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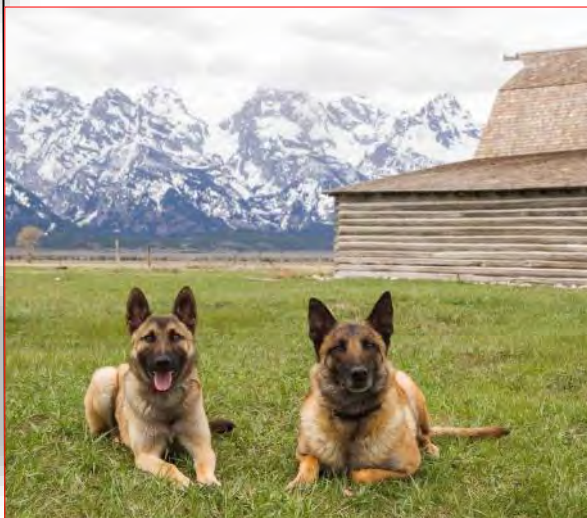


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## BITING BACK @ CRIME: COLORADO POLICE K9 CHALLENGE COMES TO MONTROSE!



Montrose County K9 Officers Oxx and Roo will take part in the Colorado Police K9 Challenge. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Today's law enforcement professionals have an arsenal of highly-effective tools that can be used to fight crime. Only one of those tools, however, can be recalled once it is deployed—and that tool is the police K9. Dogs are not considered to be lethal force, Montrose County Sheriff's Sgt. Keith Sanders said, and are important assets for keeping communities safe. Though the Montrose Police Department does not use K9 officers, the Sheriff's Office has had a successful K9 program for years.

"A dog's senses are 200 times stronger than a human being's," Sanders said. "They can sniff out narcotics and criminals, help to locate missing persons—they can search a building faster and more effectively with their noses than we can."

"It's all in the commands that you give them," Sanders, who works with K9's Oxx and Roo at the Montrose County Sheriff's Office, has been a K9 handler for 13 years. He is qualified not only to

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## BUSINESS OWNERS PROTEST ASPHALT BATCH PLANT EXCHANGE, CITY BACKS DOWN, ISSUES RFP

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—Montrose City Council Work Sessions are working lunch meetings held in Council Chambers from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the Monday preceding the regular Tuesday evening council meeting. Work sessions are open to the public; however, citizen comment is not taken. During these meetings council takes no official action that requires a vote, but they often give staff direction. For the Sept. 17 meeting Councilwoman Judy Ann Files was absent.

### Discussion Items:

**Retail Liquor Store Tastings Ordinance** - City Attorney Stephen Alcorn.

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Following the work session (L to R) Zane Luttrell (Rocky Mountain Aggregate), Randy Ficklin (Elam Construction) and David Verble (United Companies) expressed frustration that they had not heard of the proposed asphalt batch plant service agreement with the between the City of Montrose and Western Gravel, nor had they been given the same opportunity as Western Gravel to compete for the service agreement. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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# ANSWERING THE CALL: MPD OFFICER KAITLYN DANIELSON

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Montrose Police Department (MPD) Patrol Officer Kaitlyn Danielson graduated from Delta High School in the class of 2012, although she graduated early. She said, "After high school I went to cosmetology school but found that wasn't for me." Danielson married a Marine and lived in North Carolina for six years. In 2015 the couple returned to Delta where her husband, a helicopter mechanic, was able to find a job in his field. She said, "He is very supportive and proud. He thinks it is pretty darn cool that his wife is a police officer."

Danielson put herself through the Police Academy in 2016 and partway through received a conditional employment offer from MPD. She said, "Altogether it was not as hard as I thought it would be and I enjoyed it. The hardest part was all the laws and learning elements of the crime. Like the difference between careless and reckless and what applies to what situation." Danielson, who has now been with the department for two and a half years, recently attended the Police Training School and is now certified to train new officers.

On a personal level the least enjoyable aspect of Danielson's job is the 12-hour shift. She said, "I have an infant daughter and I try to balance switching back and forth between working and being in mom-mode. With long days it's hard to get your paperwork done and be out with only 12 hours. It's not unusual for officers to put in 14-16 hours days. For me the hardest part is nights. I want to be the one who puts my daughter to bed, but I have to depend on family." Referring to the job

itself Danielson said, "Basically I like everything about the job. I don't see myself doing anything else." For almost two years MPD has been on 12-hour shifts; however, they are considering going to 10-hour shifts in the near future. For Danielson the most enjoyable part of her job, "By just being able to help people I benefit from the job, but I love working with kids. A lot of little girls think it is pretty cool and will tell me they want to be a police officer. Parents will often say to their children, "Look, it's a lady police officer."" As for career goals Danielson said, "I'd definitely like to join the SWAT Team. I'd like to move up to investigations and have training in that...but I love patrol."

The most stressful aspect of her job, "When you try to talk to someone and they are frustrated with your presence. You still have to do your job and get the information, but they just don't want to talk. Communication takes cooperation and some people don't want to cooperate."

Danielson does not see her job as being about male and female, "We can all do the job, but some people may be more comfortable and communicate better by talking with a female officer. "If they don't want to talk with a big buff officer, they'll talk to me. It also helps if a female officer is the one to search an involved female party." In self-evaluation

Officer Kaitlyn Danielson



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*MPD Patrol Officer Kaitlyn Danielson. Courtesy photo.*

Danielson feels she is pretty laid back, level headed and not easily offended, "When people feel comfortable with you they want to talk to you."

Danielson is also able to laugh at herself, "When I was fairly new to the force I made an arrest and had the man in the back of my car. It was winter and when I walked around the front of my car I slipped in the ice and went down. Not only did the arrestee see me fall, but my dash-cam caught it all. When I got back into the car the arrestee asked me if I was OK. I was so embarrassed. I now have a video of my digging it in front of my camera and all the office has seen it."

When asked how the community could help her do her job better Danielson said, "Just as we try to be patient with people, we ask that people be patient with us as well. When we contact people, especially with our call load, we do the best we can. Patience goes a long way if we are asking for information."



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## ***BITING BACK @ CRIME: COLORADO POLICE K9 CHALLENGE***

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certify police dogs in Colorado, but to teach and certify police dogs nationwide.

The public will have the rare opportunity to see police K9's show off skills and teamwork at the Colorado Police K9 Challenge on Saturday, Sept. 29, starting at 10 a.m. There will be separate age categories for dogs ages one to three, three to six, six to eight, and eight and older. This year, the K9 Challenge also includes a class for retired police K-9's.

Past venues have included Fruita, which offered limited seating on an outdoor ballfield. This year, spectators can sit in comfort and watch the action from the stands at the Mont-

rose County Fairgrounds Event Center. "We've got the perfect setup," Sanders said. "It's a nice, big area and we can get the dogs in and out without them having to pass one another."

K9's come with individual personalities just like people, Sanders said, and those who attend the Colorado Police K9 Challenge will see how the dogs "click" with their human handlers. Sanders will be working with K9's Oxx and Roo; dogs can compete on the obedience and agility courses, and in the hardest hitting and hardest biting dog contests. There is also a fastest dog competition, which Oxx, clocked at 34 miles per hour, won last year.

"We're also working on a SWAT demonstration with K9's," Sanders said.

The event is free to the public, with donations welcomed on behalf of the retired police K9 medical fund. Once the dogs are retired, their handlers are responsible for providing all medical care. The Colorado Police K9 Challenge is a major fundraiser that helps to offset those costs. Also taking place will be a raffle, with exciting prizes such as a side of beef, a side of lamb, and Bronco tickets. "We have some great prizes this year," Sanders said. "I think that the public is going to love it."

Please leave your own dogs at home.

## **REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

### **MONTROSE OKTOBERFEST WELCOMES BEER YOGA**

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MONTROSE-Yoga House is excited to partner with All Points Transit to offer two FREE 30-Minute Beer yoga classes at Oktoberfest! That's right free and we'll provide the mats! You just need to bring a cup of your favorite beer and prepare to stretch and sip away! Oktoberfest is Saturday, Sept. 29, from 1 to 6 p.m. in Centennial Plaza.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE WORKFORCE CENTER TO HOST SPECIAL SIX-DAY HIRING EVENT FOR MARSHALLS DEPARTMENT STORE

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE – The Montrose Workforce Center invites job seekers to a special hiring event.

Marshalls, a department store with more than 1,000 locations in the United States, is preparing to open a new location in Montrose and the Workforce Center is helping the retail giant staff up.

A six-day hiring event will take place from 10 am to 4 pm on Sept. 25, 26 and 27 and Oct. 2, 3 and 4 at the Montrose Workforce Center, 504 North 1st Street in Montrose.

During any of those six days, job seekers

can talk with a representative from Marshalls, and learn more about the positions that are available. Coming to the event with a résumé is helpful but not necessary and staff with the Montrose Workforce Center will be happy to help job seekers prepare a résumé or apply for a job online.

"There are a variety of positions open for hire so the goal is to leave a clear impression of the benefits you have to offer. If you're prepared, you could walk out of this hiring event a big step closer to a great job opportunity," says Montrose

Workforce Center Ray Lucero.

This multi-day hiring event is a part of Workforce Development Month. During September, state and county-run employment offices called Workforce Centers are partnering with the Department of Labor and Employment to spotlight the many services and resources that are available to the state's workers – and job seekers -- and the businesses that hire them -- including Marshalls.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RECOGNIZES SEPTEMBER AS SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

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MONTROSE- September is Sepsis Awareness Month. Montrose Memorial Hospital – which is performing better than the national average on sepsis-related measures – wants to inform the public about the dangers of sepsis, which kills more people than prostate cancer, breast cancer and AIDS combined.

Sepsis is the body's response to infection and can lead to tissue damage, organ fail-

ure and death. Most often, sepsis begins outside the hospital, but it is the job of healthcare providers to quickly diagnose this dangerous condition and treat the patient accordingly.

Nearly 23,000 Coloradans were diagnosed with sepsis in 2017 and it continues to be a crucial health condition that Montrose Memorial Hospital is working to quickly diagnose and treat.

"Basically, we have a team approach to



*Montrose Memorial Hospital. Courtesy photo.*

early recognition of sepsis— because with early recognition comes better outlook, success and integration," said Dr. Justin Tanner, internist with Cedar Point Health and hospitalist for Montrose Memorial Hospital. The hospital developed a protocol to more easily recognize the signs of sepsis in patients: when patients display particular symptoms, things happen rapidly to ensure patient safety is ensured.

