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By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The board of directors of the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans (WHAFV) has been asked to step down as of Friday, Sept. 16, in a meeting that took place between a number of WHAFV board members and the organization's Founder, Melanie Kline, together with former Brightleaf Power owner Doug Kiesewetter.

"It has been a pleasure to serve the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans," said former board member Harry Alfred, when contacted for comment on the matter. Alfred is a Vietnam veteran who had stepped in as interim executive director of WHAFV after the recent resignation of former executive director Emily Smith.

Though Melanie Kline had resigned from the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans in 2016, "we were hearing things from veterans; we were hearing rumors of questionable things going on," she told the Mirror Friday. "So we were looking at the paperwork, and we looked at the bylaws." She and Kiesewetter, who had helped

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*"It has been a pleasure to serve the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans," Vietnam Veteran and former Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans (WHAFV) board member Harry Alfred said Friday. Alfred was also serving as interim executive director. Mirror file photo.*

## MURDIE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF



Photo by Gail Marvel  
MONTROSE-Montrose County Undersheriff Adam Murdie announced his candidacy for Montrose County Sheriff during the Sept. 14, 2017 Montrose Republican Central Committee. Murdie has the respect and support of Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap who will not seek reelection in November 2018.

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## HOUSES OF WORSHIP - HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

***"Give of yourself—food, prayer, hugs, laughs, kindness, silence."***

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-The weekly church bulletin for Hillcrest Congregational United Church of Christ is available in both regular and large print. On Aug. 6, pianist Laurie Wenzel played Gathering Music as 20 people assembled for worship. Song selections for congregational singing during the service included, "I've Got Peace Like a River," "Come to the Water," and "Be Still My Soul."

Minister Randy Besta made announcements and explained that Communion, which is served on the first Sunday of the month, is open to everyone and that the monthly potluck lunch follows the service. A man in the audience updated attendees on roof repairs, "The roof hasn't leaked all week and we kept the expense to under \$300."

Making visitor introductions Besta said, "We have reporter from the *Mirror* and she is going to tell people how great we are and what a wonderful congregation we are. We've got the greatest singers in Montrose!" The audience chuckled when someone questioned the pastor's embellishment, "Did you say singers, or sinners?"

Liturgist Corey Elliot gave Scriptural readings from Genesis 37:22-31 and Matthew 14:13-21.

Solace Interrupted was the theme of the sermon and Besta noted that with summer more than half over, people retreat from the busy-ness of summer and get ready for fall. "Over last month [sermon series] we've talked about vacations and talked about a time when even God could go on vacation. Life is not always as smooth as we want it to be and some-

times things interrupt you out of a moment of relaxation."

Just prior to the Bible account of

Feeding the 5,000 Jesus had gone to a solitary place. Besta said, "What we have is Jesus withdrawing from the people when he wants to pray. It was his time of relaxation when he could recharge. Jesus had just learned of the death of his cousin John the Baptist and he went [withdrew] to grieve not only his cousin, but his friend. Despite all the grieving he was called to the challenge of feeding 5,000."

Besta categorizes the feeding of the 5,000 as a parable, which is a simple story used to illustrate a spiritual lesson, rather than a miracle. "There was no McDonalds down the road. They would have taken their own food and water. Everyone there would have shared with each other. This is a story of abundance and sharing...not so much of a miracle of making food magically appear."

Feeling that people misunderstand part of the story Besta said, "If we read it carefully, it wasn't Jesus' idea. The disciples did all the work to feed the people with the little food they had. It was as though Jesus dared them to feed the 5,000. They tapped into something deep inside of them that rose to the dare."

When considered as a parable the event



is open to interpretation and Besta suggested that the 12 basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over could represent something greater, such as the 12 disciples, or the 12 tribes of Israel. "We all have abundance in our lives and when we share our abundance this is always enough for others. We have plenty of everything ...not just food."

Besta challenged, "Rise up as Jesus rose up and give it freely...you feed each other. To you it may not be much, but to them it might be a miracle. Perform the miracle [out of the abundance] that Jesus has given you. Give of yourself — food, prayer, hugs, laughs, kindness, silence."

Following the collecting of tithes and offerings, the congregation shared their sorrows and joys, which included health concerns, travel mercies and a recent family death.

Contact Information:

Hillcrest Congregational United Church of Christ

611 S. Hillcrest

Montrose, CO 81401

Minister Randy Besta

970-249-9047

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES TO HOST RIBBON CUTTING SEPT. 28

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-The Technical College of the Rockies (1765 U.S. Hwy 50) is hosting a community open house complete with tours, free lunch and program presentations. We will also be celebrating our name change and new director. Our Open House begins at 9:45 a.m. in the Student Services Center, and will conclude at 3 p.m. that afternoon.

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draft the original non-profit paperwork for WHAFV, found a loophole, she said. "So I called a meeting."

Though Kline had only asked to meet with Board Chair Terri Wilcox, other board members showed up. "We were telling them how Doug and I had discovered this glitch," Kline said. "We accidentally left out a paragraph on how to seat members of the board of directors."

"We are still the only legally responsible board members; we are fiscally responsible for the organization," she said. "This needs to be researched. I understand and appreciate what they have done for the organization, but we need to do it right. We need new language in the bylaws."

The board members are welcome to re-apply for their seats, said Kline, who is not

a veteran. "But if they were not really board members, that invalidates what they have done. We need to generate that paragraph and re-seat the board. This is really about a technical, legal glitch. It wasn't a hostile takeover."

Terri Leben, a longtime former WHAFV board member, said that she is "really sad."

"My heart was in it, to help and support our local veterans," she said. "I am also sad that small town politics have created such a challenge for the organization. This board has worked really hard, and more than half of them are veterans themselves."

Major priorities of the WHAFV board of directors in recent months had been accountability, fundraising, greater organiza-

tion and utilization of the volunteer base, and assuring that the highest percentage of funds raised went to veteran's causes rather than overhead and salaries.

The Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans (WHAFV) began as a grassroots, community initiative in 2011, to help medically-discharged military veterans through its targeted programs and dedicated Warrior Resource Center (WRC) at 11 South Park Avenue.

The organization is not-for-profit, volunteer-based, donation and small-grant funded, reliant on community and business partnerships and is entirely independent of the government.

The Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans and Warrior Resource Center can be reached at 970-765-2210.

## OPINION/EDITORIAL:LETTERS

### MONTROSE LIBRARY IS A POWERFUL ECONOMIC DRIVER: VOTE YES

Dear Editor:

The estimated cost of additional, temporary funding for the library is \$6.12 per \$100,000 assessed value. For Montrose households about \$20, which is a tiny amount compared to a single professional sports competition in Denver.

And that spending does not benefit Montrose!

The beautiful facility constructed by Library District taxpayers currently has limited operating hours, lacking funding for full operations.

The building is heated, cooled and otherwise maintained but only available for limited hours, five days per week, an inefficient use of taxpayers dollars.

A small temporary increase in the mill levy would result in full utilization, leveraging tax dollars already being spent just to minimally maintain the library.

The 2007 recession was unusual, triggered by collapsing property values, which caused the library to lose much of its funding. Values are slowly rebounding, but the Library only sees a significantly

reduced portion of revenues in proportion to the increased value, due to complicated Colorado tax law limitations.

A healthy business environment that will attract new businesses, necessarily includes adequately funding a good public library, a highly beneficial investment. Everyone in Montrose greatly benefits from this powerful economic driver, even those who never personally enter the Library.

Thanks

Clay Goldberg, Montrose

### CONCERNED OVER ATTITUDES OF CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your excellent coverage of City Council/City happenings. I am writing in regard to the item about the E. Oak Grove/Hillcrest project and concerns about its' possible impact on the HOAs in the neighborhood. My letter makes no attempt to revisit the concerns as they have been addressed in your paper and the Press quite adequately. My letter addresses two comments in the article. One regards Mr. Bell's cavalier response about the petitioners in this neighbor-

hood, stating that there were just few and that he understands that there was a division amongst the signers. As one of those gathering names, I am dismayed that nearly 300 signatures is considered "a few". Obviously there was no division amongst those who signed. 90% of the doors we knocked on signed the petition; this represents about 75% of the Vista San Juan neighborhood. The second area I had concerns about was Mr. Alcorn's "suggestion" to Council members that they not take one on one contacts from

constituents regarding issues they may be voting on. Excuse me? This is how the system works in America, we have concerns we contact those who represent us. How does this work? We have a wonderful city and I appreciate the work our elected council members are called to do, but at times it feels like the tail wags the dog in the hierarchy of things. Maybe Mr. Bell or Mr. Alcorn can clarify the above for its readers. Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts.

Jan Chastain, Montrose



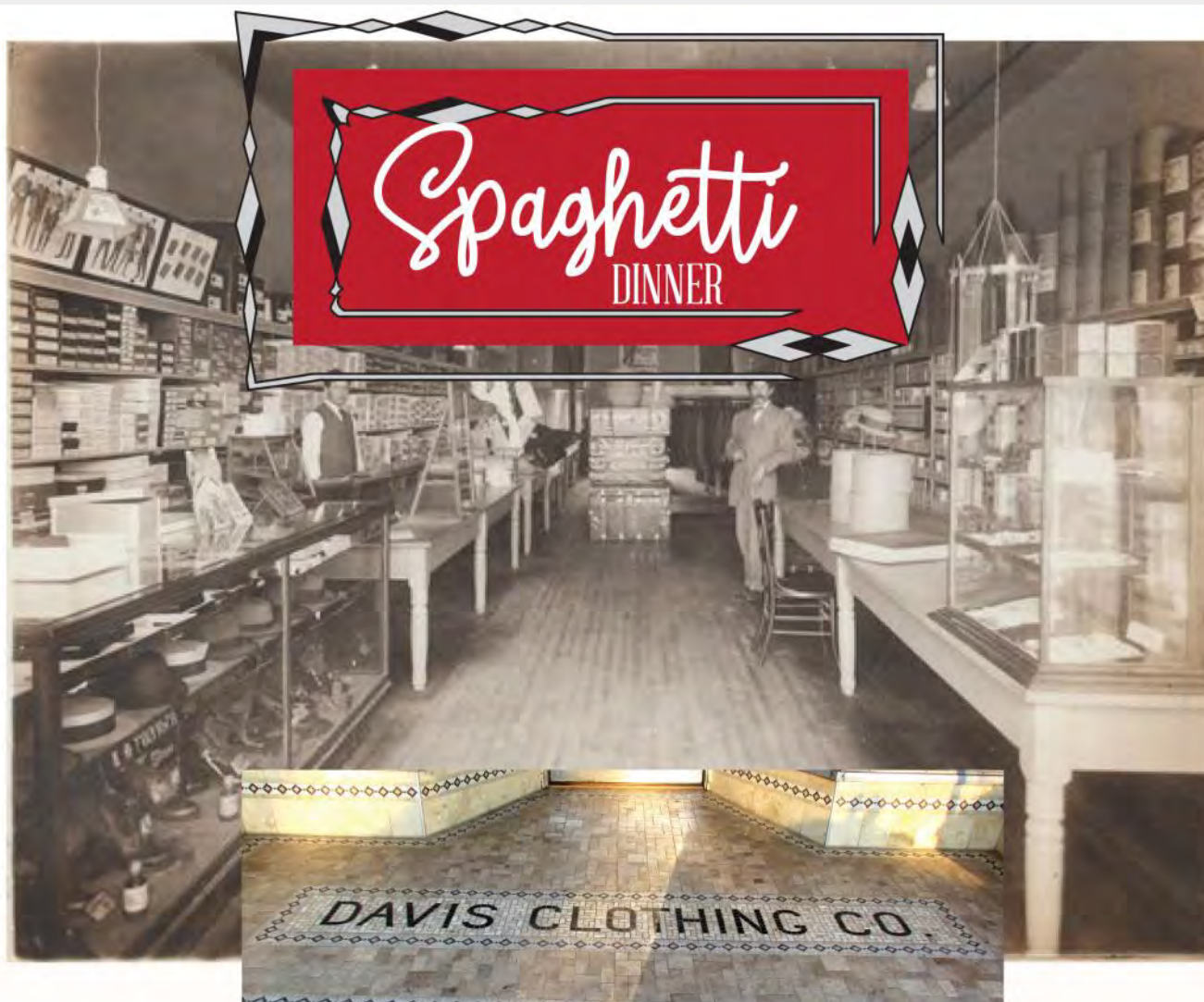
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Tickets available at Museum, Davis Clothing, Chamber of Commerce





# MONTROSE ELKS LODGE: ELK TRACKS

## BINGO

Welcome to Elk Tracks, a periodic update of what is taking place at our local Montrose Elks Lodge, located at 801 So. Hillcrest, Montrose CO 81401. Public is welcome at all events listed.



