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## MUSTANG EXTRAVAGANZA RIDES INTO TOWN MAY 5!



*The Montrose County Fairgrounds welcomes the Mustang Extravaganza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 5. Courtesy photo Diane Shipley.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-4-H Club members are trying out a pilot program new to Colorado this year, and as part of that program the Montrose County Fairgrounds welcomes the Mustang Extravaganza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 5. Showcasing the versatility of America's rugged and beautiful wild horse, the Mustang Extravaganza includes working cow horse, barrel/poles, and trail course demonstrations, as well as learning booths, speakers, and a silent auction.

Local 4H mustang program director and experienced TIP trainer Diane Shipley helps 4H members gain experience in working with and gentling mustangs. She is organizing the Extravaganza as part of that effort.

"We have nine trainers, ages 10 to 18," Shipley said.

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## NEWLY-ELECTED CITY COUNCILORS SWORN IN, ANDERSON NAMED MAYOR, BOWMAN MAYOR PRO TEM

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-During the regular meeting of the Montrose City Council held on April 17, there was a changing of the guard as newly elected council members were sworn in and the council installed a new mayor and mayor pro tem for the 2018-2019 term.

### Call for Public Comment Presentation to Outgoing Councilor

Mayor Judy Ann Files recognized and thanked outgoing Councilman David Romero's contribution to the city during his four-year term as District I representative.

### Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo administered the Oath of Office to newly elected City Councilors Doug Glaspell, District I; Dave Bowman, District II; and Barbara Bynum, At-Large.



*During the city council meeting on April 17, Montrose City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected city council members, (L to R) Mayor Pro Tem Dave Bowman, Councilwoman Barbara Bynum and Councilman Doug Glaspell. Glaspell, representing District I, is the new face on council and replaced outgoing Councilman David Romero.*

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## ANSWERING THE CALL: MPD PATROL OFFICER ANISSA RAMIREZ

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Patrol Officer Anissa Ramirez is technically a Colorado native; however, she grew up in Southern California. "I moved here three years ago. I had family in Montrose and Colorado is better for my mother's health."

Ramirez has uncles and cousins in law enforcement, "I always wanted to help people, I just didn't know if I wanted to go into the medical field, or law enforcement. I stayed with my uncle during the summer and he mentored me. His wife was also a probation officer and they would tell me stories."

After putting herself through the Police Academy Ramirez joined the Montrose Police Department (MPD) in September 2017. "My most recent job experience was in retail sales, so the Police Academy was a big change and challenging. I'd been out of school for a year, but I love to study and it wasn't hard to understand the law. It was the physical training every day and defense tactics once a week that was draining and exhausting."

Becoming a police officer brought Ramirez out of her shell, "I'm doing things I'd never done before. I'm social, but not too vocal. I wait for my turn to speak, but as an officer I have to be more outgoing. In this job you have to take the initiative and be in charge."

Identifying the most stressful aspect of her job Ramirez said, "When there's a juvenile, or a young child involved. I have a soft spot and I'm sensitive to youth. I want to keep their innocence. I want to speak on a level where everyone can understand me."



**MPD Patrol Officer Anissa Ramirez speaks both English and Spanish, and often assists when translation is needed. Photo by Gail Marvel.**

For Ramirez there is an adrenalin rush when going on a call, "You don't know what it's going to be. Even if it's a family, or a name of someone you've dealt with before, it's a different call. And it's not necessarily a bad call, it could be a civil call, or just helping people out."

The least enjoyable part of her job is paperwork, "When you take a call there is paperwork, even you're going to assist another officer. Ten-minutes before you're going off duty is not the time to go on a call...unless it is an emergency."

As the only MPD Spanish speaking patrol officer Ramirez said, "I do a lot of translating. It brings me close to that community. With more serious cases they will call me to make sure they get all the information they need." In some instances, the Hispanic community will request the help

of officer Ramirez, "Even if they know English there is a level of comfort when they can speak in Spanish and give information in Spanish. They can speak without a language barrier."

In her off-time Ramirez likes to fish, "Regular fishing. I've not tried fly fishing yet. I find baking to be therapeutic. I like to hike and hanging out with friends and family — they are my go-to when I have my days of for relaxation."

Ramirez would like to reach out to the Hispanic community and let them know there is a Spanish speaking patrol officer at MPD.

"Some may feel hesitant and think they will get in trouble if they report things, but that is just not how it works. Even if I'm off duty I'm willing to help out and make reports."



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## FOURTH OF JULY A 'HOT POTATO' AT TOURISM RETAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRAC) QUARTERLY MEETING



*During the Tourism Retail Advisory Committee (TRAC) quarterly meeting on April 17, Assistant City Manager/OBT Director Rob Joseph (second from left) discussed summer events scheduled for the City of Montrose. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The April 17 quarterly meeting of TRAC was held at the new Montrose County Events Center. After the

meeting attendees took a tour of the facility, which will have a grand opening on April 27, from 6 – 8 p.m. The 14 people in attendance included TRAC committee members, Office of Business and Tourism (OBT) staff and City Councilwoman Barbara Bynum, who is also the committee co-chair. Ann Duncan, CSU Area Extension Agent, was thanked for her service in taking minutes for each meeting. In order for Duncan to more fully

participate in the meetings her duties were turned over to Will Woody, the City of Montrose Public Information Officer.

Members of the committee introduced themselves and some gave brief updates on the activities taking place in their respective organizations and businesses.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Outdoor Recreation Planner Edd Franz laughed and said, "Having two highwater years is not as good as a drought, or a normal year [harder to recreate with highwater]! There's lots of good stuff happening."

General Manager of the Bridges of Montrose Eric Feely said, "Business is fine except for the high winds. Concert tickets are on sale, lots of good [golf] tournaments and we're opening up more lots for sale this summer."

Director of Sales for the Holiday Inn Express Ashley Pietak said, "We were sold out two nights, which is unusual for April. We're gearing up trying to hire because

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## ***FOURTH OF JULY A 'HOT POTATO' AT TRAC MEETING***

### ***From previous pg***

we're understaffed right now."

Supervisory Park Ranger and Interpretive Specialist at the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park Paul Zaenger said, "There has been a 20-percent increase in park visitation for February. That represents hundreds of cars in Montrose."

Ute Museum Executive Director and TRAC Co-chair CJ Brafford said, "We are officially open seven days a week year-round and there is an increase in visitors." The Ute Summit, which is for middle school and high school students, will be held in Montrose. Brafford said, "It is a four-day event and open to anyone. We'll have 70 kids and their chaperones coming in."

Debbie Blanchard, D'Medici Footwear Proprietor, said, "Retail sales for the first quarter have been good."

Montrose County Fairgrounds and Event Center Director Emily Sanchez reported on the grand opening of the Event center on April 27, followed by a Monster Truck event on April 28 (shows at 2 and 7 p.m.) and a Hispanic Festival scheduled for May which will include a band and bull riding.

CSU Area Extension Agent Ann Duncan said, "We're getting ready for summer and I'm working on an AG Tourism model now."

Assistant City Manager/OBT Director Rob Joseph introduced city staffers Jennifer Loshaw (Guest Services Manager) and Suzanne McKetta (OBT Program Assistant). McKetta, a new part-time employee, reported on Earth Week, Arbor Day and FUNC Fest. The Fourth of July fireworks

will go on, fire danger and weather permitting; however, currently there are no downtown activities on Main Street scheduled. Loshaw said, "I'm reaching out to the old Main in Motion [organizers] to see if they are interested in doing anything."

Loshaw reported that parade rules and regulations will be emphasized and the Police Department will remove parade participants who do not abide by the rules, "PD wants zero tolerance. In the past rules have not been enforced, but in a situation last year someone was belligerent. We are responsible for letting participants know the rules and PD will enforce the rules."

Joseph said, "One of the challenges we've had, and sort of go back and forth on, is doing something on the Fourth of July. I will admit there is a little bit of a disconnect. The DDA has in the past worked to promote the Fourth of July, but not this year."

Blanchard noted that the Main Street Program, a community wide program, is the focus for events. She said, "Once the MOU [Memorandum of Understanding] was signed the DDA is not supposed to do big events. I'm no longer on promotions. I will tell you I'm very saddened. People will go to Ouray and their Main Street is packed."

On June 9 Rotary will hold a BBQ and concert in Cerise Park to test the acoustics for the amphitheater project. Joseph said, "It may turn into a signature event. It is billed as a Rotarian event with OBT just

helping." Pietak said, "Rotary is looking at it as a fund raiser for the amphitheater. They look at it as a fundraiser for Rotary rather than relying so heavily on dues." Joseph said, "I guess we are all trying to define our roles when it comes to events."

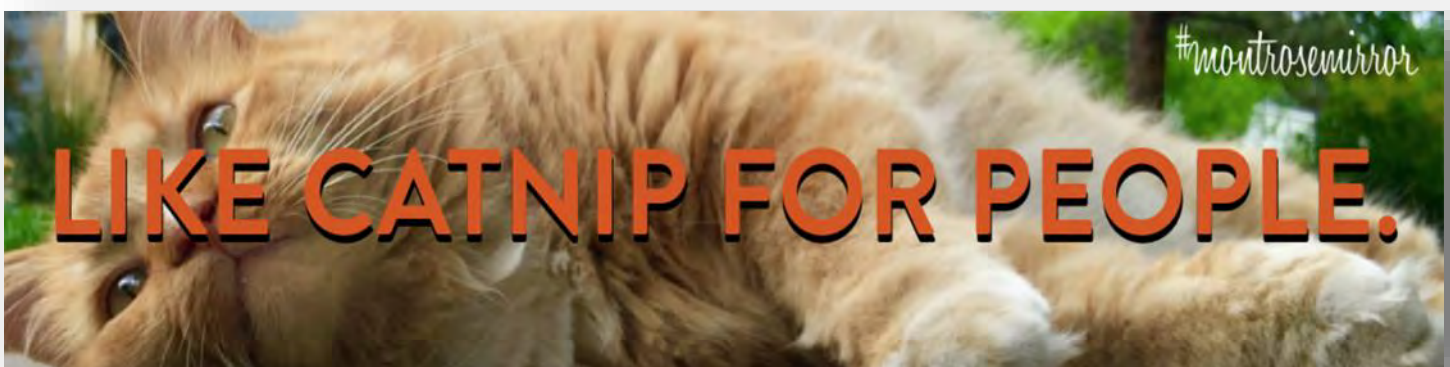
The committee discussed competing events, i.e. NightVision (July13-14) and FUNC Fest (July14). Loshaw said, "We are going to compete with events at some point." Joseph said, "We are going to be competing, but not in a bad way. I think it will be in a good way." Pietak (Holiday Inn Express) said, "From my perspective it is a nightmare. NightVision brings in production [crew] and we have reserved 40 rooms just for them. People will ask, 'Why didn't we know there were two events going on at the same time?' It creates a domino effect."

