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STORYTELLING TRADITION BUILDS COMMUNITY PRIDE



Among the local institutions rumored to have a ghost in residence is the Magic Circle Theatre, above, according to Montrose historian and ghost tour walk leader Sally Johnson.

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—"Tell me a story!" These are familiar words that most parents have heard time and again. But grownups love to hear stories too... especially during the long, dark months of October and November. Here on the Western Slope, the storytelling art for all ages continues in a robust fashion.

In Montrose, Historical Museum Director Sally Johnson captivates an ever-growing audience hungry for local lore with her series of Ghost Tour Walks. "We have been averaging 60 people over the two days," Johnson said, and noted that the next Ghost Tour Walks will be Oct. 26 and 27. Haunted locations have included the spots where undertakers once practiced, as well as local institutions like the historic Fox Theater, the Magic Circle Theater, and Lathrop House. River Witch Lulu Dillon is a perennial favorite,

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CITY RESIDENT SPEAKS OUT ON LACK OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

By Gail Marvel

Executive Session: Prior to the regular city council meeting the council held an Executive Session described as: A conference with the City attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b); for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); and the following additional details are provided for identification purposes: nuisance abatement at Great Homes Trailer Park.

Call for Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (three minutes per speaker).

City resident Lynn Stockton spoke previously to City Manager Bill Bell and City Attorney Stephen Alcorn



Appointments were made to the 2017-2018 Youth Council during the Oct. 17 regular city council meeting. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP: WAVES OF MERCY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

"You cannot sow un-forgiveness and expect to reap forgiveness."

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—On Sept. 17 I waited in the foyer of the Waves of Mercy Pentecostal Church until the adult Sunday school class held in the sanctuary was dismissed. Prior to services I was welcomed by the Rev. Richard and Shelle Sirokman, as well as two women and a man who said, "Bless you sister."

Accompaniment for the six-member praise team included a baby grand piano, keyboard, drums, bongo drums and a guitar. Tambourines, clapping and large red flags waved from the back pew added a touch of flare to the song service.

In concert style, Mrs. Sirokman's fingers flew across the keys of the baby grand piano. Hymn selections included, "Glory to His Name," "Living He Loved Us," "When I See the Blood" (in the key of G) and an up-tempo rendition of "Amazing Love."

Twenty-five worshippers were present, five of whom were elementary-aged children, and throughout the song service worshippers added verbal exclamation points of hallelujah, amen and praise the Lord.

The spacious auditorium with wide aisles allowed the group to mill around comfortably during a time of greeting and to dance unhindered during the song service.

Pastor Richard Sirokman said, "This is my favorite part. Are you kids ready to sing?" The children assembled at the front of the auditorium. Passing the microphone from one to another, each sang portions of "Jesus Loves Me" and "The B-I-B-L-E." Nine-year-old Arianna presented her Bible memory work flawlessly, clearly and with dramatic expression as she quoted Philipians 4:4-9.

One woman shared a recent spiritual



experience, "Keep your eye on Jesus and you will be blessed to see the light." Taking a cue from the testimony the pastor said, "Jesus is the light. When we become Christians we are that light. We are blessed in the city, in the country, when we go in, and when we go out." (Paraphrase of Deuteronomy 28:3-6).

Sirokman's free-flowing sermon was a potpourri of Scripture references seasoned with insight, observation, opinion and illustration. "Jesus, the Son of God, left the splendor of heaven to come to Earth. God sent his Son, but Jesus had a choice and when Jesus comes back it will be like a thief in the night. Jesus said over and over, "Be ready!"

Noting the blessing of living in America the pastor said, "We want to live in America because we are free, but we want to keep our laws and regulations from the old country. We are not one nation under Allah, we are one nation under God. I realize the rioters want the right of free speech, but to take the American flag and walk on it...I have something to say...love it or leave it."

After reading Isaiah 53:1-5 Sirokman said, "We are blessed, blessed, blessed. Some people may say they haven't been healed because they can only see in the natural, but we can see the spiritual. We've been allowed in many ways to be healed, but we don't recognize it because we are spiritually blind."

Sirokman's commentary for Hebrews 6:1-3, "Some churches get stuck on grace...there is nothing wrong with grace. Some get stuck on the Holy Ghost...there is nothing wrong with the Holy Ghost. Some get stuck on baptism...there is nothing wrong with baptism. Eating steak all the time is good, but even a steak gets old after a while. God wants to give you a balanced diet. Don't get hung up on one doctrine." A standalone gem from Sirokman, "Farmers reap a harvest in the fall because they planted in the spring. You cannot sow un-forgiveness and expect to reap forgiveness."

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MIRROR CLARIFICATION: OPENINGS ON CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-The Montrose Mirror offers condolences to the family of Montrose City Planning Commissioner Tom Busker. Mr. Busker passed away in August; however, as of Oct. 16 the city had not updated their website and removed his name from the list of planning commissioners. The Oct. 11 Planning Commission meeting also failed to disclose that commissioner Josh Freed submitted a letter of resignation on Oct. 9. Current commissioners are Chair Doug Glaspell, Anthony Russo, Gary Seitz and Karen Vacca. Vacancies on the planning commission were posted by the city on Oct. 17 and information on applications can be obtained from City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo, 970-240-1422.

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OBT TO SPEND \$18k TO INSTALL GPS IN EVERY GOLF CART FOR 'MARKETING'

Business Owner Scott Beyer Questions Benefit to Vendors Who Pay Fees

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Montrose Tourism Retail Advisory Committee (TRAC) met at the Bridges Golf & Country Club on Oct. 19th for their quarterly meeting.

New co-chair City Councilwoman Barbara Bynum, who replaces Councilman Dave Bowman on the committee, was introduced.

Committee members were asked for comments and Scott Beyer cut to the chase, "People are reaching out to me about the OBT (Office of Business and Tourism) having a \$400,000 surplus." OBT Executive Director/Assistant City Manager Rob Joseph went into great detail about current funds, best practices, and the importance of maintaining a reserve. "To be accredited [marketing to tour operations] we are required to have a reserve balance, but accreditation doesn't require a six-month reserve. A reserve helps us message and it's very important for a marketing agency to be on-line 12 months out of the year." Following Joseph's lengthy explanation Bynum tried to get the conversation back on track so others could talk and Beyer quipped, "Rob, you're just going to have to abbreviate!"

The consensus of the group was that a six-month reserve is appropriate. Beyer said, "But it needs to be called a reserve... not an extra \$400,000."

Director's Report – Rob Joseph.

Joseph said, "Over all there is quite a bit of turnover at the city. I will be taking over as acting director again and will be on-site and in the office once a week." Debbie Blanchard asked about the fulltime events coordinator position and Joseph said, "As it looks right now there will be two part-time positions, a marketing assistant and a special events coordinator."

Updates included the increase in the Montrose Visitor Guide to 100,000 copies, the first Wayfinding signs installed before the first of the year and the OBT's work on the Vision Plan for the Museum of the Mountain West.



Scott Beyer, owner of Scott's Printing (seated fourth from the left) minced no words when he said, "People are reaching out to me about OBT (Office of Business and Tourism) having a \$400,000 surplus." Photo by Gail Marvel.

The OBT took a significant hit to their budget with the new Facility Fund. Joseph said, "Right now it's a \$30,000 hit. I'm working with Virgil [Turner] and we're working on the algorithm." Blanchard's concern is the percentage used by OBT, "The concept is fine. It's the amount. The percentage OBT is being charged is a high price for what they use."

The golf course will lease all new golf carts and OBT will spend \$18,000 to install a GPS unit in each cart, which will be used for marketing. Joseph said, "We are looking at different revenue streams. We could recoup the \$18,000 in the first year." Joseph is also looking at golf course bench and pole advertising.

Beyer said, "Do you expect push-back? It's kind of like double taxation. We [businesses] give you our vendor fees and you're asking businesses to buy advertising. Make sure you have a benefit to your vendors." Ashley Pietak said, "A visible discount for vendors who are already paying a fee."

Beyer said, "I'm not against you, you just need to be sensitive when asking people to buy advertising."

The OBT has had positive discussions with the county staff about the new event center. Joseph said, "The county is excited to work with us. They would like to have one big event each quarter."

The county approached the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) with an offer of office space. Beyer said, "I think it's really nice to see bridges [relationships] being built."

Joseph revealed that a Music Tourism Plan is in the works, "We want to be more deliberate to introduce music into everything we do."

In discussing OBT sponsoring special events Beyer said, "Ten donation requests hit my desk a week. If you want support from me I have a form to fill out. The question is, 'Do you do business with Scott's Printing?'" Events need to become self-sufficient. You give money to a special event and the next year they [automatically] budget you in. They feel entitled because you gave once. Some event planners are just looking for a blank check."

The next TRAC meeting is scheduled for Jan. 16, 2018.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

VICTIMS OF NORWOOD DOUBLE HOMICIDES IDENTIFIED

San Miguel County Sheriff's Office

NORWOOD-The victims of a double homicide in Norwood have been positively identified via extensive DNA testing with the assistance of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The two girls are the daughters of Nashika Leonie Bramble, who is charged in connection with their deaths.

Makayla Victoria Roberts was born in Florida on February 19, 2007. Her father Chris Roberts was out of state and not involved in the case.

Hannah Elizabeth Rosalina Marshall was born in Florida on January 27, 2009. Hannah's father has been contacted and is not involved in the case. The cause of their deaths is still under investigation. San Mi-

guel County Coroner Emil Sante said he appreciates the public's patience during this process. "Presumptive identification is inappropriate, and the diligence of positive identification can be time consuming, but is necessary."

Sheriff Bill Masters said, "We appreciate CBI's assistance in identifying our victims in this case."

