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MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS MAKES COMMUNITIES SAFER FOR LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS



Two Montrose Police Officers arrest a suspect at Riverbottom Park in July. Mirror file photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-As Montrose residents experience an unprecedented wave of crimes against people and property, one local organization continues to take the lead in protecting the public and seeking solutions.

Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers was established in July of 2014 to serve the local communities of the Seventh Judicial District, but the umbrella organization, which takes anonymous tips and rewards tipsters when an arrest is made, is 42 years old, notes John W. Nelson, who heads the local chapter.

"It started in Albuquerque," Nelson said. "Over the years Crime Stoppers has developed 'best practices'—it shows what you

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VISTA CHARTER SCHOOL CONSIDERS CHANGES; MONTROSE ECC EXPLORES FACILITY UPDATE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Light blue comfortable chairs and perfect climate control were appreciated by attendees of the Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Directors [special meeting/work session/ school visitation](#), held at the new Columbine Middle School Sept. 25. All school board members were present.

VISTA CHARTER SCHOOL UPDATE

Vista Charter School Principal Emily MacNiven presented information on changes Vista is considering as it prepares to [renew its five-year charter](#) with the school district, up for renewal in June of 2019.

"We want to look at community needs, and what our stakeholders say they would like to see from Vista," MacNiven said. Vista's student "mobility rate" is high, she said. "We really want to figure out why they are leaving and what we can do to retain them."

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At right, Sarah Fishering of the Montrose County RE-1J Board of Education talks to Vista Charter School Principal Emily MacNiven as Board Vice Chair Gayle Johnson looks on during the school board special meeting/work session/school visitation at Columbine Middle School Sept. 25.

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ANSWERING THE CALL: MPD DETECTIVE SGT. TIM COX

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Montrose Police Department (MPD) Sgt. Tim Cox, born and raised in Montrose, graduated from Montrose High School in 2000. Cox viewed a career in law enforcement as an opportunity to help people and although he does not have any law enforcement mentors in his family, his granddad was a Department of Wildlife (DOW) officer and his younger brother is with Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO).

Cox had a couple of years of college before putting himself through the Police Academy at age 21. He said, "I didn't have a job lined up before attending the academy, so the hardest part for me was the uncertainty of knowing whether I'd have a job when I come out." Cox has now been with MPD for 15 years.

In the area of specialized training, Cox is a Taser Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, a SWAT Entry Team Leader and a Forensic Interviewer with certifications to interview young children and people with mental health issues. As a 7th Judicial District Critical Incident Team Coordinator, Cox investigates any officer-involved incidents. The rungs on his career ladder began with patrol officer, then stepped up to detective, patrol sergeant and now detective sergeant. He said, "I have had over 3,000 hours of training since I started working for MPD."

As a detective Cox works on major cases, "The cases are long, involved, and never go away. We have one homicide case that we've worked on for two years. There is always follow up and going back to work on some aspect of the case. The case is something you have to leave at work and it will be there when you get back." While

the detectives do all the crime scene work, they do not have a lab, which requires them to send their lab work to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Cox noted patrol officers on the road deal with life-and-death situations; however, there is a different type of stress in the office. He said, "We are involved in major cases, crimes against persons – homicide and sexual assaults on children. Ninety percent of our sexual assault cases involve children. Many MPD officers have young children, so assaults against children have an impact on them too." Cox noted he also has a certain level of stress with his SWAT duties, "I'm responsible for putting officers in dangerous situations."

For Cox the most enjoyable aspect of his job is being a voice for victims and getting confessions. He said, "We have a lot of great detectives and the last couple of weeks we've gotten five or six confessions, many of them crimes against children. Being able to help people when they are dealing with something that shouldn't have happened to them...and we can do something about it." The MPD has four detectives, "The last couple of years we've had pretty good luck and we've been knocking it out of the park with confessions and convictions. The detectives do great work and we work well together as a team." Generally speaking the detectives work a day time schedule, "But we're on-call and work a lot of overtime with investigations."

Detective Sergeant Tim Cox



MPD Detective Sgt. Tim Cox. Courtesy photo.

When asked what particular skill set he brings to his job Cox said, "My parents raised me with a good work ethic. I won't ask anyone to do something I wouldn't do myself. I'm a go-getter, I don't like to sit around and I'm either going to do it myself or get someone else to do it." Cox has his eye on advancing in the department, "There is some upward mobility in the department right now and I'd love to make Commander. I've set myself up to make myself promotable; it's my next goal."

In a message to the community Cox said, "Property crimes are up. It's beneficial when we investigate burglaries and thefts if you have documented serial numbers. Educate your children and have communication with them about personal safety. Who you can go with, who you can talk to. We interview children as young as two and three years old."

"Kids are amazing and pick up on what you say. Teach them about personal safety."



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DOWNTOWN MONTROSE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: YOGA HOUSE BRINGS FLEXIBLE FITNESS TO MAIN ST!

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- As a professional sky diver and sky diving instructor, Melissa Lowe taught students how to safely jump from planes and experience the world from above the clouds. Though she has shifted her focus, Lowe continues to teach—today, she helps students develop their skills on the yoga mat.

When she opened her business Yoga House (207 East Main Street), Lowe knew that because there are different ways to approach the practice of yoga, diversity was essential. Yoga itself is transforming, and the one-size-fits-all approach does not reflect the state of the discipline.

"I trained as a yoga instructor in 2007," Lowe said. "I feel that it is ever-evolving, because that is how our society is. I named my business Yoga House because I wanted to offer all different styles of yoga. There are actually six other instructors here in addition to myself; I knew that I couldn't always reach every student, and that in some cases, other people could."

Yoga is now listed as number seven in the [top 20 worldwide fitness trends](#) by the American College of Sports Medicine, and it is an industry that continues to grow. The fitness trends survey also notes the diversity of the practice: "Yoga comes in a variety of forms including Power Yoga, Yogalates, and Bikram Yoga (the one done in hot and humid environments). Other forms of yoga include Iyengar Yoga, Ashtanga, Vinyasa Yoga, Kripalu Yoga, Anuara Yoga, Kundalini Yoga, and Sivananda Yoga."

For Melissa Lowe, opening Yoga House was a decision that made sense. Much of the training required for successful sky diving is also relevant in yoga, she noted. "I learned to breathe in yoga," Lowe said, "and I taught it in sky diving."

Controlling breath is not only a useful



Yoga House owner Melissa Lowe demonstrates a yoga pose in her Main Street studio.

tool for relaxation, but can help people connect, she said.

"Nothing can replicate the experience of actually practicing yoga with other people," Lowe said. "It helps us disconnect from social media and reconnect with others."

A consistent yoga practice strengthens posture and builds physical strength while calming the mind, she said.

To highlight the benefits, Lowe invites students to take a 30-day challenge. "Seven of our students are on day 25," she said. "They are already seeing the benefits; it is very energizing."

Lowe also works as a digital marketer by day and is the mother of a young son, so she knows that the greatest challenge can be finding time for yoga. Still, time spent on the mat contributes to a work-life balance. "Yoga is my balance," she said.

Yoga House is a welcoming studio, with peaceful colors and large, bright windows.

At least three classes are offered each day, in the morning, at mid-day, and in the evening.

"Our Saturday classes are way popular," she said.

For those who want to deepen their practice, Lowe plans to host yoga workshops as well.

"Yoga is a physical practice with mind/body benefits," she said. "It is both scientific and artistic; while it is very physical, it also supports inward reflection, slowing down, and connecting with our breath."

With a regular lunch hour class, Lowe said she recently spent a week breaking down classical yoga moves with students, and then putting the movements back together.

"Everyone brings a different sensibility," she said. "Yoga can take you places, but it is always your own, personal journey."

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REGION 10 L.E.A.P. TO LEASE SPACE IN CITY ANNEX ***Council expected to approve DMEA Cable Franchise***



Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will hold a [regular work session](#) at 11 a.m. on Oct. 1, and a [regular meeting](#) at 6 p.m. on Oct. 2.

