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## CASH-STRAPPED DMEA PUSHES ARTICLE CHANGE TO ISSUE NON-MEMBER CAPITAL STOCK, ALLOW BUY-OUT OF POWER CONTRACT WITH TRI-STATE G&T



A handful of cooperative members gathered to hear a presentation on the upcoming ballot question by DMEA officials at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14. The presentation was headed by DMEA CEO Jasen Bronec and CFO Wade Pynes.

By Caitlin Switzer  
MONTROSE-At 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14, Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) held the final town hall presentation in a regional effort to promote its upcoming election. The ballot question will ask Cooperative members to vote in favor of allowing DMEA to amend and restate its articles of incorporation, allowing it to buy out its contract with the current power supplier and issue non-member capital stock to a select group of investors. According to information provided at the presentation, held at the Montrose DMEA Headquarters, ballots will be mailed to all eligible members on Sept.

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## 'THE WORD IS INCLUSIVITY' AS MHS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS TO RE-1J BOARD

By Caitlin Switzer  
MONTROSE-This is a big week for Montrose County RE-1J schools, with Montrose High School's homecoming celebration and a ribbon cutting for the new Columbine School both planned for next weekend. The Montrose County RE-1J Board of Education discussed these events and other developments, and approved a new administrative-level school safety director job description at the regular school board meeting of Sept. 11. Neither District G Director Stephen Bush nor District A Director Jeff Bachman were present for the meeting.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RE-1J Administrative Assistant

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Montrose High School Student Council representatives De'Andre Evans and Maggie MacHal addressed the RE-1J Board of Education Sept. 11.

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## ANSWERING THE CALL: MPD PATROL OFFICER JERIMIAH FRANKLIN

Officer JC Franklin



HIRED 04-28-14

**MPD Patrol Officer Jerimiah Franklin. Courtesy photo.**

*By Gail Marvel*

MONTROSE-Montrose Police Department (MPD) Patrol Officer Jerimiah Franklin, who goes by JC, graduated from Montrose High School in 2007. Franklin attended Fort Lewis College on a football scholarship, but quit after a couple of months when he learned his father had cancer, "I came home for family support. I worked as electrical apprentice for a local company, but when the economy took a downturn I was laid off. That's when I went to the police academy."

Franklin said, "Law enforcement was always something I wanted to do. Growing up I saw police officers around town and in parades. In high school we hung out in the parking lot and the resource officer would be there. We had respect for the officers." Franklin put himself through the Delta Police Academy and graduated in 2010. He said, "I enjoyed the whole

thing. The hardest part was getting up early and getting to Delta by 6 a.m. for PT." Franklin has now been with MPD a little over four years.

As a driving instructor for MPD Franklin sets up the training course to help keep officers up on their driving skills. He is also a member of the bike patrol and on the SWAT Team as an explosive breacher. Franklin

said, "Explosive breacher is a very high liability area. We want to use the lowest amount of explosive possible to get into the doorway. Too much explosive on the door could cause pressure that would affect those on the inside of the residence. An explosive breach is used as a last resort."

For Franklin the most stressful part of his job is keeping track of all the different schedules, "It's not my normal schedule that's stressful, but the additional meetings, trainings and court dates. I might have a midnight shift, but then have to go to court during the day for a subpoena."

The most rewarding aspect of Franklin's job, "Being able to be a part of someone's life and see them do what is right. We don't see a lot of success stories with substance abuse, but our goal is for their lives to be turned around. I've seen substance

abuse ruin families and it's sad. Heroin was making a comeback for a time, but the majority of what we see is meth and alcohol."

The hardest part of his job, "When someone is having the worst day in their life and there really is nothing we can do to help them. Only time will heal the emotional distress. People often think we can solve everything and make it better, but sometimes all we can do is be there to support them. We'd like to fix everything...but we can't."

Franklin cites listening as the skillset that helps him create good rapport with citizens, "I'm a good listener and attention goes a long way with folks. It takes time to listen."

Franklin has used CPR, but his efforts were unsuccessful; however, he was instrumental in saving the life of a suicidal woman. He said, "When I worked in Ouray a man called for help in locating his suicidal girlfriend. I was able to locate her car at a local motel and gain access to her room through an alley window. EMS arrived and used CPR. She survived."

In the area of career goals Franklin said, "I love this town and I'll definitely stay with MPD. It's a very, very good agency. Someday I would like to be a sergeant."

As for activities outside of law enforcement Franklin enjoys hiking, fishing and is looking forward to the first hunting season.

He said, "I also have two boys, they're two and four, and I love to spend every moment with them."

In a message to citizens Franklin said, "I appreciate our citizens for their support for the MPD and I ask them to continue their support."



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## COUNCIL CONSIDERS LIQUOR TASTINGS UPDATE, EXCHANGE OF ASPHALT BATCH PLANT

### Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council meets for a [regular work session](#) at 11 a.m. on Sept. 17 and for a regular meeting at 6 p.m. on Sept. 18.

### WORK SESSION

At the [regular work session](#) of Sept. 17, Montrose City Council will consider updates to its retail liquor store tastings ordinance and will consider exchanging the City's Asphalt Batch Plant to Western Gravel in return for service:

"With approval the City would be exchanging the ownership of the ADM Batch Plant for the service of providing 1,000 tons of asphalt to the City over a two-year period from Western Gravel, Inc. In addition, as part of the agreement the service the batch plant provides to the community will continue for no less than five years. This exchange is proposed to begin in October of 2018 and the asphalt service provided by Western Gravel, Inc. would begin in 2019."

Upcoming topics of discussion include interviews with applicants to the City's Historic Preservation Commission and an Animal Control Code update on Oct. 1; as

well as City Youth Council appointments, a Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Franchise Ordinance, and the Colorado Outdoors PD Plan and Amended Preliminary Plat on Oct. 2. On Oct. 15, Council will conduct applicant interviews for the City's Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee, with City Manager and City Attorney evaluations to be conducted Oct. 16. Also on Oct. 16 will be consideration of a new 3.2 liquor license application for Stinker Stores. On Nov. 6, Council will consider a 2019 budget ordinance. A housing proposal for Mountain Pines Subdivision, a liquor license transfer for Stone House Restaurant, and the Colorado Mesa University Scholarship Program are not yet scheduled.

### COUNCIL MEETING

City Council will issue proclamations in support of Ruth and Howard Heath Day and Constitution Week, and will interview Youth Council applicants at the [regular meeting of Sept. 18](#). Up for consideration is an application for a 3.2 beer license at 938 S. Townsend Avenue for Pester Marketing Company doing business as Alta #6126 for consumption off of the licensed

premises.

Council will consider Ordinance 2456 on second reading, pertaining to the distance restriction between Beer and Wine and Hotel and Restaurant liquor licenses and schools.

Council will consider Resolution 2018-26, approving a grant agreement provided by History Colorado State Historical Fund, and committing local funds in the amount of \$71,128.

Also to be considered are a contract to Farnsworth Group in the amount of \$174,839 for design of the Sunset Mesa Tank Replacement project, and the English Gardens 4 Filing No. 4 Final Plat. Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.



*The water tank on Sunset Mesa will be replaced with a tower. Courtesy photo.*

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### STAPLETON WILL CONTINUE TO UNDERMINE PERA IF ELECTED

Dear Editor:

If you are a current Colorado educator, Colorado judicial professional, Colorado State Highway Patrolman, any Colorado Public Employee, or a retiree of one of those entities whose retirement money arrives monthly for life from PERA, and you intend to vote for Walker Stapleton for Governor in November, you may wish to pause and carefully reconsider ...Walker Stapleton has spent years attempting to weaken and to outright eliminate PERA as a guaranteed lifetime retirement income that you have earned.

He apparently thinks privatizing your retirement, i.e. by investing in the whims of the stock market or real estate, etc., would be a better route.

If he were to become Colorado Governor there's valid reason to believe that he would continue to undermine PERA from a more powerful position which could threaten some 400,000+ current Colorado retirees on PERA and all those who are currently employed working toward their PERA retirement.

Sincerely-


Marge Morgenstern, Montrose

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MISSING PERSON: STANLEY GARDNER OF OLATHE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- On the afternoon of September 5th, the Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) received a call regarding a welfare check of Mr. Stanley Gardner of Olathe, Colorado. The MCSO immediately made contact with a family member and friend, searched Mr. Gardner's property, and was unable to locate Mr. Gardner. He has not been seen nor heard from in over two weeks and additional search efforts with both deputies, the Olathe Fire Protection District, and the Montrose County Sheriff's Posse have been unsuccessful. The MCSO is seeking the public's assistance regarding missing person Stanley Gardner of Olathe, Colorado. Mr. Gardner is a 78-year-old male who lives in the 62000 Block of Falcon Road. He is 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds with brown/gray hair and green eyes. If anyone has information about Mr. Gardner or his whereabouts, please call the Montrose County Sheriff's Office at 970-252-4023.




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

### **VOLUNTEERING @ THE MONTROSE ELKS LODGE AFTER SCHOOL**



**Jack Switzer is 15 and a sophomore at Montrose High School.**

By Jack Switzer  
 MONTROSE-  
 The final bell rings, and I stand up, feet sore and shoulders weak. I muster the strength to march home. My heavy

backpack slowing me down, but my legs moving fast. I feel my hip burn, I was cramping. I stop for a moment, and continue home.

I reach my front door, and barely have the energy to knock. I want nothing more than to get inside and out of the sun. The front door slides open, and I stumble inside and collapse on the couch. "Hey mom," I squeeze out. My feet and shoulders ache, and I have a small headache.

But this is nothing new, it's like this every day. She asks me, "Hey Jack, are you going to the Elks tonight?" All my pain and aching goes away, like a second wind. "Yeah, I'm going, it's fun there." I head upstairs and drop my backpack. I hustle downstairs and hop in the car.

