US that will have this service for this price."

DMEA Board Member Bill Patterson said, "This is a local co-operative providing the service, so it all stays in the community." Approved unanimously.


### **Staff Reports – Assistant City Manager Rob Joseph.**

In conjunction with Earth Week and water conservation the city is offering rebates for toilet replacements. For information on rebates call 970-240-1480.

City traffic advisories can be seen on the city web site.

### **City Council Comments – Councilman Rex Swanson.**

Swanson noted that poles for the range net at the Black Canyon Golf Course are now being installed at a cost of \$61,000. Swanson said, "The poles go up today and the net should be done by the end of the week." The poles are designed to accommodate lighting which can be installed at a later date.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### NATIONAL PUSH TO TACKLE DISTRACTED DRIVING BEGINS

*Special to the Mirror*

COLORADO — When you drive on any road or highway, there's one thing you're almost certain to see — distracted drivers. According to a recent survey of Colorado drivers, cell phone use behind the wheel is an ongoing threat in our state, with 22 percent admitting to reading a message while driving. Beyond messaging, 64 percent had selected entertainment on a mobile device and 33 percent had talked on a hand-held phone. To encourage all drivers to be aware of their digital addiction and drop the distraction, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Colorado State Patrol are joining in a national effort to recognize April as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, bringing attention to the threat distracted drivers pose.

"The recent CDOT survey results highlight that while the distracted driving behaviors vary by gender or age, the distracted driving issue is not region specific

and is truly a problem statewide," said Darrell Lingk, Director of the CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety. "Coloradans are not paying attention to how dangerous distracted driving really is. CDOT plans to address this disconnect and our collective addiction to our phones this summer through our *Drop the Distraction* campaign."

In 2016, CDOT introduced the *Killer Habit* distracted driving PSA as part of the *Drop The Distraction* campaign. The video equates distracted driving and our dependency on our phones as a digital addiction, often with deadly consequences. View the *Killer Habit* video here: <https://youtu.be/cODh6uDjXP4>. Throughout April's awareness month, CDOT will share the *Killer Habit* video, along with other videos from across the country and around the world on its [Facebook page](#). CDOT is asking Facebook users to submit their own distracted driving prevention videos to be shared

publicly on CDOT's Facebook page. CDOT also wants to hear directly from Coloradans about their experiences with distracted driving. Whether they're guilty of the practice themselves and have a prevention tip to share, or if they've been the victim of a distracted driver, CDOT invites Facebook users to send stories to CDOT as a Facebook post or private message.

"We want to stress just how dangerous distracted driving is. Troopers are responding to more and more crashes caused by distracted drivers," said Scott Hernandez, Chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "It's our responsibility to cite reckless and distracted drivers year-round in order to keep Colorado roads safe." In 2015, there were 68 fatalities in distracted driving crashes. Of the estimated 57,298 distracted driving crashes in Colorado between 2012 and 2015, drivers 21- to 30-years-old were involved in 30 percent of the crashes. Furthermore, drivers 31- to 40-years-old were the second largest group of distracted drivers, accounting for 18 percent of distracted driving crashes. The most common distraction in these crashes were cell phones followed closely by other passengers in the vehicle.

CDOT's *Drop The Distraction* campaign educates motorists about the dangers of distracted driving. This summer, CDOT will launch a statewide, high-visibility awareness campaign aimed at decreasing distracted driving. For more information about distracted driving in Colorado, visit [distraction.codot.gov](http://distraction.codot.gov).

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### FIVE ARRESTED FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL--On March 30, 31 of 2017, The Montrose Police Department joined forces with several law enforcement agencies which included the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Colorado State Patrol, Montrose County Sheriff's Office, Delta County Sheriff's Office, Delta Police Department, and the 7th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

The operation was an effort to uncover and deter criminal acts relating to Prostitution and Sexual Exploitation of Children within the City and County of Montrose.

Five arrests were made in conjunction with the investigation.

On March 30, 2017.

1. Lawrence Durham, Montrose, 51 years old was arrested for Criminal Attempt, Internet Luring, Solicitation of a Child Prostitute, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, Patronizing a Child Prostitute, and Pandering of a Child.
2. Cody Wright, Montrose, 29 years old was arrested for Criminal Attempt, Solicitation of a Child Prostitute, and Pandering of a Child.
3. Dale Morales, Montrose, 37 years old was arrested for Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, Internet Luring, and Solicitation of a Child Prostitute.

On March 31, 2017.

4. Nicolas Love, Montrose, 41 years old was arrested for Criminal Attempt, Internet Luring, Solicitation of a Child Prostitute, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, Patronizing a Child Prostitute, and Pondering of Child.

5. Daniel Leonardi, Ouray, 33 years old was arrested for Criminal Attempt, Internet Luring, Solicitation of a Child Prostitute, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, Patronizing a Child Prostitute, and Pondering of a Child.

All five were booked and are being held in the Montrose County Jail.

\* Formal Charges have not been filed and are subject to change.

### MONTROSE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ELIMINATE IMPACT FEES

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--At last Monday's regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Montrose County Board of County Commissioners voted to eliminate development impact fees. The Board rescinded all previous resolutions adopting the fees. The elimination of the fee is effective immediately. This change will lower the cost of a building permit for a single family home by \$2,779.80. "I would rather see this money stay in the pocket of citizens as opposed to going into an account held by the county. This is a different view than past Boards have taken," said Chairman Keith Caddy.

"I'm glad to take an action that directly

lowers building costs and benefits the citizens."

At present there is approximately \$674,000 in the impact fee fund held by the county. Per the previously adopted resolutions, the majority of this funding (approximately 75%) is earmarked for use by road and bridge. Colorado state statute provides certain stipulations as to how impact fee funding can be spent. The Board will be meeting with staff to discuss these restrictions as they pertain to potential uses of the impact fee fund.

"It did not seem equitable that the county has never paid for a project out of the impact fee fund. This money is supposed to serve the citizens," said Commissioner

Roger Rash. "No longer charging the fees is a good first step. Beyond that, I believe that the public should see a return on the money they have paid into this fund over the past 10 years. The Board will be looking at options to make that happen."

Per statute, revenue derived from impact fees is to be used for capital improvements with an estimated useful life of five years or longer. Funding is to be used to address impacts related to new development and cannot be used to correct deficiencies in existing infrastructure.

For more information, contact Planning and Development Director, Steve White at (970) 252-4550 or [swhite@montrosecounty.net](mailto:swhite@montrosecounty.net).



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ORCHARD CITY WELCOMES ELEVATE FIBER

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**Dakota Cole, Elevate fiber optic specialist, connects the live exterior fiber cable to the home fiber cable using a fusion splicer. The equipment on the outside of the home, called a demarcation box, will protect this connection and serve as a convenient location for troubleshooting if the need arises. Photo by Phil Sanchez, DMEA communications specialist.**

#### *Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL — Elevate Fiber, powered by DMEA, kicked off in-home installations in Orchard City last week. This is the second zone within DMEA's service territory to have access to Elevate's fiber network and gigabit internet speeds. Last fall, a portion of Paonia became the first area to receive service from Elevate. Now, more than 500 customers are surfing, streaming, working, and playing on the fastest internet connection in town.

"Our biggest challenge is patience. Even though we launched Elevate just 10 months ago, we have more 6,000 preregistrations and 500 live customers. The DMEA membership has spoken loud and clear—they want faster and more reliable internet and they want it now. It will take years to build to everyone who wants it, but the passion, support, and patience of our members will get us through the long haul," said DMEA CEO, Jasen Bronec.

Elevate Fiber is a wholly-owned subsidiary of DMEA, the local electric cooperative serving Montrose and Delta counties. Elevate is building a fiber network from the ground up bringing gigabit internet to the homes and businesses in rural western Colorado. The network is not just backed by fiber, it will bring fiber right into member homes and businesses. In order to

build more than 3,000 miles of fiber optic cable, the construction will take place in a phased approach—building only where enough interest is expressed to sustain the project into the future.

"Plain and simple: our members will help dictate when and where Elevate builds. The DMEA service territory is divided into 50 zones. Each zone follows a particular power line path and requires a certain number of customers to preregister for Elevate. Once a zone reaches their preregistration goal, we can release the area for final design and construction. This is truly a cooperative effort," explained Bronec.

Elevate Fiber is seeing high interest across DMEA's service territory with communities in the North Fork Valley still leading the charge. Zones in both Hotchkiss and Poania are close to meeting their goal and if interest levels continue, these areas should have fiber this summer. An area in Montrose is also slated to receive Elevate this spring. Montrose 721, a zone in south Montrose around Chipeta Road and Cobble Creek, was quick to reach its preregistration goal near the end of 2016. Elevate is finalizing the network design and make-ready work and plans to begin installing live service here in April. Check out the status of your zone and the rest of the region at [join.elevatefiber.com](http://join.elevatefiber.com).

"We realize that asking people to sign up for a service that isn't available yet is hard. That's why we're excited to begin our deployment into Montrose. With live service up and running, people will be able experience the real advantages of Elevate. Whether you're looking for better speeds or reliability, our service is first-rate. It's coming Montrose: Don't miss out," said Bronec.

Elevate's service offerings at this time include a 100 Mbps (megabits per second) internet option, 1 Gig (1,000 Mbps) internet option, and a voice solution. Elevate is exploring a future video (TV) offering that will bring local channels and streaming solutions to members at a lower price compared to traditional cable/dish offerings. In addition to the advanced speed

offerings, fiber brings along many other benefits:

**MORE RELIABLE.** Fiber guarantees the most reliable high-quality connection—less affected by weather and other elements. **SUPER-FAST INTERNET SPEEDS.** Access to the fastest speeds—up to 1 Gig (1,000 megabits per second). There is no other provider offering speeds up to 1 Gig or even 100 Mbps in the area—Elevate's basic package is 100 Mbps.

**BETTER EXPERIENCE.** With 1 Gig you can download a 2-hour HD movie in 25 seconds, download a 9-hour audiobook in under a second, and so much more.