Trying to avoid conflict with other major events the Montrose County Fair is scheduled for July 23-28.

During the discussion the majority of the committee members favored holding 2019 FUNC Fest on the Fourth of July. Joseph said, "The Fourth of July doesn't fall on a weekend. It looks like a hot potato right now."

After a brief history of the Montrose Bucks the city staff explained changes to the program, along with its successes and the difficulties of administering the program.

Montrose Bucks will go on sale the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Joseph said, "It's a stimulation, but they expire the end of December."





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## NEWLY-ELECTED CITY COUNCILORS SWORN IN From pg 1

**Adjournment for a brief recess** – Photo opportunity for newly installed city council.

### Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for the 2018-2019.

Without nominations or discussion paper ballots were distributed to the council and used to select the new mayor and mayor pro tem. Councilman Roy Anderson was unanimously selected to serve as mayor and Councilman Dave Bowman was unanimously selected to serve as mayor pro tem.

### Presentation to Mayor

Outgoing Mayor Judy Ann Files recognized the newly-installed Mayor Roy Anderson and noted the accomplishments over the last year. Mayor Anderson thanked Files for her leadership during the 2017-2018 term.

**Note: With the electronic voting machine not functioning council votes were taken audibly.**

**Resolution 2018-07** – Senior Planner Gary Baker.

The proposed annexation of the 1890

Homestead Addition is approximately 36 acres in size. The parcel, owned by developer Matt Miles, is located northeast of Cobble Creek Subdivision and is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, the Chipeta Water Service Area and the City of Montrose Sewer Service Area.

This resolution sets June 5, 2018 as the hearing date for the annexation. Baker said, "The state builds in six to eight weeks advance notice. Signs will be posted on the property, ads will be placed in the newspaper and letters will be sent to neighbors." Approved unanimously.

**Resolution 2018-08** – Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner.

The resolution grants a perpetual access and utility easement to Montrose County.

Turner said, "Anytime a property right is up for disposal it comes before city council. This is the site of a gravel pit that is no longer a need of the county and they will dispose of the property. They need to have access to the property, which is surrounded by city property. This will help them ensure that a future owner can ac-

cess the property by a paved road."

Approved unanimously.

### Staff Reports:

**Sales, Use and Excise Tax Report** – Finance director Shani Wittenberg. Retail Sales Tax YTD \$ 2,226,908; Montrose Recreation District (0.3%) YTD \$ 245,485; Retail Enhancement Program YTD \$ 49,863.

**Public Information Report** – City Manager Bill Bell.

Bell did not issue an official report but complimented the council on their professionalism and the synergy they bring to the community. Bell said, "From the staff side we want to say thank you very much."

### City Council Comments

Files noted the Lela Ala Day Proclamation at Rotary Club. Bowman thanked the organizations and media outlets that kept citizens informed about the recent city council election. The councilman also congratulated Joe Simo of Centennial Middle School for being named 2018 Middle School Principal of the Year.

# STATE OF THE STATE: COLORADO SENATOR DON CORAM



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

Most people do not realize that managing water in the West is a larger effort than putting a man on the moon. The wells, reservoirs, and ditches needed to direct water for both agriculture and municipal uses have been a major feat of mankind. Many forget that the land we live on was once abandoned by civilizations because of drought. To secure the future of water in the west, there is much more work to be done.

I am happy to be introducing legislation this year that both directs funds to the advancement of water projects in Colorado, and legislation that would allow for aquifer storage and recovery-- two major components in the immediate future for Colorado Water. For years we have been drilling wells and pulling water out of the aquifers below us. In states like California

and Texas, the aquifers have been over-used leading to compaction. This compaction destroys one of our most important natural resources. Colorado needs to work towards saving these natural reservoirs so that we can use them in the future. Rep. Marc Catlin of Montrose and I led a very important bill when he introduced HB 18-1199. This bill is referred to as the aquifer recovery-and-storage bill here at the capitol. What it creates is a process for the Ground Water Commission to approve aquifer storage-and-recovery plans. This is very important to offsetting how much water we are pulling from our wells and will help detour from the compaction and eventual collapse of our aquifers in Colorado. HB18-1199 was signed by the governor on April 9. Above the ground, Rep. Jeni Arndt from Fort Collins and I have been hard at work trying to fund water resources projects in Colorado. SB18-218 appropriates \$36 million from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCBC)

Construction Fund or the Department of Natural Resources to fund projects such as satellite monitoring systems, water forecast programs, and the continuation of watershed restoration programs. The advancement of these projects allows us to have more control over water resources in the State of Colorado, allowing for us to control our own future. This year's water forecasts are grim and of concern to many. It is important even in years that we are fortunate to have enough water, that we continue to plan and build for the worst. Appropriating these funds will allow us to continue to do so. It will allow our cities to grow, our farmers to farm, mines to mine, and our rivers to flow.

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## ***MUSTANG EXTRAVAGANZA RIDES INTO TOWN MAY 5 From pg 1***

"They have been in classes since January. The babies are coming from 4H and the trainers will be picking out their mustangs May 5—they don't know which ones they will be getting."

Once their horses are chosen, the youthful trainers will break them to lead and train them to pick up their feet.

They have 82 days to work with their mustang, and will show them during Mustang Nights at the 2018 [Montrose County Fair](#).

According to the [Mustang Heritage Foundation](#), TIP trainers like Shipley work to "bridge the gap between the public and excess wild horses held in off-range corals."

"I have participated in three extreme mustang makeovers," Shipley said, "and I have several mustangs of my own."

The population of the mustangs managed by the Bureau of Land Management doubles every four years, she said.

"We will have a lady at the Mustang Extravaganza who will talk about the plight of the mustangs," Shipley said, noting that

there will be a silent auction as well as informational booths at the event.

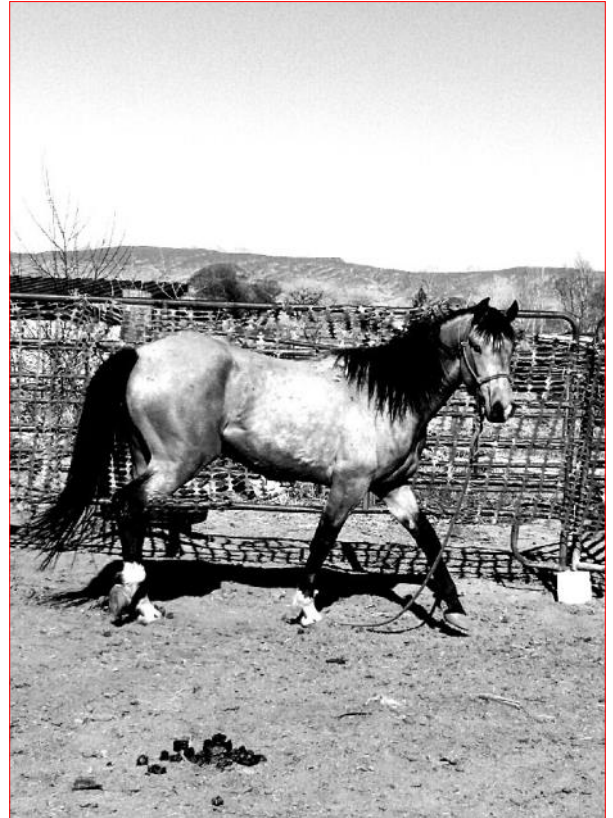
"We decided to do this extravaganza to raise awareness of what we are up against," she said.

"In the whole world, there are just ten states that have mustangs," she said.

"The BLM pays me to gentle them down so they can be adopted."

According to Mustang Heritage foundation, there have been more than 83 Extreme Mustang Makeover events featuring 1,500 trainers and more than 3,700 wild horses placed in private care since 2007.

The Extreme Mustang Makeover is a competition that challenges horse trainers to take a wild horse "from wild to mild" through approximately 100 days of training.



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## A FRESH POINT OF VIEW: FROM THE HALLWAYS OF MHS

### COMPASSION AND RESPECT: BUILDING BLOCKS OF LEARNING AND LOVE



**Jack Switzer, 14,  
MHS freshman.**

It was a late night drive; Johnny was playing Angry Birds on his phone. His parents were arguing in the front seat about the

way back to the house, and since they were new in the neighborhood they were lost. Johnny's father turned his head for a moment to yell at his mother, and the car slammed 60 mph into a tree on the side of the road. The car crumples, crushing Johnny's parents and flinging Johnny forward. His head hits the floor, as the windshield shatters, sending tiny shards over his head. The parents were not as lucky however, the glass cutting into their faces. Five minutes after the crash, everything had settled down. Johnny was huddled

down in a ball, shivering with fear. He builds up the courage to grab his phone, which had landed next to him during the fall. He dials 911, and explains what happened. The police and ambulance show up quickly, and get the family inside the ambulance van. The father dies. The mom lives but won't walk again.

Johnny is left traumatized and scared. He goes to school every day, like normal, however he can't concentrate. His father is dead. And his mom is disabled, He can barely stand to think about it. He starts to fall behind, his grades slipping. Everyone thinks he was lazy, and doesn't want to do any work.

