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## RIMROCKER TRAIL CONTINUES TO DRAW RAVES NATIONWIDE; 'MISSING LINK' SEGMENT TO BE COMPLETED IN MID 2019

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-For Montrose County Government Affairs Director Jon Waschbusch, completing the final "missing link" in the Rimrocker Trail has meant 18 months of paperwork, grant applications, and successful presentations to funders. In fact, Waschbusch has been so busy working on the project that there are sections of the popular trail that he himself has not yet experienced. Still, "This is a big deal," he said last week. "What it means is that we can now boast of a 160-mile trail with OHV access every inch of the route."

According to a news release issued by Montrose County last week, 158.6 miles of the 160-mile route are currently legal for off-highway vehicle (OHV) use. The "Missing Link" project will build an OHV frontage trail along State Highway 141 in the Dolores River Canyon to allow for OHV use across the highway.

BOCC Chair Keith Caddy and Waschbusch presented the project to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) grant committee in Denver in March. Montrose County's proposal was one of 42 grant applications; the proposal received the highest score of all applications



Off Highway vehicles now have access to the entire 160 miles of the Rimrocker Trail. Courtesy photo.

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## 'YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT SAFER FOR OUR POPULATION' Crime Skyrockets in City of Montrose; Council to Pursue Sales Tax Increase



During the city council work session on May 14, Montrose Police Department (MPD) and Crime Stopper Representatives made a case for the need of a City Public Safety Sales Tax initiative to be placed on the November 2018 ballot. (L to R) John W. Nelson, Chief of Police Tom Chinn, Commander Gene Lillard, Jim Haugness and Commander Blaine Hall. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council Work Sessions are public meetings held in council chambers at 11 a.m. on the day preceding the regular council meetings. No official votes are taken during work sessions; however, council may come to a consensus and offer direction to city staff during the meetings. Councilwoman Judy Ann Files was absent for the May 14 work session.

### Discussion Items:

**Discussion with CrimeStoppers on Statistics and Trends in Public Safety** - City Manager Bill Bell (Bell now oversees the Montrose Police Department in the City's chain of command), Chief of Police Tom Chinn, and Montrose Regional CrimeStoppers Representatives.

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## ANSWERING THE CALL: MCSO DEPUTY JASON GRUNDY

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Montrose County Sheriff Office (MCSO) Deputy Jason Grundy, who hails from the Western Slope, is a man of few words.

Grundy put himself through the Police Academy and found that the most stressful part of the academy was taking the final POST (Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training) test, which took a few hours to complete.

Grundy has been with MCSO for six-years states the most enjoyable part of his job is, "Getting drugs off the street and recovering stolen property. Those activities lead to more crimes. In theory, you cut out future crimes if you catch them earlier." The deputy doesn't view his job through personal satisfaction glasses, "I just do what the county pays me to do." The least enjoyable aspect of his job, "Crimes against children."

Grundy describes himself as a calm person, "I don't get stressed at work. I just show up and do my thing." The personality trait that serves the deputy well is honesty. He said, "I'm honest with everyone...

it generates trust with people I talk to."

Speaking about comradery and his relationship to other deputies Grundy said, "I can call on anyone who works here and they would drop anything they are doing and come and help."

The deputy is content with his career, but he would take advantage of any opportunity that presented itself.

Grundy said, "The goal of any career is to advance." Along with his regular duties as a deputy, Grundy is assigned to the Special Response Team (SRT).

He has used CPR, but as is the case with many first responders, the success of CPR is not always known once a patient is turned over to EMT and transported to the hospital.



**MCSO Deputy Jason Grundy. Photo by Gail Marvel.**

When Grundy was asked how the community could help him in his job he said, "Sometimes kids see a law enforcement vehicle they run. We don't want children to be afraid of us.

"I'd like to see parents talk to their kids and be more positive about law enforcement."

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## COUNTY THANKS HOSPITAL BOARDS, HIRES LOCALLY FOR STRIPING & BRIDGE PROJECTS, APPROVES DUNKIN' DOUGHNUTS EASEMENT

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose County Media Relations Director Katie Yergensen presented an impromptu thank you and gift on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to the Montrose Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees and the Montrose Memorial Hospital Board of Directors at the regular [meeting of the BOCC May 16](#). Though BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash was absent, both BOCC Chair Keith Caddy and Commissioner Glen Davis thanked both boards for their role in resolving the longstanding litigation between the Hospital and County.

"...For those that were involved during the hospital settlement we would like to provide them with a gift, for all their hard work in making sure that everything went smoothly and quickly and ultimately saved quite a bit of taxpayer money," Yergensen said.

Said Caddy to the boards, "I would

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*At their regular meeting on May 16, the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) thanked members of the Montrose Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees and the Montrose Memorial Hospital Board of Directors (not all board members could be present) for their role in helping to resolve the ongoing hospital litigation. Mirror staff photo.*

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## **COUNTY THANKS HOSPITAL BOARDS, HIRES LOCALLY FOR PROJECTS**

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like to thank you so much for what you've done for the people of Montrose, the County of Montrose, the Hospital, and just to make things much better for all involved. I know there was a lot of hard work put into this, and a lot of egos were removed out of this, and I think we've stepped forward and will be going in the right direction as time goes on.

"Thank you so much, everybody."

Said Davis, "When I ran for office I had made a promise to the people of Montrose County that if at all possible I would end all lawsuits concerning the Hospital and the Airport. One wasn't hard to accomplish, the other took you guys and all your work and a couple new members on the board. So thank you, thank you. The general public has probably no conception of how many millions of dollars between the Airport and Hospital were spent on lawsuits.

"So I join in saying thank you, let's put that behind us and move forward."

County Manager Ken Norris asked that Item D-8, approval of a contract close-out in the final retainage amount of \$2,275.00 to Pro Electrical Contractors, Inc for completion of the installation of parking lot lights at the Montrose County Fairgrounds, be pulled from the Agenda.

The [Consent Agenda](#) was approved unanimously; commissioners also unanimously approved a [proclamation](#) declaring May 1 thru June 14, 2018 as National Military Appreciation Month.

Commissioners approved [Resolution 30-2018](#), authorizing the Montrose County Sheriff to declare and lift Stage 1 and/or Stage 2 fire restrictions in unincorporated areas of the County with notice to the BOCC.

[Resolution 31-2018](#), also unanimously approved, repealed Resolutions 26-1996 and 28-1996, and revoked Montrose County's Enterprise Zone and Tax Incentive Policy Guidelines due to changes in state laws. "We will be working on a new

resolution or resolutions to bring before the board as soon as we can," County Attorney Marti Whitmore informed Commissioners.

[Resolution 32-2018](#) was approved unanimously as well, in support of the relocation of the Bureau of Land Management's headquarters to Grand Junction.

Caddy asked Waschbusch to share a copy of Resolution 32-2018 with Mesa County Commissioners.

"If it comes to the Western Slope it will have a tremendous economic impact," Davis said.

Commissioners then approved [award of the 2018 Road Striping Contract](#) to Stripe-A-Lot of Montrose, in the amount of \$131,484. The bid was less than the County's budgeted amount of \$140,000.

[Resolution 33-2018](#) was unanimously approved as well, changing the speed limit from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour on 2700 Road from 5<sup>th</sup> to BB Road, a small but dangerous intersection just west of Nucla.

"We've had some citizens come forward with the safety of the intersection...we also are planning to install a 'Hill Blocks View' sign," Engineer Keith Laube said, "...we are going to put a stop ahead sign on 5<sup>th</sup> Road."

[Replacement of the bridge on 5100 Road](#) was awarded to low-bidder Ridgway Valley Enterprises, in the total amount of \$785,208. Because the bid was higher than the budgeted expense of \$676,000, the County will use savings realized through the 2018 asphalt overlay program to cover the shortfall. "This bridge has been on our target to get replaced for a number of years and we want to get it done this year," Laube said.

Commissioner Glen Davis pointed out that by choosing local contractors for the road striping and bridge replacement projects, "We just dumped about \$900,000 into the local economy."

Also unanimously approved were the

[award of a request for proposals](#) for HVAC improvements at Montrose Regional Airport, to SGM of Glenwood Springs, for an amount not to exceed \$71,760, as well as a [ground hangar lease with Glenn Swiatek](#). Commissioners approved a [Federal Aviation Administration Agreement](#) to Transfer \$150,000 from Hopkins Field in Nucla to Delta County's Blake Field, and an Addendum to the [On-Airport Rental Car Concession Agreement with Alamo Rent A Car, Enterprise Rent-A-Car and National Car Rental, LLC](#) to extend the current agreement one year to **08/31/2019, effective 05/16/2018, representing \$200,427.25 in annual revenue.**

Commissioners unanimously approved two Planning & Development items: a [proposal](#) to revise a previously approved preliminary plan for applicant Eric Replogle, to divide 13.7 acres into seven lots; and an [agreement with CD Montrose LLC](#) (Dunkin' Doughnuts) for a driveway easement on County land formerly occupied by the Community Dental Clinic.

"Thank you Steve (White)," Davis said.

"We've gotta have our doughnuts; we appreciate it."

"Now we can have our doughnut shop," BOCC Chair Caddy said.

Commissioners reconvened as the Montrose County Local Liquor Licensing Authority, approving a liquor license special events permit for the [beer garden event](#) at the 2018 Montrose County Fair; a liquor license [special events permit](#) for the First San Juan Healthcare Foundation Annual Boot Stomp at Antler Ridge ("That sounds like fun," Caddy said); and [annual renewal of the Bedrock Store](#) on Hwy 90 in Bedrock. In other business, Commissioners convened as Montrose County Board of Health and unanimously approved [Resolution 34-2018](#), updating the Environmental Health Services and Fee Schedule. With no further business Commissioners returned to regular session and adjourned.




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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SAN MIGUEL POWER BOARD DIRECTOR BALLOTS IN THE MAIL

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-The San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) Board Election is going on now in SMPA district #3, which includes Norwood, Placerville, Sawpit, Dunton and Rico. The candidates are Joanna Kanow of Placerville, Allyn Svoboda of Rico & Dave Alexander of Norwood.

"Ballots have been mailed to members of this district and they should be hitting mailboxes this week," said SMPA Communications Executive, Alex Shelley. Voters

are advised to follow the voting instructions carefully and to return their ballots early. Mail-in ballots must be received by June 6th in order to be counted. Members may also vote in person at the Annual Meeting. Election results will be announced at the end of the meeting.

This year's Annual Meeting will be held at the SMPA office in Nucla and will include information about renewable energy, reliability projects and the future of the power industry. There will be food,

music, and interactive booths with a virtual reality tour of renewable generation sources. The meeting will also include an exhibition of rarely-seen lineman training exercises. "These exercises are vital to our line crews' continuing training," said Shelley. "They're also just amazing to watch!" There will also be gifts, prizes, and dinner will be provided for all.