**FUTURE-PROOF.** The fiber optic cables installed today are considered 'future-proof' and will be able to handle increased data loads as the need for more and more speed grows.

**MORE THAN INTERNET.** Elevate plans to deliver voice service and video (TV) service over the same connection. The voice offering will operate the same as your local telephone service but includes unlimited long distance and advanced calling features. Elevate also hopes to offer a video (TV) service in the future that will be an affordable option giving access to local channels and popular streaming solutions for one low price.

**PROPERTY VALUE.** Fiber tends to increase property values by as much as \$5,000 per property (*value provided by RVA, LLC home owner and developer survey and research commissioned by the FTTH Council*).

**COMMUNITY GROWTH.** When businesses look for a start-up location or a new office they have to consider the technology available. Having fiber, especially with speeds up to 1 Gig, will aid greatly in attracting new businesses, which in turn will help job opportunity.

**THE FUTURE.** Elevate and DMEA members are building the future together—a reliable fiber network to every community will ensure all communities are ready for new technologies and that every home and business has a reliable and extremely fast connection to the internet.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-The Interpretive Association is now taking applications for volunteers to help with the operations of Fort Uncompahgre Interpretive Center ( Visitor Center and Gift Shop) located at 440 North Palmer Street next to Tractor Supply. Looking for volunteers that are interested in, exterior exhibits, connecting trails to history, social media, historic restoration workshops, Native Plant garden and cultural & natural history programs. We are also looking for folks that would be interest in becoming Docents, training will be provided. Fort Uncompahgre Interpretive Center will be open five-days a week, Tuesday - Saturday, 9-4 pm beginning the first Saturday in June and closing the last Saturday in October. Friends of the Fort are planning an Open House the first Saturday in June. Volunteer Training will be provided, incentives for volunteers will include an annual pass to the Fort and a year-end Volunteer Appreciation BBQ at the Fort. A minimum of four-hours per week of volunteer time is requested. The Fort is now booking school tours for the months of April and May. You can find a request form on-line. For information on how you can get involved and to request a volunteer application please go to [www.fortuncompahgre.org](http://www.fortuncompahgre.org) or contact Chris Miller, Executive Director, [970-874-6690](tel:970-874-6690) Please feel free to share this information.

### TOWN HALL WITH SENATOR CORY GARDNER IN RIDGWAY

*Special to the Mirror*

RIDGWAY-During the April Recess, a time when state elected officials return home so that they can meet with constituents and take care of local business, District 3 Indivisible, CO will host an in-person town hall meeting ON April 20 at the Ouray County 4-H Event Center, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., in the hopes that Senator Cory Gardner-R will attend to engage in productive dialog with residents of Colorado's 3<sup>rd</sup> congressional district.

Requests have been made to Senator Gardner's Grand Junction office regarding the April 20<sup>th</sup> event.

Western Colorado residents are inviting Senator Gardner to participate in a meaningful and respectful exchange surrounding policies such as the environment, education, immigration and health care,

among others – as they pertain to the rural communities, small towns and resort destinations in the region.

Local event organizers, D3 Indivisible, are collaborating with many groups throughout Colorado's 3<sup>rd</sup> and largest congressional district, which includes the entire western half of the state and extends all the way to Pueblo.

These organizations are joining forces to advocate for voices within the district and to uphold common sense policymaking that supports the Constitution as well as the concerns of regional constituents.

D3 Indivisible, CO serves as an action-driven forum for the diverse residents of Colorado's District 3.

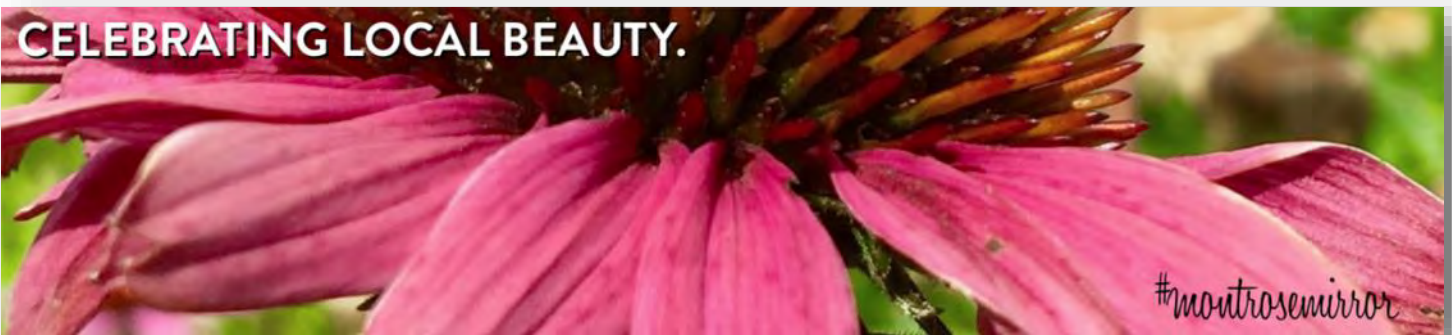


It is also an umbrella for regional organizations to gather and disseminate factual information, organize coordinated political actions, and serves as a public, inclusive and vocal platform for non-partisan alliances that focus on issues relevant to the area.

The exchange of ideas with elected officials is of the utmost importance to Colorado voters.

Should Senator Gardner attend on April 20, his constituents will present him with an award for his commitment, to be presented upon his in-person appearance at the Ridgway Town Hall event.

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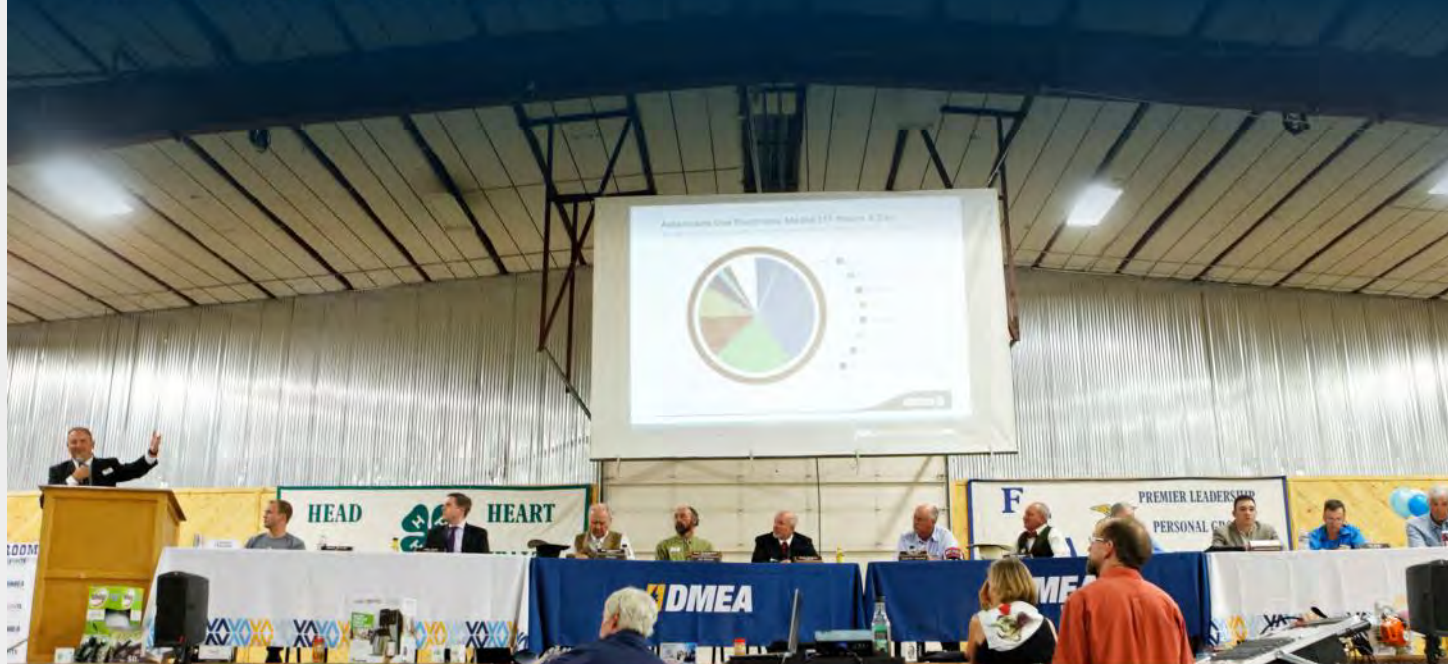


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**North Region:** Delta County

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## MAIN STREET SPOTLIGHT...ALPINE FLORAL



**Longtime Montrose Floral Shop Alpine Floral is now located at 434 Main Street. Courtesy photo.**

*By Liesl Greathouse*

MONTROSE-Opened in the 1970s, Alpine Floral has been a long-standing business in Montrose. Now they have gone back to their roots, once again calling Main Street their home.

Alpine Floral is a full service floral shop, offering everything from everyday arrangements for birthdays and holidays, to creating beautiful floral arrangements for parties, weddings, and sympathy flowers and tributes. In addition to covering everything floral related, they also offer event rentals (like linens, etc), tuxedo rentals, and a gift shop offering fruit and gourmet baskets, candy/chocolate, balloons, unique gifts, greeting cards, and more.

Having been located at Hawk Park, across from Wal-Mart, for a while, why did they decide to move to Main Street? "While we loved our location [at Hawk Park], Alpine Floral was originally started on Main Street and we thought it would be awesome to bring it back Downtown," explained owner Stephanie Keller. "We thought it would be really good for us, allowing us to contribute to Downtown and also attract more walk-in traffic, especially for our gift shop. It gives us more visibility and more impulse buys. In the floral industry, a lot of people don't come

in, they'll call or order online. This way we can capture a different audience."

Having their new location be in an old Downtown building has allowed them to create the space they need for their business. "We were able to customize it so it would work better for our work flow," Keller said. "We now have two cooling units, one of which used to be an old bank vault. It's been fun taking an old building and using it in new, creative ways."