"We have success in getting the word out to our staff and providers to look for specific signs of sepsis and screening for it accordingly," said Che Pimentel, RN with the MMH Intensive Care Unit. "We have had an increased awareness about sepsis and what we can do to help patients – for instance, beginning antibiotics and [beginning IV fluids] when sepsis is suspected."

Dr. Tanner noted that the hospital has put a focus on being vigilant regarding the signs of sepsis – not just in September, but year round: "We're always having Sepsis Awareness Month," said Dr. Tanner.

The hospital wants the community to be aware of the role each person can play in preventing sepsis, which begins with watching for signs of infection and being aware of the key signs of sepsis:

**S** Shivering, fever or very cold  
**E** Extreme pain or general discomfort  
**P** Pale or discolored skin  
**S** Sleeping, difficult to rouse, confused  
**I** "I feel like I might die"  
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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### **WESTBOUND I-70 BRIDGE WORK OVER THE COLORADO RIVER (RIFLE) NEARING COMPLETION**

*Special to the Mirror*

GARFIELD COUNTY – On Monday, Sept. 24, westbound Interstate 70 traffic will shift back onto the westbound bridge over the Colorado River near Rifle. Since April, eastbound and westbound I-70 have been reduced to a single lane separated by a concrete barrier wall on the eastbound I-70 bridge. Both directions will remain in a single lane configuration for several weeks while crews remove the temporary median crossover and complete finishing work.

The contractor has completed repairs to the westbound I-70 bridge. Crews made extensive structural steel and concrete deck repairs. Concrete bridge approaches and railings were also replaced.

Posted speed limit reductions will remain in place and are strictly enforced. Fines are double in the work zone.

Project completion is anticipated in mid-October, which is several weeks ahead of schedule. All work is weather-dependent and the schedule is subject to change. Visit the project website for the latest schedule information.

#### **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The Colorado Department of Transportation and Hamilton Construction Company recently rehabilitated the westbound I-70 bridge over the Colorado River near Rifle. The total construction cost is approximately \$3.1 million and the project is funded by FASTER. The Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery Act of 2009 (FASTER) allows the State of Colorado to improve roadway safety, repair deteriorating bridges, and support transit.

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### ALPINE BANK MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY NETS MORE THAN \$500K

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COLORADO— The American Red Cross of Colorado and Wyoming has partnered with Alpine Bank in their efforts to provide financial support for Red Cross Disaster Relief that has allowed the Red Cross to respond to a wide variety of disasters in Colorado and Wyoming. In July, more than a dozen fires burned all over the state of Colorado, including the Lake Christine Fire, in Basalt, the 416 Fire in Durango, and many others. During that time, dozens of people stayed in Red Cross shelters to escape the threat of

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To continue the support for Colorado communities, Alpine Bank pledged a matching gift up to \$250,000 to support Red Cross Disaster Relief. The campaign ended Aug. 31, 2018. The campaign included a microsite to accept donations and mail campaigns to draw support from communities across Colorado—from individuals, businesses and foundations to



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When the matching donation effort was complete, it resulted in \$304,000 being donated that included a generous donation of \$95,000 from CoBank as part of the campaign. That final number activated the matching goal of \$250,000 to bring \$554,000 to disaster relief.

"The generosity of Alpine Bank to support communities across Colorado, including those impacted by wildfires has inspired our Colorado community to come together to alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies," said Gino Greco, Regional CEO, "I couldn't be more proud and I am especially grateful for the leadership of Alpine Bank and the outpouring of support across Colorado."

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### PUBLIC INVITED TO CITY BUDGET OPEN HOUSE OCT. 1

#### Special to the Mirror

**MONTROSE** – The public will have an opportunity to receive information and provide feedback regarding the city's 2019 budget at an open house on Monday, Oct. 1, in the City Council Chambers located at 107 S. Cascade Ave. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with an overview of the budget, followed by informal, one-on-one discussions with city officials who will take comments and provide additional information.

The City budgets on an annual basis for a fiscal year that begins Jan. 1. The City's Charter (Article V, Finance, Appropriations and Taxation) outlines the basic budget procedure that is used to create, approve, and implement the annual budget.

The city manager is required to prepare a recommended annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year and provide it to the City Council on or before Oct. 15. The budget development process begins in early summer with each department preparing a preliminary budget estimate based on an analysis of its operational needs for the coming year. Departmental budget estimates are reviewed and adjusted by the city manager and combined into a draft budget for the entire City organization. The draft budget is then provided to the City Council for review. Two public hearings are held in November to approve the budget and an appropriating ordinance.

Residents who are unable to attend the open house are encouraged to view the proposed budget at [www.CityofMontrose.org/budget](http://www.CityofMontrose.org/budget). The site includes an electronic version of the budget, a link to submit comments, documents related to past and current budgets, and more information about how the public can actively participate in the budget process.

Copies of the proposed budget are also available at City Hall located at 433 South First Street from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

All interested citizens are encouraged to accept the opportunity to give written and verbal comments.





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# ***BUSINESS OWNERS PROTEST ASPHALT PLANT EXCHANGE***

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year ago city council passed an ordinance to allow liquor store tastings and currently there are three establishments participating.

Alcorn said, "If the State adds more changes we can update them without going through this again." Reviewing the redline document Mayor Roy Anderson said, "All these are to keep us compliant with the State?" Alcorn said, "Yes."

**Service Exchange Authorization Asphalt Batch Plant** - Public Works Manager Jim Scheid.

The city owns an asphalt plant which has allowed them to do smaller jobs in-house cheaper than they could purchase elsewhere.

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid recommended the asphalt batch plant be given to Western Gravel in exchange for the company supplying 1,000 tons of asphalt to the city over the next two-years. Scheid said, "The approximate value is \$80,000. We would still have access to the asphalt for smaller needs, but producing asphalt at a reasonable price. They [Western Gravel] would remove and relocate the batch plant at their expense." The council did not ask, nor did the staff estimate the value of the batch plant itself.

The agreement calls for Western Gravel to keep the plant in Montrose for five years. Scheid said, "They can't just move it to Arizona. Part of their plan is to use it to expand and grow their business."

Councilwoman Barbara Bynum asked whether the exchange had gone out for bid, "I want to make sure we're not excluding others." Scheid indicated that even though it was possible that at least one other company might be interested, "It did not go out for bid."

Commenting on a Request for Proposal (RFP) City Manager Bill Bell said, "Technically we don't have to do that. Exchanging services doesn't apply to this." Mayor Anderson said, "It is a good value."

Councilman Dave Bowman asked about city layoffs. Bell said, "We have changed from street construction [service model]

to street maintenance. We won't lay off employees but move employees around."

The Service Exchange Authorization agreement with Western Gravel was slated to appear on the council agenda in two weeks. Mayor Anderson said, "This should be a slam dunk."

After the work session, business attendees David Verble (United Companies), Zane Luttrell (Rocky Mountain Aggregate) and Randy Ficklin (Elam Construction) expressed frustration that they had never heard about the service agreement, they had not been given the same opportunity as Western Gravel, and the city had never offered to help any of them expand and grow their businesses.

Later in the afternoon the city put out a press release, "The second company, Rocky Mountain Aggregate, told city administrators they were changing the scope of their services that could include the addition of asphalt delivery. Before Rocky Mountain Aggregate approached the city, Western Gravel was the only company expressing interest in the agreement."

The city reversed their position and sent out an RFP for the service exchange for the asphalt batch plant. City staff will go back to the council in October with their recommendation.

## **General City Council Discussion**

Councilman Doug Glaspell has concerns that the city is losing tax revenue from campers that park overnight in the Walmart parking lot. Glaspell said, "Is there something we should be looking at for taxes being paid, or should we talk to Walmart?" City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said, "This comes up every few years." Alcorn indicated the city staff has talked to Walmart, but they have no interest in keeping travelers from using the parking lot overnight.

Discussion included the fact that overnight campers often re-stock their supplies, which provides tax revenue, and if they were not allowed to stay in the Montrose Walmart parking lot they would move on to Delta or Gunnison.

Alcorn asked if other councilors were interested in pursuing the issue. Councilwoman Barbara Bynum said, "Not from me." Anderson said, "It seems to me if Target and Walmart managers are coming to us saying they have a problem, but they are not." Alcorn said, "I think Walmart likes having overnight campers."

Bynum mentioned upcoming State ballot issues and wondered whether council would follow the lead and position of the Colorado Municipal League (CML). Bell said, "That usually comes after CML goes to the Policy Committee. [There are times] we've also decided not to take a stand, but if we're going to do this we'll look at # 74."

Glaspell brought up the newspaper reports on the upcoming DMEA proposal to amend and restate their Articles of Incorporation and he seemed to be asking if the city had an official position on the ballot issue. Bell said, "Virgil [Turner] and I have talked a lot to DMEA. It's very complicated. On the surface it looks like more positive than negative." Glaspell said, "Not knowing what the overall payoff is and are we looking at a long-term payoff?" From the discussion it was unclear what a \$50 M buy-out from DMEA to Tri-State Generation and Transmission would look like. Councilman Dave Bowman said, "I think we need to have DMEA come to a work session and talk to us."

Bowman noted that Bob Brown, member of the Save the Statues group, approached him about city financial support. City Manager Bill Bell said, "We're waiting to see what the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the county buy-in would be. They would be asking the city for about \$100,000, which would have to come from reserves. The city would take ownership of the statues, but we want to wait until we hear from the county."

Mayor Roy Anderson has been receiving calls and emails about the apparent lack of concern over water issues. He said, "I'd like to have a stronger image about water conservation in the city. I'd like to have

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a stronger image about water conservation in the city. I'd like to have some discussion sometime." City Engineer Scott Murphy said, "There is a Water Conservation Plan that has not gotten out to the public or the media." Bynum said, "The City of Montrose has really good water rights. We don't want people to think that we are going to run out of water."

#### **Staff Comments**

Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner said, "We had a great meeting at La Raza Park with probably 100 people. We discussed low-interest loans and affordable home repairs. There was a lot of interest in the Neighborhood Watch Program."

Chief of Police Tom Chinn said, "We had a

busy week last week [standoff at the Holiday Inn]. There were a lot of people displaced from the motel. Most all of the people were pleased with the way we were trying to protect them. It went very well, better than most people in the community will ever know."

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid spoke about selling a decommissioned police car to the town of Olathe. Scheid said, "On July 3<sup>rd</sup> one of the Olathe patrol vehicles was totaled. This benefits us and Olathe. It helps them and it saves us money too."

New Montrose Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler attended her first work session.