7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT ATTORNEY: STATEMENT ON VICTIMS OF NORWOOD DOUBLE HOMICIDE IDENTIFIED

District Attorney, 7th Judicial District

MONTROSE-The San Miguel County Coroner announced that the victims of a double homicide in Norwood have been positively identified via extensive DNA testing with the assistance of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI). This step is a very important one for the families of

these victims. The longing and hope caused by the uncertainty of loss often complicates grieving. The District Attorney commends the diligent efforts of San Miguel County Coroner Sante, the San Miguel County Sheriff's Office and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

The District Attorney will continue the efforts of the prosecution team to hold those responsible for these deaths accountable, and to pursue justice in these cases. Any criminal charge against a defendant is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty.

CITIZENS CLIMATE MEETING NOV.6 @ DMEA HEADQUARTERS

MONTROSE-Steve Metheny, Power Supply Manager at DMEA,, Delta Montrose Electric Association, will speak at the next meeting of Citizens' Climate Lobby on Monday, Nov. 6th at 4 pm at DMEA which is located at [11925 6300 Rd.](#) north of Montrose off of [Route 550](#) ([970-249-4572](#)). Steve will begin by giving us a tour of the Community's Solar Array and Solar Gardens. Then he will talk for 30 minutes about the work that DMEA is doing with renewable energy and update us on the latest with Tri-State. All interested are welcome. Monday Nov. 6, 6:30 pm following DMEA tour. Citizens' Climate Lobby will have their monthly meeting at 6:30 Centennial rm behind Montrose City Hall off plaza. all welcome.



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OLATHE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS BULLYING PREVENTION PROCLAMATION, COUNTY APPROVES FREE SPACE FOR DDA

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Montrose Regional Library Trustee Caroline Evans asked the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to pass a resolution in support of the Montrose Regional Library's ballot issue during the time for public comment at the [regular BOCC meeting on Oct. 18](#). "We are so encouraged and thrilled by the momentum and support from citizens across the county for our mill levy increase," Evans said, noting that resolutions of support have already been received from Naturita, Olathe and the City of Montrose. "We ask that you put us back on your agenda and pass a resolution of support."

Following the time for public comment, Agenda Items D-7 and D-8 were removed from the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.

After approval of [consent agenda](#) items, Commissioners heard a bullying prevention proclamation and brief presentation by County Media Relations Manager Katie Yergensen, Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap, and representatives from the Olathe schools.

The group will be hosting an anti-bullying assembly in the Olathe schools later in the month, Yergensen said. "The kids never cease to amaze me...they have done a tremendous job."

Dunlap said, "On behalf of the Montrose County Sheriffs' Office I would like to thank these young people because they took the lead on this, they developed it, it's theirs...everything you see before you today was the student council...it has been an absolute pleasure to work with these young people."

Olathe Student council members took turns reading [a proclamation in support of October as Bullying Prevention Month](#), and presented information on the AHOY initiative, an acronym that stands for "Accept others; Help Others; Observe Something, Say Something; You Can Make a Difference."

Olathe Middle School Principal Scot Brown thanked commissioners for the opportunity to allow the students to share

information on the AHOY initiative. "They have been working hard; we do take bullying seriously."

Yergensen noted that the MCSO dedicates school resource officers to the schools located in unincorporated areas of Montrose County.

All three commissioners expressed appreciation for the students' hard work before voting unanimously in support of a proclamation declaring October as Bullying Prevention Month. "It starts with students...it's so important for organizations like the student council to come forward and take ownership of this tragic, tragic thing that goes on in our schools and in society in general."

"I appreciate it and thank you so much," BOCC Chair Keith Caddy said.

The BOCC then approved a formal [addendum to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act application](#) originally approved Nov. 21, 2016, with changes in acreage due to final trail alignments, total single track mileage set at 13.2; and seasonal restrictions for protection of wintering big game, presented by County Government Affairs Director Jon Waschbusch.

Commissioners also voted unanimously to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) allowing the Montrose Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to use office space in the county administration building (317 S. @nd St).

"...The County had some seldom used space that was in a conference room," Waschbusch said. "That room has actually been slightly remodeled in terms of paint, new lights and floor for DDA's purposes should agreement be approved." The building is located in the heart of the downtown development area, he noted, and the agreement lasts through 2019.

"We are not charging the DDA rent."

The BOCC approved several board ap-



Montrose County will provide free, remodeled office space for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in the county administration building at 317 S. 2nd Street, above. Mirror staff photo.

pointments, appointing Don Varey to the Historic Landmark Society Advisory Board; Sarah Pisano to the Southwestern Basin Roundtable; and Gary Garren to the Board of Adjustment. Scheduled Fair Board appointments were continued to a later meeting due to additional applicants.

In other business, commissioners approved Resolution 43-2017, establishing a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on Story Lane south of West Oak Grove Road; and Resolution 44-2017 establishing a speed limit of 15 miles per hour for the curving, half-mile stretch of 6650 Road east of Woodgate Road.

County staff and division heads presented commissioners with extensive, detailed information on the uses of the Public Safety Sales Tax and Road and Bridge Sales and Use Tax for years 2015 and 2016; there will be a public presentation of the information at 6 p.m. on Oct. 24 in the County board room at 161 South Townsend Avenue.

Commissioner Roger Rash said, "I encourage the public to come...to understand the challenges our forces deal with both on the law enforcement and on the public safety side."

Commissioners also voted to approve a proposal by the Sorenson Minor Subdivision to divide .606 acres into two (2) lots.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WE ARE VOTING YES ON THE LIBRARY INITIATIVE, BALLOT MEASURE 5A

Dear Editor:

We are voting YES on the library initiative, ballot measure 5A. For an annual cost less than a night out or an evening at the movies, we will get a tremendous return on our investment, restoring programs, hours, and services lost due to the budget decline triggered by the 2008 recession. We really miss the adult learning program, Sunday afternoon concerts, but most of all access to library resources on Friday and Saturday.

What are some of the benefits to our community in supporting our library? Li-

braries strengthen families, providing access to books and resources they might not otherwise be able to afford. The library provides us with programs and meeting spaces to help us share and learn from one another.

The library preserves and protects historical resources, and provides us freedom of access to information guaranteed by the First Amendment. The books (printed, eBooks, and audio books), videos, music, and children's resources serve to educate, inspire, and entertain.

Librarians are very knowledgeable and

are willing to instruct us on using library resources and in finding information. They help order resources through an inter-library loan program at no cost to the requester.

They assist patrons in the use of computers, also provided at no charge. They help students of all ages with their assignments and promote scholarship and research. The library staff can open new worlds to those seeking to learn.

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SUPPRESSORS SOLD LEGALLY THROUGHOUT THE FREE WORLD, REQUIRED FOR HUNTING IN MANY COUNTRIES

To the editor:

James Bond shoots Russian Agents with his silencer equipped Walther .380 (that Miss Money Penny gave to him) and the sound is 'Pssssssst'. Not even as loud as a balloon exhausting its air flitting around the room. I saw the movies. I know. It is James Bond, 007 so it is true. Historically however, the only, that is the only, 'silencer' that has ever been close to that effectiveness is one manufactured to fit a .22 pistol for OSS use in WWII.

The ones on sale now are 'suppressors'. They just reduce the sound. You see, I just bought a 'silencer' and a very good one at that. Ex---pen---sive! It is not a 'silencer', it is a 'suppressor'. It reduces the sound of my AR-15 from around 180 decibels which is harmful to the human ear to about 130 which is not anywhere near as harmful to the hearing of man (or woman). And 'yes' I do wear earmuffs when shooting at targets with

my suppressed AR-15. It is a lot more pleasant but you can't hunt with earmuffs.

To legally purchase a suppressor in the United States the buyer must: 1) go to a federally licensed firearms dealer 2) select the item he wants 3) fill out a federal form 4) have a criminal background check performed 5) pay for the item 6) pay another \$200 to go with the application to the feds. All that he gets to take home is his receipts to await approval by the bureaucrats in D.C. Meanwhile he must get threads cut onto the barrel.

Ten months later (almost a year!!!!!!!!!!!!!!) the dealer will call him and tell him to pick up both his suppressor and his permit to own it.

He will then be informed that he cannot loan it to anyone and that he must carry the license, a 8X11 paper, with him anytime he has the suppressor in his possession. I guess the rules are the same for women.

There is not a crook in the world that would go through all of this baloney for a suppressor. Not a local crook, not a state crook, not a federal crook, not a mobster. Not even a Rusky spy. Too much trouble, time and planning required. Just use a pillow. Or buy a suppressor illegally.

In fact if I wanted to bump someone off quietly I'd use a sub-sonic .22 with a potato, a pop can, just turn up the radio, a box cutter or whack him with a ball bat. All under \$20 and readily acquired.

Suppressors are legal and sold over-the-counter in every country in the free world; no permit required. In many countries they are required for hunting. Why not the United States? Duhhhhhhhhh!

Another benefit of funding the library is that literate folks might go study some facts instead of accepting hearsay fiction from friends from the left bank.

Bill Bennett, Montrose

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AN INSIDE LOOK...VOTE YES ON LIBRARY MILL LEVY INCREASE

Editor:

In 1997, the Montrose Library hired me to work in the Circulation and Technical Services departments. This began an eighteen year relationship, fulfilling a long time dream—to work in a library.

My first year at the library was an eye opener. I had been a life long library user, but never did I imagine all that goes on “behind the scenes” at the library and how hard library staffs work to serve the needs of each and every person who enters. Even if a person visits the library often, he or she might like a little more information as to why your library needs help! It’s quite obvious that any heavily used building, even a relatively new one, needs constant maintenance—which is quite costly. The materials budget (books, cds, dvds, magazines, and kits of various kinds) for all departments has been reduced to bare bones levels.

Did you know that there are generally lines of people awaiting the opening of the library each day, so they can have access to a computer, and that the many computer stations are busy throughout the day? Not everyone is fortunate enough to have a computer at home. These computers are in constant need of maintenance and upgrading. In addition, there’s the Bookmobile, which reaches many who do not have transportation to get to the library building. Its budget has also been reduced, so the bookmobile stops have been cut by 70%.

We are fortunate to have a library Director and Board who are determined to be fiscally responsible, and to stay within budget. They have had to make very painful decisions, one of which was closing the library two days a week to keep costs down.