We arrive at the Elks Lodge, where I volunteer every Tuesday. I make my way into the back room, where my friends and I serve concessions. I get the popcorn seeds and oil and load them into the popper. The doors open, and people stream in. We scurry to the different stations and start serving food. Most of the customers are seniors, so it's nice to serve them.

I sling popcorn into bag after bag, handing it out methodically, until, there are no bags. Uh oh. I call out that we need more bags and someone runs out to get them. I casually look back at the customer, trying to act like I'm not stressing out because I

can't serve them fast enough "We'll be right with you!" I say through my teeth, hoping that my friend hurries with the bags. I nervously glance at the crowds behind the current customer and feel anxiety pound its fists against my chest.

My friend swiftly arrives with bags and I swish around and start working again. And that's just one of many mess ups that could happen, each one is pretty stressful. But it's not that bad because most of the time, everything goes smoothly. And it's wonderful to be helping out. Knowing that the money they will make will probably also be used to help people.

At the end of the night we clean up whatever messes we made with the food, and head outside to hang out and wait for our ride home.

When at last I get home, I fling off my heavy nacho-scented clothes, call it a night, and pass out.

## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### DMEA MEMBER MEETING – FRI. SEPT. 14, 2018

Editor:

This past Friday night, I attended the last of the Delta-Montrose Electric Association “public hearings/meetings” on the plan by DMEA management and their duly elected (by DMEA electric utility customers – you and me – a total of 32,759 of us) to “Amend and Restate” their Articles of Incorporation to allow the company to issue 1,000,000 shares of non-voting preferred stock.

A vote on the change to these Articles is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at DMEA Headquarters in Montrose. You can vote at the meeting or vote by sending in the ballot you’ll be receiving in the mail.

As I understand it, this is a pre-emptive move to raise capital that will be needed if they negotiate a buyout of their contract to purchase generated power from Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association (a 43-member electric co-operative controlled electric generation company). The contract doesn’t expire for another 22 years (in 2040).

The cost of a buyout will mostly likely be upwards of \$50 million dollars (Tri-State wants \$350 million, so even if they agree to substantial discount on that amount, that’s still a lot of our money!)

From what was presented to the group by CEO Jason Bronec and CFO Wade Pynes, this move, if approved by DMEA voting members, would be the first time in U.S. history that a rural electric co-operative issued equity shares in their member owned utility!

As both agreed, this is a risky proposition, but one that the Board of Directors of DMEA has agreed should be taken. The only thing holding them back is a vote on the matter. This is where I have some grave concerns about the future of DMEA.

The DMEA legal staff has determined that the DMEA corporate Bylaws (revised in July of 2017) establish what constitutes a winning vote. It is based upon a simple majority of the “quorum” present which is 50 people!!

So, all you need are 26 voting members (out of the 50 required to be present) to show up at the meeting and vote “yes” and the deal is done! You’ve got that number with just the DMEA Board of Directors and managerial staff at their Montrose headquarters building!

With almost 33,000 members, only 26 determine our future electric rates, fiber and cable services, etc.? Yep!

The following paragraphs are taken directly from the DMEA Bylaws as found under “**ARTICLE II -MEETINGS OF MEMBERS:**”

**Section 4. QUORUM. At all member meetings, fifty (50) voting members, properly registered and present in person, shall constitute a quorum. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice. The registration records will constitute proof of a quorum.**

The inability to obtain a quorum at an annual meeting shall neither invalidate the ballots received by mail nor prevent the seating as directors of those candidates elected in accordance with section 4(c) of article III of these bylaws. (This sentence pertains only to the Annual Meeting).

**Section 6. VOTING. Only persons who have been members for a period of not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the regular or special meeting may vote. Each eligible member shall be entitled to one (1) vote upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. At all meetings of members at which a**

**quorum is present, all questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon in person, except as otherwise provided by law, the articles of incorporation and these by-laws. Voting by proxy or by cumulative voting is prohibited.**

While there will no doubt be more information presented in the publication in which this letter is printed, I believe that it is imperative that you who are voting members of DMEA, learn as much as you can about what is coming your way.

The Board and Management of DMEA insist something must be done about the relationship with Tri-State.

An antiquated business model (they believe) on the part of Tri-State along with increases in the purchase price of generated power, will cause continued increases in our electric rates that DMEA cannot absorb and therefore must pass on to us, the consumer member of DMEA.

The bottom line question is, with the banks and other lending institutions owning 73% of DMEA’s assets (collateral against outstanding business loans) and you and I “owning” the remaining 27%, will this move to issue stock; buy out the Tri-State contract; construct more generating facilities like the hydro-electric plants on the South Canal near the Black Canyon National Park; building solar farms; building a broadband fiber optic network and potentially cable television be the salvation of DMEA??

Something is wrong and my alarm bells are going off.

A clearer explanation, in layman’s terms, is needed.

But what does it matter if only 26 people out of 32,759 get to decide the future of OUR electric co-operative?

David White, Montrose

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## WEST NILE CASES IN MONTROSE COUNTY

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE- Montrose County Public Health Department lists five cases of West Nile Virus currently reported in the county. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) reminds people that preventing mosquito bites is the best way to avoid getting any mosquito-borne illness.

Weekly mosquito testing for West Nile

virus began statewide earlier this summer. Adult mosquitoes are trapped and tested to provide an estimate of the number that are infected. The results help pin point the risk to humans in the area. West Nile virus-positive mosquitoes have been found in several Colorado counties this season including Montrose County. Not all counties and municipalities test mosquitoes, so it's important for all Coloradans to take steps

to protect themselves throughout the summer.

"When the virus is present, people are at risk," said Jennifer House, state public health veterinarian. "Use an effective insect repellent, wear protective clothing or stay indoors when mosquitoes are active, and mosquito-proof your home." Most human West Nile virus cases are reported in late summer and early fall.

In 2017, there were 68 human cases of West Nile virus in Colorado, including four deaths. Most people who are infected with West Nile virus don't have symptoms. About 20 percent have flu-like symptoms, and fewer than 1 percent develop a serious, potentially deadly illness, such as the one reported in Weld County last week. People over age 60 and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk of serious illness. See a health care provider if you develop severe headaches or confusion.

**To protect yourself:**

- Use insect repellents when you go outdoors. Repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, and some oil of lemon eucalyptus and para-menthane-diol products provide the best protection. Follow label instructions.
- Limit outdoor activities at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus are most active.
- Wear protective clothing (long pants, long-sleeved shirts and socks) in areas where mosquitoes are active. Spray clothes with insect repellent for extra protection.

**To mosquito-proof your home:**

- Drain standing water around your house often. Empty water from tires, cans, flowerpots, clogged gutters, rain barrels, bird baths, toys and puddles.
- Install or repair screens on windows and doors.

**Birds and Horses**

Birds and horses also get West Nile virus. There is a vaccination for horses. If you own horses get them vaccinated. There is no vaccine for humans. For more information, visit the department's [West Nile virus web page](#). Check for human case numbers and mosquito trap results on the West Nile virus data page throughout the season.



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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

# FALL FESTIVALS DUI CRACKDOWN IS ONGOING

## *886 Drivers Arrested During Labor Day Campaign*

*Special to the Mirror*

STATEWIDE — “Get your peanuts! Get your crackerjacks! Get your free breathalyzer tests!” These are a few of the calls passersby heard outside Coors Field on Thursday, Sept. 13, as the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) deployed street hawkers equipped with breathalyzers before the Rockies’ game. This represents CDOT’s latest effort to raise awareness about breathalyzers as a DUI-prevention tool and the final push to promote the heavily-discounted breathalyzer devices as part of this year’s *The Heat Is On* campaign.

As summer nears its conclusion, CDOT, Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and local law agencies are teaming up to arrest impaired drivers during the Fall Festivals heightened DUI enforcement period from Sept. 14 through Oct. 22. The annual *Heat Is On* autumn crackdown will include 104 Colorado law enforcement agencies. Last year’s Fall Festivals enforcement cited 1,863 impaired drivers. “In September and October of last year, Colorado saw 37 alcohol-related fatalities, accounting for 32 percent of the road fatalities during that timeframe,” said Darrell Lingk, Director of the Office of Transportation Safety at CDOT. “No matter what time of year it is, drivers need to make responsible decisions and stay off the roads while impaired. With a number of accessible alternatives to driving, there is no excuse for getting behind the wheel impaired.”

During this year’s recent Labor Day DUI enforcement period from Aug. 17 through Sept. 4, 886 drivers were arrested for DUI. Throughout Colorado, 103 law enforcement agencies participated in the enforcement, with the Denver Police Department (100 arrests), Colorado Springs Police Department (81 ar-

rests), and Aurora Police Department (55 arrests) recording the highest arrest totals. The Colorado State Patrol logged 134 arrests among their troops statewide.

A complete list of arrests is at [heatisoncolorado.com](http://heatisoncolorado.com) under the Heat Is On Arrest tab.

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## ***DMEA PUSHES ARTICLE CHANGE TO ISSUE NON-MEMBER STOCK***

### ***From pg 1***

21, and must be returned by Oct. 12. Members can also drop ballots off between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Oct. 16 at DMEA Headquarters (11925 6300 Road, Montrose), or return them at a Special Meeting to be held at DMEA Headquarters at 10 a.m. on Oct. 16.

Among the changes proposed are a buyout of the Cooperative's contract with its current power supplier, Tri-State Generation & Transmission. Another change would be a change in the articles of incorporation that would allow DMEA to issue non-member capital stock.

Presenting information at the meeting were DMEA's Chief Executive Officer Jasen Bonec and Chief Financial Officer Wade Pynes. Pynes noted that 2/3 of every dollar paid by members goes to Tri-State. "Cost containment is the name of the game in this industry."

A small but engaged crowd asked tough questions. When one woman asked about a "ballpark figure" for the Tri-State buyout, Pynes said, "I am not allowed to say." "But it's important!" the woman replied.

