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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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'MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THE COMMUNITY ON THIS ONE' BOCC, MMHI REFINANCE 2003 HOSPITAL BONDS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The mood was one of celebration when the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) met for [the regular meeting of Dec. 20](#). BOCC Chair Keith Caddy welcomed all and thanked everyone for attending the final meeting of 2017; "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

Speaking during the time for public comment was Lesley Hallenborg, who thanked commissioners and Airport Manager Lloyd Arnold for placing new recycling bins at the Montrose Regional Airport. "They really classed up the joint...I appreciate that; keep up the good work."

Joy Long also spoke, concerning erosion issues on land she has owned for more than 50 years that is located northeast of Montrose Regional Airport. After seeing a newspaper article on erosion problems at the Airport, Long decided to address her own concerns as a property owner.

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Montrose County Commissioner Glen Davis reads Resolution 55-2017 prior to its approval by the BOCC at the final meeting of 2017 on Dec. 20.

RIDGWAY SCHOOLS SUFFER DATA BREACH BY STUDENT



Ridgway Schools recently found a data breach dating to Feb. 2017. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

RIDGWAY-A data breach by a student at the Ridgway Schools has resulted in a letter home to parents, students and staff, as well as a forensic investigation, according to a letter sent out by Ridgway Schools Superintendent Steven Smith on Monday, Dec. 18.

"Approximately two weeks ago we discovered that our district's information system and server data had been compromised," Smith wrote. "Once known, we contacted the Ridgway Marshal's department. Marshal Stroup enlisted the aid of the electronics crime division of the Montrose Police Department, and a forensic investigation on our entire computer system began."

Smith went on to note that, "findings revealed that in February of 2017, a student discovered a flaw in one of our security

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During Call for Public Comment at the Dec. 19 city council meeting Colorado AmeriCorps Representative Arianna Sherman introduced herself to council and gave a brief overview of the Community Opioid Response Program (CORP). Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Call for Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

Colorado AmeriCorps Representative Arianna Sherman, who covers Delta, Montrose, Ouray and Telluride, introduced herself to council and gave a brief overview of the Community Opioid Response Program (CORP). "My main goal is public awareness. I'm looking at prevention, not intervention or treatment." Specific areas of prevention are safe waste disposal, youth-focused education, and provider education.

Olathe Mayor Rob Smith publicly announced his candidacy for Montrose County Commissioner. This will be Smith's second attempt at the District II seat which is currently held by Montrose County Commissioner Glen Davis. Unaware of any other candidates Smith said, "I'm getting positive feedback and I feel good about it."

Stepping out of his role as an elected official, Councilman Dave Bowman left the

dais and donned his concert-promoter hat, "I'm wearing the hat of the Montrose Summer Music Series. I want to say thank you for providing four wonderful events for Montrose in 2017...we'll make it five in 2018." Bowman presented council with a token of his appreciation.

Amended Ordinance 2440 (second reading) – Finance Director Shani Wittenberg.

The first reading of Ordinance # 2440 was held on Dec. 5. This second reading amended the ordinance for costs associated with the public infrastructure for the Colorado Outdoors project. As stated in the council packet, "[The] budget needs to be increased by \$250,000 from the first reading to second reading due to an order for water/sewer pipe that will be delivered in 2017 rather than 2018."

Councilman Roy Anderson wanted it clarified that this is a shift of funds from the 2018 budget to the 2017 budget, not an increase in funding. Approved unanimously.

While the amended ordinance shifted

\$250,000 to the 2017 budget, the funding also remains listed in the 2018 budget. In a phone conversation Wittenberg clarified, "Yes, it is in the 2018 budget, but the project total stays the same. They [Public Works] cannot spend the same money twice."

Intergovernmental Agreement – City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo.

This intergovernmental agreement is between the City of Montrose and Montrose County for the Mail Ballot Municipal Election on April 3, 2018. DelPiccolo said, "The cost for the election is not to exceed \$25,000." Approved unanimously.

Staff Reports:

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

Total Sales and Use Tax collected YTD \$13,673,720; Montrose Recreation District (0.3%) YTD collected \$1,367,618; Retail Enhancement Program collected YTD \$264,786.

Public Information Report – City Manager Bill Bell

Bell reported on the Santa's Cabin schedule.

Commander Blaine Hall reported on the 21st Citizen's Police Academy which begins Jan. 8th, 6:30 -8:30 p.m. Hall said, "Participants get to know the police department better, particularly to know the officers. We hope to get a big turnout. We will take one and all. They just need to pick up an application." Those interested in attending the nine-week academy can call 970-252-5200.

City Council Comments:

Councilman Dave Bowman congratulated Rotary Club for their fundraising efforts, "They are off and running for the stage at the amphitheater that will be built in 2019." Councilmembers extended Christmas wishes to citizens and expressed appreciation for the Christmas lights displayed in the community.



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"...It's turning my land into swamp," she said. "I have snakes coming into my home...this year I have probably killed about 30 snakes out in the yard before they could get in my house. I have salamanders; the water has backed up approximately 50 feet from my home."

The home is on an incline, or water would be entering it as well, she noted. "But it's starting to seep underneath the house and into the basement and my house is starting to sink." Inviting County officials to come and observe the impacts, "Put on your hip boots and come out," Long said.

Commissioners unanimously approved the consent agenda before moving forward with General Business Item No. 1, Resolution No. 55-2017. County Attorney Marti Whitmore said, "...this is a proposed resolution approving the refinancing of the 2003 bonds that were issued by MMHI for the hospital.

"The County is currently an obligor of those bonds," she said, "and this transaction will refinance the debt, will take the mortgage off all the county-owned real estate, and will remove that debt from the financial statements of the County." The transaction will also save the hospital \$500K per year in interest payments, Whitmore said.

"The County will not be guaranteeing this loan...the collateral is essentially the lease hold interest."

Montrose Memorial Hospital Chief Financial Officer Larry Dupper addressed the BOCC; "This is a great day forward," Dupper said. "And another major step in working together to keep health care costs as low as possible for our communi-

ty, so I am very excited about it. Thank you very much."

Said BOCC Chair Keith Caddy, "...We are so pleased to get to this point this year...I am just very happy for the community as well as for the County's interests, which we have to make sure that we watch out for."

Commissioner Roger Rash called the resolution a win-win. "...Merry Christmas to the community on this one." Commissioner Glen Davis noted that resolving large, ongoing lawsuits had been a priority since he was first elected to serve. "Suffice it say that between these two lawsuits there was millions and millions and millions of dollars in attorneys' fees...this is fantastic. Great Christmas present."

Davis read the resolution before adoption was unanimously approved.

Commissioners also unanimously approved Resolution 56-2017, repealing a previous resolution (37-2014) concerning hospital financial matters; award of the County's 2018 gravel crushing contract (\$437,795) to low bidder Western Gravel of Montrose; and Resolution No. 57-2017 to acquire an access easement from Kyle Schmitz for the Shavano Gravel Pit.

Four contracts were approved for Montrose Regional Airport: an in-terminal ground transportation agreement for Counter #1 to Wilson Peak Limo, LLC d/b/a Mountain Limo; an in-terminal ground transportation agreement for Counter #2 to CO West Transportation on behalf of its subsidiary San Miguel Ventures LLC d/b/a Telluride Express; Resolution 58-2017 awarding purchase of the Hangar Property at 1360 Airport Road to high-bidder Atlantic Aviation-Montrose LLC for \$200K; and



Montrose Memorial Hospital Chief Financial Officer Larry Dupper listens as Commissioners discuss Resolution 55-2017. "This is a great day forward," Dupper told the BOCC.

an addendum to the on-airport rental car concession agreement with Budget Rent a Car system to relocate the ready return parking area.

Commissioners also [approved 15 appointments](#) to County boards.

In other business, the BOCC held a public hearing and unanimously approved Resolution 59-2017, vacating a 0.2 mile-portion of public right-of-way on Maple Grove Road; unanimously approved a final plat for the Eagle Heights Subdivision; and a proposal to divide the 9.109 acres into two lots for the Easy Living Minor Subdivision.

BOCC Chair Caddy wished everyone a very Merry Christmas, "Please enjoy the rest of the Holiday Season!"

Commissioner Rash thanked attorney Marti Whitmore and all County staff. "I'd like to thank our staff. We have one of the best staffs in the State of Colorado...the state of our County is in very good shape, it's in very good hands...they are the ones who make this all happen.

"Thank you very much."



MONTROSE ELKS LODGE: ELK TRACKS!



USS America 2017 Sailors with girls. Courtesy photo.

Montrose Elks Lodge

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

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Based on attendance, *last Game 8 will most likely be more than \$150.*

Stop on by, relax, and have some good old fashioned fun playing Bingo at the Elks Lodge. Join us every Tuesday night at 6:30 at Montrose Elks Lodge, 801 So Hillcrest to play Bingo. It's a wonderful way to spend the evening having fun! (*Funds raised support charitable causes*)

Operation Holiday Joy 2017

Merry Christmas from the Crash Team of the USS America to Western Slope BPO Elks, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and Disabled American Veter-

ans.