Nobody considers if there is a cause and effect to his situation, and nobody cares enough to understand.

In high school, there's a universal law where if you don't know someone, you don't talk to them. And if you try and break that law, you're going to look really

dumb and awkward, which is pretty dumb itself. Nobody cares about someone they don't know, and that's what I'll be talking about.

Compassion is an important element in an environment like high school, probably among the most important. However, it's almost like none of it is there. As I said before, if you don't know somebody you don't care about them.

Even the teachers seem to judge based on grades. Such as little Johnny slowly falling into a pit because of his tragedy at home.

Nobody knows about that though, and nobody cares to ask.

And while I'd love to change that, there's not much you can do other than try to get the word out that we need to start caring about each other more.

We are all people, and we all have issues. And I'm sure we can learn to treat one another with compassion and respect.



## MIRROR IMAGES...EARTH DAY DEMONSTRATION 2018



*Locals shared their support for Planet Earth on Earth Day, April 22, with a rally and demonstration in Centennial Plaza. Photos by Brad Switzer and Mirror staff. This year's Annual Stupid Band Earth Dance will take place at Turn of the Century on May 12.*





## **'THIS SHOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED; AS A BOARD, WE DEFINITELY APOLOGIZE' DMEA President Among Those in Receipt of Incorrect Elevate Disconnect Notice**

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—On April 18, the Elevate Fiber company sent an email to some clients telling them their accounts would be shut down on April 19 unless paid in full—however not all of those who received the email were in arrears. And because billing histories were not available on the company's web site, a number of those contacted sent payments that were not past due, to avoid being disconnected.

Among those who received the demand email was Bill Patterson, who chairs Elevate Fiber's parent company, Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA). "I

called right away and told them they were not correct," Patterson said. "There are several people who got these; we are going to ask Jasen (DMEA CEO Jasen Bronec) about this at our next meeting."

Though Bronec issued an apology to at least one client, refunds were not offered by credit card refund, but by check.

"This should not have happened," Patterson said. "As a board, we definitely apologize."

According to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, DMEA is expected to be "self-policing" by its members.

However, the *Mirror's* recent salary sur-

vey revealed that several of the top five staffers at the utility were being paid salaries far in excess of reality-based compensation, including \$337K annually for three-year Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jasen Bronec.

DMEA's board meetings are open to the public; the next is scheduled for April 24 at 3 p.m.



**DMEA Board President Bill Patterson.**  
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## VOLUNTEERS FIND, RETURN ARMY DRESS JACKET TO VETERAN'S SON

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-When the work day is over, some people put up their feet and relax on the couch. Others, like Robbie and Adam Murdie, prefer to pile in the truck and haul loads of clothing and food to the [West End Family Link Center](#).

"We have enjoyed every second of our time helping the West End Link Center and I always look forward to our trips over," said Robbie, who works for Montrose County and whose husband Adam is Montrose County Undersheriff.

"It can be so easy, especially in the line of work we both do, to close ourselves off from people or see only the bad things going on in our community."

Recently, the Murdies were sent to take the contents of an abandoned storage unit that had been purchased over to the West End. Among the items they found was an army dress jacket from the 1980's. The jacket had belonged to a local father and veteran who had passed away, Rory Eide,

and has now been sent to the Veteran's son, Joshua Eide.

"I got on social media and found who I thought was his son, and sent him a message," Adam Murdie said.

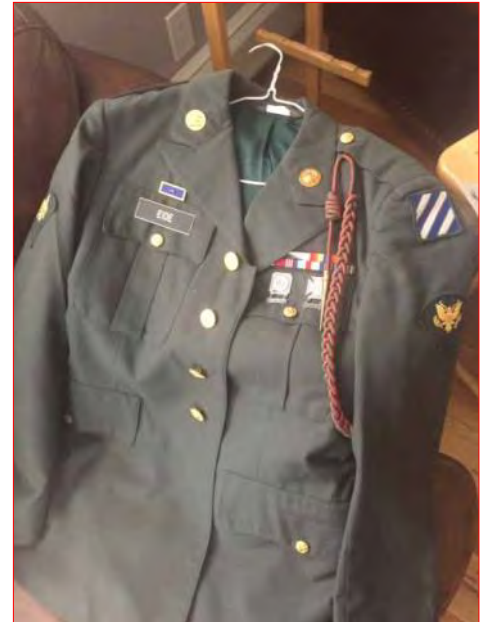
"I waited, and after three weeks, I gave the jacket to our Veterans' Service Officer here, Sheldon Smith and asked him to research it.

"And then the very next day, Rory's son messaged me back; he is in the military in Washington State, and was getting ready to deploy.

"Sheldon boxed up the jacket and sent it to him. He was very appreciative."

Helping to return a veteran's dress jacket to his family was an experience that made the Murdies feel appreciative as well.

"Volunteering our time and giving back to local organizations keeps us grounded and reminds us of the good in this world," Robbie Murdie said.



*An army dress jacket from the 1980's, found in an abandoned storage unit, has been returned to the veteran's family. Courtesy*

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### EEOICPA RESOURCE WORKSHOP FOR FORMER ATOMIC WORKERS AND URANIUM MINERS

GRAND JUNCTION-Nuclear Care Partners is hosting a free Resource Workshop to help former AEC Compound workers, and uranium miners. The purpose of this event is to help former atomic workers and uranium miners access the federal benefits they've earned to compensate for illnesses caused by radiation and toxic chemical exposure during their work on behalf of the United States' defense.

The workshops will take place:

April 24 | 1 - 3 p.m. | Grand Junction, CO | Mesa County Library 443 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street

April 25 | 1 - 3 p.m. | Montrose, CO | Montrose County Health & Human Services 1845 S. Townsend Avenue

For more information about the Resource Workshop or Nuclear Care Partners please call 970-361-3279.



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### LUND CAMPAIGN RELEASE LEAVES UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

Dear Editor,

In your most recent issue (April 16, 2018) the article about Senate District 5 candidate Olen Lund, who will oppose incumbent Kerry Donovan, left a bunch of unanswered questions.

First, there is no mention of Mr. Lund's private employment. All the jobs he listed have been on the public payroll, such as Delta County Commissioner and water commissioner. Despite that, he is quoted as saying "...I have never known anything other than hard work." Certainly, at 58 years of age, it is time to work hard at something besides elected and appointed public positions.

Modestly enough, he left off one of his public sector jobs: board member of Delta Montrose Electric Association. Perhaps that's because the local voters who know him best voted him off the DMEA board after only one term. (Full disclosure: I served six terms on the DMEA board, or 18 years, before Mr. Lund defeated me in 2013.)

They voted Mr. Lund off because he fought against DMEA installing broadband for its 27,000 members. They replaced him with a proponent of broadband. (See the Montrose Press Nov. 20, 2014, front page story by Drew Setterholm, which describes then DMEA president Lund's strong opposition to Elevate at a public meeting. It was a meeting where hospital administrators, sheriffs, mayors of Montrose and Delta, business owners, bankers, etc., begged the DMEA board and staff to move ahead with broadband.) With Mr. Lund gone as director and president, DMEA moved quickly ahead to create Elevate.

If elected, Mr. Lund says, he will work hard to beat "back the money and influence coming out of Denver." He needs to say how, if his idea of progress is to stop us from having broadband, what he intends to do positively. And why is he being so negative about Denver. The Front Range is not holding us back. It was Mr. Lund who tried to do that. And failed.

Sincerely,

Ed Marston, Paonia



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### **CIMARRON STABLES FIRST ANNUAL TACK-N-TRADE TO BE MAY 19**

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### **MONTROSE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR ANNUAL YARD SALE**

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MONTROSE-Montrose Historical Museum is accepting donations for our annual yard sale. If you are cleaning out your garage, basement or closets and need a great place to donate the items, we are the place. We do not accept appliances, electronics or clothes, but everything else is welcomed. Please call Sally at 249-2085 for drop off times and information. This great yard sale will be April 27th and 28th, starting at 8 am to 3 pm.

### **LEARN MORE @ COMMUNITY RADON SEMINAR MAY 8**

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rose folks who face a cancer diagnosis with non-medical needs.

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## OBITUARIES

### (CLARICE) RUTH MARVEL

***September 3, 1923 – April 13, 2018***



**RUTH SCOTT**, daughter of Simon and Ethel Scott, was born on September 3, 1923 in Marlow, Oklahoma. Ruth passed away peacefully on April 13, 2018 at the home of her son Bill Marvel, in Montrose

CO.

After moving to Delta and graduating from Delta High School in 1941, Ruth married fellow classmate Dean Marvel.

For 16 years the couple lived on the west coast before returning to Delta in 1957.

Ruth, a beautician for 30 years, owned and operated Marvel's House of Beauty. An active member of the community, Ruth was a member of Delta Emblem Club since 1981.

She was a volunteer in the Delta County Hospital cafeteria and gift shop since 1987, where she accumulated over 5,000 hours of volunteer service. She also volunteered many hours with the Delta Chamber of Commerce and the Delta County Museum. When she wasn't

volunteering Ruth could be found doing crossword puzzles, reading, knitting, or working in her greenhouse.

Ruth was preceded in death by parents, Simon and Ethel Scott, husband Dean Marvel, and sons Ray and Thomas (infant) Marvel. She is survived by her sons Bill (Gail) Marvel, Montrose, Colorado and Jim Marvel, Ammon, Idaho; daughter-in-law Vennetta Marvel, Hotchkiss; her sister Margie Masi, Bakersfield, California, as well as 10 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Ruth was a member of Christ Church of the Valley, Montrose Colorado and at her request no memorial services are planned. Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory in Montrose is assisting the family.



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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### DCMH NURSE JANEL WEBB AWARDED FULL RIDE MSN SCHOLARSHIP

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DELTA-Janel Webb, Night Supervisor and Clinical Educator at Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) was awarded a full-tuition scholarship for an on-line Master's degree in Nursing program through American Sentinel University's Colorado Health Care Star Award program, announced American Sentinel University and Colorado Hospital Association (CHA), during an April CHA annual awards dinner recently.