WORK SESSION

Council will interview eight of those who have applied to serve on the City's Historic Preservation Commission. To be interviewed Monday are Ian Atha, John Eloë, Jon Horn, Amanda Lloyd, Michael Prouty, Robert Stollsteimer, and Scott Stryker.

Discussion items include the Hwy 50 Access Control Plan; a Colorado Mesa University Scholarship update; a Resolution of

Support for Ballot Issue 7A; and the 6800 Waterline Replacement Project. The City will consider a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System Improvement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Council will consider approving a \$74K Great Outdoors Colorado (GoCo) Planning Grant application for the Montrose Botanical Gardens.

A [lease agreement between the City of Montrose](#) and the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning for space in the City Annex will be considered, as will a Disposal of Property Ordinance for Lot 3 of the North Cascade Subdivision.

Items scheduled for discussion in future work sessions or meetings include Public Safety Citizen Advisory Committee applicant interviews; revisions to the Animal Control Municipal Code; and a Lift Station Project Elimination Bid on Oct. 15.

Mid-term evaluations for the City Manager and City Attorney; a new 3.2 beer liquor license application for Stinker Stores; the Colorado Outdoors PD Plan and Amended

Preliminary Plat; and the Lot 3 North Cascade Subdivision will be Oct. 16.

Also on Oct. 16 will be a rezone of Lot 3 of the North Cascade Subdivision.

On Nov. 6, Council will consider the 2019 Budget Ordinance and a new tavern liquor license for Top Notch Mobile Food.

As yet unscheduled are a workforce housing proposal for Mountain Pines Subdivision and a hotel and restaurant liquor license transfer for the Stone House restaurant.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

At the regular City Council meeting of Oct. 2, Council will consider Resolution 2018-17, appointing students to the City's Youth Council. Council will consider approving Revised Ordinance 2410 on first reading, allowing liquor tasting permits.

Ordinance 2457 will be considered on first reading, regarding a cable franchise agreement between the City of Montrose and DMEA Utility Services LLC. Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.



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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

CSU PRESIDENT FRANK TO TRANSITION TO FULL-TIME SYSTEM CHANCELLOR ROLE IN JULY 2019

Special to the Mirror

FORT COLLINS—Colorado State University President Tony Frank, who also has served in a dual role as chancellor of the CSU System since 2015, will transition to a full-time role as chancellor of the three-campus system in July. The University's governing board will launch a national search for a new university president. Frank is entering his 11th year as Colorado State president and fifth as chancellor, and he will continue to serve in the dual role until July 1, 2019.

The Board of Governors of the CSU System praised Frank's decade of leadership for the Fort Collins university, which has included the transformation of the physi-

cal campus; record levels of enrollment, research funding, student diversity, and student satisfaction; and a dramatic increase in alumni and donor support, including the successful completion of the university's first major fundraising campaign and the current, \$1 billion "State Your Purpose" campaign.

"Tony Frank is one of the most respected leaders in higher education today, and his leadership for our flagship CSU campus has been extraordinary," Board Chair Rico Munn said. "We believe our System will benefit most if he now is able to focus on the larger issues and opportunities facing all of our CSU campuses."

Munn said the opportunities at the Sys-



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tem level now require full-time leadership, and the Board felt strongly about Frank continuing on in that role. The presidency of the Fort Collins campus and the chancellorship of the Denver-based CSU System have sometimes been combined and sometimes held by two different people. While Munn said Frank has succeeded well in balancing the demands of the dual role, a set of large-scale projects at the System level – including the development of the new National Western Center – now require full-time focus. "I really do believe this is the right move at an opportune time for our campus and the System as a whole," Frank said. "Our Fort Collins campus deserves a full-time president who is deeply engaged in the life and future of this institution. All three of our CSU System campuses are on a great, positive trajectory, and the Board wants to ensure there is support at the System level to continue to build on that momentum. I'm grateful to be in a position to continue, I hope, to add some value and move our System forward in ways that will truly benefit the people and future of Colorado and, ultimately, make it a stronger partner for our System campuses." The Board will announce details of the presidential search process in the next few weeks.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

GIVING GUYS TO MEET @ COBBLE CREEK OCT. 9*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Giving Guys Club of Montrose will have their next meeting at 5:15 – 6:30 pm on Tuesday Oct. 9. The meeting is upstairs at the Cobble Creek Clubhouse. The group meets quarterly to network and raise money for local non-

profits. Each member kicks in \$100 for the award and \$10 for hospitality food and drink. Three random non-profits will make five-minute presentations and the Club will vote that night to award the collective contributions to the lucky winner. As the Club grows the awards be-

come very meaningful and significant to the local community. Please join us! For more information email one of the following: cmason@CASA7JD.org
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GMUG LIFTS BULL DRAW FIRE CLOSURE*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-At 8 pm on Friday, Sept. 28, the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests lifted the Bull Draw Fire area closure.

The closure area was bordered on the north by the Blue Creek Drainage, on the west and southwest by National Forest boundary, on the northeast by NFSR 402 (Divide Road) and on the south approximately 1 mile southeast of the Campbell Creek drainage between the National Forest boundary and NFSR 402 (Divide Road).

While the closure is lifted the public is asked to take appropriate safety precautions when entering the Bull Draw Fire area as the following hazards still pose extreme an extreme hazard:

- Falling snags or trees
- Rapidly spreading fire
- Rolling material such as rocks or logs
- Heavy smoke and limited visibility
- Holes from burned out stumps

For the safety of the public and fire personnel travelers are asked to travel slowly and with extreme caution along the Divide Road due to the continued presence of fire crews and equipment. Smoke and dust from fire operations may also affect visibility along the road.

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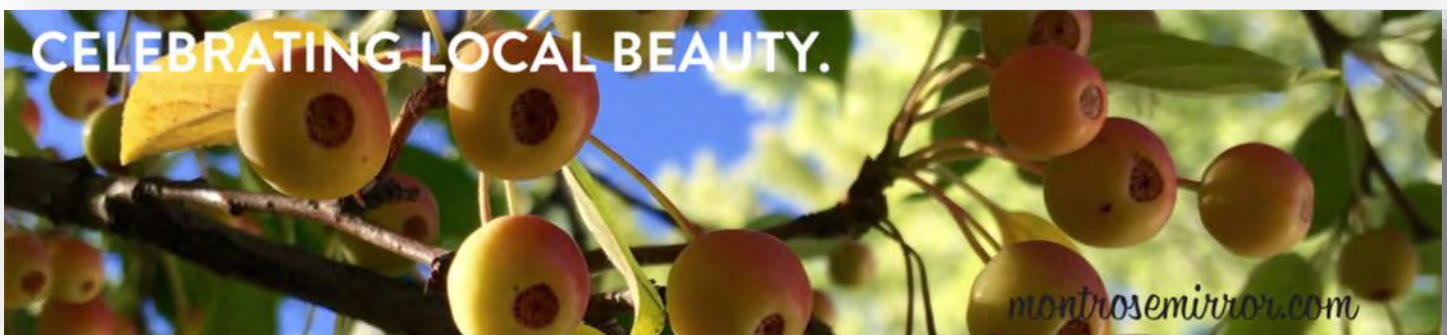
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CRIME STOPPERS MAKES COMMUNITIES SAFER From pg 1



Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers founder John W. Nelson serves on the board of Crime Stoppers USA as well. Courtesy photo.

need to do and literally walks you through the program. I learned from the one in Grand Junction.

"We have had to learn everything about how to do it right."

Montrose's present crime wave has its roots in a decision made 11 years ago, when the City of Montrose chose not to take part in a public safety sales tax passed by voters in Montrose County.

"That has put everybody in a bind," Nelson said. "Our primary law enforcement agency, the Montrose Police Department (MPD), is underfunded and understaffed."

The MPD is currently down by about 15 staffers, he noted. Still, "That's history," Nelson said. "It makes Crime Stoppers even more relevant and effective."

Leads have grown steadily since 2015, the first year that Crime Stoppers began to track the number of tips. 2015 saw a 32 percent increase, and in 2016 tips increased by 116 percent. In 2017 there was an increase of 28 percent and in 2018 tips increased by another 52 percent.