Please vote YES in November to increase the mill levy.

Sharon Beshoar, Montrose

CITY COUNCIL PUSHES FOR HIGH DENSITY HOUSING



Members of the Library Election Committee enthusiastically promoted the mill levy ballot initiative as they asked city council for a resolution of support. Front row (L to R) Library Executive Director Paul Paladino and Caroline Evans. Back row (L to R) Pam Baer and Lee Ann Riddoch. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-City Council Work Sessions, which are not televised, are (catered, not brown bag) lunch meetings with city staff that are held the day before the regular council meeting. For the Oct. 16 Work Session four councilpersons were present; Councilwoman Barbara Bynum was absent.

Discussion Items:

Financing for Street Maintenance and Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) Public Street and Utility Improvements – Conference call with Brandon DeBenedet with D.A. Davidson & Co. In an opening statement City manager Bill Bell explained there are two elements to the \$10 M financing project — Street maintenance funding (\$5 M) and Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) Public Infrastructure (\$4.8 M).

DeBenedet compared Certificates of Participation (COP) with direct bank lending, “The only potential negative with a bank is the inability to fix the rate going out the full 20 years.” Of the seven different bank proposals received, DeBenedet said Vectra Bank is “...by far the most aggressive with interest rate, terms, and lock rate.” In order to secure the lock rate, the city would have to close by Nov. 9. See General Council Discussion for a discussion thread.

Resolution of Support for Montrose Library District Ballot Issue – Library Election Committee. Members of the Library Election Committee requested a resolution supporting the proposed mill levy

increase which will appear on the Nov. 7 ballot. Spokesperson Caroline Evans noted that since 2008 the library has maintained a balanced budget in spite of a decline in property taxes. “That’s when problems arose. In balancing the budget we’ve cut staff by one-third, we’ve cut materials by one-third and the Bookmobile program by 70 percent.” If the ballot measure passes the committee estimates increased taxes for most

Montrose households will amount to \$12 a year. The increased cost to commercial property would be \$240 on a million-dollar property. Councilman Roy Anderson said, “We need a 21st Century library. People are saying they can never get on the computers at the library. What can we do in the digital arena?” Library Executive Director Paul Paladino said, “Anyone who says we aren’t a 21st Century library has not checked us out. At 10 a.m. and right after school lets out the computers are busy, but in the middle of the day they are not used. We can’t get enough people into the library to max out our service.”

City of Montrose Business Incentives – Director of Business Innovation Chelsea Rosty.

The city has two revolving loan funds, with \$20,000 available in each fund. The Downtown Opportunity Fund is tapped out, but the Montrose Opportunity fund is full.

Rosty presented the council with suggestions for Job Creation Incentives, In-Kind Property Improvement and Additional Incentives. The suggested job incentive package is for \$5,000 per job created with a salary range of \$43,000 and above. Bell said the city used the Mayfly incentive package as a template, “Currently it has been on a project by project basis.”

Councilman Dave Bowman asked about funds being used for housing and City Manager Bill Bell said, “We did not know whether council wanted to get into the world of housing.” Anderson said, “I like the notion. As of right now there aren’t any opportunities for loans for people

wanting housing in the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) A city goal is to increase housing in the DDA.”

Bowman said, “If you are going to start up a business you need up-front money. You shouldn’t come to government asking for help to start your business.” Councilman David Romero said, “I am all for job creation, but if we are going to bring business here they need to work with the community. Our data base is lacking here.”

Mayor Judy Ann Files said, “I’ve heard it’s hard to hire full-time employees in Montrose...is that rumor or truth? Rosty said, “Job creators may have a hard time finding full-time employees.” Bell reminded the group that the presentation was in draft form and some elements in the draft were taken from Montrose Economic Development (MEDC) and the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning. Mayor Files stated that a special meeting needed to be scheduled to address revitalizing downtown with high density housing incentives/subsidies. Bell said, “From a community developer position we want to promote more attainable housing.”

Centennial Room Renovation Project Bid Recommendation – Facilities Manager Mark Armstrong.

The city received two bids - Ford Construction, Grand Junction and locally based Stryker & Co. Inc. The Stryker bid came in 30 percent higher than the Ford Construction bid. Armstrong recommended the contact be awarded to Ford Construction, “More than 40 questions came in [concerning the project] and we feel both contractors understood.”

Stough Avenue Right of Way Vacation – Senior Planner Garry Baker.

The city will transfer property to the county which allows access to the new county event center. The city will retain utility and drainage easements. Baker said, “It’s pretty important for the county.” The county in turn will provide turnaround space for emergency access to the city. The estimated value of the property going to the county is \$19,853. The county’s turnaround space, with improvements paid for by the county, will go to the city and is of a greater value.

CITY PUSHES FOR HIGH DENSITY HOUSING From previous pg

Museum of the Mountain West (MMW) Visioning Plan – Assistant City Manager Rob Joseph and MMW Board President Gary Ellis.

The city is collaborating with the MMW and their Visioning Plan states, "Conceptual plans have been prepared to add a western style front to the main Museum building that will incorporate additional exhibit space, expanded gift shop, and space for a City of Montrose "east portal" visitor center. Along with the building expansion, enhanced landscaping, street appeal, signage and parking are planned."

Ellis said, "One of our goals is sustainability of the museum. We would appreciate anything you would consider." Bowman said, "Is there a particular dollar amount that you will be looking for?" Joseph said, "Yes, but we're not ready to talk about that now."

MURA Boundary Adjustment Modification Resolution – Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko.

This item extends the boundary of two properties (6.13 acres) into the MURA boundary. Boyko said, "It pushed the boundary a bit further out."

Gunnison Basin Roundtable Representa-

tive Appointment – Mayor Judy Ann Files.

The Town of Olathe and the City of Montrose share a representative seat on the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. Two candidates from Olathe withdrew their names from consideration and the Olathe Town Council agreed to the appointment of Montrose City Councilwoman Barbara Bynum to serve on the roundtable.

General City Council Discussion:

Bowman said, "OBT (Office of Business and Tourism) has about \$400,000. I'm not sure I understand why OBT needs \$400,000 in the bank." Bowman suggested those funds could be used to speed up the Wayfinding signs, work needed in city parks, or for the stage in the proposed amphitheater, "We [amphitheater committee] can use any money we can get." Mayor Files suggested the item be put on a work session agenda.

Background for context: The work session packet contained a color-coded street map that appears to be related to the first agenda item on financing street maintenance. There was no discussion on the map, nor was there a priority list of streets slated for maintenance.

In financing street maintenance, the city proposes to borrow \$10 M, out of which

\$5 M will be earmarked for street maintenance. However, only \$3 M of the \$5 M will be used for maintenance in 2018.

During General Council Discussion Councilman David Romero said he was surprised that North Park, one of the worst streets in town, was not on the list slated for maintenance, "How do certain streets get priority?" Note: In the original 2017 draft budget North Park Street was slated for maintenance; however, it has since been removed.

Interim Public Works Director David Bries said, "North Park had a lot of [staff] discussion and it would take a large chunk of money. We'll find [select] streets that are more near the end of their life. North Park can be an example of what will happen if not maintained."

City Manager Bill Bell concurred, "North Park is a \$7 M project. We will keep it as an example and use the funds on smaller roads where we can accomplish more. We'll leave North Park as an example of streets not maintained."

Staff Comments:

Comments included information on new air flights coming into Montrose, the Colorado Outdoors groundbreaking and an upcoming executive session.



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CITY RESIDENT SPEAKS OUT ON LACK OF CODE ENFORCEMENT From pg 1

concerning code violations in her neighborhood. The offending property, a defunct subdivision known as Eagle Ranch LLC, is located at 6700 Rd and Oak Grove Road. Since the issues have not been addressed, Stockton took her concerns to city council in the form of a packet with photos and documentation. "There is junk in my [neighborhood] backyard. What is the reason for not enforcing the code? These are clear violations of the city code." Stockton cited Code 6.33 (a and b); 6:34 (a and b).

Guidelines for the call for public comment state, "Please be aware that neither City Council nor City staff are expected to respond or engage in discussion or debate." There was no comment or discussion on the issue presented by Stockton.

RESOLUTION 2017-13

Resolution 2017-13 is a resolution in support of the Montrose Regional Library District ballot issue. A2-A3.

Public comment was accepted and Carol McDermott spoke in favor of the ballot issue and the resolution, "We have a first-class library and we need to maintain it. It's a jewel of the community." Approved unanimously.

Youth Council Appointments

The City Council considered the following applicants for appointment to the City of Montrose Youth Council: Briar Cary, Kelsee Dixon, Isabel Haga, Triston Harrison, Jenna Holyfield, Mahlia Perez, Kendrick Richardson, Emerald Spindler, Claire Wilson, Sage Wilber, and Hallie Yergenson, with Morgan Boyers and Logan Righter as alternates. Approved unanimously.

Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License

Transfer – City Attorney Stephen Alcorn.

City Council considered the transfer of a Hotel and Restaurant liquor license at 235 N. First Street from Ay Jalisco LLC, d.b.a. Ay Jalisco, to Irving Macias Chavez and Isla Davalos, d.b.a. La Isla Mexican Restaurant and Bar, for consumption on the licensed premises. Approved unanimously.

Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License

Transfer – City Attorney Stephen Alcorn. City Council considered the transfer of a Hotel and Restaurant liquor license at 35 N. Uncompahgre Avenue from Northman Brewery, Inc., d.b.a. RNR Sports Bar, to Jimmy E's LLC, d.b.a. RNR Sports Bar, for consumption on the licensed premises. Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2435 (second reading) – City Engineer Scott Murphy.

This ordinance authorizes the disposal of real property described as the Colorado Outdoors Triangle Remnant. Murphy said, "There are no changes from the first reading." Approved unanimously.

Resolution 2017-12 - City Attorney Stephen Alcorn.