The central location also benefits their customers. "It allows us to be more efficient in getting our deliveries out in a more timely fashion," Keller explained. "We service a lot of customers at the hospital and make deliveries up on Spring Creek, so it allows us to serve our customers better."

And the customers are enjoying the new location, too. "Everyone loves it," Keller said. "People love the character of the building. I have heard over and over that we are also more convenient now and people see our name more, so they think about ordering flowers more, so we've seen an increase in business as well." As a florist, Keller loves being able to connect with people during important life events. She said, "I love being a part of the big moments in people's lives-when a baby is

born, weddings, even during funerals, which are not the most pleasant, but we can still bring comfort, peace and beauty in any life transition. They are personalized, so we really get to know people." As with any industry, things change. But Keller wants for people to understand that some changes are not always the best for the customer and why to give your local florist a chance. "With grocery stores having floral departments, it is hard for us to compete with those prices," she said. "But give your local florist a shot. We always work with your budget and the flowers are beautiful, high quality and will last a long time."

She added, "There is also the trend of going to 1-800-FLOWERS or other places to order flowers, but they are really the middle man. They take a chunk of money and you usually end up getting flowers from a local florist anyway. If you spend \$100 on there, a florist in your area might get \$50-\$75 to work with, and they may not have the same flowers you ordered online, so you do not always get what you think you are going to get. We suggest calling your local florist directly, that way you know what is available and every single penny you spend goes to them, cutting out the middle man."

Having been born and raised in Montrose, Keller is excited to be able to connect with the community even more from the new location. "I love being a part of Main Street," she said. "We have received a warm welcome from our neighbors and people are excited. We are getting to see more faces every day."

She added, "I love community and will do anything to support people and help businesses. We appreciate the support we have received from the community and we welcome them to come check us out!"

Alpine Floral is located at 434 East Main Street in Montrose.

They are open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 a.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call 249-3545 or visit [alpinefloral.com](http://alpinefloral.com).



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### HARD WORKING TEENS SOUGHT FOR YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS!



*Youth Conservation Crew members do a lot of trail work- here two young women are removing boulders from the Crag Crest Trail, Grand Mesa National Forest. Courtesy photo.*

#### *Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-The Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests are looking for hard working, enthusiastic, and outdoor oriented teenagers (15-18 years old) to participate in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program. The YCC program provides summer employment for youth while accomplishing various types of conservation work involving trail maintenance, range projects, vegetation monitoring and other projects. The work schedule consists of four 10-hour days, and may involve camping out under the stars occasionally.

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Application deadline is April 14, 2017. The 10-week program starts June 5th and continues through August 11th. For more information contact the crew leaders listed below for YCC opportunities in Gunnison, Paonia, Grand Junction, and Montrose. Applications and other information can be found on the GMUG National Forest website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/gmug/ycc>.

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## FROM THE SENATE: ISSUES INCLUDE GROUNDWATER, COAL ROLLING, HB-1242



**Senator Don Coram.**  
*Courtesy photo.*

*By Senator Don Coram*

DENVER-It has been a hectic week at the Capitol as it has been budget week, which is also long with many debates. It is too bad that some amendments to the budget can be so contentious and some

members lose their civility. Before I address the budget, I would like to bring you up to date on a couple of issues that I have been involved with recently. For three years, I have carried legislation in regards to the Appellate Process for underground water and a change of use. For years, investors have bought water rights and filed for a change of use to sell to municipalities. When farmers have objected and it goes before the Ground Water Commission, it is sent to District Court. As of this time, no ruling by the Ground Water Commission has been over turned. The investors then file a new case that they claim to have new evidence. Each time the farmer is then required to hire water attorneys and engineers to contest this new challenge. This bill is on the way to the Governor.

I am currently carrying around 40 bills and I know that they say not to marry a bill, but a bill that I was married to, was Nuisance Exhaust. This bill also referred to as "Coal Rolling" was recently killed in the Senate State Affairs committee. This bill has been reintroduced and will be up for consideration in a week or two. I hope to have video testimony available from Fort Lewis College and Colorado Mesa University in order to garner community support to rid us of this unhealthy and irritating situation.

Now to the budget. The budget is about \$750 million larger than last year. In order to balance the budget, the Joint Budget Committee took \$264 million from the

Hospital Provider Fee. This action is not good for rural hospitals. Without this, it would not have been able to present a balanced budget as required by the Colorado Constitution. Senator Jerry Sonnenberg, presented a bill to move the Hospital Provider Fee to an Enterprise, meaning, it will not be counted as revenue against the TABOR cap. This will allow us to put more funding into transportation and education among other programs.

The next big issue coming before the Senate is HB-1242. At first glance, HB-1242 seems to lack transparency and might be a bit over bureaucratic. From introduction to what the final bill will hold is unknown until all the amendments are added or even deleted. The bill will bond \$3.5 billion dollars for construction. Bonds will be paid by collecting a .62 percent sales tax sun setting in 20 years. The first \$375 million collected will go to pay bonds, and of the remaining funds, 70 percent will go to cities and counties, and the remaining for multi modal. On the surface, I like the fact

that local Government will have a say in how and where money will be spent locally. It is important to note that if the General Assembly approves this bill, it will go to the voters for final approval. The hard part for me, is to ask the voters in Senate District 6 to trust my opinion, but for me to say that I don't trust your opinion is wrong.

Therefore, unless the bill wharfs into something totally egregious to rural Colorado, I will vote for it and will let you make that final decision. In the past I have always worried that transportation dollars end up going to the Metro area. HB-1242 gives all of Colorado a piece of the pie, and I believe that the bill will be improved as it goes through the process. This may end up being a proposal that rural Colorado supports and the Metro area does not. Please stay tuned for further information.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### GO FISH: 2017 COLORADO FISHING LICENSES ARE NOW VALID

#### *Special to the Mirror*

COLORADO-Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds Colorado anglers that 2017 fishing licenses are valid as of April 1. Thanks to unseasonably warm temperatures, the ice is receding fast so get your poles out of the closet and hit a lake this spring.

Near Denver, three excellent bodies of water to cast a line are Chatfield or Cherry Creek state parks or the Aurora Reservoir. These lakes are all stocked by CPW. The agency supports 19 hatcheries and rearing units statewide and stocks 90 million fish annually into waters throughout Colorado in order to ensure good angling opportunities.

"Colorado Parks and Wildlife works hard to foster excellent fishing opportunities throughout the state," said Lauren Truitt, public information officer for CPW.

"Colorado anglers take pride in their favorite fishing spots as a result. This season we're encouraging experienced anglers to introduce someone to the sport or try a new location to fish."

Some of the additional lakes CPW stocks that currently offer good fishing through-

out the state include Manitou Lake, Fort Collins City Park, Corn Lake, St. Vrain State Park ponds, Anticline Fishing Pond at Lake Pueblo State Park, Bear Creek Lake Park, Chipeta Lake State Wildlife area, Akron Pond and Sylvan Lake State Park. CPW does not receive general tax dollars and fishing license fees support all statewide hatchery and fish-stocking operations.

Don't forget to buy a state park pass when you buy your license. Colorado state parks provide excellent opportunities for anglers, offering 37 places to fish 365 days of the year.

An annual license is good starting April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018. CPW provides a range of options for anglers from the annual fishing license to the one-day fishing license as well as educational opportunities for those new to angling. Buy a license online at CPW's [secure license application portal](#) or by phone at 1-800-244-5613.

For individuals aged 18 through 64, a \$10 Habitat Stamp is required with the first license purchase for the year. For more



information, [read about the Habitat Stamp](#).

Youth under age 16 can fish for free and CPW provides opportunities throughout the season to learn how to fish. Check the [calendar on the CPW website](#) for upcoming clinics.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### COLORADO DMV INTRODUCES NEW ONLINE SERVICES

*Special to the Mirror*

COLORADO-Doing business with the DMV just got more convenient.

The Colorado Department of Revenue's Division of Motor Vehicles recently introduced [mydmv.colorado.gov](http://mydmv.colorado.gov) with 11 new online services, expanding online offerings from seven to 18 total services. Online service offerings include:

New services	Existing services
Begin application for a new driver license or ID	Renew a driver license or ID
Exchange driver license for an ID	Check eligibility to renew-by-mail
Extend an expiration date (if eligible)	Change driver license or ID address
Add/change renewal reminders	Update emergency contact information
Request a driver record	Schedule an appointment
Pay eligible citation(s)	Renew vehicle registration
Pay reinstatement fee	Manage International Registration plan
Upload reinstatement documents	
Submit a subpoena	
Reschedule a hearing	
View/submit a DOT medical certificate	

The addition of these services continues the Division of Motor Vehicles' commitment to serving customers in a convenient and efficient manner and extends recent efforts to reduce wait times in driver license offices.

Other initiatives include:

Accepting credit cards at all state offices.

Installing an automated driver knowledge testing system at all offices.

Hiring additional staff to enhance the customer experience.

Introducing new temporary registration permits.

Expanding the Wait Less queuing and office management system to 31 offices.

Expanding the Exceptions Processing program.

"We are proud of our efforts to expand our customer service programs to ensure a positive and efficient experience for all Colorado residents. And we are thankful for the efforts of the Colorado General Assembly in helping us to achieve this progress," said DMV Senior Director Mike Dixon. "We are on track to achieve our current goal of serving 65 percent of customers in 15 minutes or less by July 1, 2017, and we look forward to extending that goal to 100 percent of customers in the future. Allowing additional customers to complete their transactions online is a key component of this goal."



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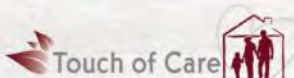
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## COUNTY HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING ON RESIDENTIAL GROWTH IMPACT FEES



*The Montrose County Event Center project was among the topics of citizen comment at the meeting of the board of Montrose County Commissioners on April 3. Mirror staff photo.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Following a public hearing and discussion with community members, the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) voted to rescind five resolutions relating to the assessment and collection of residential growth impact fees at the [regular meeting on April 3](#). The vote was two in favor, with Commissioner Glen Davis abstaining.