**Sept. 12, 2017 6:30 PM** A tropical scene greeted Bingo players with parrots and hanging lanterns scattered throughout the Bingo halls. Upon entry, players donned flower lei's and then snacked on fresh cut pineapple. Early Bird started on time paid out and \$13 each for 5 games. The main Bingo session paid \$80 each for 7 Games and Game 8 paid \$150 to one lucky Win-

ner! An amazing *cheer* was raised to select the Best Women's Outfit, with the second place Winner being named Miss Hawaii of Montrose. The men were a bit reluctant to be awarded the Best Hawaiian shirt and the crowd cheered loudly for the reserved Winner. Hawaiian Bingo night was festive with a lot of laughter and cheering. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize for both men and women included

Kona coffee, Garadelli chocolate cocoa mix, and pistachio biscotti cookies.

**Bingo Sept. 19, 2017 6:30 PM** Progressive Game 4 has reached "Must Go" status worth \$1,199 and will be awarded no matter how many numbers or balls it takes to reach Bingo. Progressive Game 2 is worth \$353 and can be won in 37 numbers or fewer or the prize posted will be awarded. Progressive 6 is valued at \$4,453 and must be won in 53 numbers or fewer or the prize posted will be awarded. Based on attendance, last

Game 8 may approach \$200.

Funds raised playing Elk's Bingo support our local charities. The Montrose Elks Lodge is open for Bingo every Tuesday evening. Doors open at 5:00 PM and Card sales start at 6:00. An "Early Bird" set of 5 quick games begins at 6:30 and the main Bingo session of 8 games, that includes 3 Progressive Games start at 7:00 PM. It's a wonderful way to spend the evening having fun

**Elks Soccer Shoot Saturday 9-23-17**  
**River Bottom Park, McNeil Field in the Soccer area between 9 am and 1:00 PM.**  
**Ages 5 to 14**

Please join us at the annual Elks Soccer Shoot on Saturday Sept. 23, 2017 at River Bottom Park, McNeil Field in the Soccer area between 9 am and 1 PM for a positive and enjoyable way to develop soccer skills by having contests.

This soccer shoot is for both boys and girls. There are four (4) age groups: age 7 & under (U8), age 8-9 (U10), ages 10-11 (U12), and ages 12-13 (U14)

**"5 Goal Contest":** Shooting at a succession of smaller targets will allow younger participants (U8 & U10) to build their confidence as they move down the line. For development of both physical and skill abilities.

**"Grid Goal Contest":** Uses the penalty kick for distance to challenge older participants (U12 & U14) to lift the ball from the field while aiming for a score, developing advanced skills. The contests are designed to take no more than 10-15 minutes for each participant. Please join us in this character building activity and simply to have fun!

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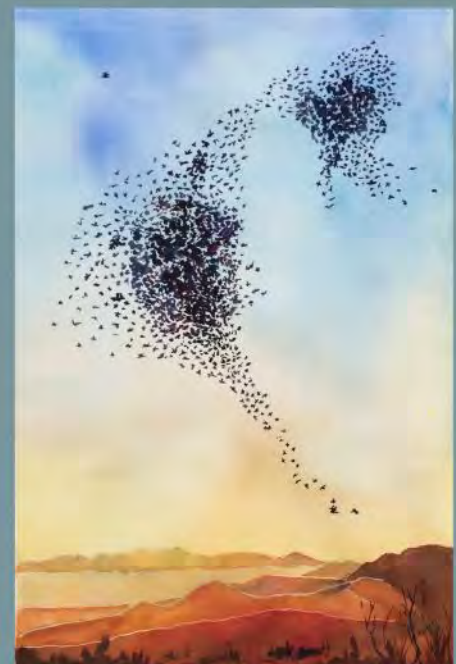
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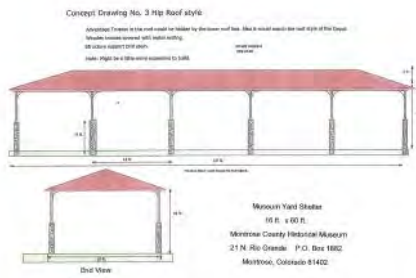
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## SAVE LOCAL HISTORY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS: DONATE TO OUTDOOR SHELTER @ MONTROSE MUSEUM



By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The mission is to preserve the history of this community; the Montrose County Historical Society is the only organization officially charged with preserving local memories, artifacts and real historical information. To that end, the Historical Society is now raising funds for an outdoor shelter at the Montrose County Historical Museum. Housed at the former Denver & Rio Grande site at Main Street and Grande Avenue, the Museum currently lacks covered outdoor space to preserve essential elements of the collection, in-

cluding antique and vintage farming equipment.

An 18' by 60' shelter supported by steel columns is now in the design phase, said Zilla Mae Brown, a retired educator who chairs the historical society as well as the fundraising campaign. According to a flyer prepared for donors, the roof will be hip style, with a metal covering of simulated tile to match the roof of the depot itself. The historical society board has already pledged \$9,000 toward the \$69,000 that is needed for the project.

"We are very close to having enough money," Brown said. "We have wanted to do this for some time, but never felt we could raise the funds to do it. We have the approval of the city for the project, and Montrose County gave us \$2,000 last year to use for engineering. Hopefully we will be able to apply for some big grants this fall or around the first of next year."

The importance of preserving the artifacts cannot be overemphasized. "We have a wooden belly dump wagon that was used to build the roads here in Mont-

rose County," Brown said. "It is wood, and was pulled by horses. It is so important that we get these artifacts under protection, because once they disappear, they are gone forever."

The Historical Society had an excellent season, with very strong turnout for programs, she said. The alley tours and evenings of history at the Montrose County Fairgrounds have proven to be especially popular over the past few years; among the speakers who have drawn crowds to the Fairgrounds are Rancher Nick Gray; MCHS board member Vern Jetley, who has spoken about the construction of the Curecanti projects; archaeologist and author Steven Baker; and archaeologist Jon Horn, who has talked about the Old Spanish Trail. "We so strongly emphasize authenticity and documentation," Brown said. To donate to the Museum's Outdoor Shelter project, visit <http://www.montrosehistory.org>, or call Zilla Mae Brown at 970-323-6466. Donations may also be sent to Post Office Box 1882, Montrose CO 81402.

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## Mirror staff report

REGIONAL-Looking for new ways to get out and explore Western Colorado this Fall? Think outside the Sunday drive, and take advantage of some of our region's creative Autumn events.

Celebrate one of America's greatest literary lights, Edgar Allan Poe, on Oct. 5 in Grand Junction, when the KAFM Radio Room (1310 Ute Avenue in Grand Junction) continues with the annual Poe Project. One of America's most influential writers, Poe was the first author to try to earn a professional living from his craft. Among his works are the poem The Raven, and the short stories The Tell Tale Heart and The Murders in the Rue Morgue. The KAFM Radio Room Players present an evening of poetry and prose by and inspired by Poe; get in the Halloween mood with tales of suspense and horror performed by local actors and poets! Suggested donation at the Door is \$5 for students and seniors, \$7 for adults. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

If you don't scare easily, consider a Fall [ghost town tour](#) while the weather holds. Ghost towns that can be accessed by automobile include Thomas Walsh's Camp Bird Mine and the town of Red Mountain. For full listings and descriptions, visit the [Ouray web site](#).

Plan ahead to create a scarecrow for the Third Annual Montrose Botanic Gardens Scarecrow Festival, Oct. 21-22, or just come on over for a day of fun in the gardens. The creative, family-friendly Scarecrows will be sold in a silent auction to benefit the gardens.

Finally, the corn maze is now open at DeVries Produce (60498 Gunnison Road) in Olathe!

"Come on in to the produce stand to purchase tickets, and we will send you out to the corn maze," April said. "In a couple of weeks the pumpkin patch will be open too, and on October 28 we have Punkin' Chunkin' from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 7 to 10 p.m. we will have the Haunted Corn Maze."



The popular Covered Bridge Pumpkin Patch at 17249 Dave Wood Road opens for the season on Sept. 30. Courtesy photo.

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## REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS; SHERIFF DUNLAP WILL NOT SEEK 4TH TERM

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Sept. 14 meeting of the Montrose Republican Central Committee was called to order by Spencer Hamner, First Vice Chair.

Hamner read a letter dated Sept. 1, 2017 from Chairman Geoff Schram who temporarily stepped aside from his position because of personal, family and health reasons. Schram stated, "I hope to resume my role in three months."

Taking over as Central Committee Chair, Hamner said to the 40 members in attendance, "I hope you can accept me during his [Schram's] leave of absence."

Current elected Republican officials who formally announced their intent to run for re-election in November 2018 were Montrose County Treasurer Rosemary Murphy, Montrose County Clerk and Recorder Tressa Guynes, Montrose County Coroner Dr. Thomas Canfield and Montrose County Assessor Brad Hughes. Canfield was not present at the meeting; however, his letter of intent was read aloud by Assistant Chief Investigator Rick Fellabaum.

Gasps and moans filled the room when Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap announced he will retire and not seek a fourth term. Speaking over the lump in his throat Dunlap noted it has been an honor for him to serve Montrose County, but "...the time has arrived for me and my wife to do the things we want to do. This is the best time for us to move forward."

Dunlap then introduced Montrose County Undersheriff Adam Murdie who announced his candidacy for Montrose County Sheriff. Sheriff Rick Dunlap wholeheartedly supports Murdie as his replacement.

### Elected Official's Reports:

#### CO District 58 Representative Marc Catlin

Reacting to Dunlap's announcement to not seek another term Catlin brought laughter to the group when he said, "I teared up too...I've gone from being chased by them to feeling sorry they are leaving." Catlin said he is enjoying serving as Representative and his current efforts are focused on being the Colorado River District Representative.

#### CO State Senator Don Coram

Coram gave an overview of his travel schedule, "I'm here tonight and have to be in Craig tomorrow morning at 9 a.m.

This is the busiest part-time job you can have."

#### Montrose County Commissioner Glen Davis

Davis reported that the county is in pretty good shape, "The cost of insurance and benefits for everyone keeps cropping up. Montrose County is in great financial shape. The Road and Bridge facility is looking good."

#### Montrose County Commissioner Keith Caddy

Caddy reported that construction on the events center is halfway complete, "We had our first meeting with the Citizen Advisory Committee and we're going to start them on advertising and marketing the events center." A problem facing Montrose County is the burden put on the system from people moving here because of marijuana, but they have no jobs or means of support.

#### Montrose County Clerk and Recorder Tressa Guynes

Guynes handed out a Nov. 7, 2017 sample ballot. Two issues appear on the ballot; one a contested race for Montrose County Board of Education District E, and the other asks voters to approve a mill levy increase for the Montrose Regional Library. Guynes updated the group on the breakdown of voter affiliation, "There are 8,436 unaffiliated, 4,534 Democrat, and 12,091 Republicans. Registration for the Republican party are up significantly."

#### Montrose County Treasurer Rosemary Murphy

Murphy did not give a report.

#### Montrose County Assessor Brad Hughes

Hughes said, "You're noticing growth and new construction...something we haven't seen for a long time." Hughes suggested



*First Vice Chair Spencer Hamner (seated far left) accepted the interim position as Chairman of the Republican Central Committee. Elected officials announcing their bid for re-election in November 2018 are: (L to R) Montrose County Treasurer Rosemary Murphy, Montrose County Clerk and Recorder Tressa Guynes, Montrose County Coroner Dr. Thomas Canfield (stand-in for Canfield is Assistant Chief Investigator Rick Fellabaum) and Montrose County Assessor Brad Hughes. Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap will not seek a fourth term. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

watching property values to see what is going on in the local market.

#### Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap

Dunlap reported on a recent ruling from Federal Judge Richard Matsch that Colorado violated the constitutional rights of three men by requiring they register as sex offenders. The Colorado Sex Offender List allows citizens to know if there is a sex offender living in their neighborhood, "We took ours [list] down locally out of precaution. Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman is appealing the decision. She is fighting for us."

#### Montrose County Coroner Dr. Thomas Canfield

Canfield's report was given by Assistant Chief Investigator Rick Fellabaum. "The coroner's office has 12 deputies [on-call], plus Doc, and nine field agents." Fellabaum gave death statistics for 2007-2016 and noted that Montrose County averages seven to 12 suicides a year. "We do have a suicide problem here."

#### Discussion items/announcements:

Dennis (last name not given) proposed a resolution whose intent was to keep elected officials more accountable. Following general discussion, the resolution was withdrawn. The Montrose Lincoln Reagan Dinner will be held Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Express. The scheduled speaker is Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams.





## Montrose County Board Openings



Montrose County is accepting applications from citizens interested in serving on the **Montrose County Historic Landmark Advisory Board**. For an application please contact Kathy Kacso at 317 S 2nd or by email at [kkacso@montrosecounty.net](mailto:kkacso@montrosecounty.net). Applications are also on the County web site at [www.montrosecounty.net](http://www.montrosecounty.net). Please return your completed application to County Administration at 317 S. 2nd, Montrose, CO 81401.

## Montrose County Historic Landmark Advisory Board

This Board was created to encourage protection and preservation of the architectural heritage of the County, document designation of a diverse array of eligible sites and provide authentic historical education and public awareness.

The Board meets on an "as needed" basis, alternating locations between Montrose and Nucla to consider applications to Montrose County's list of Historic Landmarks. There are currently (2) openings on the Advisory Board.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR 2017 SCARECROW FESTIVAL

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-It's that time again! Montrose Botanical Society is looking for entries for their third annual Montrose Scarecrow Festival. We're hoping to make it even bigger and better this year with your help. We're looking for creations by individuals, friends, businesses, schools, churches or any group. Just remember that this is a family friendly event. All scarecrows must be free standing. They can be traditional or non-traditional.

A silent auction for the scarecrows will benefit the Gardens. A story walk sponsored by the library, and a scavenger hunt will also be part of the festivities.

The festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 21 - 10 to 4, and Sunday, October 22 - 12 to 4. It's important to register early, but scarecrows aren't due until the day of the festival (Oct. 21 at 8 am)

Information and registration form can be found online

@ [Montrosegardens.org](http://Montrosegardens.org)

or call Alicia 970-497-6368, or Pat 240-3815.

### APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO STOP THE HILLCREST EXTENSION

The Vista San Juan Neighborhood is soliciting for contributions for a legal fund to stop the construction of the City's proposed Hillcrest Extension. Our fight is to preserve our residential neighborhood from becoming a traffic thoroughfare as a result of the Hillcrest Extension.

For more information contact:  
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[VineyardsHOA2@gmail.com](mailto:VineyardsHOA2@gmail.com)

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## MID-TERM EVALUATIONS OF CITY MANAGER, ATTORNEY ARE OCT. 3

### Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose welcomes five new staffers at the [regular work session](#) of Monday, Sept. 18, including Human Resources Generalist Jaime Holms; Patrol Officer Anthony "Tony" Naro; Golf Course Grounds Superintendent Jon McGinn; Parks and Special Projects Division Worker Jonathan Schneider; and Animal Control Officer Richard Phillips.

Council will hear a report from Colorado Mesa University (CMU) as well as a report from Alpine Archaeology on the old Kallstrom Farmstead site.

There will be an informational discussion concerning the controversial Hillcrest Extension Project.

Also up for discussion will be a property disposal ordinance and Rotary Amphitheater award recommendation.

Included in the [work session packet](#) are reports from All Points Transit and the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning.

Topics to be discussed at upcoming

Council sessions include development incentives for the River Valley Health Center site; a Brown Ranch Subdivision Preliminary Plat Amendment; and Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Project Bid on Oct. 2. On Oct. 3 will be youth council applicant interviews; mid-term evaluations of the City Manager and City Attorney; and liquor license transfer for La Isla Mexican Restaurant and Bar. On Oct. 17 will be a liquor license transfer for RnR Sports Bar; youth council appointments; and new liquor license application for Montrose Elks Lodge #1053.

At the regular City Council meeting of Sept. 19, Council will consider approving four Ordinances on second reading: [Ordinance 2431](#) revises Chapter 1-17, of the Official Code of the City of Montrose, Colorado (Election Code modifications); [Ordinance 2432](#) repeals and replaces Chapter 5, Title 15 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose regarding sales and use tax; [Ordinance 2433](#) amends the zoning district designation of Parcel Number



*Mid-term evaluations of the City Manager (above) and City Attorney are Oct. 3*

376728219901 (approximately 4.2 acres at Grand Ave. and North 9th) from "P," Public District to "B-3", General Commercial District; [Ordinance 2444](#) amends the zoning district designation of Parcel Number 376728200900 from "P", Public District to "B-3", General Commercial District.

Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.



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and travel expenses for the Team*



## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### COLORADO PARTICIPATES IN STUDY EXAMINING DOUBLE VOTING

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DENVER— A study that examined 11.5 million voter records between five states, including Colorado, uncovered 112 instances of possible improper voting in the 2016 presidential election.

Ten people who voted in Colorado are suspected of casting two ballots within the state, while 38 people who voted in Colorado may also have voted in one of the other four states.

The states involved stopped short of saying fraud had been committed in all of the cases, noting further investigation could reveal administrative explanations. The states selected for participation in the months-long study were all three mail-ballot states -- Colorado, Oregon and Washington -- and two neighboring polling-place states, Delaware and Maryland.

The plan to do the study came before allegations of voter fraud in the presidential race, and the extensive research comparing voter data among the five states started before the formation of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity and was performed independent of the commission.

The Colorado Secretary of State's office is providing information about the 48 instances, along with other issues, such as signature problems, to law enforcement. Conducting their own research following the election, Colorado county election officials previously identified a handful of the 48 cases and provided that information to law enforcement. The new cases will be sent for investigation.

"A very small percentage of the 2.9 million votes cast in Colorado in the 2016

election look to be improper, but even that small number deserves our vigilant pursuit," Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams said.

The investigation revealed possible improper voting by Coloradans who are unaffiliated, Republican, Democrat and members of minor parties.

"Colorado's county election administrators continue to do an outstanding job of protecting Colorado's elections from fraud," Williams said. "The vast majority of these cases involve voters who voted twice in ways the counties could not detect during the election. That's why we take post-election reviews and prosecutions so seriously."

At the request of law enforcement, the secretary of state is not releasing the names of Coloradans who may have improperly participated in the 2016 election or the counties they voted in until the investigation is complete.

#### **COLORADO COUNTY CLERKS ASSOCIATION (CCCA) RELEASES STATEMENT ON SECRETARY OF STATE DOUBLE VOTING STUDY**

#### *Special to the Mirror*

COLORADO-Colorado County Clerks support and promote every ability to voters to exercise their right to vote and ensure their ballot is accurately cast and counted. In comparison to the millions of votes cast, county clerks as a standard practice refer a small number of items post-election to the district attorneys for investigation for possible voting irregularities. Regarding the program that the Secretary of State conducted, the county election officials have not been provided details on the referrals and there may be cases currently referred to law enforcement at the local level. We will watch with interest as this effort progresses.



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# COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

## COLORADO SKI COUNTRY USA UPDATE 2017-18

### *Special to the Mirror*

COLORADO-Colorado Ski Country USA (CSCUSA) member resorts will open for the 2017-18 ski season with new events, offerings, investments and capital improvements to continue providing a world-class skiing and riding experience for in-state, out-of-state and international guests. [Arapahoe Basin Ski Area](#) With one of the only terrain expansions in the country, Arapahoe Basin is adding 468 new acres over two years with the expansion into the Beavers and Steep Gullies. For the 2017-18 season, 371 acres of most difficult and extreme terrain will be open; guests will need to hike back to the Palavicini chair. In summer 2018, a four-person lift will be installed for the 2018-19 season, and two more intermediate trails will be added in the Beavers.

The rental shop is undergoing a remodel this summer to help guests get out on the slopes quicker during busy days. The resort will also launch a new website in October 2017, free device charging stations and free public wifi throughout the base area and at Black Mountain Lodge at mid-mountain. For more information, visit [www.arapahoebasin.com](http://www.arapahoebasin.com).

### **Aspen Snowmass**

Aspen Snowmass will host Olympic qualifying events when the U.S. Grand Prix stops in Snowmass January 10–January 14, 2018. U.S. Snowboard Team and U.S. Freeski Team athletes will be competing to punch their tickets to February's Pyeongchang Winter Olympic Games. Snowmass will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary all season long including \$6.50 lift tickets on December 15, 2017. This was the original price for a lift ticket on opening day in 1967. Celebrations will also include a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golden Gala, monthly firework displays and other festive events.

The Breathtaker mountain coaster will open at Snowmass Mountain in December 2017. The mountain coaster will drop guests more than 400 vertical feet on a mile of turning track and be open year-round. For more information, visit [www.aspensnowmass.com](http://www.aspensnowmass.com).

### **Cooper**

Cooper's new mountaintop yurt lodge will be open all season. With delicious food, drinks and a large deck with stunning panoramic views, it's a great spot to stop for a bite to eat. Cooper will also host four Moonlight Mountaintop Yurt Dinners on the first Saturday of each month from January through April 2018.

The resort will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a birthday party on New Year's Eve with cake, balloons, a torchlight parade & more. For more information, visit [www.skicooper.com](http://www.skicooper.com).

### **Copper Mountain**

Copper Mountain will host Olympic qualifying events December 6-10, 2017 when U.S. athletes compete in the halfpipe and big air events during the U.S. Grand Prix. Visitors can enjoy a new lift and lodge, the Kokomo Express Lift and Koko's Hut. The lift will serve beginner terrain in the West Village, while the lodge will offer seating, casual dining and more, complete with a large outdoor deck and sweeping panoramas of Copper Mountain and Tenmile Range.

Copper will also debut the Rocky Mountain Coaster in fall 2017. With an overall length of 5,800 feet and a vertical drop of 430 feet, the mountain coaster will be a thrilling year-round experience for guests. Throughout the season, visitors will be able to leave their passes in their pockets as Copper is adding RFID technology to eight mountain access lifts.

The Center Village will welcome three new restaurants: Toast & Co., a laid-back space for savory breakfast, brunch or evening libations, Downhill Dukes, where the menu features dog friendly items, and Ten Mile Tavern, an inviting restaurant and taproom featuring rustic modern interior décor, an indoor/outdoor fireplace, walk-up bar and elevated patio space for guests to gather. For more information, visit [www.coppercolorado.com](http://www.coppercolorado.com).

### **Crested Butte Mountain Resort**

For the 2017-18 season Crested Butte is enhancing the guest experience for beginners by re-grading the teaching terrain and introducing a new adult beginner area. Guests looking for a break from the slopes can enjoy a slice from the new piz-



*Steamboat Outlaw Mt. Coaster courtesy photo by Larry Pierce.*

za oven at Paradise on Crested Butte.

A new program, CB North Face Guides, will help expert skiers and riders navigate the extreme terrain of the resort including the famed North Face. Crested Butte will host its annual Christmas Eve celebration, an evening complete with a torchlight parade and Santa Claus coming down the mountain in a sleigh pulled by a snowcat. For more information, visit [www.skicb.com](http://www.skicb.com).

### **Echo Mountain Resort**

New to Colorado Ski Country USA, Echo Mountain will open for the 2017-18 season with improved access to tree skiing areas at the resort. There will be wider trails to accommodate beginner skiers and riders and a new magic carpet in the beginner area to aid with lessons and those just learning how to ski or snowboard. For more information, visit [www.echomountainresort.com](http://www.echomountainresort.com).

