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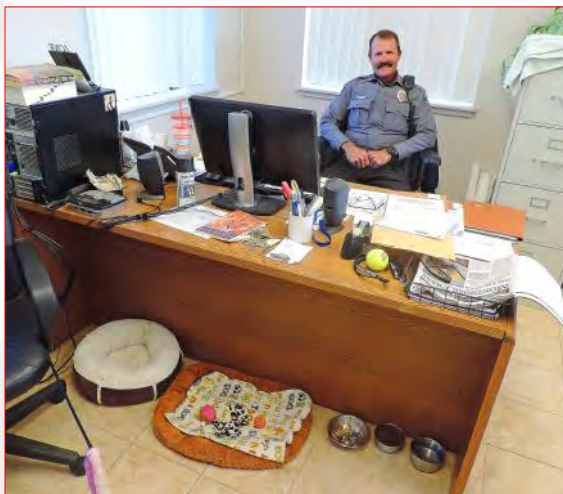


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CELEBRATING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY, JAN. 15

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MONTROSE ANIMAL SHELTER: CARING FOR COMPANIONS



Montrose Director of Animal Services Mike Duncan sits behind a desk with the shelter cat's food, toys and bed in front of it at the shelter. (Photo by Michael Lawton).

By Carole Ann McKelvey

Mirror Feature Writer

Montrose – They just about spoil them here. The Montrose Animal Shelter welcomes lost, unwanted, nuisance pets or animals who don't have a safe place to go. Step through the doors and you will see spotless floors and cages, animals given the most nutritious of foods and gentle care. All the concrete kennel floors are heated, animals sleep on soft beds donated by the Komfy K9 business, and they eat food that is good for them – dogs get Fromm kibble and kitties munch on Nutra source cat food. Shelter dogs enjoy fresh outdoor air, weather permitting, going from their kennels inside to outside kennels; in summer's heat the dogs also benefit from a mist system that cools them, while the cats rest in air-

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JAN. 9 IS LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-No citizens spoke during the time for public comment at the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Special Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9. BOCC Chair Keith Caddy welcomed law enforcement officers in attendance, on behalf of the County's Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD) Proclamation.

Prior to unanimous [approval of Consent Agenda items](#), a discussion of Item C-1, Consideration and possible approval of [Resolution 05-2018, concerning annual appointments and reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners](#) caused tension—and voices—to rise.

Commissioner Glen Davis questioned the appointment of County Engineer Keith Laube as Road & Bridge Supervisor. "I would

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The Montrose Board of County Commissioners proclaimed Jan. 9 as Law Enforcement Appreciation (LEAD) Day at the special meeting of Jan. 9. Mirror Staff Photo.

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ANSWERING THE CALL: PATROL OFFICER KARISSA NICKESON

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Patrol Officer Karissa Nickeson has been with the Montrose Police Department (MPD) for a year and a half. Originally from California, Nickeson came to Colorado via a softball scholarship to Colorado Mesa University (CMU). "I fell in love with the Western Slope and started applying for jobs." Nickeson received a Bachelors in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in law enforcement.

Since age eight Nickeson has wanted to be a policeman and at age 16, a ride-along with a patrol officer cinched her career path. Her parents, however, were not as enamored, "I think they still worry about me all the time."

Although Nickeson has no family living in the area, she has two dogs; Jake, of unknown pedigree, was a stray in Grand Junction and Kaleb, a German Shepherd mix, was a shelter dog.

According to Nickeson patrol officers work 12-hour shifts and typically handle citizen calls, patrol areas where there have been recent incidents, and work traffic; "Rarely do we get home on time. With day shift we are doing calls all day long and then still have to do paperwork before we go home. I love the night shift. We get a different type of call, more exciting calls."

Nickeson is on a mission to find people driving under the influence (DUI) and get them off the road. In 2017 she made 23 of the of 80 DUI arrests, "I want to get them before they hurt, or kill, innocent people.



Patrol Officer Karissa Nickeson has been with the Montrose Police Department (MPD) for a year and a half. Photo by Gail Marvel.

There's more paperwork to a DUI arrest, but I think it's worth it to get them off the street." The night shift affords Nickeson the best opportunity to find DUI's, "Basically I follow break lights and I'll will follow a [suspicious] vehicle until I feel there is no problem with the driver."

The most enjoyable part of her job is meeting people, "The vast majority of the people we meet are victims, but they are our neighbors." The least enjoyable part of her job, "Calls where someone is hurting another person, or an animal. The victims recount and relive the situation when they tell their story. It's hard on them and on me. I can feel what they are going through. There is an emotional toll." Nick-

eson counts herself lucky that she has not been called upon to use CPR, "I did get a Life Saving Award in 2016 for talking a suicidal man off the West Main bridge."

Nickeson considers one of her strengths is the ability to ask probing questions, "I dig out information and I'm persistent. I want the investigation to be thorough."

As for goals and aspirations Nickeson said, "I'm learning every day just doing the job, but in six months or so I'd like to start a master's program."

When asked about hobbies, interests and activities Nickeson laughed and said, "This is not what you expect from a cop, or what a cop is supposed to do...I like to bake. I bake a lot and I like to sew!"



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TIMBERLINE BANK MONTROSE NAMES NEW PRESIDENT

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Timberline Bank Montrose began in March of 2006 under the watchful hand of Randy Havens, President and co-owner since inception. Randy and his team have grown the bank to be the premier community bank in Montrose with nearly \$50 million in assets that represent a fantastic collection of banking relationships.

On Jan. 1, 2018, Randy Havens moved to his next life chapter which is to ease into an active and happy retirement. This includes the transfer of the Timberline Bank Montrose Presidency to Timberline veteran, Scott Wittman. Scott is an "original" Team Member of Timberline Bank,

starting in 2004 as a loan officer. Scott has built an impressive banking resume in his 26-year banking career. Scott and his wife, Susan, have relocated to the Montrose area and are very delighted to become active members of the community. Scott looks forward to continuing the bank's unsurpassed customer service while working to develop new and lasting banking relationships.

Randy Havens will continue to be an important part of the Timberline Bank Montrose Team, maintaining an office in the bank and staying involved as a team member, Board Member, and community member long after this transition. Randy and Scott will work together to make this

transitional process as smooth and seamless as possible for our valued banking relationships. Please come visit us at Timberline Bank and congratulate Randy on his accomplished banking career and help us to welcome Scott Wittman to our community at an Open House on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 from 4 – 6 pm.

Timberline Bank is a full service, independently and locally owned, community bank with branches in Aspen, Grand Junction, and Montrose. Our mission is to help improve the financial quality of life for our customers. For more information about Timberline Bank, please visit our website www.timberlinebank.com, or find us on Facebook.

DELTA LIONS & DELTA HOSPITAL ANNOUNCE HEALTH FAIR EVENTS FOR 2018



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Timberline Bank Montrose Branch
1561 Oxbow Dr, Montrose, CO 81401
Light refreshments will be served.




Welcome Timberline Bank's new Montrose Branch President, Scott Wittman!

Celebrate Randy Havens' success with Timberline and our appreciation as he guides Scott through this transition and serves on Timberline Bank's Board of Directors.

Questions or comments
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Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Dates and times for this year's Lion's Club and Delta County Memorial Hospital's annual health fair events are scheduled for: **2018 Early Blood Draws:** Paonia - Wednesday, Feb. 7, Paonia Campus of Technical College of the Rockies, 6:30 am-9:30 am
Cedaredge - Thursday, Feb. 8, Cedaredge Civic Center, 6:30 am-9:30 a.m.
Delta - Friday and Saturday, February 9,10, DCMH Oncology Classrooms 6:30 am - 10 am. **2018 Health Fairs:** Paonia - March 13, Tuesday, Paonia Campus of Technical College of the Rockies, 6:30 am - 10 am. Delta - March 15, Thursday, Bill Heddles Rec Center - 6:30 am - 11 am. Cedaredge - March 16, Friday, Cedaredge Civic Center - 6:30 am - 10 am. Call in appointments are scheduled for Jan. 19, 20 from 9 am to 1 p.m. daily by calling 888-592-6255. Set up appts for February Early Blood Draws at locations in Paonia, Cedaredge or Delta OR for March Health Fair appointments in Paonia, Cedaredge and Delta. For additional questions call Patti Kalahar, Manager 874-2291, pkalahar@deltahospital.org

A FRESH POINT OF VIEW: FROM THE HALLWAYS OF MHS

You know that feeling you get waking up, and you feel happy knowing it's another sweet day off of school, and then you realize, it's the day school comes back. The immediate pain of having to get up hits you like a brick thrown from a roof, and right onto your chest. You know you have to get up, but you really don't want to. You consider faking being sick, and staying home. For just one more day of break. But you also think of your grades slowly slipping down into an empty abyss you wouldn't be able to save them from. And so you jump right out of your bed. That's the feeling called, "extreme pain and suffering." and hundreds of kids experienced it last Tuesday. Except I was ready.