An election, great information and fun-- it will all be at the SMPA Annual Meeting on June 7, at the SMPA Nucla office. (170 W. 10th Ave.) Election polls are open from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm and the meeting goes from 5:30 pm – 7 pm.

San Miguel Power Association, Inc. is a member-owned, locally-controlled rural electric cooperative with offices in Nucla and Ridgway, Colo. It is the mission of San Miguel Power Association to demonstrate corporate responsibility and community service while providing our members safe, reliable, cost effective and environmentally responsible electrical service. SMPA serves approximately 9,600 members and 14,000 meters and supports local communities with \$300,000 annually in property taxes and \$400,000 in energy efficiency and renewable energy rebates. SMPA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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statewide and was awarded \$194,657.

Commissioner Glen Davis, quoted in the news release, said, "This is a win for Montrose County--these grant dollars are essential to creating OHV trails on the western slope. The Rimrocker Trail has continued to gain popularity since its inception and I expect that traffic to continue to

grow."

"Colorado Parks & Wildlife has been really generous," Waschbusch said last week, noting that other cooperating agencies include Colorado Department of Transportation, Bureau of Land Management Uncompahgre Field Office and Colorado Department of Local Affairs.

Factors that helped Montrose County's application stand out include the fact that the Rimrocker Trail is well-recognized, the groundwork for the missing link has been done, and the project is "shovel ready."

"Every detail has been thought out," he said. "Now, it's time to start promoting the fact that the trail is complete. I hope we can draw visitors to the West End--It's very similar to Moab, but minus the crowds."

The word is definitely out; unsolicited

requests from automobile manufacturers wanting to film on the trail have been pouring in, and the Rimrocker Trail was featured in this month's *Mens' Journal*, Waschbusch said. "We went to City Market and bought four copies."

And though he has not yet had the opportunity to experience the entire length of the trail, "I've been pushing paper myself, but I am happy that people are getting out there and using the trail," he said.

"It's a unique opportunity.

"I know that our sign guys really enjoyed getting out and marking it."

Construction of the missing link segment is expected to take place in late summer of 2019.

For more information about the Rimrocker Trail, please visit [rimrockertrail.org](http://rimrockertrail.org).



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### UNCOMPAHGRE FIELD OFFICE TO IMPLEMENT STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE - On Monday, May 21, 2018, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will implement Stage 1 Fire Restrictions on lands managed by the Uncompahgre Field Office within Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, and Delta counties as well as portions of Gunnison County. For site specific information, download the map at <https://www.facebook.com/BLMMontroseFireUnit/>.

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## DMEA CANDIDATES FIELD QUESTIONS @ LEAGUE FORUM; NEWLY-APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER ABSTAINS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The future of Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) has never looked brighter; still, only a handful of citizens showed up at the League of Women Voters' Forum May 15 to hear from those running in the cooperative's current election.

All four of the candidates vying for three open seats on the DMEA board took time to share their qualifications, and to answer questions from the public, the League of Women Voters, and DMEA

board members. Questions covered a wide range of topics, from renewable energy and the relationship with DMEA's power supplier Tri-State Generation & Transmission, to the impact of the community solar array and attitudes toward climate change.

The League of Women Voters forum was moderated by Tanya Ishikawa, a League member and free-lance journalist. She reminded the audience that the League Forum is a fair, non-partisan setting, "so that you the voter can make an informed decision."

Ishikawa also reminded DMEA members that they can no longer bring their ballots to the DMEA headquarters as they have in years past but must either mail them to the out-of-state elections company or vote in person at the cooperative's annual meeting.

The only contested seat in the 2018 DMEA election is District 1, in which incumbent Bill Patterson faces challenger Ed Ulibarri. Patterson and Ulibarri have served together on the Montrose City Council in the past and remained competitive but quite friendly throughout the forum.

Also taking part were Kyle Martinez, who is running unopposed for the District 2 seat that he now holds, and Leslie Christian (Chris) Hauck, who is running unop-



posed for the District 5 seat formerly held by longtime DMEA Board Member Marshall Collins. Newly-appointed board member Ken Watson, selected April 24 to fill the District 4 seat left empty by the resignation of Jim Elder, sat in the back with other current board members and spent much of the time focused on his cell phone.

With a town hall format, the candidates offered brief introductions.

"...I have been on the board for six years, and it has been a pleasure," Patterson said. "When I think of the possible impact on the community, Delta-Montrose Electric Association offers the most—it can and has been doing a lot for the community."

Patterson discussed his extensive business background as founder of TEI Rock Drills, and touted DMEA's recent accomplishments. "...we have expanded into broadband, which is fantastic. People can live here and they can earn a living here."

He stressed the importance of considering DMEA members as investors and shareholders.

A second-generation Olathe grower, Kyle Martinez spoke about DMEA's efforts to control costs on behalf of the membership, and its ongoing struggle with Tri-State, the coop's wholesale power supplier. Also, "I would like to thank the folks



*At left, Candidates and forum moderator Tanya Ishikawa. At right, current board members listen to the forum. District 4's Ken Watson (foreground) appointed in April, did not address the public.*

who didn't run against me," he said. "Thank you."

Hauck summarized his extensive background and experience in the electric utility industry, which dates back to 1964. "I am a recovering attorney."

Ulibarri spoke about serving on a number of community boards and owning his own construction business for 38 years; "construction is the hardest of all businesses to keep."

He also teaches martial arts, with a motto of, "Learning is the Magic Key to take you where you want to be." If elected, "I will give 100 percent."

All candidates were asked their first priority if elected.

"To learn as much as I can about DMEA," Ulibarri responded, noting that he is a fast learner.

Patterson stressed the importance of establishing a more empowered relationship with Tri-State Generation & Transmission. "How can we better control what is coming from Tri-State, and either get out of our contract or get Tri-State to come around and be supportive of our local coop?" Patterson also mentioned DMEA subsidiary Elevate Broadband, and the importance of ensuring profitability with adequate signups.

Hauck responded to the question by saying that

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## ***DMEA CANDIDATES FIELD QUESTIONS @ LEAGUE FORUM***

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

he would begin by taking an in-depth look at DMEA's current projects.

"Once I get my feet on the ground, I will help build a durable and rational relationship with Tri-State."

Martinez spoke about meeting and listening to the directors of other power cooperatives and the importance of being aware and responsive to changes in the industry.

"This whole model is eating itself...DMEA

is positioning itself to better handle what comes our way."

Candidates all expressed various levels of support for renewable energy technologies, with Ulibarri making a point to say, "We need to make sure the average person can afford power, not just the rich person from out of state."

Martinez cited the need to benefit from new technology while budgeting for what is necessary, "to keep the business run-

ning smoothly and efficiently."

Patterson commented that power costs make up 60 to 70 percent of DMEA's budget. "The only controllable costs are the costs of operating and maintaining DMEA."

Ballots have been mailed to DMEA's voting membership; those who do not vote by mail may vote in person at the Annual Meeting at 4:30 p.m. on June 14 at the Montrose Pavilion.



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### STOP THE ALL-OUT ASSAULT AGAINST OUR PUBLIC LANDS

Dear Editor:

A [recent study](#) conducted by Colorado Mesa University for the BLM reinforced what Westerners experience every day: we utilize and enjoy our public lands to such an extent that they improve our quality of life.

The study is a timely reminder because right now, there is an all-out attack on our public lands.

The Trump administration is slashing the size of two nearby National Monuments, Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase/Escalante, both established under the authority of the Antiquities Act of 1906.

**In fact, June 8 marks the exact day that President Teddy Roosevelt signed it into law.**

Bears Ears is a treasure trove of sandstone canyons and Ancestral Puebloan structures, estimated to number over 100,000 in an area of about 1.4 million acres. The administration intends to shrink it by 85%, leaving 72% of the archaeological sites vulnerable.

Grand Staircase/Escalante, comprises an area of over 1.8 million acres containing Ancestral Puebloan structures along with striking scenery and dinosaur fossils over 75 million years old. It is also a mecca for outdoor recreation and a boon for the local economies. The Trump administration wants to reduce it 47%.

Despite the job creation and many economic benefits of public lands, there are several bills currently going through congress to gut the Antiquities Act, Grand Staircase/Escalante National Monument, and the Bears Ears National Monument. Other bills would limit the expansion of existing Monuments and the creation of new ones without congressional approval, and to turn over all Federal lands, (National Forests, BLM lands, Park Service System Lands, US Fish and Wildlife Reserves, etc.) to the respective states in which they lie. We all know what this would lead to: the privatization or development of these treasures.

The public land system in this country protects our natural, scenic, and cultural heritage and is the envy of the world. We urge our Colorado Congressional delegation to learn more about Chimney Rock and other National Monuments and to stand up to the Trump Administration against these assaults.

Representative Scott Tipton sits on the House Energy and Natural Resources committee and has the opportunity to vote no on these threats to the Antiquities Act. Write to or call Rep. Tipton at (202) 224-3121 and tell him to stand up for our national monuments AND the Antiquities Act.

Sincerely,

Ernie O'Toole, President,

Board of Directors Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, Chimney Rock National Monument  
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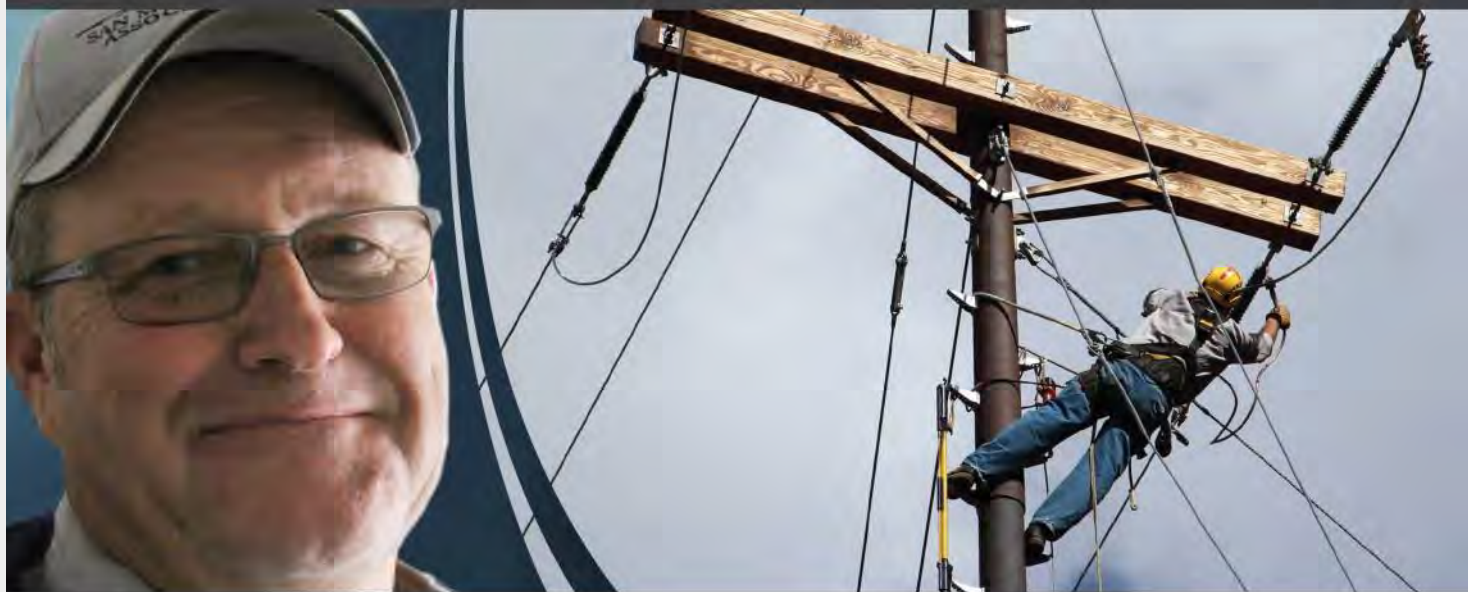
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## ***'YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT SAFER FOR OUR POPULATION' From pg 1***

Bell gave the group a brief synopsis of his understanding about the past and present status of the Montrose Police Department, "During the five-year recession not many people at the city got a pay raise. Over a two to three-year period we cut millions of dollars out of the budget." Bell cited issues for maintaining full staffing for MPD as low base salary, short staffed, high turnover and direct competition with other communities for employees. Bell said, "We haven't been to a place where we could be pro-active for 10-years." Currently MPD is one officer short of being fully staffed.