Alcorn said, "In 1980 voters approved the State lottery. The lottery revenue is divided 10 percent for wildlife and open space, 40 percent Conservation Trust Fund and 50 percent Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)." The City of Montrose has benefited greatly from GOCO funding and the resolution supports the reauthorization by the General Assembly of the Colorado Lottery Division in 2018. Approved unanimously.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks

Project Bid – Interim Public Works Director David Bries.

Bries recommended awarding the bid for the Wastewater Treatment Headworks Project to Strategic Construction Solu-

tions, Inc. for the total amount of \$498,000. Approved unanimously.

Intergovernmental Agreement – Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This agreement concerns vacation of Road Right-of-Way at the County Fairgrounds. Baker said, "This is land that was talked about in detail at the work session yesterday. It will help the county with parking and staging for the events center. This is a piece of property that the city does not need."

The city right-of-way property will be exchanged for a piece of county property that will be developed into a city cul-de-sac. The county will pay for the cul-de-sac improvements. Approved unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Sales, Use, and Excise Tax Report – Finance Director Shani Wittenberg.

Sales and Use Tax Total Collected YTD \$10,762,170; Retail Sales YTD Total \$9,568,779; Montrose Recreation District YTD Total \$1,075,885; Retail Enhancement Program YTD Total \$211,941.

Public Relations Report – City Manager Bill Bell

Announcements included the Public 2018 Budget Open House on Oct. 18, vacancies on the City Planning Commission and the household hazardous waste cleanup.

The Community Garden on Niagara will be closing for the season. Three to five volunteers are needed to oversee the garden for the 2018 season. Bell said, "If no volunteers are found we may have to close the program."

City Council Comments:

Additional comments from councilors promoted the county's "Say Boo to the Flu" drive and the November ballots being mailed out.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL:LETTERS

VOTE TO RESTORE FULL ACCESS TO LIBRARY AND ITS RESOURCES

Editor:

Moving day for the library--in late May or early June of 1998--was fun and exciting. After work I collected a grocery cart full of books at what now is the police station, joined the parade to the new building, deposited cart & books, and then did it again. For many months our community had watched our library take shape around Morgan School, and its opening was a triumph. We've enjoyed it for most of two decades. Currently the staff and children at Haven House appreciate access to the library at least once a week, every summer; and we always have at least one "Reading Champion" sign on our front lawn. Now it's truly sad and disappointing to have our valuable resource unavailable two days a week. The asking price to restore its full availability is negligible--much less than the lattes and snacks we must have. Surely the requested funding is a practical, workable solution to this community-wide problem.

Carolyn Carter, Montrose

THANK YOU TO THE HONEST PERSON WHO FOUND MY WALLET!

Editor:

To the Person who found my wallet at the intersection of San Juan By-Pass and East Main on Saturday, the 14th, and took it to the Montrose Police Station: Thank You! Honest people still exist! All the documentation—driver's license, insurance cards, registration, checks, etc.--was intact including \$180 in cash! All the plastic cards were smashed into powdery grains but replacement was easy.

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THE LIBRARY NEEDS OUR HELP TO CONTINUE DOING ITS JOB

Dear Editor:

Years ago I had a co-worker who was born in Lebanon and came from an ethnic Armenian heritage. He was a very intelligent guy and subtly humorous. On one occasion he told me an old Armenian folk tale – a bit of a joke actually – about a farmer and his horse.

It seems that this farmer was feeding his horse one night and suddenly remembered that he had forgotten to feed his horse the night before.

At first the farmer was horrified that he had been so neglectful of an animal that had served him faithfully and well for so long.

Then, a bit later, his thinking began to take a different turn. It occurred to the farmer that earlier that day the horse had seemed to perform just about as well as ever notwithstanding the missed feeding. With this thought in mind, the farmer began to suspect he had actually been feeding the horse too MUCH and that he may have been throwing money away on excess feed.

Ever the prudent manager, the farmer began feeding his horse a little less each day. Then, as the farmer said later, “Just when I got the horse trained to where she didn’t need any feed at all, she up and died on me!”

It’s easy to laugh at a story like this, but maybe we shouldn’t laugh too loud.

In the wake of the 2008 recession (which it certainly didn’t cause!) our local library has been forced to cut back on services, hours, and staff. Most significantly, it has also had to dip into reserves. This situation cannot go on forever, probably not even for very much longer.

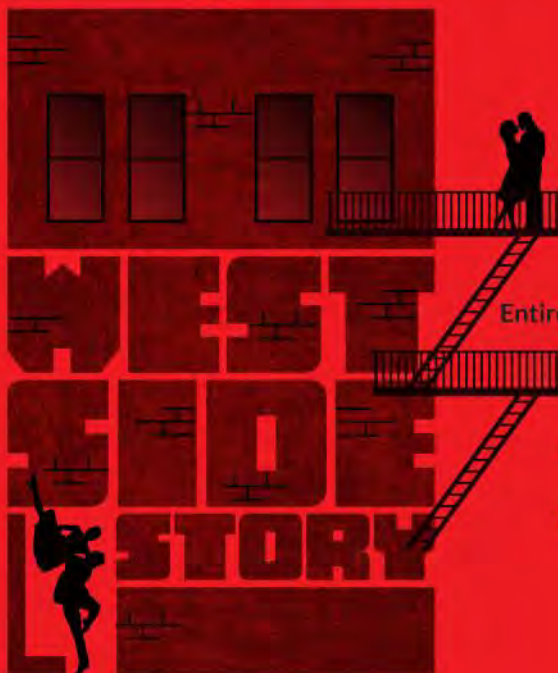
The library really needs our help to continue doing its job – just as surely as that farmer’s horse really needed to be fed.

Rod Britten, Montrose



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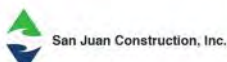
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OURAY GUIDE COMMUNITY PLEDGES ANNUAL FEES TO CITY: GIFT TO HELP OURAY MOVE FORWARD WITH ICE PARK

By Carole Ann McKelvey
Ouray bureau reporter

OURAY-Ouray's guide community has offered to voluntarily pledge a portion of their income to the City of Ouray to move the city forward. In the unusual move by mountain guides in the mountain town, the city will benefit from an estimated \$8 – 9,000 per year.

At the Oct. 16 city council meeting, spokesman Nate Dissen of San Juan Mountain Guides offered the pledge of three percent of area guides' annual income to help the City of Ouray manage the future of city outdoor activities – particularly Ouray Ice Park – beyond the current season of 2017-18.

Dissen told council members and citizens at the meeting that the guide association had decided it would voluntarily self-impose a three percent fee to be directed to the city to use as wished, but hopefully to be applied toward promoting the Ice Park in the future.

"We will present this fee to the City of Ouray as an opportunity to move forward," Dissen said, referring to tensions recently resolved between the Ouray Ice Park Inc. (OIPI) board and the City with an extension of the OIPI operating agreement for the 2017-18 year for the Ice Park.

"We want to help with the future, with planning and preparations," Dissen said, regarding the future of the Ouray Ice Park. "The guiding community is voluntarily imposing on itself a three percent fee to go to the City of Ouray to use as wished. This is an important time for us to step up;

this fee will amount to about \$8 – 9,000 a year."

He said the guiding community would structure the fee as the park service often does, with payment of estimated fees to be

adjusted at the end of the season based on actual income. "The amount could be more," he said. "We want to present it to the City of Ouray as an opportunity. The past is behind us and we are moving forward."

This intervention could be for the Ice Park, possibly to hire a facilitator.

Dissen said it is also possible the fee could also be used to begin an effective "rangering" program. He said the guide community wants to work with the council and the fee donation could be counted on annually.

Councilor Dawn Glanc wondered how the council could budget the item in the annual city budget. She suggested it could be under the Ice Park in the budget, perhaps as a guiding concession fee or a permit fee.

Dissen said it had been decided by local guides that he would collect the fees before the end of the fiscal year and the



Ouray's guide community has pledged a portion of their income to the City of Ouray to help the City manage outdoor activities in future. Courtesy photo.

money would then be transmitted to the city. He noted the fee structure could be informal this year and that this type of structure is an industry norm. Councilor Bette Maurer said the fees should go into the Ice Park Fund in the budget.

Mayor Pam Larson thanked Dissen and the local guiding community on behalf of the city,

"This is very appreciated." She noted the council "is clearly in support of the Ice Park. It is one of the cornerstones of what people expect of Ouray."

She noted the council had agreed to extend the Ice Park long-term "as it benefits everyone."

The city council has been discussing having facilitators work with the council and the OIPI and there may be a fee for this work; there has been discussion of a Region 10 facilitator and an Ouray County commissioner has come forward, saying he is willing to facilitate discussions.



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MONTROSE COUNTY: VOTE YES ON LIBRARY BALLOT ISSUE, VOTE FOR SCHOOL BOARD TOO

Editor:

The League of Women of Montrose County urges you to exercise your right to vote in the November 7 election. Your vote truly makes a difference in local elections!

The League supports Montrose Regional Library District - Ballot Issue 5A. There has not been a mil levy increase since 2004. The property tax increase of 0.85 mil will result in an additional \$6.12 per YEAR on each \$100,000 of valuation on residential property and \$25 per YEAR on each \$100,000 of valuation on commercial property. That is a bargain for the increased hours the library will be open, the materials and services it will provide to Montrose and to rural communities and senior living facilities, and for the overdue maintenance issues that will be handled. The proposed increase will sunset in ten years.

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ONE CITIZEN TURNS OUT FOR CITY BUDGET MEETING

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-On Oct. 18th the City of Montrose held an open house on the proposed 2018 budget.

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg began her presentation, "We don't want people to think we are not listening, or that we are not giving people the opportunity to speak."

Department heads, as well as city councilmembers, were available to answer questions; however, John Broadbooks was the only resident to attend the open house.

By City Charter the budget must be adopted by the end of November.

The total appropriation for the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2018 is \$57,836,928.