Another questioner asked, "What businesses have moved elsewhere because of power costs?" No specific answer was given, though Bronec stated that a number of coal mines have closed in recent years.

Another audience member accused presenters of taking "a marketing approach."

"You have spun this to the ninth degree," he said. "You've done misinformation."

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

However, the Mirror's recent salary survey revealed that several of the top five staffers at the utility were being paid salaries far in excess of reality-based compensation for performance, including \$337K annually for three-year Chief Executive

Officer (CEO) Bronec.

Listed below are the most recent (2106) numbers available on the top tier salaries at DMEA:

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VP Member Services & HR \$172,588

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### **REGISTER TO VOTE: NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY IS SEPT. 25**

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Montrose County League of Women Voters will be participating in National Voter Registration Day (NVRD), a nationwide, nonpartisan effort to register eligible voters on Tuesday, Sept. 25. The League will be out in force at various locations throughout the city and available to assist voters who want to register online or update their registration if they have moved. A valid CO driver's license or ID is required for registration.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### **TABEGUACHE CONNECTOR TRAIL OFFICIALLY OPEN: GRAND JUNCTION TO MONTROSE**

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GRAND JUNCTION— The Bureau of Land Management Grand Junction Field Office, Grand Mesa Jeep Club and Mesa County officially opened the Tabeguache Connector Trail on Sunday, Sept. 16.

"Thanks to strong partnerships, motorized users now have a safe and legal location to cross the highway and can continue to access public lands between Grand Junction and Montrose," said Katie Stevens, Grand Junction Field Manager.

BLM, GMJC, Mesa County, Western Slope ATV, and Grand Valley Trails Alliance, with support from Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Colorado Department of Transportation, worked together on this multi-year project to improve and expand OHV opportunities in western Colorado.

The 1/3 mile connector trail allows ATVs, motorcycles and modified full-sized vehicles to follow the Tabeguache Trail from the Bangs Canyon trailhead near Grand Junction to Montrose, Colo. The trail is also popular for long-distance mountain bike rides.

### **THERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN HELP: ART PARTNERS CHILI BOWL FUNDRAISER**

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REGIONAL—Art Partners Youth Mentoring's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Bowl Fundraiser is right around the corner! Ways you can help: paint a bowl at Amazing Glaze (it's fun to do as a group or team building for your business), sponsor a table, make your best chili (there is a people's choice award) or come and eat all the chili you like and keep your bowl. Location: Lark & Sparrow Historic Venue. 11/24 Call Lissette 249-1116. Be someone who matters to someone who matters.

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### ROCKY MT. GUN OWNERS PURSUE REPEAL OF 2013 MAGAZINE BAN

*Special to the Mirror*

STATEWIDE-After forcing a full trial on the 2013 Magazine Ban, Rocky Mountain Gun Owners is again in the Colorado Court of Appeals in an attempt to overturn the law as unconstitutional, unenforceable, and ineffective at stopping mass shootings.

"This law was passed in the wake of a tragedy, but it simply won't – and hasn't – stopped mass shootings," said Dudley

Brown, Executive Director of RMGO. "We are doing everything possible to overturn - or repeal -- this unconstitutional ban."

"Colorado's economy is heavily reliant on money from outdoor activities, and this ban sends a signal to hunters and gun owners in general to stay away," Brown said. "Getting rid of this irrational law will send a signal that some sanity has returned to Colorado."

The RMGO lawsuit is the only remaining court action to overturn the legislature's ban on magazines which hold more than 15 rounds. An earlier lawsuit was thrown out of court by judges who ruled it did not have standing.

Rocky Mountain Gun Owners is Colorado's largest state-based gun rights organization, and the only active voice for gun owners in Colorado.



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## COLORADO POLICE K9 CHALLENGE COMES TO MONTROSE COUNTY EVENTS CENTER FOR THE FIRST TIME ON SEPT. 29

### Mirror staff report

MONTROSE—On Sept. 29, law enforcement professionals from across the state will converge on the Montrose County Events Center. Though they come from diverse backgrounds, these professionals stand tall—on four legs. Colorado's K9 officers are coming here to participate in the 2018 Colorado Police K9 Challenge. The event is being put on by the Colorado Police K9 Association and the Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO).

The K9 officers and their human handlers—like MCSO's K9 Oxx and Sgt. Keith Sanders—will compete for top honors in agility, obedience, apprehension and narcotics detection.

Admission to the Colorado Police K9 Challenge is free, with donations welcomed and encouraged.

This is the first year this prestigious event will be held at the Montrose County Fairgrounds Events Center. Among the spon-

sors of the Colorado Police K9 Challenge is the Colorado Police K9 Association (CPCA), a non-profit organization formed in 2004 to establish minimum standards and provide certification for deployment of police service dogs in the state of Colorado. The CPCA web site notes that all funds raised will go to the retired police dog medical fund. "When the dogs retire, the departments they had worked for stop paying for any medical care," the site notes.

No pets are allowed at the event.

Said Montrose County Fairgrounds Manager Emily Sanchez, "I am super excited—the K9 Challenge is my kind of event! I love the police dogs. We will have 20 to



*A police K9 and handler compete in the 2017 Colorado Police K9 Challenge. This year the annual competition will take place in Montrose. Courtesy photo Colorado Police K9 Association.*

30 dog-handler pairs, and it is neat to see the handlers and dogs perform the duties that keep our whole community safe.

"Everybody is welcome!" she said.

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### CELEBRATE YOUR PUBLIC LANDS SEPT. 22

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DELTA— Saturday Sept. 22 is National Public Lands Day (NPLD), the annual celebration of your public lands. Every year in late September the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) helps coordinate thousands of volunteer events for the largest single-day public lands improvement effort in the nation. NPLD 2017 saw over 169,000 volunteers dedicate 680,000 service hours at 2,100 sites nationwide resulting in over \$16.7 million worth of public land.

These events connect people with their public lands inspiring stewardship and

highlighting their communal and recreational benefits. The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests will partner with or host several NPLD events for 2017:

-On Saturday September 22, The Norwood Ranger District and volunteers will be completing a construction project for the Dry Park Water Development. This development will provide drinking water for area wildlife in an otherwise arid landscape. More information at: <https://www.neefusa.org/npld/norwood-ranger-office/dry-park-water-development>

-On Friday, September 26, Fourth Graders

from the North Fork Valley will attend the Paonia Ranger District's third annual "Lost" in a Forest event on the Gunnison National Forest. This event will teach students how to use forestry tools and navigate with a compass, while also allowing them to complete a stewardship project.

To encourage people to participate and visit their public lands, NPLD is a fee-free day for all federal public lands and many state parks. For more information how you can get involved with NPLD or to find an event near you please visit NEEF's website (<https://www.neefusa.org/public-lands-day>).

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# ***MHS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS TO RE-1J BOARD***

## ***From pg 1***

Deann Balash introduced the **Student Spotlight**. Student Spotlight featured Montrose High School Student Council students De'Andre Evans and Maggie McHale, who spoke about what the MHS Student Council has been doing this year. "The word is inclusivity," Evans said, noting that Student Council has been working hard to increase student involvement and boost school spirit, with events such as the year's first assembly. Upcoming mixers may include pep rallies and tailgates, and Student Council will once again take part in the Western Slope Leadership Conference. "We all get to collaborate...and overall make it a better high school experience for our student body."

McHale said that students took part in a fun lunch to celebrate coming back to school, and informed the school board about Homecoming Week, which has a beach theme this year. The MHS Homecoming Parade will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 20, the game will be on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and the dance on the 22.

**Celebrations** featured Pomona Elementary School Principal Chris Lehman, who honored Pomona's Head Secretary Rachel DeMunbrun and Kindergarten Teacher Nikki Taylor; and Cottonwood Principal Sandy Steele, who honored Cottonwood First Grade Teacher Sharon Sawyer and Special Education Paraprofessional Joanie Wallendorf. Following [Board Advisory Committee Updates](#), the School Board looked at its own [goals for 2018-2019](#), which were also a focus at the most recent work session. "They are pretty much staying in agreement with what we had before," School Board President Tom West (District D) said.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The [Superintendent's Report](#) included a reminder of the Annual Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Conference to be held December 6-9 in Colorado Springs.

### **INFORMATIONAL UPDATES**

Informational Updates included reports on [enrollment](#) and quarterly financials from RE-1J Chief Financial Officer Adam Rogers. "We're down about 90 students." District F Director Phoebe Benziger asked Rogers about historic enrollment trends. Rogers said that typically enrollment

peaks in October and starts to drop off in January.

The year-end financials are "still rough," Rogers said during his report on [quarterly financials](#) and [quarterly investments](#). "Food service...I was hoping they would break even this year but at the moment they're not."

An error in the Capital Reserve fund resulted from a \$500K entry being recorded twice. "I know you cringe, but it's a good thing you found it," said Rogers, who attributed the error to a former staffer. "Nancy had other things on her mind." An error was also found in an investment line item, with the MHS Basketball Boosters Fund showing a balance of \$1,949,072. "A slight mistake," Rogers said.

Rogers said that the auditor will be coming in two weeks; "They're foaming at the mouth to get stuff from us today."

Overall, "At the end of the day the district as a whole should be in good shape," Rogers said. "...We're looking at a grand total of about \$37 million in investments."

Superintendent Stephen Schiell reported on the district's [performance frameworks](#) over time; Early Childhood Education Center Director Penny Harris provided an [informational update](#). District B Director Jake Suppes asked Harris about the numbers of homeless children served by the ECE, and Harris said that last year eight percent of ECE students were homeless.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board of Education unanimously approved Board Policy Exhibits AC-E3, AC-E4, and AC-E5, [Guidelines](#) regarding the support of students and staff who are transgender or gender non-conforming; a [gender transition plan](#) form; and [Gender Support Plan](#) form.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

[Consent Agenda](#) items were unanimously approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board of Education approved [Resolution 09-2018](#) in support of Amendment 73, and [Resolution 10-2018](#) authorizing the use of a portion of beginning fund balance for 2018-2019.