It was Monday morning, Jan. 8. I had looked on the school calendar, and knew today was the day of reckoning. I had to go back to school. I once again had to look up to the whiteboard, and quickly looked back down to write on my paper whatever was on the whiteboard. I had to scram-

ble through the packed hallways in order to get to class before the bell rings and I get crucified by a hall monitor. I had to once again stare into the endless void of worksheets and homework.

I was so free during break. Free to put my legs up and read some books, free to browse the internet at my leisure...and then high school sneaks behind me and throws a chain ball onto my ankle, trapping me once again. So I got up, got ready, and by the time I was out of the house, I was regretting my decision not to skip.

Once I had made it to the high school, that gate was still closed. And so I sigh heavily, and throw my weight onto the top of the gate. I sigh and grunt, checking to make sure my cell phone doesn't fall and smash on the hard concrete below me. I fall, and my feet plant onto the frosted ground. I nearly slip, but manage to maintain my balance. I carefully maneuver my way to the front of the school, managing not to fall onto my back. I stop

in front of the cafeteria doors, and see everything is neatly tucked away, the kitchen was dark, and the doors were locked. There

was no school today, was there? When it said winter break ended on the 8th, it meant today was the last day of break. I had gotten up, and shaken myself awake instead of sleeping in and bathing in the morning sun. I groan, and begin the march of shame back home. However, there were some things to be thankful for. Since I had been able to shake the morning habit of lazily sleeping around, the next day I was ready for the real deal. And thankfully, most of my new classes are pretty fun and easy, so that's another thing to feel happy about. Here's to a wonderful 2018! Happy New Year!



Jack Switzer, MHS freshman.

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RE-1J BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INTERVIEW, CHOOSE DISTRICT G DIRECTOR ON JAN. 23

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-The Montrose County Re-1J Board of Education Directors will interview and then choose from two or more candidates for the open District G seat when the board convenes on Jan. 23. Applications for the open District G seat, formerly held by Leann Tobin for two terms, must be received by Friday, Jan. 19, RE-1J administrative assistant Laurie Laird said. Applications have so far been received from Doug Glaspell and Jay Thoe.

"We are still interested in receiving applications," Laird said.

To learn more, visit http://www.mcsd.org/school_board/board_election_information/. For a map of director districts [click here](#)



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

PLEASE CONSIDER A RUN FOR MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Editor:

The December Holidays have moved on...it's now January and, soon, in April, 2018, Montrose residents will participate in a City Council election. Three seats are up for re-election, and folks are anticipating the voices of Montrose residents who are ready for a change in Montrose City Governance. At the moment, two individuals who currently hold those seats have filed to run again: Dave Bowman [District 2, four years] and Barbara Bynum [At Large, two years]. Dave Romero holds the District 1, four-year seat. At the moment, Mr. Romero has not filed the forms to run.

The injustice and corruption of our current council and City Manager is apparent to many City residents; residents who wanted to be heard and wanted relief from the continuation of Hillcrest running through their housing development; those who questioned the annexation of land in the Miami Road area to no avail; and especially the Bob Morales family, who have tried for years to eliminate the stench and smoke emanating from the dog food factory that Bill Bell placed right in their back yard through a zoning change that did not take their health, welfare and safety into account.

Like a filthy diaper, it's time to change the current occupiers of those three Council seats. If residents and businesses want to be heard, it is imperative that the configuration and calculus of the Council be changed to a group that is outside the pockets of Bill Bell, and that is actually interested in the concerns of Montrose citizens and ALL business owners. Transparency, honesty, respect, and concern for ALL Montrose citizens must be mandatory from the Council and City Manager.

Therefore, my concern and encouragement lie in my belief that many residents, when elected, would become stellar council members, who would question the ideas, procedures, regulations and decisions considered by council/city manager and would not be easily influenced by them. Three new council members would put the city manager on notice that local government's behavior should reflect the wishes of the governed. Local government should reflect the wishes of the public, not just the power and greed entrenched in a city manager and/or five council members.

Please pick up the necessary forms from Lisa del Piccolo at City Hall on South First Street. You must complete a petition of 25 legal signatures, notarized and returned to Lisa del Piccolo's office by 6 pm, January 22, 2018. Ms. del Piccolo will inform you of your legal district and the parameters of running for City Council. If three of the five Council Seats are filled with new members who concern themselves with issues of importance to all of us, changes can and will occur. PLEASE embrace a citizens' privilege and responsibility: File to run for Montrose City Council!

Sincerely,

Marge Morgenstern, Montrose



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BUILDING PERMITS CLOSE 2017 WITH MARKED INCREASES

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose County Planning and Development Division finished the year with strong numbers in regard to total permits issued, valuation, single family residence permits and single family residence valuation. The most impressive statistic was the increase in single family residence valuation—from approximately \$8.5 million in 2016 to nearly \$16 million last year.

"This increase is a positive sign for our local economy," said Planning and Development Director Steve White. "It's not uncommon to see new houses or even

subdivisions being constructed to meet the demand. I am grateful to my staff for working hard to process a 27 percent increase in permits." The total number of permits issued in 2018 was 347 compared to 273 the prior year. Building permits are issued for a variety of home improvement tasks—additions, major remodels, patio coverings and more. Once a permit is approved, the planning and development staff then work with the assessor's office to identify the increased valuation of the project. Total valuation for projects in 2017 increased from nearly \$16.3 million to over \$23.6 million—a 44 percent in-

crease.

Separately, single family residences saw growth with 100 permits pulled in Montrose County in 2017. That's nearly 79 percent more than 2016, which only saw 56 permits for single family homes. The highest year to date for single family residence permits was in 2006 with 134 permits. Additionally, 2006 boasted 354 total building permits issued. Since the economic downturn of 2008, permits have continued to rise each year.

For more information on the planning and development division, please visit www.montrosecounty.net.

2018 Early Blood Draws & Health Fair

Montrose Pavilion
January 31, February 1-3
6:30-9:30 a.m.

Additional Locations for Early Blood Draws

January 27th

4H Event Center in Ridgway 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

January 29th

American Legion Hall in Olathe 6:30 - 9:30 a.m.

**Appointments may be made online for all three locations
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Movie @ 7:00 pm

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Doors @ 7. Talk @ 7:30. Suggested \$10 donation.



COMEDY NIGHT

"ONE MAN'S STAND

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Doors at 6:00pm. Comedy starts at 6:30pm. \$20 entry.

ELDER GROWN

Doors 7:30pm. Music around 8:00pm. \$10 at the door.



FILM: "ASCENDING AFGHANISTAN: RISING WOMEN"

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JAN. 9 IS LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY From pg 1

like to make one point...our engineer, who is a great guy and I like, it stated on there that he is appointed county road and bridge supervisor of all the roads, the county road system...I would like clarification...is he a public works director, does he have control of all of it, or is this just for the County Road & Bridge?" County Attorney Marti Whitmore responded at the request of BOCC Chair Caddy. "...so it's simply up to the board of county commissioners as to who you want to appoint as road supervisor, but there would be no reason you couldn't have the county public works director also be road supervisor."

County Manager Ken Norris noted that "We've re-organized; Mr. Laube is the public works director, and Joe Budagher is the road and bridge director, and is a direct report to Keith Laube. Keith is in overall charge of all of the roads and bridges as well as the engineering and fleet."

"Therein lies my problem," Davis said. "We have never had a public meeting, a public discussion or brought it before the public to reorganize this and have a public works director...this has been tried before; it usually winds up costing someone their job. This wouldn't be the first, it wouldn't be the second, it wouldn't be the third time this has happened. It was never discussed...there was no meeting, no public discussion, to set Mr. Laube up as public works director." Davis suggested appointing Laube road and bridge supervisor and considering appointment of a public works director at a later date.