Council was reminded of an upcoming webinar on the Gallagher Amendment, the

Welcome Home Alliance open house, the Homes for Our Troops donation, and CML scheduled events.

Murphy said, "Niagara is now open. There are a couple of areas that will have to be repaired, at their [contractor's] expense, but it won't cause closures. Paving in the URA [Urban Renewal Authority] will be done in October. Repaving of South Mesa Avenue has not yet been scheduled."

Public Information Officer Will Woody said, "We've had over 60,000 views on the city website."

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo noted there are still openings on the Safety Advisory Committee, the Historic Preservation Committee and the Planning Commission.

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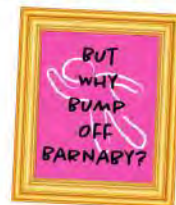
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## STANDPIPE WILL CHANGE SKYLINE OF MONTROSE, ENGINEER SAYS



*At the Sept. 18 Montrose City Council meeting City council interviewed the Youth Council applicants for the 2018-2019 term. Questions to the youth included, "How are you a good role model for youth in the community? What two things would improve the quality of your education? What is the biggest problem for youth in the USA today?" (Two members of the Youth Council were unavailable for the photo). Photo by Gail Marvel.*

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Regular City Council meetings are held in Council Chambers at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Meetings are videotaped and can be watched live-stream, or by going to the city website. All council members were present for the meeting held on Sept. 18. **Ruth and Howard Heath Day Proclamation**

Council issued a proclamation designating Sept. 29, 2018 as Ruth and Howard Heath Day.

The proclamation acknowledged the numerous contributions made by the Heaths to the community. Ruth Heath, the first female Montrose County Clerk and Recorder, served in the elected position for 20 years (1979-1999). Howard Heath passed away in 2016.

### **Constitution Proclamation Week**

Sept. 17, 2018 marks the 231<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention.

In 1955, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) petitioned Congress to annually set aside September 17-23 for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into Public Law #915

on Aug. 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Montrose City Council issued a proclamation, "THEREFORE, we, the City Council of the City of Montrose, Colorado, do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23, 2018, to be CONSTITUTION WEEK in the City of Montrose, Colorado, and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained."

**Call for Public Comment** – There were no citizen comments.

### **Youth Council Interviews**

Youth Council applicants for the 2018-2019 term were interviewed. Each youth introduced themselves to the council and answered one question, such as, "How are you a good role model for youth in the community? What two things would improve the quality of your education? What is the biggest problem for youth in the USA today?"

Youth Council Coordinator Kelly Rhoderick said, "We will begin meeting as soon as possible."

**New 3.2 Beer License Application** – City Attorney Stephen Alcorn.

Council held a hearing for a Fermented Malt Beverage (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.

Alta representative Dennis Dirkse said, "We have 109 [convenience] stores, 750 employees and we have had zero violations." [Approved unanimously.](#)

**Ordinance 2456 (second reading)** - City Attorney Stephen Alcorn.

This ordinance allows the city to opt-out of the 500-foot distance restriction between Beer and Wine and Hotel and Restaurant liquor licenses and schools.

Mayor Roy Anderson said, "It is very clear that this is for consumption on the premises." There was no public comment or council discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Resolution 2018-26** - Grant Coordinator Kendall Kramer.

This resolution approves committing \$71,128 in local funds to fulfill the matching requirement of the \$200,000 grant from History Colorado State Historical Fund. The resolution also authorizes the city manager to execute the grant agreement.

The Denver & Rio Grande Depot, which was built in 1912, has approximately 6,000 roof tiles that must be removed, the roof repaired and the original tiles put back in place. Kramer said, "We will begin this upcoming Spring and it will last three-months. The total cost is \$271,128." Kramer noted that handling the tiles in accordance with Historical Preservation projects is a specialty and there was only one bidder. Approved unanimously.

**Bid Recommendation for Depot Roof Rehabilitation Project** - Facilities Manager Mark Armstrong.

The staff recommends awarding the contract for the Montrose Denver & Rio Grande Depot Roof Rehabilitation Project to Peak View Roofing Company for the amount of \$ 271,128. The \$71,128 city match will come from the 2019 Capital Improvement Budget. Director of [Innovation and Citizen Engagement](#) Virgil Turner said, "This is an expensive roof project, but the technical nature of it is worth the

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the cost.” Approved unanimously.

**Design Contract Award Sunset Mesa Water Tank Replacement Project** – City Engineer Scott Murphy.

There are currently two water tanks on Sunset Mesa; the city-owned tank is underground and should not be confused with the above ground tank which is owned by Chipeta Water. The condition of the city tank was assessed in 2014 and it was determined that portions of the tank are structurally compromised and in need of \$1 million to \$2 million in repairs.

Councilwoman Judy Ann Files said, “Hiring the design done will help determine what type of tank we want.”

Murphy said, “We will be looking at all sorts of tanks, below ground, standpipe... what will be the best value for the community. There will be a public outreach to get feedback from the community. A standpipe [140 feet tall] will change the skyline of Montrose. I wanted to plant the seed that they will be looking at something like this.”

Murphy recommended council award a contract to Farnsworth Group in the amount of \$174,839 for design of the Sunset Mesa Tank Replacement project. Approved unanimously.

**English Gardens 4 Filing No. 4 Final Plat** - Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This is a request to final plat 26 lots, street dedications and an outlot in the English Gardens 4 Subdivision. The property, located north of Niagara Rd. & Alder Drive, is zoned R-2 and the approval of the plat will allow recording of the plat and sale of lots. For two years the city holds warranty security from the developer in the amount of \$47,741. Approved unanimously.



***Daughters of the American Revolution Representative Cherie Stock Collins attended the city council meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> to accept the Constitution Week Proclamation signed Mayor Roy Anderson. Photo by Gail Marvel.***

### **Staff Reports**

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

January - July 2018 total collected YTD: Sales and Use Tax \$9,958,378; Montrose Recreation District (0.3%) \$1,001,698; and Retail Enhancement Program \$197,772.

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

Bell introduced new Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler and noted the scope of the position, “This is a working assistant manager, not an executive assistant.” Oversight of city functions has been divided between the city manager and the assistant city manager.

Some of the departments which Morgenthaler will oversee include utilities, the city clerk’s office, golf course, the office of Innovation and Citizen Engagement, and community events. Currently the position

of Community Events Coordinator in the Office of Business and Tourism (OBT) is vacant.

This was Margenthaler’s first council meeting and she thanked council for the warm welcome.

### **City Council Comments**

An open house for the 2019 proposed budget will take place in Council Chambers on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. Written and verbal comments will be accepted from citizens.

Councilors noted the various activities taking place in the community, i.e. the air show, housing meeting, youth sports activities, and the homecoming parade.

Applications are still being accepted for the Citizens Advisory Committee for Public Safety (deadline Oct. 9), the Historical Preservation Committee, and the Planning Commission.

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## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE UPDATES RULES ON TRANSPORTING OF UNARMED BOWS & CROSSBOWS

*Special to the Mirror*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Park Service has published a final rule in the Federal Register regarding the transportation of unloaded bows and crossbows. Individuals on foot or horseback no longer need to obtain a permit to carry unloaded bows and crossbows across National Park Service property. The new rule will take effect on Oct. 18, 2018. Regulations previously allowed bows and crossbows to be transported through a national park without a permit only if an individual was in a motor vehicle or other form of mechanical

transport. An individual on foot or horseback was required to have a permit. Some roads maintained by the National Park Service bisect private property, making it necessary to enter park land in order to cross the street from one section of private land to another. When other means of approach are otherwise impractical or impossible, those transporting bows and crossbows across national park lands will now have equal access. "This adjustment to the rule removes an unnecessary requirement and cost for responsible sportsmen seeking access to remote land and

waters adjacent to national parks," said National Park Service Deputy Director P. Daniel Smith. The National Park Service sought feedback from the public on the proposed rules during a formal public comment period earlier this year. After careful consideration of the comments received the National Park Service determined it was appropriate to move forward with the rule changes. The updated regulation does not impact existing hunting regulations within national parks and possessing bows and crossbows would still be subject to applicable state laws.

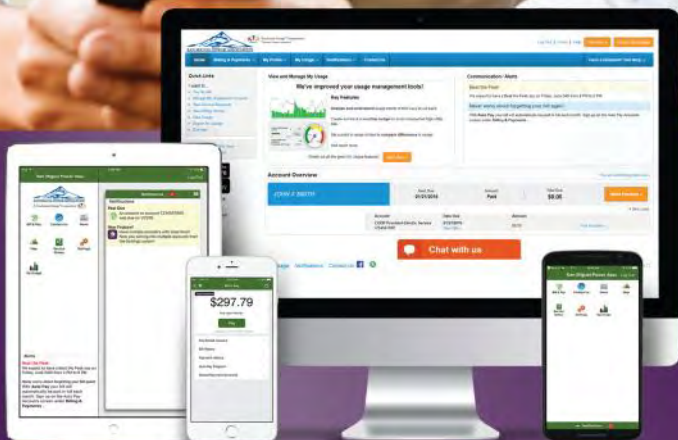
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## TROOPER TIPS: Bicycles and Automobiles, or is it Automobiles and Bicycles?

By Trooper Gary Cutler

COLORADO-Colorado is a bicycling state; so you either ride a bicycle or at least see bicycles often. You'll see the casual riders, weekend riders, bike to work riders, and there are also many weeklong and weekend biking tours throughout the state, such as Ride the Rockies, and Pedal the Plains. This means both bicycles and cars need to access the roadways at the same time and do it amicably. This is accomplished by being courteous to others and following the law. When you're out there driving, you need to be aware there are a multitude of things that you need to be watching for; such as animals, pedestrians, bicycles, debris, broken down vehicles, and pot holes, just to name a few. So let's talk about bicycles this time.

As a Trooper, I'm often approached by both cyclists and drivers complaining about the other one. Both believe they have the right of way, and they are both right to a point. Each has the right of way at certain times. Putting the law to the side for a moment though, just think about it this way; would you want someone doing that to you? Follow that philosophy and your actions will almost always be right. We have always had laws that govern cycling on the roadway, but recently we have also included laws for drivers when they are passing cyclists on the roadways. Probably the most contentious interaction between cyclist and driver is

when they are passing each other when going the same direction. Colorado state law issues an order that cyclist are to ride as far right of the pavement as safely as possible. This is their responsibility. So if there is a shoulder, the rider is required to be on the shoulder and not in the lane of traffic. Now cars have a part to play in this as well. Drivers are responsible to give at least three feet between them and the biker when passing.