Benziger asked Rogers about the status of state marijuana funds coming to RE-1J. "Have we spent it all?" The District is receiving \$900K in marijuana funds, which is

received on a monthly basis, Rogers said. And though some (\$300K to \$400K) was spent on school safety last year, "There's still \$300,000 or so we haven't really allocated yet...a whole separate million dollars you haven't talked to my boss about." As the state's largest rural school district, Montrose receives the lion's share of the funding, Rogers added.

Also approved was a job description for an administrative-level [Director of Safety and Security](#), as discussed during the work session of Aug. 28. "Safety and Security, anymore really is a full-time job," RE-1J Director of Human Resources Michelle Pottorff said. The position requires a high school education; Board Vice President Gayle Johnson said, "I would to see at least a B.A. or a B.S. required."

"We don't want to exclude someone with extreme talent...here they are but they don't have a college degree," Schiell said.

Also approved was a job description for a part-time grants bookkeeper.

The Board of Education reviewed revised Board Policies AEE, BEDA, and BEDH on first reading. No action was taken.

Pottorff provided a report on district personnel. "We're hopping," Pottorff said, noting that a small number of positions remains open including one in food service. The daily pay rate for substitute teachers remains \$95 per day, she said, but the rate for long-term substitutes has increased. "Minimum wage is driving our classified salary rate," she said.

West reminded the board of the ribbon cutting for the new Columbine School on Sept. 22. Schiell said that City Council member Barbara Bynum will attend the ribbon cutting. "We will be in the cafeteria area and seats will be reserved for people who have been a big help...we'll have a big red ribbon, big scissors, and cookies." A flyer for the event was shared with the board, and Benziger asked if copies were to be printed. Schiell proudly said that 300 copies of the flyer would be made for the ribbon cutting event. Said Benziger, "My last name is misspelled (on the flyer). There is only one 'n' in Benziger. Always has been and always will be."

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### 2019 FIELD SEASON HIRING CONTINUES

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests and Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Region will soon begin advertising more than 900 seasonal positions for the 2019 field season.

The GMUG will offer over 100 temporary positions in a variety of public land management fields including: forestry, fire, recreation, wildlife, range, archaeology and visitor information.

The application periods for these positions are as follows:

-Sept. 14 – Oct. 12, 2018: Wildland fire

jobs and early season temporary jobs.

-Sept. 14 – Sept. 28, 2018: Recreation, fisheries, forestry, engineering, and other jobs.

Job seekers must apply through USAJOBS at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). Prospective applicants can also visit the GMUG Employment Website (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/jobs>) for potential openings along with guides for applying to Forest Service jobs.

Applicants must apply to specific vacancy announcements posted on USAJOBS and should apply to all the positions and duty locations where they are interested.

The Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Region Temp Hiring Team will be hosting virtual job fairs every Wednesday from August 22 – October 10, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. MDT, to provide information regarding available jobs; the application process; and answer questions:

-Dial the call-in number: 1-888-844-9904  
-Enter the access code: 7662084#

Candidates will be selected in January and work will begin sometime between March and May, depending on the position.

Applicants are advised to be available via phone or email during the selection time.

## SENIOR COMMUNITY CARE CELEBRATES CAREGIVERS-NATIONAL PACE MONTH

### *PACE alleviates caregiver burden, according to new survey*

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The National PACE Association has proclaimed September as National PACE Month, an opportunity to celebrate the lives improved by Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE®). This year's theme of "Caring for Caregivers, Caring for You" highlights the role of caregivers and the support provided to them by PACE programs.

The caregiver burden of family members is significantly reduced when a loved one is enrolled in PACE, according to a new survey by the National PACE Association ([www.npaonline.org](http://www.npaonline.org)). PACE is an innovative Medicare and Medicaid program that helps people meet their health care needs in the home and community and at day centers rather than in a nursing home or other care facility.

The survey on caregiver burden found that 96.6 percent of family members are satisfied with the support they receive through PACE, and 97.5 percent of family caregivers would recommend PACE to someone in a similar situation.

Nearly half (49.6 percent) of family mem-

bers reported high caregiver burden at the time their loved one enrolled in PACE.

After enrollment, more than 58 percent of those who had rated their caregiver burden as moderate to high experienced less burden.

Senior Community Care (a program of Volunteers of America) is a PACE organization that has served Montrose and Delta Counties for 10 years. A total of 318 participants are currently enrolled in PACE in both counties. PACE enrollees are age 55 and over and meet a nursing home level of care, but more than 95 percent are able to live in the community with the services and support they receive through PACE.

"Caregiver support is among the key services that sets PACE apart from other models of care," said Erin Berge, Regional Marketing Director. "We have had so many enrollees and their families tell us how PACE has impacted their life. It is gratifying to see this reflected in the data of the first national survey of PACE family caregivers." The new caregiver survey was conducted by Vital Research on behalf of the National PACE Association using the

Zarit Burden Interview.

Senior Community Care will celebrate National PACE Month in September with a number of observances, including a 10-year anniversary celebration on Sept. 28, 2018 at the Delta County day center in Eckert. Employees will be recognized for their tenure, speakers will include program participants and care givers along with program executives to reflect on the growth of the program and a public corn hole tournament in the afternoon.

The PACE day center in Montrose County is located at 2377 Robins Way adjacent to The Homestead at Montrose assisted living community and the PACE day center in Delta County is located in Eckert at 11485 Highway 65 adjacent to Horizons Care Center.

For more information about the program and to an enrollment specialist in Montrose County, call 970-640-1726 and in Delta County call 970-417-1194.

For information on the 10-year anniversary celebration or the corn hole tournament, call 970-275-1220 or email [eberge@voa.org](mailto:eberge@voa.org).



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## CRIME WAVE GOES ON, REPEAT OFFENDERS RETURN TO THE STREETS

*'They're out before we get our paperwork done,' Montrose County Undersheriff Adam Murdie*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-With crime at an all-time high here, how can you stay safe on the streets, sidewalks, trails, and byways of Montrose?

An active, outdoor lifestyle is something many locals take for granted. Still, a recent spike in crime in and around the City of Montrose includes not only last week's terrifying standoff between a gun-wielding person barricaded in a room at the Holiday Inn Express and local police, but a seemingly endless array of frightening crimes perpetrated against people and property as reported in the daily sheriff and police blotters.

Law enforcement professionals are well aware of the ongoing crime wave and advise taking steps to increase your own safety.

"Lock your doors, and take precautions when you are out walking," Montrose Police Department Commander Gene Lillard said. "Carry a can of Mace, or a walking stick.

"This is not a sleepy little town like it used to be," he said. "We've been discovered."

City of Montrose Mayor Roy Anderson said he believes the City's newly-created Citizens' Advisory Committee will help to address the need for more citizen protection. "I believe we are on top of it," Anderson said. "We have put together a Citizens' committee to address this and make proposals...the committee will identify issues and solutions; we are trying to leave it open and come up with the best answers.

"That's what we have done, and I think it's appropriate."

Anderson commended the law enforcement professionals who responded to the situation at the Holiday Inn Express. "We have an extremely professional police force and they are doing a fine job."

Still, Police Commander Lillard, now in his 43<sup>rd</sup> year in law enforcement, said he has never seen it like this. "We're seeing domestic violence, thefts, crimes against property...we are still working adamantly to protect our citizens, 24 hours a day seven days a week. Our men and women



**More officers and additional clerical staff are needed at the Montrose Police Dept.**

know what their duties are; they are here to serve and protect and they will continue to do so."

Additional officers are definitely needed, he said. "More police officers would really help...and more clerical staff. We cover 17 square miles; we no longer have enough officers to go Downtown and do foot patrol."

Lillard advised citizens who are interested in learning more about the operations of the Montrose Police Department to consider the Citizens' Police Academy, held regularly. "It has been a really good tool for helping us reach citizens," Lillard said.

If it seems that those accused of crimes are immediately released back into society, that's because in most cases, they are. Bond is set by statute, said Sherry McKenzie of the Seventh Judicial District Attorney's Office. "If someone is arrested for anything except homicide, they are eligible for bond. If you can post bond, you are allowed to get out if you are arrested."

The District Attorney can take a position on bond based on the history of the offender and the nature of the crime, McKenzie said, "Then it's up to the judge." In cases involving domestic violence, the accused may not bond out before seeing a judge, she said.

Citizens who would like to see stiffer penalties for those who are ultimately found guilty do have one option; "Change the laws," McKenzie said.

Seeing hardened criminals back on the street is not only dangerous to the public but disheartening to the officers who work to keep them off the streets.

"They're out before we get our paperwork done," Montrose County Undersheriff Adam Murdie said. "It happens every day, every time you turn around.

"It grinds on the cops," Murdie said.

"Arrest someone, do four hours of paperwork, and then have to arrest them again four hours later—it demoralizes the guys pretty hard."

Because law enforcement cannot be every place at every moment, Murdie encourages citizens to be actively aware of their surroundings and of those around them. Look for the exits in public places, and plan ahead.

The best thing to do is try to stay away from trouble, he said. "But you've got to have some form of self-defense, whether just to run like crazy or carry pepper spray or a firearm—that's just the way it is nowadays."

And without changes in the criminal justice and judicial systems, "I don't think it's going to get any better," Murdie said.



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### TELLURIDE HOSPITAL DISTRICT TO SEEK TAX INCREASE IN NOVEMBER

*Special to the Mirror*

TELLURIDE-A request to raise taxes for an approximate \$9 per every \$100,000 of actual residential valuation, to benefit the Telluride Regional Medical Center, will be presented to voters this November.