*Janel Webb. Courtesy photo.*

Webb, a night supervisor and clinical educator at DCMH in Delta, Colorado, was recognized as a Colorado Health Care Star in August 2017. She was nominated by the chief clinical officer at the hospital for her efforts in developing a comprehensive clinical education program in addition to her duties as ICU manager. She is also the lead instructor for Delta County Memorial's Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Basic Life Support classes. "Janel is one of many excellent nurses that serve the Delta County community. Not only is Janel an outstanding health care provider, she is passionate about her work. Janel stands out because she always goes above and beyond in everything she does. She is quick to see a need and fills it. We are honored to have Janel Webb as part of our team at DCMH," commented Chief Nursing Officer Jody Roeber, RN, MSN.

Webb plans to enroll in American Sentinel's MSN Nurse Practitioner program, which the university launched in March 2018. "This is an opportunity that I am overwhelmed and surprised by," says Webb, who holds a BSN from Pensacola Christian College. "I am thrilled to be able to further my healthcare career. One of the things I love the most about nursing is you can advance your education in many different specialties and avenues. I am so excited to start this next part of my career and education and to be able to bring the knowledge I gain back to my hospital and community."

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## GENEALOGY CENTER REQUESTS COUNTY BUILDING; COUNTY TO REPLACE SPRING CANYON BRIDGE WITH BOX CULVERT

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Retired law enforcement professional Nancy Medlock spoke during the time for public comment at the [regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners \(BOCC\)](#) on April 18. "It's that time of year again," Medlock said, "The Peace Officers' Memorial will be May 15, 10 a.m. in Centennial Plaza. I hope to see all of you there."

Next to speak was Sue Nichol, librarian for the Montrose Genealogy Center, who asked commissioners to "help us find a home." In a prepared handout, the Genealogy Center, which is sponsored by Fore-Kin Trails Genealogical Society, asked Montrose County to provide them with a 2,000 to 3,000 square-foot facility. "We believe that our work of research and preservation is a supplement and complement to the work of the County and should be supported by Montrose County," the handout states, and notes that the Genealogical Society cooperates with Montrose Regional Library, [Montrose Historical Society](#), and the [Rimrocker Historical Society](#) in the West End.

"We need to remain an independent entity, federally tax-exempt, not managed by the County, but we will assist and support research requests by the County," the handout states. Nichol told commissioners, "Business is increasing, we are preserving more and more documents, and seeing more and more customers." She suggested two possible locations; "It does not have to be super slick," she said. "We are capable of painting ourselves."

BOCC Chair Keith Caddy and Commissioner Glen Davis approved the [Consent Agenda](#) unanimously in the absence of BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash, who was attending a meeting in Garfield County.

Item D-1 General Business involved authorizing the Government Affairs Director



*Spring Creek Landowner Nicholas Hidu questioned the slow pace of bridge upgrades.*

to finalize and submit an annexation application to the City of Montrose. [The Hogback Addition](#) requests annexation of property owned by the county on Sunset Mesa that was formerly used as a gravel pit. As Government Affairs Director Jon Waschbusch was presenting the information, Commissioner Glen Davis interjected to ask Waschbusch an "unrelated question" about the status of the County's pending grant application for \$194,000 to complete an Off-Highway-Vehicle (OHV) trail in the West End.

Waschbusch acknowledged that preliminary grant approval had been received. Davis said, "Jon put so much work into this. Once again he is out there finding us recreational dollars—a job well done."

BOCC Chair Caddy said to Waschbusch, "Thank you for all the work you did on the grant over there in the West End; it really is appreciated."

Commissioners unanimously approved the Hogback annexation application.

General Business Item D-2 involved possible adoption of Resolution 24-2018 to improve and expand Spring Canyon Road by replacing an unsafe bridge with a box culvert, and possible authorization to proceed with negotiations with landowners regarding just compensation for the acquisition and "initiating eminent domain proceedings as it deems necessary to complete the transaction."



*BOCC Chair Keith Caddy, right, administers the oath of office to new Montrose Memorial Hospital Trustee Phillip Booker.*

Assistant County Attorney Carolyn Clawson read the [proposed resolution](#), which states that an additional acquisition of a very limited amount of private property is required, 0.092 of an acre.

Addressing the BOCC was landowner Nicholas Hidu. Hidu expressed impatience with the slow pace of the culvert project, "I guess there must of been some legal action...I own 80 acres that road drives through."

"According to the last meeting in Olathe this solution was already taken care and the culvert was supposed to have been accomplished within three months," Hidu said. "...is there going to be months of negotiations figuring out about buying this land...is this just going to keep going on and going on and going on?"

"We can't give you a time frame right now," Caddy said. "It is going forward."

In other business, commissioners appointed Phillip Booker to the Montrose Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy with a term expiring in January of 2020; and approved a Planning & Development proposal, the [Sinner large tract exemption](#), to divide an eight-acre parcel from an 81-acre tract.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

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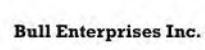
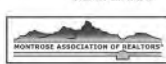


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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### MCSO APPREHENDS SUSPECTS IN ALLEGED DRIVE-BY SHOOTING

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MONTROSE-The Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) has apprehended two suspects in the alleged drive-by shooting off Chipeta Road on Monday, April 16. Four shots were randomly fired at multiple residences. No injuries were reported and there is minimal property damage reported from the gun shots. Following the shooting, a vehicle matching the description was located by the MCSO and an attempt was made to contact the vehicle. A short pursuit ensued and then deputies took Mr. Arian Gonzalez into custody on the following charges: Reckless Endangerment, Reckless Driving, Speeding, Driving Under Restraint, Disregard a Traffic Control Device, Eluding, Resisting Arrest. Mr. Gonzalez bonded out of jail shortly after.

The MCSO Investigations team has worked the past week to bring closure to this case. Following a search warrant of Mr. Gonzalez's vehicle that was impounded, deputies located the firearm that was suspected to be used in the incident and suspected controlled substance that tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine and cocaine. At that time, a warrant was issued for his arrest and he was apprehended on the following charges: unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful distribution, manufacturing or sale of a controlled substance, and special offender. The other suspect, a juvenile, was arrested and is being charged with felony menacing, illegal discharge of a firearm, possession of a handgun by a juvenile, and reckless endangerment.

The MCSO knows a case of this nature is alarming to our community members. The MCSO would like to reassure the public that there is no immediate danger as all parties involved are in custody. The MCSO would like to thank Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers for issuing an alert for tips earlier this week. Though no tips were received, Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers continues to aid the MCSO in other cases with anonymous tips.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### NUCLA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT TO VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C. ON SMPA YOUTH TOUR

*Special to the Mirror*

NUCLA-Walking shoes. Check. Bottled water. Check. An eagerness to learn and lead. Check, check. This summer, Nucla High School student Chloe Nelson will be checking off her travel list in order to join 1,700 of her peers across the nation on a week-long, all-expense-paid tour of Washington D.C.

It's all thanks to a unique opportunity called the Rural Electric Youth Tour, offered through San Miguel Power Association (SMPA). After a visit to her school by SMPA spokesman, Alex Shelley, Chloe submitted an original infographic explaining the role of an electric cooperative board. "This opportunity was available to students from eight high schools across our service territory," said Shelley. "The work

was evaluated on its content, presentation and the amount of effort put into it. In consideration of all this, Chloe's submission was judged to be the best."

The weeklong Washington, D.C., Youth Tour is jam-packed with sightseeing where history comes to life.

While touring, students will visit many of the major monuments and memorials, including the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial and the Washington Monument.

Chloe will also visit Capitol Hill where she will meet with Colorado senators and congressmen. Many past participants were so inspired by this experience that they later served as interns on the Hill, and many pursued a career in politics.

"It's absolutely critical that we expose

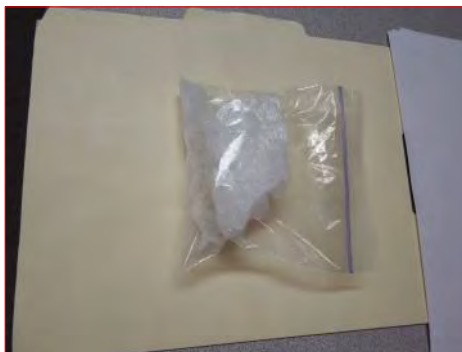
our young leaders to the principles of the democratic process," remarked SMPA Board Director, Doyleene Garvey.

"Sponsoring a local student's attendance on this trip is one of the best ways we can do that." Chloe will take part in the tour during the week of June 7-14. If you see her after that, ask about her trip. She's sure to have some stories to tell.



*Chloe Nelson. Courtesy photo.*

### DRUG TASK FORCE FIGHTS BACK FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY



*Courtesy photos of a seized controlled substance and a seized firearm from a 2017 case.*

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The drug task force (DTF) continues to be instrumental in the war on drugs and the proof is in the impressive 2017 statistics that were released earlier this month. In 2017, the DTF initiated 70 new cases that led to the seizure of over 80 grams of heroin, 16.5 pounds of methamphetamine, 35 grams of cocaine, 95 marijuana plants, 13 firearms, and several grams and pills of other illicit and controlled substances.

"The task force is one of our top assets designed to target the supply and demand areas of illegal drug activity and associated crimes," said Montrose County Undersheriff Adam Murdie.

"The task force continues to make a large impact on reducing the number of drugs on our streets."

"The drug that seemed to be [in 2001] and is creating the biggest issue is methamphetamine. Methamphetamine was becoming the root cause for most of our

property crimes and still is. The Drug Task Force is a very necessary law enforcement component for our community and public safety," said Montrose Police Chief Tom Chinn.

The DTF is a multi-agency law enforcement task force that focuses on investigating violations of state and federal drug laws. It was created in 2001 by the sheriff's office and police department.

The DTF is a four-member unit comprised of two deputies from the Montrose County Sheriff's Office, two officers from the Montrose Police Department, and a full-time administrator provided by the police department.