One problem I often see on a two-way road is when a car comes upon a cyclist, they will give the required three feet distance, but then they will go into the oncoming lane of traffic causing the other driver to slow or swerve to miss having a crash. Drivers are required to yield to both the other cars as well as the cyclist if they can't pass the bike safely. Now if there isn't a shoulder for the cyclist to ride on, the cyclist has the right to use the roadway. Again they are required to be as far right as they can safely ride. When they are in the lane of traffic though, they are also required to ride single file. Cars are still required to give that three-foot buffer when passing the bike. When a cyclist comes to an intersection and is planning to continue going straight and there is a right turn lane involved it becomes a little more confusing for some. It also becomes a little more dangerous for the cyclist. In this situation the cyclist is allowed to go in between the lane going straight

and the turn lane. This will possibly put the rider between cars. They will also have to cross the turn lane at some point prior to the intersection to get into the lane going straight. In this instance, the cyclist is the one who needs to yield to the cars, but a little courtesy from everyone involved will be helpful to make sure everyone is safe. When it comes to a cyclist needing to make a left turn at an intersection, most cyclists I have observed will stay to the right side of the lane and make a sweeping turn. Drivers need to be observant of the cyclist and try not to pass them when they are turning left with traffic. This is when everyone needs to be cautious. A new law that was signed by Governor Hickenlooper, is what's called the "Idaho Stop" law. It went into effect in August of this year, but each municipality has to opt in for it to be law in their area. The law allows cyclists to treat stop signs as yield signs, and red lights as stop signs. It's a very controversial law and has many critics. So, know the biking laws in the state. As one last reminder here is a little known law to the bikers out there, cyclists are required by law to have at least one hand on the handle bars at all times. This is a law that goes unheeded quite often. I hope this helps everyone while traveling throughout Colorado with knowing how vehicles and bicycles can and need to get along with each other.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### GMUG SEEKS COMMENT ON 2<sup>ND</sup> PHASE OF MAGIC MEADOWS TRAIL PROJECT

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Norwood Ranger District is seeking public comment on Phase 2 of the Magic Meadows Trail Project, a proposal to realign three miles of National Forest System Trail (NFST) #515 (Magic Meadows Trail), a bike trail located 10 miles south of Telluride, Colorado.

A map showing this proposal is available on the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54705>

The overall objective of the Magic Meadows Trail Project is to create a high quality trail open to mountain bike, horse and

foot travel.

Phase 2 of the proposed project will realign four existing trail segments, improving their trail surface and incorporating adequate drainage features. The Forest Service tentatively plans to complete this project by November of 2019.

Trail construction will be accomplished by Forest Service crews with the assistance of the Southwest Conservation Corps and local volunteer groups.

GMUG is currently implementing Phase 1 of the Magic Meadows Trail Project which involves rerouting and decommissioning trail segments that trespass onto adjacent private land.

This first phase will be completed later this fall.

All comments regarding this proposal must be received by the Forest Service by Sept. 27, 2018.

Comments may be mailed to the Norwood Ranger District, P.O. Box 388, Norwood, CO 81423

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# CITIZEN ASKS BOCC ABOUT DOG BARKING ORDINANCE, BRIGHT LIGHTING @ BUSINESS ON 550 SOUTH

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The regular meeting of the Board of Montrose County Commissioners (BOCC) was held on Tuesday, Sept. 18, rather than on Wednesday, Sept. 19. Turnout was light; still, citizen Lynn Carretta spoke during the time for public comment, once again seeking relief from a neighbor's constantly barking dog and questioning the need for a local storage business to use outdoor lighting bright enough to blind travelers on Hwy 550 South at night.

"I am here to talk about some kind of noise ordinance...it's been at least a year, two years since the dog's been barking next door," Carretta said. "I talked to my neighbor and he says 'dogs will be dogs' and then goes to town for the night. It's just difficult to live there while that's happening, with a neighbor that has no regard for other people that live there. So I am asking again, and I know that it's a big process, that we look at a noise ordinance...ag is a different story, but for parties and barking dogs.

"I know the police can't do anything, but I still call and complain," she said. "I am leaving it in your hands, and I hope at some point we can do something about it."

Carretta also mentioned the lights on 550 Storage south of Montrose. "I was driving back from Ridgway the other night, and I feel so bad for the people that live south of town with that 550 Storage. That should never be allowed. That is unbelievable; I think there is more lights there than there is at the Airport...at 10 o'clock at night...that many lights is not only obnoxious but it's obsessive...it was blinding for me when I was driving."

BOCC Chair Keith Caddy said that he would follow up with Planning & Development Director Steve White regarding the lighting issue.

## CONSENT AGENDA

With no changes, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Montrose County Treasurer Rosemary Murphy presented proposed Resolution 54-2018 to purge uncollected property taxes from the tax rolls. Deemed delinquent and uncollectible, property taxes to be cancelled amount to \$31,264.98, with fees and interest of \$24,987.60, for a total of \$56,252.58.

Commissioners unanimously approved the resolution.

Murphy also presented proposed Resolution 55-2018, cancelling two 30-year-old property tax liens, which will then be re-issued.

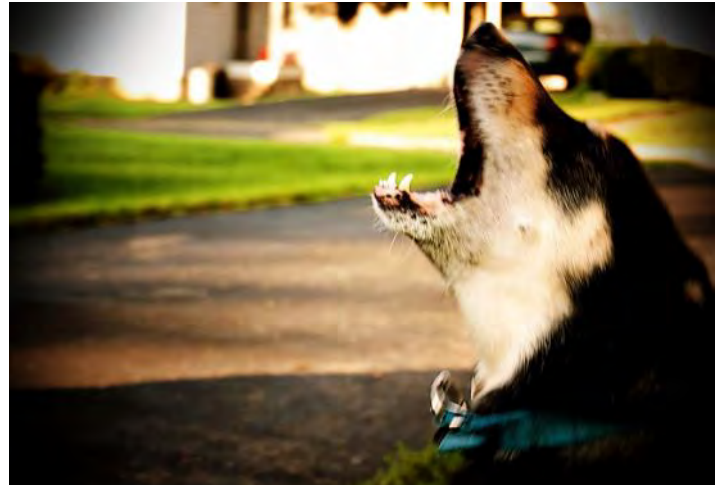
Commissioners unanimously approved adoption of Resolution 55-2018.

The BOCC unanimously authorized a Purchase Service Agreement between the Department of Health & Human Services and the Center for Mental Health to provide Day Treatment Services for in-school mental health counseling for Montrose County public schools here and in the West End.

The purchase service agreement was presented by Montrose County Adult & Child Protective Services Program Manager Stephanie Holsinger, who said that the mental health component was put out for bid this year and one bid was received.

"We've structured this program so that in Montrose County the children receive a paraprofessional that is assigned to them to help them de-escalate, or to try to help them control some of those behaviors, as well as an assigned mental health therapist that works in the schools and then in the homes with the families." The program is 100-percent federally-funded, she said.

Commissioner Sue Hansen asked if referrals come through the school system.



*A constantly barking neighbor dog was a cause of citizen comment at the Montrose BOCC meeting Sept. 18. Courtesy photo.*

"They can actually come from anywhere," Holsinger said. "A parent can come in and say 'I need help,' or the school district, or Center for Mental Health, or even a neighbor."

The therapist has an office, but visits each school regularly, and will be on call, Holsinger said.

Hansen asked about usage of the program.

"...I believe there was five (cases) last year," Holsinger said, but said she expects usage to increase this year. "...I believe there will be a higher utilization here in Montrose...I believe the case load in the West End will be fairly high.

"This is going to be a huge tool for the school district to use for some of those kiddos," Holsinger said.

"I think this great; I get a lot of comments from parents, grandparents over in the West End that need these services... it's great that we are actually expanding this over to that side of the mountain, to help those kids," Commissioner Roger Rash said.

In other business, the BOCC appointed Kent Kinsey to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a two-year term to expire 12/31/2020.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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## WHAFV WARRIOR RESOURCE CENTER CELEBRATES A FACILITY OF THEIR OWN



*Mirror Staff Photo*

**MONTROSE**—Dignitaries gathered to celebrate the newly-acquired Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans' Warrior Resource Center location at 4 South Hillcrest Drive at 9 a.m. on Friday Sept. 21. At 10 a.m., the American Legion raised the POW/MIA flag on the WRC flag pole in honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Pictured inside the WRC are Montrose City Councilor Judy Ann Files, Sallie Clark of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans Founder and Chief Executive Officer Melanie Kline, and Montrose Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION ANNOUNCES NEW APPLICATION TIME FRAMES

#### *Special to the Mirror*

**DENVER**— The Rocky Mountain Region of the USDA Forest Service today announced new application time frames for over 900 temporary jobs available for the 2019 field season throughout national forests and grasslands in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. Temporary jobs are available in a variety of exciting and rewarding occupations such as fire,

trails, forestry, engineering, wildlife, recreation, fisheries, archaeology and administrative support. Job seekers can apply for temporary jobs through USAJOBS during these times: Sept. 19 – Oct. 18, 2018: Wildland fire jobs and other early season temporary jobs. Sept. 19 – Oct. 2, 2018: Recreation, fisheries, forestry, engineering, and other jobs. Temporary job opportunities are searchable online at

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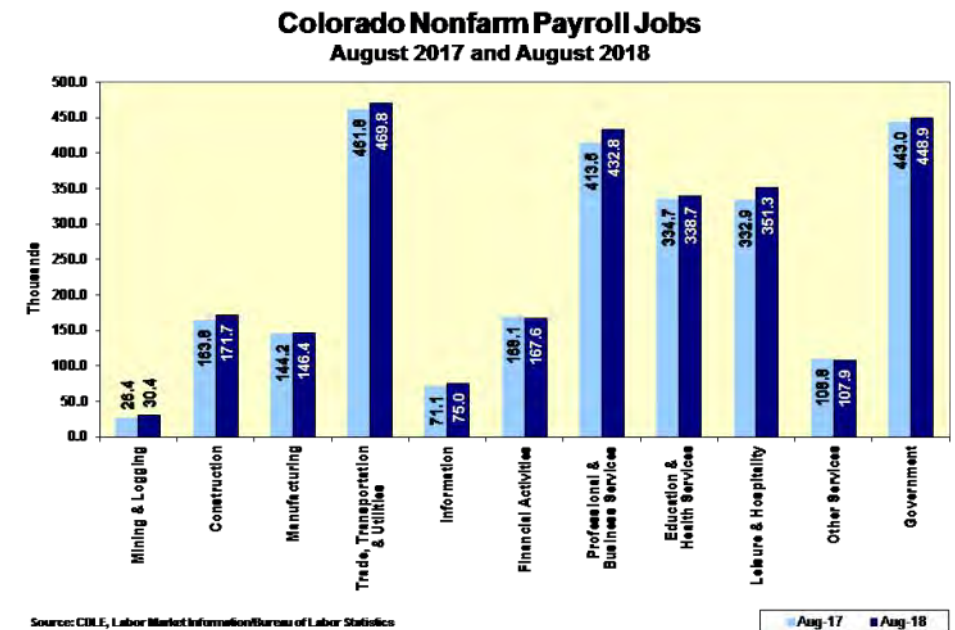
## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### COLORADO EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN AUGUST 2018

#### Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-Employers in Colorado added 1,500 nonfarm payroll jobs from July to August for a total of 2,740,500 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. There was no change in private sector payroll jobs and government increased 1,500. July estimates were revised up to 2,739,000, and the over the month increase from June to July was 4,500 rather than the originally estimated 2,800.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point from July to August to 2.9 percent. The number of people actively participating in the labor force increased 5,900 over the month to 3,090,800 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 900 to 3,000,200. The larger increase in the labor force than in total employment caused the number of unemployed to increase 5,000 and the unemployment rate to increase to 2.9 percent. The national unemployment rate remained unchanged over the same period at 3.9 percent. Over the year, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.8 to 33.9 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$27.46 to \$28.89. The large-



est over the month private sector job gains were in other services, leisure and hospitality, and construction. The largest over the month declines were in financial activities and education and health services. Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 72,200, with an increase of 66,300 in the private sector and an increase of 5,900 in government. The largest private sector job gains were in professional and business services, leisure and

hospitality, and trade, transportation, and utilities. There were no significant over the year declines. Over the year, the unemployment rate is unchanged at 2.9 percent. The number of Coloradans participating in the labor force increased 78,100, total employment increased 75,800 and the number of unemployed increased 2,300. The national unemployment rate declined from 4.4 percent in August 2017 to 3.9 percent in August 2018.

### DELTA COUNTY REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEES PRESENT 2018 ELECTION CANDIDATE FORUM

#### Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County Colorado Republican and Democratic County Committees will jointly present the 2018 Delta County Election Candidate Forum taking place at Bill Heddles Recreation Center at 6 PM on Oct. 2, featuring candidates from both parties. The public is encouraged to attend this free event.

In a totally bipartisan effort, both the Democratic and Republican Delta County committees are proud to bring 2018 Delta County Election Candidate Forum to the Bill Heddles Recreation Center, Delta, for the first time. This forum will bring together Delta County and State Legislature can-

didates from both parties to answer questions from the moderator regarding issues of interest to all citizens of Delta County, the western slope, and the state of Colorado. Doors will open at 6 PM with the forum beginning promptly at 6:30 PM. The Moderator will be Eric Goold of KVNF Radio, Paonia. To give all candidates equal time, no questions will be allowed from the floor. Candidates will be available for questions from attending voters after the forum. Democratic Committee chairman David Jacobson stated: "I hope this political forum can be an example to the rest of the country of what can be accomplished when Democrats and Republicans put

aside their bias and simply see each other as people."

Republican Committee chairman Roger Bentley stated: "Many hours of arduous mental linguistics brought the Delta County Democrat and Republican Central Committees to conclusions regarding this Voter Information Forum. Over 50 questions from the public were compiled for the contested offices that will appear on the Nov 6, 2018, ballot. The intent of our work and this forum is to give interested voters an opportunity to learn about these candidates. We are excited about the format that we have assimilated, and we invite everyone to attend."



## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### FEAR AND POLITICS: IF YOU WANT THE SAME, VOTE THE SAME

*Editor:*

Bob Woodward's new book, *Fear*, is appropriately titled. Fear is the new norm in American politics. To raise the anxiety level of the American populous is how our elected officials want to sway public opinion. The wide divide in our two-party system is never been more evident than in the Brett Kavanaugh Supreme Court confirmation process. One side is driving the fear of a woman losing her right to choose how to manage her body, the other side is driving the fear of diminished or loss of 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights.

Those are important issues as they have been deemed settled law by the Supreme Court, 14<sup>th</sup> amendment for abortion rights and the *Keller* decision for 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights.

There is far more at stake than those two hot button issues. What is at stake is the influence a handful of judicial appointees have on the governance of our nation. The judges sitting on the highest court in the land are supposed to judge without bias. They are supposed to weigh the evidence presented in oral arguments before them and at the lower courts. Yet, in some cases they fail to set aside their personal beliefs

and evaluate cases based on broad implications rather than narrow arguments as presented to them. There are many examples to this cited in a book called "We the Corporations" by Adam Winkler. The book portrays a timeline on how corporations evolved from entities having property right protections under our constitution to rights of liberty. How corporations became people.

Today's Supreme Court hearing really drives home the influence the Democrats want vs. the influence Republicans want. It's not simply a matter of abortion rights or gun rights. It's going to be the influence judges have toward how we are to be governed and who has the greater influence, big money or the common man.

Senator Feinstein's handling of the Dr. Ford's expose was totally inappropriate. Feinstein should not have sat on this pertinent information for two months. In fact, I'm of the opinion her actions were criminal in nature. If she had evidence of a crime she is obligated to report it to law enforcement. She should have explained that to Dr. Ford. Feinstein saw what Ford's allegation was, a way to sabotage the hearing on the eve of the confirmation.

She used Dr. Ford as a pawn in this high-stake game.

The Republicans are no better. For Grassley to refuse to hear testimony from Ford's witnesses is a travesty. This is going to be a "she said / he said" game to which the American people lose.

And then there is Mitch McConnell, to guarantee he has the votes to push the Kavanaugh confirmation through is beyond any sense of fairness. He and his cronies have no interest in representing "We the People." He and his followers simply want to represent "We the Corporations" or "We the Special Interest Groups."

I ask, come November, that you set aside your tendency to vote along party lines. We need to get beyond party affiliation. We need to seriously look at alternatives to the way in which we have chosen our representatives.

I was recently told a vote for a third-party candidate is a wasted vote. I firmly disagree. Strict party allegiance leads to what we have today, grid-lock and a heightened level of incivility in our society. If you want the same, vote the same.

*David Stockton, Montrose*



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## GHOST TOURS & BONES IN LACE: MONTROSE CELEBRATES HAUNTED HISTORY, CLASSIC STYLE DURING OCTOBER EVENT

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The crowds keep growing as the word gets out about the Montrose County Historical Museum's walking tours. And none of the museum's tours are more eagerly awaited than the Ghost Walking Tours, scheduled this year for Oct. 26, 27, and 30 at 6 p.m.

Even business owners like to get in on the fun, said Historical Museum Executive Director Sally Johnson, who created the walking tour program and leads the tours. "I have a couple of business owners who like to know when we are coming through, so they can come out and talk about their building," Johnson said. "And people always love to hear about the buildings."

This year, the Ghost Tours take on a touch of elegance as well, she said.

"We're partnering with the pin-up girls," Johnson said. "They're going to have a photo shoot at the same time, and they are going to bring a hearse."

The Classic Queens pinup girls will be staging a photo session with the hearse and celebrating the grand opening of Tiffany Moore's [Bones in Lace](#) Boutique (305 East Main Street), Moore said. Bones in Lace combines a hip aesthetic



*Bones in Lace owner Tiffany Moore and her baby at the new boutique.*

with vintage styles, carrying not only pretty dresses and accessories, but outfits for roller derby and burlesque as well.

"People really seem to like it," Moore said, adding that Bones in Lace will enhance the color display in Montrose this Fall. "We are going to have blacks, burgun-

dies, and browns, and we will be getting cardigans and sweaters too," she said. "Fall and winter basics."

Stop by the store to see what's new and visit the [Montrose County Historical Museum web site](#) to keep up with walking tour dates and coming events.

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & OUTDOORS

### BOAT RAMP AT NAVAJO STATE PARK TO CLOSE OCT. 14 FOR REPAIRS

*Special to Art & Sol*

ARBOLES – Colorado Parks and Wildlife is repairing the boat ramp at Navajo State Park and the ramp will be closed indefinitely starting at 5 p.m., Oct. 14.

All boaters must be off the water on the Colorado side by that time. Otherwise, they'll have to take their craft out of the water at the marina on the south end of the reservoir in New Mexico.

Navajo State Park managers are taking advantage of the low water conditions to resurface about 200 feet of the ramp at the low end. The section is deteriorating and makes it difficult to trailer boats in and out of the reservoir when that section is exposed. Work on the ramp will start Oct. 15 and is expected to last several weeks.

"We know this is an inconvenience for some boaters, but it is temporary and will provide long-term benefits to boaters when reservoir levels are low," said Park Manager Brian Sandy.

Campgrounds and cabins at the park remain open.

Entry to the park is \$7 per vehicle per day, or \$70 for an annual pass.



*Colorado Parks & Wildlife courtesy photo at right.*

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

### LIFE CHOICES CENTER TO HOST BALLET MAGNIFICAT

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Life Choices Family Resource Center is happy to host Ballet Magnificat this year following their annual fundraiser banquet on Oct. 4 at the Montrose Pavilion! Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. catered by the True Grit Cafe. At 7:30 p.m., Ballet Magnificat will perform The Scarlet Cord. Dinner, program and ballet/\$45 each. Table of 10/\$400. Ballet tickets only/\$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Children 12 and under/\$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Purchase tickets at [LifeChoicesMontrose.org](http://LifeChoicesMontrose.org) or Genesis Christian Market Place. Life Choices FRC thanks you in advance for your support!

### ARTISTIC ZIKR DANCE ENSEMBLE RETURNS WITH SPECTACULAR PROGRAM

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

OURAY-The David Taylor Zikr Dance Ensemble will present "Runes" at the Wright Opera House on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. This year's program is a focus on the ancient magical northern European alphabet as it was used in its symbolic form for divination and prophecy. The stunning work will feature the use of a cyr wheel, along with a breathtaking set of monolithic structures. Another piece, the "The Assyrian Woman Mourners" is based off a sample of the 2000 year-old historic Gurdjieff Sacred Movements. The performance also includes a major new collaboration with internationally acclaimed Persian dance master Shahrzad Khorsandi with a new work entitled "Atash" ("fire" in Farsi) that is staged for the Zikr Dance Ensemble's female dancers.