The city staff, the MPD and members of the Crime Stoppers program made a case for the need of a City Public Safety Sales Tax initiative to be placed on the November 2018 ballot. The recommendation is for 0.3 percent (the same as the recreation district), or up to 0.75 percent. Generally speaking the funds would be used to hire additional staff (PD officers and support personnel) and build a new police department facility.

Police Chief Tom Chinn said, "We are struggling to meet the daily call volume. The bottom line is we can go there [on a call], spend a little time and then have to leave. When calls are stacking up it can give the impression that we are lazy. We probably need 15 more people, maybe even another city attorney to help build strong cases." Chinn cited the need for more personnel in the areas of street traffic patrol, development for cases on drug houses, patrols in parks and school resource officers. Currently PD officers are wearing multiple hats and they are unable to specialize in areas such as crime-free prevention, park safety, and school resource officers. Chinn said, "For officer safety and for the community to move forward I hope you will support us for a ballot initiative."

Crime Stopper Representative John W. Nelson prefaced his remarks with, "I'm going to talk about some problems here [Montrose], but that doesn't mean I'm unhappy here." Nelson's statistics revealed that the City of Montrose is higher than the national and state average when it comes to property damage, thefts and burglaries. By comparison, property dam-

age per capita on the national average is 25, the state is 27 and Montrose is 43.2.

Nelson said, "We started Crime stoppers three-and-a-half-years ago. We've helped in 30 arrests, 80 charges [being filed] and paid out \$8,525 in awards." Producing pages of call logs for a 24-hour period Nelson said, "To have three or four officers to cover 18 ½ square miles is ridiculous. If your officers are tired they will make mistakes. We have a hell of a problem when it comes to thefts and burglaries. You've got to have more people. None of these things are going to get better. We'll support any ballot issue that will assist the police. You have to have pro-active work going on if you are going to stop this. You have to make it safer for our population."

Nelson noted the lack of crime prevention will affect the tourism efforts of the Office of Business and Tourism (OBT).

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Board member Jim Haugsness gave background on the county's Public Safety Tax, "In 2002 the law enforcement situation was really tough. There was no money for training and the SO [Sheriff Office] didn't even have enough money to buy extra ammunition to qualify [gun qualifications]."

A citizens group proposed a Public Safety Tax ballot issue; however, the city chose not to be a part of the initiative. Hence it is only the county who now receives the funds, which are used for the dispatch center, new vehicles, bullet proof vests, etc.

Haugsness said, "The SO is now adequately funded."

Sensitive to Montrose voters not wanting to see a tax increase go on forever Haugsness said, "It would be a good message if there were a Sunset provision for the building portion." A new police station was estimated to cost \$8 to \$9M, and the cost for 15 new officers and staff support is \$2.5M. The city manager said, "The DA is strapped. Maybe we could partner with the county on that."

Mayor Roy Anderson said, "We'd like to make Montrose so inhospitable that the drug houses would leave."

Chinn said, "We want to target the drug houses around town. The last four or five

years there is no quiet time."

Commander Gene Lillard said, "People are actively dealing drugs on the streets now. Over the weekend [Mother's Day weekend], one sergeant reported 15 arrests. We've [PD] had 200 calls for service in a 24-hour period, where the SO gets 25-30 calls in a 24-hour period."

Bell said, "A sales tax is the right way to go for Montrose, property tax is not as stable." Haugsness said, "Sales tax money would be new money." Councilman Dave Bowman wanted to know the financial effect on people if the sales tax were increased.

Bell said, "Pretty minimal, 30 cents on \$100."

Bowman said, "Are we ready to start talking about reducing reserves before we talk about raising taxes?"

Bell said, "We need to show people we are not hoarding money. Having adequate reserves is for if the economy drops. We don't want to lay people off."

In order to put a resolution on the ballot, the issue of a Public Safety Sales Tax initiative must officially come before council at least 100 days before the election, by July 28. Councilwoman Barbara Bynum said, "This is probably one of the biggest decisions we will make. I don't take the responsibility to make the decision lightly. I've had my car broken into and my house vandalized and I know the impact to our community. What does raising taxes mean to individuals? [It's a matter of] convincing the public they can afford the increase."

Nelson said, "Voters do not want to write a blank check. They want to know what they will get." Council consensus was for staff to work on a resolution.

**CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) First Place on Second Project Fee Waiver Request** - Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner and Jim Haugsness.

CASA had applied for and received a building permit for two four-plexes (eight units) which will serve homeless and at-risk youth ages 18-24, specifically for kids who have been aged-out of the foster care system when they turn 18. The project site is across the street from Friendship Hall and the request is for the city to waive water tap and sewer tap fees for

## ***YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT SAFER FOR OUR POPULATION' From previous pg***

the project.

The total requested utility fee waiver is for \$42,228 (water tap - \$7,905/unit charge \$5,268; sewer tap \$12,495/unit charge \$16,560).

The council has given the city manager the authority to spend up to \$50,000 on individual items without getting approval from council.

Bell previously waived \$27,782.18 in soft costs to CASA on the project and this request is for an additional waiver of \$42,228.

Enterprise Funds run as a business and those fees cannot be waived.

Turner said, "This is one of the first projects that our community has responded to on the homeless problem. Kids transitioning out of foster care become homeless. CASA is disrupting that chain."

Haugness said, "With the [waived] \$42,228 we can increase our program. Any additional help would be greatly appreciated. Look at it as a social return on investment."

### **General City Council Discussion**

Councilmembers mentioned the start of baseball season, the new city logo installed in council chambers, the installation of Wayfinding signs which will be

completed within the next two weeks and sailors from the USS Colorado visiting the area.

### **Staff Comments**

City Engineer Scott Murphy gave an update on the work taking place at Cerro Reservoir.

"It will take about four-months to drain and get the water into the canal. The bids are out now. It appears the contract draining schedule is coming a little sooner than we thought."

This summer downstream water users will benefit from the free water that is put in the canal.

## **OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS**

### **CANDIDATE'S HATCH ACT VIOLATIONS STILL A CONCERN IN MCSO RACE**

*Dear Editor:*

It seems rather odd that somehow Adam Murdie would be blamed for complaints of Gene Lillard violating the Hatch Act. Anyone reading The Montrose Mirror back in February is keenly aware that I, Richard Harding, raised the issue of the Hatch Act and the violations by Gene Lillard. Gene made a big gesture to shake my hand, in front of everybody, after the issue was raised.

I attempted to discuss the Hatch Act violations with Adam Murdie and he respectfully declined to discuss the subject with me.

Anyone who would think that I would pursue Gene Lillard for Hatch Act violations to help the Adam Murdie campaign doesn't know very much about me, or my history! In another Letter to The Montrose Mirror I discussed the Civil Rights violations by the Montrose Police Department,

in warning both myself and the Board of County Commissioners that if we attempted to speak at a **PUBLIC** meeting of the MMH Board of Trustees, we would be arrested on the spot. To carry through with the threat, armed Montrose Police Officers were present at the meeting. They must have had more Officers and money back then to be able to waste it on violating Civil Rights!

Let's be clear on this issue, the MMH Board of Trustees are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, I was, at the time, a sitting member of that MMH Board of Trustees. The issue was fraudulently demanding my Social Security Number by the MMH Board of Directors, which has now become a State Law to prevent future abuses. A complaint is still pending with the Inspector General of Health and Human Services. Further, several members of the MMH Board of Trus-

tees were removed after an investigation by the then County Manager and County Attorney.

I swore an Oath a long time ago, the same Oath Gene Lillard has sworn; I have never been relieved of that Oath, or the obligations that are associated with it. The Hatch Act violations continued long after my raising the issue back in February and some of the evidence was removed from social media. What has happened since February is even more alarming and should cause great concern for what is acceptable for sworn law enforcement officers, including the Chief of Police, and any member of the Montrose City Council who **SHOULD** be aware of the situation!

I am reminded of a famous quote by Edmund Burke: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing!"

*Richard F. Harding, Olathe*



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### **MOUNTAIN VILLAGE SETS STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS TO BEGIN MONDAY, MAY 21**

*Special to the Mirror*

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE— In conjunction with San Miguel County, Telluride Fire Protection District, Norwood Fire Protection District, and Egnar Fire Protection District, the Town of Mountain Village will be placed under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions effective Monday, May 21 at 6 a.m. due to exceptional drought conditions in the region.

Sheriff Bill Masters said that it is each citizen's responsibility to do their part to prevent human-caused wildfires. "Fire danger is unusually high for our county and neighboring counties. Everyone needs to know and obey all fire restrictions."

This Order shall remain in effect for 30 days unless adopted by Resolution by the Mountain Village Town Council. Ouray, Montrose, and Delta counties are also being placed under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions effective Monday. Dolores and San Juan counties have had restrictions in place since May 1.

Telluride Fire Protection District Chief John Bennett said while the Telluride region is not currently at as high of a risk as the western part of San Miguel County, this is a prudent measure. "Our job is to protect our people and property in our district from fires, and this is one very important step to help reduce that risk."

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## CITY SPORTS TOURISM COORDINATOR LEAVES JOB DURING BASEBALL OPENING WEEK

### Council Approves Waterfall Canyon Subdivision Filing No. 3 Final Plat

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council Executive Session, which was held prior to the regular council meeting on May 15, is described as, "An executive session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a); and the following additional details are provided for identification purposes: real estate acquisition."