"The bottom line is more and more people are using our system," Nelson said. "People are aware of us, and they realize that Crime Stoppers is a good way to get a bad person off the streets without subjecting yourself to harassment."

Nelson, a retired judge, has worked as a criminal defense attorney in the past. "I understand why tipsters want to remain anonymous," he said. And the fact that criminals are quickly released back onto the streets is "a major concern to everybody," he noted.

Because Nelson serves on the board of Crime Stoppers USA as well, he knows how widespread the problems are. Still, "On a local level, we can do something to make things better."

Neighborhood Watch programs are also an essential tool for keeping communities safe, he said.

"If you see something abnormal, call the police."

The people who run the program are "absolutely outstanding," Nelson said. Also supporting Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers are the Montrose Police Department and the Montrose County Sheriff's Office. One local business has also stepped forward to help protect citizens, Nelson said, and that business is Alpine Bank.

"Alpine Bank really cares about the communities where they do business," Nelson said. "Effective law enforcement is a major factor in people moving here, living here, and deciding to stay."

[Colorado crime statistics show](#) that of 768 cases involving larceny in 2017 under the jurisdiction of the MPD, there was a clearance rate of 25 percent. The rise in crime here reflects a worldwide trend, Nelson said. "Crime is a continuing, expanding problem," he said. "We have the same issues that are going on virtually everywhere."

"We will probably never have enough law enforcement; we have got to get the citizens involved."

To report a crime anonymously, contact p3tips.com. The phone number for Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers is 970-249-8500. Email Crime Stoppers at mont-rosecrimestoppers@gmail.com, find them on Twitter at https://twitter.com/MRCS_CrimeStop; and on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/montrosecrimestoppers/>.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

CORRAL THE WASTRELS IN CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE SAFETY OF CITIZENS

Editor:

In Montrose, a police officer's starting pay is \$50,000 per year. We presently need 15 more officers. That is \$750,000 (three quarters of a million dollars) per year. Instead of gradually increasing the budget for police and gradually increasing the number of officers in the force we find ourselves facing a huge blow all at once. Of the below listed expenditures that our fair city has blown money on, just where oh where could the \$750,000 for new officers been found?

1. Payment for free concerts at the golf course.
2. The purchase and operation of the municipal golf course. A business that will never break even no less return a reasonable profit. Golf, like its players, is an aging sport.
3. Subsidizing, for \$241,000, the renovation of a PRIVATELY owned apartment building as an income property.
4. Even entertaining the bailout of a poorly approved subdivision to provide city water to the property owner when the

approval was muffed by the county. The county is where the solution should rest.

5. Considering subsidizing the ownership of low-income housing for those who cannot qualify for commercial loans. Why do we think that we are or should be Fannie Mae?
6. Building a \$498,000 toilet in a park. (the water tank for the public system is less than \$200,000). If a toilet facility is needed there has to be a more economical and SECURE solution.
7. Proximity space. What price? What return? Not a reasonable expenditure!
8. Entertaining ideas for an amphitheater when we already have several venues in town that are less than profitable and are not adequately booked.
9. When we have a \$40 million backlog on road maintenance.
10. When we are subsidizing Mayfly for \$6 million.
11. When we have "Elevate" in financial difficulties and DMEA looking to sell stock in our wonderful power co-operative to

make the books balance.

This profligate spending by our elected liberal representatives is reprehensible. Our five wasteful spenders as a group called the City Council have drained our coffers and now look to tax the citizens for even more for projects that are not and will not be self-supporting, not even marginally profitable but will require ongoing subsidy from the city tax rolls for up to forty years from now---years longer that many of these wasteful, nice to have, feel good projects or their progenitors will last.

In Montrose we have champagne tastes with a water pocketbook. And not a hell of a lot of water.

We are living high on our kids' futures. Borrowing today so that they can pay it off and in the meantime our government is failing to provide what is needed for public safety. The public needs to corral these wastrels in our city government, both elected and hired. And they better do it now!

Bill Bennett, Montrose

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

BEWARE OF THE APPROACHING GALLAGHER AMENDMENT FIRESTORM

Editor:

The Montrose Fire Protection District, our provider of emergency services including fire suppression, emergency medical services, technical rescue, hazardous materials response, fire protection inspections and public safety, will suffer severe financial setbacks due to the disastrous interaction of the Gallagher Amendment, the Residential Assessment Rate (R.A.R.) reduction and TABOR unless Referendum 7A is passed locally on November 6th. The ballot language seems long, complicated, and at first blush, appears to be a tax increase. In reality, it is indeed long and complicated but **7A is not a tax increase**. It seeks to regenerate income lost due to the declining assessed value of residential real estate in our county. While area residen-

tial values may be increasing slightly, the R.A.R. percentage of actual value (which determines our assessed value) has continued to decline due to the exploding housing market in Denver. The result is a continuing loss of income, the most recent being \$175,048. The most critical aspect of 7A, necessitating the lengthy legalistic verbiage, is the regular mill levy adjustment to assure a level income based upon the income level the voters approved in 2006.

The Montrose Fire Protection District has been an outstanding steward of taxpayer dollars, building two new stations plus staffing and equipping them, all to produce improved service to our community and decreased response times, in spite of losing in excess of \$400,000 in revenue per year

during the recent recession and a 40% increase in calls for emergency service.

While it may sound like "the sky is falling" political theatrics, a failure to pass Referendum 7A will result in a drastic reduction in services, extended response times, the closing of Fire Station 2 on US 550 and a probable increase in your homeowner's fire insurance rates.

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Previously NFSR 402 had been closed in response to increased activity associated with the ongoing Bull Draw Fire. The closure had affected a 17 mile stretch from NFSR 600 (Windy Point Junction) to NFSR 408 (Dominguez Road).

An area closure remains in place around the Bull Draw Fire. It effects the area bordered by the north by the Blue Creek Drainage, on the west and southwest by National Forest boundary, on the northeast by NFSR 402 (Divide Road) and on the south approximately 1 mile southeast of the Campbell Creek drainage between the National Forest boundary and NFSR 402 (Divide Road).

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NEW MEDICARE CARDS HAVE STARTED MAILING TO COLORADO BENEFICIARIES

Be on the lookout for scammers and fraudsters

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - New Medicare cards have finally started to be mailed to Colorado's Medicare beneficiaries. That's good news, but the Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI), the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP), all part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies, caution that scammers and fraudsters are using this to take advantage of unsuspecting seniors. "New card, same guard" is what we're telling people," said Kimberly Latta, Director of Colorado's SHIP / SMP programs. "Your Medicare card is key to your medical identity and we don't want people to give that key away. But we also want folks to be aware of these scams looking for money or bank information. We ask that people watch out for themselves and their loved ones." Here are a few of the more common scams centered around the new cards that are being reported across the country.

People contacting Medicare beneficiaries and asking them to pay for their new Medicare card. The new cards are being mailed *automatically* to Medicare beneficiaries. You don't have to request it, and you certainly do not have to pay an activation or process fee, or any kind of fee, for your new card.

Someone calling who claims to be from Medicare and wants your Social Security number, your Medicare number or bank information. Know that Medicare will never initiate calls and won't ask for such personal information, and you don't need to provide this information to get your new card. If this happens, hang up. It's a scam.

Threats to cancel Medicare benefits if you don't provide your information or pay for your new card. This is really just a more aggressive form of the first two scams. Again, hang up on anyone threatening you like this. "Like any major transition, scammers will target Medicare beneficiaries in Colorado who recently received their new

card," said Mark Fetterhoff, Senior Program Specialist with the AARP Foundation's Elderwatch. "It is critical that people are aware they could be the target of phishing scams hunting for personal information." If you or someone you know encounters one of these scams, or similar attempts, contact Colorado's Senior Medicare Patrol at 1-800-503-5190. This program helps people detect and deter suspected Medicare fraud and abuse. Visit the [Senior Medicare Patrol and Medicare Fraud page](#) on the Division of Insurance website for more information. And once you receive your new card and verify that the information on the card is correct, be sure to shred the old one -- don't just throw it in the trash. The new cards have removed people's Social Security numbers and replaced them with an 11-character Medicare identifier with both numbers and letters. Removing the Social Security numbers is an effort to reduce the risk of identity theft.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

VOTE NO ON RECKLESS DMEA BALLOT ISSUE

Editor:

I attended one of DMEA's local meetings regarding the upcoming vote in October and have read all of the documents provided by DMEA at the meeting. DMEA's representatives spoke mostly about the positive aspects a "YES" vote would have on DMEA. But there was not much talk about the negative aspects. I'm not an expert in the electric co-op world, nor am I an accountant, so I decided to attempt to educate myself and weigh the pros and cons. In addition to the informational documents provided by DMEA, I also visited the websites from other electric co-ops who are studying their options for a Tri-State buyout.