### **Eldora Mountain Resort**

Eldora is introducing the brand-new Alpenglöck Express six-person high speed detachable lift. This lift will cut a 15-minute ride down to four minutes, making it easier to ski more vertical each day and helping powder hounds catch early morning turns before heading back to the office. The Indian Peaks Lodge will also have free wifi and a new snowcat will provide a better grooming experience. For more information, visit [www.eldora.com](http://www.eldora.com).

### **Granby Ranch**

This winter Granby Ranch is expanding its cross-country skiing trails and adding to its programming, including new snow school lessons with Chris Anthony, an international competitor in both alpine racing and big mountain skiing. For more information, visit [www.granbyranch.com](http://www.granbyranch.com).



## COLORADO SKI COUNTRY USA UPDATE 2017-18 *From previous pg*

### Hesperus Ski Area

Hesperus will install additional lights to increase night skiing terrain for the 2017-18 season. The ski area will re-open the rope tow and install a new yurt, to provide additional indoor space for guests. The rental shop will be expanded and reconfigured for a more customer-friendly experience. For more information, visit [www.ski-hesperus.com](http://www.ski-hesperus.com).

### Loveland Ski Area

To celebrate its 80<sup>th</sup> year of operations, Loveland will offer snowcat skiing in Dry Gulch for the first time this season. Loveland will also continue the popular Mountaintop Matrimony event on Valentine's Day. For more information, visit [www.skiloveland.com](http://www.skiloveland.com).

### Monarch Mountain

This winter Monarch will launch a new and improved website and feature improved cellular service at the mountain. For more information, visit [www.skimonarch.com](http://www.skimonarch.com).

### Powderhorn

Powderhorn's mountain operations team has been working hard this summer to increase and improve glade skiing acreage at the resort. Powderhorn will also host its annual New Year's Eve fireworks and torch light parade to welcome in the New Year. For more information, visit [www.powderhorn.com](http://www.powderhorn.com).

### Purgatory

Brand new for the 2017-18 season, Purgatory Resort will have a mountain coaster, which will be accessible from the base area and operate year-round. The coaster will be 4,000 feet in length with a 300 foot-vertical drop, and will feature eight switchbacks and one loop, giving guests another fun activity snow or shine.

Purgatory is also expanding its terrain with new intermediate and expert trails on the back- and front-sides of the mountain, and will add new gladed tree skiing. The triple chairlift, Needles Lift 6, will offer a new mid-way loading zone to provide an easier way to access terrain for ski teams, terrain park users, and skiers or riders who want to take laps on the frontside of the mountain.

The resort will feature new snowmaking

infrastructure including increased pumping capacity and more energy efficient snow guns. For more information, visit [www.skipurg.com](http://www.skipurg.com).

### Silverton

Guests at Silverton will be able to celebrate powder days of 50 inches or more with ski area provided snorkels throughout the season. Silverton has also revamped its season pass offerings to include an Unguided Spring Pass with 10 new partner mountains for only \$149. For more information, visit [www.silvertonmountain.com](http://www.silvertonmountain.com).

### Steamboat

Steamboat has made significant improvements to its gondola for the 2017-18 season, installing new grips, hangers, terminal equipment, electronic controls and other infrastructure to the resort's main access point. These renovations will provide a faster, smoother and more efficient experience for guests.

The Outlaw Mountain Coaster, which will operate year-round, opened Sept. 8, 2017. The mountain coaster will descend more than 400 vertical feet with a riding length of more than 6,000 linear feet, making it the longest mountain coaster in North America. For more information, visit [www.steamboat.com](http://www.steamboat.com).

### Sunlight Mountain Resort

New for the 2017-18 season, Sunlight is building on its popular Ski, Swim, Stay Package by adding two new lodging partners in nearby Carbondale, Colorado.

Sunlight is also holding elections for its Mini-Mayor, adding to its snow grooming equipment and continuing the Slope & Soak 4-pack package. Also returning for the 2017-18 season, Sunlight is relaunching the acclaimed Sunny 700 with new handcrafted Sunny 700 skis made by Meier Skis. For more information, visit [www.sunlightmtn.com](http://www.sunlightmtn.com).

### Telluride Ski Resort

Celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Telluride is continuing an ongoing multi-year, multi-million-dollar investment in snowmaking upgrades and technology. In 2017-18 this will include expanding the grooming fleet and investing in a new dual-purpose project that serves as a golf course practice

facility in the summer months and a 15-acre terrain-based learning area during the winter ski season.

Telluride will also continue refurbishing the Peaks Hotel, the resort's largest hotel, including upgrades and refinements to the hotel's spa. For more information, visit [www.tellurideskiresort.com](http://www.tellurideskiresort.com).

### Winter Park Resort

This winter, Winter Park will expand and improve the Winter Park Express, the train service between Denver's Union Station and Winter Park Resort that was reintroduced last year. The addition of three First Friday trips will give guests a total of 27 round-trips to choose from. Prices on select departures have been lowered to \$29 one-way, providing additional cost savings for those looking to travel to the slopes by train.

The Winter Park Village will feature a renovated rental shop and a new retail location, reducing wait times on busy rental days. There are two new snowcats to increase grooming efficiency, 4,500 new feet of snowmaking pipe and 15 new snow guns to improve early season snowmaking.

A new trail from the top of the Zephyr Express Lift to the Mary Jane Trail will allow easier access from the Winter Park side of the mountain to the Mary Jane side. For more information, visit [www.winterparkresort.com](http://www.winterparkresort.com).

### Wolf Creek Ski Area

Wolf Creek will open the 2017-18 season with the Lynx Lift, a new covered, conveyor lift that will service beginner terrain, but also help intermediate and advanced skiers access the Elma and Alberta lifts. The Lynx Lift will include an interpretive center featuring the endangered Lynx that has been reintroduced to the area.

The ski area will expand its snow making capacity with new high-efficiency fan guns and add a new snowcat for grooming operations.

A new point-of-sale ticketing system will make the ticketing and lesson purchasing process quicker for guests and allow season pass holders to go direct to lift. For more information, visit [www.wolfcreekski.com](http://www.wolfcreekski.com).

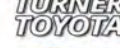


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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE COUNTY OFFERS MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASS DURING NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—Research has found that about 90 percent of individuals who die by suicide experience mental illness. In recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month this September, Montrose County and the Center for Mental Health are offering a free Mental Health First Aid course that teaches community members how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders. "Mental health is an important part to a community's overall

health and I'm proud to team up with the Center for Mental Health to bring this course to the community," said Board Chairman Keith Caddy. Mental illnesses are common, treatable health conditions that affect anyone, regardless of age, race, religion, or income. Mental Health First Aid introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs, and overviews appropriate supports. The eight-hour class, taught by a Center for Mental Health staffer, uses role playing and simulations to demonstrate how to offer initial help in a

mental health crisis. Learn how to connect people to the appropriate professional, peer, social, and self-help care. The class will be held on Sept. 20 from 8-4 pm at the Montrose County Health and Human Services located at [1845 South Townsend](https://www.montrosecounty.net/1845-South-Townsend) in Montrose. There will be a break for lunch--participants are asked to make their own lunch arrangements. For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Danace Arthur, Montrose County Health Educator, at [970-252-5011](tel:970-252-5011) or [darthur@montrosecounty.net](mailto:darthur@montrosecounty.net).



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WELCOMES NEW LEADERSHIP

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MONTROSE-Montrose Memorial Hospital Inc. announced a change in leadership Thursday. Cindy Bradley, a healthcare veteran will serve as the interim Chief Executive Officer for Montrose Memorial Hospital. Bradley will commence her role on Tuesday, Sept. 19. Bradley has 30 years' experience as a healthcare administrator with deep experience in hospital operations, physician recruitment, construction, physician-hospital integration, quality improvement, compliance and strategic planning. Bradley takes over for Steve Hannah, MHA who served as CEO since 2014.

MMHI Board of Directors Chairperson Ron Courtney announced the change in leadership on Wednesday. MMHI Board of Directors acknowledged Hannah for his

hard work and for his vision to enhance regional healthcare collaboration.

The board believes that each and every one of the employees, physicians and volunteers are the most important asset to this organization. Each individual is integral to the great care provided at Montrose Memorial Hospital. This hospital will continue to thrive and grow into the future and to remain the incredible community asset it is.

MMH recently received national accolades including being recognized by U.S. News and World Report as a Top Performing hospital for Knee Replacements, rated as a Top 20 Community Rural Hospital award, the 4 Star Rating by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, as well as several Cleanliness and Patient Satisfaction awards.

"Quorum appreciates the opportunity to work with the hospital board. CEO recruiting is one of the many services we provide the board, along with consulting and value purchasing. Having personally worked with Cindy for more than 20 years, we believe she's the right person to continue to move the hospital forward while the board finds the right person for the long term," said Bill Donatelli, Vice President of Quorum's Western Division. Quorum provides strategic operational guidance to MMH. Quorum is consistently ranked among the top healthcare consulting firms in the nation.

Bradley will serve as interim CEO for MMH while the hospital begins a nationwide search for a permanent Chief Executive Officer to lead this extraordinary organization.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES RECEIVE COLORADO APWA AWARDS

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) will honor City of Montrose Fleet Manager Joel Taylor as Professional Manager of the Year in Fleet Maintenance and Wastewater Superintendent Allen Coriell as Professional Manager of the Year in Water Resources. Both honors will be bestowed at the chapter's annual conference in October and published in the fall issue of the Colorado Public Works Journal. **Joel Taylor - Professional Manager of the Year in Fleet Maintenance.** Joel has worked in the city's Public Works Fleet Maintenance Division for 23 years and as its superintendent for 18 years. Prior to joining the Montrose team, he worked for more than a decade maintaining fleet assets for other Colorado public works agencies. This lifetime of experience and a genuine commitment to promoting and improving his profession have positioned Joel as a fleet maintenance industry leader throughout the region. Joel is an APWA Certified Public Fleet Professional, ASE Master Mechanic, and a nationally recognized power user of FASTER, the fleet management software used by the city. Joel has designed and fabricated unique tools and equipment to resolve challenging issues and has implemented programs that provide additional community services, protect the environment, and reduce operating costs. His projects and programs have received numerous awards. Among Joel's most notable accomplishments is the development of fleet maintenance agreements with other government agencies in Montrose. These shared services agreements benefit the community as a whole by reducing costs and making the best use of resources while providing high-quality services for each partner. **Allen Coriell - Professional Manager of the Year in Water Resources.** Allen has worked at the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for 40 years and has been the WWTP superintendent for 34 years. Throughout Allen's career he has managed dozens of WWTP capital improvement projects designed to increase capacity and improve processes, including two plant expansions and numerous upgrade and repair projects. Energy efficiency projects that he has implemented have collectively reduced WWTP power costs by more than forty percent. He is recognized as a subject matter expert regionally, and the efficient, innovative programs and practices that he has implemented have positioned Montrose as an industry leader in wastewater treatment.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### COMMENT SOUGHT ON PROPOSED FOREST ROAD W145 REALIGNMENT PROJECT

*Special to the Mirror*

NORWOOD- The Norwood Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) is seeking comments on a proposal to improve road access on Forest System Road W145 by rerouting about 850 feet of the road to a location that is on a gentler grade with improved drainage.

This road is open for public use and provides access to private land owned by Doug Wolfe. A map showing this proposal is posted on the GMUG Forest Website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/gmug> (Quick Links - NEPA Projects and SOPA).

A 300-foot segment of the Galloping

Goose bike trail also travels along a portion of the road and will be rerouted onto the new road segment offering bikers a smoother, more gradual grade than the current alignment.

The Forest Service is working in collaboration with Mr. Wolfe who will be authorized to construct the reroute and to decommission the original roadway. Road construction is tentatively planned for 2018.

An added benefit stemming from this proposal is that Wolfe will be granting the Forest Service a right-of-way on a segment of nearby FSR 628 (Priest Lake Road), securing public access through his

property. FSR 628 provides access to the Priest Lake recreation site and is heavily-used by bikers connecting to the Galloping Goose Trail.