Crash Team sailors received 22 boxes of Holiday gifts from the Western Slope veteran groups and a sheet signed by Elks in December 2017. A Montrose middle school class Pen Pal program endures past the holidays by writing to Crash Team members on the USS America.

The USS America conducted search and rescue operations on Aug. 21, 2017 when the USS John S. McCain, a guided-missile destroyer, was involved in a collision with an oil tanker east of Singapore resulting in the deaths of 10 US Navy sailors and damage to its port side aft (left rear).



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

ACKNOWLEDGING, SHARING SUCCESS OF TELLURIDE INSTITUTE'S FIRST UTE YOUTH SKI DAY

Dear Editor:

Saturday the 16th was the Telluride Institute's first Ute Youth Ski Day. The community hosted high school-, middle school- and elementary school-ers from Towaoc, along with their chaperones, for a day of skiing and snowboarding instruction on the Mountain.

First, on behalf of the Institute's Ute Reconciliation program, thanks to Manuel and Marie Heart for suggesting we do this, and then K'ia Whiteskunk, Harold Cuthair, Bernadette Cuthair and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe for accepting our invitation.

Gratitude for making it happen on our end to Audrey Marnoy of the Institute; Bill Jensen, Ryan Donhal, Noah Sheedy and Frank Martinez of Telluride Ski & Golf Company; Nathan Frerichs and Dennis Reber of Telluride Sports; Pastor Patrick N. Bailey, Debbie Bailey and the congregation of Christ Presbyterian Church; the San Miguel County Board of Commissioners; Durfee Day; and finally Lucas Price, Zander Ehlers and Lupita Esquivel of La Cocina de Luz.

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protocols... the student acquired the administrative and student passwords which are required to access the district's administrative files and the Google accounts which our students and staff use for academic work and school based email. This student then shared those passwords with three other students." Smith noted the district has taken corrective action, freezing student accounts and changing passwords.

"To date, our technology department has taken all steps to resecure our system for both students and staff." The Ridgway Marshall's Office verified that a data breach had occurred, and that law enforcement is involved. "We did report on an incident," said Ridgway Deputy Shane Schmalz. "There was a data breach; the matter is still under investigation."

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BANK OF COLORADO TO PAY SPECIAL BONUS

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-Bank of Colorado is paying a special bonus of \$1,000 to each full-time associate to share the benefit of the tax cut passed by Congress last week. President of Bank of Colorado, Shawn Osthoff said, "We feel strongly that the message should be loud and clear that this is a tax cut that will benefit all Americans." Bank of Colorado has 641 associates in Colorado and New Mexico. Customers will also benefit from the tax cut as Bank of Colorado has raised interest rates on its Money Market accounts. For more information, visit www.bankofcolorado.com.

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS FIZZLE FOR 656 IMPAIRED DRIVERS

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-With holiday parties and seasonal celebrations in full swing, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and statewide law enforcement agencies completed heightened DUI patrols from Dec. 1-11 as part of *The Heat Is On* campaign. During the 10-day enforcement period, officers arrested 656 impaired drivers — an increase from the 568 arrests during the same enforcement period last year. “There’s no excuse these days for driving impaired, and it’s shocking that we’re still seeing these numbers,” said Darrell Lingk, Director of the Office of Transportation Safety at CDOT. “Every time someone chooses to drive impaired, they are putting everyone on the road at risk. Impaired driving is a major issue CDOT will continue to address to help curb Colorado’s traffic fatalities.”

According to preliminary data, 220 people have died in impairment-related crashes in Colorado this year, exceeding last year’s total of 197 deaths. In 2016, be-

tween November and December, 21 people lost their lives in impairment-related crashes.

The Holiday Parties DUI enforcement included 113 statewide agencies. Denver Police Department (65 arrests), Aurora Police Department (40 arrests) and Colorado Springs Police Department (38 arrests) reported the highest arrest totals. In addition, the Colorado State Patrol reported 136 arrests. To access CDOT’s *The Heat Is On* arrest database for every enforcement period, visit bit.ly/HIOarrests. Arrest data can be sorted by law enforcement agency, county and enforcement period. “The days are getting shorter and winter weather will be here before long — adding alcohol or drugs to the equation significantly increases the risk of being involved in a crash,” said Col. Matthew Packard, Chief of the CSP.

“Troopers are trained to recognize impaired driving from a range of substances. If you drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you will be arrested.” Along with the serious risks impaired drivers present

to themselves and other motorists, a DUI arrest can include severe legal and financial consequences. First-time DUI offenders can be punished with up to one year in jail, license suspension and thousands of dollars in fines. On average, a DUI can cost more than \$13,500 after considering fines, legal fees and increased insurance costs. Penalties increase for repeat offenders.

The Heat Is On will return for its final enforcement period of the year from Dec. 29 to Jan. 2 to coincide with New Year’s celebrations. The CDOT Highway Safety Office provides funding to Colorado law enforcement for impaired-driving enforcement, education and awareness campaigns. *The Heat Is On* campaign runs throughout the year, with 14 specific high-visibility impaired-driving-enforcement periods centered on national holidays and large public events. Enforcement periods can include sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and additional law enforcement on duty dedicated to impaired-driving enforcement.

A FRESH POINT OF VIEW...FROM THE HALLWAYS OF MHS!



**Jack Switzer, MHS
freshman.**

By Jack Switzer
MONTROSE-So I'm walking to school, like any other day.

Mostly because I'm legally required to, otherwise I'd be at home

re-watching every episode of Bob Ross's art show.

I step into the parking lot.

Naturally, the parking lot is dirty. I mean, it's a parking lot. I don't expect it to look like the inside of an Apple store, but this is a really filthy parking lot.

I walk past four or five crows feasting on a plastic bag filled with old Doritos, it's not exactly the prettiest sight, seeing the Doritos have fuzz on them. I go over to pick

up the bag and toss it, and this was clearly a bad idea, but I didn't think it through; the birds attacked me and I just decided to let them eat and ran away screaming.

Old Doritos aren't the only gem in the treasure chest of a high school parking lot, there are also various fast food bags, homework that's clearly been run over more than once, A burger or two, the occasional copy of the Star Wars holiday special, because well, I said the parking lot was full of trash right?

And what's worse, is probably all the mice and birds and other animals it's attracting, an example being those birds going ham on some old Doritos, or mice going after some leftover fries in a McDonalds' bag.

It just isn't healthy. Not to mention if any of those animals found their way inside of the high school, that would be even worse

than having them in the parking lot. And that is a risk we should definitely avoid, I mean, I don't need to open my locker to find an already obese rat eating my lunch; that situation sounds less than ideal, and I am sure you can agree.

One way to resolve this issue, is to make an announcement stating that the amount of trash in the parking lots is unacceptable, and asking students to stop. Or punishing students for littering. Or perhaps placing more trash cans in the parking lot. But I'm no expert, I'm just giving my opinion on what should be done on the situation.

It disgusts me we haven't done anything about it yet, especially since it's a high school, a place that's supposed to be clean and friendly.

This is just my view of the whole situation, but I am sure others agree with me.

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Five new Police Academy graduates were added to the Montrose Police Department (L to R) Nick Gehm, Landon Beck, Zack Yee, Shaun Granmoe and Camron Espinoza. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Dec. 18 Montrose City Council Work Session began with the introduction of five new Montrose Police Officers (MPD) to the city council. Three additional officer candidates are enrolled in the police academy and will begin classes in January. If all goes according to plan, the MPD is on track to be fully staffed by spring of 2018.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Riverbottom Park Master Plan – Senior Planner Garry Baker and Parks/Special Division Superintendent John Malloy.

Describing the eight-year (2025) concept plan for Riverbottom Park Malloy said, “The main goal of the plan is to make the park more user-friendly and match the investment we’ve made in the water park. The dressing rooms [restrooms] we build in 2018 need to be in the right location.” The restrooms have not yet been designed.

Baker discussed the long-term goals, vision, entrance to the parks, safety, security, landscaping and raised pedestrian crossings in the road. Raised pedestrian crossings are not speed bumps; however, they will serve to slow traffic and make drivers aware of pedestrian walkways. Baker described the presentation as,

“Recommendations on what will be coming for [future] budgets. It’s a work in progress, a framework to operate on.”

Councilwoman Barbara Bynum asked about showers in the dressing rooms. Malory said, “We need a changing area in the facility, but it doesn’t necessarily need showers.”

2018 Plan of Annexation – Senior Planner Garry Baker.

As stipulated by Colorado State Statutes, the city must have a 2018 Annual Plan of Annexation and Three-Mile Plan. Annexation priorities were listed as: Areas served adequately by city utilities; private land-owner requests; highway corridor properties; existing enclaves; and growth tiers.

Information in the council packet describes the annexation policy in general, “The City of Montrose will annex from the center of the City out into the Growth Areas within the Growth Boundary and the Three Mile Plan. The City will consider all qualified enclaves, City owned property, areas expected to develop as urban property with City influence, areas with City utilities and capability to serve, plus areas and properties as requested by property owners for annexation.”

Speaking about the current Montrose street design Baker said, “The street plan

is not designed for urban development, but for agriculture.”