Norris provided background on the reorganization. "...when we proposed the reorganization, several times I individually discussed it with Commissioner Davis, with Commissioner Rash and with Commissioner Caddy. And I provided all three (with) copies of the proposed reorganizational chart. We had discussed that over a period of many weeks, and based on input from all three of those, and input from others on the staff, I made the decision to reorganize and as part of that I eliminated the assistant manager position. What this did was save the county money and flatten the organizational structure. It made the county more effective."

Davis then questioned Norris' job descrip-

tion and authority to make the change.

Caddy asked County Attorney Marti Whitmore to assist Norris in complying with Davis' request for his prior and current job description.

"We did discuss all of this," Commissioner Roger Rash said. "We discussed it in work sessions; we discussed reorganization in a meeting that you Mr. Davis, called Keith Caddy and I

to clear back in December before we were even seated as county commissioners, when you hired an attorney without your board knowing about it..."

Davis began to interject, and Caddy reminded "OK, one person at a time please."

Rash continued. "That was when we started talking about the reorganization, when you hired the attorney, Mr. Santos, to reorganize and to remove the assistant county manager position. That's when this started Mr. Davis. For you to come in here and try to insinuate that we have done something incorrect or illegal, I find that very concerning. This was talked about."

"Memory's a selective thing," Davis countered. "I recommended to both incoming county commissioners so that we wouldn't make a mistake in the dismissal of two employees which I was told was going to be gone on day one. I made a recommendation to hire an attorney; they agreed to hire an attorney. The next question out of my mouth was, 'how're you going to pay for it?' Mr. Norris stated that 'I have the authority to pay for it.'... we got an attorney."

Norris noted that the county has conflicting policies with regard to fiscal and purchasing policies, and that the attorney in question was hired under the fiscal policy, at the recommendation of Commissioner Davis.



Zilla Mae Brown of the Montrose County Historic Landmark Advisory Committee asks the BOCC to designate the Maher Onion Valley School House as a historic landmark.

Caddy directed the County Attorney to review and correct the inconsistencies.

Resolution No. 05-2018 passed with two aye votes, and Davis abstaining.

Commissioners approved a request by Zilla Mae Brown, President of the Montrose County Historic Landmark Advisory Board, to [designate the Maher Onion Valley School House](#) at 3996 Clearfork Road in Crawford, as a historic landmark. "It is one of the few remaining one-room schools from that time period in Colorado history, the Maher School was built in 1917," she said.

Also adopted unanimously was [a Proclamation declaring Jan. 9 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day](#) in Montrose County. Representatives from the Montrose Police Department and the Montrose Sheriff's Officer were thanked for their service, photographed with County Officials, and presented with boxes of doughnuts and five-pound bags of coffee.

In other business, the BOCC unanimously approved [an easement agreement with Weimer Ranches](#) LLLP, a non-exclusive easement for the purpose of constructing and maintaining an off-highway vehicle trail, and a grant of easement from Weimer Ranches LLLP, a budgeted expense of \$4,356, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining an off-highway vehicle trail. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

CITY CONSIDERS CREATIVE CONNECTIONS COMMUNITY SPACE, REC DISTRICT IGA

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council welcomes Chamber of Commerce Director Chelsea Rosty as well as Kelsey Doering to the [work session of Jan. 15](#), to discuss "Creative Connections Community Space."

Also up for discussion are the [Intergovernmental Agreement \(IGA\) with Montrose Recreation District](#), and the 2018 Montrose Emergency Telephone Service (METSA) surcharge.

From the IGA, "The District shall waive the Tier 3 Corporate Membership fee for the City. The District shall offer the Participant Membership Fees (equivalent to a 15 percent discount) to City employees and council for the family and adult annual

pass at the effective rate at time of purchase."

Items set for upcoming City Council discussions include the lease agreement with Straw Hat Farm; an attainable housing discussion; the 2018 special events program; Rotary Amphitheater at Cerise Park; a Connect Trails bid recommendation; and fourth quarter police department report Feb. 5.

On Feb. 20 Council will hear a fourth quarter budget review.

At the [regular City Council meeting of Jan. 16](#), Montrose City Council will consider a hotel & restaurant liquor license transfer from Chang Thai Cuisine Montrose, LLC d.b.a. Chang Thai Cuisine Mont-

rose, to Chang Thai Montrose LLC, d.b.a. Chang Thai Cuisine.

Council will consider Ordinance 2441 on second reading, for annexation of the Recalde Addition; and Ordinance 2442 on second reading for zoning of the Recalde Addition as a (P) Public District and (MHR) Manufactured Housing Residential District.

Council will consider awarding a bid for building and planning software to Davenport Group Software Solutions, and authorizing a first-year expenditure of \$73,400 for community development software and associated implementation costs. Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

STROLLING MEMORY LANE...TO THE ARCADIA BALLROOM

Dear Editor:

Greetings from Albuquerque, N.M.

This morning, on a whim, I took a stroll down Memory Lane. I Googled "Arcadia Ballroom Montrose CO" and found a story printed in your newspaper on Feb. 6, 2013. The author was J. Berndt.

Beginning in 1972, I played and sang professionally in country music bands until 1985. My first paid "gig" was a job in Cortez, CO that lasted for over a year. When that job ended, my band somehow found ourselves booked at a place called the "Arcadia Ballroom" in a town called Montrose, CO, that none of us had ever heard of!

We were very excited to be playing our first "road" gig, but at first sight, we weren't sure if we had the right place, what with the rusting remnants of the old amusement park rides on the little man-made island in the middle of the small lake.

We soon met the owners, Morrie Elestad and his wife, Rose. (I think) They had moved to Montrose from Wisconsin not

long before this. I don't know what possessed them to buy what was basically, a nightclub. They were very nice people but really not suited for the "night life".

This was sometime in late '73 and we were all in our early to mid-twenties. Three guys and a lady singer. The "Ballroom" at that time, was a cavernous, sprawling old wooden structure with a HUGE dance floor. The stage was at the west end of the room, and it was three feet high and thirty feet wide! There was a restaurant on the north side of the building where many would go for breakfast at the end of the night. (1:30 AM!)

We called ourselves the "Raging River Band." I don't remember why. It just sounded cool at the time. We were a decent sounding little group and Trudy, our lead singer, was VERY good and VERY attractive, so we figured stardom would descend on us at any moment!

We lasted for seven months at the Ballroom and, at some point during that time, the folks who owned the tiny radio station, KDTA in Delta, north of Montrose,

thought that it would be a good idea to do LIVE Saturday-night broadcasts! Then we knew *for sure* that talent scouts would be knocking on our door, contracts in hand! Of course that never happened.

Yes, we had some growing up to do.

As bands do, we all went our separate ways and found our own lives. I got to work with some of the biggest names in country music of the 70's and 80's before I got a wife and a "real" job! I still play occasionally, when some (desperate) local band needs a worn-out old bass guitar player.

I've never been back to Montrose, but my memories of those seven months have never dimmed.

I hope the folks who are fortunate enough to actually live there truly appreciate what a beautiful place it is. I'll be 70 years old in a year and a half, and I have a beautiful wife, 2 granddaughters, and 3 great grandchildren!

My life has been blessed. I hope yours has been as well.

Wayne Harkins, Albuquerque

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE COUNTY SUPPORTS LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH OVER \$730,000 IN COMMUNITY PARTNER FUNDING

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners provided over \$730,000 funding to local government and non-profit agencies to start off 2018. Recipients of 2018 funding (awarded through the annual budget process) include organizations such as the Center for Mental Health, Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club, Community Options, Dolphin House, the Basin Clinic, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), the Olathe Community Center, and Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers. These organizations provide critical community services ranging from rural health care to protection for victims of child and domestic abuse as well as crime prevention and youth mentoring.

"Every year we are faced with difficult decisions regarding Community Partner Funding," said Chairman Keith Caddy. "This year, we are proud to award over \$730,000 to assist community organizations in providing important services to Montrose County residents."

"Montrose County has a history of supporting local organizations and CASA is pleased to be a recipient of Community Partner Funding again for 2018. Such strong local support shows regional and statewide funders that our community is invested in our success," said Carlton Mason, Executive Director of CASA of the 7th Judicial District.

"Montrose County's continuing support of Crime Stoppers has been invaluable in enabling us to fulfill our critical mission of dealing with area crime, both its prevention and its solution. The BOCC, the Sheriff and Dispatch have all been of tremendous assistance. With over 20 years of experience as a non-profit volunteer in numerous organizations, I have witnessed the County's continuing dedication to improving the lives of all who live, work and visit our beautiful region," said John W. Nelson, President of Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc.