All comments regarding this proposal must be received by the Forest Service by Oct. 13, 2017. Comments may be mailed to the Norwood Ranger District, P.O. Box 388, Norwood, CO 81423; delivered to this Norwood District during business hours (M-F 8 am to 5 pm); submitted by FAX (970-327-4854); or submitted by email to: [comments-rocky-mountain-gmug-norwood@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-rocky-mountain-gmug-norwood@fs.fed.us).

For more information contact the Norwood District at Ph. 970-327-4261.

### LOCAL ARTISTS PLAN OPEN HOUSE @ BACKSTREET BAGEL COMPANY GALLERY

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-There will be an Art Open House featuring local artists Cheri Isgreen, Lynn Vogel and Debbie Watkins on Friday Sept. 29 from 5-7pm at Backstreet Bagel Company Gallery, 127 N Townsend in Montrose. Please come out and support local artists, in a gorgeous and welcoming venue! Light refreshments will be served.



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## SCARECROW FESTIVAL RETURNS TO BOTANIC GARDENS OCT. 21-22

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The *Encyclopedia Britannica* defines a scarecrow as a “device posted on [cultivated](#) ground to deter birds or other animals from eating or otherwise disturbing seeds, shoots, and fruit; its name derives from its use against the crow. The scarecrow of popular tradition is a mannequin stuffed with straw; free-hanging, often reflective parts movable by the wind are commonly attached to increase effectiveness.” Within these simple parameters lies a world of creativity. The popularity of scarecrow festivals worldwide attests to their continued employment as works of art, though their use as agricultural devices has waned in the face of more effective options like [audio recordings and simulated gunfire](#).

Here in Montrose, the Botanic Gardens host the Third Annual Scarecrow Festival Oct. 21-22. The annual event welcomes both traditional and unconventional scarecrows (they must be family-friendly, and freestanding as no stakes can be used), and this year includes a Montrose Library story walk and scavenger hunt. On Saturday, the Library Bookmobile will be on site from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Scarecrows can be created by individuals, friends, businesses, schools, churches or any group.

There were around 22 scarecrows in last year’s festival, and organizers hope to see even more entries in 2017. Artist Pat Brown said that she and her artistic team are re-creating Audrey II from *Little Shop of Horrors* for this year’s festival. The festival attracts all ages, she said. “Lots of kids come to it, but adults love it too.”

While online registration is available for creatives, “Most people just bring their scarecrows in at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning,” Brown said.

The scarecrows will be sold in a silent auction that benefits the Botanic Gardens. There is no entry fee, but donations are welcome. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and from Noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information on the 2017 Scarecrow Festival call Alicia at 970-497-6368 or Pat at 970-240-3815, or visit [www.montrosegardens.org](http://www.montrosegardens.org).



**A crow scarecrow is just one of the many creations that have been entered in past Montrose Botanic Garden Scarecrow Festivals. Courtesy photo.**



## UNIQUE CHEF-DEVELOPED DISHES OFFERED; CAMP ROBBER IS A MONTROSE ICON



MONTROSE-It was just a matter of time until Bill Volk opened a restaurant. Then, in 1994 he and his wife and partner Kim Volk opened Camp Robber in downtown Montrose.

The Volks met at the University of New Mexico. Growing up in our neighbor to the south, Bill and his three siblings learned to cook from their mother. This year the couple celebrate their 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary at the Camp Robber, now located at 1515 Ogden Road, just off S. Townsend. I've been waiting to go back to the Camp Robber and do this review – it's one of my favorite places in Montrose. The restaurant offers a comfortable atmosphere, accommodating large groups and families or intimate booth seating. In summer time there is an outside patio. Larger groups can schedule events in the spacious meeting room.

Camp Robber is known for its unique and ever-changing cuisine, featuring various

chefs and their specials developed just for the restaurant.

The evening we dined at Camp Robber the special was "New Orleans Style BBQ Shrimp with Rice." At this Montrose Icon you will find unique dishes not found anyplace else.

You can blame a childhood in New Mexico for Bill Volk's love of all things chili, red and green. Kim adds, "that doesn't mean everything we serve is spicy."

Some of the items on the menu at Camp Robber do have that New Mexico zing, the rest are deeply flavored and not necessarily on the hot side. Menu items range from specialty salads to grills, with wraps such as peanut chicken, turkey, bacon and avocado. There are buffalo blue cheese chicken and New Mexico blue corn enchiladas, Sonoran steak, among other things – including a variety of menu items and specials carefully crafted by eight chefs – yes, eight chefs contribute carefully crafted specials. Kim notes "Bill couldn't do all this himself."

On a recent evening, my friend and I indulged in a New Mexico dish of house-made chili rellenos, and a salmon-topped cilantro pasta, plus a delicious dessert – blackberry hazelnut cheesecake.

**"Rocky Mountain Cravings"**  
Carole Ann McKelvey, Food Editor



I'm so looking forward to digging into the take-out box containing half of my rellenos, and we also brought home half of the salmon dish. None of the cheesecake survived to see another day. As I usually do at the Camp Robber, I washed everything down with their specialty Key Lime Martini, so good I almost ordered a second, but I was driving – so no.

In the past we've had salads and grills that did not disappoint. One of my absolute favorites is "Gone to Eggplant Heaven," as I love the aubergine vegetable. Salads and grill sides will set you back from \$12.50 to \$18; New Mexican dishes from \$11.50 to \$15, served with a choice of pinto beans, ginger rice or cheesy posole or a little of each; land and sea dishes are the priciest, from \$18 to \$36 with soup or salad, choice of rice, posole, mashed or baked potato.

The ever changing desserts run from \$3.50 to \$6.50; kids eat for \$4 to \$7; Sunday brunch has a selection of 22 items from \$7 to \$14. Camp Robber is open Monday to Saturday 11 am. - 9 pm; Sunday brunch served from 9 am. - 2 pm.; the restaurant also does catering. View the menu at [www.camprobber.com](http://www.camprobber.com) or call 970-240-1590.





# WEEHAWKEN DANCE FALL 2017

## MONTROSE SCHEDULE

### MONDAYS:

#### WEEHAWKEN MONTROSE

- 10am-10:45 Pre-Ballet with Miss Leeann (ages 2.5-5)  
 10:45-11:15 Story Book Ballet with Miss Leeann (ages 2.5-5)  
 4:00-5:00 Beginning Hip-Hop and Jazz with Miss Caila (ages 5-7)  
 5:00-6:00 Intermediate Hip-Hop A with Miss Caila (ages 8-11, All may sign up for this class, Miss Val will class assist the first 4 weeks)  
 6:00-7:00 Intermediate Hip-Hop B with Miss Valerie (ages 8-11, May sign up with approval from Miss Val Only)  
 7:00-8:15 Advanced Hip Hop with Miss Valerie (ages 12+, teacher approval required)

### THURSDAYS:

#### MONTROSE @ PRECEDENCE ON MAIN

- 3:45-4:30 Pre-Ballet with Miss Leeann (ages 2.5-5)  
 4:30-5:15 Primary ballet Miss Leeann (ages 5-7)  
 5:15-6:15 Tap I with Miss Caila (ages 5-7)

#### MONTROSE- REC FIELD HOUSE

- 3:45-4:45 Ballet 1/2 with Miss Pang (ages 8-10)

#### WEEHAWKEN MONTROSE

- 4:00-5:30 Ballet 3/4 with Miss Caroline (ages 10 and up with instructor approval)  
 5:30-7:30 Ballet 4/5 with Miss Caroline (with instructor approval)  
 7:30-8:30 Teen Jazz and Lyrical with Miss Caila (ages 13 and up)

### TUESDAYS:

#### MONTROSE - @ PRECEDENCE ON MAIN

- 4:00-5:00 Wee little Hip Hop with Miss Leeann (ages 2.5-5)  
 5:00-5:45 Pre-Ballet with Miss Leeann (ages 3-5)

#### WEEHAWKEN MONTROSE

- 4:00-5:30 Ballet 3/4 with Miss Pang (ages 9+)  
 5:30-6:00 Pre-Pointe/Pointe for ballet level 3/4 with Miss Pang (instructor approval)  
 6:00-8:00 Ballet 5/6 with Miss Pang (with instructor approval, includes pointe)

### FRIDAYS:

#### WEEHAWKEN MONTROSE

- 3:45-4:30 Primary Ballet w/ Miss Natasha (ages 5-7)  
 4:30-5:30 Tap/jazz (ages 5-8) with Miss Natasha  
 5:30-6:30 Ballet 1/2 (ages 7.5 -9) w/ Miss Natasha  
 6:30-8:00 Ballet 3/4 (ages 10+) with Miss Natasha  
 8:00-8:30 Pointe with Miss Natasha

The Fall 2017 Session runs for 12-weeks beginning the week of September 5th and ending with a performance of "The Nutcracker" December 9 & 10 at the Montrose Pavilion.

All students must enroll either prior to the program beginning or at the first class in person. Enrollments are not accepted after the third week of the session unless special approval is granted by the Artistic Director.

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#### STANDARD PRICING\*

(as of 09/01/17, 12 week session)

\* = excludes aerial classes

Item	Price
30 minutes	\$84
45 minutes	\$162
60 minutes	\$174
75 minutes	\$192
90 minutes	\$216
120 minutes	\$285
Show fee (per class)	\$35
Annual registration	\$25

+ any costs associated with dancewear or tickets to the performances.

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### WEDNESDAYS:

#### MONTROSE @ PRECEDENCE ON MAIN

- 2:30-3:30 Tap 1/2 with Natasha (ages 8-10)

#### WEEHAWKEN MONTROSE

- 3:00-4:00 Pom Jazz with Miss Valerie (ages 9+)  
 4:00-5:00 Jr Jazz and Mix it up! with Miss Natasha (6-8th grade, see additional info on website for weekly teacher and dance style schedule)  
 5:00-6:15 Sr Jazz and Mix it up! w/ Miss Natasha (grades 9-12, or with instructor approval, see additional info on website for weekly teacher and dance style schedule)

#### MONTROSE - BLACK CANYON GYMNASTICS

- 6:45-7:45 Year 1 Aerial Dance A with Natasha (6 week session, non-performing. Ages 10+)  
 7:45-8:45 Year 1 Aerial Dance B with Natasha (6 week session, non-performing. Ages 10+)

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### BOULDER ARTIST REBECCA FOLSOM LIVE IN CONCERT SEPT. 23



**On Sunday, Sept. 24, Rebecca will conduct an intimate interactive workshop entitled "Zen, Beginner Mind Performing, Painting, Prose, and Passion." Courtesy photo.**

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE- Healthy Rhythm Music Presents "Rebecca Folsom: Live In Concert" • Saturday evening, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery in Montrose. In addition to the concert, the Gallery will kick off the weekend with "The Art of Rebecca Folsom: A Solo Art Show of Select Original Paintings," on Saturday afternoon.

Paintings will be on display for viewing and purchase through Nov. 22. Finally, on Sunday, Sept. 24, Rebecca will conduct an intimate interactive workshop entitled "Zen, Beginner Mind Performing, Painting, Prose, and Passion." Workshop participants will actively mix three different creative mediums; playing music, painting with acrylics, and writing prose. Participants will rotate and take turns with each media. Participants will experience the freedom and delight of bypassing their inner rational critic as they surprise and entice their inner muse into ecstatic expression! All events will be held at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery in Montrose, Colorado. "I'm extremely excited to have one of Colorado's most talented individuals at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery for 2 days," stated gallery owner Ken Vail. Rebecca Folsom is a Boulder-based singer-songwriter, recording artist, nationally touring musician, painter, poet, author, and well-known workshop facilitator.

Advance Studio and Main Gallery Reserved Seating for this concert are \$15 and \$20 if purchased at the Gallery. Online purchase is also available at [www.healthyrhythm.net](http://www.healthyrhythm.net). Space is limited. Advance purchase recommended. This is a ticketless show. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Street and rear lot parking are available. Opening Event for Rebecca's Art Show is Saturday afternoon, 3-4:30 p.m., and is FREE and open to the public. Sunday's Interactive Workshop is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$150 per person. Workshop is limited to 15 individuals. All art supplies are provided; just bring your voice and/or instrument and writing journal. Workshop payment can be made at the Gallery or at [www.healthyrhythm.net](http://www.healthyrhythm.net). The Gallery/Listening Room is located at 68 S Grand Ave in Montrose, Colorado.