Councilman Roy Anderson is sensitive to the need to let citizens know which street projects are slated for work in order to avoid such situations as occurred with opposition to the Hillcrest extension project. City Manager Bill Bell unveiled a plan called “Pave Montrose” which can be accessed on the website. Bell said, “Part of the next 18-months we’ll have a dedicated webpage so people can see the schedule for paving.”

Building and Planning Software Bid Recommendation – Senior Planner Garry Baker.

Baker said, “For a number of years we’ve been using an outdated program [Trakit]. The last year and a half we planned to upgrade, but the current product is not meeting our needs and the upgrade won’t meet our needs.”

The staff recommended awarding a contract to Davenport Group Software Solutions with authorization for a first-year expenditure of \$73,400 for community development software and associated implementation costs. The costs are higher for the first-year and the city anticipates having the software for 10 years. The Planning Services Contracted Service budget line item has approximately \$42,000 in unspent **2017** funds, which will be applied to the purchase.

Although the **2018** Budget was approved less than a month ago a staff report states, “The funding for this project is proposed for the 2018 Supplemental Budget.”

Mayor Judy Ann Files expressed concern about already needing a supplement for the 2018 Budget, “Why didn’t you know this before we went into budget discussions?” Baker said, “We did not realize the current software couldn’t be updated satisfactorily.”

Brownfields Grant Consultant Recommendation – Grant Coordinator Kendall Cramer.

The city was awarded an EPA Brownfield Community Wide Petroleum and Hazardous Materials Grant totaling \$300,000 and this grant requires no cash match. The

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grant will be used primarily to assess properties in the Colorado Outdoors Development area; these properties are in the Urban Renewal Authority (URA).

Cramer recommends entering into a Professional Service Contract with Ayers Associates for an amount not to exceed \$296,000. The balance of the grant will reimburse the city for expenses related to the effort.

Columbine Middle School Playground GOCO Grant Resolution - Grant Coordinator Kendall Cramer.

The resolution of support is needed because grant funds are passed through the city. Columbine students were invited to participate in planning the nature-focused playground. Cramer said, "There has not been a playground since the school was built in 1960."

The grant totals \$110,000 and the playground will be located west of the new school on property that was donated by the city to the school district.

National Fitness Campaign Fitness Court Grant – Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner.

National Fitness Campaign approached the city with a grant opportunity to participate in the concept of an outdoor fitness court without walls. The city applied and was awarded a \$10,000 grant; however, the total cost of the project and fitness equipment is \$160 K.

Turner's presentation included the proposed location for the fitness court, which would extend the quad at Colorado Mesa University (CMU). Along with bringing an exercise component to the CMU campus, the city would benefit in promotion and marketing — the first fitness court in Colorado, a high-profile rollout, a fitness app that tracks workouts and a component that works with the National Main Street Program.

Turner said, "We'll look at this as a community project and try to get partners [hospital and county]. If we don't see support from the community, we won't rec-

ommend taking on the project." Turner broke down the funding as \$10 K from the grant, \$75 K from the city and \$75 K from participating partners, for a total of \$160 K. While the recreation center was said to be supportive of the effort, they were not mentioned as a potential financing partner.

Councilman Barbara Bynum asked for an explanation on the narrative and questioned receiving a \$10 K grant, but having to fund the remaining \$150K.

"They came to us? I'm not saying I don't like the idea, but I'd like more information."

City Manager Bill Bell noted there is an element of publicity that goes with the project, "[It shows Montrose] being on the leading edge in Colorado."

Councilman Dave Bowman questioned spending funds on fitness equipment vs helping the homeless. "In the 2018 budget there is nothing to help the homeless. For the 2018 budget we've already had two requests for supplements."

Turner will reach out to see if there is community support for the proposed fitness court; however, Bynum noted that the hospital and the county have already made their 2018 budgets.

Amended Supplemental Budget Ordinance – Finance Director Shani Wittenberg.

At the Dec. 5 council meeting the first reading of Ordinance # 2440, an ordinance amending Ordinance #2395 (the 2017 Budget) was heard.

The second reading of Ordinance # 2440, scheduled for the Dec. 19 regular council meeting, had to be amended. The staff request for the Amended Supplemental Budget Ordinance as described in the council packet, "Costs associated with the public infrastructure for the Colorado Outdoors project. Budget needs to be increased by \$250,000 from the first reading to second reading due to an order for water/sewer pipe that will be delivered in 2017 rather than 2018."

Designation of Official Posting Places – City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo.

This is a yearly reauthorization of the Official Posting Places.

Posts can be found in the lobby inside City Hall and outside on the west side of City Hall.

General City Council Discussion:

Councilman David Romero has had two inquiries about the homeless issue near the Mayfly facility. Public Works has done some pre-winter sweeps in the river corridor and cleaned up some remnants of homeless camps.

City Manager Bill Bell said, "I haven't heard directly if they have started transporting homeless to Olathe." The city budgeted \$25,000 to the Community Foundation to help with the homeless.

Councilman Roy Anderson asked Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko for an update on the negotiations for the right-of-way for the Woodgate Road extension. Boyko has not communicated with City Attorney Stephen Alcorn on the negotiations and could not provide an update. Anderson said, "We owe it to the community to look at 2019. I don't want to wait and do it at the 11th hour."

Mayor Judy Ann Files spoke about the shortage of commercial pilots and how it could affect our airport.

Staff Comments:

City Manager Bill Bell announced that URA Project Manager and City Engineer Scott Murphy has been promoted and is now a Department Head. Bell said, "Scott reports directly to me."

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo reported that one person had picked up a city council candidate packet for the upcoming election. "I have no way to know how many people may have downloaded the packet electronically."

DelPiccolo will not release names of people picking up a hard copy packet; however, names will be made public when people declare themselves as candidates.



Weehawken Winter Programs



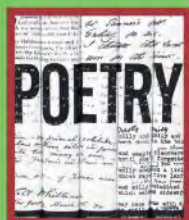
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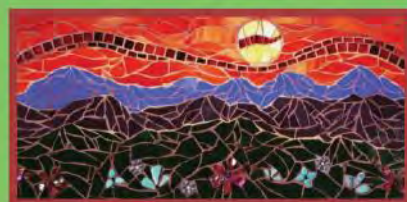
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SENIOR COMMUNITY MEALS JOINS MEALS ON WHEELS AMERICA AND SUBARU: SHARING THE LOVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Senior CommUnity Meals is proud to announce that it will be participating in the tenth annual Subaru Share the Love Event as a member of Meals on Wheels America – one of four national Share the Love charitable partners supported through the promotion. From Nov. 16, 2017 to Jan. 2, 2018, Subaru of America will donate \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased to the customer's choice of participating charity.

"The Subaru program has provided significant support to the meals delivery program here in Western Colorado," said Joe Walker Senior CommUnity Meals program director. "Their contributions makes it possible for us to continue to delivery homebound older adult's nutritious meals and safety checks. We are extremely grateful for Subaru Sharing the Love."

Participating Meals on Wheels America members, like Senior CommUnity Meals, will receive a share of the donation raised by Subaru in Colorado.

"For the past ten years, Subaru of America has partnered alongside the Meals on Wheels network to deliver nutrition, companionship and comfort to our nation's most vulnerable seniors," said Ellie Hollander, President and CEO, Meals on Wheels America. "Since 2008, Subaru's Share the Love Event has helped deliver more than 1.7 million meals to seniors served by Meals on Wheels. Funds raised through this year's event will come at a critical time for the Meals on Wheels network, allowing our boots on the ground to deliver even more of these critically needed services."

This year marks the automaker's 50th

Anniversary in the U.S. and, for the second year in a row, there will be no cap on the total donation from Subaru of America to its Share the Love charitable partners. At the culmination of this year, Subaru hopes to exceed a grand total of \$115 million donated since the creation of Share the Love to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the event.

By purchasing or leasing a new Subaru during the Event and selecting Meals on Wheels America as your charity of choice, you can help deliver nutritious meals and other important services to seniors right here in Montrose, Delta, Olathe, Eckert, Cedaredge, Hotchkiss, Paonia, Norwood and Nucla.

For more information, visit www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/sharethelove.

About Volunteers of America

Senior CommUnity Meals is a program of Volunteers of America. Founded in 1896, Volunteers of America is a national, non-profit, faith-based organization dedicated to helping those in need live healthy, safe and productive lives. Through hundreds of human service programs, including housing and health care, Volunteers of America touches the lives of more than 2 million people each year.

About Meals on Wheels America

Meals on Wheels America is the oldest and largest national organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior isolation and hunger. This network exists in virtually every community in America and, along with more than two million staff and volunteers, delivers the nutritious meals,

friendly visits and safety checks that enable America's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. By providing funding, leadership, education, research and advocacy support, Meals on Wheels America empowers its local member programs to strengthen their communities, one senior at a time. For more information, or to find a Meals on Wheels provider near you, visit

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As a company, Subaru believes it is important to do its part in making a positive impact in the world because it is the right thing to do.