City of Montrose Director of Human Relations (HR) Terri Wilcox answers John Broadbooks' questions about the HR budget during the Open House City Budget meeting on Oct. 18. Photo by Gail Marvel.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CURECANTI MEDICAL SOCIETY ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-The Curecanti Medical Society is comprised of Montrose- and Gunnison-area physicians who, as part of the larger Colorado Medical Society, are dedicated to furthering health care access and services. One significant way in which the Curecanti Medical Society achieves its goals at a local level is by offering educational scholarships.

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The funds will be split with \$3M used for street maintenance in 2018 and \$2M in 2019.

However, [the list of street projects prioritized by Public Works](#) is not firm and is subject to change and modification.

At the Sept. 25th budget meeting City Engineer Scott Murphy said, "We'll start with \$ 3million for 2018. T

"he exact projects on the list could change. It will give engineering and streets flexibility to do it the right way."

During city council discussion at the Oct. 16 work session Councilman David Romero was surprised that North Park, which was slated for maintenance in the original 2017 draft budget, had since been removed (See work session report).

City Manager Bill Bell said, "North Park is a \$7 M project."

See photo.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose currently has \$42 M in [Deferred Street Maintenance projects](#). In an effort to begin ad-

ressing the problem, city staff is recommending funding through a public/private partnership with Vectra Bank (direct bank loan) for \$5M.



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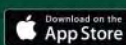
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STORYTELLING TRADITION BUILDS COMMUNITY PRIDE From pg 1

Johnson said.

The tours take about two hours each. "It's getting close to Halloween, and everyone needs to hear these stories in a safe atmosphere," she said.

Also popular is the tour series, "Madams, Murder & Mayhem," which includes locations where madams have set up shop and where murders have taken place in the past. Johnson said she hears more tales herself each time she hosts a tour. "It's amazing how many stories I get before the ghost walks, and afterward," she said, noting that one such tale concerns a location formerly occupied by the local television station.

"I have heard that if you walked away and left your desk messy, you would come back to find it cleaned up."

The tours have drawn listeners as young as 13 as well as retirees, she said. And while they come for a variety of reasons, there is one that seems common to all—the chance to hear the stories behind the stories.

"Anyone can read the plaques," Johnson said. "But who knows the unknown stories?"

In Delta, Chris Miller is the powerhouse behind the re-branding of Delta's [Fort Uncompahgre](#) museum as an interpretive site, [Fort on the Old Spanish Trail](#). Living history and storytelling are tools of the trade, and Miller keeps the pipeline of



Trained historical re-enactors present living history to visitors at Delta's Fort Uncompahgre/Fort on the Old Spanish Trail. Courtesy photo.

volunteers flowing with a constant recruitment process.

"We currently have five volunteer re-enactors," she said.

"They tell stories about the 1830's and 1840's, and meet and greet visitors." Re-enactors are provided with scripts, and take part as well in spring and fall "encampments" with the mountain men from the [Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site](#). "We invite them over to spend some time with our volunteers," Miller said. "They are really into the accoutrements—

the traps, the saddles, the guns! And at Fort Uncompahgre we really focus on the integrity of our living history, and the need to celebrate the cultures that supported the real Fort when it was in operation, from 1828 to 1844—the Utes, the trappers and the Mexican people. "History, heritage and culture are pretty important," Miller said.

"What creates pride in a community? History, sports, kids...and the knowledge that people were living on and using this land long before we got here."



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TEN APPOINTED TO OURAY HOUSING COMMITTEE

By Carole Ann McKelvey
Ouray Bureau Reporter

OURAY-Ten citizens applied for and were named to the Ouray Housing Committee by Ouray's city council on Monday, Oct. 16. The citizens named come from very diverse viewpoints, and will study how short and long-term rentals in the city will be handled with code changes in the future.

The committee is voluntary and their recommendations will be just that, recommendations, with the city council making policy changes as they see fit with the input from the committee.

Appointed to the committee are Ouray citizens: William Hall, Taryn Lee, Dolgio Nergui, Sharon Wild, Michael S. Under-

wood, Bruce M. Gulde, William A. Leo, Jr., Erin Eddy, Thomas Joseph Elliston, and Craig E. Hinkson. Council mayor pro-tem Glenn Boyd moved that all ten applicants who submitted their applications by the deadline of Oct. 9 be approved to serve. Their task, according to the city council, will be to advise the council regarding updates to city codes for short and long-term rentals in the city, taking into account zoning, parking, city services, etc. Councilor Bette Maurer was named as city council liaison for the housing committee; Maurer is also council liaison for the Ouray County Housing Authority. Maurer said the newly-appointed committee will be discussing guidelines, not too restrictive and not too "intense."

The committee meetings on the housing guidelines for Ouray will be open to all Ouray citizens for input, she said. Housing committee meetings will be set up as soon as Maurer determines a time and place. The meetings will be posted on the city's Face book page.

In other city council business on Oct. 16, special events permits were issued for the BPOE Lodge #492 for the Halloween Haunted House Oct. 30-31 and Veterans Bingo on Nov. 12. Council approved a minor subdivision for condominium-ization of 824 Main Street as requested by the owners. The council noted an increase of 3 percent in sales tax revenue for the month of September in 2017 over the same month in 2016.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NUCLEAR CARE PARTNERS CELEBRATES FORMER AEC COMPOUND AND URANIUM WORKERS WITH HONORARY EVENT

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION— Nuclear Care Partners is hosting a National Day of Remembrance Celebration to honor former AEC Compound and uranium workers for the work they did to bolster the country's nuclear defense and keep Americans safe.

All former nuclear and uranium workers, and their families are invited to attend the National Day of Remembrance event free of charge, where they will be recognized for their service to the country. The event will include a speech from Mayor Rick Taggart, an honorary pinning ceremony, flag ceremony, appetizers, and prizes. There will be a dove release ceremony to honor former workers that have passed.

The event will take place on October 30th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Las Colonias Park 925 Struthers Ave. in Grand Junction, CO.

For more information about the event or to RSVP, please call Nuclear Care Partners at [970-628-7098](tel:970-628-7098).

"This ceremony is one of the ways we like to say thank you," said Community Outreach Manager John Kelley "We want former workers to truly feel valued, and we commend them for enhancing our country's security. They sacrificed more than they knew and we are committed to honoring their contributions."

Since 1945, hundreds of thousands of men and women have served in more than 360 nuclear weapons facilities throughout the United States. Collectively they built more than 70,000 nuclear weapons to deter, and if necessary fight, a nuclear war. Many of these workers paid a high price for their service, including developing debilitating and sometimes fatal illnesses due to the exposure to radiation

and toxic chemicals they endured.

Any former worker who attends the ceremony will have the opportunity to be recognized during the honorary pinning ceremony. Those who would like to receive a pin, but not be publicly recognized are welcome to contact Nuclear Care Partners at [970-628-7098](tel:970-628-7098) to request their honorary pin.

About Nuclear Care Partners
Nuclear Care Partners is a home healthcare organization dedicated to providing no-cost, superior in-home care to former atomic workers through commitment, integrity and excellence.

Founded in 2011, Nuclear Care Partners now serves hundreds of individuals in 13 states across the nation.

For more information about Nuclear Care Partners call [970-628-7098](tel:970-628-7098), www.nuclearcarepartners.com.

MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HOSTS PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--On Oct 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Montrose County Sheriff's Office will take part in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The goal of this event is to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Sheriff Rick Dunlap said, "We want to provide a safe, free, and anonymous program for individuals to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs to reduce prescription misuse and abuse. We also want people to get rid of unused and expired medications that could fall into the hands of children." Bring your pills for disposal to the Montrose County Sheriff's Office at 1200

North Grand Avenue in Montrose. Prescription pills, patches and expired over-the-counter medication will be accepted. Liquids, needles or sharps (EpiPens), mercury (thermometers), oxygen containers, chemotherapy/radioactive substances, pressurized canisters, and illicit drugs will not be accepted. This service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

In April 2017, Americans turned in 450 tons of prescription drugs at more than 5,500 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,800 of its state and local law enforcement partners.

Overall, in its 13 previous Take Back events, the DEA and its partners have altogether taken in over 8.1 million pounds—more than 4,000 tons—of pills.

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 28th Take Back Day event, call the Montrose County Sheriff's Office at [970-252-4023](tel:970-252-4023).

OURAY CITY COUNCIL SENDS BOX CAÑON SIGN PLANS TO CITY ATTORNEY FOR AGREEMENT



Box Cañon Falls Park in Ouray is a natural wonder that draws visitors to the mountain town and offers refuge to migratory Black Swifts on the box canyon walls. Courtesy photos.

By Carole Ann McKelvey
Ouray bureau reporter

OURAY—Ouray's city council has agreed to send plans for replacement Box Cañon signage to the city attorney so a volunteer committee can move forward with fund-raising and plans to update the sign — in place since 1908—at the site of the Box Cañon Falls Park. Citizen Glynn Williams asked the council on Monday, Oct. 16, to move forward with a city agreement, so volunteers can take down and refurbish old lettering and begin fund-raising before “serious winter snows” move into the area. Mayor Pam Larson and other council members were in agreement with sending

the request to the city attorney, noting it was time to “get this off the ground,” said Larson.

The goal, Williams said, is to put up new signage in the Spring. The current “BOX CANON” falls sign (35' long by 20' wide) has been in place since the city agreed to allow the local electric company to illuminate arc lights for the sign in 1908. The City of Ouray originally allocated a portion of \$225 to have the sign erected. The historic Box Cañon Falls Park—formed when the rushing waters of Canyon Creek eroded a deep and narrow box canyon through fault weakened limestone—is one of the biggest tourist draws in this small mountain town, and is called Ouray's own “wonder of the world.” The spectacular attraction draws many visitors to the city, and offers short trails that are easily accessible from the southwest corner of the

town. The lower trail, an easy 500-foot hike via a walkway and suspension bridge, leads visitors straight into the belly of the falls on a protected trail. There, roaring water reverberates as the force of thousands of gallons a minute ricochet off a mix of rugged crags and smoothly eroded pre-Cambrian rock, rushing eighty feet to the canyon's bottom. Nearby is the park's visitor center with interpretive exhibits about the geology, wildlife, rare plant life, and history of the area. The native plant loop is a short, level trail near the visitor center where one can enjoy the sights and sounds of the forest.