Speaking in favor of rescinding the residential growth impact fees was Charles McMurdy, formerly of the County Planning Commission, who recalled the time when the fees were first being considered. “They brought in people with big resumes and showed us figures on how much money each family would bring in, and they finally went ahead and put ‘em on. I was against it all the time.

“I think it’s a good deal to take ‘em off.”

County Planning & Development Director Steve White noted that the residential growth impact fees were imposed in 2007, and other taxes have since been approved by voters that have made them unnecessary. “Only one new developer has come in and put in new lots in the last six years,” he said. “...Who is paying for this is person, every farmer, who divides a lot off for their family.”

The larger homes being built in the coun-

ty now are not being constructed by new residents, but by longtime residents leaving the City for the County, he noted. “I have four or five of those.”

Citizen Marv Ballantyne spoke about the reasons the tax was put in place, at a time when growth was on the increase. “Without impact fees, eventually significant public improvements...would be needed because of the new construction.”

A decade after the fees were put in place, approximately \$674,000 is being held in the County’s impact fee fund, according to a county news release. Per previously adopted resolutions, the majority of this funding (approximately 75 percent) is earmarked for use by road and bridge. However, Funds remain unused, because of careful restrictions on use, Steve White said.

Though growth impact fees have been suspended in past years, an option suggested by Commissioner Glen Davis, “I think suspending (the fees) does not address the real issue, which is that we don’t need it,” White said. “...I would support rescinding the resolutions, and getting this off the table.”

Though others also spoke in favor or removing the fees, some citizens expressed opposition to rescinding them, including former BOCC candidate Derrick Ferguson.

“I think it is something that you should table, and potentially maybe not just generally get rid of in general,” Ferguson said.

Roger Brown pointed out the fees had not been voted on in the first place.

“This was not voted upon,” Brown said. “This was thrust upon us.”

Jim Haugsness, one of those who helped study the need for the impact fees at the time they were put in place, noted that the citizens’ group Montrose County Citizens for Funding Our Future had spent 18 months studying the need for the fees. “We talked to a lot of people; growth should pay its way...the impact fees were based at looking at additional wear tear of growth...so there was a huge outcry from folks...growth needs to pay its way.”

Haugness suggested suspending rather than removing the fee. “My concern is, when we have a big boom, you’re looking at a lot of people moving in here, you’re going to hear the same hue and cry that growth should pay its own way.”

The BOCC also heard from constituents during the time for public comment, removed one item from the Consent Agenda for further review, and appointed Derrick Ferguson to the Montrose Regional Library Board of Trustees.

Nancy Medlock addressed the BOCC during the time for public comment on non-agenda items.

“I just wanted to remind everybody that next month is Law Enforcement Memorial Day,” she said. “It will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in the morning at Centennial Plaza, and since the County started the Memorial, I think we need to have as many County employees there as possible to show we still support it. Coz after all, the Thin Blue Line is still pretty important.”

“It’s still pretty thin,” acknowledged BOCC Chair and career law enforcement professional Keith Caddy. “Thank you. I will be there.”

Also taking time to address Commissioners during general public comment was Jim Haugsness, who offered thoughts on the County’s event center project.

“...I thought it would be a great thing for our community...for years people have wanted to pay tribute to our agricultural

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## **COUNTY HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING ON RESIDENTIAL GROWTH IMPACT FEES**

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community and this is a great way to do it...I believe it is going to be a great economic driver for the community, so long as it is coordinated with other entities in the community like the Downtown Development Authority, City of Montrose as well as others," he said. "Prior to the controversy that's kind of now raging, I had talked to Commissioner Davis and I told him I think will really be a great thing and you should go ahead and do this.

"Unfortunately, I was really disappointed in the way this was rolled out," Haugsness said, noting that other recent community projects appear to have gone through a more stringent "vetting" process and suggesting the BOCC create a citizens' advisory committee as recently suggested by Commissioner Roger Rash.

"I think that, a lot of times when you are looking at getting something done, the process is often more important than the product."

Tricia Joy spoke as well. She thanked Haugsness for his comments, and the BOCC for addressing the event center project in depth at an upcoming work session. "...I look forward to it. "...I was part of the community vetting," she continued. "...there were many meetings...I heard all along the way how it was processed, and I continue to have a problem with this idea that it was rushed through and that is wasn't thought out, that they didn't do their homework. I saw lots and lots of homework and opportunities for the community to get involved."

Noting uncertainty and general public distaste for politics, as well as the costs associated with the possible cancelling of the Event Center project, "this community center belongs to the community," Joy said, and asked Commissioners, "...Did you get elected to be somebody, or do something? Are you going to protest, or are you going to lead? You can't do both.

"Please decide to lead us. Please decide to work out things. Please decide to listen to the public. Please decide to market it well. We will raise the money; we will get it done; we do have the community support. My full faith is in you Mr. Caddy to lead us."

Roger Brown then addressed the BOCC concerning Consent Agenda Item 3, consideration and possible authorization of an Off-Airport Ground Transportation Agreement with Telluride Car Services, with annual revenue in the amount of \$5,380.

"I notice in the paperwork that there are two addresses for this contractor...so I'm wondering what's up with that," Brown said. "...on the list of seven drivers in the paperwork, and six vehicles, have the U.S. DOT medical certificates been completed by the drivers? And have the state required background checks been completed for those seven drivers and have the Colorado DOT inspections been completed for those six vehicles?"

Interim County Attorney Carolyn Clawson asked that the item be pulled from the agenda for a later time.

"It is my understanding that all requirements have been met, but I have not reviewed this agreement."

The BOCC voted to remove the item from the Consent Agenda until a later time. In other business, the BOCC approved a Grant Agreement between Montrose County and the State of Colorado, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to be used for the development of a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan for all governmental and quasi-governmental entities in Montrose County. According to the Agenda, all Special Districts, Towns and Cities have pledged their support to meet the County's match of \$17,500.

Also approved was an extension of a Professional Services Agreement for civil engineering and land surveying services with Del-Mont Consultants, Inc, not to exceed \$100,000 without authorization; and award of the Montrose County 2017 Bulk Magnesium Chloride to GMCO Corporation having submitted the lowest responsible, responsive bid in the total amount of \$188,330 for 370,000 gallons of magnesium chloride.

General Business Item No. 5 asked Commissioners to appoint either Carrol Warner or Paul Gottlieb to the Community Corrections Board to fill an open position resulting from the resignation of JoAnn Seymour.

Following some public discussion, the BOCC voted to pull Agenda Item Five from the agenda for further research.

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## ART &amp; SOL

## CIMARRON COFFEE ROASTERS' CUP RATED 'OUTSTANDING' BY INDUSTRY GUIDE COFFEE REVIEW



**Cimarron Coffee Roaster's Eric Palumbo.**  
**Photo by Liesl Greathouse.**

Cimarron Coffee Roasters Ranking.

By: Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-It's always wonderful to see a Montrose business be recognized in their specific industry. For local coffee shop and roastery Cimarron Coffee Roasters, that recognition comes in the form of an 'Outstanding 93/100' rating from coffee industry guide, *Coffee Review*.

According to their website, "*Coffee Review* was founded in 1997 by Kenneth Davids and Ron Walters. The concept, then as now, was simple: conduct blind, expert cuppings of coffees and report the findings in the form of 100-point reviews, parallel to those in the wine industry, while educating readers about coffee with in-depth tasting reports and technically informed commentary. Since its founding, *Coffee Review* has become the world's most widely read and influential coffee buying guide. In 2015 more than one million coffee lovers visited *Coffee Review*."

"The highest rating they have ever done is a 97 out of 100," explained Cimarron Coffee Roaster's owner and roaster, Eric Palumbo. "Yes, I would have loved to have had a high rating like that for my first submission to them, as someone who was self-taught on how to roast, but I'm very excited. I would like to submit a couple more each year of my best coffees and see if I progress."

The rating was given to Cimarron's Ethiopia Yirgacheffe Kochore coffee.

"Personally, I love its breadth of flavors, it's really amazing coffee," Palumbo said. "I was excited about the ranking. I have drank a lot of good coffee and I thought

that this was good coffee."

The *Coffee Review* described Ethiopia Yirgacheffe Kochore, as, "Deeply sweet, floral-toned. Jasmine, roasted cacao nib, white peach, cinnamon, incense-like notes (frankincense) in aroma and cup. Crisp, gentle acidity; satiny-smooth mouthfeel. The sweet-toned finish is flavor-saturated, resonant with suggestions of jasmine and stonefruit in particular."

They added, "[It's a] deeply rich, very sweetly pungent coffee, driven by notes of flowers and stone fruit: a classic Yirgacheffe cup."

Cimarron Coffee Roasters is all about 'bringing craft roasted, sustainably sourced, small lot coffee to the Western Slope of Colorado and beyond.' Palumbo is excited about the recognition this rating brings to the Western Slope. "We are the first Western Slope coffee roaster to get anything above a 90 from them," he said. "I've heard more and more people who find our shop surprised at the craft that they find here, instead of just in the big cities. I'm proud to live up to that."

The result of the rating has been an increase in online orders for Cimarron, as *Coffee Review* shares their ratings across various online platforms, including to their

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## ***CIMARRON COFFEE ROASTERS RATED OUTSTANDING***

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70,000+ Twitter followers from across the globe. “We are doing everything we can to come out from under the specialty coffee radar and be notable for a little coffee shop on the Western Slope,” Palumbo said. “We want to get our name out there and increase business outside of the Western Slope. Short of sending a sample to everyone in the world, we decided to send a sample to a notable palette for a review.”

The entire process of creating the coffee that was rated led to some new methods that will benefit all the other coffees that Palumbo creates. “My favorite part of making it is tasting the same coffee in so many different manifestations,” he said. “I bought 500 pounds of that coffee to roast. Before releasing it, I dialed it in and then took another step to dial it in and prepare to submit it to Coffee Review. I had a breakthrough in the process. I thought that I had great coffee before, but then found a cleaner cup in that process.”