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SURVIVE AND THRIVE IN 2018! KEEP BODY, IDENTITY SAFE WHILE YOU CELEBRATE THE SEASON

Mirror Staff Report

REGIONAL-The Holidays are often a time of peaceful relaxation, but don't let your guard down when it comes to safety! The National Safety Council (NSC) points out that the season extends into mid-January, with parties, gatherings and seasonal travel at its peak.

While winter air travel may be aggravating, traveling by automobile is by far the most dangerous way to get where you want to go. According to the NSC, in 2016 alone, about 40,000 Americans died in motor vehicle crashes. The three biggest causes of fatalities on the road are alcohol, speeding, and distracted driving. Add icy conditions to the mix, and the danger spikes. Stay sober and keep your cell phone off until you stop for a break.

Tempted to shop the sales after Christmas? Montrose Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Sonia Dumas shared the following shopping safety tip to help mitigate id theft: "Put alerts on your key accounts especially your bank, credit card and credit report," she said. "Set up to get alerted of any transaction over \$49; many banks allow for a daily or weekly transaction summary. This will

help you be alert to any fraudulent behavior and catch it early.

"Now is also a great time of year to check your credit report, as this is the season for criminal shopping sprees. Set up your alerts to be notified if new accounts or loans are being activated falsely under your identity."

Heading for the slopes to ski or snowboard? Remember that wearing a helmet can reduce your risk of a head injury between 30 and 50 percent.

Home safety is also important during the winter months. Staying warm is essential: what happens if you have a furnace breakdown that you can't afford to fix, or you can't pay a utility bill? Energy Outreach Colorado suggests that you call toll-free 1-855-469-4328 to reach their Crisis Intervention Program.

Also, "Keep the home fires burning" is just a saying--don't leave anything cooking while you are not at home. Christmas is the third busiest day of the year when it comes to cooking fires, after Thanksgiving and the day before Thanksgiving, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). NFPA statistics show that though not common, Christmas tree fires

can be deadly. "On average, one of every 32 reported home fires that began with a Christmas tree resulted in a death, compared to an average of one death per 143 total reported home fires."

The top three days for home candle fires were Christmas, New Year's Day, and New Year's Eve—and according to the NFPA, ten percent of fires resulting from fireworks occur during the period from Dec. 30 through Jan. 3, with the peak on New Year's Day.

Even something as simple as shoveling snow can be fatal. In 2015, 18 people died in Chicago as a result of injuries related to shoveling snow. The National Safety Council recommends the following tips to shovel safely when snowfall is abundant:

- Do not shovel after eating or while smoking;
- Take it slow and stretch out before you begin;
- Shovel only fresh, powdery snow; it's lighter;
- Push the snow rather than lifting it;
- If you do lift it, use a small shovel or only partially fill the shovel;
- Lift with your legs, not your back;
- Do not work to the point of exhaustion.

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EXPRESS EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL 2017 HIRING DRIVE

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Express Employment Professionals concluded their 2017 Holiday Hiring Drive last week by delivering holiday turkeys and hams to the Grand Junction Community Food Bank and 15 X \$15 City Market gift cards to the Montrose Salvation Army food bank today (contact person Dusty Lightfoot)! Thanks to the Grand Junction and Montrose area businesses who partnered with us to make it happen!

Express Employment Holiday Hiring Drive Facts:

Additional associates we put to work during the hiring drive:

2015: 22

2016: Grand Junction Office: 47 Associates, 31 Associates = 78

2017: 40 in Grand Junction, 15 in Montrose = 55*

*The decrease is in part due to the fact that we were new in Montrose last year, so we were placing more "new" job seekers in general.

Types of jobs placed:

General Labor IE: warehouse helpers, manufacturing

Seasonal jobs IE: delivery assistants, seasonal production assistants

Administrative

Other Facts:

Montrose unemployment rate was around 2.6% as of October 2017 <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/COMONT5URN>

This is positive news for the economy but can be a challenge for employers who are seeking to hire; it's a term called "full employment," which means employers may be challenged to find available and qualified workers for open jobs.

"That's where Express comes in... we will be going full board into the New Year trying to match as many great job seekers with great jobs as possible," said Nina Anderson, Express Employment owner in Grand Junction and Montrose, CO. For anyone seeking employment, there are no fees to apply or work for Express. Simply apply online at ExpressPros.com and then call 970-249-5202 to set up an interview.

Express employment has offices located in both Grand Junction and Montrose. Express Employment has been putting people to work in Western Colorado for over 10 years at our Grand Junction office and in Montrose since 2015.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CARPIO NAMED TO LATINO LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FELLOWSHIP



Eric Carpio.
Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror
COLORADO-The Latino Leadership Institute at the University of Denver has named History Colorado

Community Museums Philanthropy Officer Eric Carpio to its Winter 2018 Fellowship. The LLI Fellowship is de-

signed to elevate Latino professionals in their careers, expand their networks, and provide opportunities for personal and professional development across sectors and across Colorado.

"Eric's background in education and the non-profit sector are a perfect fit for the

LLI Fellowship," said LLI Associate Director Curtis Esquibel. "With our goal to cross-pollinate leadership across sectors and industries, we see Eric as a strong ambassador to the San Luis Valley. More than that, we view him as a connector who will elevate Latino leadership throughout the state."

Additionally, Carpio is one of three Fellows selected to receive the The Colorado Trust Rural Fellowship Scholarship. The scholarship is a collaboration between LLI and the Trust to expand into rural Colorado. "Developing the next generation of Latino leaders is essential to health and prosperity across our state," said Dr. Ned Calonge, President and CEO of The Colorado Trust. "We are proud to support the remarkable professionals who are participating in this important program."

Carpio has worked for History Colorado

Community Museums since October. He worked for more than 20 years in higher education, most recently as Assistant Vice President of Student Services at Adams State University in Alamosa. A resident of Alamosa, he is a member of the most geographically diverse cohort the Institute has ever had.

This year's 22 inductees join an alumni network of leaders in business, government, education, and nonprofits.

History Colorado's Community Museums include the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose; Trinidad History Museum in Trinidad; Healy House and Dexter Cabin in Leadville; Fort Vasquez Museum in Platteville; Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center in the San Luis Valley; El Pueblo History Museum in Pueblo; and Byers-Evans House Museum and Grant-Humphreys Mansion in Denver.

MONTROSE WOMAN LOSES HER LIFE IN CRASH DEC. 21

Special to the Mirror

CANON CITY-As reported by the [Canyon City Daily Record News](#) last week, a Montrose woman died in a crash Dec. 21 five miles west of Cañon City on U.S. 50, according to the Colorado State Patrol. Brenda Kay Robinson, the passenger of a 2011 Buick, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash, which involved two other vehicles, including a 2012 Kenworth Tractor pulling a utility trailer. The crash, which happened at about 12:18 p.m. Thursday, started after Ricardo Charles, 48, "failed to negotiate a right-hand curve," with the tractor in an eastbound lane, a Colorado State Patrol news release said. Mrs. Robinson's husband, George Robinson, was rushed to the hospital with serious injuries.

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OURAY OPENS DOOR FOR CHILD CARE, LAMENTS LACK OF SNOW FOR SKATING

By Carole Ann McKelvey

Ouray Bureau Reporter

OURAY – The Ouray City Council on Dec. 18 approved the granting of conditional use permits for child care facilities in the city. The council agreed with its new Community Development Coordinator, Chris Hawkins, of Alpine Planning LLC, that it was time to open the door for child care applications in the city to help families.

The council heard from City Resource Director Rick Noll that getting the ice rink open for the Christmas season might be a problem if the city doesn't get a snowfall soon as "the ice works best when there is a snow" for a foundation, he said. The city put out the statement that "We've had some phone calls lately regarding the opening of the Ice Rink at Rotary Park. With all this warm weather lately, we have not been able to start making ice for the Ice Rink. Once the nights begin to get colder and the ground begins to freeze, we will be able to begin flooding the rink and building up the ice. We will keep you informed of when work begins."

Just as the city is receiving word of more and more locals choosing to live in campgrounds and other temporary housing, Councilor Bette Maurer reported on progress of the city-appointed Housing Committee which is researching short and long-term housing in the city. Maurer noted that the Housing Committee has met several times and is looking at using the Silverton regulations for short and long-term housing, with a lot of changes, Maurer said. "We are redlining the red lined documents," she said.

Ouray has been attempting to find a solution to the cost and availability of lower-cost housing and hopes the committee will come up with some helpful ordinances. Maurer said the committee will meet again in January and hopes to come up



Without snow, opening the Ouray Ice Rink has ben problematic this season. Courtesy photo.

with an actual application for applying to offer short-term housing.

Mayor Pam Larson expressed surprise and pleasure to learn that the numbers at the Ouray Hot Springs Pool are climbing. The pool has been plagued with cold water issues since the remodeling of the center and now has been able – with the help of a new pump and rerouting of incoming thermal spring waters – to maintain needed temperatures in the pool.

(You can view the daily pool temperatures by visiting the Ouray Hot Springs Swimming Pool and Fitness Center Face book page. The temperatures are updated daily by Noon.)