What I've learned is a "YES" vote will give the DMEA Board more flexible financing options by letting the Board issue up to 1,000,000 shares of capital stock to investors, including non-member investors, and will allow the Board to set the terms and the amount of dividends that would be paid to those investors. DMEA states that with this new financing option it can consider additional investments, power supply alternatives, and more local generation. Basically a "Yes" vote will allow the DMEA Board to find a third-party power supplier to finance a buyout of DMEA's existing contract with Tri-State, WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF ALL DMEA MEMBERS. The Board believes this additional financing could stabilize or possibly reduce member electric rates in the long term, but there are unknown risks and there is NO guarantee that rates would not increase.

Currently, DMEA raises capital by raising electric rates or through cooperative loans. DMEA says that "loans are classified as 'Liabilities' while stock is classified as 'Equity', and this difference matters for DMEA's finances." Well, I'm not an accountant, but A LOAN IS A LOAN, no matter whether you classify it as a

"Liability" or if you classify it as an "Equity" on your financial statements.

DMEA also states that, "They're not aware of any electric cooperative that has issued capital stock to non-members, but like any other cutting edge transaction, issuing capital stock to non-members could pose unknown risks".

Currently, both United Power (Brighton, CO), and Poudre Valley REA (Fort Collins, CO) are studying the issue of withdrawing from their contract with Tri-State. La Plata Electric (Durango, CO), also another Tri-State member, studied their withdrawal options and decided not to proceed with a buyout of their contract because "the buyout costs would be substantial and they projected that it could raise their members' rates by 1.5 cents/KWh". In 2016, Kit Carson Electric (New Mexico) bought out of their contract with Tri-State. Kit Carson found a third-party power provider (Guzman Energy) to finance their buyout. After the buyout, Kit Carson proceeded building and installing solar arrays, became an internet provider, lost their largest commercial customer (mine closed), and increased their members' electric rates. Sadly they are now over \$100 million in debt and are unable to meet their current mandatory financial obligations.

Perhaps Kit Carson Electric's buyout would be different than what DMEA is proposing, but there are many questions the DMEA Board should answer or address prior to any "YES" vote. Therefore, I'll be casting a "NO" on my ballot because of the following uncertainties. The uncertainty of the unknown costs of a Tri-State buyout, the unknown costs associated with a third-party power provider, the unknown costs associated with transmission/distribution lines the third-party power provider would need, the unknown cost for the dividends that would be paid on the capital stock and where the money comes from to pay the

dividends, the uncertainty of not being able to guarantee that our rates would stay the same, or go up or go down.

I'll also be casting a "NO" on my ballot because of the following concerns. I reviewed DMEA's Annual Financial Reports. Unfortunately, the 2018 Annual Report has not yet been made public. In looking over the Reports, the long term debt continues to rise. In the 2017 Report, the long term debt was \$90.8 million vs. \$71.0 million in the 2015 Report, a 27.8% increase in two years.

I also noted in the Annual Reports a net operating loss of over \$4 million for DMEA Utilities Services (which I'm assuming includes "Elevate"). In the April 24, 2018 Board Minutes, the Board approved an Emergency Line of Credit with CFC (amount unknown). In the July 24, 2018, the Board approved a \$25 million loan facility with CFC (prior to approving this loan, the Board had a discussion about the flexibility this loan would provide with respect to when funds may be drawn). MORE DEBT...I wonder what the long term debt is for 2018.

My final concern would be that if this ballot passes, we the Members, will have no say in any decision about withdrawing from the Tri-State contract, no say in who the third-party provider would be, and no say in how much debt we, the Members incur. The Board has the final say. The Members will have no voice, and no vote on any of this. I can't believe the Articles of Incorporation do not require a Membership vote on such an important issue. So think long and hard before you say "YES".

I think this ballot issue has been rushed and I think the DMEA Board owes it to the Membership to provide us with a better understanding of the issues and concerns, which means also giving the Members the worst case scenarios.

N. Kelly, Hotchkiss

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

VOTE FOR INCUMBENT KERRY DONAVON IN COLORADO SENATE DIST. 5

Dear Editor,

Most Americans are probably like me, very conflicted about the upcoming national and local elections.

On a very local level I have a growing, grave concern about the race for Colorado Senate District 5 where incumbent Democrat Kerry Donavon is being challenged by Delta County's own Republican Olen Lund. I know both of these candidates very well and I totally respect their heritage of pioneering agricultural ancestors. I have worked with both on issues and opposed both on other issues.

However, the almost un-Godly amount of monies pouring into Lund's campaign from state and national political special interests groups should alarm everyone. This outside money is approaching \$1 million. Why? Because Kerry Donovan has strong support in most of the Counties in District 5, except for the Republican majority in Delta County. The campaign has become as ugly as some on the national "swamp" scenes, attempting to paint Kerry as some kind of radical liberal from a

filthy rich resort which is simply not true. Just because her family's pioneering cattle ranch is in Eagle County near Vail does not turn her into an "elitist snob".

Delta County has had no stronger representation in the Colorado legislature in the more than 50 years I have lived here than Kerry Donovan. There is one issue alone that is justification for her continuing to represent us and it is an issue that very much involved Olen Lund, deploying gigabyte internet service in sparsely populated rural counties. No one other member of the legislature has worked harder on this issue than Kerry. Because of her efforts and her collaboration Delta Montrose Rural Electric Association (DMEA) is now deploying fiber optic cable to premise throughout Delta and northern Montrose Counties.

Lund however, as President of the DMEA Board of Directors, did everything he could to stop that innovative effort. DMEA was approached by a large contingent of community leaders at a board meeting in late 2015 and Lund's vigorous

opposition resulted in him losing his seat at the 2016 annual meeting to fellow Paonia resident Brad Harding. Thus DMEA moved forward rapidly and now throughout their service area their wholly owned subsidiary, ELEVATE, LLC. is busy deploying a world class system serving nearly 35,000 residents and businesses.

This is the biggest economic development event to happen in this area in most of our lifetimes. Olen Lund, as a Delta County Commissioner, time after time, displayed this same "do not change anything" and above all don't be innovative or creative because everything is fine. But it was his behavior as DMEA President that was the straw that broke this lifelong Republican's back.

So I am asking Republicans, like myself, Democrats and our growing population of Independents to join me in voting for Kerry to continue representing Delta County in the State Senate. She has earned it and is not trying to buy the seat.

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VISTA CHARTER SCHOOL CONSIDERS CHANGES; MONTROSE ECC EXPLORES FACILITY UPDATE From pg 1



The new Columbine Middle welcomed the RE-1J Board of Education for a special meeting/work session/school visitation on Sept. 25.

Vista is conducting a community needs assessment to consider certain possibilities, such as a change to the age requirement, which is currently age 16-21. Vista has historically been focused on “retrieval” and has served adult learners and working students as well. Younger students attend Vista through the Phoenix program for students age 16 or under who have been expelled or suspended. Phoenix, which operates on a referral basis, is “not working super well...having them in Vista and then pushing them back into the school system,” MacNiven said. “...when we send them back to the school they came from they typically don’t want to go.

“It’s not really working for Vista...not serving students very well...not meeting the needs of the district.”

District A Director Jeff Bachman asked whether the three-hour Phoenix school day made it more attractive to students. “Is that why they don’t want to go back?”

RE-1J Superintendent Stephen Schiell noted that Vista has flexibility regarding rules and regulations, but its status as a charter school must be approved by the

RE-1J Board of Education.

District E Director Sarah Fishing asked for data; “aggregated information would be useful.”