Last week the Telluride Medical Center joined the Telluride Fire Department and Telluride School District in asking for additional funds. Representatives from all three taxing districts point to the Gallagher Amendment as a top factor for going to the voters. If approved, ballot measure 6B will raise \$960,851 in 2019 to be used for the medical center's general operating and other purposes including ongoing Level 5, 24/7 emergency and trauma services, and updating medical equipment-including modernizing the CT scanner to improve diagnosis and treatment of injuries and illnesses -- according to ballot language approved last week by the Telluride Hospital District's board of

directors.

Measure 6B goes on to ask voters to sustain that increase in tax revenues, beginning in 2020, as needed to offset the Gallagher Amendment. "We've concluded this is the best -- maybe only way -- to both maintain current operations while also adapting primary and emergency services for a growing population and visitor base," said the medical center's CEO, John Gardner.

"In addition to how the Gallagher Amendment affects us, we're faced with exponentially rising costs of business and facility operations, information technology requirements and upgrades, and increased costs for drugs and supplies. Meanwhile insurance company premiums have ballooned while insurance reimbursements have not maintained pace," said Gardner. According to Gardner, polling research executed last month indicated the majority of the respondents sup-

port this measure. The Telluride Hospital District has not requested additional funds since 2002 when voters approved an increase of \$1.28 per every \$100,000 of actual residential valuation to allow the clinic to offer 24/7 emergency medical services. "Over these last sixteen years we have spent more than four million dollars on capital equipment and facility improvements without having to go back to voters," said Kate Wadley, development director for the fundraising arm of the Hospital District.

"Like other taxing districts who are asking voters for help, this is a last resort for us," she said. Measure 6B will appear on the ballots of voters throughout the county, with the exception of Precincts 4 and 5, which are home to Norwood and Egnar and their respective surrounding areas.

Gardner anticipates a PAC would soon form to handle the responsibility of raising awareness and support for the measure.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND OUR LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING OF THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Montrose County Election Team will be performing the Public Logic and Accuracy Testing (LAT) at 9 am on: **Sept. 20, 2018**

The programming of the ballot is tested to ensure the accurate tabulation for all of the ballots for the November 6, 2018 General Election. Anyone wishing to watch the LAT should meet at 9:00 am in the foyer of the County Courthouse at 320 South 1st Street, Montrose, Colorado. If you wish to obtain information about the LAT please call the Elections Office at (970) 249-3362 ext. 3

### HANGING LAKE TRAIL & PARKING LOT TEMPORARILY CLOSED SEPT. 17 - 22

*Special to the Mirror*

GLENWOOD SPRINGS-The Hanging Lake Trail and parking lot will be temporarily closed from Sept. 17 – 22 and again from Oct. 15-17 for routine parking lot and trail maintenance.

The parking lot and trail closure will begin at 8 p.m. on the evening of Sept. 16, any vehicles left in the Hanging Lake parking lot after the closure time will be subject to towing. The Hanging Lake exit ramp will be open for vehicle turn around until 4:00 a.m. on Sept. 17. The ramp, parking lot and trail will reopen again at 12:01 a.m. on Sept. 23.

Additionally, the Glenwood Canyon bike

path will be closed from the Shoshone power plant to the Bair Ranch Rest Area starting on Sept. 17 through Sept. 19. Bikers can continue to utilize the Glenwood Canyon bike path from Glenwood Springs up to the Shoshone Hydroelectric Plant, but will need to turn around once they reach Shoshone. Bikers can also continue to utilize the bike path from the east entrance of Glenwood Canyon but will need to turn around at the Bair Ranch Rest Area.

The bike path through Glenwood Canyon will reopen on Thursday, Sept. 20 for through-bikers only, but the parking lot and Hanging Lake Trail will remain closed

through Sept. 22 for the remaining maintenance work.

"We apologize for the inconvenience," said Rick Truex, acting Eagle-Holy Cross District Ranger. "The closure is in place for public safety due to heavy equipment that will be operating in the area to accomplish important maintenance work. Thank you in advance for your cooperation."

For hiking alternatives in the area, please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver> or Visit Glenwood: <https://www.visitglenwood.com/things-to-do/trail-guide/>.

### NEW FIREWOOD HARVEST AREA OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

*Special to the Mirror*

NORWOOD-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Norwood Ranger District has opened a firewood harvest area of ponderosa pine on the Uncompahgre National Forest's Plateau Division.

The felled and decked ponderosa pine trees are available to the public for personal firewood harvesting and require the purchase of a 2018 Forest Service Fuelwood Permit.

The decks are located in the Horsefly Project area on National Forest System Road (NFSR) 537 (Horsefly Trail Road) off the NFSR 530 (Sanborn Park Road), approximately 20 miles northeast of Norwood and 30 miles southwest of Mont-

rose. The decks are located on a temporary road, only accessible to those that hold a valid Forest Service Fuelwood Permit.

A valid Fuelwood Permit must be in the physical possession of any person harvesting firewood from National Forest System lands. Permits may be purchased at the Norwood Ranger District Office in Norwood and the Ouray Ranger District Office in Montrose. The minimum permit purchase is 4 cords for \$20 and the maximum is 10 cords for \$50, per household. Personal use firewood cannot be sold.

The Horsefly Project area was implemented in partnership with the Mule Deer Foundation as a continuation of the Sanborn Park Treatment Project to reduce

the potential for severe wildfires along the wildland-urban interface. As a result, the project area has reduced wildfire fuel loading, increased vegetation diversity and improved wildlife habitat.

Forest visitors are also encouraged to "Know Before You Go," by calling the local ranger station for forest and road conditions, along with regulations and current fire restrictions.

For more information on Fuelwood Permits visit our website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/gmug/fuelwood>

Removing any timber, tree, or another forest product is prohibited by 36 CFR 261.6(h) except as authorized by special use authorization, timber sale contract, federal law, or regulation.



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MAN DIES WHILE CLIMBING TELLURIDE'S VIA FERRATA

#### *San Miguel County Sheriff's Office*

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY-A multi-agency response was required Saturday afternoon in an attempt to rescue a 74-year-old man who suffered a life-threatening medical event while climbing the Telluride's Via Ferrata.

The Grand Junction man and his step-daughter had just completed "the main event," the most technical portion of the Via Ferrata at about 4pm when he sat down on a narrow ledge and became unresponsive. His step-daughter told responders he was pulseless and breathless, so she started CPR, called 911 and yelled for help. Telluride Fire Protection District EMS and Fire personnel, San Miguel County Sheriffs Deputies, and Telluride Deputy Marshals were dispatched. Because of the

remote location, responders had to hike to the scene through treacherous terrain to reach the patient.

Meanwhile, a guided tour group on the Via Ferrata heard the woman's cry for help and came to assist with CPR. After a total of nearly 45 minutes of resuscitative efforts, the man was pronounced dead at approximately 4:45pm. Deputies and about a dozen Search and Rescue volunteers executed a five-hour, highly technical recovery mission.

Sheriff Bill Masters wishes to thank the dozens of responders and is appreciate of the cooperative efforts of local agencies. "Given our mountainous environment, we encounter incidents that require time and technical skills on treacherous terrain."

TFPD District Chief John Bennett is also

appreciative of the multi-agency response. "I am proud of the collaborative efforts of our first responders. "Certainly this is an unfortunate outcome, and our thoughts are with the victim's family. "

Sheriff Masters also extends condolences to the victim's family.

The cause and manner of death is being investigated by the San Miguel County Coroner, per protocol; however, trauma was not a contributing factor.

The Via Ferrata sits at the East End of Telluride's box canyon on the south side of Ajax Peak accessing a natural ledge system via man-made iron rungs and steel cables. It is an increasingly popular "climbing trail" that traverses horizontally with extreme exposure 400 feet above the mountainside.

### HOTEL STANDOFF ENDS WITH SUSPECT IN CUSTODY

#### *Special to the Mirror*

Montrose-According to the Montrose Police Department, at approximately 5 a.m. last Wednesday morning a man entered the Holiday Inn Express located at 1391 South Townsend Ave. and demanded a room. When hotel staff notified the suspect the hotel was full, the suspect brandished a firearm and threatened the staff. The suspect then barricaded himself in a room near the lobby and the staff called the police.

The Montrose Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) was dispatched to the scene. According to the police department, an exchange of gun fire did occur.

The suspect was taken into custody at around 8 a.m. Sept. 12.

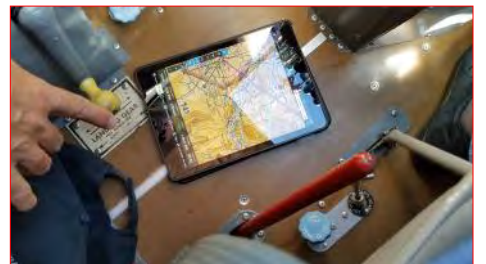
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## PASSENGERS EXPERIENCE FLIGHT OF HISTORY IN 1943 BEECHCRAFT SNB-5



**Commander Doug Eastman, a former Alaskan bush pilot. Photos by Gail Marvel.**

*By Gail Marvel*

MONTROSE-Commander Doug Eastman, a former Alaskan bush pilot, is now a commercial airline pilot by day and volunteer pilot for the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) for fun. The title of Commander is not as prestigious as one might think. Eastman laughed and said, "We've given the rank of Commander to all of our volunteers."

The Mile High Wing of the all-volunteer CAF took possession of the 1943 Beechcraft SNB-5 (UC-45J) "SoNoran Beauty" in April of 2009. Eastman said,

"They told us to feed it, water it and take care of it. And today I have the keys." The Beechcraft resides at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport in Broomfield. It takes approximately \$50,000 a year to maintain the Beechcraft and CAF funds the maintenance through donations and selling rides. The airplane seats four, plus the copilot. During the two-day Montrose County Airport Tribute to Aviation this past weekend, the CAF crew offered five or six rides each day to the public. This airplane has no air-conditioning and while the instrument panel is authentic, paper

charts have been replaced by an iPad that is just a fingertip away. Eastman laughed and said, "I like the iPad. In the old days if you put your chart too close to the open window it would get sucked out."