In other business the council reviewed city revenues and found the news good. The city council discussed and approved a month-to-month extension of its agree-

ment with Gov-Plus (Mark Garcia) in the hunt for a new City Administrator; and Gov-Plus (Mark Garcia) to aid in the search for a Pool Project Manager. A contract with Caselle Software to update software assurance for the city was also approved.

A request from FCI for release of its construction retainage fee for the pool project was tabled for more information, with council members conflicted on the pool's outcome. Several community members voiced their worries about releasing retainage fees before all the pool issues are worked out. The council at this time appears reluctant to release any construction retainage fees until it is determined that all remodeling problems – and who has responsibility – have been resolved.

Some things never go out of style.
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BOB SAUNDERS THEATRE AT PALM ARTS COMPLEX RECALLS A WESTERN SLOPE ICON

By Caitlin Switzer

TELLURIDE—Once you met him, you wouldn't forget him. "Glider Bob" Saunders was a West Slope original—an accomplished glider pilot who once took Astronaut Neil Armstrong for a flight, and a staunch community advocate with a smile and a friendly word for all. His untimely death in a plane crash in August of 2016 left broken hearts across Western Colorado; Saunders was just 64 years old.

Bob Saunders was also about community theater, and the recent renaming of the Black Box Theatre at the Palm Arts Complex in Telluride is intended to pay tribute to his many contributions to the Telluride community over the years.

Now, the [Bob Saunders Theatre at the Palm Arts Complex](#) will welcome an array of cultural opportunities that are, like its namesake, second to none (for more, read Art Goodtimes' column in this week's issue of the *Mirror*.)

"Bob Saunders was a legend and his dedication to the community was well known," Palm Arts Programming and Development Director Christopher Vann said, noting that when the decision was made to re-dedicate the theater in honor of Saunders, the Telluride school district (which owns the facility) chose to forgo cash for the naming rights. "Bob was in many performances at the [Michael D. Palm](#)."

On Jan. 27, 2018, the Bob Saunders Theatre at the Palm Arts Complex (721 West Colorado Avenue) welcomes songwriter and blues guitarist [Seth Walker](#). A fundraising campaign is now underway to upgrade [light, sound and projection equipment](#).

"We are trying to raise \$35,000," Vann said. "I take it personally that that the theater lives up to its name." To learn more, and to donate visit <http://telluridepalm.com/>.



"Glider Bob" Saunders lived life to the fullest...now, a world class theater at Palm Arts Complex in Telluride bears his name. Courtesy photo by Brett Schreckengost.

WE ORDERED OUR HOME FROM A CATALOG: KIT HOUSES NOT JUST A THING OF THE PAST

By Carole Ann McKelvey
Mirror Feature Writer

COLORADO-It's a romantic notion; just look in an old Sears-Roebuck or Montgomery Ward catalog and pick out your house, then wait for the house kit to arrive by rail so you can put it together.

This days-gone-past dream is not lost. Today that house kit ordered through a catalog arrives by truck and is within your grasp, given a lot of hard work and some money. Building a house from a kit isn't easy; it requires some expertise and is really, really hard work.

I know this because in the late 80's my very handy husband, George McKelvey (now deceased) and I built our own home from a log kit we purchased from a catalog from one of the many kit home catalogs out there.

Our house didn't arrive by rail, however, but rather in a truck from a factory in Montana. Just like the Sears kit houses, each piece of timber (logs in this case) were numbered for assembly. All you had to do was follow the plans and put them together. In our case with the help of a crane, friends, and a hired master carpenter. It's been years, but I remember it well. The excitement of the truck arriving and unloading "my house".

The realization hitting us that there it was, "our house," lying in a huge, heavy pile. Now logs are not light-weight, as the cedar boards of the Sears or Ward home may have been. No, they are really HEAVY and awkward, but always beautiful.

In a standard stick-built home in the late 20th century, the owner received the house kit package by rail and began by pouring a foundation and putting up the walls, nailing the boards onto a framework and putting the walls up one by one until the house was closed in, adding windows to the assigned openings and "closing the house in" by adding the rafters and the roof.

With a log kit house the process is much the same.

Except . . . these are logs, long, heavy logs that are to run the entire length of the house.

First, you do pour a foundation, after you or someone you hire lays the water and sewer lines in the basement (we planned a walk-out basement with windows and a view of our sloping piece of mountain land in Evergreen).

Then you begin assembling the walls. Oh, not my husband and little me, but with a crew of friends and hired hands. Crucial to the successful building of our house was hiring a master carpenter, Al, who was to direct and help put together this huge kit. Eventually it was Al and George lifting logs into place and securing them.

Our home would be three stories high, including the walk-out basement, and approximately 2,500 square feet. No small cabin this, but a big, beautiful, log home sitting on 15 acres.

At the time I was editor of the small mountain newspaper, *The Canyon Courier*; my husband was a professional comedian running the first of his three comedy clubs in Denver. George McKelvey is known as the "Godfather of Comedy" in Denver and co-writer of the city's theme song, "City in the Sky" with Michael Crowley, a former member of the famous Back Porch Majority folk group and a neighbor of ours in Evergreen. (Now that's a long and different story, back to our kit home.)

With a log kit one doesn't simply erect a wall and put it up – each log is laid precisely upon the other, with a slightly hollowed out strip between them filled with insulation, then each log is attached to the one below it with huge metal spikes hammered in with a sledge hammer after drilling a pilot hole. This process proceeds, one huge log on top of the other until you arrive at what is to become the roof of the home. It's a long and arduous process requiring heavy lifting, often with the help of a crane as you get higher and higher. With ours the walls began to take shape and in due time reached the top of what would be the second floor.



Carole & George McKelvey at the time they built their log home from a kit.

All in all, it took about three months to reach that height, and winter was coming. We raced against the clock to finish putting on the roof before snow arrived.

Now, with a kit house sometimes things do not go as planned. Our log kit company – which is no longer in business – had configured the main roof beams incorrectly – when gently laid in place by the expensive crane they simply did not fit. Now what? In comes the expertise of the master carpenter. Our Al was great, and he figured out how to cut out the end walls so that he could ease the roof beams into place. Of course, we were now over budget. But never mind that, we have a house to finish before the winter comes.

Imagine this: I was working a full-time job, our son was small and my husband had to travel to Denver for his livelihood each night. I would come home from work and bring dinner. After scarfing down a meal we would all have our tasks to complete before my son and I fell exhausted in bed and George headed for the Comedy Works. Mine? I was the "electrician" – I laid the electrical lines, wired the outlets and lights (something I'd never ever done before) in the dark illuminated only by work lights run by a generator, often sitting on the floor. George, he did whatever needed doing from the day's building until he had to leave for . . . work. And Ian, first homework by work light and then he played with Emma the dog until he was

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exhausted and I drove him down to our little cabin down the hill to go to sleep.

All this time we had to contend with building inspectors from Jefferson County coming to criticize our work and none to happy to be dealing with owner-builders. Some were very helpful and understanding, some were definitely not.

Example: When George inadvertently installed the outside electrical box upside down, the inspector was perplexed. And my husband, ever the comedian, said, "Common, what can happen, will the electricity dribble out!?" Ha! Finally, the inspector decided it was okay and would work that way and approved it. Can you imagine? After the walls and roof were in place we chain-sawed out holes for the many windows, installed insulated glass, built the interior walls, added a beautiful, large kitchen, a loft and two bathrooms, one upstairs for the master and Ian's bedroom and whew, we were done! Well, we had to seal the logs with an oil mixture and build a staircase up the steep slope, then we were done.

Well, long rambling shorter, we did close in the house before the snow flew. We planned it for passive solar, heating it only with the absorbed solar heat and a pot-belly stove (also a fireplace), despite the

county insisting we also install electric heat. In the winter we'd stoke the fire at night in the stove with lots of wood and some big pieces of coal and in the morning I'd scurry down shivering and restart the fire from the embers before heading to work.

It was a lot of work, but I have to tell you, this house was my absolute most favorite house ever. My son grew into a handsome young man at that house and we had endless days of enjoying our mountain land, snowshoeing around the neighborhood and living in this wonderful home we'd created all by ourselves.

Is a kit house worth it? From personal experience as the young woman I was, I would say, "every minute." So much love and laughter in that home! When we said goodbye to it years later, tears fell. I would imagine anyone who builds a kit home with their own hands would feel the same.

Years later, my husband was in the middle of building me a model of our log home when he suddenly passed away.