Following the executive session, the regular city council meeting convened shortly after 6 p.m. Councilwoman Judy Ann Files was absent.

#### Call for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

**Ordinance 2445 (second reading)** - Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner.

This Ordinance repeals Chapter 9, Title 9 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose regarding cable television system permits. Turner said, "This was discussed at the work session and a previous council meeting and there are no changes. I would consider this as a housekeeping issue. Federal regulations trump our city code."

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said, "Council will still be approving permits, but the permits will be following federal regulations." Approved unanimously with four votes, one absent.

**Ordinance 2446 (second reading)** - Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko.

This ordinance grants and authorizes the conveyance of an interest in City-owned real estate. The ordinance describes the city property as, "...two parcels of real property, which is beneficial to Mayfly's Development Plan along the Uncompahgre River Corridor."

The Mayfly property is described, "...approximately 27.1 acres in size, along the Uncompahgre River corridor that is compatible with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the Uncompahgre River Master Plan."

Boyko said, "The transfer of property will take place after the final plat, sometime in October of 2018." Approved unanimously

with four votes, one absent.

**Ordinance 2447 (second reading)** - Senior Planner Garry Baker.

The Triesch Addition is located at 2410 6450 Rd. The current use is agricultural and residential. The annexation is necessitated because a boundary line adjustment enlarged the property. The added sliver of land must now be annexed for further development to take place.

Baker said, "This is a boundary adjustment to bring this into the city limits." The annexation was requested by the landowner. Note: Councilman Doug Glaspell abstained from voting on this issue since, while serving on the Planning Commission, he previously ruled on this item. Approved unanimously - three votes yes, one abstention, one absent.

**Ordinance 2488 (second reading)** - Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This ordinance provides for the zoning of the Triesch Addition as an "R-6," Medium Density/Manufactured Housing District. Note: Councilman Doug Glaspell abstained from voting on this issue since, while serving on the Planning Commission, he previously ruled on this item. Approved unanimously - three votes yes, one abstention, one absent.

**Waterfall Canyon Subdivision Filing No. 3 Final Plat** - Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This is a request to final plat 28 lots, four tracts, one outlot and right-of-way for a city street (Howard Fork Ave.). Total Size: 19.044 acres Applicant: Matt Miles.

Baker said, "The infrastructure is all in and installed. There are resident lots with one large outlot for commercial zone."

The approval of this Final Plat is expressly conditioned upon City staff ensuring that all policies, regulations, ordinances and municipal code provisions are met and that the Applicant adequately addresses all of staff's concerns prior to the execution of the Final Plat. It is anticipated that



Montrose City Clerk Lisa DePiccolo likes the look of the new city logo which was recently updated in council chambers. Photo by Gail Marvel.

the 15 percent warranty security (\$38,000) will be paid in the coming days. Approved unanimously with four votes, one absent.

**Collection System Hydrogen Sulfide Design Contract** - Utilities Manager David Bries.

In February, 2017, council approved a contract with Providence Infrastructure Consultants to assess infrastructure deterioration and develop a plan to address the odor caused by hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) in the sanitary sewer collection system.

Bries said, "It's kind of a rotten egg smell caused by bacteria. This part of the assessment looked at what causes this and what can be done to minimize the development of the hydrogen. We want to minimize the aroma for the citizens using the trails and also the deteriorating concrete manholes and extend the life of the manholes."

The amendment to the contract includes design services for air injection facilities for Spruce Point Lift station and Cobble Creek force mains. Approved unanimously with four votes, one absent.

**Sanitary Sewer Cured in Place Pipe Contract Award** - Utilities Manager David Bries.

City utility crews identified critical sewers as candidates for Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP) project to restore their structural integrity. The lines for this year's project are concrete pipes that have deteriorated to the point of collapse on some line segments and have had higher maintenance

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## **COUNCIL APPROVES WATERFALL CANYON SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 3 FINAL PLAT** **From Previous pg**

costs due to the condition of the line segments. CIPP is a process of installing a new pipe within a pipe using the existing pipe as the form. Bries said, "The project is scheduled to be completed by August 31, 2018." Approved unanimously with four votes, one absent.

### **Staff Reports:**

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

YTD Retail Sales Tax \$3,517,531; YTD Montrose Recreation District (0.3 percent) \$389,229; YTD Retail Enhancement Program \$78,822.

**First Quarter Budget Review** - Finance Director Shani Wittenberg.

This is an unaudited report of the first quarter of 2018. The main operating fund of the city is the General Fund.

With 25 percent of the year complete, 22.6 percent of revenues have been collected and 22.8 percent of the budget has been expended.

The following capital projects were budg-

eted in the Governmental Funds for 2018:

- Public safety software and equipment
- Three Snow plows
- Auditorium Projector
- Parks & Trail Improvements
- Construction of Hillcrest Extension
- "Keep Montrose Moving" deferred maintenance projects
- GOCO "Connect trail" Project design
- General Sidewalk Replacement and ADA program
- Multi-purpose building in Riverbottom Park

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

Bell highlighted the weekend of baseball, "We had several hundred spectators up there [Sunset Mesa]. There was a staff change mid-week, but a lot of people stepped up to have an opening week."

Following the council meeting the *Mirror* learned that Sports Tourism Coordinator Kylee Whitener, who had been employed less than six-months, unexpectedly left her

position during the opening week of baseball.

The crisis was averted when other city staffers stepped up to the plate and for three days worked, even after normal business hours, to complete the preparations needed for the opening.

### **City Council Comments**

Councilwoman Barbara Bynum mentioned the upcoming high school graduation and offered congratulations to the graduates.

Councilman Dave Bowman mentioned the upcoming Pocket Park festivities sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) which will take place on May 22, 5-8 p.m.

Bowman also promoted the kick-off of his summer music series, slated for June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Black Canyon Golf Course.

Mayor Roy Anderson mentioned National Police Week and the recognition of local officers during a celebration in Centennial Plaza.

## **'STOP THE BLEED' ADDED TO CPR & AED CLASSES**

### *Special to the Mirror*

TELLURIDE-In recognition of National EMS Week, the Telluride Regional Medical Center will partner with the Telluride Fire Protection District to offer free Stop the Bleed training in conjunction with the Fire District's free CPR and AED courses scheduled May 21 through the 24th.

"Blood loss is the top cause of preventable death in trauma. We want to make sure everyone in the community is prepared to stop bleeding in any emergency," said Melissa Tuohy, trauma nurse coordinator at the Telluride Regional Medical Center.

Stop the Bleed sessions, which are hosted by trauma nurses from the medical center, train bystanders to stop active, life threatening bleeding.

"We think this is very important training," said Tuohy. "No matter how rapid the arrival of emergency responders, bystanders will always be first on the scene and the first link in someone's chain of survival."

This summer Tuohy anticipates Stop the Bleed wound kits will also be installed at AED stations, where portable electronic portable defibrillators are available for cardiac emergencies.

Stop the Bleed wound kits contain supplies such as gauze and tourniquets. The gauze can be used to pack wounds and apply pressure to stop bleeding.

Tourniquets are used to control heavy bleeding from an arm or leg, which is also known as extremity hemorrhage.

These efforts are part of a national Stop the Bleed campaign, aimed to turn regular citizens into first responders who can assist someone who may be bleeding from emergencies including accidents, motor vehicle crashes and active shooter events.

"We aim to do what CPR education has been doing for decades, we want to train and empower regular people to save lives," said Tuohy.

For more information or to register for the upcoming CPR, AED and Stop the Bleed classes call Telluride Fire Protection District at 728-3801. Each class is limited to 15 people, on a first come first serve basis



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE COUNTY FIRE RESTRICTIONS START MAY 21

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Due to the extremely dry conditions and the additional dry weather that is projected for the area, Sheriff Rick Dunlap has declared Stage 1 Fire Restrictions beginning Monday, May 21st. Moisture levels are dropping daily and are already at critical levels in lower elevations with wind, lightning storms, and more expected over the weekend. Earlier this week, the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 2018-30 that authorizes the Sheriff, the fire warden for the county, to implement and lift fire restrictions as necessary through

the summer months.

"Unfortunately, we have reached a point where enacting stage 1 restrictions is necessary to reduce the risk of wildfire," said Sheriff Dunlap. "I would also encourage residents to sign up for the Sheriff's Office Emergency Notification System, CodeRED, to stay informed this fire season."

The restrictions apply to the unincorporated county area and do not include the City of Montrose, Town of Olathe, Town of Naturita, and Town of Nucla. The stage 1 fire restrictions do not allow open burning of any kind to include agricultural burning, open campfires, and fire-

works. Smoking cigarettes outdoors is not allowed, unless in an enclosed vehicle or building or in a developed recreation site. Campfires in a pre-approved campground, State Park/KOA, or enclosed fire pits are permitted.

Please be advised that penalties for violating the fire ban include: Class-2 petty offense with fines ranging from \$100 to \$500 depending on the number of offenses.

If a fire causes damage to another individual's property, additional criminal charges may apply. These fire restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### BUSINESS OWNER OBJECTS TO CITY USING PUBLIC FUNDS FOR RINNE/JUDKINS

*Editor:*

Per the city council work session last month, Bill Bell intends to coerce the DDA to approve funds for \$50,000 to a private business ... Main Street Montrose, LLC ... privately owned by Judkins & Rinne. He also intends to fund an additional \$200,000+/-, maybe more, to this project through the general fund. By his own admission, Bell believes that "it all comes from the same pot," so he can spend our money any way he feels, and if the taxpayers can't pay for it now, they will pay for it, eventually.

When I served on the DDA board, I opposed the coerced \$150,000 funding of the Proximity Space ... so Bill Bell took it to the city council in a private session and approved city funds being used. I'm not sure how many other projects have benefited from this type of civic funding, but I know of many more that haven't.

I am going to state this emphatically ... I do **NOT** approve any funding toward the Rinne/Judkins (Mize/Vine) project. I believe that if other downtown commercial property owners or private business owners were aware of this situation, they would either be in an uproar or expect similar funding as well. Most are struggling to survive or simply feel they can't compete with this insidious governmental spending machine.

I am a commercial property owner and a

small business owner. I struggle to keep my businesses afloat. It's more challenging when the city either works directly in competition with you or works against you in the way they favor some businesses and projects over others. If they aren't going to give significant tax benefits or free funding to ALL property owners or businesses in the DDA, they shouldn't give it to any, especially not in backroom deals! This is not an appropriate use of my or anyone's sales tax dollars, tif, mill levy, (whatever you want to call it) or of the property tax collected from me to support the DDA.

I have my 2017 commercial property tax statement, though it hasn't been assessed since we self-funded \$300,000 for our renovations. Maybe your property is worth more, maybe less, either way, you pay property tax which funds the DDA. You also pay sales tax everywhere you do business in the city, which funds this reckless spending. You have a right to be informed, heard and respected ... we all do.