MacNiven said that Vista’s board hopes to provide recommendations to the Board of Education by the end of October. “It’s not a huge amount of change, but an in-depth conversation on where we are going.”

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER UPDATE

Early Childhood Center (ECC) Director Penny Harris discussed the growing need for quality facility space. By 2021, 102 children must be in full-day slots, she noted. “We’re outgrowing our facility; the facility needs a lot of work.”

The ECC has modular classrooms in Olathe and half a modular at Johnson. Still, with 220 students at the present time, “We’re almost full,” Harris said. “I see us not being able to serve special needs kids with the facilities we have now.”

RE-1J Director of Property Services Philip Bailey called the existing ECC “a very expensive campus.”

Bailey said that he was working on a re-

quest for proposals (RFP) for an architectural team to help with a conceptual design; “I can talk to Chamberlain...we need to forward think this. We need to think square footage. We’ve got one chance to do it right.

“Once we have a plan and visuals that people can look at, Penny can go to Daniels (Fund),” he said. “If we can make better students early on, we won’t need to send ‘em to Vista.”

Said RE-1J Chief Financial Officer Adam Rogers, “For \$50,000 you can get a really good design and shop it around...my goal is to finance this without using district taxpayer dollars.”

If it doesn’t matter where the money comes from, “I can get half of it overnight,” Rogers said.

RURAL FUNDING

Superintendent Schiell presented a plan for [spending rural schools funding \(RSF\)](#) from the 2017-18 and 2018-19 budget years. A total of \$1,254,038 in planned projects will use RSF funds of \$270,000 from 2017-18 and \$984,038 from 2018-19. Projects include changing interior door handles throughout the district, and intercom replacement at all schools, Schiell said. “If we can’t communicate, we have a problem.”

Schiell also discussed pursuing a BEST grant for a \$1,750,000 access control project for all exterior doors in budget year 2019-20. “The District would need to come up with \$1,000,000.”

To the school board Schiell said, “If you want to do something different with the money you need to tell me; we felt safety is a priority.”

Board President Tom West asked for nods of consensus.

“It’s a safety issue,” Board Vice President Gayle Johnson said.

The board reconvened for a school visitation meeting and performance by the Columbine Middle School Jazz Band and Show Choir. Columbine Principal Ben Stephenson would not allow media photos.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

VOTE NO ON DMEA BALLOT TO CHANGE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Editor:

As a member owner/rate payer of Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA), I am very concerned about DMEA's upcoming vote to change its Articles of Incorporation in an effort to buy out of its contract with its wholesale electric power supplier, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association. In my opinion, DMEA has been oversimplifying a very complex issue in the press and social media. Here are a few facts relating to what DMEA has been communicating:

- Tri-State is not a distant Front Range company that doesn't understand our needs. Tri-State has provided a vital service to rural Colorado, including Montrose County, for many years, and employs more than 40 people in Montrose.
- Tri-State's board of directors is comprised of 1 director from each of its 43 member electric cooperatives (including DMEA). To ensure each cooperative covers its share of the costs, the Tri-State members approved a policy to limit their own self-supply of renewable and distrib-

uted energy to 5 percent of their total energy requirements. Tri-State isn't the unreasonable, inflexible organization DMEA wants you to believe it is. Tri-State is only implementing what its board decided in a democratic vote.

- Tri-State's wholesale rates have NOT increased from 2016-2018. In 2019, Tri-State's budget does NOT include a rate increase. Tri-State is forecasting stable rates in the years to come.

• Although current market prices for renewable energy are low, there is no guarantee they will remain low once the taxpayer-funded government subsidies expire. In addition, the market price for energy does not include the other costs required to deliver power to consumers. Tri-State's wholesale rate includes all costs associated with delivering power to its members regardless of the weather 24/7, 365 days per year, including transmission services. So trying to compare Tri-State's wholesale rates with the current prices of renewable and market power is NOT comparing apples to apples.

• Tri-State has renewable energy resources in its generation portfolio, and it is the top solar generation and transmission cooperative in the nation. Since 2008, 475 megawatts of generation has been added including wind, solar and hydropower. In 2017, 30 percent of the energy consumed by its members came from renewable resources. Tri-State is also soliciting for additional renewable energy supply.

I am a firm believer in the cooperative model which has a diverse membership and governance structure, plans for the long term, and focuses on delivering reliable and affordable power, rather than focusing on maximizing profit for investors. The cooperative model allows all of its membership to share the benefits when times are good and moderates the risks of economic downturns. I do not want to see our local member-owned cooperative become an investor-owned utility. For these reasons, I intend to vote **NO** when I receive DMEA's ballot to change its Articles of Incorporation.

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Being associated with such a highly recognized brand is an honor and responsibility not taken lightly. Among the other companies under the Berkshire Hathaway umbrella are American Express, Geico, Wells Fargo, Coca Cola, and Helzberg Diamonds.

According to Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO, Berkshire Hathaway Inc., "I think you want to join a company that's going to be around forever. Berkshire Hathaway is built to be forever, it's true of all our businesses that we own. You want to be part of an organization that's

not looking to sell out next week or next month or next year or where the place will crumble when the founders leave. In terms of permanence, we can't be beat. Not only can we not be topped by anyone, we can't be matched by anyone."

Our vision to be the most admired and trusted real estate company in the region remains unchanged as we recently opened in Durango and our Telluride office is slated for Nov. 1.

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I appreciate the trust you have placed with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Western Colorado Properties with your real estate business and look forward to exceeding any previous real estate experience you may have had in the past. I hope you will join us on Oct. 5, 12-2.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BLM TO CONTINUE WEST RIM PRESCRIBED BURNS

Special to the Mirror

DOLORIS – The Bureau of Land Management Southwest Colorado Fire and Aviation Management Unit plans to conduct several prescribed burns on BLM-managed lands within the Tres Rios Field Office as early as September 28, 2018, or as conditions allow. The prescribed burns will treat about 500 acres of ponderosa pine and Gambel oak.

The prescribed burns are part of a larger project to re-introduce fire to a fire adapted ecosystem to restore healthy forests. Benefits include reduced hazardous fuels to protect wildland urban interface communities, improved range conditions as well as big game and Sage-grouse habitat. The West Rim Pines Project includes 38 separate units located about seven miles east of Dove Creek, Colorado. Several units of the West Rim Pines Project were successfully treated in past years and are already showing positive results.

A detailed burn plan outlines the parameters for prescribed burning on each unit.

No road closures are expected during the project; however, camping in proximity to the units is discouraged due to increased traffic and likelihood of smoke in the area, particularly at night.

“In order to ensure control of the burn and minimize the potential smoke impacts to local communities, we must meet specific criteria for weather conditions and air quality,” said Ian Barrett, BLM Fire Management Specialist. “Recent large fires in the area demonstrate the need for projects like this to help protect our communities from the risk of a catastrophic fire. Due to dry conditions this year, we are carefully measuring live and dead fuels on site, monitoring conditions with a portable weather station, and waiting for additional moisture to continue to moderate the burn area. If conditions allow, we will take advantage of the opportunity to help reduce the risk to adjacent private lands and make our wildlands more resilient.”

The BLM obtains smoke permits from the Colorado State Air Pollution Control

Division which identify atmospheric conditions under which the burns can be implemented. Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information, visit <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

The prescribed burns may be initiated throughout the coming months and will be monitored throughout the process to ensure public safety. Smoke may be visible in the area for several days after each burn is completed as vegetation in the interior continues to smolder; although, most of the smoke will lift and dissipate during the warmest parts of the day.

For information on wildfires and restrictions in the area, call the Southwest Colorado Fire and Aviation Management Information line (970.240.1070), visit the Durango Interagency Dispatch website (http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2drc), or follow us on Twitter (https://twitter.com/SWD_Fire) and Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/>)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH CONCLUDES

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-Throughout September, declared **Workforce Development Month** by Governor Hickenlooper, the Department of Labor and Employment and a network of state and county-run employment and training offices called Workforce Centers have offered workshops, open houses, hiring events, employer seminars, conferences, and online features all designed to connect skilled workers with Colorado businesses.