More than 43 different entities made 44 separate requests totaling over \$1.2 million, and 37 of those entities received a total of \$734,550 in community partner funding ranging from \$1,000 to \$325,000. For more information regarding the budget and to view the other entities awarded, please visit www.montrosecounty.net.

MIRROR IMAGES...STUPID BAND @ INTRINZIK



Longtime Montrose rockers the Stupid Band performed at a benefit for lawyer Peggy Carey's private animal shelter at Intrinzik on Jan. 13.



MONTROSE ANIMAL SHELTER: CARING FOR COMPANIONS

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At left, "Sammy" is a 1 ½ year old terrier mix awaiting a new home at the Montrose Animal Shelter; above, The Montrose Animal Shelter's "shelter cat" suns himself in the window on a recent day. He has replaced Panther, the facility's shelter cat of 22 years, who died last year. This kitty is yet to be named. (Photos by Michael Lawton).

conditioned comfort.

Every year animal control officers or local police officers pick up more than 1,000 stray animals and make beds for more

than 150 pets relinquished by owners for various reasons. Another 30+ are taken in from other agencies. In 2017 those numbers added up:

- 1111 impounded animals – 900 strays, 180 owner-relinquished, and 31 received from other organizations;
- 2115 animal control incidents – 1132 strays, 83 problems, 248 noise complaints, 51 vicious, 260 welfare cases, and 111 wildlife, plus other incidents;
- 516 animals were adopted (233 dogs, 256 cats and 27 other);
- 437 animals were returned to owners;
- 49 were transferred.

The day we visited the shelter, an owner came in who wanted to relinquish a young pet dog because he and another pet dog did not get along. This dog was an emotional mess – he curled up on the floor, refusing to move and literally quaked from confusion and sorrow, somehow knowing what was about to happen.

However, when an owner wishes to relinquish a pet in Montrose they must be placed on a waiting list until there is space at the shelter to take the animal. In some cases, this results in the owners changing their minds and not returning with the animal. In this case the man put his pet's name on the list and drove off with the shaken dog.

A graduate of Montrose High School, Shelter Director Mike Duncan is the fourth generation of Duncan's who have worked with animals in Montrose, starting with his great-grandfather's small ranch.

He says he had no idea when he took on the position of shelter supervisor so many years ago that he'd still be on the job. Now Duncan is called Montrose Director of Animal Services and it has been 20 years this last November that he took over his position. When he talks about his life's work, you can feel Duncan's enthusiasm. He has had his share of encounters with exotic animals, having round up runaway emus and ostriches in the past – "we don't get many of those calls today," he said.

Duncan remembers once dealing with a cable man who would not come down from a power pole because of a five-foot Burmese python that was sunning himself at the base of the pole. On one other occasion, Duncan worked with Colorado

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This outside view of the Montrose Animal Shelter shows dog cages used for outside time by animals at the shelter on the left. The shelter is open seven days a week, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Photo by Michael Lawton).

Parks and Wildlife to capture a yearling bear cub that was terrorizing the folks at a golf course. Both animals were captured and relocated to safer conditions.

In his spare time Duncan and his family also raise animals, cows in particular. It isn't unusual here in Western Colorado that those who end up working with animals during the daytime at area shelters also do so during their off hours.

Shelter Manager Kari Kishiyama and her husband also raise sheep and horses, and other shelter officers and workers also work with animals outside of working hours, several having small farms. It's been shelter staff's duty to comfort the strays, try to soften the sting of rejection for others and to answer the call daily.

Kishiyama said the shelter is "very grateful for donations" citizens or local stores provide in money and food or items like the 60 animal beds given by the Komfy K9 business. One recent estate donation of \$100,000+ was very welcome, she said. Scott's printing has organized an annual Christmas donation program for the past 15 years. To make a material donation, citizens can purchase a gift certificate for the shelter at Chow Down Pet Supplies or another merchant or call 970-240-1487 to talk to the shelter about a list of needed items. Montrose's shelter is an adoption-only shelter; no animals are routinely subjected to euthanasia. However, if an animal arrives at the shelter with severe, life-threatening injuries, or dying from a deadly disease the shelter can end the animal's pain and suffering.

Animal control officers are considered "peace officers" and not police officers, even though they carry weapons for protection and to end an animal's suffering (such as a gravely injured deer, raccoon or other wildlife perhaps hit on the road). Animal control officers in Montrose train alongside the Montrose Police Department and cross-train, in case their help is needed. A new recruit will spend time with patrol, evidence, records, investigation, dispatch and often code enforcement officers. In return Montrose Police Officers pick up strays or answer animal calls and transport animals to the shelter on week-ends and nights. Duncan credits Police Chief Tom Chinn, and Police commanders Gene Lillard and Blaine Hall for their support and the work their patrol officers do 24/7 in helping the Animal Services Division.

It was the founding of a 14-county coalition on the Western Slope of Colorado that lead to the state-wide cooperation now existing, Duncan says. Duncan has been on the board of the Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies (CFAWA); there is also the Colorado Association of Animal Control Officers (CAACO) and Pet Animal Care Facilities Act Program (PACFA). "All animal shelters in the state cooperate through these organizations," Duncan said. Today, if a shelter in one area has an animal that has been there a long time and is not being adopted, it may help to move the animal to another shelter with a different population base to make that adoption happen, Duncan said. Last year Montrose's shelter took in

31 animals received from other organizations, some of them picked up after hurricanes or floods in their towns. Colorado is known for its citizens' love of animals and has been a destination for dogs and cats rescued from Hurricane Katrina, and more recently Hurricane Maria. Duncan said animals must be completely vetted (in this case by an actual veterinarian) and found free of disease to be sent to another state for adoption.

With the unification now among state shelters, Duncan says, it's possible to trade dogs to expose them to a different market (of adopters).

He said most people do not realize that Colorado is on the leading edge of technology in the nation when it comes to taking care of sheltered animals. State law dictates that all shelter animals be spayed or neutered and every day in Montrose anywhere from one to six animals are taken to local veterinarians.

"We have good relations with all the vets in town, who give us cost breaks and are just good-hearted folks," Duncan said. Animals to be treated are sent out evenly to local vet clinics or to the clinic of choice for the adopter. Montrose County has its own animal enforcement officer who co-operates with the local shelter and the shelter takes in animals from the county. The local Animal Control helps enforce regulations regarding dog or cock fighting. To learn more, contact Montrose Animal Control at 970.240.1487. For regulations concerning the keeping of animals within City limits, click here for [city municipal code](#).

THE 2018 PRECINCT CAUCUS DAY IS MARCH 6

By Tressa Guynes

Montrose County Clerk & Recorder

MONTROSE—What happens at precinct caucus?

- In each even-numbered year, political parties hold their Precinct Caucus on the first Tuesday in March to begin the process of selecting candidates to designate in the up-coming election.
 - Registered voters of the same political party gather at their respective precinct location to select delegates to represent their precinct at the County Assembly and committee persons to organize political activities for the precinct.
 - Precinct caucuses are open to the public and held throughout the state.
- Who can vote in a precinct caucus?
- A resident of the precinct for 30 days.
 - A resident affiliated with the caucusing political party for at least two months be-

fore the precinct caucuses. Jan. 8 was the last day to affiliate with the Republican or Democratic Party in order to vote in the March 6 political party precinct caucus.

- Feb. 5 is the last day to update your voter registration address to participate in the March 6 party precinct caucus.

What about unaffiliated voters?

- Unaffiliated voters or voters from other counties may observe a precinct caucus, but may not participate.
- For the first time in Colorado, unaffiliated voters will be eligible to cast a Primary Election ballot for candidates of a political party. This is because Colorado voters approved Proposition 108 in 2016. Unless an unaffiliated voter designates a ballot preference, they will receive both the Democrat and Republican Primary ballots for the June Primary, and may vote and return only one. If a voter returns both

ballots voted, neither will be counted.

- As an alternative, unaffiliated voters may declare a "ballot preference" before the June 26 Primary Election at www.govotecolorado.com and receive only one ballot for their preferred party. Doing this would conserve taxpayer dollars, because otherwise counties will pay printing and postage costs to send two ballots. If you are interested in serving as an election judge, you may attend your respective political party's caucus and add your name to the election judges list.

If you have a question about your registration status, please contact the Montrose County Clerk and Recorder's Office at 249-3362 ext. 3 or you can update your information online at www.govotecolorado.com. *County Offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.*

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CONSTRUCTION OF THE MONTROSE URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY PHASE I INFRASTRUCTURE BEGINS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— On behalf of the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA), the City of Montrose is pleased to announce that construction of the MURA's Phase I Public Infrastructure Project is underway.