"And, the older I get I like that I can enlarge what I'm looking at."



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & OPPORTUNITY

# APPLY FOR 2019 RIDGWAY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

### Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-The Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the opening of the application process for our 2019 Youth Ambassador. The Youth Ambassador program is a concerted effort by the chamber to amplify the youth voice and better connect local commerce with local education. The program also supports our belief that local business success is predicated on local talent and our first-priority talent pipeline should be our local students. The Youth Ambassador will be eligible for a \$500 scholarship for post-secondary education, and receives career and professional development benefits from the one-year experience, with mentorship from advisors in the local business community. The ambassador is also recognized through various print and online news sources.

Filling the role of the Youth Ambassador has four main requirements:

- Live in Ridgway or go to Ridgway Secondary School.
- Be in the junior year of high school.
- Apply for the position by Sept. 26.
- Commit to writing a 300-word welcome letter for the 2019 Ridgway Visitors Guide

by Oct. 13, attending a few chamber board meetings and major chamber events throughout 2019, volunteering at the Ridgway Scramble in September 2019, and posting photos to Instagram weekly from November 2018 to October 2019. The weekly time commitment is usually less than an hour; the estimated monthly time commitment is four to six hours.

2018 Youth Ambassador Elizabeth Mueller said of her experience, "My involvement in the Chamber of Commerce has become one of the highest honors of my high school career. Being appointed Youth Ambassador means that certain members of the community were able to recognize myself and the youth body I represent as an important part of our town and I am so pleased to be able to facilitate that connection. In addition, I feel my time serving as Ridgway Chamber's Youth Ambassador will better prepare me for a successful future beyond my high school career and beyond Ridgway, giving me a chance to see community thinkers in action and to contribute to the development of my home."

*The chamber welcomes any interested students, who fit the requirements and are*

*excited about the opportunities described above, to apply.*

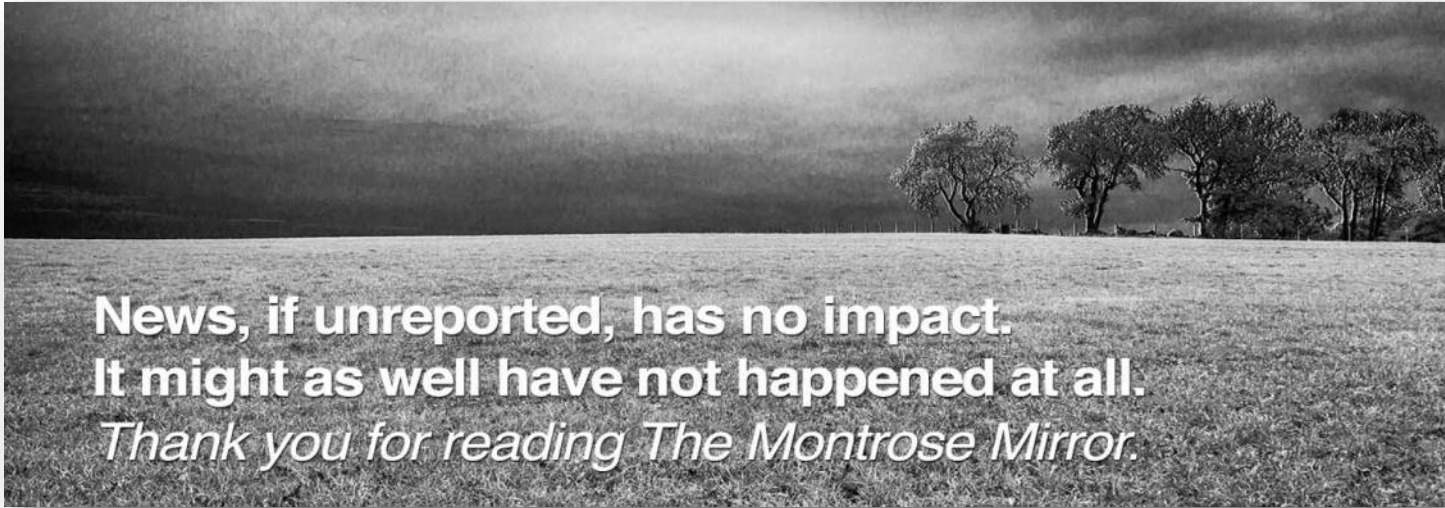
### Application Process & Instructions

Please submit the following application materials by *midnight on Wednesday, Sept. 26*:

- name, age, phone number, email address, and mailing address
- a 300 to 400-word essay about why youth should be involved in community organizations
- one letter of reference from a school teacher/administrator or a community member such as a supervisor for a job, internship or volunteer assignment or a dance teacher or coach (but no family members please)

Please email materials to [office@tanyaishikawa.com](mailto:office@tanyaishikawa.com). The Youth Ambassador Selection Committee will consist of two chamber representatives, two school representatives, and the 2018 Youth Ambassador. The announcement of the 2019 Youth Ambassador will be made during the first week of October.

If you have questions, please contact RACC Communications Specialist Tanya Ishikawa at [office@tanyaishikawa.com](mailto:office@tanyaishikawa.com) or 303-819-7784.



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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

# WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE PRESENTS AN UPSTART PRODUCTION OF OUR TOWN BY THORNTON WILDER

### Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-The Wright Opera House is proud to present an UpstART production of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* this fall, with performances Nov. 8-11. The UpstART website ( [www.UpstARTmoves.org](http://www.UpstARTmoves.org) ) provides a synopsis: Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece *Our Town* is, according to Edward Albee "possibly the finest play ever written by an American." Simply, movingly, often hilariously, the play reflects on the ordinary, extraordinary nature of daily life in a small town, holding up a mirror to show us the way we are, "in our growing up and our marrying, and in our living, and in our dying."

Director John Kissingford is convinced that Western Slope residents will find Grovers Corners, the fictional town portrayed in the play, extremely familiar. "This is our life here, today," he said. "Our daily interactions and relationships and routines, from breakfast and work and school through dinner and maybe a moment to gaze in wonder at the stars... some details have changed maybe since Wilder wrote the play, but the substance

is universal." Universality is what the playwright, by all accounts, intended. Wilder wrote that he wanted to "set a small village against the largest dimensions of time and place," and he called *Our Town* his "attempt to find a value above all price for smaller events in our daily life."

For this reason, perhaps, *Our Town* is considered Wilder's greatest work. Winner of the 1938 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, it is one of the most popularly produced plays in the American theater, prompting some critics to call it "the great American drama." But it is the strangeness of the play, with its bare stage set and its unconventional story, that attracts Kissingford to the script. "Wilder uses theater to get beyond the theater," he said, "towards something deeper. There's no fake contrived story, like most plays have. Wilder messes with us, messes with our expectations. And somehow, maybe because we recognize ourselves in them, the ordinary moments of ordinary lives become funny and surprising and moving, every time."

UpstART's mission is about rural/urban collaboration, and this production is typi-

cal, with professional actors arriving in October from Denver, New York, and Chicago. Drew Horwitz, familiar to local audiences from UpstART's recent production of *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, Kevin Lowry from UpstART's *Jericho*, and Skylar Sprague from No Holds Bard's recent *The Winter's Tale* are all returning to Ouray for *Our Town*.

They will join a cast of nineteen, featuring local high school seniors Elizabeth Mueller and Cooper Rondinelli as Emily Webb and George Gibbs, around whose relationship the play revolves. The Stage Manager, a role made famous by such actors as Hal Holbrook and Paul Newman, will be played by Ouray resident Steve Gallion.

Contact: Kate Kissingford 303-949-2642  
[kjkissingford@gmail.com](mailto:kjkissingford@gmail.com)

UpstART seeks to Awaken, Enliven & Entertain audiences in Ouray County and beyond, by presenting professional quality theater and education through a Rural/Urban collaboration of artists.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### GET MOTIVATED! IGNITE AN ILLUMINATING AND FUN NIGHT FOR YOURSELF!

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MONTROSE-It's time for the next Ignite-Montrose where community members share their ideas, hobbies, adventures and passions to enlighten and captivate an audience. Stop in at the new location – Intrinzik, 512 E Main St., Montrose, Tuesday, September 18th at 7 pm for an entertaining evening of short presentations (5 minutes with 20 slides) on a variety of different topics.

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### TOUR MONTROSE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM SEPT. 18

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

### TALKING GOURDS HOSTS GLOBAL EVENT LOCALLY

#### Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE – The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds poetry program will host a poetry reading, *Peace & Justice*, at noon at the Wilkinson Library lower terrace on Saturday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, as part of a global action by 100 Thousand Poets for Change.

This year marks the eighth annual global event for 100 Thousand Poets for Change, a grassroots organization that brings communities together to call for environmental, social, and political change within the framework of peace and sustainability.

An annual event that began primarily with poet organizers, 100 Thousand Poets for Change has grown into an interdisciplinary coalition of musicians, dancers,

mimes, painters and photographers from around the world.

"Peace and sustainability are major concerns worldwide, and the guiding principles for this global event," said Michael Rothenberg, co-founder of 100 Thousand Poets for Change.

"We are in a world where it isn't just one issue that needs to be addressed. A common ground is built through this global compilation of local stories, which is how we create a true narrative for discourse to inform the future."

Impetus for the event was the return of poet Nathan Brown of Austin, Texas, who read in this area last year.

He will be in town for a second 100tpc

reading on Sept. 28 in Placerville at the home of Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer and then for the Sept. 29 noon-time *Peace & Justice* reading in Telluride. Poet, writer and organizer of the Crestone Poetry Festival Peter Anderson will come from Crestone to join us. Other local poets featured include Daiva Chesonis of Norwood, Peter Waldor of Telluride, Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer of Placerville, Art Goodtimes of Wrights Mesa, Bonnie Emerick of Rico & special guests.