DTF members often work in an undercover capacity and are not identified for officer safety reasons.

The police department and sheriff's office collectively fund the DTF-- over \$350,000 and \$200,000 respectively from each agency in 2018. The DTF often works in conjunction with other agencies that provide drug interdiction efforts.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DMEA WARNS OF SPRING BURNING AND POWER POLE SAFETY

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REGIONAL-While controlled burns are an important tool in Western Colorado for managing and restoring natural areas, Delta-Montrose Electric Association is asking members to take extra precaution when burning near power poles or other parts of the power system.

"Burning near our power poles and equipment creates an obvious hazard. If left unchecked, fire can severely damage our power poles, create outages, serious safety hazards, and result in costly repairs," said DMEA Operations Manager, Troy Hall.

DMEA urges members to take special note of power poles and lines before starting a burn. Burning a power pole could result in widespread power outages and cost up to \$5,000 for the individual responsible for the fire. Before beginning a controlled burn, cut all grass and weeds near power poles to reduce fire hazards. The U.S. Department of Agriculture also advises the removal of all dead trees within 20 feet of the planned burn. Water the area near the poles, but be careful to keep water streams out of power lines.

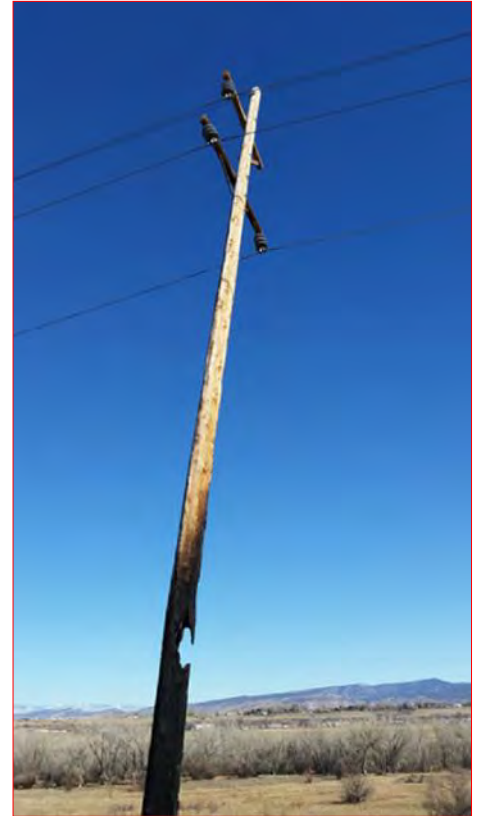
Poles that have sustained any amount of damage must be replaced. If a power pole catches on fire, call 911 and alert DMEA at 1-877-687-3632 immediately to address

the possible electrical dangers. A pole that catches on fire could create shock or electrocution hazards to those who may be nearby or spark fires in unintended directions from downed lines. Even if you think you have been able to put out the fire yourself, alert DMEA to the fact that it caught fire. The creosote, a power pole preservative, could still be burning the pole from the inside out.

"Simply taking the time to be aware of conditions can prevent costly and dangerous mistakes. Check and continuously monitor the weather the day of your burn. Be prepared with a plan to put out your burn. And most importantly, don't be afraid to call for help," said Lindsay Wiley, Public Information Officer with the Montrose Fire Protection District. Wiley also recommends the following:

Conduct the burn as early as possible and try to finish before noon  
Check the weather—if moderate or high winds are predicted postpone the burn  
Never leave your burn unattended  
Call 911 immediately if you lose control of your burn

In Montrose, citizens must apply for an open burn permit through the state. Information about open burning and permitting in Colorado can be found online at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/>



*Courtesy photo.*

**cdphe/openburn.** If burning inside the city limits, a burn permit must also be obtained from the Montrose Fire Protection District. Visit [www.montrosefire.org](http://www.montrosefire.org) for more information.







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## CITY DISPUTES COST OF UNREIN ROW; NO OUTSIDE APPRAISAL IN MAYFLY EXCHANGE

### *City's New Golf Carts with GPS "Really Cool" Bowman States*



*(L to R) WestCO Executive Director Mandy Stollsteimer and Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko present an amended and restated WestCo Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and Bylaws to city council during their work session on April 16. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council work sessions, which are open to the public, are held at 11 a.m. in council chambers on the day prior to the regular city council meeting. No formal action is taken during the working lunch sessions.

#### **Discussion Items:**

**Municipal Code Update** – Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) change in the rules requires the city to adopt a new set of rules to the Municipal Code. Turner said, "This doesn't come up very often in the Charter. We're looking at it with a telecommunications attorney and his recommendation is that this section is no longer needed." The staff proposes drafting an ordinance that follows state and federal law which will be included in telecommunication agreements, rather than in the city code.

In May or June, the city will make an agreement with Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)/Elevate Fiber and the Charter agreement will come up in 2020. City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said, "The agreements will be generally similar, the difference being that Elevate has fiber and Charter is hard-wired."

**Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Montrose County for Shared Services** – Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner.

Turner said, "The word is out that we have great grant coordinator [Kendall Cramer]. This is not for writing grants, but for searching out grants and looking for leads for the county. We don't want to over-tax Kendall, we'll manage the relationship carefully." The county will pay Kendall's hourly rate plus three percent administration fee. Turner said, "They will pay what it costs us."

**Lift Station Elimination Project Property Acquisition** – City Attorney Stephen Alcorn.

Since 2017 the city has been working on securing right-of-way for a sewer line which will eliminate the need for three lift stations. The missing link to the project, located at 16481 South Townsend, is owned by the Unrein Family. The city offered \$29,000 for the right-of-way; however, the owners value the right-of-way at \$137,000. A third-party evaluation agreed with the Unreins and the city increased their offer to \$38,000. That offer was rejected. The city attorney proposes a resolution to go to court to hear a judge or jury determine fair property value; if nec-

essary eminent domain. Currently the property is used for growing hay. The sewer line installation could be a disruption for one crop; however, the property owners would be compensated for the lost crop.

Utilities Manager David Bries said, "The current lift stations are pumping up and around the property." Alcorn said, "The Unreins have hired an attorney. We are serious about moving forward with the project and I anticipate we will be hearing from their attorney. This is not just for Cobble Creek, south of town there are a lot of businesses."

**MURA (Montrose Urban Renewal Authority) Land Exchange Ordinance and Agreement** – Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko.

Boyko described the ordinance as one step in the process of the land transfer that will take place in October. The city has two parcels of land totaling 2.8 acres, which they will exchange for riverway corridor property of approximately 27.1 acres owned by Mayfly.

City Engineer Scott Murphy said, "We estimate it is about \$600,000 in property coming to the city." Murphy did not estimate the value of the property that would be transferred to Mayfly.

Councilwoman Barbara Bynum said, "I would have expected to see a dollar amount." A formal outside appraisal needed for the disposal of public property has not been discussed publicly.

**The draft Land Exchange Ordinance and Agreement states:**

WHEREAS, the City holds ownership in two parcels of real property, which is beneficial to Mayfly's Development Plan along the Uncompahgre River Corridor; and WHEREAS, Mayfly holds ownership in real property, which is approximately 27.1 acres in size, along the Uncompahgre River corridor that is compatible with the City's Comprehensive Plan and Uncompahgre River Master Plan; and WHEREAS, the City and Mayfly have contemplated public access to recreation and fishing along the Uncompahgre River, supported by public infrastructure and river restoration; and WHEREAS, the City has

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## **CITY DISPUTES COST OF UNREIN ROW; NO OUTSIDE APPRAISAL IN MAYFLY EXCHANGE**

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adequate resources and is equipped to develop, maintain, and monitor the river corridor as a public recreational area; and WHEREAS, both entities maintain that an exchange of property interests would be in the best interest of each respective entity and will benefit the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mayfly and the City have contemplated an exchange agreement that will provide an equitable exchange of property rights.

**WestCO: Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement and Bylaws** - Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko.

The bylaws for the WestCO dispatch center do not give consideration for taking on new members. Boyko said, "Specifically, Ouray has sent a letter of interest. New members would have voting rights and share expenses. The City of Montrose takes up the lion's share of the expenses." Smaller entities (Log Hill Fire and Ridgway Fire) wouldn't have enough usage; however, they could come under the umbrella of other entities. "We could offer services, but they wouldn't come with voting rights."

Council asked if the current system could accommodate additional members and Police Chief Tom Chinn reported that WestCO is working on replacing the current server, "We are cognizant of it."

**Riverbottom Restroom Design Build Bid Recommendation** - Public Works Manager Jim Scheid.

Construction of new restrooms for Riverbottom Park is slated to start in July and will be completed before the end of November. The restrooms will be built to the east side of the current restrooms, which will remain in operation until construction of the new facility is completed. Scheid

said, "Ridgway Valley Enterprises was the only bidder and they fell within our budget." The cost for the construction phase is \$362,892, which will come from the 2018 Capital Improvement Budget. The total allocation recommended for design and construction is \$398,939.75.

City Manager Bill Bell said, "They will have programmable locks. To avoid the homeless situation, the restrooms will be physically locked in the evening and automatically unlocked in the morning."

**Riverbottom Drive Reconstruction Project Design Contract** - City Engineer Scott Murphy.

A combination of two projects (roads and parks) is a joint effort on the part of the city and the Montrose Recreation District (MRD). Murphy said, "The best road person is not the best parks person, and the best parks person is not the best road person." Both entities will go independent for design; however, once the design work is completed the city and MRD will partner on construction and application for DOLA grants for the entire project.

The city will use Del-Mont Consultants for road design at a cost of \$118,310. City Manager Bill Bell said, "It is unbudgeted and we will pull it out of reserve funds."