Phase I of this project will construct approximately 1.5 miles of roadways and utilities within the central 40 acres of the site in support of the Colorado Outdoors Development Project. The construction contract for this work was awarded to a local contractor, Ridgway Valley Enterprises, through a competitive bidding process.

Over the next several months, residents can expect to see clearing of brush and select trees from within the project area, the installation of deep utilities (storm and sanitary sewer), and the installation of off-site utilities extending as far north as LaSalle Road. Traffic impacts will be minimal throughout this phase of the project and will generally be limited to isolated shoulder closures. Nonetheless, the city asks that all motorists and pedestrians exercise caution near the project area and to please respect all coned-off areas.

In addition to the Phase I Public Infrastructure Project, the city is also working on plans for the recreation trail connec-

tion from Colorado Outdoors to the Community Recreation Center and plans for fish habitat and boating improvements along the MURA's Uncompahgre River frontage.

Updates on all of these projects will be made available on the city's website (CityofMontrose.org/MURA) as the projects progress. The website will also soon include a webcam where residents can view the project's progress in real time.

Any questions regarding these projects may be directed to City Engineer Scott Murphy at [970-901-1792](tel:970-901-1792). Email smurphy@ci.montrose.co.us to receive project updates directly via email.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

OPEN HOUSE FOR FORMER URANIUM AND ATOMIC WORKERS

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION—An open house event will be held for former uranium and atomic workers across the Grand Valley to learn more about their Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act (EEOICPA) benefits and meet other former workers in the area.

Many residents in western Colorado were former uranium miners or employees at the AEC Compound. Because of their exposure to radiation and toxic materials in the workplace, many of them have developed serious illnesses. Former workers with an approved diagnosis from the Department of Labor are entitled to monetary compensation and medical benefits through the EEOICPA.

Nuclear Care Partners, an organization that provides benefits guidance and in-home care to former uranium and atomic workers, is hosting the Open House on Jan. 25 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the Nuclear Care Partners office located at 631 24 ½ Road in Grand Junction, Colorado. Community members can RSVP for the event or get more information by calling [970-628-7496](tel:970-628-7496).

“Many people have been seriously affected by illnesses directly linked to their work

in uranium mining and nuclear weapons development during the Cold War era,” said John Kelley, Community Outreach Manager at Nuclear Care Partners. “We want to do everything we can to keep them healthy, feeling well, and enjoying a high quality of life.”

With a proactive and preventative healthcare approach, Nuclear Care Partners seeks to keep those who labored in the uranium industry and nuclear facilities during the Cold War out of the hospital and as healthy and independent as possible.

About Nuclear Care Partners

Nuclear Care Partners provides EEOICPA benefits guidance and no-cost in-home care to former atomic workers who have developed serious illnesses due to the exposure to radiation and toxins they endured in the workplace.

Founded in 2011, Nuclear Care Partners serves hundreds of former atomic workers in 13 states across the nation. For more information call [970-628-7496](tel:970-628-7496) or visit www.NuclearCarePartners.com.

About the EEOICPA Program

In 2000, former President Bill Clinton signed into law the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Pro-

gram Act (EEOICPA), which was designed to compensate individuals who worked in nuclear weapons production and as a result of occupational exposure to radiation and toxic chemicals developed serious illnesses. Executive Order 13179 explains: “Since World War II, hundreds of thousands of men and women have served their nation in building its nuclear defense.

In the course of their work, they overcame previously unimagined scientific and technical challenges.

Thousands of these courageous Americans, however, paid a high price for their service, developing disabling or fatal illnesses as a result of exposure to beryllium, ionizing radiation, and other hazards unique to nuclear weapons production and testing.

Too often these workers were neither adequately protected from, nor informed of, the occupational hazards to which they were exposed... While the Nation can never fully repay these workers or their families, they deserve recognition and compensation for their sacrifices.”

Many such workers worked in the uranium industry or AEC Compound across western Colorado.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

REP. WILLETT WON'T SEEK RE-ELECTION; SOPER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY



State Representative Yeulin Willett, left, will not seek re-election to House District 54, but will serve out his term, ending in Jan. 2019. Matt Soper, right, has announced his candidacy to run for Willett's House seat. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION -- State Representative Yeulin Willett announced he will not seek re-election to House District 54, but will serve out his term, ending in January 2019. Concurrently, Matt Soper announced his candidacy to run for Willett's

House seat.

"This past summer I expressed to the party the possibility I would not seek re-election. I have confidence in Matt Soper, and look forward to seeing him elected to represent the people of House District 54," stated Rep. Yeulin Willett.

Matt Soper, a fourth generation Coloradoan, grew up in Delta and earned his way through Colorado Mesa University by hand-picking Olathe Sweet Corn. During his time at CMU, Soper served two terms as student trustee and earned the coveted Wayne Aspinall Award.

He later earned graduate degrees from the University of Edinburgh and the University of New Hampshire. Soper served seven years on the Delta County Museum's board of trustees, as well as chairman of the City of Delta's Historic Preservation Board, and as an Orchard City trus-

tee. In 2016, Soper was appointed, as a Republican, to the 7th Judicial Nominating Commission.

He volunteers at the Abraham Connection homeless shelter, is a youth mentor, and is active in his church. Soper is a professional researcher and writer, serving clients in the private sector, with areas of expertise in law and history.

"I look forward to continuing the good work of Rep. Willett, as well as focusing on the basics of protecting our water, getting our roads fixed, and keeping a lid on spending," said Matt Soper, candidate for House District 54.

Rep. Yeulin Willett is looking forward to spending more time with his wife and family and less time on the road to and from Denver, and focusing on civil dispute resolution and addressing local issues important to Mesa County. Willett was first elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2016. He has won numerous awards as a legislator, including ones from the Colorado Sheriff's Association, the Colorado Non-Profit Association, the Colorado Civil Justice League, the University of Colorado, and Americans for Prosperity, among others.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

TOM HEFFERNAN ARTICLE ON HEALTH CARE (IN DAILY PRESS) MISSED SOME POINTS

Editor:

Tom makes some good points, but I believe he missed some. Also, the League of Women Voters meeting this last week did also. Tom is correct the Republicans did little to take much input from the Democrats, but do you recall any Democrat taking input from the Republicans when the healthcare bill was passed by the Democrats? I'm sure most of us recall the head of the Democratic controlled house

stating, "We will have to pass it to find out what is in it." Yes, both parties act like little children when at work. "Wonder what ever became of " Good for America." We have way more people getting free health care than we have folks that made some effort to earn it.

With that being said I would encourage everyone to spend a little time reading the Constitution of the United States of America. No where in the Constitution does it make reference to the United States being a democracy. Article IV Section 4 very clearly calls us what our

Founding Fathers had intended. "The United States shall guarantee to every State in the Union a Republican Form of Government, etc." Our Founding Fathers were well aware of the failures that come to a Democratic form of government.

What needs to be corrected is the direction we are headed which has come about by Congress, past President and the Supreme Court and the people of this country that have and are letting us be

lead down the path to a failing system called a Democratic style of government. So please folks read up on the Constitution, schools teach the Constitution and lets try to inform our so call Senators and Representatives what the government was put in place to do! If you find a reference to us being a Democratic style of government in our constitution please let me and others know where you found it.

Doug Glaspell, Montrose





OURAY COUNTY RANCH HISTORY MUSEUM THRIVING IN RIDGWAY DEPOT



The Ouray County Ranch History Museum is open by appointment only until May, in the historic Ridgway Depot. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

RIDGWAY—One year ago, the [Ouray County Ranch History Museum](http://ocrhm.org/) (OCRHM) began the move from its former location in the old Colona School house to the historic Ridgway Railroad Depot at 321 Sherman Street in Ridgway.

The Depot Building dates to 1893, OCRHM President Joan Chismire said, but it is in remarkable condition. The Mitchell family had owned the depot since the 1960's before the museum acquired it, and "took

such good care of it," Chismire said. "And they were only the second owners; they purchased it from the railroad."

The first year in the depot was a major success for the Ranch History Museum, which celebrates and commemorates the early ranching heritage of Ouray County. "We had so much foot traffic this year, it has been awesome," she said. "We opened June 30, and we stayed open until the second week in October.

"We couldn't ask for more," Chismire

said. "Now, we're rolling up our shirt sleeves and getting ready to get back to business.