When I heard of this project and intended use of my tax dollars, I knew I had to speak out! When the newly appointed and arrogant mayor Roy Anderson tried to shut me down in a public city council work session meeting because I wanted to address a valid list of concerns about this project ... I was insulted and infuriated. I

continued to speak saying that my concerns would need more than a 3 or 5 min public comment session during a city council meeting.

As a citizen, a DDA district commercial property owner, and tax payer ... I have every right to speak and be heard.

We must remember that the City Manager and city council, including the mayor, act on the behalf of the citizens ... they are hired or voted in by us, to do **our** will, not their own. When they collude to do the will of only a few, whether they are themselves, friends, or other board members, their behavior is criminal, and I want it exposed!

If the city manager, city council members, or any other related person or organization retaliates in any way (slander and libel included) toward me, my businesses, my property, or my family ... I will prosecute!

Thank you for your time and PLEASE share this letter with other community members who might have an interest. Even if you disagree with my position, you have a right to be informed.

*Yvonne Meek*

*Owner, Meek Ranch Inc*

*Historic Masonic Building @ 509, [511](#), & [513 East Main Street](#)*

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### COMMUNITY INVITED TO LEARN ABOUT IDARADO CLEANUP EFFORTS STATE TRUSTEES CONSIDERING FINAL FUNDING FOR MINE REMEDIATION

#### *Special to the Mirror*

OURAY-The Idarado Mining Company has been performing work to reduce heavy metals in Red Mountain Creek above Ouray for 25 years. The remediation efforts at historical mine sites in the Red Mountain Mining District are intended to reduce water quality impairments from erosion and leaching of mine wastes in tributaries flowing into the Uncompahgre River.

The public is invited to the Idarado Red Mountain Community Update at the Ouray Community Center on Wednesday, May 30 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., to see presentations about the history of the remediation, recent activities testing innovative measures and strategies under development for the future. The evening at the Ouray Community Center will include a question and answer period plus refreshments.

"The Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP) asked representatives of Idarado Mining Company and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to brief the community on the status of remediation efforts. Anyone with an interest in the health of local waterways should find the presentation interesting and informative," said Jay Montgomery, board member of the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, the

nonprofit hosting the event.

Idarado's remedial actions stem from a 1983 lawsuit filed by the state of Colorado against the company for natural resources damages under CERCLA (an EPA mechanism, also called Super Fund, that stands for Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act). In 1992, the state and the company agreed to a settlement, which resulted in a Consent Decree and Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for reducing zinc concentrations in Red Mountain Creek by 50 percent (to 1.5 ppm) and stabilizing tailings with revegetation to further reduce water impairment.

The company paid \$1.1 million to the state to put in a Natural Resources Damage Fund (NRDF), for restoration activities split evenly between the Uncompahgre and San Miguel watersheds. The Uncompahgre lies mainly in the drainage of Red Mountain Pass and flows through Ouray County, then downstream to other counties. The San Miguel starts above Telluride and flows into the San Miguel River.

Although tailings have been successfully stabilized and vegetated in both watersheds, the zinc compliance on the Uncompahgre side has not been met according to monthly water quality monitoring. In 2013, Idarado initiated further studies to identify and evaluate main sources of

metals loading. UWP hosted a community meeting that year, and now five years later, organized another meeting to update the public. Presentations will be made by a representative for the Idarado Mining Company, Newmont's Legacy Sites Closure and Reclamation Senior Engineer Devon Horntvedt PE, as well as CDPHE Idarado Project Manager Ross Davis and UWP Technical Coordinator Ashley Bembenek.

"CDPHE has had a good relationship with Idarado but due to a number of challenging circumstances, we have had difficulty finding the right mix of remedial actions to meet the goals of the RAP. Addressing metals loading in that area is very complex, so we continue to work with Idarado to reduce the impacts of metals in Red Mountain Creek," said Davis.

Also at the community meeting, UWP will discuss proposed projects to use the remaining \$238,824 in the NRDF. Thus far, the San Miguel watershed projects have used \$835,500, while Uncompahgre watershed projects have used \$576,971 (the total is above the original \$1.1 million due to accumulation of interest).

CDPHE has given stakeholders in the Uncompahgre watershed until June 29 to submit project proposals. Otherwise, the funding may be used for other San Miguel projects.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DMEA ON HIGH ALERT FOR FIRE PREVENTION

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-As much of the region continues to experience a bout of dry and windy weather, Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) has put in effect its fire prevention procedures. The precautionary measures rely more heavily on fieldwork by operations personnel and less on the use of DMEA's automated and remotely controlled equipment. This special mode of operations greatly reduces the risk of a fire being started by electrical equipment but does come with ramifications: DMEA members who may have grown accustomed to limited and relatively short outages, may find that power outages last longer than under normal conditions.

"Our fire precaution procedures can extend the length of power outages in some cases. For instance, under normal circumstances, we can reconnect equipment remotely from our office. In fire prevention mode, we require our crew members to have eyes on the equipment before any attempt at restoration. This reduces our fire risk, but does take more time," explained Troy Hall, DMEA Operations Manager.

DMEA asks for member patience and, when necessary, cooperation. It's especially important for members to report any issues or damage to DMEA immediately. In many cases, a single phone call can save hours of searching by helping the co-op narrow its focus and pinpoint the cause of an outage. DMEA asks members who observe anything that seems out of the ordinary concerning power lines or power equipment to: first and foremost, stay clear of the area in question;

call DMEA's main line at 877-687-3632 to report the situation.

"Providing safe and reliable power to our members is our number one priority. But, outages will happen and members should always be prepared – weather, wildlife, cars hitting poles, and the like can all result in outages," said Hall.

"We ask for our members' patience and assistance as we try to reduce the risk of fire and hopefully get through this time safely."

DMEA will return to normal operating

procedures when the fire danger rating decreases to a safe level.

DMEA is a rural electric cooperative, located in Montrose, Colorado serving approximately 33,000 residential, commercial and industrial meters, on more than 3,000 miles of power lines.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### **CDOT, CONTRACTOR BEGIN PROJECT TO REINFORCE A ROCK SLIP AREA ON CO 133 MCCLURE PASS**

#### *Special to the Mirror*

GUNNISON- The Colorado Department of Transportation is beginning a project on CO Highway (CO) 133 on the south side of McClure Pass on Monday, May 20, with anticipated completion in mid-October, weather permitting. The work, contracted to Anderson Drilling for \$1.3 million, will reinforce a rock slip (fault) area between mile points (MP) 40.54 and 40.61, about five miles south of the Marble turn-off.

Specifically, the project will stabilize and reinforce a landslide below the roadway alignment to reduce the risk of further slipping or future rockslide events. Work items will involve:

Excavation of approximately 3,750 tons (or 3,000 cubic yards) of rock material

Drilling approximately 18 caissons, 60 feet deep, into which vertical and horizontal reinforcing supports (or rebar cages) will be positioned

Installing 24-inch diameter rebar cages, which are circular sets of 18 60-foot-long sections of rebar

Constructing a tieback system, which incorporates high-strength steel strand anchors, that are grouted in-place to anchor the vertical caissons (see example photo, below)

Repairing and reconstructing the damaged roadway

Conducting earthwork and erosion control

Final striping and signing

**TRAVEL IMPACTS** - Through mid-October 2018, motorists can anticipate single-lane, alternating travel through the work zone.

There will also be periodic full traffic holds of up to 15 minutes (please note, delays will exceed 15 minutes, as traffic queues must be cleared in each direction). Work hours are Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

There will be a 10-foot width restriction in place during work hours. Motorists are urged to avoid distractions when driving through the work zone and to go *Slow for the Cone Zone!*



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## MONTROSE DDA PLANS A POCKET FULL OF FUN FOR ALL AGES



By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Looking for something to do Downtown with the whole family this summer? The Montrose Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has got you covered! **Movie Saturdays**—complete with free popcorn--will be held on second and

fourth Saturdays in the San Juan Pocket Park at 401 East Main Street from May 26-Aug. 11.

DDA Board member Chayne Carter (owner of 970 Sports Rewind) created Movie Saturdays after enjoying movies in the park as a young person in the Denver

area. “It’s a way for the whole family to get together,” Carter said. “When I joined the DDA board, I promised to try to do more for kids, and this is my first major push.

“I want to show people that I will fulfill my promises,” Carter said. “I am here to make a big difference.”

Showing first will be *Monsters, Inc.* on May 26; followed by *The Incredibles* on June 9; *The Sandlot* on June 23; the *Wizard of Oz* on July 14; *Black Panther* July 28; and *Jaws* on Aug. 11. The movies will begin at 7 p.m. and are sponsored by Front Row Seat.

“We are hoping for a big turnout,” Carter said.

Also taking place in the Pocket Park this summer will be **Acoustic Tuesdays**, with live music in the San Juan Pocket Park on second and fourth Tuesdays from 5 to 8 p.m. Performances by All About Me; Ulterior Motive; Jedi George; Gotta Be; and Neon Sky have been scheduled, with several dates still to be announced. Acoustic Tuesdays will probably start out small, but will attract larger crowds as summer goes on, DDA Board Member Richard Franz said.

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## **MONTROSE DDA PLANS A POCKET FULL OF FUN FOR ALL AGES**

### **From previous pg**

"We'll have free hot dogs, pop, and we have beer available," Franz said. "The music is loud enough, it's a great time for everybody—we have a lot of fun with it."

"We'll have a big crowd."

Both events will build excitement and community in the heart of the city, according to DDA Director Sonia Dumas.

"The goal is always to encourage community engagement Downtown," Dumas

said. "Last year, Acoustic Tuesdays were wildly successful. And the movies will be very family-friendly, with free popcorn and non-alcoholic beverages."

By bringing people out for fun in the Pocket Parks, the DDA hopes to build awareness of the plentiful opportunities for shopping, eating, and even living Downtown, Dumas said.

"Those who don't leave town for fabu-

lous outdoor fun this summer will be able to enjoy a movie outdoors twice a month," she said, noting that she especially looks forward to the showing of *The Incredibles*. "It's just a really great movie," she said.

For Chayenne Carter, helping to create fun for families and children Downtown is a mission near and dear to his heart. "I am a newlywed and potential parent, and I want to be able to keep my family here," he said. "The whole reason I have my business is so that all kids can afford to play sports."

"We can see Montrose is growing—let's help it grow in the right way."

Also upcoming will be the [23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Black Canyon Classics Colorful Colorado Car, Truck & Rod Show](#), which will be Downtown from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. on June 1, with the main event and Classic Queen Pinup Contest in Cerise Park June 2. For more information on upcoming events, visit [the DDA online](#).


### **POET KIERSTIN BRIDGER RETURNS TO MONTROSE**

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Weehawken is excited to have Kierstin Bridger return to Montrose to offer three writing classes beginning with "Write Where You Live" on May 29 at MRD Field House.