In 2001, the Box Cañon Falls was designated an important bird watching area by the National Audubon Society, as it supports one of the state's largest populations of Black Swifts, a species protected under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. These birds nest in their preferred habitat— the canyon walls sheltered by overhanging rocks near waterfalls. Important research has been conducted at the Box Cañon Falls on the Black Swifts (*Cypseloides niger*), which are the largest of the swifts migrating to North America. The Black Swift colony typically arrives from Brazil at the Box Cañon Falls in early June and stays through September. Three interpretive trails in the park range from easy to moderately difficult, and though the Visitor's Center closes in November, the trails in Box Cañon remain open throughout the winter, conditions permitting.

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IT'S FREE-RANGE, NON-GMO TURKEY TIME @ MONTROSE NATURAL GROCERS!



Staff at the Montrose Natural Grocers share the spirit of Thanksgiving, with free-range, non-GMO turkeys. The turkeys were recently selected as the most delicious in a taste test conducted by the magazine *Cook's Illustrated*. Order yours today! Mirror staff photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Spending time with loved ones over a delicious meal is a joy no matter what you choose to put on the

Thanksgiving table. Still, if the main course is a free-range, non-GMO Verified turkey from the Natural Grocers in Montrose, be prepared to serve seconds...and maybe

even thirds. Just ask Rhea Flora, manager of the Natural Grocers Market and member of a hungry, local family.

"I have a big family, and my sister-in-law always has Thanksgiving at her house," Flora said. "I always bring the turkey, and it is just plain, no brining or anything special. But I always get asked, 'what did you do with the turkey—it tastes so good!'"

The Natural Grocers' Market also carries a full line of vegetarian and vegan options, Flora noted, so if you or your family eschews meat, you can still put something festive and delicious on the table.

"At Christmas, we always spend a fair amount of money on those we love," Flora said. "Thanksgiving should not be any different. Put on the Ritz for your family, with really healthy and wonderful tasting food."

A recent article in *Cook's Illustrated* underscores the importance of the bird you choose for the table: "A well-tested recipe and the right equipment go a long way toward a better bird, but there's another variable: The turkey itself matters just as much," the article states, and goes on to note that tasters purchased eight turkeys sold through regional and national brands. Of the eight, four turkeys were disappointing both in taste and texture—some too dry, others too damp, and none as

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tasty as expected. Of the other four turkeys, which were deemed "amazingly flavorful, juicy and tender," Cooks' Illustrated examined the feeding, breeding and seasoning that went into raising the excellent birds.

"We found that birds labeled 'vegetarian-fed' and 'antibiotic-free' tended to taste better," the article states. "...Mary's Free-Range Non-GMO Verified Turkey (\$2.69 per pound) jumped to the head of the pack with 'rich,' 'robust turkey flavor' and 'very tender and juicy' meat."

You can even choose to share the rich, robust turkey flavor with those less fortunate; "Last year, we were super excited that our community donated enough money to provide 22 turkeys to local families," Flora said. "Even if you cannot spend a lot, you can put in a dollar or two to share."

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN WITH DRAGONDEER @ THE SHERBOONO!



Dragondeer. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Celebrate Halloween a little early this year, on Friday, Oct. 27th, with Dragondeer and the Sherbino Theater. The tradition of Halloween at the SherBOOno is in full force for 2017, with a costume contest with prizes for first, second, and third place, and psych-blues and soul from Dragondeer. Dragondeer, from Denver, whose reverb drenched take on old-school blues and soul (coupled with inspired improvisation) has the band making fans in roots circles, as well as indie clubs, across America and beyond. Dragondeer has been seen at festivals such as: Telluride Blues & Brews Festival, Nacaru-bi Music Festival, Tour De Fat, South Park Music Festival, SXSW 2014-2015, and has shared the stage with Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats, Shakey Graves, Drive-by Truckers, and more. Music and Halloween celebrations start when doors open at 7:30pm on Oct. 27. Dragondeer will start around 8pm. Get your tickets in advance for \$15 at www.sherbino.org. Tickets are \$20 at the door.



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COLORADO SEEDLING TREE PROGRAM – NOW ACCEPTING ORDERS FOR 2018

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REGIONAL-Winter is coming, but spring will follow closely behind, and with spring comes the desire to start planting. What better way to prepare for spring than by pre-ordering your seedling trees!

Once again, CSU Tri River Area Extension, in cooperation with the Colorado State Forest Service, is taking orders for seedling trees used for conservation purposes. There is no acreage restriction to purchase

the seedling trees in Mesa, Delta, Montrose, and Ouray Counties. The program offers over 30 varieties of trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses, and perennials that attract pollinators. These can be ordered now through spring. Delivery will be set for early May.

Seedlings can be ordered in several different sizes and quantities including Bare-root, Large Tube and Extra Large Potted. This is a statewide program, so

order early as inventories will run out as the program progresses through the year. For specific species questions contact CSFS (970) 249-9051 (Montrose & Ouray) (970) 248-7325 (Delta and Mesa) or Horticulture Agent Susan Carter at 970-244-1850, San.Carter@colostate.edu

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CITIZENS SOUGHT TO SERVE ON CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MONTROSE-Citizens interested in taking on an important role in local government have the opportunity to apply for two vacant positions on the City of Montrose Planning Commission, as well as two openings for alternates.

The Planning Commission reviews planning, zoning, subdivision, land use, and development requests and makes recommendations to City Council; promotes public interest and education in land use and development matters; and participates in the process for updating the city's Comprehensive Plan.

Planning Commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month beginning at 5 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

To be eligible to serve on the Planning Commission, citizens must reside within the city limits and be eligible to register to vote. Commissioners are appointed for four-year terms.

Residents interested in applying are invited to submit an application and letter of interest to the City Clerk. Applications are available at City Hall, [433 S. First Street](#), at CityofMontrose.com, or by calling [970-240-1422](tel:970-240-1422).

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ARTBAR: PATTERNED GIFTS & PINOT NOIR WITH KELLIE DAY

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Weehawken Creative Arts invites you to Join local mixed media artist Kellie Day in making a whimsical holiday gift for someone you love (with patterns!) at their monthly ArtBAR offering at the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway. Kellie says "Patterns give the eye a place to rest in a painting, something to make sense of. Anything can have a pattern – fish scales, flowers vases, coffee cups and tree trunks. In this class we'll learn to create patterns with paint, stamps, stencils, type and more." Create your own sheets of patterns and then Kellie will guide you in creating gorgeous little paintings on canvases with your patterns. Take home your own work of art as a finished painting!

At Weehawken and Sherbino's ARTbar,

the goal is to provide a positive, creative outlet in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. The hope is to inspire the community to discover their imaginative side and cross the bar into other dimensions of creativity.

Golden Art Educator Kellie Day will be teaching this class. Though an accomplished artist, Day started painting seriously when she was 40. Her artistic medium is mixed-media on canvas. "I love losing myself in collage, and then sketching an image on top, and then painting over that. I take out all my energy with large, cheap paint brushes or rubber squeegees, and move acrylic paint across my many layers," said Day. "I like how my collage always ends up peeking through the painting. You never know what you might

find. It could be a sufi poem, or a saucy romance novel."

"ArtBAR: Patterned Gifts & Pinot Noir" with Kellie Day will be offered on Nov. 14 from 6 to 8:30 pm. The cost for this evening event is \$45 and includes all materials and a beer or wine from the bar. Students are encouraged to register in advance through Weehawken Creative Arts at www.weehawkenarts.org (adult arts classes tab) or by calling Weehawken at [970.318.0150](tel:970.318.0150). A minimum number of students must be met in order to guarantee the class, so interested students are encouraged to register several days in advance.

More details are available at www.weehawkenarts.org or [facebook.com/weehawkenarts](https://www.facebook.com/weehawkenarts).



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

UTAH POET TRISH HOPKINSON TO BE FEATURED AT OPEN BARD



Utah poet Trish Hopkins.
Courtesy photo.

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RIDGWAY-Provo, Utah poet Trish Hopkins will be the featured poet at Open Bard at the Sherbino in Ridgway, Thursday evening, Nov. 2.

Trish Hopkins's new chapbook *Footnote*, was published by Lithic Press in 2017. Her poems have also been published by several anthologies and journals, including *Stirring*, *Pretty Owl*, and *The Penn Review*.

Of the sometimes-humorous, sometimes-serious poems in *Footnote*, one reviewer states: "This collection is obsessed with the miracle of words and the mouths that say them, the bodies that carry them out and back in, delicious. Hopkins understands that the best conversation is a transformation in which the words one has inherited are reinvented."

Trish Hopkins is co-founder of the Rock Canyon Poets, a regional poetry group, and edits the group's annual poetry anthology, *Orogeny*. She also maintains a blog site in which she shares information about writing, publishing and participating in the greater poetry community at trishhopkinson.com.

Doors at the Sherbino open at 6 p.m. and the featured reading begins at 6:30 p.m.. After the intermission, an Open Mic will follow at which audience members may sign up to read their own poems.

Admission is \$5 and students and teachers are free. Bard Cards, which provide admission to Open Bard's 2017-18 season of readings, are available for purchase for \$20. As always come early to get a good seat and to sign up to read.