Following the reading there will be a Passing of the Gourd where audience members can bring a poem of their own to read, or of someone else's, on the topic of Peace & Justice.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: PEOPLE ON THE GO!

### OURAY LANDS AND MINERAL STAFFER LIZ MAUCH RETIRES

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE— The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests announce the retirement of long-serving employee Liz Mauch. Liz departs the Forest Service with over 26 years of service, the majority of which was spent with the GMUG.

A native of southwest Ohio, Liz attended Miami University (Ohio) where she earned a Bachelor's in Geology. She furthered her education at Rice University receiving her Masters in Geology before taking a job with Amoco. In July 1992 she took on her first job with the Forest Service as a Resource Clerk for the Yampa Ranger District of the Routt National Forest. In 2002 Liz joined the GMUG's Grand Valley Ranger District as a Business Management Clerk, later serving as an Administrative Support Assistant and in 2006 took over duties as the District Geologist. In 2009 she accepted a special assignment as the Ouray Ranger District's Lands and Minerals Staff

Officer, which became permanent in 2011. Liz recently completed a temporary assignment as the GMUG Lands Program Manager, postponing her original retirement date by 120 days for the opportunity. "Liz is an outstanding individual who has been integral to the GMUG for many years" said Corey Wong, GMUG Public Service Staff Officer "her wealth of knowledge reservoirs, irrigation ditches and water rights helped the GMUG process over 500 ditch bill easement applications, she will be greatly missed."

Liz plans to enjoy retirement with many hikes and traveling with her husband Tim, along with visiting family and friends.



*The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests announce the retirement of long-serving employee Liz Mauch. Courtesy photo.*

### SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT HONORED FOR 25 YEARS AT HOPEWEST

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

GRAND JUNCTION-HopeWest, a local non-profit hospice, palliative care and grief program, honors Kerri Mosinski, Senior Vice President, for 25 years of employment. "Kerri helped create this organization from day one," said Christy Whitney Borchard, President & CEO at HopeWest. "The Western Slope is so fortunate that Kerri left California and moved to Grand Junction 25 years ago. Since then, she developed many of our programs and

guided the HopeWest Kids grief program and other creative endeavors. We are grateful for Kerri's service to our community and to have her expertise every step of the way." Mosinski began her career with HopeWest in 1993 as a social worker serving hospice patients. Over the course of 25 years, HopeWest programs grew and so did Mosinski's responsibilities. Today, she holds the position of Senior Vice President and in this role, she is responsible for development and oversight

of many key programs.

She has been instrumental in creating the vision for the future for HopeWest with its expansion to include P.A.C.E. program in Grand Junction and other services to support seniors, to help them stay in their homes. Looking back, Mosinski says she is amazed by the growth of the organization. She's always been confident in the organization's mission and the services that were formed to meet the needs of our community.

### QUALITY HEALTH NETWORK'S THOMPSON RECEIVES 2018 SHIEC CHAIRMAN AWARD



*Dick Thompson, CEO of Quality Health Network (QHN) is the 2018 Chairman Award winner. Courtesy photo.*

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

GRAND JUNCTION-The Strategic Health Information Exchange Collaborative (SHIEC) announced Dick Thompson, executive director and CEO of Quality Health Network (QHN) of western Colorado as the 2018 Chairman Award winner at the SHIEC Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>. More than 500 leaders from the health information exchange (HIE) industry attended the event. Dan Porreca, the current SHIEC board chairman and the executive director of HEALTHeLINK in New York created the award to recognize Thompson's leadership over the past seven years. "I don't think it is a stretch to say that without Dick's vision, leadership and passion – SHIEC would not exist as it does today," commented Porreca. "When thinking about who I would want to recognize, Dick Thompson's name rose to the top of the list."

# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

## Out with Columbus -- In with Indigenous Peoples

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY** ... There's been quite a movement around the country to replace Columbus Day. As Euro-Americans we identify with the discovery of the new world. But for indigenous peoples of the Americas it was the start of one of the world's largest genocides ... That's a word we hear used for the Jewish slaughter and maybe a few other catastrophic mass murders in history – Rwanda, Armenia. One we rarely own up to, in this country ... But genocide is the appropriate term for how settlers often behaved towards indigenous people in the era of manifest destiny. Massacres were common. Need proof? Try reading Benjamin Madley's *An American Genocide: The United States and the California Indian Catastrophe, 1846-1873* (Yale University Press, 2016), or David E. Stannard's *American Holocaust: The Conquest of the New World* (Oxford University Press, 1996), or Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz's *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the World* (Beacon Press, 2014) ... As Indigenous legal scholar Walter Echohawk said at a historical conference in Boulder several years ago, "America will never be at peace until it makes reconciliation with native peoples in this country" ... We in San Miguel County have been wrestling with that concept for the last 20 years, ever since we changed the name of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples day. I mean, even aside from what happened after he arrived, Columbus was not a heroic figure. Read this historical account if you're not already acquainted with his many sins ...

[www.vox.com/2014/10/13/6957875/christopher-columbus-murderer-tyrant-scoundrel](http://www.vox.com/2014/10/13/6957875/christopher-columbus-murderer-tyrant-scoundrel) ... The famous American poet William Carlos Williams speaks to the shame attached to this iconic "explorer" in the excerpt below ... So, for the past three years, on the Indigenous Peoples Day weekend, San Miguel County has been holding a group of talks and presentations to educate people on the real history of our country, to help us get to know our



**Archaeologist Glade Hadden who will talk about Eagle Rockshelter in Delta County (courtesy photo).**

indigenous neighbors, and to heal the wounds of the past ... Former Ute Indian Tribal Chair Roland McCook of Montrose will speak on current issues in Indian country; curandera and poet Eutimia Cruz Montoya of Denver will hold a healing workshop to try and help us work through our shameful history; she will also do a reading of her wild poetry Sunday evening; archaeologist Glade Hadden will speak of Delta County's Eagle Rockshelter and the 130 centuries of continuous indigenous habitation of the Western Slope; Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk will hold two roundtable discussions to answer any and all questions about reservation life; Telluride local Joe Pacal will talk about his 18 years working on the Navajo reservation; and New York City urban Indian Rick Chavolla will talk about his dream of an Indigenous Cultural Center ... For more info, visit the Facebook community page Indigenous Peoples Day – San Miguel County.

**WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS** ... "The main islands were thickly populated with a peaceful folks when Christ-over found them. But the orgy of blood which followed, no man has written. We are the slaughterers. It is the tortured soul of our world."

**WEEKLY QUOTA** ... "It would seem to be a paradox: The U.S. economy is booming, unemployment is below 4 percent, and



**the Navajo band Sihasin (courtesy photo).**

corporations are racking up billions in profits. Yet while incomes at the top are soaring, a new Pew Research Center analysis finds that the average American wage, adjusted for inflation, has the same purchasing power it did in 1978. This year, workers are getting average raises of only 2.7 percent – below the 2.9 percent rate of inflation ... Why isn't more of all the newly created wealth reaching the middle and working classes? Economists cite a host of reasons, but I think the critical factor is this: Most companies no longer feel any obligation to share their success with their workers ... Most executives believe their sole responsibility is to stockholders and management, not employees. On Wall St, rising wages are seen as proof of bad management ... [U]nless success is more broadly shared, more Americans will sign up for extreme solutions – ranging from Trumpism to socialism. An economic system that turns a small minority into 'winners' and a majority into 'losers' will, sooner or later, bring about its own demise." –William Falk, editor-in-chief of *The Week*.

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## *Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes*

**MEGHALAYAN** ... That's the current geological age we live in, one of three subsets of the Holocene Epoch which started 11,700 years ago – just about the time the first habitation of the Eagle Rockshelter in Delta County occurred. The International Union of Geological Sciences released the updated geologic time scale this summer

... The first Holocene age was the Greenlandian, which was a warming period after the last Ice Age.

Then about 8,300 years ago the Northgrippian Age began with a 4,100-year-long chill ... The Meghalayan began over 4,200 years ago with a 200-year-long worldwide mega-drought, which triggered

human crises and migrations from China to the Middle East to India.

A stalagmite from a cave in the northeastern Indian state of Meghalaya is the official time stamp marker for the start of the age ... Some scientists think the epochs have changed and the new one is the Anthropocene.

## THE TALKING GOURD

### Wage Peace

Wage peace with your breath.

Breathe in firemen and rubble,  
breathe out whole buildings  
and flocks of redwing blackbirds.

Breathe in terrorists and breathe out sleeping children  
and freshly mown fields.

Breathe in confusion and breathe out maple trees.

Breathe in the fallen  
and breathe out lifelong friendships intact.

Wage peace with your listening:  
hearing sirens, pray loud.

Remember your tools:  
flower seeds, clothes pins, clean rivers.

Make soup.  
Play music, learn the word for thank you in three languages.

Learn to knit, and make a hat.

Think of chaos as dancing raspberries,  
imagine grief as the outbreath of beauty  
or the gesture of fish.

Swim for the other side.  
Wage peace.

Never has the world seemed so fresh and precious.  
Have a cup of tea and rejoice.

Act as if armistice has already arrived.  
Celebrate today.