"We have received some really amazing donations, and we are working hard to showcase them the very best we can."

Among the benefits of the new location are extended hours during the season. "At Colona, the school house was on well water, and there was a very short window in which we could be open to the public." With the Ouray County Ranch History Museum now in Ridgway, the Colona Grange will use a grant to complete phase II of its own historic school house restoration, she added.

And though the Ouray County Ranch History Museum is open by appointment only until May, opportunities to volunteer and contribute to the non-profit museum are available year-round. "We are very open to having people call to set up a tour," Chismire said. "And we have private tours."

To learn more about exhibits and upcoming seasonal fundraisers, visit the web site at <http://ocrhm.org/>. Call the Ouray County Ranch History Museum at 970-316-1085 for tour information.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN TO SPEAK AT MONTROSE PAVILION JAN. 27

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Doctor Temple Grandin will share insights into the world of animal behavior from her unique perspective as one of the world's most well-known individuals with autism at the Montrose Pavilion, Jan. 27. *Time Magazine* voted her one of the world's most influential people in 2010 and a film of her life garnered 31 honors including seven Emmys, a Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild Award. She was inducted into the National Women's Hall of fame in 2017. A professor of Animal Science at CSU, the university recently named a multi-million dollar equestrian center in her honor.

"Her presentation will appeal to anyone seeking to better understand animals, from livestock to pets and to those dealing with autism," say organizer Carol Parker. "We are honored to have Dr. Grandin present as part of the Western Colorado Food and Farm Forum and encourage the public to attend her talk, book signing and community reception"

As an advocate for autism, she has provided innovative insights into how the autistic brain works and been an inspiration to thousands. Pet owners know her best for her keen insight and research into better interacting with a wide variety of animals.

Her innovative thinking on animal welfare has revolutionized the meat production industry bringing more humane and ethical handling practices to the fore. An estimated 90% of all cattle slaughtered in the United States and Canada are done so according to standards and equipment designed by Grandin. Often involved in designing systems for large operations,



Dr. Temple Grandin will speak at the Montrose Food & Farm Forum Jan. 27. Courtesy photo.

her newest book, *Temple Grandin's Guide to Working with Farm Animals: Safe, Humane Livestock Handling*, is geared for small and mid-sized farms.

CSU Extension, the Valley Food Partnership, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Shavano Valley Conservation District and the National Young Farmers Coalition host the agri-business conference that brings farmers and ranchers together from multiple states for a 2 day conference showcasing innovative and sustainable practices in marketing, management, crops, livestock and specialty areas.

"The conference is for anyone with an interest in the future of agriculture, including: ranchers, farmers, gardeners, students, and ag professionals. Whether you're looking to improve or innovate on

your existing practices, the forum has myriad resources and networking opportunities," according to Parker

Scholarships are available for beginning farmers and Spanish translation for some sessions. A Farmer-to-Farmer Invention Convention offers cash prizes and is sponsored by Recla Metals.

Grandin speaks at the Montrose Pavilion on Saturday, January 27 as part of the 6th annual Western Colorado Food and Farm Forum. The community is invited to attend the 4:15 presentation via separate registration from the conference. A Q&A session, book signing and reception follow the presentation. Tickets are available online at www.foodfarmforum.org or at the door. (970) 249-3935 for more information.



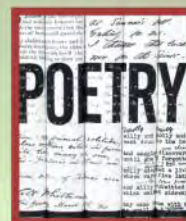
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NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer

THE ROLE OF INTERPRETATION IN CLASSICAL MUSIC, CHAMBER MUSIC AND OPERA

A few words on interpretation and what it means in regard to classical music, chamber music, and opera...composers in all three genres write within their scores markings and cues that indicate how specific notes or even entire sections should be performed by the musicians. What is written on the page may take on different characteristics once it is played in performance. The interpretation, say in a string quartet by Beethoven, mostly comes from the actions of the musicians and how they use their instruments to interpret what is on the page. A late string quartet by Beethoven performed one night may sound drastically different when it is played by a different ensemble two nights later. This is interpretation, and this is what causal listener and critics alike have to work with when passing judgment on a specific performance.

This concept goes one layer deeper when we add a conductor to the mix, as when an orchestra performs a symphony or a concerto with a soloist. Interpretation by

the Conductor often comes from their overall experience and history of working on works by certain composers; even nationality can have an impact on how a conductor reads and interprets a piece of music. The conductor then provides instruction and guidance to the musicians in the orchestra on how she/he thinks a piece should be played and performed. The availability of directions written with the score does not make interpretation easy by default. Beethoven provided very few notes within the orchestral score, whereas Gustav Mahler provided many tempo markings, crescendos/decrescendos; markings on how loud sections should be (p, mf, f) soft, medium, loud, and even marks on how to bow for the string players. Which makes interpretation easier? Having more information or less? When people speak of a musician having "great artistry" they are referring not only to a performer's technical ability on their instrument but also how they interpret the music on the page.

The role of interpretation grows exponentially when it comes to opera. Not only is interpretation applied to the written score, the musicians, and the conductor, but also to the singers on the stage, the chorus, as well as the sets, scenery, costumes, lighting, and thoughts and insight of the Director. With something as vast and complicated as opera, some may like how the music was presented but did not care for the acting that was taking place on stage. Someone else may have loved the sets and the feeling of being transported to a different time, but felt that the volume level of the orchestra was too loud and in turn took away from the story being presented on stage. The saying "this is not open for interpretation" is scarce in the classical music world, as that saying implies that there is only one true way of doing something. The beauty of these genres is that even slight changes in interpretation in any one area can add color and meaning without ever changing the very foundation on which the music was built.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION APPROVES SHED ANTLER AND HORN COLLECTION SEASONAL RESTRICTIONS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission voted unanimously to approve the creation of a seasonal closure on shed antler and horn collection on all public lands west of I-25 from Jan. 1 through April 30 annually. Today's decision will take effect on these public lands beginning March 1, 2018. Additionally, in order to maintain protection for the Gunnison sage-grouse, the new regulations include a closure to collection of shed antlers on public lands May 1 to May 15 from sunset to 10 a.m. in the Gunnison basin (Game Management Units 54, 55, 66, 67, 551).

CPW staff have been examining the issue for months, first introducing an antler and horn collection issue paper in September of 2017 that suggested a closure be put in place on all public lands west of I-25 from January 1 through April 30 annually. The purpose of this request was to reduce

the recreational impacts from shed hunting on wintering big game animals during the time of year when deer, elk, pronghorn, and moose are most vulnerable to stress. The result of this stress can be decreased body condition, increased mortality, and decreased fawn/calf survival.

The CPW Commission discussed the pros and cons of implementing these changes at its January 11 meeting. Much of the debate between commissioners at Thursday's meeting revolved around the potential for including an associated license/permit for shed antler and horn collection. Wildlife is synonymous with Colorado and their health and sustainability is a primary focus for CPW staff. The seasonal closure, also being discussed, was met with broad public and agency support.

During the discussion on whether to approve just the seasonal collection closure,

or a closure with a fee-based permit, Commissioner Alexander Zipp said, "I'd like to start with just a time restriction, without the fees. This is not a money-making decision. This is a wildlife regulation matter."

Winter can be extremely difficult on wildlife as body weight is down and access to food is very limited. The survival of wildlife relies heavily on keeping as many calories as possible until the green shoots pop up, heralding spring's return.

Commissioner Robert Bray summed up the discussion, saying he'd like CPW staff to further research a fee or registration option, but more importantly to create an education campaign on why these new regulations are being put into place and how all recreational can play a role in helping wildlife get through the winter.

Complete background information on this agenda item can be found on the [CPW website](#).

HANDICAP RAMP PROJECT COMPLETE AT TELLURIDE MEDICAL CENTER

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE-The Telluride Regional Medical Center announced last week the completion of a handicap ramp built to accommodate patients accessing primary care services.

The project was funded by [Telluride Women Give](#), a philanthropic giving circle of the Telluride Medical Center Foundation and, according to Kate Wadley, the executive director of the Telluride Medical Center Foundation, "a leadership network of community-minded women who do more than donate; they invest and collaborate to create specific programs that make a difference in the lives of women, children and their families."

Prior to the addition of the ramp, patients with special needs entering the clinic's primary care lobby had to either navigate steps or use the emergency entrance on the other side of the building.

"This is a much-needed addition to our facility to protect our patients and to provide reasonable entry to everyone who comes through our doors," said John Gardner, CEO of the medical center.