**Design and Repair of Fire-Damaged Uncompahgre River Recreation Trail Bridge** - City Engineer Scott Murphy.

An out of control weed-burn, which damaged a recreational trail bridge, is still under investigation. The estimated cost of repair for the bridge is about \$100,000. The bridge is structurally sound; however, the deck and the girders on the north end are questionable. Murphy said, "We are on an aggressive timeline and will open bids on the 24<sup>th</sup>." It is anticipated that construction will be completed by the end of

June. Funds for the repairs will come from the Emergency Reserves.

**Chipeta Water District as a Project 7 Voting Member** - Utilities Manager David Bries.

Chipeta Water District and Menoken Water District are being considered as members of Project 7 Water Authority. City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said, "The City of Montrose has historically been the stumbling block. I think they thought their vote would be diluted." Adding the two entities to the Project 7 Water Authority will bring the voting member number to six. The city manager said, "There is the possibility of bringing up a stalemate with a three/three vote, but we think it is the right thing to do."

**General City Council Discussion:**

Councilman Dave Bowman said, "The new golf carts are really cool." The new carts purchased by the city are equipped with GPS, which was an add-on purchased by the Office of Business and Tourism (OBT) for advertising and marketing purposes.

Mayor Judy Ann Files was interested in the low voter turnout for the council election and asked fellow councilmembers if they had heard any feedback.

Bynum said, "I don't think we should question people. They have a right to vote, or not to vote."

It was decided that Files would apply to be the Montrose County Airport Advisory representative and newly elected Councilman Doug Glaspell would fill the seat as the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) representative.

**Staff Comments:**

Council chambers was to host the US Highway 550 open house on April 19 at 4 p.m.

# The Mirror: many views, one newspaper.



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## ART &amp; SOL

**MOUNTAINEER SIR CHRIS BONINGTON TO SHARE LIFE AND TIMES***Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-When Chris Bonington began climbing mountains at age 16, none of the 14 peaks in the world that rise high into the "death zone" above 8,000 meters had been climbed. A world of adventure awaited and for the next 65 years he sought that adventure, climbing peaks all over the world to become one of Britain's most famous mountaineers. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1996 for his services to mountaineering.

On Friday evening, May 4, at 7 p.m., Bonington will present "My Life and Times" at the Montrose Pavilion, sharing his life as a climber, adventurer, photo-journalist, writer and lecturer. The program is sponsored by the Western Colorado Friends of the Himalayas and autographed copies of Bonington's latest book, "Ascent," will be available for sale.

"He is considered to be one of the great mountaineers," said his friend Kelvin Kent of Ridgway, who was the logistical coordinator for Bonington's successful expeditions to Annapurna and Everest. Kent is a member of the board of directors of the Friends of the Himalayas. "This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and hear some incredible adventures from a man who has been knighted for his contributions to mountaineering," added Val Burnell, president of the group.

From hitchhiking to Snowdonia and Scot-

land during school holidays, "to climb with anyone he could find," to leading the first ascent of the South Face of Annapurna (1970) and the South West face of Mt. Everest (1975), Bonington has made mountaineering history. He personally reached the summit of Mt. Everest in 1985 as a member of a Norwegian expedition.

He made the first British ascent of the North Wall of the Eiger (1962) with Ian Clough and the Central Tower of Paine, in Patagonia, Chile (1963), with Don Whillans. He has climbed mountains all over the world.

In May of 2001, Bonington climbed a seven-pitch variation in the Black Canyon National Park in Colorado with friends, Terry Burnell, Paul Ross, and Richard McHardy, with Ross naming the new route, "The Way of the Ancients."

"It is that stimulus and being attracted to the unknown, to the wildness of mountains and the beauty of mountains, that drew me to climbing," Bonington said in a recent article in the *Telegraph* 20 October 2017.

To mark his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2014, Bonington climbed the Old Man of Hoy, a 449-



*Sir Chris Bonington. Courtesy photo.*

foot, five-pitch sea stack in the Orkney Islands near Scotland, to help raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease charities, an illness his first wife, Wendy, died from in 2014. He had made his first ascent of the Old Man of Hoy 48 years earlier. He said, "I want to make every day of my 80's count. Now just being in the hills and being with my wife Loreto is the focus of my life." Tickets for the program are \$20 and can be purchased at the Great Outdoors Company in Montrose, Ouray Mountain Sports in Ouray, and Jagged Edge in Telluride.

Tickets will also be available that night at the door. For more information call Val Burnell at 970-275-3671 or Kelvin Kent at 970-209-1395.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### WEEHAWKEN DANCE PRESENTS PETER PAN APRIL 28 & 29 AT MONTROSE PAVILION



#### Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-You are invited to fly with Weehawken Dance through a starlit night, straight into a magical adventure in Neverland with Weehawken Dance's spring dance production of Peter Pan.

First the movie, then the musical and now the ballet, this full-length production will be filled with pixie dust and all your favorite characters, from Tinkerbell to the Lost Boys to Captain Hook and his swash-

buckling pirates. Perfect for the entire family, J. M. Barrie's famous tale of the boy who wouldn't grow up is another Montrose Pavilion Premiere for Weehawken Dance, with artistic direction by Miss Natasha Pyeatte and choreography by Weehawken Dance Teaching Artists and set to a diverse and lively score. With all of its energy, humor and poignant movement, Peter Pan will delight the child in us all!

Weehawken Dance's original, full-length production of Peter Pan takes the stage at the Montrose Pavilion April 28 & 29 with performances on Saturday, April 28 at 1 pm and 6 pm and Sunday, April 29 at 1 pm. Audiences have the opportunity to see Artistic Director, Natasha Pyeatte's dazzling take on the classic story set to an adventuresome score selected by Weehawken Dance's teaching staff and Artistic Director.

General Admission and Reserved Seating tickets are now available online at [weehawkenarts.org/performances](http://weehawkenarts.org/performances). General Admission tickets are also on sale in person at Tiffany Etc in Montrose. Ticket sales are still be available over the phone or in person with Weehawken, but with a \$.50 per ticket convenience fee.

For more information, please visit [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) or call (970) 318-0150. Rehearsal photo by Valerie Kepler.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### PROGRAM ON HUMMINGBIRDS MAY 3 @ HEDDLES RECREATION CENTER

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DELTA-With reports of hummingbirds already showing up in western Colorado, many bird enthusiasts are starting to put out their feeders. Even those who might not necessarily consider themselves bird watching enthusiasts find much enjoyment watching these smallest of all birds zipping around their backyards.

World-renowned researcher Dr. David Inouye, Professor Emeritus from the University of Maryland, will be giving a program on his 40-plus years of hummingbird research on Thursday 3 May at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta. Much of his research has been done at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory in Gothic, near Crested Butte, where he first started banding hummingbirds in 1972.

During this time he banded one female broad-tailed hummingbird off and on for 13 years making it the oldest known hummingbird in the world to have lived in the wild. Much of his work has involved studying the role of hummingbirds as pollinators and their critical importance to maintaining healthy ecosystems.

He has also studied their physiology, demography, migration timing and patterns, and is now trying to get a better understanding of their vision, what role genetics play in determining variations of bill size, and where males spend their

nights while here in Colorado.

His program will begin at 7pm and will include a short video produced by the BBC natural history film department. The BBC photographer actually stayed with Inouye in Gothic while working on the film. The program is sponsored by the Black Canyon Chapter of the Audubon Society and is free to the public.



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## NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

### *Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer*

#### SUMMER MUSIC SELECTIONS FOR CLASSICAL, CHAMBER & OPERA BUFFS

The summer music season is fast approaching and it is once again time to remind readers of the music festivals in Colorado that feature classical music, chamber music, and opera. The first are massive and offer weeks of music performances, lectures, master classes, and performance from the best soloists, orchestras, and chamber groups in the world. The final two are local and are smaller but still offer the same world-class performers and performances.

**The Aspen Music Festival and School** runs from June 28-Aug. 19, 2018. Featured concerts are held both indoors and outdoors. This festival offers a vast range of performers and performances over its eight-week season. Two of the many highlights will be performances by the young and dynamic piano soloists Yuja Wang and Daniil Trifonov.

**The Bravo! Vail Music Festival** runs from June 21-Aug. 2, 2018. Highlights include pops concerts, free family concerts, and orchestras from across the country including New York and Dallas. The caliber of musicians scheduled to perform are off the charts. This is music of the highest caliber within a short drive from home.

**The Crested Butte Music Festival** runs from July 5-Aug. 11, 2018. The musical offerings at this festival expand beyond classical music, chamber music, and opera. This festival will also feature gypsy jazz, mariachi, performance art, film, and



*The Bravo Vail Music Festival (Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater. (Courtesy photo.*

of course events with beer as the main theme. Something for everybody on the spectrum of music appreciation.

**The Telluride Chamber Music Festival**, now in its 45<sup>th</sup> season, runs from Aug. 7-12, 2018. This festival is not to be missed if you are even a little bit curious about chamber music. By its very nature and design, chamber music is best heard live. A quick trip to the mountains will take care of all your needs.

**The San Juan Chamber Music Festival** runs from August 16-21, 2018 and is pre-

sented by the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild. Performances range from a free children's concert to a private salon performance at a home in Montrose. Additional performances are in Ouray and in Ridgway.

This column has featured a lot of information and a lot of discussion surrounding the world of classical music. These Colorado festivals are your chance to hear the beauty and excitement in person.

[www.aspenmusicfestival.org](http://www.aspenmusicfestival.org)

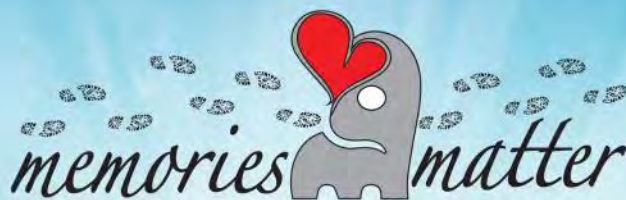
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You're invited to enter photos into the 2018 "Welcome to Ridgway – Think Outside" Photo Contest to help promote Ridgway as a destination during National Travel and Tourism Week. The Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce will select one photo to send to the Colorado Tourism Office to display on several online channels during the U.S. Travel Association's annual show, in Denver on Sunday, May 6, to Saturday, May 12, 2018. The chamber will award the winner with \$200 and send

the photo to our media contacts in a news release about the winning photographer and business. Plus, selected non-winning entries will get posted on the chamber's Facebook page and new Instagram and Twitter feeds.