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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS: RECREATION

### MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SOUTHWEST COMMUNITIES TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF OUTDOOR RECREATION IN COLORADO

#### Special to Art & Sol

DURANGO—Colorado Parks and Wildlife is facing long-term budget issues that will affect how the state's parks and wildlife are managed in the future. To present the issues, CPW will hold a public meeting to discuss the "Future of Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation in Colorado" for Southwest Region residents, 6 p.m., Sept. 25.

The meeting will be held by teleconference to allow residents of the far-flung Southwest Region to participate. At the meeting, CPW officials will explain the agency's current challenges, present some ideas for fixing the budget problems, and provide an opportunity for the public to participate in developing solutions.

Residents can attend the meeting at any of the Southwest Region's four wildlife service centers:

Durango, region headquarters, 415 Turner Drive in the Bodo Park

Gunnison, wildlife office, 300 W. New York

Ave.

San Luis Valley, Monte Vista wildlife office, 0722 Road 1 East

Montrose, wildlife office, 2300 S. Townsend Ave. (U.S. Highway 550)

Besides discussing budget issues, CPW staff will give an update on regional hunting, fishing and parks activities in a roundtable format.

CPW is managed as an "enterprise agency", which means it does not receive any general sales tax dollars from Colorado taxpayers. The majority of the agency's revenue comes from parks users and from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. The agency also receives grants from Great Outdoors Colorado, and federal excise taxes levied on the sale of hunting and fishing equipment.

CPW has not raised resident hunting and fishing licenses since 2005.

A bill to address the budget issues was submitted to the 2017 Colorado General Assembly. The bill passed with bi-partisan

support in the House of Representatives. However, the bill did not reach the Senate floor when it failed to pass out of committee by a vote of 3-2.

The agency will be looking at funding ideas in 2018, as well as ways that it can continue to provide sustainable wildlife populations, world-class outdoor recreation and stewardship programs. Those details will be explained at the Sept. 25 meeting.

"Colorado hunters, anglers, state parks users and recreation users care deeply about outdoor resources in the state, and CPW works to maintain and improve those resources from our prairies to our peaks," said Patt Dorsey, manager for CPW's Southwest Region. "We want to continue to provide customer service and recreational opportunities, and we need to think seriously about how we do that with an increasing population and a shrinking budget."

Funds for the wildlife section of the agency and the park section of the agency are, by law, kept completely separate. There is no comingling of revenues or expenditures.

"Coloradans are lucky to live in a state with a diversity of recreation opportunities and wildlife resources and they've always been willing to pay for those privileges," Dorsey said. "CPW is reaching out to Colorado residents to bridge the gap between the present and the future."

Those unable to attend the meeting can view an on-line presentation which details CPW's financial challenges and a preliminary proposal for increasing hunting and fishing licenses at:

<http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Future-Conservation-Recreation.aspx>.

After watching the presentation, the public is urged to provide comments in an on-line survey at: <https://www.research.net/r/CPW-Future>.

For more information about the meeting, contact Joe Lewandowski, Southwest Region public information officer at [joe.lewandowski@state.co.us](mailto:joe.lewandowski@state.co.us)

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## NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer

### RENEE FLEMING & THE COLORADO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

There are some musical events that are so big and of such importance that tickets must be bought in advance. Not a couple of weeks, or a couple of months, but nine months to one year prior to the concert. This was the case with Renee Fleming's appearance with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra. The Sept. 9, 2017 concert was much anticipated and discussed. The results left nobody disappointed. The CSO has a new Music Director in Brett Mitchell, a young and dynamic personality who has complete control of the orchestra as well as audience members. He is engaging and energetic and had the ability to bring the audience onto the stage for the performance. A personality such as this is exactly what is needed in the world of classical music. Brett Mitchell is a charismatic musician whose presence and reputation with audiences will bring more and younger audiences to the concert hall.

The orchestra played several selections that included *Overture to West Side Story* by Leonard Bernstein, *Carnival Overture* by Antonin Dvorak, and *New Beginnings* by contemporary composer Peter Boyer who was in the audience that night. His piece was incredibly well received and brought the concert hall to its feet. The other two pieces played by the orchestra were dynamic and exceptionally well played. The CSO is well on its way to obtaining the status of a first rate orchestra. Seats in the 7th row of the orchestra 1 section provided an opportunity to watch the musician's play up close and the notes



*Renee Fleming's appearance with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra @ Boettcher Hall on Sept. 9 was a much-anticipated experience that left no one disappointed. Courtesy photo.*

on the music on their stands were just visible. It was encouraging to see so many very young players in the orchestra and that a career as an orchestra musician is still an inspiring choice for young musicians across the country.

Renee Fleming took the stage and began her recital with the *Four Last Songs* by Richard Strauss. The songs were short and based on poems and walks the composer would take in the Alps. Each was exceptionally well performed and all are signature recital pieces for Renee Fleming. In homage to Leonard Bernstein and to the DREAMERS in this country, the selections *Somewhere* and *I Feel Pretty* from *West Side Story* and *Take Care of This House*

from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue were very appropriate and sung with style and grace. A brief comment made about the current state of affairs in this country and words of support for DREAMERS brought thunderous applause from those in attendance. The formal portion of the recital concluded with two operatic pieces from *Rusalka* and *Armida* by Antonin Dvorak and *Songs My Mother Taught Me* by the same composer.

The audience would simply not let Renee Fleming go without several encores and she did not disappoint. The highlight of the encores was the ever popular and familiar *O mio babino caro* from the Puccini opera *Gianni Schicchi*.

# The Mirror: many views, one newspaper.





## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### INTRODUCTION TO KILN-FORMED GLASS WITH DIANE QUARLES

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Weehawken Creative Arts will be offering "Introduction to Kiln-Formed Glass" with instructor Diane Quarles at her new Aspen Light Glass Studio location in Montrose. This will be a two-day course in the afternoons that will introduce glass fusing methods. It will include all required materials and tools and will introduce the student to fused glass properties, glass cutting and grinding, and kiln programming. Each student will design, assemble and fire a pendant and matching earrings, a small bowl or plate and an 8" table display piece (with optional display stand for additional fee). Finished pieces can be picked up on Thursday, October 19 at the studio or at Weehawken in Ridgway.

Diane Quarles is the owner of Aspen Glass Art Studio in Montrose and says of herself; "Each year on Easter Sunday, I would visit the First Presbyterian Church in Brenham, Texas with her grandparents. The church, built in the late 1800s, was simple and unsophisticated in its

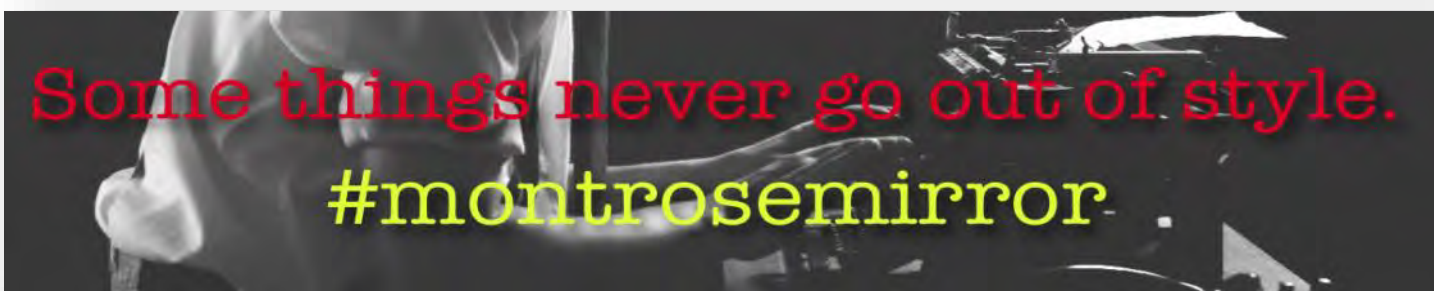
whitewashed clapboard siding and aged-oak pews, reminiscent of its early German heritage. In all its simplicity however, the church was always filled with a complex, heavenly light from the antique stained glass leaded windows. This childhood experience created a passion for manipulated light in glass that continues to influence my life's work today."

Diane took up stained glass and oil painting as a hobby during college in Texas. She continued working as a hobbyist until her retirement from city planning in 2007. In 2008, she decided to become a glass artist professionally and established Aspen Light Glass Studio, while expanding her work to include kiln-formed glass. In 2013, Ms. Quarles opened her own glass studio and gallery in Ridgway, Colorado where she now masters in glass frit and powdered glass palette knife paintings exclusively.

Diane Quarles' work can be found in galleries throughout the US. She has won several awards in glass, including first

place in the blown/rolled glass category in the national Delphi Art Glass Festival (2011), Best in Glass at the Ridgway Rendezvous (2012) and second place in the Delphi Art Glass Festival in the kiln-formed category (2015). Her commissioned work is also located in private glass collections in Texas, Alaska, Colorado, New York, California, Virginia, Wisconsin, Arizona, Washington, Missouri and Oregon and in public art collections in Denver and Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Join Weehawken Creative Arts for "Introduction to Kiln-Formed Glass" on Oct. 14 & 15 from 1-4 pm at the Aspen Light Glass Studio (21 N Junction Ave) in Montrose. Registration is \$120 plus a \$20 materials fee. Due to the instructive and interactive nature of this class, attendance is limited to six students. For more information or to save your spot and register in advance, head to Weehawken's website

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# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

## Interviewed for the arts



*Monarch butterfly caterpillar munching her way through a pollinator garden in Norwood this summer (photo by George Steele).*



*La Chappelle Park in Silverton. Photo by Art Goodtimes.*

**TELLARTS INTERVIEW** ... I got to do an interview for Telluride Arts the other day. I thought I'd share it with my *Mirror* readers.

### Q: Recent dream?

From my bedside dream journal:  
"Got noticeably drunk after two Porters (Longboard & Cutthroat) & three or so pours of Jimbo's scotch & dreamt I was sitting beside a lovely short (like me) brown-skinned woman with bright red lips (I of course hate lipstick, although it was a minor annoyance in this case). We both kept leaning into one another as we spoke. Finally I found myself nuzzling up to her neck, inhaling her fragrance & totally turned on. I looked right at her & asked her for a date & she said yes..."

### Q: Tea or coffee?

I sip a hot drink every morning made by pouring boiling water into a blend of roasted beet, barley & dandelion powder, a tablespoon of Valrhona unsweetened Chocolate, a couple scoops of Erythritol, two droppers of Chocolate Raspberry Stevia, a dollop or two of organic cow's cream, and two capsules of powdered mycelia – Stamets 7: Royal Sun Blazei (*Agaricus brasiliensis*), Cordyceps, Reishi (*Ganoderma lucidum* sl), Maitake (*Grifola frondosa*), Lion's Mane (*Hericium erinaceus*), Chaga (*Inonotus obliquus*), and Mesima (*Phellinus linteus*)

### Q: Favorite verse?

"Ultimately the air / Is bare sunlight where must be found / The lyric valuables" – Geo. Oppen

### Q: bird or beast?

Simba, Mary's dog that I care for.

### Q: If not yourself, who would you be?

Out of my mind

### Q: Last gift you gave someone?

A bouquet of flowers from my garden

### Q: Are you a hunter or a gatherer?

As Silverton wise woman Dolores LaChappelle explained to us at the Telluride Mushroom Festival one year, "This is a hunter-gatherer event, a throwback to the Paleolithic."

I love to hunt mushrooms and gather them for the kitchen.