The opportunities are still out there, kit homes come in all shapes and sizes, some even come as container homes. Just enter "kit homes" and Google it. Times change, but the thrill and pleasure of building your own home with your own hands still exists

for those plucky enough to do it. I consider it one of the greatest accomplishments of my life. Kit homes come in all varieties, to find more information Google kit homes and you'll find: [Prefab House Log Cabin Pool House Guest House Garden House Kit](#), \$39,999.00, Free shipping; [House Guest House Garden House Kit](#), \$39,999.00, Free shipping; [Prefab House Log Cabin Pool House Guest House Garden House Kit](#), \$10,999.00, Free shipping; [Prefab TREE HOUSE Log Cabin Pool House Guest House Garden House Kit WITH LOFT](#), \$24,999.00, Free shipping; [Steel Frame Kit Home Prefab Home DIY Framing Kit NS3252 1,056 sqft 2BR 1.5BA](#), \$14,950.00; [American Barn Style Home Shell Kit 2560 sq ft + porch](#), \$35,489.00, Free shipping; [Cabin kit 300sq/ft 13'x 23' Wooden Guest, Pool, Garden Tiny House](#), \$12,500.00; [Prefab Home Container Cottage Cabin Startup Small Housing House Hotel 20FT 130sf](#), \$14,995.00, Free shipping; [Prefab Homes Panelized DIY Framing Kit NS5544 1,468 sqft 3BR 2.5BA FREE SHIPPING](#), \$32,950.00; for information on log home kits Google that and you'll find prices running from a low of \$67,900 to about \$200,000.00 depending on size and complexity, freight costs are on top of the kit price.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: OUTDOORS

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE ANNOUNCES NEW AGENCY-WIDE INTEGRATED PURCHASING SYSTEM

Special to Art & Sol

DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife is pleased to announce the arrival of a new integrated purchasing system, which will serve as a one-stop shop for all CPW products, including hunting and fishing licenses, campsite reservations, OHV and snowmobile permits, and more.

The transition to the new purchasing system will begin January 1, 2018. During this time, we will have a period of several days when all CPW purchases will be unavailable. The changeover to the new system will cause a temporary shut down of purchasing services at all CPW offices, parks, licensing agents, online and phone sales. Hunters may reach out to a regional or area office if you run into licensing issues. "We are thrilled to roll out this updated purchasing system, which will provide a more streamlined experience for every CPW customer," said Bob Broscheid, Director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "But we do want to acknowledge the small downside of this brief system blackout for purchases while we implement these upgrades."

During the changeover to our new system, customers will not be able to make any purchases online or at our offices, parks or sales agencies.

All purchases will be impacted, including: All camping, cabin and yurt reservations

Online hunter education, including mountain lion exams; Hunting reservation system; All license purchases (including waterfowl stamps); Habitat stamps; Online park passes; All registration renewals; Online retail orders; Online license purchases.

"We really want to get the word out for customers to plan ahead and be aware that this brief transitional period is coming," said Broscheid. CPW suggests that customers prepare now by taking the following steps: **Plan ahead, buy ahead:** Customers are urged to plan ahead and buy ahead for courses, licenses, reservations or gifts that can be purchased or reserved in advance. If you are a camping customer planning to camp in the next six months, book your reservations now.

If you are an established mountain lion hunter in Colorado and know exactly when you plan to hunt, purchase your winter 2017-2018 license before Decem-

ber 31, 2017. **Create a new CID:** CPW strongly recommends that any hunter that has never hunted or fished in Colorado create a customer identification number (CID) in our system in advance of this system update. This will ensure a smooth transition into the new system.

New hunters are able to create an account and receive a CID during business hours by calling any CPW office or the main telephone number, 303-291-1192.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

ELDER GROWN RETURNS TO SHERBINO THEATER

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Sherbino Theater is excited to bring back Durango based "Elder Grown" for a night of music and dancing.

"Family and community are the roots of the band," says Elder Grown, "A band of brothers and sisters." Though the group is made up of five guys from Durango, Colorado, they say they consider every audience to be their sixth collective member; "their heartbeat, medicine and reason for song."

"Funk meets Pop, Rock meets Hip Hop, Jazz meets Reggae," Elder Grown says to describe their unique sound, "We use the freedom of improvisational jams as their foundation to create their captivating, soul-inspired sound. From the set opener to the fourth hour, we encourage you to break down your ideas of genre with your hips and heartbeat. This band takes listeners on a genre-bending roller coaster through rule-breaking sound, often

switching instruments mid-song. Start with groovy, funk inspired bass lines reminiscent of Motown meeting the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Then, add screaming lead guitar and bossy sax lines reflective of Pink Floyd and Maceo Parker. Finish it off with inspiration from Rage Against the Machine, Atmosphere, and Sublime and you are beginning to understand the sound that is Elder Grown. Brothers and Sisters, you are invited to embark on a journey into the unrecognizedly familiar."

Elder Grown will play at Sherbino Theater on Jan. 13. Doors will open at 7:30 pm,



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: POETRY

OPEN BARD POETRY SERIES FEATURES TWO LOCAL POETS



Norwood poet Ellen Metrick.
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Ridgway poet Erika Moss Gordon.
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Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-The Open Bard Poetry Series at the Sherbino will feature two regional women poets beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday night, Jan. 4, 2018. They are Erika Moss Gordon from Ridgway and Ellen Metrick from Norwood.

Erika's poems have appeared in Colorado

journals and she has two published poetry collections. Her first book, *Of Eyes and Iris*, was published by Liquid Light Press in 2013. Her most recent book, *Phases*, won the Fledge Chapbook Award from Middle Creek Publishing in 2016. In addition to her writing, Erika teaches yoga and works for a local film festival.

Gordon's voice is a meditative one that weaves nature imagery with inner thoughts and pays attention to the small moments in everyday life. "The world needs you", she writes in one recent poem, "to be real...become the touch of the lover, a child's face, the teakettle that hums."

Ellen Metrick has two poetry collections: *Poetisattva* (Water Woman Productions, 2000) and *Teasing Out the Divine* (Mercury HeartLink, 2012). She has also edited and written for local and regional publications. Ellen teaches middle school in Norwood and recently received an M.A. in Versecraft. from Western State Colorado University.

Of Metrick's most recent book, one reviewer has written: "These poems delve into dreams, mountains, ravens, and rattlesnake medicine, relationships and the mythic life of the human spirit to remind us that what we seek is in our hearts all along."

Doors at the Sherbino open at 6:00 p.m. and the ever-popular Open Mic follows after a brief intermission. Admission is \$5.00 with students and teachers free. Bard Cards, which provide admission to the rest of Open Bard's 2017-18 season can still be purchased at \$20.



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NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer

EXCITEMENT BUILDS FOR WORLD CLASS CONCERT

An air of excitement is always present just prior to a live performance. The atmosphere becomes even more electric when the performance will feature one of the best-known musicians in the world. This was the situation as fortunate ticket holders filed into Boettcher Concert Hall in Denver on Dec. 10. The queue to have tickets scanned was tight and people were ever so slightly pushing forward in anticipation of getting to their seats. The excitement and energy stems from knowing that this may be the only time you get to see a performer of this caliber live in concert, knowing that tickets to the event were very hard to come by and at the orchestra seat level, exceptionally expensive, and also knowing that this is something you can tell your children or grandchildren about, "I saw Yo-Yo Ma perform." For those that follow such things, it is encouraging and exciting that a musician like Yo-Yo Ma is playing with the Colorado Symphony. The man can literally play wherever and whenever he wants and has played with the best orchestras in the world. Seeing him in the program for the Colorado Symphony is proof that our hometown orchestra is making great strides towards becoming a top tier orchestra.

The performance began with two works by American composers John Williams, *Sound the Bells!*, and Aaron Copland, *Appalachian Spring, Ballet for Orchestra*. Any composition performed by John Williams, from the haunting and melancholy melody of *Theme from Schindler's List* to *Main Theme: Star Wars* is a cause for celebration and a joy for the audience member. This composer has offered some of the most memorable melodies and movie moments in history. It was clear that the orchestra had fun with this short piece, a nice beginning to the evening of music.

Aaron Copland is a quintessential American composer. Listeners hear his music and if nothing else, come away knowing that what they heard sounded very American. His works *Rodeo*, *A Lincoln Portrait*, and *Appalachian Spring* all have an underlying feeling of Americana and American history. He is so distinctly American that the rough and tumble world of the American Beef Industry chose his music for their "Beef, It's what's for Dinner" television commercial campaign. I have to wonder if they knew that the music chosen was from a ballet (*Rodeo*) and that the composer was an out and proud homosexual. Certainly something to ponder. The bonus to this performance of *Appalachian Spring, Ballet for Orchestra* was that it included additional music that was not part of the original score and which had, until very recently, never been performed. The Colorado Symphony played beautifully and was able to tell a story with the music while at the same time maintaining the technical proficiency required to get the message from the music stand to the ears of the audience.

The main event came after intermission; it was a standard of the concert repertoire for cello soloist and orchestra. Antonin Dvorak's *Cello Concerto in b minor, Op. 104*. Composed in the classical style with three movements, Allegro, Adagio ma non troppo, and Finale: allegro moderato, the 30-minute work offers everything that is expected from a warhorse concerto: flashy virtuosity; melodic emotion; and the accompaniment and support of a fine orchestra. All of this was in place and the performance, and most of all, the performer Yo-Yo Ma, kept the audience spellbound. It was easy to see the reactions, as our seats were way way up in Ring 2. To



Yo Yo Ma in concert with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra & conductor Riccardo Muti. Courtesy photo.

fully see the orchestra we had to lean forward, rest our elbows on the top of the short wall, and peer down down to the orchestra and audience below. A true bird's eye view that gave a unique perspective on the performance and the entire venue. Here is something that those in front row orchestra do not know, even the best and most well-known musicians in the world have bald spots. One of the true signs of a world-class musician is the ability to make a work that they have likely played a thousand times in performance sound like it is the first time they have played it in its entirety. The performer knows that for many in the audience, not only is it the first time they have heard the composition played live, but also the first time they have ever heard the piece period. Virtuosity comes not only in knowing where to press your finger down and at what point, but also the ability to communicate a composition to your audience and to reach every person sitting in every seat. This was done in the most perfect way by cellist Yo-Yo Ma.