The performance pieces are supplemented by stunning slide projections and visual effects, providing a multimedia experience that audiences and presenters have found to be both visu-

ally and artistically stimulating as well as intellectually captivating.

Zikr, under the artistic direction of Denver dance luminary David Taylor, is one of the most exciting dance companies in Colorado and the nation. The troupe is a cast of international dance artists, and "Runes" will include numerous guest artists from the Colorado Ballet along with Zac Bigbee, guest artist from Taos, New Mexico. The company's singular artistic focus is to offer spiritual performance experiences for both dancers and audiences from many different ancient world cultures which are both spiritually engaging and educational, therefore providing cultural awareness. The troupe's smaller size provides flexibility and adaptability to a variety of performance venues.

The performance will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for students (18 and under). Information and online tickets are available at OCPAG.org.

The Ouray County Performing Arts Guild is a not-for-profit organization bring-



**2018 Zikr Dance. Courtesy photo.**

ing quality events in music, dance, theater and other genres to Ouray and Ridgway. Its purpose is to sponsor presentations and performers of the highest caliber in the performing arts for the enjoyment of Ouray County's residents and visitors.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### SHERBINO THEATRE COMPANY PERFORMS 'OF MICE AND MEN' OCT. 4-7

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-The Sherbino Theatre Company presents John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* Oct. 4, 5, 6, and 7 at the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway.

Rarely has a production revealed the gulf between simple dreams of a dignified life and the hard-scrabble reality of the Great Depression so clearly as John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*.

Published in 1937, the story tells of George Milton, an intelligent man with quick wit and Lennie Small, a big man with a child's brain. The unlikely pair find themselves on a ranch in California during the Great Depression, and we witness their unique friendship share dreams, humor and tragedy, as the moral questions and loss of dreams becomes reality.

Sherbino Theatre Company actors Edward Cating, Jamie Coulter, John Countryman, Shannon Dean, Lance Fitzgerald, Doug Leverenz, Willie Richardson, Mike Shaughnessy and Lexi Trachy lead in this beautifully performed piece and guest artist, Rufus "Tank" Tanksley, actor and comedian based in Los Angeles, joins STC members for this fall performance. Directed by Kathleen O'Mara, and Creative Team, James Bingham, Melissa Johnson, Cat Lichtenbelt, and Judy Yeo, this will be a moving and unforgettable production.

*Of Mice and Men* will run Oct. 4, 5 & 6 at 7 pm and on Oct. 7 at 3 pm, with doors opening 30 minutes prior to curtains. Advance and reserved section tickets are available online at [sherbino.org](http://sherbino.org) or at their box office at 610 Arts Collective, open Monday-Friday 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, visit [sherbino.org](http://sherbino.org) or call (970) 318-0150.

### ALTRUSA OF DELTA HOSTS SUGAR PLUM FESTIVAL 2018

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

DELTA-Altrusa of Delta Sugar Plum Festival 2018 will be Oct. 19 and 20 held at Bill Heddles Recreation. This year's theme is Once Upon a Time..... Friday, Oct. 19, table viewing, Artisan shopping, Hors d'Oeuvres 5-7:30 pm. tickets \$10. Saturday, Oct. 20, Luncheon and Fashion Show. Altrusa of Delta is an international non-profit organization making our local communities better through leadership, partnership and service. For more information or tickets call Cindy, 874-6344.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & RECREATION

## RIDGWAY CHAMBER GOLF OPEN KICKSTARTS YOUTH PROGRAMS



*The J-Bar-M Ranch and Ridgway Lodge & Suites teams celebrate their tie for Best Gross Score of 60, just after the Lodge & Suites team won the tie-breaking coin toss. Photo by Tanya Ishikawa.*

### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY—Several Ridgway teens will get a boost along their career paths due to the new Ridgway Youth Apprenticeship Program, funded by proceeds from the Ridgway Chamber Golf Open. The tournament on Sept. 15 at the Divide Ranch and Club raised \$4,000, which will provide scholarships for **four** Ridgway students to participate in multi-week apprenticeships in 2019.

The program grew out of the chamber's philosophy that local business success is predicated on local talent, and that the town's first priority talent pool should be its existing residents and youth. The apprenticeships will include ongoing training and professional development above and beyond a traditional summer job, providing extra staffing capacity to local businesses at no cost during the busy summer months. "I believe that if you had to pick a single proxy for community success it would be our youths' ability to find jobs or create their own businesses here after high school or college. To achieve this, you need a strong economy and local businesses, strong schools that are graduating workforce-ready students, and other inputs such as a healthy environment, public safety and infrastructure," said Ridgway Chamber Board President Colin Lacy.

"Part of the goal with the Apprenticeship



*The NuVista Credit Union Youth Team, left to right: Charlie Tyler, Griffin Hollifield and Max Austin (plus Sam Tyler, not pictured), celebrates their Ridgway Chamber Golf Open Best Net Score with the Billings Artworks Trophy. Courtesy photo.*

Program is not simply to create opportunities for the few students who receive scholarships, but to generate increased awareness of the reality that youth who grow up in our community may not be able to stay or move back, given the significant and increasing costs of living and housing here. That has serious implications for the long-term strength of our community, so the Chamber is helping develop multiple collaborations between schools, students and businesses to address these challenges," Lacy added.

Last year, the Chamber launched its Youth Ambassador program, to bring a youthful voice to Ridgway's promotion and provide a local student with professional experience and skills development. Ridgway High School 12<sup>th</sup>-grader Elizabeth Mueller, who was the 2018 ambassador, was recognized for her work over the past year with an award of a \$500 college



*Ridgway Chamber Board President Colin Lacy presented Ridgway High School 12<sup>th</sup>-grader and 2018 Ridgway Chamber Youth Ambassador Elizabeth Mueller with a \$500 scholarship at the Golf Open luncheon. Photo by Tanya Ishikawa.*

scholarship at the Golf Open's luncheon. The Chamber is currently taking applications from 11<sup>th</sup> graders for the 2019 ambassador. Based on a study completed by RPI Consulting, a Durango planning firm contracted by the Town of Ridgway, the #2 challenge of the local business community is quality employee recruitment and retention. The Apprenticeship and Ambassador programs can not only help train and retain quality employees, but also attract other young workers to the town when they see the faces of youth already employed here, Lacy explained.

The #1 challenge identified by the RPI study is slow business during the low season between October and May. This month, the Chamber in partnership with the Ouray Tourism Office secured a grant from the Colorado Tourism Office to develop off-peak season marketing campaigns in 2019. In other youth outreach, the Chamber actively sought the participation of middle and high school students at this year's Golf Open. Two student teams competed and the NuVista Credit Union Youth Team earned the Best Net Score, securing them a name plate on the Billings Artworks Trophies displayed at the Divide Ranch & Golf Club and the Ridgway Visitors Center. Two adult teams tied for the Best Gross Score, Ridgway Lodge & Suites and J Bar M Ranch. A coin toss determined that the Lodge & Suites team will get their team member names on the trophies.

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: PEOPLE ON THE GO!

### FARMERS INSURANCE NAMES MONTROSE AGENT HOWARD DAVIDSON TO PRESTIGIOUS PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Farmers Insurance® agent Howard Davidson has been named to the national insurer's Presidents Council, the Los Angeles-based insurance company recently announced. Membership in Presidents Council is the company's most elite honor for the top one-percent of agents and district managers.

"On behalf of the thousands of Farmers® agents, district managers and employees, I want to congratulate Howard Davidson on being selected as a member of the prestigious Presidents Council," said Carl Hackling, head of distribution for Farmers In-

surance. "Howard has clearly demonstrated that he is among the best agents in the country and we sincerely appreciate all that he does for our customers and our organization."

The elite group of agents and district managers who make up Presidents Council are leaders in their communities, mentors to other agents and district managers, and exemplary business owners.

They were selected based on a number of criteria, including their excellence in providing best in class service, their consistent top-ranked business performance and their commitment to furthering the

goals and ideals of the Farmers organization.

As members of the Presidents Council, Davidson and his fellow Council members will serve as direct liaisons with their peers across the country and act as an important sounding board to the leadership of the national insurer.

"It truly is an honor to be named to Presidents Council," said Davidson.

"I look forward to sharing my experience and knowledge with the Farmers leadership and working with my fellow agents across the country to provide the organization with our insights."

### HUNTER K GENTRY OF MONTROSE ENROLLS IN CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

*Special to Art & Sol*

CLEMSON, SC -Hunter K Gentry of Montrose enrolled in Clemson University for the fall 2018 semester. Gentry's major is Genetics. Ranked No. 24 among national

public universities, Clemson University is a major, land-grant, science- and engineering-oriented research university that maintains a strong commitment to teaching and student success.

Clemson is an inclusive, student-centered community characterized by high academic standards, a culture of collaboration, school spirit, and a competitive drive to excel.

### SALAMUN NAMED LATINO SERVICES OFFICER FOR ALPINE BANK



**Susana Salamun.**  
*Courtesy photo.*

*Special to Art & Sol*

GLENWOOD SPRINGS-Alpine Bank has appointed Susana Salamun to the position of Latino Services Officer. She will lead the bank's ongoing commitment to provide unrivaled service to Latino and Hispanic customers in the 28 Colorado communities served by Alpine Bank.

"We are glad to welcome Susana Salamun in her new position covering Alpine Bank's desire to effectively serve the Latino/Hispanic community customers in all of our service areas," said Alpine Bank founder and Chairman Bob Young.

"Susana brings many years of experience working with Alpine Bank and is an excellent fit for her new role."

Salamun, who joined the bank in 2013, has worked in Information Technology and in the Compliance Department for Alpine prior to assuming her new role. Alpine Bank has made it a priority to serve the growing Latino/Hispanic communities in Colorado for more than two decades. One bank program initiated by Chairman Bob Young has awarded more than 200 Latino/

Hispanic scholarships to attend Colorado Mountain College since 1996. The Americas Card, an exclusive Alpine Bank loyalty debit card, has provided customers the opportunity to support the Latino/Hispanic communities since 2007. Under the program, Alpine donates ten cents for each debit card transaction to local community organizations. Last year alone, the bank donated \$66,260.90 to Latino and Hispanic organizations across Colorado on behalf of customers using the Americas Card. Since the card's creation in 2007, Alpine has donated more than \$400,000 on behalf of Americas Card customers.



# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: PEOPLE ON THE GO!