Tuition for this class is \$45, and the class runs 9 am to noon. Tuition for Split Open Craft is \$45 and the class runs 9 am to noon. Weehawken invites students to sign up for "Write Where You Live" and "Split Open Craft" for discounted combined tuition. This discount is available by phone registration only. On June 9, Kierstin offers a full day class, "Truth Telling and Finding Truth" from 9 am to 3 pm. Tuition for this class is \$90.

All classes will take place at MRD Field House, located at 25 Colorado Ave in Montrose. For more information, or to register for a class, go to [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) or call (970) 318-0150.



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## MIRROR IMAGES...GRADUATION DAY 2018



*Family, friends and community members showed up at the Montrose County Fairgrounds Event Center Sunday to celebrate the Montrose High School graduating class of 2018.*







# Stage 1 Fire Restrictions Fact Sheet



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### MODERNIZE YOUR PAINTINGS AND FALL IN LOVE WITH ACRYLICS

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-Weehawken Creative Arts offers the chance to modernize the landscape by using brighter colors and simplifying shapes, with teaching artist Claudia Hartley of Sedona, AZ. You are invited to paint "outside the box" by learning to abstract, finding positive and negative shapes, exaggerating color, and experimenting. You will use Claudia's photos of scenes (8x10) the first day. After that it will be your choice: paint a still life, flowers, Room Interior, work from life, use a sketch, the only rule being: NO Realism! Many complete an entire painting the first day, getting more experimental each day. You are encouraged to dare to make the grass pink, or the sky red; "the sky is the limit,"

#### **CATCH 'THE NEW UP' @ THE SHERBINO MAY 26**

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-Every so often, a band comes along with a collection of music that transcends the present moment with sharp, poignant songwriting and vibrant soundscapes.

For San Francisco's **The New Up**, it's their latest release *Tiny Mirrors*.

Currently riding the NACC top 200 charts, the album is more than just another collection of rock songs (though these songs undoubtedly rock). Instead, it is a collection of carefully crafted tracks meant to be as thought-provoking as they are infectiously catchy.

The New Up is: ES Pitcher (vocals, guitar), Noah Reid (guitar, vocals), Hawk West (automation), Nick Massaro (bass) and Art McConnell (drums).

The New Up hits the stage at 9 pm at Sherbino Theater on May 26.

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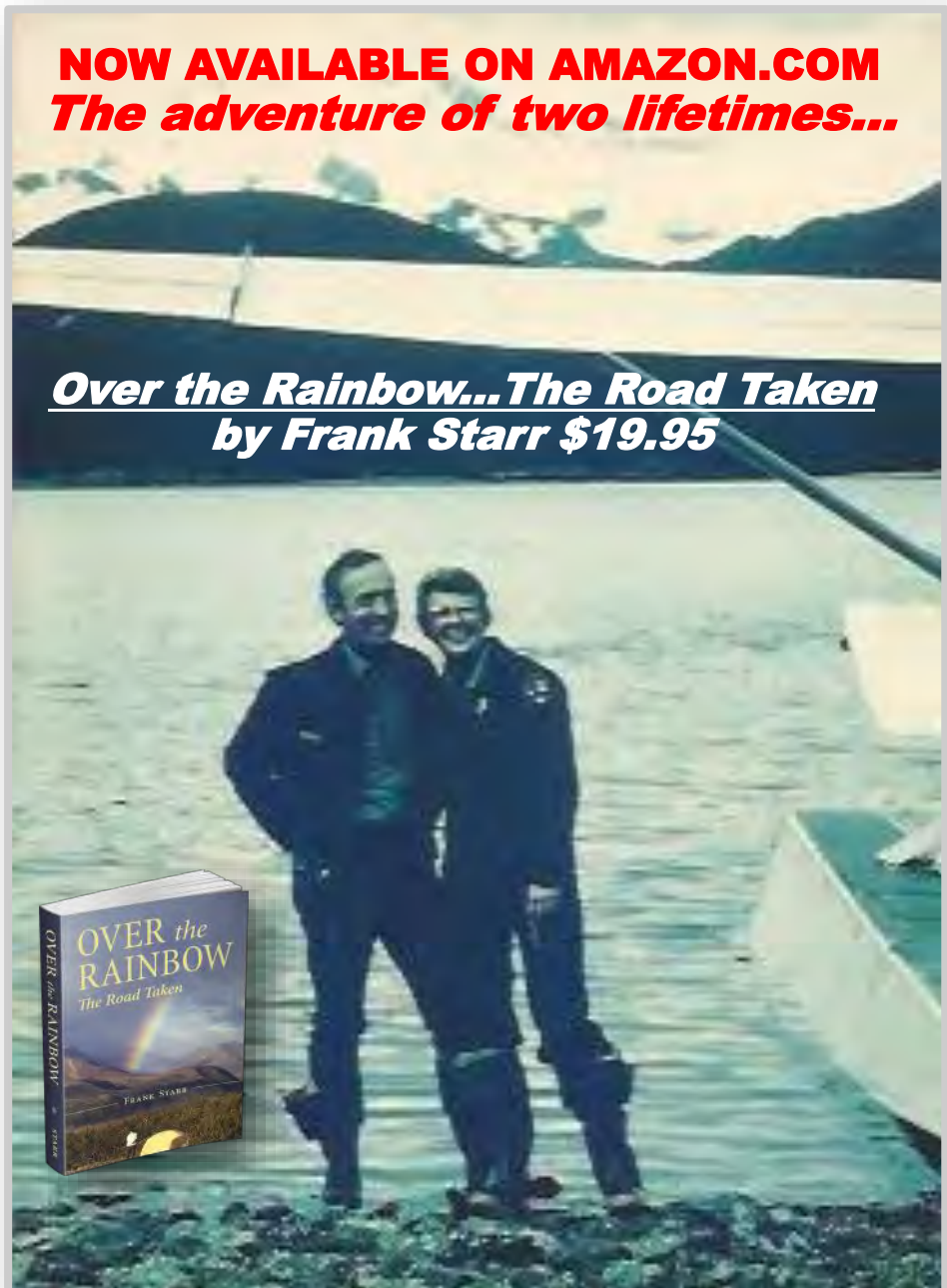
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eight-student minimum pre-enrolled by May 28 to make the class "go," so pre-registration is highly encouraged (and needed)!

For more information, visit Weehawken Creative Arts at [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) or visit facebook at [facebook.com/weehawkenarts](https://facebook.com/weehawkenarts) - or call them at [970.318.0150](tel:970.318.0150).

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### HAMS TO PUT USS MONTROSE MEMORIAL ON THE AIR

#### Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Amateur radio operators from the Montrose Amateur Radio Club and the American Legion Amateur Radio Club Post 73 are participating in the upcoming Museum Ships Weekend amateur radio event by putting the USS Montrose Memorial on the air. Members of both clubs will operate an amateur radio station from near the memorial on South First Street, Montrose on June 2 and 3, 2018 as part of the world-wide event sponsored by the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station. This is the first time that the USS Montrose Memorial will participate in this annual event.

The event encourages ham radio operators around the world to con-

tact as many of the participating museum ships as possible, learn the history of the ships contacted, and commemorate both the ships and those who served upon them. There are currently 97 ships from 14 countries participating in the event.

The USS Montrose Memorial, consisting of the ship's bell and an interpretative plaque, is located adjacent to the Montrose City Hall. The amateur radio station will be located across the street from the memorial and just west of the Montrose Police Department on South First Street.

While the station will continue to operate during the night, the public is encouraged to visit the station during the day Saturday and Sunday. There will be an opportunity to learn about the USS Montrose, its history of service during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, and to see amateur radio in operation.

For additional information contact Lew French, 970-417-6142, visit [www.nj2bb.org/museum](http://www.nj2bb.org/museum), or visit the Montrose Amateur Radio Club on Facebook.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: HEALTH & WELLNESS

### BE SUNWISE: TAKE SIMPLE PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID MELANOMA

By Dorinda Rouch, M.D.

Delta County Memorial Hospital

**DELTA**—After returning from a beach-based reunion of my college friends a few years ago, I was dutifully "liking" our pictures on Facebook when I noticed a big, dark ugly thing on my chest. Where did that come from? I made an appointment with my dermatologists and the biopsy confirmed melanoma. I knew that melanoma was the most serious type of skin cancer and was the fifth leading cancer in men and sixth in women. But how did this happen?

**Sun exposure.** Intense, intermittent sun exposure, especially early in life, puts a person at risk. Having five or more severe sunburns before adulthood makes a person twice as likely to develop melanoma.

**Indoor tanning.** A study found that women under 50 who had ever used a tanning bed were 2-6 times more likely to develop a melanoma.

**Physical traits.** Light skin, red or blond hair, blue or green eyes, a tendency to freckle and inability to tan are all associated with a higher risk for melanoma. People with a high number of moles (greater than 25) or a history of atypical/dysplastic

moles are at risk.

**Family history.** History of other types of skin cancer. Basal cell and squamous cell cancer of the skin are associated with chronic sun exposure.

After the biopsy, I saw a surgeon who determined what kind of surgery was needed. The thickness (or depth in the skin) determines what kind of surgery is needed. Thinner melanomas require a smaller area of skin to be excised around the melanoma, whereas thicker ones require more skin to be taken at surgery. Similarly, the depth of the melanoma determines if lymph nodes close to the melanoma need to be sampled to see if the cancer has spread. Thankfully, I did not need lymph nodes sampled.

Now that I have had a melanoma, I am at increased risk for developing another one. What should I look for? There are different ways to help identify melanoma, but the most simple use the ABCDE list.

**A** - Asymmetry (if you cut it in half, both halves would look different)

**B** - Border Irregularities

**C** - Color variegation (presence of shades of red, blue, black, gray or white)

**D** - Diameter > 6 mm

**E** - Evolution (a spot that is changing in size, shape, or color)

Not all of the ABCDE's need to be present. In addition, the abnormal lesion could have some redness around it, crusting or bleeding. In addition, melanomas can occur in unusual places such as the bottom of the foot or in the nail beds. Melanoma in the nail beds occurs more commonly in the elderly, African Americans, Asians, and Native Americans. It can look like a brown to black band most commonly in the great toe or thumb.

**How can I prevent a melanoma?**

- Avoid sunburns. Seek shade between 10 am and 4 pm when the sun's rays are the strongest.
- Wear protective clothing and generously apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher.
- Avoid intentional sun tanning and tanning beds.

With a few extra precautions, I can decrease my risk of developing another melanoma while enjoying the near 365 days of sun a year on the Western Slope.



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## NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

### *Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer*

## **SOME ART FORMS STILL REQUIRE OUR FULL ATTENTION...**

Society dictates that we do things at a fast pace and without paying full attention to important details. Our thoughts rarely extend beyond sound bites, headlines, and scrolling, scrolling, scrolling. Seeing or hearing something that catches our interest may extend our attention span for a few more seconds or even minutes. We get what we need, process it according to our own belief systems, and then quickly move on to the next shiny item that catches our eyes or ears.