RIDGWAY AUTHOR KIERSTEN BRIDGER TAKES TOP HONORS @ 2017 WILLA LITERARY AWARDS FOR POETRY BOOK

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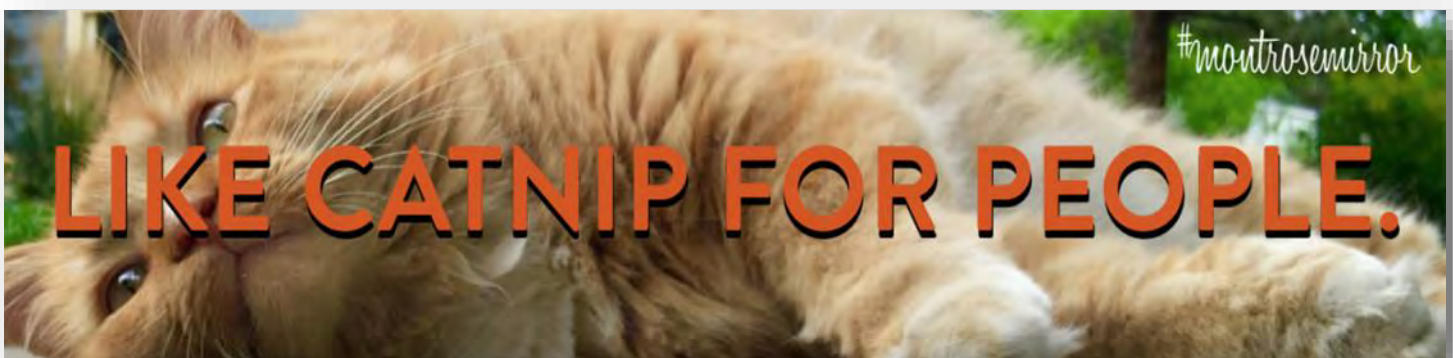
DENVER-Women Writing the West (WWW) is proud to announce the 2017 WILLA Literary Award Winners and Finalists, representing the best of 2016 published literature for women's or girl's stories set in the American West. Local writer

Kierstin Bridger's book of poetry, *Demimonde* (Lithic Press) took top honors in the poetry competition. WWW is the underwriter and annual presenter of this nationally recognized award.

Chosen by professional librarians, historians, and university affiliated educators, the winning authors and their books will be honored in Tucson, Arizona, Oct. 26-28, 2017, during the 23rd Annual Conference.



Ridgway writer
Kiersten Bridger.
Courtesy photo.





NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

LISTENING TO THE *MESSA DA REQUIEM* BY GIUSEPPE VERDI...

The operas of Giuseppe Verdi are known for high drama, massive orchestration, and exceptional use of the human voice in group and solo formats. The *Messa da Requiem* from 1874 is no exception. It is quite clear that Verdi approached this work as he would an opera, placing high importance on vocal virtuosity and musical drama and tension.

Composed in memory of and with respect for the poet Alessandro Manzoni, this piece was written by Verdi because of the high esteem in which he held Manzoni and because he felt that a requiem mass was the best way to honor this greatly admired man.

As mentioned in the introductory article on the topic of Requiems, the message and meaning of the written text will be given less focus than the structure and overall sound of each work.

This is the approach that Verdi took and he used the liturgical text as he would a libretto for an opera, a guideline upon which to base the choral and orchestral music. Creating one dynamic whole instead of making the text the main focus of the composition suited Verdi, as he was a known Agnostic and very likely a full-blown Atheist. His religion was music, and composition and the text were merely

words to build on. This is a massive piece of music that often uses a chorus of 120 and an orchestra of 100. Four soloists are also part of the composition and are used together with the chorus and in solo parts, which bring out the depth and meaning of the text. The solo parts are for a soprano, mezzo-soprano, tenor, and bass. Nineteen individual tracks cover the six main parts of the requiem that are as follows: *Requiem e Kyrie*, *Offertorio*, *Sanc-tus*, *Agnus Dei*, *Lux aeternam*, *Libera me-Dies irae*.

The *Requiem*, Op.48 by Gabriel Faure that was discussed last week came at the listener in a subtle manner that offered no surprises and no whiplash effect in terms of changes in tempo, volume, and tonal structure of the music.

This is not the case with Giuseppe Verdi, as the ups and downs of the piece offer a rollercoaster ride for the listener who will spend the best part of 90 minutes being taken on a musical journey that knocks loudly at death's door. This is not a reflection on death, but a musical tirade against the injustice of death.

Verdi does not part ways with opera in this piece and offers up enough musical drama and vocal virtuosity that it stands on its own when compared to his opera



masterpieces. As with all of Verdi's compositions, the music and the way in which it is orchestrated is a character in and of itself and without it the message of the piece, despite the depth of the liturgical text, would fall flat on its face.

The YouTube clip that was provided at the end of the article on Oct. 9, 2017 should give the reader and listener a good idea what this piece looks like on the stage and sounds like as a musical composition.

A listening guide simply would not do this piece justice and would likely place the reader in a fugue state of indifference before it could be concluded.



Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Gunnison Arts Center hosts poetry fest

HEADWATERS POETRY ... It was great to hang out in Gunny with old and new poet friends. Poetry is a niche art form. Not quite commercialized. But it has its share of diehard practitioners. And on the Western Slope we mostly know each other ... Aaron Abeyta, award-winning poet extraordinaire, Adams State prof and mayor of Antonito in the southern end of the San Luis Valley, gave the keynote. It was a great story about how coaching football and inspiring his kids to believe in themselves has been perhaps his most satisfying accomplishment. His poems often come in the form of letters, and the one he read at the festival was poignant and touching. He takes us deep into the indigenous culture of Hispanics who've lived in Colorado since the 1500s – far longer than most Euro-American immigrants ... David J. Rothman runs the fest, and he's a wunderkind, a whirling dervish of energy – marvelous performance poet, excellent critic, gifted teacher, and writer of some note. He's Colorado Public Radio's in-house poet, and he runs a low-residency Masters in Literature program at Western State Colorado University ... But one poet I didn't know and relished meeting was Len Germinara. Formerly of Nantucket, he's followed his marine biologist wife out to Colorado and is making gentle poetry waves out here in the Rockies. Dr. Sarah Oktay is Turkish-American, and we had a good time sharing stories, as I have in-laws in Adana ... And while the audiences were slim, a couple panels were fascinating. In one I got to learn more about a Colorado poetry star who'd fallen into obscurity, in spite of fine work and some renown in her own day, Belle Turnbull. Rothman has been instrumental in bringing her back into Colorado's public awareness with a new book he's co-edited, *Belle Turnbull: On the Life & Work of an American Master* (Pleiades Press, Missouri, 2017) ... The other panel was a Bohmian dialogue about the late Jack Mueller's "essay in open form" – *The Gate*. A wildly chaotic piece that leaps all over the mind as well

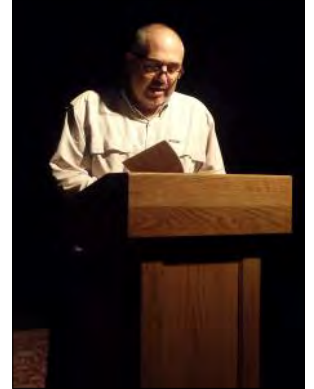
as the page, it was illuminating sorting through its starting stanzas from many different perspectives ... It looks as if Rothman is committed to mid-October 2018 for Headwaters' fourth annual poetry fest. If poetry turns you on, you might put that on your calendar.

IDIO- ... A prefix used in combined words (the old Anglo-Saxon kennings) meaning "distinct," "private," "personal," "one's own" as in *idiotype* or *idiosyncratic*.

IDIOPATRIOTIC ... We expect earthquakes & aftershocks, where the land mass the North meets the continent of the South, not far from the Pacific's shifting rim ... Can you swim? Can a nation-state? ... We're prepped for locker-room banter as they hose down the warheads at the world Nickelodeon. Got to keep it clean ... How can it be -- bullies, bluffers, liars & cheats in control? ... How close are we? ... France's Macron wants a stronger Eurozone, a unified budget, standing troops & a single finance minister ... "Follow the money!" ... China starts fortifying atolls in the South China Sea. Keeps a bad cop Rocket Man in her vest pocket ... Homeboy Aaron Hernandez of the Massachusetts

Patriots -- dead at 27 -- of drugs, guns, a \$40 million contract & chronic traumatic encephalopathy ... Should we kneel to the flag? Or sing its songs? ... McRedeye sez he never says "under God" when he pledges allegiance "cuz my God don't go by that name" ... Hand over heart, hat off, or bent to the ground on one knee, God bless us all who believe in a land of the free & are unafraid to stand our ground in a stadium of red flags ... Budada sez, All power to the paradox

NOT A EUROCENTRIC MONOPOLY ... The recent dating discovery that cave art in



Aaron Abeyta at the third annual Headwaters Poetry Festival in Gunnison; Len Germinara reading his work (photos by Art Goodtimes).

Sulawesi in Indonesia closely matches dates for cave art in France's Chauvet and Spain's Altamira has changed anthropologists' perceptions on the beginnings of culture ... Art has long been considered an indicator of cultural sophistication associated with our species. In light of the new discoveries, new hypotheses are being developed suggesting that hunter/gatherer cultures coming out of Africa may have brought naturalistic animal images and hand stencils with them as part of their cultural tool kits ... As Jo Marchant wrote in the *Smithsonian* (Jan 16), "The eminent French pre-historian Jean Clottes ... feels ... far from being a late development ... wherever you find humans ... you'll find art."

WEEKLY QUOTA ... "The best way to capture carbon biologically is by enhancing photosynthesis and carbon sequestration in organic matter. A feasible and cost-effective approach to carbon sequestration is restoring the massive carbon sink in degraded grassland soils. The potential of grasslands to sequester carbon as organic matter in the soil has probably been underestimated. Most of the world's grasslands have been degraded through cultivation and soil erosion or by poor livestock management and overgrazing. Properly planned grazing on degraded grasslands worldwide has the potential to make new

Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

new soil and remove huge amounts of carbon from the atmosphere.” –Daryll Meyer (*Scientific American*, May 2016, p. 6)

KOKANEE SPAWNING ... My son got in the annual salmon run in the upper reaches of the Dolores River last week. So amazing to have salmon this high in the Rockies ... According to fish experts, Kokanee are a healthier fish because they are not predators, and therefore don't accumulate mercury like crawdads, trout, and bass. They utilize the middle lake habitat, live away from the shoreline and predators, and feed on phytoplankton.