## SALAMUN NOMBRADA OFICIAL DE SERVICIOS LATINOS

### Special to Art & Sol

GLENWOOD SPRINGS-Alpine Bank ha nombrado a Susana Salamun como Oficial de Servicios Latinos. Ella liderará el compromiso continuo del banco con el fin de proporcionar un servicio inigualable a los clientes Latinos e Hispanos de las 28 comunidades de Colorado que sirve Alpine Bank. "Estamos contentos de darle la bienvenida a Susana Salamun a su nuevo puesto que cumple el deseo de Alpine Bank de servir efectivamente a los clientes de la comunidad Latina/Hispana en todas nuestras áreas de servicio", dijo el fundador y presidente de Alpine Bank, Bob Young. "Susana aporta muchos años de experiencia trabajando con Alpine Bank y

posee excelentes aptitudes para su nuevo rol."

Salamun, quien se unió al banco en 2013, trabajó en las áreas de Tecnologías de la Información y Cumplimiento y Normatividad para Alpine antes de asumir su nuevo cargo.

Durante más de dos décadas, Alpine Bank ha tenido como prioridad el servir a las comunidades Latinas/Hispanas de Colorado que se encuentran en constante desarrollo y crecimiento. Un programa del banco iniciado por el presidente Bob Young desde 1996 es el ofrecimiento de más de 200 becas Latinas/Hispanas para alumnos que desean asistir a Colorado Mountain College.

La tarjeta de débito Américas, del programa de lealtad ofrecido exclusivamente por Alpine Bank, ha brindado a los clientes la oportunidad de ayudar a las comunidades Latinas/Hispanas desde 2007. Bajo este programa, Alpine dona diez centavos por cada transacción de la tarjeta de débito a organizaciones comunitarias locales. Durante el año pasado, el banco donó \$66,260.90 a organizaciones Latinas e Hispanas alrededor de todo Colorado a nombre de clientes que utilizan la tarjeta Américas.

Desde la creación de la tarjeta en 2007, Alpine ha donado más de \$400,000 a nombre de los clientes de la tarjeta Américas.

## HEAR FROM WORLD TRAVELERS @ GLOBE WANDERERS' BAR NIGHT

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GRAND JUNCTION-Join us for our monthly travel series! Grab a drink, meet fellow travelers, and hear firsthand tales from three local adventurers on their travels in Germany, New Zealand, and Native American reservations!

We'll hear from Barb Bowman about her experience with 27 hours of opera in Germany, Mike Lowenstein about empowering people in New Zealand with electric power, and Sally Crum's travel to sovereign Native American reservations within the U.S. Wednesday, Sept. 26. 7 PM start. @ Charlie Dwellington's Bar on 1st and Main St. Grand Junction. Ages 18+. Must be 21 years or older with a valid ID to purchase alcohol.

GlobeWanderers is a monthly bar night organized by the World Affairs Council of Western Colorado. Admission is free to the general public. If you're interested in presenting your own adventures at a future event, send us an email at WACWC2014@gmail.com or call Anna at 970-433-2897.

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### TEEN HALLOWEEN GLOW YOGA

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Start your Halloween night off right with Teen Halloween Glow Yoga! We invite teens ages 13-17 to Yoga House's first annual Halloween Teen Glow Yoga on Wednesday, October 31st! This class is specifically designed for teens ages 13 – 17 years old. Wear your favorite neon gear and enjoy a one-hour class hosted by instructor, [Dee Miller](#). [Sign up online](#) or at the studio (207 East Main Street in Montrose).

### READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT...



Top, silhouette of the cloud formation from the Bull Draw Fire by Deb Reimann. Below, Gene Reimann, snapped this cute Pine Squirrel last week on the Uncompahgre Plateau.



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CRAB CRACK IS BACK!

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-The Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club's annual Crab Crack event is back for its 4th year. Friday Nov. 16, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion, there will be an all you can eat crab and shrimp menu with all the fixings. Guests will enjoy music by Jedi George, a beer/wine garden, live benefit auction, and special appearance by Crab Crack mascot, Camy Crab. Get tickets while you can as the event will sell out. For Crab Crack ticket and sponsorship information, please visit [www.bcbgc.org/tickets](http://www.bcbgc.org/tickets) or contact [btaylor@bcbgc.org](mailto:btaylor@bcbgc.org).



Camy Crab wants you  
to mark your  
calendars....

The Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club's annual Crab Crack event is back for its 4th year. Courtesy photo.



# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

## NAVAJO BAND TO PLAY THE MOON FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY WEEKEND



Above, Daniel José Molima as Henry the V (courtesy photo). At right, Sihasin's CD cover *Fight Like a Woman* (courtesy photo).



**SIHASIN** ... Thanks to an assist from Jump-in' Jan Productions, multi-award winning musicians, Jeneda and Clayson Benally from the Diné (Navajo) Nation in Northern Arizona will play Fly Me to the Moon in Telluride at 9 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 6. They have been described as creating a politically-charged explosive organic sound out of just bass and drums, inspiring their listeners with a hard punk backbone, softened by folk, world and pop music. As brother and sister, they grew up protesting the environmental degradation and inhumane acts of cultural genocide against their traditional way of life. As teenagers, the siblings were the backbone of the award-winning punk band *Blackfire* for more than twenty years, a group that performed with legendary rockers like Joey Ramone and Maynard James Keenan. In 2012, they formed *Sihasin*, the Navajo word for "hope," releasing their debut album, *Never Surrender*, to critical acclaim and numerous awards on the American Indian Music scene. They had the honor of being called the "#1 Freedom Fighting Band to Get You Through the Trump Years" by the *Huffington Post* (Dec. 2016). Their punk rock version of the Christmas classic, *Winter Wonderland*, ran last holiday season in an ad campaign for Hyundai ... This past spring they released their self-released album, *Fight Like A Woman*. "I

hope that the vulnerability of these songs is relatable and the listener can feel empowered in knowing that 'hey, you are not alone'," Jeneda said. Added Clayson, "The process that we took in the creation of *Fight Like a Woman* was completely different than any other recording project that we've done thus far. It was very organic. Most of the melodies and themes were from dreams. I'd wake up and try to hold onto the melodies, usually only a sliver of the song, and I'd share it with Jeneda later on in the day. To my surprise she would have the complementing and completing element. It was like the universe was gifting us these songs" ... The first single from *Fight Like A Woman* is the track "Strong Together". According to Jeneda, "The song was inspired by the fact that we are a force when we find our commonality rather than our differences. With the movements and hashtag societies we are changing the isolation of injustice. This song is a call for unity to create healthy and respectful communities ... [It] aims to occupy every stereotype about being a woman in Western society. It's about how we are constantly being defined by what the masculine decides who we should be. This song is about finding your own power to be your own definition" ... Originally from Black Mesa on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona, Jeneda and Clayson were

born into the heart of a political land dispute between a coal mining company and the Navajo and Hopi tribes, separating them by a fence from traditional homeland and family. They grew up protesting the environmental degradation and inhumane acts of cultural genocide, and became known for creating music that reflects hope for equality, healthy and respectful communities, social and environmental justice ... When they formed *Blackfire* as teens, Clayson told Laurel Morales from *NPR* in 2015, "There was a lot of anger," Clayson recalled. "Starting the band and performing was a way of channeling that anger and frustration and putting it into something positive, as well ... Unlike with *Blackfire*, Clayson noted, the goal with *Sihasin* is to "make people dance. Let's make people move and feel good, you know — not just smash stuff" ... *Sihasin* is a rare band that does more than just perform. They leave their audience with an exhilarating feeling of Get Up, Stand Up, and Do! They have performed at SXSW (playing at and helping organize a Native American showcase), WorldFest, Grassroots, Festival Alfonso Ortiz Tirado, Native American Music Awards, The Woody Guthrie Center, Globalquerque, TanzFest, and many others. They have toured in Europe, Mexico, Canada, and across the US, and the siblings are also

## Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

known by their internationally acclaimed traditional Diné (Navajo) family Dance Troupe, *The Jones Benally Family*. The duo also gives presentations and workshops on Native American, environmental, and social justice issues, and are dedicated to bringing that hopeful message to schools all over Indian Country. These are places that have disproportionately low graduation rates with youth at high risk of suicide ... Sihasin will perform at the Moon as part of Indigenous Peoples Day, Saturday, Oct. 6 at 9 p.m. The \$5 cover will directly to the band.

**MESSY GLORY** ... Got to go back to Ashland, Oregon, this year to see Shakespeare again.

It was not only extraordinarily well done, but the play my friends and I saw, *Henry the V*, followed hard on the heels of the second part of *Henry the IV*, which we saw last year ... Daniel José Molima played the part of the young king once again. Having

made the transformation from wastrel youth hanging out in Hostess Quickly bar/brothel with Falstaff and his companions, Henry has become a leader of his nation. He casts Falstaff off at the end of the earlier play, and in *Henry the V* we begin by learning that Falstaff has died. Henry is now facing the dilemma of whether he should go to war with France or not. There are clerics urging him on for their own self-interest. Noblemen traitors who seek to murder him ... Director of the Ashland production Rosa Joshi explained an aspect of this play that has special relevance for us today, "The nature of leadership is something that has always fascinated me in general and has attracted me specifically to the history plays. Lately, I've been somewhat wishfully thinking how much better our lives would be if we just had better leaders.