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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

DATING THINGS BACK TO 13,000 YEARS AGO

COLORADO CALENDAR? ... Sometimes it takes years to investigate the old and create the new. Kuhn's *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* (1962) makes epistemology clear – we learn the unknown best by connecting it in some way to what's already known ... As a citizen of Turtle Island, I've never been comfortable using the Julian Calendar of Empire, as revised by Roman Catholic Pope Gregory XIII -- which begins with the purported birth of Christ (to supersede the Roman Saturnalia festival) ... But attempts to establish a firm date for the first *Homo spp* to colonize the New World – a fitting starting point for a New World Calendar (North, Central and South American included) -- have been bedeviled by new discoveries and changing date estimates ... Now, having learned of the Eagle Rock Shelter on the Gunnison River within the Western Slope's Delta County – the oldest human habitation site in Colorado – I have hit on an idea. I want to craft a Colorado Calendar starting with the oldest established evidence of human life in this region – 13,000 years ago ... But simply changing the date arbitrarily would throw most record keeping into chaos. So, I propose we make the calendar half Gregorian and half Eagle Rock ... We could use the end numbers of the year to match the current world calendar -- with the initial numbers taking us back 13,000 years ago. Instead of 2018 of the Christian Era calendar, we could write 13018 with the Colorado calendar ... The beauty of this system is that local people in different regions could all pick a start date to best represent what's most unique about their place. But everyone could keep the last two digits to refer to our common date accounting ... Why? Just to make us think human in bigger chunks than centuries.

DINNER WITH DIONYSIUS ... Driving up to Telluride last week to the new Bob Saunders Theatre (formerly the Black Box), my boys and I listened to Smokepurpp blasting "Deadstar" from the youngest's Iphone. It was a fitting kick-out-the-stops prelude to *Dinner with Dionysius* ... I'd seen the play at Telluride's Ah Haa School of the Arts several years ago, and I was a

little worried. That earlier version was an incredible tour-de-force of acting, dancing and great theater. I was entranced. And I wrote glowingly about it then ... So, fast forward to this past weekend, and I was concerned. Would the Telluride Theatre be able to summon the same magic for this revised and updated version? My fears were quickly put to rest ... I'd call it the best theatrical production I've seen in Telluride in my 38 years in Colorado, knocking off Bunzy Bunworth's *Macbeth* from Telluride Town Park of many years back ... A dynamite Dionysian cast! The original script was intriguing, mythic and timely. With lots of comic turns. A line disparaging the current Republican tax reform drew the loudest howls of the evening ... Great acting. Great singing. The unexpected dinner-table harmonies had me riveted. But it wouldn't be fair to single out any one person involved in this play because the entire production was outstanding – excellent directing, excellent tech, excellent in every respect.

This may not have been professional theater, but I didn't see one weak link anywhere. They were an ensemble. Everybody shone, and I was alternately intrigued, delighted, touched, and inspired ... This is the kind of production where, as a critic, you want to pull out all the stops. No adjective could be as over the top as the show itself ... The Saunders was a great venue. The music, simple like the set, worked extremely well. The choreography was dazzling. My eyes kept moving from one dancer to the next to the next. All were intriguing, different, unique. Colin Sullivan did a terrific job as Dionysius.

His wife Sasha "The Amazing" Sullivan did an equally terrific job directing, writing and workshopping the play with her actors ... One high point for me was the rap bout between Dionysius and Jesus, the latter admirably played cross-gender by Pamela Sante. But every moment was a treasure, even the second time, and each actor did a star turn. Or several ... I think it's only the second or third time I've bought tickets to see a local play twice in one run. But no raft of superlatives would be praise enough for the magnitude of Telluride



A golden eagle takes flight from a deer carcass it was feeding on beside Highway 145 near Coventry (Montrose County) the day after it snowed (photo by Art Goodtimes).

Theatre's accomplishment. If you missed this play -- one of the best community theater productions ever in Telluride -- beg the Sullivans to do it again.

SHAKESPEARE ... Going to Ashland and seeing a professional troupe do Shakespeare well has whetted my appetite to better understand who wrote the plays we attribute to one William Shakespeare. Certainly not a minimally educated butcher's apprentice ... Elizabethan England was a time of transition and intrigue.

The Catholics and the Protestants were vying for control of the country ... Actually, it was Montrose teacher and poet Tracy Lightsey who got me started down this rabbit hole. The authorship of the Shakespeare plays has been contested for centuries. Five notable figures of the time have been proposed as the true author – Sir Francis Bacon; Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford; Mary Herbert Sidney, Countess of Pembroke; Christopher Marlowe; and William Stanley, 6th Earl of Derby ... It's a long list because each of these lords and ladies were authors, playwrights, and might have good reasons for hiding their authorship.

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

After all, after the play Richard II was produced, Queen Elizabeth wanted to find this Shakespeare fellow and have him beheaded for challenging the concept of the Divine Right of Kings (and Queens) ... It's a rabbit hole of conflicting information. And I've only started down that path, but it seems pretty clear that Sir Francis Bacon, unrecognized son of Queen Elizabeth, had the most reasons for keeping his authorship secret. And he was easily one of the smartest and best educated persons in England at the time. His contribution to science and other endeavors is prodigious ... But no answers. Only guesses ... If you want to participate in one of the most bedeviling mystery stories of the English language, take a peek at the Shakespeare authorship debate. It's a lively one.

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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

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

COMMUNITY MUSEUMS LAUNCH NEW PODCAST

Special to Art & Sol

COLORADO-The Community Museums of History Colorado have launched a new podcast, COauthored, to bring the museums' oral history collections to a wider audience. The podcast premiered on December 20, 2017.

COauthored was born out of the Museum of Memory at El Pueblo History Museum in Pueblo. El Pueblo History Museum recently closed the Salt Creek Memory Project, which worked with the Salt Creek community, a traditionally Mexican-American community sitting under the shadow of the former CF&I steel mill. Past and present residents of Salt Creek collab-

orated with museum staff and volunteers to co-author a rich history punctuated by family, culture, resilience, survival, and the need to take care of each other. Oral history collection is a core piece of collections and exhibits in the Community Museums, and collections are currently underway around the state.

José Ortega, the Exhibits and Collections Coordinator for Community Museums has led much of the collections work and also edits and engineers the podcast. Zach Werkowitch, the Community Relations Coordinator for Community Museums is the podcast host. Dozens of volunteer community historians have collected the stories that will air in each episode. The

producers hope to release one or two half-hour episodes each month and will release recorded Community Museums lectures as well.

COauthored can be found on any podcast platform or at www.soundcloud.com/coauthored.

The Community Museums of History Colorado include the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose; Trinidad History Museum in Trinidad; Healy House and Dexter Cabin in Leadville; Fort Vasquez Museum in Platteville; Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center in the San Luis Valley; El Pueblo History Museum in Pueblo; and Byers-Evans House Museum and Grant-Humphreys Mansion in Denver.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

INTRODUCTION TO ART MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES FOR AGES 4-8

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-On Jan. 10, Weehawken Creative Arts will begin a new after school art class with teaching artist Allison Wofford at the Field House in Montrose. The class is called "Introduction to Art Materials and Techniques" and runs January 10 from 4-5:30 pm at Weehawken's new location, Montrose Field House. Students will re-

ceive basic instruction with several art materials and will then create a unique work of art using one or more of those materials. The project will be based on the style of Vincent Van Gogh. This class is the first of many youth after school classes to be offered in their new space, as part of a partnership with the Montrose Recreation District. Registration for the class is \$15

and includes all materials.

The class must reach a minimum of five students registered in advance in order to "go."

Interested students can find more information at Weehawken's website: www.weehawkenarts.org and can register online at weehawkenarts.org or by calling 970.318.0150.

SHERBINO NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA AND 'FACES OF RIDGWAY' MEET AND GREET

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RIDGWAY-Sherbino Theater invites you to ring in the new year with them at their annual New Year's Eve Gala. Mix and mingle with the calendar models of the 2018 Faces of Ridgway calendar. Enjoy light appetizers and desserts at this black tie event, and purchase your very own 2018 Faces of Ridgway Calendar. If you already own a 2018 calendar, bring this to the event and collect signatures from the featured 'faces.'

Sherbino Theater encourages you to stick around after the meet and greet for DJ's Skip and Patty of KVNf fame, starting at 9 pm, and watch the east coast ball drop at 10 pm, and the countdown to 2018 in Colorado at 11:59pm. Dress up attire is welcomed.