Listening to classical music, chamber music and opera, whether through a recording or live in performance, forces us to slow down and to take in information consistently for a lengthy period of time. Slowing down is only the first requirement; the second is that a complete block of presented information is acquired in its entirety. There is no clicking, scrolling, or simply turning a blind eye. This of course is the care more with live performances than in recordings but the concept is the same. A block of musical information could be as short as *Flight of the Bumblebee* by Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov, often not much longer than one minute, or as lengthy as the *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg* by opera composer Richard Wagner which entails five hours and fifteen minutes of music, not including intermissions. This is a relevant topic because so few things in our lives, separate from sleep and a long hot shower, force us to slow ourselves down and to simply pay attention. Now, to highlight this, let us take an example of opera in performance and what is required of the audience. The opera being staged is not important, as the requirements do not change.

Steering away from possibly nausea-inducing detail, a trip to the opera house is a journey of concentration for the typical. The lights go down and the subtitles on the seat in front of you have been activated and you have chosen the correct language. Step one completed, congratu-

lations. Our performance has an overture and the Conductor gives the downbeat. Even a cursory listen will place musical ideas and motifs in your brain that will jump out and remind you of their origin (the overture, keep up) throughout the performance. The performers themselves makes their stage entrances, the subtitle screen in front of you comes to life, and now you are paying attention to the music and the action on stage while reading the dialogue of what is being sung.

The story is piecing itself together bit by bit as the performance by all involved brings a different time and place to life right before your eyes. This will go on for perhaps an hour or more and there you are, stuck in your seat, in the dark, in the middle of a row with no reasonable means of escape. The final note of the act is played, the audience leaps to rapturous applause, and the theatre lights come up and it is time for intermission. A break for scrolling on your phone, an alcoholic beverage and a quick pee? Very likely. However, you are by now fully engaged in the music and the story or you are more confused than have ever been in your life. If you are in the land of confusion, you will likely turn to your program to read the notes of what you just saw and what is yet to come. If you attended the performance, there will be the requirement of conversation and eye contact before making your way back to your seat for more. At this point you are perhaps only halfway through a short opera. If you are seeing heavy Verdi or any Wagner, your evening has only just begun.

Opera can appear to be difficult on the surface because there are several things that scare people away. The performance of an opera is often sung in Italian, French, or German, with English being the excep-



*Classical performances requires attention and time to appreciate. Courtesy photo of Maria Callas as Medea.*

tion. This alone tends to make people think that nothing will be understood because of this language barrier. As has been said before in this column, audience members will understand what is going on even without subtitles as the actions of those on stage tell the story. Along with the music, the rise and fall of the score, the language barrier becomes less and less. The length of the performance is also a barrier to the novice. One must remember that there will be intermissions and the overall length is broken up into smaller parts. Going to the movie actually requires much more of a continuous time commitment than an act of opera. Watching a baseball or football game requires even more. Looking at it from this perspective it seems that it is simply a matter of priorities for attendee.

With that said, opera is difficult and takes a fair amount of time to become accustomed to the feel and to the sound. It is in fact this difficulty and the requirement of putting in the mental effort that draws so many to the art form. The struggle becomes less and less the more opera is heard and seen on stage. Opera refuses to be rushed and is not a simple click and like situation.

No scrolling allowed.



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### OCHS OFFERS SIXTH ANNUAL GEOLOGY TOUR

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

OURAY-The Ouray County Historical Society offers its perennially popular Geology Field Trip Wednesday, June 27. Participants will view 1.6 billion years of earth's history as seen in the rocks of the Ouray area.

Led by local geologists Larry Meckel and Robert Stoufer, the all-day trip will make nine stops along US 550 from Ridgway to Red Mountain Pass. The leaders will discuss the ores and minerals of the mines along the route and show minerals typical of the three mining districts on the tour.

Back by popular demand, this field trip is the sixth annual geology tour offered by the OCHS.

"We look forward to having you join us

to learn about the varied and fascinating geology of the northwest San Juan Mountains," said tour leader Larry Meckel.

"These mountains have an exciting story to tell. Join us and be amazed!"

Tour guests will ride in open-air trucks from Colorado West Jeep Rentals. A small bus also will be available. The \$135 fee includes transportation, lunch, beverages, park admission and a guidebook. Admission fees are nonrefundable.

Participants should meet in front of Ouray City Hall on Sixth Avenue no later than 7:30 a.m. The tour vehicles will return to City Hall by late afternoon.

For more information or to register for the field trip, please call (970) 325-4576 or e-mail [ochs@ouraynet.com](mailto:ochs@ouraynet.com). Registra-



*A rhodochrosite on quartz found at the Grizzly Bear Mine in Ouray County. Courtesy photo.*

tion for the trip will remain open until all spaces are filled.

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Time: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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Learn about estate plans, including wills trusts and advance directives plus incapacity planning.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### TCR AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM GRADUATES CLASS OF 2018



*Courtesy photo Technical College of the Rockies.*

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-The Automotive Program at Technical College of the Rockies would like to thank all of the community and industry support for a successful year. Parents and

community support enabled students to take the ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) G1, General Light Maintenance and Repair Exam. Rob Shenold of Tayshen Automotive in Delta and Henry Bellew of

Mohr's Automotive in Montrose sponsored over half of our students and supplied the \$83 that covered the test registration and a practice test. This exam enables students to have a "feather in their cap" and boost entry-level employment opportunities. All students prepared for the certification test at CMU testing center. Four of the seven passed the test.

Along with passing the written test, one student is also "Certified" due to his documented work experience. This would not have been possible for our TCR students without parent, cooperating high schools, and community support. In photo from left to right-

Chase Meyers- Cedaredge High School  
Dorian Nicholas- Montrose High School  
Zak Morgan- Cedaredge High School  
Matt Easter- Delta High School  
Giovani Padilla- Olathe High School  
Jose Padilla- Olathe High School  
Oswaldo Mariscal- Olathe High School  
Rob Shenold- Tayshen Automotive Delta; Sponsored 3 students  
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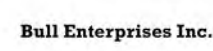
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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: EDUCATION

### DELTA MONTROSE TECHNICAL COLLEGE PRACTICAL NURSING GRADUATES

DELTA-On May 12, 2018, Technical College of the Rockies (TCR) graduated thirty-two Practical Nursing students at the Delta Center for Performing Arts and Education. The TCR Nursing Program became nationally accredited in 2010. Graduation marks the completion of rigorous study and clinical responsibility.

All in attendance were welcomed by Michael Klouser, TCR Director. The graduation ceremony opened with Birdie Young, TCR Nursing Coordinator, addressing the class of 2018 with congratulations on all their hard work and accomplishments. She then gave a brief history of the Nursing program to the audience.

The class invited Douglas Fields, to be their Guest Speaker. R. Douglas Fields, Ph.D. - Chief of the Nervous System Development and Plasticity Section at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. His daughter, Morgan, is one of our graduates.

Gail Pagone and Christian McPeek represented the class as Class Speakers. All speakers were very inspirational and delivered motivating speeches.

Birdie Young then presented three Special Awards.

The Academic Award was presented to LeeAnn Downey

The Faculty Award was presented to Mary Riddle

The Annual Kindness Awards were presented to Laura Kruthaupt and Vickie Hagan.

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Birdie Young then explained the history of how the ceremony of pinning the graduates began in the 1860's with Florence Nightingale. This year's graduates chose to be pinned by their family and friends.

The 2018 graduating class included the following students:

Michael Adcock, Koree Beyer, Janie Bravo, Sarah Christianson, Shelby Christianson, Veronica Coleman, Tarra Daniels, Eric Downey, LeeAnn Downey, Stephanie Doyal, Kali Estrada, Amanda Evans, Morgan Fields, Vickie Hagan, Fawnalea Hall, Aurora Hannigan, Ruth Hernandez, Alyssa Isaman, Austin Justice, Kyla Kille, Laura Kruthaupt, Sonia Lopez, Christian McPeek, Brandon Meredith, Chijindu (Byron) Nwige, Gail Pagone, Leticia Paz, Mary Riddle, Sierra Shaw, Cody Wentz, Aiyana White, and Jessica Williams

A very moving slideshow of each student was shown as they were called to the stage by Jeanne Nortrup, Nursing Secretary, and pinned by their family and friends. They then moved on to receive

their diplomas by the Nursing Program Instructional team, represented by Birdie Young, RN,MSN, Instructor; Judy Davis, RN ,MSN/ Instructor ; Jean Anne Robb, RN, MSN/Instructor; Therese Williams, RN, BSN Instructor; Hilary Showalter, RN, BSN, and Amber Perkins, Clinical Instructor

The students then participated in the Nightingale candle lighting ceremony, lighting their individual candles and descending to a position in front of the stage as a group.

It was a very moving ceremony and Birdie Young presented the Class of 2018 to the audience. The motto chosen by this class was: "To the world you may be one person but...to one person you may be the World." ~Dr. Suess



*Courtesy photo Technical College of the Rockies.*

## LOG HILL HUSTLE FUNDS LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

### *Special to Art & Sol*

LOG HILL-On Sunday, Aug. 26 Fortuna Tierra Club hosts its third annual Log Hill Hustle. The Hustle's 5K and 10K course is sanctioned by USA Track & Field and winds through the gentle roadways of Fairway Pines subdivision on Log Hill. The course offers breathtaking views of the San Juans and Cimarron mountain ranges and is designed to satisfy both competitive and recreational runners.

Funds raised by the event help fund scholarships for area students. FTC also funds purchases of educational materials and equipment to enhance the K-12 student learning experience in Ouray County.

Runners, walkers and baby strollers are welcome at this family-friendly race.

Registration and packet pickup starts at 7 AM. Following the race is a free continental breakfast with awards for the top finishers in each category and door prize

drawings.

Advance registration is \$25 for adults; race day registration is \$30 for adults. Child registration for those under age 18. Cash, check or credit card is accepted on race day. All runners receive a reusable bag with perks from local business donors.

To register online or for more information visit [www.fortunatierra.com](http://www.fortunatierra.com) or call Laureen Kraft at 469-247-2137.

No dogs or bikes allowed.

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### ARMY BANDS OFFER A FREE CONCERT IN CEDAREDDGE PARK

By Alisha Komives, Executive Director of Cedaredge Area Chamber of Commerce

CEDAREDDGE-The 101st Army Rock Band & The 101st Army Winds will be performing on June 21st at 6pm in the Cedaredge Town Park.

We invite the community to come out and enjoy this free concert. Bring your blankets or chairs and come out and enjoy this great music performed in a family- friendly environment. Feel free to bring a picnic dinner, or enjoy take out from one of the many delicious restaurants in Cedaredge.

Our local Cedaredge Public Library will be located in the Lion's Pavilion where Rick Smith will be on hand to demonstrate how to make your own instruments for kids. They will also be offering popsicles from 5-6pm. This is being offered as part of their Summer Reading Program for Families- This years theme is music.