The biggest benefit from the rating for Palumbo has been validation. “I am self taught in roasting and I’ve done everything through hypothesis and experiment,” he said. “I read every little thing that I could. I now have the reassurance of what these coffees are capable of tasting like.”

He added, “I say a coffee bean is perfect when it is picked. From the person picking it, to the transporting, roasting and brewing of it, the best we can do is not detract from it, as we can’t add to it. I try be worthy of all the work that goes into producing the coffees that I buy.”

Cimarron Coffee Roasters is located at 72 S Grand Ave in Montrose. They are open Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-12 p.m. For more information or to order their coffee online, visit [cimarronroasters.com](http://cimarronroasters.com).



***The prestigious rating by Coffee Review.  
Photo by Liesl Greathouse.***

## **FRACTAL IMAGES...BY JEN MCCLANAHAN**



***Professional Photographer Jennifer McClanahan captured West Slope legends Fractalia playing a rare gig at Town Hall Tavern on Main Street in Montrose on Saturday night.***







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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

## GOURDS TOUR HOSTS DANNY ROSEN AND HONORS JACK MUELLER

### Special to Art & Sol

REGIONAL-For the last poetry tour until the fall, the Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds program is hosting Fruita-based Lithic Press publisher and poet Danny Rosen, and at the same time honoring legendary poet Jack Mueller of Log Hill Village for National Poetry Month.

Mueller, who moved to the Western Slope from San Francisco where he was a fixture in the North Beach poetry scene, was originally scheduled to perform, but has taken sick and will be unable to appear. But Rosen and fellow poets will be honoring him, nevertheless.

"A geologist and amateur astronomer, Danny brings the entire galaxy into his poems," noted Talking Gourds co-director Art Goodtimes, "and makes us experience time on the million-year scales of the earth itself. He is a very dynamic performer."

Rosen founded and runs the Lithic Press out of a bookstore/gallery in downtown Fruita. His chapbooks include *That Curve* (Western Sky Press, 2006), *Ghosts of Giant Kudu* (Kattywompus Press, 2013) and his most recent, *Primate Poems* (Lithic Press, 2016). His poems have appeared most recently in *Pilgrimage*, *San Pedro River Review*, *Comstock Review*, *Fruita Pulp*, *Malpais Review* and elsewhere.

He thinks a lot about Punctuated Equilibrium, an addendum to Darwinian evolution, in which most change occurs in quick brief fits. In the flourishing moment of the current punctuation, he lives among dogs in the desert of western Colorado.

The monthly show begins at the Telluride Arts Gallery at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25; moves to La Zona Colona Coffeehouse in Ouray County at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26; appears at Wisheart Springs Inn near Paonia beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 27; and has its grand finale in Fruita, April 28, in the Lithic Bookstore & Gallery at 7 p.m.



*Above, Jack Mueller reads from his book *Amor Fati* at the Talking Gourds Poetry Club several years ago with poets (L-R) looking on -- Rosemary Wahtola Trommer, Art Goodtimes and Danny Rosen. (Photo by Daiva Chesonis). At right, Danny Rosen. Courtesy photo.*



The April theme is Lost.

In addition, the new Guest Gourds program kicks off during National Poetry Month with Nathan Brown, former Oklahoma poet laureate. Learn more about Nathan at his website ([www.brownlines.com](http://www.brownlines.com)). He will appear at a house party in Norwood April 16 and the following day at the Telluride Mountain School and the Norwood School. For more info, call Art Goodtimes at 970-729-0220.

April 25-28 will be the last tour of the season -- until the tour starts up again in the fall with Jodie Hollander of Avon in September and then Valerie Szarek of Louisville together with Luis Lopez of Grand Junction in October.

The San Miguel County performance occurs at the Telluride Arts Gallery and Offices, 135 West Pacific, across the street from the library. The Ouray County reading takes place at La Zona Colona just off U.S. Highway 550. In Delta County the show opens at the Wisheart Springs Inn at 39508 Pitkin Rd just outside Paonia

(northwest on Pitkin Rd. off of Colo. Hwy. 133, going up on Pitkin Mesa and then left on Royal Road). And in Mesa County the event is held at the Lithic Bookstore & Gallery, which is located at 138 South Park Square #202 in Fruita (Upstairs -- enter through lobby door by the east side of the building on Mesa Street). In Telluride and some of the other venues, we follow Club announcements and the featured performance(s) with a short break. Then we pass the gourd and everyone has a chance to read a poem or two (their own, or one from a favorite poet that speaks to the theme).

For info on the Colona reading, contact Craig Jackman at [cj@jackmanoffice.com](mailto:cj@jackmanoffice.com) or 970-249-4214. For info on the Paonia event, contact Art Goodtimes at 970-729-0220, for info on the Fruita performance, contact Kyle Harvey or Danny Rosen at 970-858-3636. Submissions are now being accepted until April 22 for the 2017 Fischer Prize for poetry with its \$3,000 in prizes.

For more info, go to [talkinggourds.weebly.com](http://talkinggourds.weebly.com).

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## COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE EXPANDS PROGRAM ALLOWING PUBLIC TO CHECK OUT PARK PASS FROM LIBRARIES

### Special to Art & Sol

DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife is expanding the successful Check-Out Colorado State Parks Program from public libraries to Colorado's publicly funded college and university libraries in 2017. Starting April 1, academic libraries across the state will offer state park passes to "check out" along with an activity backpack.

"We hope that the ability to check out a state park pass from the local library encourages people to check out Colorado state parks," said CPW Director Bob Broscheid. "Colorado state parks offer

some of the state's best opportunities for wildlife viewing and recreation. We want this program to be a resource for local communities and individuals to access the parks." Based on the positive survey data from participant evaluations, library staff and park managers, CPW is continuing the Check-Out State Parks program another year. Following the 2016 pilot program, surveys found that the program works: many visited a state park for the first time using a pass checked out from their local library. [An infographic](#) available on the CPW website provides a summary of



the survey results.

The Check-Out Colorado State Parks Program is an initiative with the State Library offering residents the ability to reserve and check-out a free park pass for entrance into all 42 state parks along with an adventure backpack that is filled with park infor-

mation, educational activities and binoculars.

The park pass and backpack can be checked out for up to seven days and may be renewed according to the participating library's renewal policy. Visit your local library or check the [Participating Libraries List](#) to find a library near you. Users are encouraged to post pictures to Instagram and Twitter using #CheckOutColorado.

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## IGNITE SHERBINO SLATED FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 14

### Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Doors at 6:30 pm. Presentations at 7 pm. \$5 suggested donation. At *Ignite Sherbino* individuals have the chance to present on topics/subjects that they are passionate about in a fun and welcoming environment. *Ignite Sherbino* hopes to inspire innovation, creativity, and new ideas within the community, and it's all taking place in Ridgway's Living Room, the Sherbino.

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### OURAY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM NOW OPEN

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

OURAY-The Ouray County Historical Society Museum is now Open for Spring Season. April 13 - May 14 - Thursday through Saturday 10 am - 4:30 PM. Further inquiries please contact 970-325-4576 , Email: [ochs@ouraynet.com](mailto:ochs@ouraynet.com) or visit our website: [ouraycountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://ouraycountyhistoricalsociety.org).

### MONTROSE LIBRARY S.T.R.E.A.M. -- EARTH WEEK 2017-OIL SPILL RECOVERY

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-On April 17 at 3:30 pm, Montrose Library, S.T.R.E.A.M. -- Earth Week 2017-Oil Spill Recovery

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & OUTDOORS

### GUNNISON DISTRICT RANGER TO RETIRE

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

GUNNISON-Gunnison District Ranger John Murphy has announced that he plans to retire at the end of the month, after almost 34 years of public service. In his career, Ranger Murphy has worked on four national forests, as well as one of the Forest Service's experiment stations, and within three regions of the agency. He has been the Gunnison District Ranger since February 2010.

District Rangers have a wide variety of responsibilities. When asked what accomplishment(s) he is most proud of, he stated, "Recognizing and responding appropriately to spruce beetle activity on the southern portion of the District that resulted in landscape-level mortality." Additionally, he noted, "The Gunnison Ranger District began a large-scale seed collection effort to assure that our seed banks had adequate seed (by seed zone) to meet reforestation needs." The Gunnison Ranger District also initiated the LaGarita Salvage Environmental Analysis that resulted in the salvage of about 35 million board

feet of timber under Ranger Murphy's leadership.

Mr. Murphy plans to stay in Gunnison for a while. After retirement he plans on mountain biking, skiing and traveling while also providing support to his wife Kristi, and their children by keeping their home-life in good order!

Ranger Murphy wishes to express his thanks to all of the partners for helping to make his tenure on the Gunnison Ranger District a success. In particular he would like to recognize the Gunnison and Hinsdale County Board of County Commissioners for their support and Marlene Crosby of Gunnison County Public Works for all of her cooperation and hard work. John would also like to thank Sheriff Besecker, Undersheriff Randy Barnes and Emergency Manager Scott Morrill for helping the Forest Service to address wild-fire response. Their involvement and cooperation on the Rosebud Fire near Pitkin last summer is just one example of how well we work together, and how successful we can be when we work together.