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THAI CHILI IN OURAY WORTH YOUR STOP

I guess you could say I just love Thai food. My friend and I tried Thai Chili Ouray the other night and loved it. Now, I also dig the Thai restaurants in Ridgway and Montrose. Both are great.

This one was really good also.

We started out with a little warm Sake and soup – Tom Yum Soup, and it was just that, yum; this soup is made with chili paste, mushrooms, tomatoes, lime juice, fish sauce, scallions and chilitano. We asked for medium heat and it was just enough. Could also have had the other Thai soup we find yummy, Tom Kha Soup. Both went for \$5.99 per bowl or you can get it by the pot.

Then we went on to entrees; I ordered drunken noodles (stir-fried large noodles with garlic, eggs, bamboo, onions, broccoli, carrots, string beans, red bell peppers, brown sauce and fresh basil), which I've discovered, is the most popular Thai entree and I know why. And Michael had sweet and sour (Thai style sweet and sour dish with garlic, red bell pepper, pineapple, onions, tomatoes, cucumbers and

scallions) cause he's just so sweet! Both just \$13.50 and came with choice of steamed brown or white rice.

There are huge choices here, all for \$13.50, depending upon what protein you have, tofu, chicken, organic chicken or pork. No less than five choices of Thai Chili Curry here to warm you up, all for \$12.50, served with rice. How about a Red Curry Paste chili (bamboo shoots, red bell pepper, basil leaves in a rich coconut milk)? Or, Massaman Curry (blend of Thai spices with Massaman curry paste, coconut milk, potatoes, onions and roasted peanuts)? You can also order Thai Chili Special, salmon at \$19 (8 oz. of grilled salmon seared in Thai sesame sauce and served with rice) and seafood special at \$22 (8 oz of grilled salmon served with 8 steamed shrimp all smothered in Thai sesame sauce and served with rice).

For dessert – yes we did! – we chose a sweet sticky rice with mango (\$6) – delicious, just one of several choices. In addition, there is a menu for the little ones and you can enjoy sake or beer, Thai tea or soft drinks. Prices are reasonable



and the lunch menu is as extensive, just less expensive.

We ate here on a chilly Monday evening and the place wasn't full, I'm surprised. Quite a few people came in for take-out however. Maybe going home to a nice warm fire? Sounds like a great way to enjoy an evening in Ouray.

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Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Statistics compiled by Healthy Kids Colorado show that [a student who feels safe at school](#) is three times less likely to commit suicide, and two times less likely to feel sad or hopeless or to have used marijuana in the past 30 days. Recent incidents such as a tire slashing transient in the parking lot at Montrose High School and a student data breach in the Ridgway Schools (see article in this issue) highlight the need for greater vigilance than ever.

A [cyber safety fact sheet](#) for schools notes that in addition to the dangers faced by all Internet users of any age, students are especially at risk for certain forms of exploitation: cyber bullying; inappropriate content; sexting; sextortion; and ransomware. Students are also vulnerable to problems caused by oversharing, and to online predators.

For information and [student resources](#), visit the [StopThinkConnect](#) web site, a government clearing house for cyber safety. Other useful sites include [StaySafeOnline](#), the FTC's [On Guard Online](#) Site; and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's (NCMEC) [Netsmartz](#) site. Report threats of harm or

criminal behavior to local law enforcement first, and follow up by visiting www.report.cybertip.org or calling 1-800-843-5678.

Keeping students safe in the hallways, classrooms and outdoor spaces at school remains as much a concern as cyber bullying. What are we doing to protect students in Montrose County School District RE-1J?

To start with, all staff are required to wear identification badges. There are security cameras in all schools and on busses as well. All cameras have recently been upgraded, both inside and outside of each building, RE-1J Superintendent Stephen Schiell said. At secondary schools, motion detectors are in place at night.

"At Centennial Middle School, we have upgraded the main entry so that it is more secure," Schiell said. "Every building has a secured front now except Oak Grove Elementary, and that will be next to be upgraded with a secure entrance."



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RE-1J has two school resource officers in Montrose, and the Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) maintains a school resource officer in the Olathe schools.

District officials recently met with Montrose Police to discuss security issues, he said, and will continue to do so.

However, "Schools aren't state prisons," Schiell said. "It's very hard to control every loose end."

"We do our very best to keep our students as safe as possible."

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

TELLURIDE'S CLUB RED ANNOUNCES WINTER SCHEDULE

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE-Beyond the Groove, Telluride's premier entertainment and music production company, recently announced its initial shows for winter 2017-2018. This winter, Club Red is pleased to welcome a wide variety of acts, ranging from rock to funk to bluegrass to acoustic and more.

"I look forward to another music-filled winter at Club Red Telluride," said Denise Mongan of Beyond the Groove Productions. All shows are all ages, with a variety of ticket levels, ranging from general admission to high table seating to preferred platform seating. All tickets are available and can be purchased at clubredtelluride.com.

Winter 2017-2018 Club Red Performances

The Everly Brothers Experience – December 28, 2017

In 2016, brothers Zachary and Dylan Zmed and their partner Burleigh Drummond began developing The Everly Brothers experience show. With their backing band The Bird Dogs, the Experience honors the aesthetics of the Everly Brothers iconic sound and honors their unique place in music history, while infusing the show with a personal touch. Tickets start at \$25.

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Turkuaz with Con Brio – March 14, 2018

They've become one of Brooklyn's freshest exports - nine charismatic men and women brightly outfitted to have their colorful nature match their expressive voice. Turkuaz is a rock band at its core that blends soulful sounds with potent funk grooves. Since hitting the road in 2012, Turkuaz has released a handful of albums, canvassed the US more times over, and continue to gather devoted listeners along the way. Tickets start at \$25.

Anderson East with J.S. Ondara – March 18, 2018

Anderson East is the humble type -- the sort of man who chalks up his success to loads of good fortune. But the singer-songwriter has earned his accolades: one of music's most compelling young artists, East is an unflinching and inimitable talent. Best exemplified on his breakout 2015 debut album, Delilah, the Alabama-native wields an unwavering and potent, ever-husky voice. And as seen on standout tracks including "Satisfy Me" and "Devil In Me," he's able to effortlessly spin tales of tumult and triumph in equal measure. That's, of course, to say nothing of the brute force with which the man performs — fiery and forceful, as much a wily preacher as a patient poet. East has become one of music's must-see live act. Tickets start at \$25.

Recently named by *Skiing Magazine* as one of ski country's best concert venues, Club Red aims to bring a wide variety of crowd-pleasing entertainers to Mountain Village. With the region serving as a hotbed for national touring acts, Club Red adds another layer as an intimate music venue where guests can get up close and personal with the musicians.

For up-to-date information on the winter 2017 schedule and future announcements from Beyond the Groove, visit clubredtelluride.com.

Hold the Date! Upcoming Business & Cultural Events

ONGOING-

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-

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.

Dec. 28—The Everly Brothers Experience featuring The Zmed Brothers at Club Telluride. Doors 7:30 p.m, show 8 p.m. All ages show, tickets \$25 to \$45. For all ticketing and show info, please visit www.clubredtelluride.com.

Dec. 29—The Palm Arts season kicks off Dec. 29th with Harwood & Woodward (The Magical Duo) performing a full illusion magic show at the Michael D. Palm Theatre. Set in a 1940's retro theme, the show features five big stage illusions, song, dance, comedy, and lots of magic that will have families amazed and wanting more. The performance starts at 7:30pm and tickets for this performance are available at www.telluridepalm.com.

DEC. 31—Sherbino Theater invites you to ring in the new year with them at their annual New Year's Eve Gala. Mix and mingle with the calendar models of the 2018 Faces of Ridgway calendar. Stick around after the meet and greet for DJ's Skip and Patty of KVNf fame, starting at 9 pm, and watch the east coast ball drop at 10 pm, and the countdown to 2018 in Colorado at 11:59pm. Dress up attire is welcomed. The event will begin at 8 pm, and admission is \$10. For more information, visit their website: sherbino.org or call [970.318.0150](tel:970.318.0150).

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Jan. 3—"Poetry of Presence" discussion series with Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer will be offered on Wednesdays beginning Jan. 3 from 12-2 pm at Weehawken Ridgway (1075 Sherman St.). The cost for this 5 week series cost is \$125. Students must 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.

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Jan. 25-27—With a three-state draw, the Western Colorado Food and Farm Forum enters its sixth year with workshops on sustainable agriculture January 25 - 27th. Registration is now open at www.foodfarmforum.org. The Valley Food Partnership, CSU Extension, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, National Young Farmers Coalition and Shavano Conservation District organize the conference collaboratively. For a complete list of topics or to register please visit: foodfarmforum.org or call 970-249-3935.

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Feb. 11—The highlight of the Palm Arts 2018 winter season is national touring ballet company Ailey II presented at Telluride's Michael D. Palm Theatre Feb. 11th at 7 pm. Tickets for this one of a kind performance are available at www.telluridepalm.com. For more information on upcoming events and tickets please visit www.telluridepalm.com or call our ticket line at (970) 369-5669.

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Santa shared Christmas stories for ages at the Montrose Senior Center last week. Courtesy photo by Marilyn Huseby.



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