### Q: Favorite color?

"...and the blue bleak embers, ah my dear, fall, gall themselves and gash gold vermilion" -Hopkins

### Q: Funniest thing that has happened to you recently?

A Montrose fellow came to Norwood to fix my driver's side car window after a Bear Creek bear shattered it -- looking for food I guess (it was empty). I got up before sunrise to meet him. When I finally heard something in my driveway, I went out to check and he already had the replacement finished. The window worked great. But after he drove away, I couldn't get the indoor driver's side door handle to work. For the next two weeks I left the window open, having closed myself in numerous times only to have to turn the car back on, roll down the window, and let myself out. My repairman came back to Norwood and started working on the door. When I came out to see how it was going, he showed me that, now, the outdoor driver's side door handle didn't work either ... We drove it to a local shop.

### Q: Best inspiration?

Denver-based Blue Kudu's Isle of Capri, 10 mg

### Q: Main fault?

The San Andreas

### Q: Do you get writer's block?

Personally I like to tackle a piece of writing as a floating city that I climb into & wander around in, rather than getting hung up block to block

### Q: How is your personality reflected in your work?

As clearly as cut glass, and just as dangerous

**MOUNTAIN STUDIES INSTITUTE** ... I got to share some memories of an early board I was on with founder Rob Blair at a 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in Silverton last week. Blair has passed on, but this independent not-for-profit mountain research and education center established in 2002 is

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# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

going strong ... MSI develops and facilitates research, provide educational opportunities and internships, and conducts environmental monitoring -- connecting scientists and stakeholders across the San Juan Mountain region to go beyond scientific inquiry to the meaningful application of knowledge that makes a difference for the quality of the environment and our communities ... I was invited to become a member of their Advisory Board, and I couldn't say no. In these times of scientific denial and disparagement on the federal level, we need groups like MSI more than

ever.

**PETE MCKAY** ... It was sad visiting my good friend and colleague who's been commissioner in San Juan County for going on 17 years now.

His wonderful partner Pat passed on this year, and it was my first chance to see him since she left us ... We visited her grave site and LaChapelle Park that he has helped set up on a meadow slope at the base of Boulder Mountain for our mutual friend and teacher, Dolores LaChapelle, who has also passed ... How two old Bay

Area hippies managed to find work as elected officials in the San Juan Mountains, thrive here and live so long is a mystery ... I wish other Dems would take a cue from Pete, who's managed to single-handedly bring his county forward along amazingly progressive lines by not confronting and brow-beating old-timers and conservatives, but working with them, respecting and honoring them, while slowly doing the heavy lifting of making things work.

One of Colorado's unsung heroes of the Left in my book.

## THE TALKING GOURD

### Postcard from Yellowstone

blue flax beside the highway,  
ten thousand bridal bouquets—

each moment of the journey  
saying, "marry me"

-Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer  
Placerville



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# MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

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- Common. One in four people will develop a mental illness in their lifetime.
- Treatable. Most mental illnesses can be treated effectively with medication, therapy, diet, exercise, and support.

## A mental illness is not:

- Imaginary. Mental illnesses are very real and very common.
- Something to "get over." Mental illnesses cannot be willed away.
- A character flaw. Mental illnesses are medical conditions that do not define us.

## An illness can be caused by:

- Trauma. Sometimes traumatic events can play a role in triggering a mental illness.
- Chemical imbalance. Chemical or biochemical changes in the brain can be factors.
- Genetics. Some mental illnesses get passed along from one generation to the next.
- Environment. Exposure to toxins, illnesses, drugs, or alcohol can affect the developing brain in utero.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS



### Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-A full house attended the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Montrose First Church of the Nazarene including County Commissioner Keith Caddy and City Council member David Romero. Former Pastor Dr. Bob Broadbooks, currently USA/Canada Regional Director for the International Church of the Nazarene, gave the message and greetings were received from former pastors families as well as local churches and organizations.

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS: NON-PROFIT RESOURCES

### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR CRC'S 2018 NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT COHORT

*Special to Art & Sol*

STATEWIDE-Community Resource Center's (CRC) prestigious Nonprofit Leadership & Management Program is now accepting applications for their 2018 Cohort. This nine-month program expands participants' leadership capabilities and management techniques. Participants cultivate meaningful professional relationships by engaging with classmates at bi-monthly professional development sessions and a group retreat to Breckenridge.

The program provides specifics to leading a small nonprofit, including topics on fundraising, financial management, board member engagement, inclusivity and more. Program participants will have access to one-on-one executive coaching or consulting, along with tools to assess communication and leadership styles.

After participating in the program in 2016, Heather Willson, Executive Director of Phillippi Center, located in Aurora, CO felt that:

*"I have been able to build a network of friends that are strong leaders in their community. These are smart, passionate, courageous people that are bettering our world through their efforts. And I can pick up the phone or send an email at any time and they would be there to support me, as I would be for them!"*

Graduates of the program join a network of nearly 800 established leaders from across Colorado. These individuals and their experiences offer invaluable resources to participants. Graduates of the program provide each other with opportunities for professional development and networking to further their development as leaders. If you or a colleague wishes to learn more about the 2018 Nonprofit Leadership & Management Cohort, please contact Rebecca Gorrell, Director of Education & Leadership Development, at [gorrell@crcamerica.org](mailto:gorrell@crcamerica.org).

*Community Resource Center (CRC) creates opportunities, tools and strategies to develop nonprofits and community groups to strengthen Colorado. We are a mission driven nonprofit that offers a continuum of services throughout the state of Colorado.*

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### WRITE TO BE READ: WORKSHOP WITH ALISSA JOHNSON

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-Visiting instructor Alissa Johnson wants to help you transform your writing so that readers feel like they're experiencing the stories for themselves in her upcoming class "Write to be Read." "This one-day workshop is perfect for writers with works-in-progress, from memoirs and novels to short stories and essays, who want to grow the quality of their writing. We will cover some of the most common mistakes seen in writing styles and the qualities that will make your writing stand out, from strong point of view to quality descriptions and believable characters," says Johnson. Writers are invited to bring their work in progress. The six-hour class includes lecture, discussion, plenty of writing time and the opportunity to share.

Alissa Johnson is a nationally published and award-winning writer whose work has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Dirt Rag Magazine, and the Aifé literary magazine among other publications. Her first short story publication is forthcoming in The Master's Review. She is associate editor at the Crested Butte News and her writing has won awards from the Colorado Press Association and FundsForWriters. She holds an MFA in Creative and Professional Writing from Western Connecticut State University (WCSU). You can read more about her more at [www.writingstrides.com](http://www.writingstrides.com).

Join Weehawken Oct. 7 at the Ridgway Public Library from 9 am to 3 pm with a half hour lunch break. The six-hour ses-



sion includes lecture, discussion, writing and the opportunity to share. Tuition for this class is \$80, laptops or writing pads are encouraged. 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.

## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### TELLURIDE EXPANDS 2017-18 WINTER FLIGHTS TO MTJ

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

TELLURIDE-Telluride is more accessible than ever, as more flight options have been added for the 2017-18 winter season.

Charlotte Douglas International (CLT) is the latest airport added to the list of direct flights to Montrose-Telluride Regional Airport (MTJ) on American Airlines. Flights from CLT to MTJ will run Saturdays from December 23, 2017 through March 31, 2018. Charlotte is American's second largest hub.

Dallas (DFW) will offer a second daily flight over Thanksgiving and three flights daily over the Christmas/New Year's holidays, complementing daily year-round jet service and twice-daily flights through the bulk of the winter season. American flights from Phoenix-Sky Harbor (PHX) will continue to run daily through the winter, along with service from Chicago (ORD) and Los Angeles (LAX).

Delta Airlines will operate new flights this winter from Salt Lake City (SLC) to Montrose-Telluride (MTJ) over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. This service provides access for those traveling from the west, as well as Delta's eastern hubs, and is a precursor to adding a possible

season-long route next year. Delta will continue to fly three times a week from Atlanta (ATL) to MTJ as well.

United Airlines will run an additional daily Denver (DEN) to Montrose-Telluride (MTJ) flight, bringing that total to 4-6 per day through the season. United will also continue to operate daily flights from Houston (IAH) and Chicago (ORD), along with 1-3 flights weekly from New York's La Guardia (LGA), Newark (EWR), Los Angeles (LAX) and San Francisco (SFO).

Telluride Regional Airport (TEX), just 10 minutes from town and the ski area, will continue to see daily service throughout the year from Denver (DEN) on United partner Great Lakes Airlines, averaging 10 flights per week. Low-cost carrier Allegiant will continue service into MTJ from Los Angeles (LAX) twice a week on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

"The meaningful growth of expanded air service the past two years into both Montrose and Telluride provides our guests



*First snow. Photo courtesy Telluride Ski Resort.*

with even more options to make Telluride their go-to vacation destination through the holidays and the winter season and early planning ensures the best rates," said Bill Jensen, CEO of Telluride Ski Resort.

This winter's added service brings the total to 15 non-stop flights (16 over the holiday season) from 12 major hubs for the 2017-18 winter, marking an overall increase of 43% in air accessibility to the Telluride region over the last three years.

For area resort and reservations information, please visit [www.tellurideskiresort.com](http://www.tellurideskiresort.com).

### KAFM RADIO ROOM WELCOMES POE PROJECT ON OCT. 5

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

GRAND JUNCTION-The RADIO ROOM PLAYERS and The LOST THEATER TROUPE present The Poe Project on Thursday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. While he never had financial success in his lifetime, Poe has become one of America's most enduring writers. His works are as compelling today as they were more than a century ago. A bright, imaginative thinker, Poe crafted stories and poems that still shock, surprise and move modern readers. Oct. 5-Join The KAFM Radio Room Players for an evening of poetry and prose by and inspired by Edgar Allan Poe. Get in the Halloween mood with tales of suspense and horror performed by local actors and poets. Suggested donation at the Door \$5 for students and seniors, \$7 for adults. Come early and beat the witching hour doors open at 6:30 pm. Suggested donation \$5 students and seniors, \$7 adults. All proceeds go to KAFM. For more information call (970) 241-8801 or go online at [www.kafmradio.org](http://www.kafmradio.org). The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.





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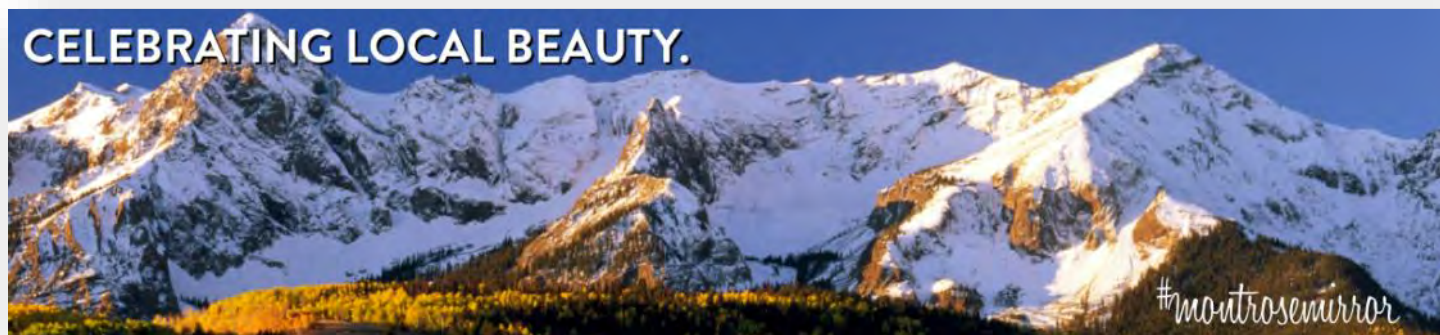
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# LIFE AT 360-DEGREES

**PHOTOGRAPHER/DESIGNER MICHAEL LAWTON HAS FINALLY COME HOME**



*Autana, Territorial da Amazonia*

*By Carole Ann McKelvey*

*Photos by Michael Lawton*

MONTROSE-Three-hundred and 60-degree photographer/Bauhaus designer Michael Lawton has finally come home.

"A traveler's longest road traveled is the road home," he quotes.