*Gunnison District Ranger John Murphy has announced that he plans to retire at the end of the month, after almost 34 years of public service. Courtesy photo.*

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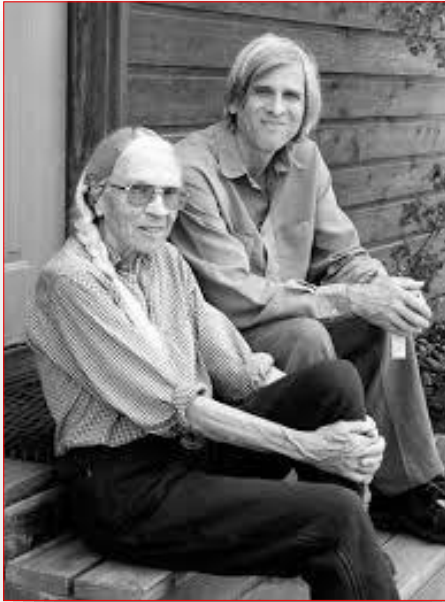
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# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

## TOOLS OF A FAST-CHANGING WORLD



*Above left, Dolores LaChapelle and her son David on the steps of her home in the Silverton caldera (Courtesy photo); Above, Dolores Peaks in Dolores County on the border with San Miguel (Photo by Carl Marcus).*

**CELL PHONE** ... I wish I could sell mine. But of course I can't. It's an indispensable tool of the modern world. It keeps my calendar, all my contacts. It takes and shares photos. Checks my email. Makes and takes calls. Texts messages. Serves as my alarm clock, my calculator. And I can do as much research as I desire on-line – what in my youth would have taken hours at the reference desk of the local library (and weeks and sometimes months to actually locate the right source material) ... It's Dick Tracy's cartoon wristwatch. It's the office in a box. A box so slim you can carry it around with you ... And occasionally lose. Like I did this past week. Sending me into a two-day funk. All that lost info. The pictures I hadn't downloaded to the computer yet. The calendar for which I have no backup ... And then, as sometimes happens, it came back around. Turns out I'd left it on the pickleball court at the Norwood School, whose students and staff had gone on spring break. Found, the elation was supreme. I was on top of the world again. Or at least back in touch with my world ... Privy again to appointments I had made and completely forgotten. Once again I could check the weather when I woke up ... This little smartass machine was no longer just an optional accessory. It was, it is, an essential -- like shirt and

shoes. It's my whole office. A good chunk of my life ... And that change, from optionally having one to one must have, is just one of hundreds introduced cultural necessities that attach to those of us still around kicking our way into the Anthropocene. If climate is the only change you're worried about, I think you are not paying very close attention ... As Dolores LaChapelle would say, "We're in the middle of an explosion. But it's in slow motion and we hardly even notice how things are blowing up around us."

**DOLORES LACHAPPELLE** ... Thanks to Dr. Richard Grossman of Durango, who writes the regular "Population Matters" column in the *Durango Herald*, for inviting me down to Fort Lewis College for the Office of the President's "Life-long Learning Lecture Series." As a failed academic (one who dropped out of graduate school three times), I do love to lecture. And talking about this amazing Colorado-born philosopher of Deep Ecology was a great honor ... I knew Dolores as teacher, mentor and eventually friend for the last 20 years of

her life, before she passed away in 25007 (New World Calendar). And it was wonderful to have the opportunity to speak about what she called the Way of the Mountain ... Her ideas have shaped my life. Led me into building social community through local politics and cultural community through regional arts. Her deep anthropological understanding of bardic poetry and of the Gourd (i.e., *Sacred Land Sacred Sex Rapture of the Deep*, pp. 96-101) has led to the creation of the Talking Gourds poetry project and the practice of the passing of the gourd ... It was quite fitting that Dr. Grossman hosted me, as Dolores believed population was the elephant in the room no one was willing to talk about. As she would point out, we are a population out of control. Rapidly exceeding our ecological niche. In fact, our vast footprint has overrun many niches. And we even seem to have our sights off-planet ... As a former *Earth First! Journal* poetry editor, I was chagrined one day to read the handiwork of some twisted bumpersticker maestro: "Earth First – we'll mine the rest later" ... I keep pointing

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# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

out to anyone who'll listen (and most people turn off when the subject of population control comes up), in my short human lifetime of 70+ years, the world population has climbed from 3 billion fellow humans to the current estimate of 7.5 billion folks. That's a mind-boggling fact. We are crowding out many other species. Some think that's fine. Others, like Dolores and I, think that's insanely unwise ... In biological terms, we are a "crash population." It's hard to see how our species is not headed for catastrophe. Plagues. Wars. Mass die-offs. As the Hopi would say, our world civilization is *Koyaanisqatsi* – unbalanced, out of our control ... What I loved about Dolores and what still inspires me is that although, rationally, our future as a species seems "hopeless," as she would often say, she spent her entire life writing, teaching and living as a role model in the hopes of a return to the Way of the Mountain. No expectation, but hope always.

**DAVE KAUFFMAN** ... Finally. Been hoping it would eventually happen. Ran into this former BLM go-to guy in the City Market in Montrose ... We talked for a while, catching up in the produce department. He and his good wife Karen Tucker – two of the best BLM hands in the region, back in the days when the Forest Service was difficult to work with and the BLM were super collaborative (a situation that has almost completely reversed) – had decided a bit precipitously a couple years back to retire when they realized they both were eligible. There had been no going-away party, although their many friends in the region, like myself, wanted to let them know how much their good work had meant ... It was no mistake that with their significant agency support and outreach we had won awards at the Public Land Partnership for our cooperative projects -- bringing all sides of public lands issues to a table of trust. And out of that trust and respect (if not always agreement) developed the San Miguel Watershed Coalition, the Uncompahgre Plateau projects and a 20-year history of collaborative conservation in our very diverse region ... If I didn't get to say it at a party, let me say it now – Dave Kauffman and Karen Tucker are two excellent retired government workers at the field level who got things done, together with us, in the radical middle, and they deserve our sincere thanks.

## THE TALKING GOURD

### After having fallen

Salvaging bruised apples on the ground  
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that's been present all along.

-Kyra Kopestonsky  
Fall Creek, San Miguel River

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

### JUSTIN EVAN THOMPSON & SPECIAL GUESTS TO PERFORM EVENING OF FOLK MUSIC IN MONTROSE

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE- Healthy Rhythm Music Services (HRMS) is pleased to announce "Justin Evan Thompson: An Evening of Folk Music", Saturday, April 15th, 2017 at Healthy Rhythm Community Art Gallery in Montrose, Colorado.

Accomplished drummer, Justin Hess, and electric bassist and harmonizer, Melanie Jean, will accompany Thompson. Special Guest, Derek James Stephens, will open the show. Justin and his trio will perform an intimate concert of original acoustic songs--pulling largely from his 2015 debut record *Hymns for a Manchild*.

Justin Evan Thompson is a songwriter

and performer from Albuquerque, New Mexico with an affinity for traditional folk music and the acoustic guitar. His persona and lyrics are as poetic as they are rough around the edges, and both lend themselves to honest and energetic performances.

Healthy Rhythm Music Services' owner, Ken Vail, said "Once you hear Justin Evan Thompson's music you'll feel a closeness to your own roots from days gone by, yet left with a sense of longing of just how to get back to simpler times."

Advance GA is \$15 & VIP seats are \$20 at the Gallery. Day of the show GA is \$20 & VIP seats are \$25. A private after show

Meet and Greet is included with VIP purchase. Online purchase is available at [www.healthyrhythm.net](http://www.healthyrhythm.net). For online purchases, please include each concert goers First and Last name. Doors open at 7 PM. Show starts at 7:30 PM. This is a ticketless show.

Healthy Rhythm Music Services (HRMS) is a creative arm of Healthy Rhythm Consulting. Its mission is to Identify, Manage, Enhance, and Promote Artists and Bands who have a deep commitment to a career in music.

HRMS and the Gallery/Performance Venue are located at 68 S Grand Ave, Montrose, Colorado.

### SHERBINO WELCOMES LIVE MUSIC WITH THE DEER

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-Runner-Up for the Austin Music Award for Best Performing Folk Band two years in a row, the Sherbino welcomes The Deer on Saturday, April 15th. With the sort of ingenuity you might expect to come out of Austin, Texas, The Deer encompasses the innovation of the modern indie-folk revival and the cross-pollination of Austin's diverse music scene. Described as transcendental Texas folk and stargaze surf-western, The Deer creates psychotropic soundscapes and tranquil, vivid dream-pop. Doors for the show are at 7:30 pm with music starting around 8 pm. Advance tickets are available for purchase at, [www.sherbino.org](http://www.sherbino.org), for \$12 and at the door for \$15 on the night of the show. More information on the band can also be found at the Sherbino website listed above.

### REGISTER BY MAY 19 FOR JULY WORKSHOP: MODERNIZING THE LANDSCAPE

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-Weehawken Creative Arts offers the chance to modernize the landscape by using brighter colors and simplifying shapes, with teaching artist Claudia Hartley of Sedona, AZ. Students will learn how to mix acrylic paints to get pure beautiful colors, how to apply them to the canvas and how to create good composition. Claudia will demonstrate each day and then give attention to the individual student. Students will work from photos of scenes. The first two days students will paint one or two paintings. The third day will be "Experiment Day." All levels are welcome.

Claudia's only request is that you "Just come and be willing to explore color, shape and abstraction."

"Modernizing the Landscape" is a three-day acrylic workshop led by Claudia Hartley, who joins us from Sedona AZ. Claudia is an experienced and renowned painter. She says of herself, "*The comment I hear most often about my paintings is 'happy.' I've loved art all of my life and it warms my heart to know that I'm able to pass that love and joy on to others. I use color and shape to capture the wonders of the world around me...I count my blessings for a talent given to me by God as a gift at birth, that has brought me and others so*

*much pleasure.*"

Join Weehawken July 14-16 at Weehawken Creative Arts in the Old Schoolhouse Building (1075 Sherman St.) in Ridgway from 9 am to 4 pm each day. Tuition is \$425 per student, and does not include all materials. An additional supply list will be provided upon registration. There is a 8 student minimum pre-enrolled by May 19th to make the class "go", so pre-registration is highly encouraged (and needed)! For more information, visit Weehawken Creative Arts at [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) or visit facebook at [facebook.com/weehawkenarts](https://facebook.com/weehawkenarts) - or call them at [970.318.0150](tel:970.318.0150).