The new handicap ramp. Courtesy photo Telluride Medical Center.

Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

REVERED WESTERN COLORADO CITIZENS' GROUP CHANGES NAME

WESTERN COLORADO ALLIANCE ... It's exciting to see a long-time regional community action group re-invent itself. Kudos to Western Colorado Congress president Steve Allerton, Teresa Purcell of Purcell Public Affairs and the WCC board for making this significant change ... My connection to WCC (and now WCA) goes back to before the group formed in the West Elk mountains outside Crested Butte. As a summer visitor to Telluride in 1979, I got to hang with my friend George Greenbank at a gathering up on Hastings Mesa known as the Colorado Plateau Rendezvous. A loose-knit, ad hoc event where regional enviros came together to see how they might work to socially and politically shake up the conservative Western Slope. Out of that meeting came a strong push for a progressive alternative to the development-oriented Club 20 of Grand Junction ... I wasn't part of the organizing group in the West Elks in 1980, but I visited the gathering by chance on my way through Colorado that spring and sat in on some of the discussions. I moved to San Miguel County in the fall of 1981 ... When Jack Pera and I organized a group to fight against a bad timber sale on Lizard Head Pass in 1988, I spearheaded a drive for Sheep Mountain Alliance to join WCC after we won the battle with the Forest Service ... Over the years I served as a WCC Senator, representative to the Western Organization of Resource Councils and member of various committees ... I had criticisms of the group, for all the good work they did. They used a Saul Alinsky empowerment model of community organizing that didn't always work in resort towns. Over the years I watched as community groups joined WCC and then left WCC ... A few years ago I tried to talk to the board about the need for a reorganization, but arguing that the Club 20 structure (not its politics) was a good model for a supposed "congress," I got nowhere ... So, like many in the region, I kind of drifted away from participation in a group with dwindling numbers of community groups – in the last few years the "congress" only represented a handful of Western Slope coun-

ties ... But I'm excited about the reorganization underway. I plan to join the group again, and I'm looking forward to their bringing back Colorado Rural Voters as a 501(c)4 project. As a seasoned pol of 20 years standing on the Slope, I think it's time we all jump in to help "recruit, train and support new leaders" ... WCC is dead. Long live WCA!

WCC'S CLARION ... Besides the exciting reorganization news, the Winter 17-18 issue of the WCC newsletter had a terrific story about the Inside-Out Dreamers Project in Grand Junction this past fall. A photo truck took pictures of the over 200 demonstrators at the gathering in support of the DACA program, and then the poster-sized photos were pasted on the wall of The Factory on Junction's Main Street, where the exhibit stayed for several weeks. To make the event happen on the Western Slope, WCC teamed up with the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, the Hispanic Affairs Project, the Emerson Collective and Organizing for Action Grand Junction ... It's a great example of a moving public event in support of immigrant reform. Yet another reason to support the Alliance that used to be a Congress.

SHAIMAA AL-SABBAGH ... Jan. 24 will be the three-year anniversary of this Egyptian poet's killing on the streets of Cairo ... Many of us remember the famous wire service photo of Shaimaa's dying moment, being held up by her long-time activist friend Sayyid Abu el-Ela, as she stood dazed on a sidewalk. A charging policeman had just shotgunned her in the back ... Al-Sabbagh and her fellow members of the Socialist Popular Alliance Party (SPAP)



Shaimaa al-Sabbagh at the Cairo demonstration in 2015, minutes before she was gunned down (photo by Islam Osama).



WCC president Steve Allerton (courtesy photo).

had met earlier in the day at party headquarters to plan their response to continuing anti-democratic security actions of the Sisi government. It was decided, in spite of a 2013 anti-protest law, to hold a small rally and lay a memorial wreath in Tahrir Square, where a post-Morsi government had constructed a memorial to the popular uprising that unseated Mubarak ... However, security forces had blocked off Tahrir, so the small SPAP group decided to move to Talaat Harb Square for their rally. Minutes after the 30 or so SPAP members took a stand on a corner across from the square, security forces directed by a police brigadier-general opened fire with tear gas and birdshot. Shaimaa was telling her colleagues to stand their ground, in spite of the gunshots, until frantically they started leading her down a side street from the corner, when a black-masked policeman, seen in photos and videos, felled her from close range. Several who tried to assist her were arrested. SPAP colleagues and witnesses were initially charged as suspects, in spite of multiple testimonies identifying the masked policeman as the shooter ... Eventually Lieutenant Yassin Mohamed Hatem was arrested and given 15 years by a lower court. But that sentence was overturned in 2016 ... Just this past summer a second trial resulted in a 10-year sentence for Hatem's killing of Al-Sabbagh ... Only two poems of hers have made it into translation in the states, done by Egyptian poet Maged Zahir. I hope we get to see more of her work one day.

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ... Had a lovely discussion of the problems clustered around the role of money in politics at a panel presentation at the Montrose Public Library last week ... A second discussion is planned for next month. Keep an eye out for the publicity and come join in to see what might be done to change things politically, not as a partisan solution but as a collaborative exercise.

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SHERBINO BRINGS SKETCH COMEDY JAN. 20-21

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Sherbino Theatre Company announces two performances of Sketch Comedy: Sherbino Night Live on Jan. 20 and 21.

Presenting Jan. 20th and 21, the Sherbino Theatre Company is thrilled to have this "Starter Kit" to roll in the 2018 season. "Be there or be square" is the motto of STC members who have been working on an entertaining, good time.

The 90-minute performance will feature Classic Sketch comedy skits as well as original sketches written by the ensemble. Famous and infamous quotes will be heard such as "Don't Scare the Eels" and "Have You Tried the Rocky Mountain Oysters?"

The Company members performing in this special event are: Brendan Allison, James Bingham, Ned Bosworth, John

Clark, Jamie Coulter, Shannon Dean, Sara Doehrman, Lance Fitzgerald, Amanda Gabrielson, Hadley Gallen, Ashley King-Grambley, Melissa Johnson, Athena Loubacher, Doug Leverenz, Susan Leverenz, Barthold Lichtenbelt, Cat Lichtenbelt, Koen Lichtenbelt, Jasmine Oeinck, Marti O'Leary, Brenda Ratcliff, Mike Shaughnessy, Andrea Sokolowski, Alexis Trachy, and Judy Yeo

"And now for something completely different", STC Director Kathleen O'Mara promises this will be a night of laughter and hilarity. "The actors are having so much fun playing with this classic and original material, we are so fortunate to have the opportunity to discover and play with this genre in a community that supports sketch comedy; has an appreciation for all forms of humor, wit; and understanding for the human spirit need for

laughter and making fun in a friendly, artistic way."

O'Mara also states, "It has been an unique experience giving the company members 100-percent ownership of the content in this show. Besides a friendly ear and some assistance with scheduling and meetings, the actors have been working self-directed. I will be the eye for them during the final rehearsals but so far, they have been on their own, working their creative juices to support and work together". O'Mara is coordinating the design and production team and is inspired by the commitment and perseverance these actors have proven to make SNL an F' Rockin show.

The production's Stage Manager is Melissa Johnson, Light Design by Finn Lichtenbelt, Set Design by James Bingham and Produced by Ashley King-Grambley.

SNOWSHOE BACK TO THE 1800S: HISTORIAN/AUTHOR GUIDES RED MT TOUR

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-The 20-mile-long Silverton Railroad from Silverton to Ironton over Red Mountain Pass was the best paying U.S. railroad per mile when it opened in 1889. The historic railroad ended up only running for a couple decades, but its path is still traceable today, along with the vestiges of the towns and mine sites it served.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, a guided snowshoe tour through the Red Mountain Mining District will give guests a chance to better understand the area's mining heritage and its impact on the San Juan Mountains, while exploring the backcountry. An annual, mid-winter tradition led by Ouray County Museum Curator Don Paulson, he will share detailed stories about mining and mountain life over the last century and a half, as well as facts about the names of peaks and other geographical features along the route.

A retired California State University professor, who led research projects and taught organic chemistry, he has always

been interested in narrow gauge railroads and Colorado mining. He began coming to Ouray and researching the area's history in the mid-1970s, and moved here in 2006. "The winter scenery is beautiful and the structures in the snow make for very outstanding photos. If you love history and being outdoors in the winter this is the trip for you," said the tour guide, who has authored several books, articles and talks on the area's history, including "Mines, Miners and Much More" published by Twain Press in July 2015.