But as I've working on *Henry the V*, I've also been reminded of the difficulty, pressures and complexity of being a leader – of

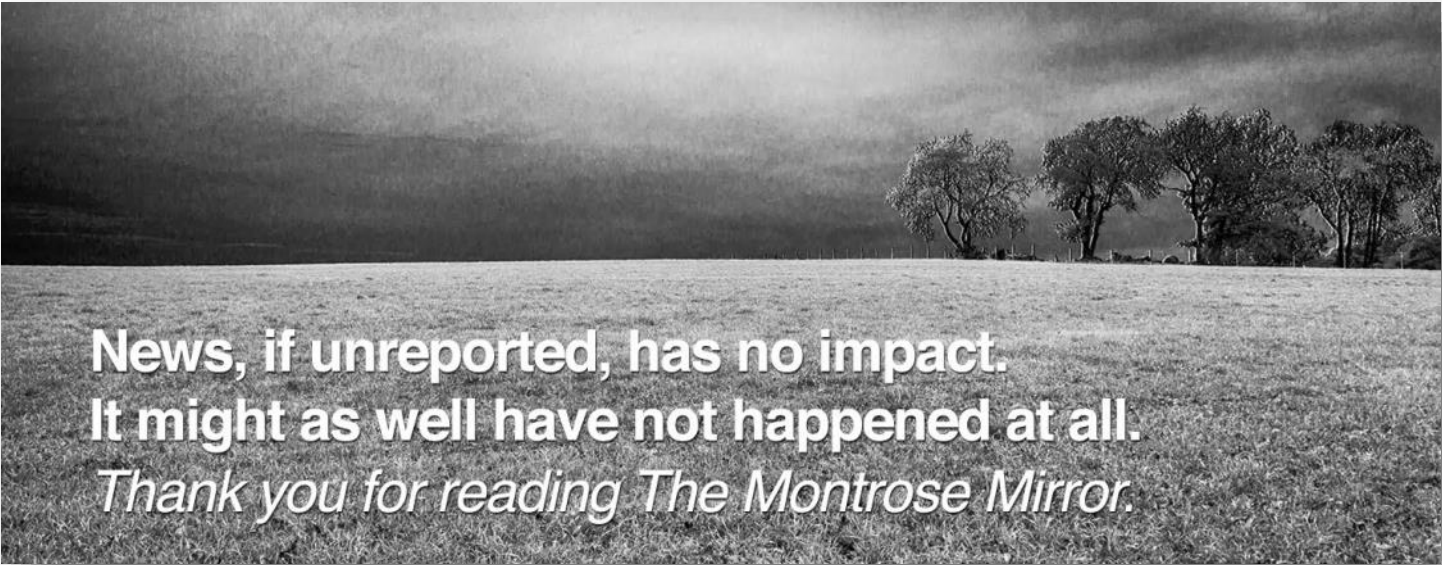
the brutal choices confronting those in power. It's made me wonder what kind of leaders we need today to face the complicated challenges of the world we live in – what do we expect and what must we demand in our leaders; what can we forgive and what must we not forget ... I find myself captivated by Henry's charisma and vulnerability but also chilled by his ruthless political instincts and powers of persuasion" ... This is the play where Henry gives his "band of brothers" speech to his soldiers before the battle of Agincourt.

And where at the end, having won the battle, he woos Catherine, the daughter of the French king – a romance full of wit and humor.

Henry is a character full of contradictions, and Shakespeare doesn't try and smooth over these inconsistencies. Instead, this play lays bare the rough edges of Henry's humanity in all its messy glory ... And it's Shakespeare's messy glory that Ashland actors so aptly portray.

## THE TALKING GOURD

Ah, life, McRedeye  
sez: it always clumps but, oh  
when it clusters, ouch!



News, if unreported, has no impact.  
It might as well have not happened at all.  
*Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.*



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & EDUCATION

# MONTROSE U LEADERSHIP CLASS OF 2019 TO LAUNCH WITH A RETREAT

### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-The Montrose Chamber of Commerce believes preparing emerging leaders through continued education, mentoring and coaching is critical to effective governance and managing the needs of a growing community. Their facilitation of the Montrose U Leadership Class, in partnership with The City of Montrose, allows participants to meet leaders in the community, hear their stories, gain knowledge about the organizations they lead and analyze critical decisions made. They will also have the opportunity to learn, discuss, and engage on issues concerning the community.

The eight-part series of classes is set to

begin with a retreat at Phelanie's on Sept. 27! Participants of the 2019 Montrose U Leadership Class are Adam Weaver, Brad Wiersma, Cassandra Sparks, DoriAnn Adragna, Heather Thompson, Jacob Wilson, Jamie Holmes, Julie Andress, Justin Pritchard, Kate Adams, Keith Laube, Liz Gracesun, Monica Garcia, Paulette Woods, Penelope Powell, and Savannah Hanney. Jacob Wilson is the recipient of the incentive scholarship this year.

Upon graduation from this leadership program, students will have completed topics such as: Self-awareness, self-management, and adaptability - led and facilitated by leadership expert Sue Hansen

Montrose Lifestyle - past and present  
Business economy and transportation  
The Legislature

The changing education system

The healthcare dilemma

The value to public lands and the impact to Montrose County

Kelsey Doering, 2018 Montrose U student, said the experience was, "One of the most insightful and inspiring courses I have taken. I loved meeting my classmates and learning about my community in an environment that prompted wonderful discussions."

If you see any of the Class of 2019 participants congratulate them on being selected for this program.

## BECOME THE SPEAKER AND LEADER YOU WANT TO BE

### *Special to Art & Sol*

REGIONAL-Leadership cannot be learned in a day. It takes practice. In Toastmasters, members learn leadership skills by organizing and conducting meetings and by completing projects in the leadership pathways. Projects address skills such as listening, planning, motivation, and team building and give members the opportunity to practice them. Just as Toastmasters members learn to speak by speaking, they learn leadership by leading. Toastmasters creates and encourages leadership as an ongoing class meeting weekly or biweekly to practice their communication and leadership skills in a supportive setting with others. At these meetings all are encouraged to: Present impromptu and prepared speeches; Learn how to plan and manage meetings; Give and receive constructive feedback.

"Being in Toastmasters pushes you to take on challenges that you wouldn't have taken on by yourself. You start stepping up

more for a project and want to take on more responsibility and become a leader. That's what makes our group truly what it is," said Sven Dejean, procurement analyst at The Coca-Cola Company and past president of Coca-Cola Toastmasters. At work, employees face an endless exchange of ideas, messages, and information as they deal with one another and customers day by day. How well they connect and share their ideas with customers, clients, and co-workers can determine whether a company grows into an industry leader or joins thousands of businesses mired in mediocrity. Toastmasters provide tools that enable employees to become effective presenter and leaders – all at a low cost within a supportive environment. Toastmasters training helps employees: Give better sales presentations; Hone their management skills; Work better with fellow employees; Effectively develop and present ideas; Offer construc-



*Toastmasters' courtesy photo.*

tive criticism and accept feedback more objectively. Is this training for YOU??? Find out – explore becoming the speaker and leader you want to be at Black Canyon Voices Toastmasters Club Open House on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018; 12:15 – 1:15 pm; held in the meeting room at First Colorado National Bank, 150 Gunnison River Dr (Next to City Market), Delta, CO. Any questions call 970-874-2840. OR visit Montrose Toastmasters weekly on Wednesdays 6:30 pm, Centennial Plaza Meeting Room, 431 S. 1<sup>st</sup>, Montrose, CO.

# Save the Date! Upcoming Regional Events

## CURRENT/ONGOING-

**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 Centennial Room, 431 South First in Montrose.*

**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/@38.752,-106.852,15z) Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

## MONTHLY-

**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. 26**-Globe Wanderers Bar Night- Wednesday, Sept. 26. 7 PM start. @ Charlie Dwellington's Bar on 1st and Main St. Grand Junction. Ages 18+. Must be 21 years or older with a valid ID to purchase alcohol. GlobeWanderers is a monthly bar night organized by the World Affairs Council of Western Colorado. Admission is free to the general public.

**Sept. 27**-Meet and Greet Your Montrose Veteran Administration Providers: Dr. Zach Barton; Dr. Darrin Green; Dr. Abe Lee; Dr. Jonathan Osorio; Dr. Lars Stangebye; Dana Sorensen, PA. Sept. 27, 2018 from 5:30-7 pm. At the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Place, Montrose.

**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**--Yoga House is excited to partner with All Points Transit to offer two FREE 30-Minute Beer yoga classes at Oktoberfest! That's right free and we'll provide the mats! You just need to bring a cup of your favorite beer and prepare to stretch and sip away! Oktoberfest is Saturday, Sept. 29, from 1 to 6 p.m. in Centennial Plaza.

**Sept. 29**-Oktoberfest, 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, Amarpito Roca, The Mask of Zorro, Blue Tango and more. <http://montroseband.com/concert-schedule>.

**Sept. 30**--2 p.m. – David Taylor's Zikr Dance Ensemble presenting "Runes", Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray. Tickets \$25 adults, \$5 students (18 years and under) available online at [www.ocpag.org](http://www.ocpag.org) or at the door.

**Oct. 1**-City of Montrose Budget Open House on Monday, Oct. 1, in the City Council Chambers located at 107 S. Cascade Ave. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with an overview of the budget, followed by informal, one-on-one discussions with city officials who will take comments and provide additional information. Residents who are unable to attend the open house are encouraged to view the proposed budget at [www.CityofMontrose.org/budget](http://www.CityofMontrose.org/budget). Copies of the proposed budget are also available at City Hall located at 433 South First Street from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

**Oct. 4-7**-The Sherbino Theatre Company presents John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* Oct. 4, 5, 6, and 7 at the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway. *Of Mice and Men* will run Oct. 4, 5 & 6 at 7 pm and on Oct. 7 at 3 pm, with doors opening 30 minutes prior to curtains. Advance and reserved section tickets are available online at [sherbino.org](http://sherbino.org) or at their box office at 610 Arts Collective, open Monday-Friday 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, visit [sherbino.org](http://sherbino.org) or call (970) 318-0150.

**Oct. 4**--Life Choices Family Resource Center is happy to host Ballet Magnificat this year following their annual fundraiser banquet on Oct. 4 at the Montrose Pavilion! Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. catered by the True Grit Cafe. At 7:30 p.m., Ballet Magnificat will perform The Scarlet Cord. Dinner, program and ballet/\$45 each. Table of 10/\$400. Ballet tickets only/\$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Children 12 and under/\$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Purchase tickets at [LifeChoicesMontrose.org](http://LifeChoicesMontrose.org) or Genesis Christian Market Place.

**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. 19-20**-Altrusa of Delta Sugar Plum Festival 2018 will be Oct. 19 and 20 held at Bill Heddles Recreation. This year's theme is Once Upon a Time.....Friday, Oct. 19, table viewing, Artisan shopping, Hors d'Oeuvres 5-7:30 pm. tickets \$10. Saturday, Oct. 20, Luncheon and Fashion Show. Altrusa of Delta is an international non-profit organization making our local communities better through leadership, partnership and service. For more information or tickets call Cindy, 874-6344.

**Oct. 19-21**-The Friends of the Montrose Library will hold a used book sale from Friday, Oct. 19 through Sunday, Oct. 21 in the library meeting room. Special members-only hours are Friday, 8 am to noon. Public open hours are noon to 6 pm Friday; 10 am until 6 pm Saturday; and 10 am until 4 pm on Sunday. On Sunday 2 to 4 pm, customers can fill a reusable bag with books for \$5. For information, call the library at 970-249-9656.

**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!](#)



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**Montrose High School students showed the strength of their school spirit last week, running alongside the school's parade floats to the football field after the Homecoming Parade through Downtown Sept 20, and winning the Homecoming Football game against Palisade Sept. 21.**



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