From Sept. 24 - 28, Workforce Development Month turns its focus to the Healthcare and Technology industries, both with a wide range of opportunities for job seekers with the right skills.

According to the Governor's **Lifelong Colorado Initiative**, one in four Coloradans will be 60 or older by 2030. As our population ages, the need for healthcare services increases. The Healthcare Industry has

seen an over-the-year job growth (August 2017 to August 2018) of 2.1 percent with 6,200 jobs added. Currently, Connecting Colorado, the Department of Labor and Employment's online job bank, has almost 32,000 jobs open for hire statewide.

Among the industry subsectors that are expected to see the strongest short-term projected growth are Ambulatory Healthcare Services (including physician and dentist offices, outpatient care centers, diagnostic laboratories and home healthcare services); Hospitals (and the great diversity of workers comprising this subsector); and Social Assistance (which includes Vocational Rehabilitation services, Community Food and Housing, and Child Care services.)

Job seekers interested in exploring these jobs should visit the Department of Labor and Employment's microsite devoted to Healthcare, cworkforce-healthcare.jobs.

Information Technology is also a major industry in Colorado. It has seen an over-the-year job growth (August 2017 to August 2018) of 5.5 percent with 3,900 jobs added. Currently, Connecting Colorado, the Department of Labor and Employment's online job bank, has almost 20,000 Information Technology jobs open for hire statewide. Occupations in Information Technology can encompass a wide range of skills. Software Developers can make upwards of \$120,000 per year. Other jobs, such as Multimedia Artists and Animators and Graphic Designers, require a combination of software skills and creativity.

Job seekers interested in exploring these jobs or occupations in telecommunications, software publishing, data processing, and many others can tap into them at the Department of Labor and Employment's microsite devoted to Technology, cworkforce-technology.jobs

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CREWS TO INSTALL NEW ROCK CATCHMENT FENCE ON US 550 RED MOUNTAIN PASS

Special to the Mirror

SOUTHWEST COLORADO — The Colorado Department of Transportation and contractor, Geostabilization International (GSI) will start a month-long project on US Highway 550 Red Mountain Pass just south of Ouray next week. With a target start date of Monday, October 1, crews will begin repairs to netting and fencing on the Ruby Wall's cliff face. The netting and fencing repairs are the final stage of work needed after several highway features were damaged as a result of severe flood-

ing, mud flows and rock fall earlier this summer. The Colorado Transportation Commission has approved emergency contingent funds to complete this needed work.

NEEDED WORK:

GSI crews will repair the draped netting that hangs on the face of the cliff wall. The netting will also be tied down with additional new anchors drilled into the cliff wall. This netting traps falling rock.

Crews will also construct a new and taller catchment fence to be installed below

an older existing catchment fence. This work will involve the drilling of post anchors, installation of steel beam posts and additional rock netting. No rock scaling work is expected, except for minor clearing of loose rock for post and anchor installation. Rock scaling is the removal of loose rock material which may present a rock fall hazard on the highway.

The new supplemental netting and fencing will increase the capacity for debris which falls from the cliff walls and may present a rock fall hazard on the highway.

GET COVERED MONTROSE – Health Insurance Fair



Friday, October 12th

Montrose Library Meeting Room

320 S. 2nd Street

12pm – 4pm

A **FREE** one-stop-shop for those looking into insurance options – open to the public

Includes Connect for Health Colorado, Medicaid, and Medicare



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ART & SOL

STRAY GRASS PLAYS KAFM RADIO ROOM OCT. 12



Stray Grass, a popular bluegrass band in the Grand Valley, is returning in Concert on Friday, Oct. 12. Courtesy image.

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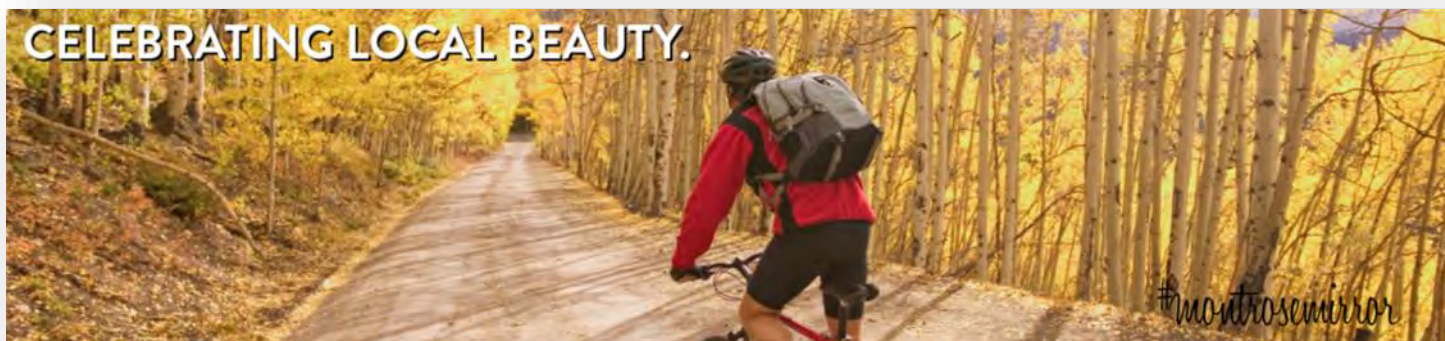
GRAND JUNCTION-Stray Grass, a popular bluegrass band in the Grand Valley, is returning in Concert on Friday, Oct. 12, 2018 in KAFM's Radio Room. Come out to enjoy the band's smooth sounds and celebrate the success of their recent double CD, *Live from the Radio Room*.

Stray Grass musicians include guitarist/vocalist Ted Shook, Byron Walcher on banjo, Dave Rowley on bass, and Garry Tullio on mandolin and vocals. Their sound includes a high-energy interpretation of acoustic music with a style that is all their own. Stray Grass has opened for the Infamous Stringdusters, Cadillac Sky, Hot Buttered Rum, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and many others.

Tickets are **\$15 in advance**, and \$18 at the door. To purchase tickets, go online at kafmradio.org, or call **970.241.8801** to pay by phone during business hours.

The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors open at 7pm, and concert begins at 7:30pm.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & OUTDOORS

DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL CSU TRI-RIVER PLANT SALE AND TREE AUCTION



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GRAND JUNCTION-Fall is a great time to plant trees, shrubs and perennials. You don't want to miss the CSU Extension Tri-River Area Master Gardeners' Annual Plant Sale and Tree Auction, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13! Come bid on a variety of large trees and buy plants, donated by local greenhouses and nurseries or grown by our Master Gardeners. All proceeds support the Master Gardener Program and the Demonstration Gardens. The plant, book, lavender hydrosol & hypertufa pot sale and bidder registration start at 9 am with the tree auction starting at 10 am with Buster Cattles as the auctioneer. Coffee, beverages and food available. Many Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your questions. Our TRA Master Gardeners provide free research-based advice to homeowners on gardening and landscaping throughout the growing season. Hope to see you Oct. 13th at the Mesa County Fairgrounds behind the CSU Extension office.

The CSU Extension Tri-River Area Master Gardeners' Annual Plant Sale and Tree Auction will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 @ the Mesa County Fairgrounds. Courtesy photo.

MIRROR IMAGES: HISTORY & AGRICULTURE

DRAFT HORSES, ANTIQUE HARVESTER BRING HISTORY TO LIFE

Draft horses pull antique an antique harvester at Matt Miles place. Photo by Brad Switzer..



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October 2, 2018

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\$500 "Must Go"

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Progressive Game #4
\$611

Win with 37 #s or less, or the game
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\$10,180

Win with 53 #s or fewer, or the game
continues for the prize posted

Doors Open at 5 PM, Early Bird starts at 6:30 PM
main Bingo session starts at 7 PM



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

LEARN ABOUT LARK BUNTING OCT. 4 @ MONTROSE FIELD HOUSE



The lark bunting, Colorado's state bird. Courtesy photo.

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MONTROSE-Come learn more about Colorado's state bird, the lark bunting! Graduate student Amber Carver will provide a program on nesting of Colorado's secretive grassland birds on the eastern plains. She is studying how grazing can be used to improve their survival and reproduction. Join Black Canyon Audubon at its monthly program on Oct. 4 at 7 PM at the Montrose Fieldhouse to learn about this research.