Please get creative and send us a fun or heartwarming photo or video with a message giving a warm welcome or big hello from your business or your favorite spot around Ridgway. Some examples of great photo and video subjects are:

Standing atop a 14er with a cardboard sign: "Welcome to the San Juan Mountains, at 14,xxx feet from XYZ Company"  
Horseback guides galloping up to camera and unveiling a sign that reads "Howdy, Welcome to XX Ranch"  
Museum staff waving from a historic train car or in a museum room

Holding up a pancake with a smiley face on it in front of a historic building or on a patio in front of great scenery  
Writing "hello" with stones on a lake shore

Writing a welcome message on a steamy window at a pool

Campers welcoming people into their tent or yurt

People shouting from a rising hot air balloon, "Welcome to Ridgway"

Yelling a hello that echoes through a cave or across a canyon

Please send your photo or video, along with a brief caption, no later than Wednesday, April 25 (midnight), to Tanya at [studio@tanyaishikawa.com](mailto:studio@tanyaishikawa.com). For Photo Contest Guidelines, go to <https://ridgwaycolorado.com/news-events> (and click on the article about the contest).

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### WACWC TO FOLLOW GLOBEWANDERERS WITH NEW LINEUP

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GRAND JUNCTION-Matt Soper will speak about his experiences in Portugal, the land of exploration, innovation, and enchantment, where coincidence brought him to the tables of average citizens and influential politicians alike. Sarah McCarthy will take you to a rural community in Belize where she spent six months working on a thesis project to understand the benefits and possibilities of cacao-based agroforestry agriculture systems in a Q'eqchi Maya population. And finally, Jeremy Beck will lead us along North America's second-longest river, the Mackenzie River/Deh Cho, in Canada's Northwest Territories where he paddled with Brian Castner, author of "Disappointment River: Finding and Losing the Northwest Passage," which chronicles explorer Alexander Mackenzie's failed search for a water route to the Pacific.

Grab a drink, meet new friends, and hear firsthand tales from three GJ adventurers on their travels to Canada, Belize, and Portugal at our monthly Western Colorado GlobeWanderers bar night!

Wednesday, April 25. 7 PM start. @ Charlie Dwellington's Bar on 1st and Main St. Grand Junction.

### PLANT TREES TO PREPARE FOR EMERALD ASH BORER, INCREASE DIVERSITY

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

COLORADO – Many Coloradans plant trees in the spring because it's the best time of year to get new trees established, and communities around the state will be hosting plantings this week to recognize Colorado's Arbor Day – which this year falls on April 20. With the exotic, tree-killing emerald ash borer (EAB) establishing its presence in the state, there's one more reason for planting in Colorado communities this year.

"Now is a great time to consider planting trees for any reason," said Keith Wood, urban and community forestry manager for the Colorado State Forest Service. "One good reason is to ultimately replace ash trees that may later succumb to emerald ash borer."

EAB, a non-native pest responsible for the death of millions of ash trees and billions of dollars in costs in more than 30

states, was confirmed in the City of Boulder in 2013. EAB has since spread and been detected in Longmont, Lafayette, Gunbarrel and Lyons. Wood says further spread is imminent in Colorado.

Although EAB has not yet been confirmed in Colorado outside Boulder County, one of the reasons the exotic pest is a concern for communities all over Colorado is that an estimated 15 percent or more of all urban and community trees in the state are ash.

Wood says that with EAB expected to kill thousands of Colorado ash trees in the coming years – and because it takes decades for most planted trees to reach maturity – it makes sense for homeowners to not only assess the health of their ash trees this year, but to also plan for the possible loss of those trees down the road. He and other experts with the interagency Colorado EAB Response Team also want to

make sure that Coloradans avoid planting any true ash species (genus *Fraxinus*), and that they remember to always plant for tree diversity on their properties and in their neighborhoods.

"No one species should comprise more than 10 percent of the planted trees growing in any urban or community setting," said Wood.

"Whenever too many of the same type of tree are planted together, we are setting ourselves up for potential problems with insects and diseases."

The Colorado Tree Coalition offers online descriptions of trees suitable to plant throughout Colorado, and also a list of recommended trees to plant along the Front Range. For more information, go to [www.coloradotrees.org](http://www.coloradotrees.org).

More EAB information for homeowners is available at [csfs.colostate.edu/emerald-ash-borer](http://csfs.colostate.edu/emerald-ash-borer).



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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### 43RD ANNUAL BLACK CANYON ASCENT WILL BE MAY 19

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE\_The 43rd Annual Black Canyon Ascent sponsored by the San Juan Mountain Runners takes place on Saturday, May 19. Come join the fun as walkers and runners participate in this scenic and challenging six-mile event. The race starts at the junction of US Hwy 50 and CO Hwy 347 just east of Montrose, walkers @ 7:30 a.m. and runners @ 8 a.m. Go to <http://www.sjmr.club/> for a link to runningguru to register and for more info, or call Jan at 970-316-1988. Race day registration is also available 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the start.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### ALPINE BANK STAFFERS PRESENT CHECK FOR \$7,500 TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE SAN JUANS



*Special to Art & Sol MONTROSE-On Saturday, employees from Alpine Bank presented a check for \$7,500 to Habitat for Humanity of the San Juans honoring their pledge to cover the cost for every door in the affordable housing triplex currently being constructed on Park Avenue in Montrose.*

*Alpine Bank employees also spent the day, their second on this project, volunteering to build the three-story affordable home triplex.*

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**TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018**  
**7AM-7PM - All Day Registration & Immunizations**

**7-9AM**  
Meet the Superintendent Mr. Schiell  
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**7AM-7PM**  
Immunization Stations  
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Community Booths & Give-Aways  
Curriculum Booths & Games

**12-7PM**  
Carnival Games  
Popcorn & Cotton Candy  
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**5-7PM**  
Face Painting  
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Kindergarten Registration is for the 2018-19 School Year.  
Children who will turn 5 years old by August 1st can register.

**WHAT TO BRING:** ~Birth Certificate ~Immunization Records  
~Two Address Verifications ~Time to Enjoy the Carnival!

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**TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018 ~ 7AM-7PM**



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### FORMER MONTROSE COUNTY UNDERSHERIFF DICK DEINES PASSES AWAY AT FLORIDA HOME

*Mirror Staff Report*

MONTROSE-The Montrose Mirror offers condolences to the family of former Montrose County Under Sheriff (Richard) Dick Deines. A member of the Montrose law enforcement community for more than 42 years, Deines passed away Thursday, April 19, 2018 at his home in Florida. Deines was 70-years-old, and was a 1966 graduate of Montrose High School. Arrangements for a local memorial service are pending.

### POMONA TEACHERS MICHAEL MEDINA, CHUCK TERRELL TO BE HONORED @ RECEPTION MAY 14

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Please join Pomona Elementary School in extending best wishes to Michael Medina and Chuck Terrell who will be retiring from the Montrose School District at the end of this school year. They will be greatly missed by students and colleagues. Michael has been teaching in the Montrose School District for 29 years. He also taught for one year in New Mexico and one year in Grand Junction, Colorado. He did teach at Pomona Elementary School for 27 of those years. Chuck taught for ten years at John Mall High School in Walsenburg, Colorado. He has taught in the Montrose County School District for 20 years at Pomona Elementary. We invite you to attend a reception in honor of Michael and Chuck on May 14<sup>th</sup>, at Cobble Creek Clubhouse from 4-6:30 p.m. The public is invited to join us in sharing memories and best wishes to Michael and Chuck.

## Save the Date!

# MHS BACCALAUREATE

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 7pm

Grace Community Church

(16731 Woodgate Rd. Montrose, CO)

### THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT BACCALAUREATE

*~ A Special Evening Of Celebration To Honor and Send Off Our Seniors ~*

- *No Special Attire Required* but PLEASE BRING your Graduation gowns to wear, available to pick up on Tuesday the 15th from MHS
- Seniors need to report to the GRACE GYM by 6:15
- Students park at Cottonwood Elementary
- Doors Open for family and guests at 6:45

Seniors will be introduced in groups of 2 to 5. Students choose who you would like to go out on stage with. *Be creative and have fun!*

*Graduation is going to be*  
at the New Event Center at the Montrose County Fairgrounds May 20, 2018 at 2:30 PM

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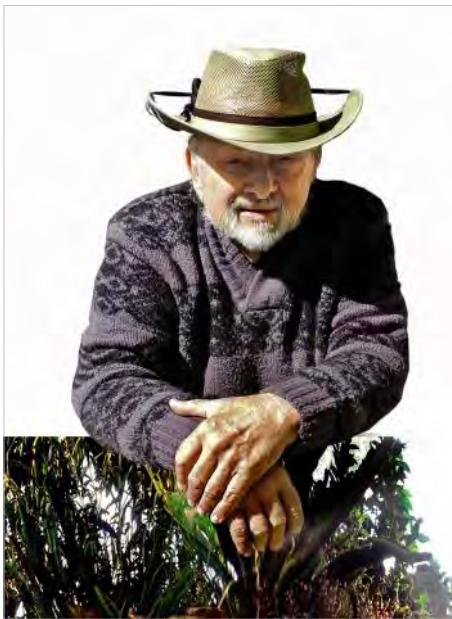
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## WORLDWIDE PHOTOGRAPHER SEEKS NEXT ADVENTURE: PATRONS WELCOME!



*Michael Lawton is credited with inventing full 360-degree panoramic photography, as in this image of the San Juans. Courtesy photo.*



*Michael Lawton. Courtesy photo.*

By Carole Ann McKelvey  
Mirror Feature Writer

MONTROSE-Panoramic photographer/Bauhaus designer Michael Lawton has finally come home, to Montrose. "A traveler's longest road traveled is the road home," he notes.