Tour guests will join him on cross country skis and snowshoes on a route that is about two miles each way on County Road 31 from Highway 550 to the Yankee Girl Mine. The area's most prolific silver producer in the late 1800s, Yankee Girl's head frame is an often-photographed, iconic structure and visible for miles across Red Mountain Pass. The head frame is the building on top of the 1,500-foot deep shaft that raised and lowered the ore and miners from the mine.

Tour participants will also visit the site of the town of Guston, which has several photogenic buildings. "The tour takes place at 10,000 feet so participants should be acclimated to the altitude. It can be taken by any age as long as you're in good physical condition," he said.

The tour is organized by the Ouray County Historical Society and the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP), a nonprofit protecting and restoring the Upper Uncompahgre Watershed. UWP has completed remediation projects to improve water quality in streams near abandoned mines, and helps organize the annual San Juan Mining & Reclamation Conference, among its many activities. UWP Communications Director Tanya Ishikawa said, "I've taken this tour twice now and can't wait to get up there a third time. Snowshoeing is such a fun way to spend the day in the mountains, and I always meet interesting people on the trail. Plus, Don is truly a great interpreter of the past who makes history come alive."

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

FLORIDA ARTIST ON TOUR WILL PERFORM AT HEALTHY RHYTHM

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Healthy Rhythm Music Presents "Justin Grimes :: Live In Concert" at Healthy Rhythm Community Art Gallery Saturday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. for one evening of original blend Blues, Country, Soul, Southern Rock, and Folk music as his MOSTLY COLORADO WINTER TOUR visits the Western Slope!

"Healthy Rhythm is looking forward to Justin Grimes' performance in our intimate Listening Room, stated gallery owner Ken Vail." Vail said, "Justin's proclaimed 'rugged' persona, creative lyrics, and straight shooting style of music, set the stage for a concert experience people won't soon forget."

JUSTIN GRIMES

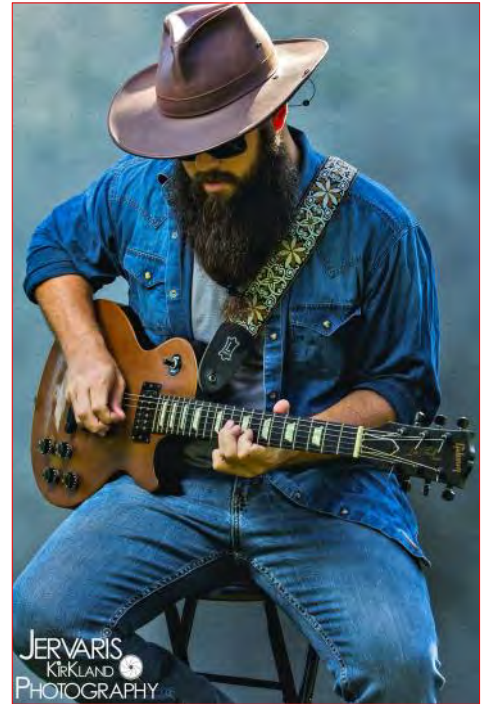
Raised in the phosphate mines and citrus groves of Polk County, Justin Grimes is a singer/songwriter from Central Florida. His lyrically driven blend of Blues, Country, Soul, Southern Rock, and Folk is best described as "smooth." Voted "Favorite Local Male Solo Acoustic" artist of the year by SouthFloridaCountryMusic.com consecutively for 2013, 2014 & 2015, Justin Grimes has performed with, and in support of, numerous #1 artists, including Chris Stapleton, Lauren Alaina, Tracy Law-

rence, Jason Aldean, Craig Campbell, Michael Ray, Marty Stuart, Marshall Tucker Band, John Carter Cash, Old Dominion, Drake White, Runaway June, Daryle Singletary, Blackjack Billy, Jim Stafford, The Lacs, Coolio and many others.

Justin is now on his third national tour in support of his recently released debut EP "Justin Grimes." He is a regular guest on numerous major radio networks, and performs regularly on local ABC & CBS affiliates, and nationally on NBC. Justin has worked extensively with local, national and global charities, including the United Way and the American Cancer Society. www.justingrimesmusic.com.

Advance **Studio GA** and **Main Gallery** Reserved Seats are \$10 and \$15 at the Gallery. Online purchase is available at www.healthyrhythm.net. Space is limited to 50 concertgoers. Advance purchase is recommended. This is a ticketless show. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:00 p.m. Street and rear lot parking are available. Admission is \$2 more day of show.

Healthy Rhythm Music is a creative arm of Healthy Rhythm Consulting. The mission is to Identify, Manage, Enhance, and Promote Independent Artists and Bands



Healthy Rhythm Music Presents "Justin Grimes :: Live In Concert" at Healthy Rhythm Community Art Gallery Saturday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. Courtesy photo.

who have a deep commitment to a career in music. The Gallery and Listening Room are located at 68 South Grand Avenue in Montrose, Colorado.



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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-

Jan. 15-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. All National Park Service sites will have free admission on Jan. 15 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It will be the first of four nationwide. Normally, 116 national parks charge admission fees which range from \$3 to \$30.

Jan. 17-Weehawken is excited to offer a one-day class, "The Wild World of Watercolor," taught by Mike Simpson, a Signature Member of the Plein Air Artists of Colorado, the Western Colorado Watercolor Society and a member of the New Mexico Plein Air Artists, the Laguna Plain Air Painters Association, The Oil Painters of America and the National Watercolor Society. Join Weehawken Jan. 17 from 9 am to 3 pm at Montrose Field House (25 Colorado Ave). Tuition is \$95 per student. There is a six-student minimum pre-enrolled to make the class "go," so pre-registration is highly encouraged (and needed). For more information, visit Weehawken Creative Arts at www.weehawkenarts.org or visit facebook at facebook.com/weehawkenarts - or call them at 970.318.0150.

Jan. 19-Please come visit us at Timberline Bank and congratulate Randy on his accomplished banking career and help us to welcome Scott Wittman to our community at an Open House on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 from 4 – 6 pm.

Jan. 21--Sunday Serenades: Montrose Regional Library, 12 noon, Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018. Celebrate the return of this popular program! Featuring the Western Slope Singers: Kristin Mauk, Kenneth Easton, Daniel Easton, Rachel Blankmeyer. Join this musical family, who have been making music together for 30 years, on a journey through musical theater, from the early 1900s to today.

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.

Jan. 25-Nuclear Care Partners, an organization that provides benefits guidance and in-home care to former uranium and atomic workers, is hosting the Open House on Jan. 25 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the Nuclear Care Partners office located at 631 24 ½ Road in Grand Junction, Colorado. Community members can RSVP for the event or get more information by calling 970-628-7496.

Jan. 27-In January Palm Arts brings in American electric blues singer, guitarist, and songwriter Seth Walker to the Black Box Theatre at the Palm. The Jan. 27 performance is at 7:30pm and tickets are available at www.telluridepalm.com.

Jan. 27-Arcanum: The Mystery & Abandon of Asemic Writing will be offered Jan. 27 from 10 am to 3 pm at Weehawken Ridgway (1075 Sherman St.). Tuition is \$75 for the workshop. For more information, or to register, go to www.weehawkenarts.org or call 970-318-0150.

Jan. 31-STS9 @ Club Red in Telluride. 20 years before the emergence of STS9, NASA sent Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 on a mission to the farthest reaches of the solar system and beyond. Each of these probes was equipped with identical Golden Records, special messages attached to what Carl Sagan called "a bottle launched into the cosmic ocean." They contained numerous images and sounds from throughout the world, pieces of music from various cultures, a map identifying the location of our planet, and other information for whomever, or whatever, might find them. Tickets start at \$35.

Feb. 5--Montrose Giving Club meets at the Bridges Golf & Country Club of Montrose, 5:30 p.m. Open to ALL women who can afford the \$100 donation and a \$10 hospitality fee.

Feb. 9-Delta Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet. Friday, Feb. 9, 5:30 – 8 pm, Bill Heddles Rec Center.

Feb. 10-Guided Snowshoe Tour of the Red Mountain Mining District: Join Ouray Historian Don Paulson for a fun, informative snowshoe adventure into historic mine sites. Moderate difficulty level (elevation: 8,000-plus). 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; spaces are limited to 20. \$25 donation to support our nonprofit tour hosts, Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership and Ouray County Historical Society. Email Tanya at uwpcommunications@gmail.com to get a registration link or leave a message at 970-325-3010. More information: www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/events

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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