LIBRARY TO HOLD USED BOOK SALE

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MONTROSE-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.

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MIRROR IMAGES...FREE FALL FUN DOWNTOWN!



Gorgeous autumn weather brought locals and visitors out for fun in Downtown Montrose Sept. 29. From top left, Sheila Sanders of Montrose welcomes visitors to the Colorado K9 Challenge at the Montrose County Event Center; shoppers browse at the Montrose Farmers Market; Shoppers browse on Main Street; the Flyfishing show at Friendship Hall drew an appreciative crowd; a first-time competitor gets help from his handler on the obstacle course at the K9Challenge.



Indigenous Peoples Day

A Weekend of Healing & Education Sharing

Oct. 5-6-7-8

For info, go to
www.tellurideinstitute.org
or "Indigenous Peoples Day -
San Miguel County"
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Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk
"Community Roundtables"

Glade Hadden
"13,000 Years of Living Well on the Western Slope"

SIHASIN
"Navajo rock band at the Moon"

Eutimia Cruz Montoya
"Healing Histories"

Joe Pacal
"Food Sovereignty & Ecosystems Restoration on the Navajo
Nation"

Rick Chavolla
"Urban Indians & A Proposal for an all-Nation Indigenous
Cultural Center in Telluride"

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: HEALTH & WELLNESS

HIFU FOR PROSTATE CANCER AVAILABLE @ MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



Drs. Jordan Luskin and Craig Peterson, Urologists. Courtesy photos.

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Montrose Memorial Hospital is currently the only hospital in Colorado offering a new, advanced treatment option for select patients with prostate cancer.

cer. HIFU, or high-intensity focused ultrasound uses sound waves, instead of surgery or radiation, to image and destroy prostate cancers. It works in the same way as rays of sunlight that pass through a magnifying glass and are concentrated at a single point, causing a significant temperature rise around the focal point.

"Most men are looking for less invasive prostate cancer treatments options that will preserve their quality of life," said Urologist Dr. Craig Peterson. "HIFU is one of the most revolutionary treatments available today."

There are several benefits of using HIFU. This is a non-invasive procedure, which means that no incision is made,

therefore leaving no scar.

Since only the diseased cells are targeted, there is less impact to the essential nerves, blood vessels, and muscles surrounding the prostate which are critical for sexual function and urinary continence.

In addition, the treatment times are shorter and patients report fewer side effects than with standard surgical or radiation therapies.

An individual HIFU session typically lasts two-three hours and does not require an overnight stay at the hospital.

Most patients only need one session with the goal being to reduce the need for more aggressive treatments, such as surgery or radiation.

Please contact Drs. Luskin and Peterson at San Juan Urology, 970.249.2291 for more information on HIFU treatments at Montrose Memorial Hospital.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: PEOPLE ON THE GO!

HOPEWEST CEO ACCEPTS BOARD LEADERSHIP ROLE FOR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Special to Art & Sol

USA-The National Partnership for Hospice Innovation (NPHI) announced the election of board officers, naming Christy Whitney Borchard, HopeWest President and CEO, as Board Secretary.

NPHI members work to fundamentally change how people and institutions think about the last stages of life through its mission to "lead the movement of hospice, palliative, and advanced illness care through innovation and collaboration." "Our Board is comprised of innovative

leaders who help guide and shape the future of hospice care through the work of our members. As a founding member of NPHI, Christy's passion and drive for high-quality, person-centered care is remarkable and I am thrilled that she is the Secretary," said Tom Koutsoumpas, President and CEO of the National Partnership for Hospice Innovation. "NPHI is grateful for the Officers' willingness to serve our members in this capacity."

Much like HopeWest, these like-minded leaders and not-for-profit providers across

the United States are driven by passion and integrity. As part of this organization, HopeWest is committed to providing person and family-centered end-of-life care based on needs, not profit.

"I look forward to serving on this board and not only representing HopeWest, but also not-for-profit hospices across the nation," said Christy Whitney, HopeWest President and CEO. "I value NPHI and the dedication and determination their members have to continually improve patient and family experiences at the end-of-life."

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Healing workshop for the American Genocide



Rick Chavolla, a member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, in New York City (courtesy photo).

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY WEEKEND ...

I missed Denver curandera/poet Eutimia Cruz Montoya's healing workshop at the Crestone Poetry Festival last winter, but I caught her poetry show. It blew my socks off. And the smoke coming out of my ears was pure admiration ... She'll be doing her workshop, "Healing Histories," this coming Sunday, Oct. 6, at Telluride's Wilkinson Public Library beginning at 3 p.m. Here's how she describes her psychological medicine practice: "An intercultural recognition and reckoning of both our ancestral and present traumas endured and incurred by living in today's America, on the foundation of yesterday's injustice. We will hold healing space to witness and grieve the pain of our collective histories as well as honor our futures and the future of our descendants by exploring and calling unto us real life healing solutions" ... Then, she changes shawls, walks across the street to the Telluride Arts HQ Gallery, and at 6:30 p.m. rips into a wild poetry performance. And for those of us who follow Dolores LaChapelle's Way of the Mountain, make no mistake. Poetry can be healing. Can be strong medicine. Can be a challenge, smack dab in the face ... I can't wait.

FULL SCHEDULE ... Roland McCook of Montrose, Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk of Towaoc, Glade Hadden of Delta, *SIHASIN*



Montoya doing a healing ceremony (courtesy photo).

of Flagstaff, Joe Pacal of Telluride, Rick Chavolla of New York City ... Visit www.tellurideinstitute.org's Ute Reconciliation program or the Facebook community group: Indigenous Peoples Day – San Miguel County

PEACE & JUSTICE READINGS ... The leaves were falling gold, sometimes wind-whipp'd, in the lower terrace of Telluride's award-winning public library, the Wilkinson. A gathering of poets from around the region, and even beyond, held a lively noon reading for "Peace & Justice" this past weekend -- in solidarity with a global group effort called 100 Thousand Poets for Change (100tpc) ... As one of our Talking Gourds club members noted, that name is a better focus for positive efforts



Eutimia Cruz Montoya (courtesy photo).

than the equally compelling Poets Against the War effort. "Against" pulls you into a dance with the object of your preposition ... But 100tpc clearly intends a more just, democratic, equitable society in the hands of its organizers, although the tent is big enough to bring in surprising allies. Particularly around the world ... The Telluride Institute (TI) has always embraced Geddes' dictum: Think globally. Act locally. And so TI's poetry program offered a Guest Gourds reading on the global Peace & Justice day, Sept. 29 ... Special Guest Nathan Brown of Austin (TX) came the night before for a 100tpc private house party in Placerville sponsored by Rosemary Wahtola Trommer. And on Thursday KOTO radio's Access program featured his new single, *Rise*, from a CD he's been working on. Musician, songwriter, poet – he's a modern troubadour, traveling the West's blue highways in search of the lyric valuables ... Nucla performance poet masters Mike Olschewsky and Ruth Duffy led off the afternoon, the former with his "I'm Not a Conversationalist" riff and the latter with a Daedalus-worthy tour-de-force of dialect and well-crafted, intentional malapropisms ... Former *Pilgrimage* editor Peter Anderson joined us

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

from the San Luis Valley.

He gave us the good news that his Crestone Poetry Festival is coming back for a second year this winter, end of February ...

Daiva Chesonis, our local bard, wrote a poem for the reading – bardic speaking-in-public was a sacred function down throughout the ages of most of our European ancestries ... The always extraordi-

nary Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer brought Babette from Germany, who read several pieces ... Hitchhiker Collin, who had-a-bike-flat-at-the-top-of-Keystone, contributed to the reading and then left for San Francisco ... Peter Waldor. Gabe Waldor. David Oyster. Doug Tooley. Vicki Phelps. It was an international poetry&politics action. And fun.

WARSAN SHIRE ... TI founder Pamela Lifton-Zoline couldn't make the reading, but sent along a poem by this Kenyan-born British poet of Somali extraction.