THE TALKING GOURD

Proposal

I say to her
in passing

It might be good if
I take a year off

Get my manuscript together

You know

Concentrate
Adding
Of course, I might be wrong

-Len Germinara



RIDGWAY MOONWALK

**Saturday
November 4
6pm-9pm**

**Sherbino
Theater**
604 Clinton Street
Downtown Ridgway

FILMFEST MOONWALK

An evening of juried independent short films...

...featuring Colorado filmmakers and/or Colorado themes

Filmmakers will be present to discuss their work & answer questions.

For details go to RidgwayCreativeDistrict.com/calendar



A Halloween-themed poster for a party. The background is dark blue with a large full moon. In the center is a silhouette of a haunted house with a broomstick and a jack-o'-lantern in front. There are also silhouettes of bats, ghosts, and a tree. The text is arranged around these elements.

Free
Costume Contest
Prizes for stupidest costumes

Benefit for Sharing Ministries Food Bank
Turn of the Century Saloon
121 N. 4th St., Montrose, CO

28TH
OCTOBER
7:30

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HALLOWEEN
PARTY

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Carole Ann McKelvey, Food Editor



**MI
MEXICO**

MONTROSE—For a girl who moved here from New Mexico, it's important to discover great Mexican food.

Yum, what's not to love with great margaritas? Mi Mexico in Montrose (and Grand Junction/Colorado Springs) is a popular choice for many locals – transplanted or not – who love the zip and spice of Mexican food. It's also one of my favorites.

On a recent evening my friend and I joined another ex-Albuquerque resident (“Querque”) for some dejavu. My friend

and I shared the house special, the Ultimate Margarita (Silver coin) – if you share it's about 1 ½ drinks each. No salt please! Our friend, just water tonight.

This night's special was a ginormous burrito ordered by our friend, Burrito al Pastor – a flour tortilla filled with chopped grilled marinated pork loin, rice, whole beans smothered with special pork green chile, topped with Monterrey Jack cheese and sprinkled with pico de gallo – he had to take at least half home.

Michael, typically, had a giant bowl of beautiful (and wonderful) Sopa de Camaron (a delicious homemade prawns soup. Made with prawns broth with chunks of potatoes, carrots, and zucchini. Served

with onions, tomatoes, cilantro, avocados, and lime on the side.) It was enough for a full dinner and then some. He also tried to share my choice, an avocado tostado – a crispy corn tortilla topped with re-fried beans, choice of chicken or beef, lettuce tomato, cheese, sour cream, avocado slices and a mild sauce – but to no avail. We were absolutely stuffed. He had it for dinner the next night while I worked. Usually we would have a lovely flan for dessert with a luscious caramel sauce. Not tonight!

Mi Mexico is located at 1706 East Main Street, Montrose, CO 81401, 970-252-1000. Business hours are Mon – Thu, 11 am - 10 pm; Fri – Sat, 11 am - 11 pm; Sunday, 11 am - 10 pm.

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Weehawken Fall Programs



October 14: The Business of Art: How to Grow Your Business Online with John Clark in Ridgway

October 16: The Hobbit Youth Musical Theater 5 Week Program Begins in Ridgway



October 23: ARTbar: Culinary & Cocktails with Amie Minnick at Provisions in Ridgway

November 4: Intro to Line Drawing with John Mitchell in Montrose



November 4 & 5: Introduction to Silversmithing with Tracey Belt in Ridgway

November 11: Watercolor & Value: Creating a Mood Painting Workshop with Peggy Morgan Stenmark



November 18: Kiln-formed Glass Ornament Design and Production with Diane Quarles in Montrose

December 2: Beyond Paint: Acrylic Art Techniques with Kellie Day in Ridgway



February 3: Contemporary Mosaic Art with Carol Newman in Ridgway

Plus....mark your calendars!

December 2: Gingerbread House Workshops in Ridgway

December 9 & 10: The Nutcracker Performance at Montrose Pavilion

MIRROR IMAGES...DRIVE-THROUGH FLU FIGHTERS!



Mirror Staff Photos

MONTROSE-On Oct. 18, Montrose County, Montrose Memorial Hospital, and the City of Montrose partnered to donate and administer flu vaccinations to county residents at Riverbottom Park (pictured) and at the Montrose Pavilion. 1,000 free flu vaccines were administered by City Market pharmacists.

THANK YOU FOR READING.



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Hold the Date! Upcoming Business & Cultural Events

ONGOING-

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 3rd Thursday of the month. Meeting location - Red Cross Training Center, 5th 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.

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

MONTHLY-

Oct. 22-24-The Friends of the Library will conduct a used book sale Sunday, Oct 22, through Tuesday, Oct 24, in the Montrose Library Meeting Room. Hours Sunday are noon to 5 p.m. (FOL members only 12-2:30 p.m.; you can join at the sale) and Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Tuesday 4 to 6 p.m. customers can fill a reusable bag with books for \$5. Information, 240-6028.

Oct. 24-On Tuesday, Oct. 24th, Columbine Middle School 8th grade students will be presenting the Weed Warrior PBL (Problem Based Learning) to a panel at The Pavilion. Students will present to members of the community from 10:30 am - 12:10 pm and then again from 1:40 pm - 3:10 pm. This PBL will be focused on how we can educate the public about invasive species in our area.

Oct. 24- 6 p.m. Montrose County presents information on Public Safety Sales Tax and Road & Bridge Sales and Use Tax. 6 p.m. in the County boardroom.

Oct. 27 & 28-Montrose Regional Library presents Final Exam, An Escape Room Game, for adults only. Sessions @ 4, 6 & 8 p.m. Work with a team of six players to solve clues and escape locked room before deranged former student returns. Free admission. For reservations call 970-314-3344.

Oct. 27-Dragondeer performs @ Ridgway's Sherbino Theater. Music and Halloween celebrations start when doors open at 7:30pm on Oct. 27. Dragondeer will start around 8pm. Get your tickets in advance for \$15 at www.sherbino.org. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

Oct. 28-The Montrose County Republican Party is hosting its annual fundraiser Lincoln-Reagan Dinner and Auction Saturday, Oct. 28th at the Montrose Holiday Inn Express. Cocktails begin at 6pm and Dinner at 7pm. The Cowboy and the Rose Catering. Guest speaker is Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 from DeVinny Jewelers, Sooolutions, or on-line at EventBrite. For more information: www.montrosegop.org email: montrosegop@gmail.com.

Oct. 28-31st Annual Stupid Band Halloween Dance. Turn of the Century Saloon, 7:30 p.m. Free admission with two non-perishable food items.

Oct. 30-A *Return to Grace Luther's Life and Legacy* will have a one-time showing presented by Living Word Lutheran Church and Preschool at the San Juan Cinema on Monday, Oct. 30th, 2017 at 5 PM. Important: All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at a special website set up for the screening <http://luthermovie.link/montrose>.

Oct. 30-All former nuclear and uranium workers, and their families are invited to attend the National Day of Remembrance event free of charge, where they will be recognized for their service to the country. The event will include a speech from Mayor Rick Taggart, an honorary pinning ceremony, flag ceremony, appetizers, and prizes. There will be a dove release ceremony to honor former workers that have passed. The event will take place on Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Las Colonias Park, 925 Struthers Ave. in Grand Junction, CO. For more information about the event or to RSVP, please call Nuclear Care Partners at [970-628-7098](tel:970-628-7098).

Nov. 3-Elevate Fiber Brew Info Night, Brew & Boogie Club @ Black Canyon Golf Course. 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Nov. 4- San Juan Healthcare Foundation Gala at the Montrose Pavilion, featuring the Jersey Tenors in "A Night to Remember." VIP Reception 5:30 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m. [For tickets click here.](#)

Nov. 4-Ridgway Moonwalk Film Festival, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway (604 Clinton Street).

Nov. 6— Montrose Giving Club at the Bridges of Montrose, 5:30 p.m. Quarterly Giving Club meetings for 2017 are scheduled for Feb. 6, May 1, Aug. 7, and Nov. 6, and are open and inclusive to all. For more information contact Hansen @ sue@suehansenspeaks.com or Benziger @ phebenator@hotmail.com.

Nov. 6-Steve Metheny, Power Supply Manager at DMEA, Delta Montrose Electric Association, will speak at the next meeting of Citizens' Climate Lobby on Monday, Nov. 6th at 4 pm at DMEA which is located at [11925 6300 Rd. north of Montrose off of Route 550 \(970-249-4572\)](http://11925-6300-Rd-north-of-Montrose-off-of-Route-550-970-249-4572). Steve will begin by giving us a tour of the Community's Solar Array and Solar Gardens. Then he will talk for 30 minutes about the work that DMEA is doing with renewable energy and update us on the latest with Tri-State. All interested are welcome. Monday Nov. 6, 6:30 pm following DMEA tour. Citizens' Climate Lobby will have their monthly meeting at 6:30 Centennial rm behind Montrose City Hall off plaza. all welcome.

Nov. 17-The Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club's annual Crab Crack event is back for the third year. On Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion, indulge in an all you can eat crab and shrimp menu with all the fixings. Music by Jedi George, a beer/wine tasting garden, and more. Raffle tickets are still available by e-mailing Bud Taylor at btaylor@bcbgc.org, texting tickets to 970-209-6814, or by calling 970-249-5168. For Crab Crack ticket and sponsorship information, please visit www.bcbgc.org/tickets.

Nov. 18-San Juan Weavers Guild 40th anniversary show & sale will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Holiday Inn Express, 1391 S. Townsend Ave. in Montrose (next to Safeway). Admission is free.

Nov. 24-25-43rd Annual Basement Boutique Craft Show @ the Montrose Pavilion. Locally handcrafted gifts for all ages! 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Dec. 27-7:30 p.m. - JOHN DENVER TRIBUTE with John Adams Band at the Wright Opera House. Each John Denver song is performed effortlessly as audience members can relax and reminisce about an age long gone. Presented by the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild and the Wright Opera House. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 at www.ocpag.org.

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