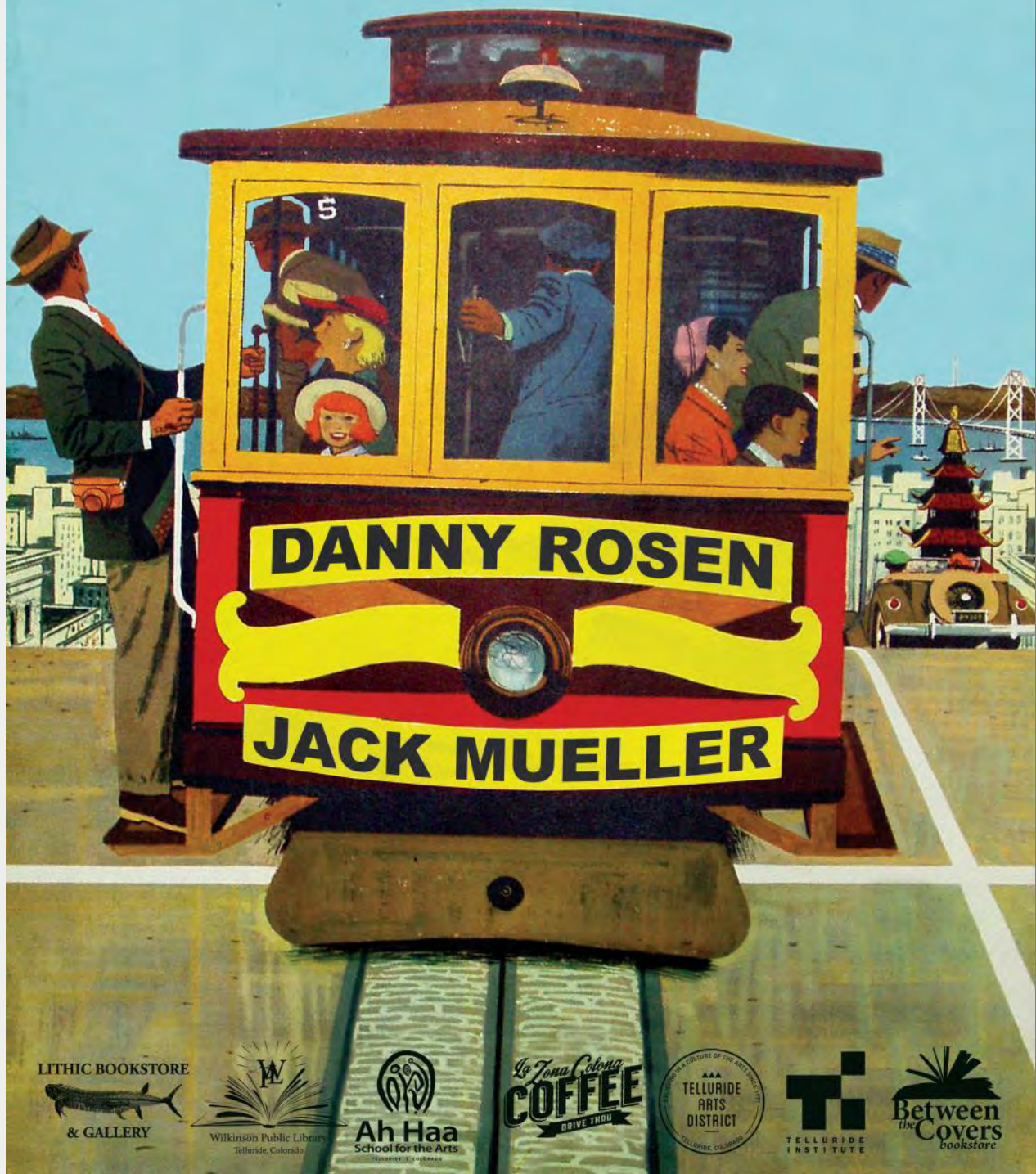
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## NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer

### A DIRECTIVE HAS COME FROM THE HIGH COMMAND

A blanket of impending doom falls over everything like a black sheet smothering a normal existence. A directive has come down from the high command that a journey is pending to a large population center. Mission intelligence states that it will be artistic in nature and will involve something that has yet to be experienced. It will involve two performances of an art form that has only previously been heard but never observed in person. The event will be the premier season opening of an opera company. The primary mission goal is to observe and gather intelligence on the art form, those that attend, and the venue in which the performances will take place. An attempt is made to peek out from beneath the black veil that has descended and to find a bright spot to this mission and task that is in no way optional.

A new ship white in color and still smelling of the assembly factory was the transport of choice. Having not yet obtained a high enough rank to be seated in the pilot or co-pilot seat, my place was in the rear section surrounded by the usual assortment of study materials. A couple of the ever popular choose your own adventure books were readily available in addition to various volumes prepared by Edgar Rice Burroughs. This journey involved being assigned new material that needed to be finished and absorbed by the conclusion of the journey. A summary of the upcoming performances was read with a bad attitude and a poor outlook. This mission assignment had come at a bad time and was interfering with other arrangements that had been made or were in the progress of being made. But, duty calls and orders must be followed in order to involve unnecessary conflict with command.

Immediately upon arrival at the pre-determined destination, the overall environment takes a turn for the better. Lodgings are certainly different than the customary day to day the location of the large

housing complex is centrally located in the large downtown district. In addition, meals will be offered at upscale locations and will certainly be a change from the usual grind at the standard barren outpost location. The primary mission is once again emphasized and due to the nature of the event, opening night of a premier season, a full-dress uniform will be required. This mission assignment is quickly being seen as "plush" and is way beyond the type of assignments suffered by others in my current squadron. Traveling with those in the position of high command will avail me the opportunity to obtain insight into the workings of command as well as the rare privilege of perhaps gaining some trust and what is called "personality" capital.

The pre-performance meal is an event in and of itself. High command has accepted the invitation from two local dignitaries to join them for dinner. This additional inclusion makes for a party like atmosphere. Plates of food seem to be flowing to the table on an endless basis and the smells and general aesthetics of the food are far beyond anything seen prior to this date. The conversation quickly moves towards the performances that will be seen in the next several days. Listening to the back and forth of this conversation tells me that what I reviewed in the ship during the journey earlier in the day was accurate and I am pleased to know that briefing materials were up to date and relevant. There is a sense of urgency and anticipation that comes with listening to this conversation. All too quickly, the food portion of the evening draws to a halt and the party proceeds to the performance venue.

Stories of missions to distant outposts are always weaving their way through the lower ranks and these tales provide visions of things yearned for but not really believed. The stories come from those who have made a career out of making long voyages to places far off the regular charts. Although amusing and at times intriguing, these descriptions of places

never seen are often not fully believed. Walking into the venue called "Boettcher" is like a cultural slap in the face. An air of elegance and sophistication wafts through the outer lobby as if a switch was just thrown

and a new dimension has been entered. This first step through the wormhole tells me that nothing will ever be the same. A gentle roar of multiple conversations is much more than background noise. The clink of glasses and the sporadic bursts of laughter combine with the smell of multiple perfumes and colognes. Those in attendance are certainly there on purpose and clearly took some time preparing themselves for the event. To the right and to the rear of the lobby, large formal portraits are on display featuring the principal players in each section of the orchestra. Each portrait shows the musician and their instrument in settings that scream discipline, formality, and excellence. Something about these 4+ feet high portraits stirs a sense of intrigue and planning within me. I ask myself the question, "How did they become so successful that they get their own portrait in a public lobby?"

The only explanation for the performance space is that the entire place must have been taken through a wormhole and arrived from a far distant galaxy. Large discs hang from the ceiling at various heights with a few of them gently swaying back and forth every so slightly. The seating is "in the round" and completely circles the stage. Seating for the audience is in large seats with plush red cushioning and backs that



Children attend Central City Opera. Courtesy photo.

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## ***A DIRECTIVE HAS COME FROM THE HIGH COMMAND***

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extend above the heads of those occupying the seat. Each looks like a small throne. Various rows are elevated so all have a clear view of the stage. Upper level seating offers the same throne-like perch. The orchestra pit is nestled to the front as is customary and many in attendance will be watching the action on stage from behind. Observing people in attendance is like an anthropological field day in a newly discovered distant village. Some are in costume that matches the theme of the performance that will be seen. Others are in formal attire with details such as gloves, ascots, buttonhole flowers, and hats rounding out their ensemble. Coming from a distant outpost that is not known for its diversity, this is a refreshing and welcome site. It is just now becoming clear that the mission goal was attendance at the opera. Intelligence is to be gathered on the two premier works, *La Boheme* by Giacomo Puccini and *Otello* by Giuseppe Verdi.

The lights dim and the orchestra launches into the musical score. It is at this very moment that a third and fourth wormhole open. The third takes everybody in the venue to 19<sup>th</sup> century Paris and the fourth takes this young squadron member on his first true mission into the world of big cities, amazing food, adult conversation, amazing performance spaces, and the newly found world of opera. It is abundantly clear that this mission will not conclude in any formal manner and intelligence gathering will be a pursuit that has only just begun. What began as a dreary assignment has turned into a lifelong quest. High command is to blame and to be thanked for this assignment. The showing of gratitude must be done in a way that is subtle and will not provide them with much satisfaction. After all, lowly squadron members must watch out for themselves.

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

### **PARTNERS MENTORING 28TH ANNUAL AUCTION: APRIL 17 TO APRIL 21**

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

REGIONAL-The Partners Mentoring Online Auction is set for the third week in April with items closing daily at 8 pm. More than 300 items including gift certificates to area businesses, sporting goods, tools, artwork, vacation packages, tattoo work, gift baskets, event tickets, household goods and more. Bidding is exciting and easy and all proceeds go to support mentoring in Delta, Montrose and Ouray Counties. To access the Partners Online Auction go to: <http://partners-west.auctionanything.com/> You can also find the link at [www.partners-west.org](http://www.partners-west.org) or find us on Facebook. Auction participants

must register before bidding but anyone can look at the items online. After many successful years of TV and radio broadcasting Partners moved the event online in 2016. The new format has enabled Partners to provide more items and bidders have more opportunity to participate. During our first year online the auction grew by 25 percent, nearly \$7,000 for our programs. Bidding is safe and secure and Partners staff are available to walk new users through the process. Partners of Delta, Montrose & Ouray has served youth in our tri-county area for 30 years. We have matched hundreds of youth in structured and supported mentoring rela-

tionships with adult volunteers. The auction is our most important fundraising event of the year and it enables us to continue our work with children who are faced with the most difficult circumstances.