It's been shared around the world ... We've printed the first few stanzas as this week's Talking Gourd. For the whole poem, go to www.facinghistory.org/standing-up-hatred-intolerance/warsan-shire-home.

THE TALKING GOURD

Home

no one leaves home unless
home is the mouth of a shark
you only run for the border
when you see the whole city running as well

your neighbors running faster than you
breath bloody in their throats
the boy you went to school with
who kissed you dizzy behind the old tin factory
is holding a gun bigger than his body

you only leave home
when home won't let you stay...

-Warsan Shire
London



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & OUTDOORS

LOOK WHAT'S NEW IN COLORADO SKI COUNTRY



Photo courtesy Colorado Ski Country USA.

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COLORADO-New Lifts- Across the state, Colorado Ski Country ski areas are making significant investments to improve and enhance the guest experience with faster lift rides and shorter lift lines.

What's New in Colorado Ski Country USA Winter 2018-19

Winter Park Resort will welcome a new \$16 million 10-person gondola in its base area to replace the well-known 4-person Zephyr chairlift. This new gondola will increase uphill capacity by over 1,000 guests per hour, reducing wait times by 15 minutes during peak season and providing access to a new daily après offering at the Lodge at Sunspot. It is part of a \$28 million investment at the resort this year.

Copper Mountain will replace two lifts in its base area for the 2018-19 winter season. The 4-person American Eagle chairlift will be replaced with a high-speed telemix, a combination of 8-person gondola cabins and 6-person chairlifts, increasing uphill capacity over 40 percent. On the west side of the base area, the 4-person American Flyer lift will be replaced with a 6-person bubble chairlift providing protection for

guests on windy or colder days and increasing uphill capacity 33 percent.

Loveland Ski Area will replace Lift 1 with the ski area's first high speed detachable quad chairlift, part of \$5 million in investment over the summer. This will cut ride time down from eight minutes to under three minutes. After over 3,000 public entries in a naming contest, the lift will be named Chet's Dream after legendary owner Chet Upham, who was the inspiration behind Loveland's original Lift 1 in 1956.

Arapahoe Basin will open the Beavers lift for the 2018-19 winter season, a new 4-person chairlift that will service the new intermediate and expert Beavers terrain at the ski area.

Wolf Creek Ski Area, known for receiving the most snow annually in Colorado, will open a new lift for the 2018-19 season, the Charity Chairlift. The high-speed 4-person chairlift will provide access to 55 acres of beginner and intermediate terrain and provide improved access to 900 acres of intermediate and expert terrain.

New Terrain- Arapahoe Basin will complete a two-year project to add 468 acres of new intermediate and expert terrain in the Beavers and Steep Gullies. This will

include 34 new runs served by the new Beavers lift in 2018-19, while the Steep Gullies terrain will remain hike-back, expert only terrain. In the southern part of the state **Wolf Creek** will welcome 55 acres of previously underutilized beginner and intermediate terrain. **Monarch Mountain**, near Salida, CO, will have a new 450-foot tubing hill in its base area for the 2018-19 season. **Echo Mountain**, 50 minutes from Denver, will also add a new tubing hill and expand its snowmaking operation for the winter.

Lodging- Aspen Snowmass will open its new 99-room Limelight at the base of Snowmass. The Limelight is part of a larger \$600 million base redevelopment project that features a central plaza, a community center and residential condominiums. At **Sunlight**, the award-winning Ski, Swim and Stay package, which features skiing, hot-springs and lodging deals, now includes new lodging properties.

Dining- Steamboat Resort will debut two brand new dining experiences this winter. A new base area restaurant, Timber & Torch, will feature bistro-inspired food and both indoor and heated outdoor dining spaces, while the Taco Beast, an on-mountain roaming snowcat, will serve tacos across the mountain. **Sunlight** will introduce the Compass Mountain Grill, an on-mountain food stand for walk-up skiers and riders. **Wolf Creek** will open the Alberta Grill with a south of the border themed menu that also offers more traditional grilled items. **Copper Mountain** will debut Downhill Duke's, a new dog-friendly restaurant in the Center Village. Several resorts will offer luxury on-mountain, nighttime dining experiences including **Arapahoe Basin's** Moonlight Dinner series, **Winter Park's** five-course gondola-served dinners at The Lodge at Sunspot, and **Copper Mountain's** Moonlight Dine + Ski fine-dining buffet dinner. At **Aspen Snowmass**, the famed Cloud Nine Alpine Bistro has recently undergone a \$1.1 million remodel including a refreshed dining space, kitchen enhancements and a new fireplace.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & EDUCATION

LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

Special to Art & Sol

DURANGO-- Nearly 400 Skyhawks graduated from Fort Lewis College on Saturday, April 28, 2018. The students enjoyed a Commencement Address from John Hickenlooper, governor of the State of Colorado. Sabrina Kling of Montrose (81403); Kling's major was Graphic Design.

Scott Johnson of Montrose (81403); Johnson's major was Psychology.

Paige Ready of Montrose (81401); Ready's major was Sociology & Human Services.

Fort Lewis College is the Southwest's crossroads of education and adventure. Our blend of small classes, dynamic academic programs, and a liberal arts perspective leads to transformative learning experiences that foster entrepreneurship, leadership, creative problem solving, and life-long learning. And our unique & beautiful mountain campus, on a mesa above historic Durango, Colorado, inspires an active and friendly community with a spirit of engagement, exploration, and intellectual curiosity.



Courtesy photo Fort Lewis College.

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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. 2nd 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,-106.752,15z) Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

MONTHLY-

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. 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 or at their box office at 610 Arts Collective, open Monday-Friday 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, visit 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 or Genesis Christian Market Place.

Oct. 4-Come learn more about Colorado's state bird, the lark bunting! Graduate student Amber Carver will provide a program on nesting of Colorado's secretive grassland birds on the eastern plains. She is studying how grazing can be used to improve their survival and reproduction. Join Black Canyon Audubon at its monthly program on Oct. 4 at 7 PM at the Montrose Fieldhouse to learn about this research.

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

Oct. 8-Monday Oct. 8 ,6:30 Monthly meeting of Citizens' Climate Lobby Montrose Library meeting rm. Network with those concerned about environment to influence and educate legislators and public on ways to help the world. Nonpartisan, national and international. citizensclimate-lobby.org local contact 970-240-9146.

Oct. 9-The Giving Guys Club of Montrose will have their next meeting at 5:15 – 6:30 pm on Tuesday Oct. 9, upstairs at the Cobble Creek Club-house. The group meets quarterly to network and raise money for local non-profits. Each member kicks in \$100 for the award and \$10 for hospitality food and drink.

Oct. 9-Tuesday Oct. 9 gather at 6:30 at Two Rascals Brewing 147 N 1st for free screening at 7 of documentary, Happening:Clean Energy Revolution. (70Min). Redford Center presents hope for future by movements for clean renewable energy now. Sponsored by Montrose Citizens' Climate lobby. Local contact 970-240-9146

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. 13-Annual CSU Plant Sale and Tree Auction, Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 am – 2 pm at the Mesa County Fairgrounds (behind the CSU Extension building).

Oct. 13-Montrose GOP Lincoln-Reagan Dinner & Fundraiser, Holiday Inn Express Montrose. Tickets \$50, table sponsor \$10. Cocktails at 6 p.m., cash bar and dinner at 7 p.m. Guest speaker is Lt. Governor Candidate Lang Sias. Buy Tickets now: DeVinny Jewelers – 970-249-3231; In Design Signs – 970-765-7291; 'Sooolutions' – 970-424-1314; GOP Headquarters – 242 E Main - 970-765-7604; On-line at our website: www.montrosegop.org.

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!](#)

Oct. 31-Halloween Costume Contest for Kids @ The Real Estate Store, 500 East Main Street. 11 a.m. during Downtown trick or treating.

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Left, event organizer Barbara Kastelic of the Montrose County Historical Society raises a glass of Colorado's best local wine at the Museum's successful Fall Frolic Fundraiser at Garrett Estates Cellars Sept. 29. Right, light on leaves up Dave Wood Road. Photo by Brad Switzer.



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