-Judyth Hill  
Evergreen

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & EDUCATION

### COLORADO CANYONS ASSOCIATION BRINGS 6TH GRADERS TO AN OUTDOOR CLASSROOM FOR COTTONWOOD EDUCATION DAYS!

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE – Colorado Canyons Association is proud to partner with Bureau of Land Management, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and Trout Unlimited to bring over 400 6th graders from Delta county and Olathe out to Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area for the annual Cottonwood Days education event! The event runs from Sept. 17 to Sept. 21. “This year marks the tenth annual Cottonwood Education Days program in Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area. The success and popularity of the program is due to the many great volunteers and partnerships that give it life, and the teachers who enthusiastically use this outdoor laboratory to teach and reinforce their classroom lessons. I can’t help but smile when I see the buses rolling in each morning -- this is one of the very best parts of my job,” says Edd Franz, Manager of the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area. Making the most of our western slope backyard, Cottonwood Days exposes stu-

dents to the natural environment and engages students in a standards-based way with our precious river systems. Students get an opportunity to get out into the field at the Cottonwood Grove Campground in Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area and learn from experts from across the region. What’s more, the curriculum is specifically developed to be in line with Colorado State Education Standards, so the content flows seamlessly with what students are learning in the classroom. “Cottonwood Days is our premier education event in Gunnison Gorge NCA, and it is fantastic that hundreds of kids every fall get to learn outdoors and become more connected to their local area,” says Rob Gay, Colorado Canyons Association Education Director.

During this week-long event, 6th grade students will participate in hands-on learning stations, which range from learning to tie a “red wiggler” fly to understanding traditional Native American uses of the river corridor. Stations are run by expert

volunteers and staff, who will share their first-hand knowledge and answer questions. “My favorite ... was watching kids who ‘hated bugs’ at the beginning of the session open up and become intrigued by all the different kinds we found, and appreciate their role in river ecology,” says Justin Pomeranz, a volunteer for Cottonwood Days. Students will come away with not only factual knowledge, but an appreciation for their environment, ideas for possible careers in the outdoors, and just plain fun experience with their peers! Plus, at the end of the day, each student will receive a fly box to take their newly-made flies home (provided by CCA)!

This year CCA is also collaborating with 6th grade teachers to bring the outdoor lesson to the classroom! Through an interactive game, students are going to learn about Leave No Trace Principles and how to best take care of their environment and each other while out in the field.

For more information, contact Colorado Canyons Association at 970-263-7902.

### CPW REOPENS BASALT STATE WILDLIFE AREA SHOOTING RANGE TO THE PUBLIC

BASALT- After extensive, internal staff discussions and weeks of listening to public comments, including comments expressed during two meetings in Basalt with more than 400 people in attendance, Colorado Parks and Wildlife reopened the Basalt State Wildlife Area shooting range to the public Sept. 15.

Basalt State Wildlife Area shooting range hours will be 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, until further notice.

The range closed after two individuals using prohibited incendiary tracer ammunition allegedly started the nearly 13,000-acre Lake Christine Fire the evening of July 2. Both suspects are facing felony arson charges.

Since the evening of the fire through ongoing habitat mitigation work today, CPW has invested approximately 3,000 personnel hours and over \$100,000, from the initial response to current work restoring the burned area. The agency says

additional work and expenses are still ahead. Agency personnel have also been working with a Burned Area Emergency Response team to look at potential risks associated with the burn area. The BAER team assessment focused on imminent post-fire threats including debris flow from any weather events that could pose a threat to public safety, natural resources or cultural resources.

For more information about CPW shooting ranges, [visit the CPW website](#).



**"Eye of newt, and toe of frog ..."**



**THE MIRROR:**  
A classic in  
the making.



## READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: OUT & ABOUT!



*Above and right, Photographer Deb Reimann captured these images of a fringed gentian, Fall colors, and a cow moose playing peek-a-boo on a recent visit to Silverton.*

*Below right, Brad Switzer took this photo during one of several visits to this weekend's Tribute to Aviation @ Montrose Regional Airport. Below, the inside of a C17 captured by Joan Chismire.*





# Save the Date! Upcoming Regional Events

## CURRENT/ONGOING-

**ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB** Meeting is Sept. 11, 7 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room, Montrose Library, 320 S 2nd St. Presentation: Art and Photography By: Lu Anne Tyrell. Photo Sharing: 'Color' three-five images. Image Critique: Open/Anonymous, up to three images. All are welcome to attend.

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 24** hosts Bingo every Saturday and Sunday at 7pm, at the Bingo Connection, 2075 East Main Montrose. Its open to the Public. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.. For more info call Tom at 260-8298.

**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).

## MONTROSE TOASTMASTERS

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

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

## MONTROSE COUNTY GOP MEETING

6:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month. MC-GOP Headquarters at 242 E. Main. Information: 970-765-7406

## MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING

Noon - third Fridays. Hampton Inn, [1980 North Townsend Ave](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1980+North+Townsend+Ave,+Montrose,+CO+81401/@38.52144,-106.47889,15z). Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

## MONTHLY-

**Sept. 17-18-** Delta County Economic Development are hosting their 2nd Annual E2 Energy Conference. Sept. 17 & 18, 2018 in Paonia. Sept. 17 will be a special kick-off event, Spark Tank at the Paradise Theatre in Paonia. Starts at 4pm. (FREE). Sept. 18th is the Conference, which takes place at the Energy Tech in Paonia. Registration on line, \$60 for the whole conference, student rates available. Please visit: <https://engagedeltacounty.org/2018-conference/> for more information and a link back to registration/sponsorship options.

**Sept. 17-18-**The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Club is proud to host Utah poet Trish Hopkinson on Tuesday night, Sept. 18, starting at 6 p.m. at the Telluride Arts offices across from the Wilkinson Public Library, and Monday night Sept. 17 starting at 6:30 p.m. at Million Miles Away. For more info or a map, call Norwood co-host Daiva Chesonis at 970-729-2210.

**Sept. 18-**It's time for the next Ignite-Montrose where community members share their ideas, hobbies, adventures and passions to enlighten and captivate an audience. Stop in at the new location – Intrinzik, 512 E Main St., Montrose, Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 7 pm for an entertaining evening of short presentations (5 minutes with 20 slides) on a variety of different topics. <https://www.facebook.com/events/242875129867611/>

**Sept. 18-**Montrose County Historical Museum is excited to announce on Sept. 18th starting at 6 pm a special Docent-led tour by the Museum Coordinator, Sally Johnson. Come to explore what history lies in the Museum, with the special tales of Montrose. Limited spaces available please RSVP at 970-249-2085. Admission is \$10/person and \$5 for members.

**Oct. 18-**Orion Mortgage Inc., of Montrose presents Reverse Mortgages-What you need to know start to finish, Camp Robber Café, 1515 Ogden Road in Montrose. Presented by Don Opeka, CSA. Noon to 1: 30 p.m. Seminar and lunch are free, seating is limited. RSVP to [aman-da@orionmortgage.net](mailto:aman-da@orionmortgage.net), or call 303-469-1254 or 800-404-0543.

**Sept. 19-**The Colorado Archaeological Society presents "The Flocks of Houck," a discussion of ancient Puebloan turkey raising in Northern Arizona. Blythe Morrison of Durango will present her research into the presence of turkeys in archaeological collections from Northern Arizona Puebloan sites dating to AD 800-1250, before and during the transitional period when turkeys became an important food for Pueblo people. The talk will be Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street. The public is invited; no charge.

**Sept. 21-**The Madams, Murder and Mayhem historical walking tour will examine the seedier side of local history. This walk will visit the sites of the notorious saloons, jails, and historical buildings. The tales will intertwine history with legends of the famous and scandalous local characters of the area. This tour is available only on Sept. 21; starting at 6 pm. Limited spaces available. Please RSVP at 970-249-2085. Admission is \$10/ person.

**Sept. 25-**The Montrose County League of Women Voters will be participating in National Voter Registration Day (NVRD), a nationwide, nonpartisan effort to register eligible voters on Tuesday, Sept. 25. The League will be out in force at various locations throughout the city and available to assist voters who want to register online or update their registration if they have moved. A valid CO driver's license or ID is required for registration.

**Sept. 28-**6 pm – 10 pm. Brews and Bites: craft beer and small plate tasting event at Intrinzik. Music from Jonathan Scales Fourchestra. [www.montrosebeerfest.com](http://www.montrosebeerfest.com) for tickets and more information. Proceeds benefit All Points Transit.

**Sept. 29-**1pm-6pm at Centennial Plaza in Downtown Montrose. Craft beer tasting and live music from Zolopht and Dragondeer. \$25 in advance or \$30 at the gate. Proceeds benefit All Points Transit [www.montrosebeerfest.com](http://www.montrosebeerfest.com).

**Sept. 30-**3 p.m. Fiesta Música Free Concert, Montrose Pavilion. The Montrose Community Band will be entertaining us with a variety of Spanish and Latin favorites including El Camino Real, Amparito Roca, The Mask of Zorro, Blue Tango and more. <http://montroseband.com/concert-schedule>

**Oct. 6-7-**41st Annual Cedaredge AppleFest in Cedaredge.

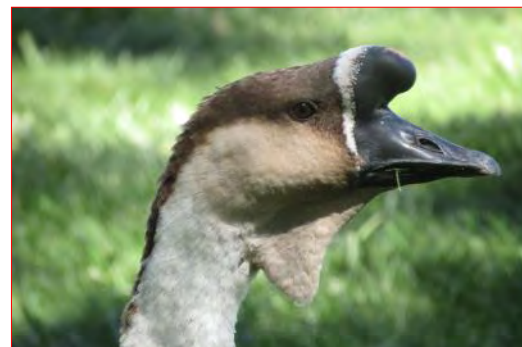
**Oct. 10-14-**Montrose Visual Arts Guild 27th Annual Art & Exhibition Sale Oct. 10 – 14 @Camelot Gardens. Public Viewing: Thursday, Oct. 11; Friday, Oct. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday, Oct.14 from 10 AM to 2 pm.

**Oct. 24-** Join us for a Motivational Leadership Event Hosted by Express Employment Professionals on Oct. 24 from 9am-11:45am. • Grand Junction | @ FACTORY • Montrose | @ Proximity Space. Enjoy a distinguished and diverse lineup of speakers as they share their insight and experience on what makes great leaders. This is an inspirational learning and networking event you won't want to miss! [Click here to register prior to the event, space is limited!](#)

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

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