You can do your part to support Partners and the children we serve by bidding on great auction items during the 2017 Partners Online Auction.

Auction items up for bid can be viewed on the Partners website at [www.partners-west.org](http://www.partners-west.org).

For full details on the 28th annual auction, visit our website or call our office, 249-1116, today!

### **SHERBINO ISSUES CASTING CALL FOR HOLY GRAIL**

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-Sherbino Theater Company, the newest community theater group of Ridgway, is casting for the first production of Monty Python's "Holy Grail," and we need you! This casting call is open to all; male and female actors ages 15 (with parent permission) to adult. Please expect between 10 to 30 rehearsal hours depending on role(s) and including tech week. Auditions will be held at the Sherbino on Monday, April 10 and Thursday, April 13 at 6:30 PM. Actors/actresses will be asked to read multiple sides exploring characters and comic timing within scene work. The final performances will be at the Sherbino on *May 18th, 19th, and 20th*, all starting at 7:30 pm. Casting and scripts will be available *April 14th*, with rehearsals starting on *April 17th*. For more information, please call the Sherbino at: 970.318.0892.

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

## **APRIL ONGOING-**

### **NOW - JUNE 26, ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN**

Artists' Alpine Holiday 57th Annual Juried Art Exhibit

Categories: Oil/Acrylic, Watercolor, Drawing & Printmaking, Pastel, Mixed Media, Sculpture, Photography and a Student Division. All entries will be eligible for Best in Show (\$500) and each category will have awards for first (\$400), second (\$200) and third (\$100) place. Show will be held at Ouray Community Center, July 27 - Aug. 5, 2017. Go to [ourayarts.org](http://ourayarts.org) for more information and to register!

**OURAY MUSEUM**-The Ouray County Historical Society Museum is now Open for Spring Season. April 13 - May 14 - Thursday through Saturday 10 am - 4:30 PM. Further inquiries please contact 970-325-4576 , Email: [ochs@ouraynet.com](mailto:ochs@ouraynet.com) or visit our website: [ouraycountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://ouraycountyhistoricalsociety.org).

**AWANA EVERY WEDNESDAY:** @ Rosemont Church 1598 E Niagara Rd Montrose CO. FREE Awana Clubs for Preschool—6th Grade. EVERY WEDNESDAY beginning January 18, 2017. We will have snacks/meal, certified teachers & tutors. 2:15- 3:30 pm - Homework/Tutoring/Study Time. Middle and High school students are welcome! 3:30- 5: pm - AWANA for Grades Preschool - 6th grade. 5- 5:30 pm - Meal provided for all Awana kids & adults present. Register/more info at 970.249.4887, email: [office@rosemontbaptist.org](mailto:office@rosemontbaptist.org) or at [www.RosemontBaptist/Awana](http://www.RosemontBaptist/Awana).

**MONTROSE SENIOR CENTER LUNCH & LEARN:** \$3 lunch& Learn, admission to program, is free. Lunch \$5. April 13.

**FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL**, non-profit organization, was founded and introduced to the world at a ceremony held at the White House on March 1, 1977. FFI provides opportunities to explore new cultures by bringing people together at the personal level. Friendship Force of western Colorado's regular monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Meeting location - Red Cross Training Center, 5<sup>th</sup> and Gunnison in Grand Junction, 6:15 p.m

**SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE @ THE GALLERY • MUSIC BY YOUTH**, Second Saturdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Healthy Rhythm Community Art Gallery in Sampler Square.

**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. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. The public is invited to free programs based on topics of regional history. For more information please call 249-2085.

## **MONTHLY-**

**April 11**-Alpine Photography Club Meeting, 7 p.m. @ Colorado Mesa University, 245 S. Cascade Ave., Montrose. Room: 106 Presentation: Wedding & Portrait Photography By: Mike & Joey Boese of Peak Life Photography Tip: Website Demo by Tara Hough Sharing: Doors & Windows All are welcome to attend.

**April 13**-Montrose-Delta League of Women Voters presents, Non-Citizen Rights and Protections Under the U.S. Constitution, @ Noon and @ 5:30 p.m. in the Montrose Regional Library Community Room.

**April 14**-Health Care Decisions Day-Volunteers of America presents an Informational session at Proximity Space (210 east main Street), from 1 to 2 p.m.

**April 14**--Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is bringing the Morning Buzz to Delta County, Friday, April 14 @ Berg Harvest Mercantile, 73 Samuel Wade Rd., Paonia 7 – 9 a.m.

**APRIL 14**-Ignite at Sherbino Theater in Ridgway. Doors at 6:30 pm. Presentations at 7 pm. \$5 suggested donation. At *Ignite Sherbino* individuals have the chance to present on topics/subjects that they are passionate about in a fun and welcoming environment. For more examples of Ignite talks around the country, and/or for more information on Ignite events, please visit: <http://igniteshow.com>.

**Apr 15**-HRMS Presents "Justin Evan Thompson: An Evening of Folk Music", Live at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery (Montrose) 7p, more information and tickets here • <https://www.facebook.com/events/1305125622843850/>

**April 17-21**-Partners Mentoring Auction!! Items closing daily [www.partners-west.org](http://www.partners-west.org) 249-1116.

**April 17**-At 3:30 pm, Montrose Library, S.T.R.E.A.M. -- Earth Week 2017-Oil Spill Recovery

Will you be an environmental hero? You will try actual techniques used in the clean up of ocean oil spills. Participants will use sorbents, booms, skimmers, and other methods to try and recover their mini-oceans from disaster. Guest speaker Vanessa Sandoval from the City of Montrose. Attendance limited to 30. Please sign up in the Children's Department. Program will last 1-1.5 hours. 970-249-9656, Option 2.

**April 20**-Delta County Economic Development will host its 21st Annual Meeting on Thursday April 20, 2017 at the Orchard City Town Hall. The event will begin at 5 p.m. with cocktails and appetizers. The meeting will be called to order at 6 p.m. The meeting is open to the public; however, voting is restricted to investors of \$500 per year or more. The cost of the annual meeting is \$10 for DCED members and \$15 for non-members. Please see our website at [www.deltacountyed.org](http://www.deltacountyed.org) and click on the link for the annual meeting to purchase your tickets or contact us at 970-874-4992. Please RSVP by Wednesday April 19, 2017.

**April 20**-Dolphin House Spring Open House and Supply Drive— 3— 6 pm@ 735 South 1st Street— Montrose.

Join us to tour our facility, meet our staff and help us supply the Dolphin House. Supplies needed include individually packed snacks, juice boxes and paper products.

**April 21-22**-Weehawken Dance presents "Cinderella" April 21 at 6 pm and April 22 at 2 pm at the Montrose Pavilion.

**April 22**--Montrose County Historical Museum will hold spring clean-up at the Museum starting at 9 am till Noon.

April 26-The Stone House Restaurant will be hosting a Wine Dinner benefiting the Dolphin House Child Advocacy Center on Wednesday, April 26 at 6 pm. The cost is \$65 per person (tax and gratuity not included).

Reservations are required. For more information or for a reservation please contact Jack at 240-8899 or 209-9100.

**April 26**-A Taste of Colorado - Western Slope Edition, Wednesday, April 26, 5:30pm at The Bridges \$25 online \$30 at the door.

**April 28-29**-Montrose County Historical Museum Annual Yard Sale! Collect your donations and helping hands for this fundraiser.



# Give Back Days

## At Mi Mexico Mexican Restaurant

Come enjoy a delicious meal and we'll donate 20% \*  
of your total check to a local non-profit.

**Every Wednesday...Every Month...All Day (11 am - 10 pm)**

*Over 200 entrees to choose from!*

**1st Wednesday: The Homestead at Montrose**

**2nd Wednesday: All Points Transit**

**3rd Wednesday: Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club**

**4th Wednesday: Valley Manor Care Center**

**5th Wednesday: Community Options Inc.**

(Note: 5th Wed dates are: Mar. 29, May 31, Aug. 30, Nov 29th, 2017)

*After dining, attach the coupon to the bill  
and deposit it in the box labeled  
"Give Back Days." 20% of your total  
bill will be donated to the  
designated charity.*

**SUPPORTING IS  
NOW DELICIOUSLY  
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*Jack's Auction took place Saturday at Friendship Hall at the Montrose County Fairgrounds. Photos of event setup by Gail Marvel.*





# Kindergarten ROUND-UP



**2017-18  
school year**

**All  
Cowboys  
& Cowgirls**  
who will turn  
5 years old  
by August 1, 2017  
must register

## April 19 (NES-PES) & 20 (CES-JES-OGES-OES)

8 am - 4 pm Evening Registration Available

Check your Boundary School for Registration Times

**How to Register:**

- ~ Visit [www.mcsd.org](http://www.mcsd.org) - Click Announcements
- ~ Click on Kindergarten Registration
- ~ Complete either the English or Spanish Form
- ~ Print the Form - Bring to Registration
- ~ Attend Kindergarten Round-Up in April

**What to Bring:**

- ~ Birth Certificate
- ~ Immunization Records
- ~ Two Address Verifications
- ~ Printed Registration Form

**Cottonwood  
(CES)** 249.2539  
3500 Woodgate

**Johnson  
(JES)** 249.2584  
13820 6700 Rd.

**Northside  
(NES)** 249.2554  
528 N. Uncompahgre

**Oak Grove  
(OGES)** 249.6867  
62100 Hwy 90

**Olathe  
(OES)** 252.7940  
326 N. 3rd St.

**Pomona  
(PES)** 249.2514  
1045 S. Cascade