During intermission, you can purchase pie and root beer floats to enjoy from your local Cedaredge Area Chamber of Commerce

### \$4.7 MILLION IN ADVANCED INDUSTRIES AWARDS FUELS 20 STATE START-UPS

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COLORADO-A Colorado company with the transformative technology to introduce

new carbon fiber forming capabilities to the bike industry was among 20 Colorado start-ups approved for funding as part of

the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT)'s Advanced Industries Accelerator Grant Program.

A total of \$4,750,437 was approved this grant cycle for Proof-of-Concept and Early Stage Capital and Retention Grants to support Colorado's advanced industries.

"Innovation drives economic growth and these grants expand Colorado's vital innovation ecosystem," said global business development director and OEDIT deputy director Michelle Hadwiger.

"Funding such a diverse cross-section of innovative Colorado companies continues to advance Colorado's key industries."

Twenty Colorado companies were approved to receive Proof-of-Concept and Early Stage Capital Grants for a total of \$4,750,437 million.

**Among those selected was South River Farms Aquaponics of Montrose, for \$250,000** – South River Aquaponics is an organic sustainable indoor farm and producer of organic greens, mushrooms, fertilizers and an organic cloning gel. They occupy a 14,040 square foot greenhouse facility using aquaponics as the main food production system.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### TELLURIDE EXPRESS PRESENTS THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUNSET CONCERT SERIES IN MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

#### *Special to the Mirror*

TELLURIDE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE-The Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association is pleased to announce the lineup for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Sunset Concert Series held in Mountain Village, Colorado. One of the most anticipated events of the summer celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> year in Telluride bringing music and entertainment to the San Juan Mountains.

The Summer Concert Series consists of nine shows that take place on the lawn near Lift 1 in the Sunset Plaza. The concerts start at 6 p.m., and as in prior years, the concerts are free and are family and pet-friendly. Aptly named because of its west-facing orientation resulting in excellent sun exposure and fantastic sunset views, the Sunset Plaza in Mountain Village sets the stage for one of the most spectacular music settings in the country. The Series kicks off June 27 and runs through August 15.

"TMVOA is proud to bring another summer season of music to Mountain Village," said Anton Benitez, TMVOA executive director. "We look forward to having our members, guests and visitors come together for this weekly community event

that has become one of the great summer traditions in the region."

The 2018 Sunset Concert Series lineup is as follows:

June 27 – Kabaka Pyramid (Reggae)

July 3 – Red White and Blues Celebration w/Paul Thorn (America Blues) and Foxfeather (America)

July 4 – Red White and Blues Celebration w/Glen David Andrews (New Orleans), Dave Jordan and the NIA (New Orleans) and Porch Couch (Bluegrass)

July 11 – The Teskey Brothers (Australian Soul)

July 18 – Ally Venable Band (Texas Blues)

July 25 – Gavin Turek (Pop)

Aug 1 – Old Salt Union (Bluegrass)

Aug 8 – Brent Cobb (Country)

August 15 – Charlie Hunter Trio (Jazz)

"Once again, we are providing a diverse line-up with a variety that will be fun for everyone," said Teddy Errico, Producer of the music series. "All bands are hot on social media and very talented."

The Sunset Concert Series is provided to the public free of charge by TMVOA, The Telluride Society for Music and presenting sponsor, Telluride Express. Supporting sponsors include Alpine Bank, Madeline

Hotel and Residences, Rodney Strong Vineyards, KOTO FM Radio, Telluride Resort Lodging, Telluride Ski & Golf, the Town of Mountain Village, The Peaks Resort & Spa, and The Market at Mountain Village. The event is rain or shine. Learn more about the Sunset Concert Series and the Red, White & Blues concert visit [tmvoa.org](http://tmvoa.org) and [facebook.com/sunsetconcertseries](https://facebook.com/sunsetconcertseries).

#### COMMON CONSUMPTION AREA

For the Sunset Concert Series, the Common Consumption Area is in effect. The Common Consumption Area will allow people to purchase alcoholic beverages from participating licensed establishments attached to the Common Consumption Area and move freely with beverages within the defined boundary of the concert area.

Only alcohol from the participating establishments is permitted in the Common Consumption area.

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### MUSEUM OF THE MT. WEST PRESENTS 'ROMANCING THE WEST'

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-On Sept. 15, Museum of the Mountain West presents "Romancing the West," a journey through the trials and triumphs of the people of the west, celebrating their diverse cultures, lives and legacy from the Old West through the Great Depression, The Golden Age of Hollywood, and into the Modern West. Performances by Romancing the West's Cowboy Poet/Balladeer Butch Martin and Singer and Songwriter Christina Lynn Martin.

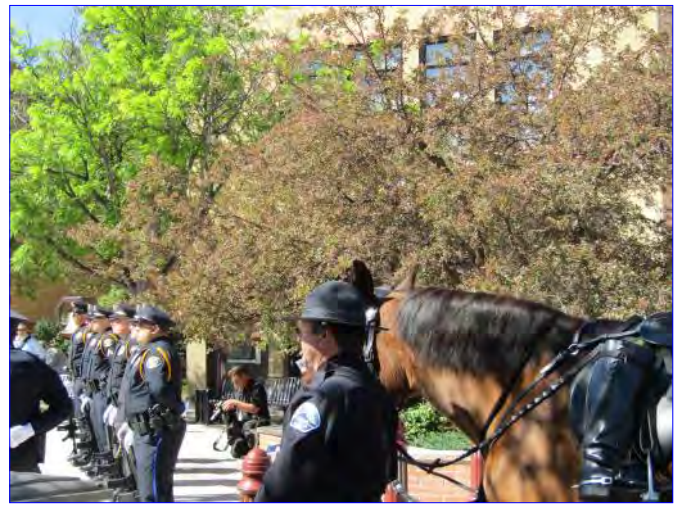


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**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS** meeting every 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m. at Friendship Hall in Montrose. All veterans with at least a 10 percent service connected disability are welcome. For more information call [\(970\)964-4375](tel:9709644375).

## 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

Meetings every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Proximity; 210 E Main St, Montrose, CO 81401.

**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.

**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.

**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.; June 6, 13, & 20.

## MONTHLY-

**May 22**--7 - 9 pm Montrose Library Meeting Room. Great American Read. Join other readers at the Montrose Library to watch the PBS series launch special and kick off a summer of reading.

**May 23**-New Office Celebration, Express Employment Professionals. Ribbon cutting 3 p.m. Open house & walk-in interviews 2 to 5 p.m. 14 South Uncompahgre in Montrose. 970.249.5902.

**May 24**-Hazel Miller Band with Donny Morales and D&G Railroad Band. 6:30 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. Fundraiser concert presented by Community Care PACE. Purchase tickets at [ageoutloud.voa.org](http://ageoutloud.voa.org) or visit the PACE Centers in Montrose and Eckert. Call 970 417-5670 for information.

**May 25**-Photos of Ouray is hosting award winning guest photographer Natalie Heller of Ridgway, CO. Opening reception is Friday May 25 from 6 P.M. until 9 P.M. The exhibit is on-going through mid-September. 738 Main St., Ouray [www.lonecone photography.com](http://www.lonecone photography.com).

**May 26**--7:30 p.m. – New West Guitar Group - Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray. Tickets \$25 adults, \$5 students (18 years and under) available online at [www.ocpag.org](http://www.ocpag.org) or at the door.

**May 27**--1-2:30 p.m. – New West Guitar Group master guitar class- Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray. Tickets \$25 available at [apm.activecommunities.com/weehawkenarts/Activity\\_Search/2725](http://apm.activecommunities.com/weehawkenarts/Activity_Search/2725)

**May 30**-The public is invited to the Idarado Red Mountain Community Update at the Ouray Community Center on Wednesday, May 30 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., to see presentations about the history of the remediation efforts at historical mine sites in the Red Mountain Mining District, recent activities testing innovative measures and strategies under development for the future. The evening at the Ouray Community Center will include a question and answer period plus refreshments.

**June 1-2**-Art on Ogden Road. Bill Wilson and Julianne Sirotek Ceramics, showing at the Adobe Springs AirBnB, 16386 Ogden Road. Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. [adobespringsbnb@gmail.com](mailto:adobespringsbnb@gmail.com).

**June 2**-The Delta County Rock, Gem and Mineral Show will be held on June 2, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Heddles Recreation Center, 530 Gunnison River Drive, Delta, Colorado. Admission is free to the public, and children and adults of all ages are welcome.

**June 2**-The Montrose Amateur Radio Club will hold its annual Tailgate Party on June 2, 2018 at the Lions Pavilion, Confluence Park, Delta from 8AM to 11 AM. Talk-in frequency is 147.195+ 107.2 There is no cost for admittance. Everyone is automatically entered for the door prize; you must be present to win. For more information contact Steve Schroder at 970-201-5997.

**June 2**- Montrose Boot-Stomp ~ An Old-Fashioned BBQ & Barn Dance: Entertainment by - Narrow Gauge ~ 6PM, Antler Ridge Weddings & Events, 72015 Kinikin Road, Montrose. Survivor & memorial sponsorships available. Please call Terri @ 970-901-6761 Proceeds ~ San Juan Healthcare Foundation ~ Caring Friends Fund.

**June 4**-- 6:30 Citizens' Climate Lobby meets at Montrose Library meeting rm 320 S 2nd. National, nonpartisan networking to influence our legislators to pay attention to protecting our environment. Report from Solar Fair at Solar Energy International in Paonia. Also a solution to curtail carbon emissions. All [welcome.citizensclimatelobby.org](http://welcome.citizensclimatelobby.org), local contact- 970.240.9146.

**June 7**-SMPA Annual Meeting. There will be food, music, and interactive booths with a virtual reality tour of renewable generation sources. The meeting will also include an exhibition of rarely-seen lineman training exercises. There will also be gifts, prizes, and dinner will be provided for all. Attend the SMPA Annual Meeting on June 7, at the SMPA Nucla office. (170 W. 10th Ave.) Election polls are open from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm and the meeting goes from 5:30 pm – 7 pm.

**June 11**-BLM and Forest Service will be hosting stakeholder workshops related to the review of energy corridors in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah. In this region, the workshop is Monday, June 11, 2018: DoubleTree Hotel, 743 Horizon Dr., Grand Junction, Colorado from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. local time: Please RSVP if you plan to attend a workshop so that we have enough materials available for participants. Make sure to indicate which meeting(s) you would like to attend and provide an email address as requested on the form ([click here to RSVP](#)).

**June 14**-DMEA Annual meeting at the Montrose Pavilion, 4:30 to 8 p.m.

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*Above, road work on South Park Avenue in Montrose last week (photo by Gail Marvel); below left, The Mayfly Outdoors building, which was scheduled to arrive on site May 17<sup>th</sup>, has been delayed. Mayfly Outdoors President David Dragoo said, "We received word from Ridgway Valley [new general contractor] that due to a lack of available trucks the building will now arrive May 24. There are no changes to other plans." Report by Gail Marvel, Mirror staff photo.*



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