He is now home in Montrose, Colorado, on the Western Slope of Colorado. He's not quite ready to retire, although he's of an age to do so, at 74. Lawton spent 50+ years of his life, as – he says it – "a traveler trading photographs for airline tickets";

- Ten of those years were at the venerable *National Geographic Magazine*; taking photographs for NASA; shooting in the former Soviet Union taking pictures in a Soyuz spacecraft mock-up of the first man to walk in space, Cosmonaut Alexei Leonov; he's stood in front of Mount St. Helens, a mere seven miles away, contemplating its eminent eruption;

- Shooting images for the United States Information Agency (now the State Department) and representing America Photographers at USIA shows behind the Iron Curtain;

- Accompanying his patron, Franklin Delano Roosevelt's grandson, Jorge Delano, to the Amazon to shoot Angel Falls;

- Then working for the Catholic Church on

world-wide peace missions and more, traveling to places like Hanoi, Yalta, and Moscow.

Today, contemplating the future and how he can contribute, the photographer has vowed to put the incomparable beauty of Colorado into his unique 360 images. That is, as soon as he recovers from recent open-heart surgery. He certainly isn't the first to be drawn to Colorado's splendid mountains. What makes Lawton uniquely different are his images – captured on his self-invented camera that takes 360 images in 1.7 seconds/6 shots at a time without any seams. "These are not pieced together photos, but one continuous shot which are almost flat-field with few curves," he says. During his photography career Lawton has had the privilege of capturing on film:

- During his time with *National Geographic Magazine* he is credited with inventing full 360-degree panoramic photography that worked with existing graphic formats, which had never been used before his tenure.

- At the Geographic Lawton had the chance to begin shooting volcanos. In April of 1980, he stood on a hillside barely seven miles from the north face of Mt. St. Helens, three days and two nights, endur-

ing two 4000 ft. pyroclastic eruptions, shooting all the time. A month later, when the mountain was expected to finally fully blow, he was debating whether to return to the mountain a month and half later, or show up for his scheduled wedding in Connecticut.

He chose to get married. Had he not decided on the marriage, he would most certainly have been blown away with the mountain precisely May 18, 1980, at 8:33.17 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time. Instead he said his vows on May 24th, 1980. There was nothing but devastation 26 miles behind that spot on the mountain where he had stood.

- Through an invitation of a Red Army General and the Academy of Sciences of the Soviet Union, Lawton and his National Geographic associate were escorted to Star City, training center for cosmonauts. There Lawton photographed the first man to walk in space, Leonov, in a Soyuz space capsule mock-up.

- Chronicling trips sponsored by Franklin Delano Roosevelt's grandson, Jorge Delano, took him 800 miles south of Caracas, Venezuela, into the Amazon.

- On a peace mission with the Catholic Church to Hanoi, Vietnam. There, Lawton

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## ***LIFE AT 360-DEGREES From previous pg***

heard the vice-president of Vietnam suddenly query, "Why did you do this to us? We rescued your pilots in World War II!"

- Yale's Peabody Museum sent Lawton to Machu Picchu, Peru, to create a panoramic portfolio of the ancient Inca royal city. There he began a quest for more knowledge of the ancient world.

- He also spent four months shooting at the behest of Greece with unlimited access to places like the Parthenon, as one example.

- Since moving to Montrose, Lawton has been busy developing new digital cameras to meet the growing interest in Virtual Reality 360 photography. He is also writing his memoirs, entitled "Gifts to Natives," an inside joke within the Geographic.

An irascible character, Lawton describes himself as "a traveler who traded pictures for airline tickets." Self-effacing, he describes his life in jokes – with more stories than photographs in his "portfolio." No joke, during his career shooting around the world he says he's had more than "15 near-death experiences." Besides Mt. St. Helens, he's been hit by hot pumice flying out of the main vent of Mauna Loa, Hawaii, in 1984 during a 16-hour stay on the mountain. He describes trudging "too

close I guess," along the racing lava flow of the volcano. He says one thing he's learned on places like Mauna Loa -- "There's no negotiation with Mother Nature. . . none, zero."

He jokes he can distinguish the sound helicopter blades make when they lose lift. That episode he calls, "Up to Mauna Loa in a flying rock," as the helicopter fell 400', out of 500' without lift, before it landed."

In another project he turned to his balloon pilot friend, asking him "Tell me when to scream, Frank! I never know unless you tell me," as he watched a 12-foot hole burn in the side of the balloon as they tethered 500 feet above the Ellipse between the White House and the Washington Monument in Washington D.C: Their balloon was hit by a cross wind and laid over flat. . . They had permission of President Jimmy Carter's White House and eight other agencies. They were there capturing the only 360-degree shot ever taken above the place where the presidential helicopter takes off. "There's a reason balloon baskets are made of wicker," Lawton says, "the old metal ones don't bounce as well." A burnt piece of red balloon fabric hangs on the wall of his

home to remind him, of what he calls "Stupid Dog Tricks."

Lawton hopes his adventures will continue into the future, when he introduces his son, Ross, to like adventures. The son, he points out, who would not exist, if he'd decided to stay seven miles from the north face of Mt. St. Helens. "Was that safe? Hell no!"

His future trips he hopes to keep a bit safer for his son's sake. "Not requiring body bags!" he says. "His mother would never forgive me, nor would I." Today Lawton partially occupies himself plotting his next escape into the Colorado mountains, planning his exclusive 360-degree shots.

He also contemplates what new adventures await as he gazes at his huge Mercedes Unimog (Universal Motor Machine) sitting in front of the house. Perhaps a trip to the desert Southwest to capture Chaco Canyon from a new perspective? Or off-roading in the Colorado mountains capturing that eternal beauty? Or? . . . start a luxury photographic / gallery business with all his slides dating back to 1970. To contact the traveler/photographer, email him at [ciiramaventures@aol.com](mailto:ciiramaventures@aol.com).

*Mauna Loa eruption 1984*



*A million cubic meters of material per hour at 40 mph.*

# Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

## ONGOING-

**RIDGWAY'S TRUE GRIT WALKING TOURS**-The Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce now offers a one-hour walking tour commemorating the filming of the original *True Grit*. In the movie, Ridgway is depicted as Fort Smith, Arkansas. Tour attendees visit nine sites within a two-block area in downtown Ridgway: the railroad depot, gallows, livery stable, mortuary, Chen Lee's place, the courthouse facade, True Grit Cafe (built in 1986 as a tribute to John Wayne and *True Grit*), the saloon and the grocery. Dave's Mountain Tours (970-728-9749, [davesmountaintours.com](http://davesmountaintours.com)) transports visitors to remote *True Grit* sites—Last Dollar Road, Owl Creek Pass, Katie's Meadow and the snake pit. Walking tour participants meet their guide at the Ridgway Visitors Center (150 Racecourse Rd, just west of the intersection of highways 550 and 62) Fridays at 10:45 am from May to October. Admittance is \$10 for ages 12 and above. (Children are free.) A group of six or more may request a tour anytime throughout the year.

**OURAY MUSEUM**-The Ouray County Historical Society Museum is now Open. 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 SENIOR CENTER LUNCH & LEARN**: \$3 lunch & Learn, admission to program, is free. Lunch \$5. Lunch @ Noon, program @ 1 p.m.

**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.

**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 JAM SESSION AND SING ALONG**, Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Montrose 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-

**Sept. 20**: Robert Gay will present a talk entitled "The Paleontology of Bears Ears National Monument; an Overview." The public is welcome to attend the presentation at 7 pm at the monthly meeting of the Chipeta Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society, Montrose United Methodist Church, Baldrige Hall, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose. The presentation is Free and open to the public (donations accepted). Call [970-417-4416](tel:970-417-4416) for more information.

**Sept. 21**-Annual Montrose Beaconfest! Montrose Pavilion!

**Sept. 21**-Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Delta County Historical Museum, 6 p.m. Delta High School Auditorium. \$10.

**Sept. 22**-Travel through the American West in two riveting music-filled hours on Friday, Sept. 22 at the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway. More information and advance tickets are available at [www.sherbino.org](http://www.sherbino.org). Doors for the event on Sept. 22 are at 7:30 pm with the program starting at 8 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door.

**Sept. 23**-Final Competition, Altrusa Voice of the San Juans. For tickets visit <https://thevoicesanijuans.wordpress.com/>. Montrose Pavilion, VIP cocktail party @ 5 p.m. , performances at 6:30 p.m.

**Sept.23-24**-The Sneffels Fiber Arts Festival takes place in Ridgway.

**Sept. 25**-CPW will hold a public meeting to discuss the "Future of Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation in Colorado" for Southwest Region residents, 6 p.m., Sept. 25. The meeting will be held by teleconference to allow residents of the far-flung Southwest Region to participate. Residents can attend the meeting at any of the Southwest Region's four wildlife service centers: Durango, region headquarters, 415 Turner Drive in the Bodo Park; Gunnison, wildlife office, 300 W. New York Ave.; San Luis Valley, Monte Vista wildlife office, 0722 Road 1 East; Montrose, wildlife office, 2300 S. Townsend Ave. (U.S. Highway 550).

**Sept. 25**-Paul Zaenger to speak at Montrose Senior Center, Building of the Gunnison Tunnel. Free admission, 1 p.m.

**Sept. 28**-The Technical College of the Rockies (1765 U.S. Hwy 50) is hosting a community open house complete with tours, free lunch and program presentations. We will also be celebrating our name change and new director. Our Open House begins at 9:45 a.m. in the Student Services Center, and will conclude at 3 p.m. that afternoon.

**Sept. 29**-Art Open House featuring local artists Cheri Isgreen, Lynn Vogel and Debbie Watkins Friday Sept. 29 from 5-7pm at Backstreet Bagel Company Gallery 127 N Townsend in Montrose. Light refreshments will be served.

**Oct. 1**-Join the Montrose Community Band on Sunday, Oct. 1st at 3 p.m. in the Montrose Pavilion Auditorium for a free concert. The concert entitled The Color of Music will feature various styles of music with a color in the title. For more information visit [www.montroseband.com](http://www.montroseband.com) or call 970-596-1188.

**Oct. 5**-Sept. 5-The RADIO ROOM PLAYERS and The LOST THEATER TROUPE present The Poe Project on Thursday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. -Join The KAFM Radio Room Players for an evening of poetry and prose by and inspired by Edgar Allan Poe. Get in the Halloween mood with tales of suspense and horror performed by local actors and poets. Suggested donation at the Door \$5 for students and seniors, \$7 for adults. Come early and beat the witching hour doors open at 6:30 pm. Suggested donation \$5 students and seniors, \$7 adults. All proceeds go to KAFM. For more information call (970) 241-8801 or go online at [www.kafmradio.org](http://www.kafmradio.org). The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**Oct. 6**-Landowners are invited to the "Forage Establishment, Renovation & Management Demonstration Plot Open House", on Friday, Oct. 6 from 9 AM to 1 PM, at the Delta County Fairgrounds (403 S. 4th Street, Hotchkiss, CO). The event will be located on the southeast corner of the fairgrounds, by the river. The project is a cooperative effort by CSU Extension, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, Delta Conservation District, Delta County, and the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts. The program is free and there's no cost to participate. For more information and to sign up for this workshop call 970-249-3935.

**Oct. 7**-Volunteers of America presents The Kindness Diaries Tour with Leon Logothetis, @ Crossroads Victory, 3 to 4 p.m. Free to the public.

**Oct. 7**-There will be a benefit for P.E.E.R. Kindness at Antler Ridge (72015 Kinikin Road) on Oct. 7, from 5 to 10 p.m., featuring a national anti-bullying speaker who will also visit all six local elementary schools. For tickets visit [www.peerkindness.net](http://www.peerkindness.net).



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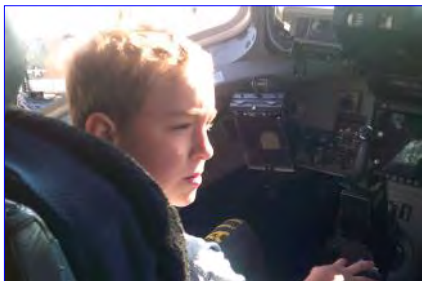
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*Clockwise from top left; in the cockpit and looking through a window at the Montrose Regional Airport Tribute to Aviation on Saturday; A.J. Fullerton performed a well-received show at the Telluride Blues & Brews Festival this weekend. Mirror staff photos.*



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