Lawton has spent 50+ years of his life he says, "as a traveler trading photos for airline tickets."

Still, he's not ready to retire.

What makes Lawton unique are his images – captured on self-invented cameras that take 360 images in 1.7 seconds/six shots at a time without any seams.

"These are not pasted together photos but one continuous shot ready to print on a flat-field format. They are not stretched or curved," he says.

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

It was at the *Geographic* he had the chance to begin shooting volcanoes. The first was Mt. St. Helen's.

Lawton says one of his greatest accomplishments was photographing the first man to walk in space, Alexie Leonov, in the space capsule mock-up. He was in Russia through an invitation by a Red Army general and the Academy of Sciences of the Soviet Union.

Lawton and an associate were escorted to Star City, training center for cosmonauts. That was after they'd passed a litmus test the Soviets used on foreign visitors – not taking the bait of offered KGB prostitutes.

Lawton shot a portfolio of Angel Falls in the Amazon while chronicling trips sponsored by President Roosevelt's grandson, Jorge Delano. His patron took him 800 miles south of Caracas, Venezuela, into the Amazon several times.

On a mission with the Catholic Church to Hanoi, Vietnam, Lawton says he heard the vice-president of Vietnam suddenly query, "Why did you do this to us? We rescued your pilots in World War II!"

Yale's Peabody Museum sent Lawton to Machu Picchu, Peru, to create a panoram-

ic portfolio of the ancient Inca royal city. There he began a quest for more knowledge of that ancient world.

He has also spent four months shooting at the behest of the Greek government, with unlimited access to the Parthenon.

Since moving to Montrose two years ago, Lawton has been busy developing new digital cameras to meet the growing interest in Virtual Reality 360 photography.

He is also writing his memoirs.

And he's working on a new portfolio of Colorado's staggering beauty.

"Right now, Lawton says, "a patron who has a yen for adventure would be most welcome."

Today Lawton partially occupies himself plotting his next escape into the Colorado mountains.

He also contemplates what new adventures await as he gazes at his huge Mercedes Unimog (Universal Motor Machine) sitting in front of the house.

Perhaps a trip to the desert Southwest to capture Chaco Canyon from a new perspective? Or off-roading in the Colorado mountains capturing that eternal beauty?

To contact the traveler/photographer, visit his Face book page, Michael Lawton Photographer, or email him at [cirama-ventures@aol.com](mailto:cirama-ventures@aol.com).

A You-Tube piece showing him shooting the Albuquerque Balloon Festival is an interesting watch, as is a piece about a Lawton exhibit in San Diego.



# Hold the Date! Upcoming Business & Cultural Events

## ONGOING-

### ARTISTS' ALPINE HOLIDAY

Ouray County Arts Association Call for Artists: Online registration for the 58th Annual Artists' Alpine Holiday Art Exhibit is open April 9 through June 25. The show will take place July 26 - Aug 4 at the Ouray Community Center. Go to [ourayarts.org](http://ourayarts.org) to learn more and register.

### MONTROSE TOASTMASTERS

The first meeting will be held:

**Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018 @ 6:30p**

Proximity Center

210 E Main St, Montrose, CO 81401

*Meetings will then be held every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Proximity.*

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

**THE ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB** meets every second Tuesday at St. Mary Catholic Church in the St Paul Room, 1855 St Mary's Drive, Montrose. The Public is welcome to attend. For more information, email [alpinephotoclub@aol.com](mailto:alpinephotoclub@aol.com).

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

**MONTROSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM**-"Montrose County Historical Society Presents" is held at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Pioneer Room of Friendship Hall, 1001 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. The public is invited to free programs based on topics of regional history. For more information please call 249-2085.

**MONTROSE LIBRARY GARDEN SERIES**-this free 8-session series meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. March 13-May 1 at the Montrose Library Meeting Room. Topics will include: information sources, seeds, plants, trees, soils, water, and managing plant and animal life in your garden. Time will be available for questions and discussion. Sessions taught by Larry Wobeter, Dave Dearstyne and Reed Irwin. Call (970) 964-2547 with questions.

**UPCOMING**-Montrose Regional Library Crafternoon club for teens and adults. Knit & crochet projects for charity. All ability levels welcome and supplies are provided; Library Meeting Room; 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.; May 2, 9, 16 and June 6, 13, & 20.

## MONTHLY-

**April 24-RE-1J Kindergarten Carnival registration event, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friendship Hall.**

**April 27**-Grand Opening Celebration Montrose County Events Center, Montrose County Fairgrounds. 6-8 p.m.

**April 27-28**-Montrose Historical Museum is accepting donations for our annual yard sale. If you are cleaning out your garage, basement or closets and need a great place to donate the items, we are the place. We do not accept appliances, electronics or clothes, but everything else is welcomed. Please call Sally at 249-2085 for drop off times and information. This great yard sale will be April 27th and 28th, starting at 8 am to 3 pm.

**April 28-29**-Weehawken Dance's original, full-length production of Peter Pan takes the stage at the Montrose Pavilion April 28 & 29 with performances on Saturday, April 28 at 1 pm and 6 pm and Sunday, April 29 at 1 pm. General Admission and Reserved Seating tickets will be available online at [yapsody.com](http://yapsody.com) beginning March 21. General Admission tickets will be on sale in person at Tiffany Etc. in Montrose. Ticket sales will still be available over the phone or in person with Weehawken, but with a \$.50 per ticket convenience fee. For more information, please visit [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) or call (970) 318-0150.

**April 29**- Sunday Serenades: Montrose Regional Library. Noon: Debbie TenNapel, Violin, Martha Jacobs, Cello. FREE, refreshments served.

**May 4**-British Mountaineer Sir Chris Bonington to speak at Montrose Pavilion, 7 p.m. Call 970.275-3671 for tickets and information.

**May 5**-Cinco De Mayo! Celebrate in Montrose's Centennial Plaza from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Car show, dance performances, food and more! Crowning of royalty & scholarships presented at 5 p.m.

**May 5**--On May 5, there will be a "From Stallion to Gelding" Clinic at the Dream Catcher Therapy Center in Olathe (5814 Hwy 348). The Clinic is being funded through the Unwanted Horse Alliance, organizer Cindi Swartz said, and is sponsored by Black Canyon Veterinary Clinic and End of the Trail Horse Rescue. Appointments must be made prior to the call; to learn more or to reserve a spot call 970-275-1810. Cost is \$60. Waivers must be signed and fees paid prior to the clinic.

**May 5**-Mustang Extravaganza, Montrose County Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn about wild horses; see training demonstrations.

**May 7**--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.

**May 8**-Community Radon Seminar, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Learn more about this elusive gas and what you can do if it is detected in your home. Free radon test kits will be available for all attendees. Montrose Regional Library, 320 South 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

**May 8**-Alpine Photography Club Meeting, Tuesday, May 8, 7 pm, Colorado Mesa University, 245 S. Cascade Ave., Montrose, Room 100. Presentation: Macro Photography By Jim Pisarowicz. Quick Tip: Printing & Showing Your Work By Denise Bush. Sharing Theme: Library (3-5 images)

**May 12**-Montrose Rotary Club hosts the 20th Annual Fishing Derby at Chipeta Lake (now a city park) on Saturday, May 12, From 9 am to 2 pm. This is an outdoor activity for children. There is no charge for this event. Children are given a fishing pole (to keep), hooks, bait, bobbers and sinkers. The fishing poles are provided by Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW). CPW stocks the lake with fish prior to the event, Rotarians provide the hotdogs and Pepsi provides the drinks. The children are taught to fish by rotarians and volunteers from the community. Come and join us for some fun in the sun!

**May 12**-Stupid Band Spring Dance, Turn of the Century, Doors open @ 7:30. Admissions is Free, with two non-perishable food items.

**May 14**-Join Pomona Elementary School as they extend best wishes to Michael Medina and Chuck Terrell who will retire from the Montrose School District at the end of this school year. Attend a reception in honor of Michael and Chuck on May 14, at Cobble Creek Clubhouse from 4-6:30 p.m. The public is invited to join us in sharing memories and best wishes to Michael and Chuck.

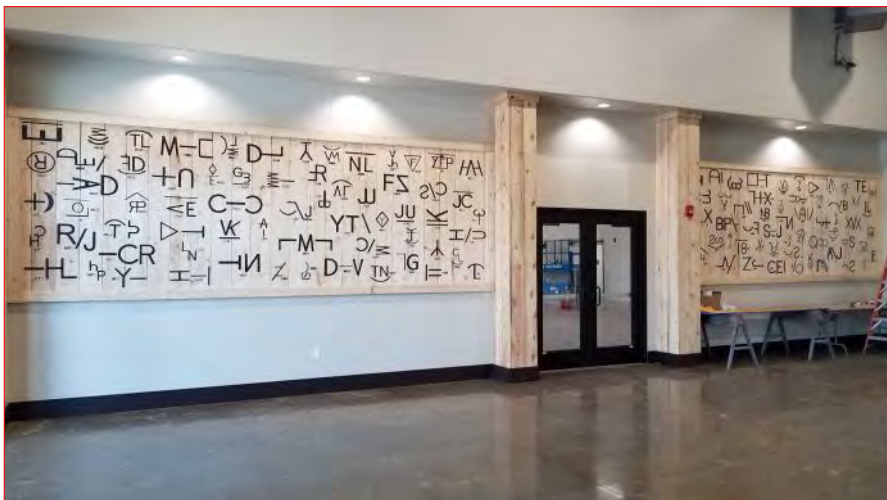
**May 15**-Montrose Peace Officers' Memorial, Centennial Plaza, 10 a.m.

**May 15**-Montrose High School Baccalaureate, 7 p.m., Grace Church.

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*The focal point in the foyer of the new Montrose County Event Center is the display wall of livestock brands. There will be a grand opening celebration for the new event center on April 27. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

*At left, the Ute Indian Museum welcomed an Earth Day Summit on April 22. Photo by Jan McClanahan.*



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