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## STUDENTS SPEAK UP FOR AMAZING RACE, RE-1J DIRECTOR PHOEBE BENZIGER HONORED FOR SERVICE



*Students Dakota Nemetz (left) and Charlotte Hellyer (right) spoke to an appreciative crowd at the Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education meeting Oct. 9. Mirror staff photo.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Several student athletes engaged a standing room only crowd at the [Oct. 9 meeting](#) of the Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education. Also at the meeting, long-time board of education director Phoebe Benziger was honored with a statewide McGuffey award by the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB). All board of education directors were present at the meeting.

### [STUDENT SPOTLIGHT](#)

RE-11J Administrative Assistant Deann Balash introduced Adaptive Physical Education Teacher Danielle Musser, who presented information on the Amazing Race fundraiser, now in its fifth year. Participation in the race, in which

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## COUNTY PRESENTS 2019 DRAFT BUDGET TO THE PUBLIC

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- On Wednesday, Oct. 10, the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) welcomed staff and members of the public to a presentation of the County manager's Recommended Budget for 2019.

County Manager Ken Norris gave an overview of the draft budget, and Assistant Finance Director Lanny Paulson explained the 2019 budget in greater detail.

Capital expenditures for 2019 will include a \$4 million upgrade for the jail, Norris said. "It has been marginal for several years; it's time to do a minor upgrade." Other projects include improvements to Montrose Regional Airport, "The old floor is sinking," and an engineering design for a remodel of the historic Montrose County Courthouse.

Operating revenue is expected to be flat, Paulson said. "The most significant



*County Manager Ken Norris (left) and members of the BOCC presented the County Manager's Recommended Budget for 2019.*

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## ANSWERING THE CALL: MPD PATROL OFFICER RUSSELL MARANTO

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Montrose Police Department (MPD) Patrol Officer Russell Maranto grew up on the Front Range of Colorado. In high school he participated in the Castle Rock Teen Court Program, "I was able to interact with the court system and the police department and that kick-started my interest in law enforcement." Maranto attended the University of Wyoming, majoring in criminal justice. While in college he held two internships, one with the University Campus PD and the other with the Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC), where he later worked as an Adult Probation and Parole Officer.

Maranto worked for a year as a probation and parole officer and when he learned MPD was hiring he decided to check it out. Montrose made a good impression, "I drove down here and did a ride-along with PD and I was impressed with people waving at the police. Plus, it is absolutely gorgeous here."

Hired in January 2018, MPD sent Maranto to the Police Academy in Grand Junction, "I enjoyed the whole thing. The academy was an excellent experience."

As one of MPD's newest hires, sworn in on May 10, Maranto laughed when asked about specialized training, "I have some bike patrol training. I'm focused on getting the ins and outs first before I move on to specializations. When you start off a lot of first impressions are what you've seen on TV shows and you think that's so cool. But right now, I just want to be the best I can be." Maranto has medical training, but has yet to use CPR.

The most stressful aspect of Maranto's job, "Trying to live up to all the awesome officers we have here and in the county.



*Montrose Police Department Patrol Officer Russell Maranto. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

I'm still running on the high of having a new job. We recently had an officer involved shooting. Holy cow, that hit close to home. That's new too!"

For Maranto the most enjoyable part of his job is interacting with people and building relationships. He said, "As a probation officer you didn't ever get to interact with people that weren't already in trouble. You're the person who is always supervising their life. They don't get to do what they want to do...they have to do what you tell them to do. Now I get to get out and interact with great people. It's a great change for the better. You build relationships and people start to trust you."

Identifying a character trait that helps him in his job Maranto said, "I'm motivated to make the community the best that I can. No one likes to get a ticket, but after they get a ticket they probably won't do it again. It's better for them and for the community." As for career aspirations

Maranto said, "This is my dream job. I'm not giving any thought to climbing the career ladder. I'm just thrilled to be here."

Off duty Maranto likes outdoor recreation activities such as hiking and camping, "I also like movies and I study philosophy when I can. It has helped me quite a bit." When asked about his family Maranto laughed and said, "I'm single...That's why it was such a quick and easy move from Wyoming to here." In a message to citizens Maranto said, "Some people have told me when they've seen something they weren't sure if it was a big deal. They see X or Y, or something suspicious, but they don't know if they should say something. Please don't ever hesitate to call PD. No matter how small. We are happy to be there." In self-evaluation Maranto believes people see him as approachable. He laughed and said, "It may be because I'm young and not a big guy. At this point in time I'm not very scary."



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### COMMISSIONERS SEEK INPUT ON BARKING DOG ORDINANCE

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE— The Montrose Board of County Commissioners is seeking public input on the consideration of a barking dog ordinance. Commissioners have been approached in public meetings and received feedback that members of the public would support a barking dog ordinance in the unincorporated Montrose County area.

At this time, the commissioners would like additional input from county residents.

"The ordinance would not apply to working livestock dogs. I know this distinction is extremely important to our agricultural community that utilizes these dogs in farm and ranch operations," said Chairman

Keith Caddy. "Adopting an ordinance is a lengthy process, and I want to make sure we provide the public an opportunity to be heard before exploring further."

The ordinance would call for two signed complaints prior to issuing a violation.

The reporting parties must be from separate households and willing to testify at trial. Violation of the ordinance would be a Class 2 petty offense (per CRS 18-1.3-503) with a first conviction fine of \$75 and second conviction fine of \$150.

"Several community members who live in more densely populated areas of the county have complained to me about neighboring dogs that bark at all hours," said Commissioner Sue Hansen. "I'd like to start the conversation and include input

from the entire county on this important issue."

A draft ordinance is in the process of being written by the county's legal team. Once it is prepared, the draft will be presented to the commissioners in a work session for amendments and then onto the agenda of a regularly scheduled board meeting. Ordinances require three readings in a regularly scheduled board meeting with appropriate legal notices in between meetings. There is an informal poll available on the county's Facebook page.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### RENEE HANNENBERG SELECTED AS RECIPIENT OF ALPINE BANK SCHOLARSHIP TO CMU MONTROSE CAMPUS

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Renee Hannenberg, freshman at Colorado Mesa University has been awarded the 2018 Alpine Bank scholarship specific for students attending the Montrose Campus. The Alpine Bank scholarship was established in 2013 with the focus on assisting students both traditional and non-traditional that wish to attend CMU in Montrose. Additionally, we look for applicants that are not only good students but also good community members.

Renee was born and raised in Montrose and graduated from San Juan Christian Homeschool Educators. As a youth she participated in sports through the Montrose Recreation District which eventually led her to work with the youth program throughout high school. Renee has not declared a major yet but is interested in pursuing something in the medical field.

It was a great honor to be able to help a local student continue their education. "We strongly believe in giving back and the importance of education. Each time an Education Loyalty VISA Debit Card is swiped, we donate 10 cents to education related projects in our community," states Lori Bachmann, Alpine Bank Regional Community Relations Assistant. This scholarship is made possible through our Education Loyalty VISA Debit Card.



**CMU Freshman Renee Hannenberg and Alpine Bank Montrose Senior Vice President Tyler Dahl. Courtesy photo.**



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS: LOCAL BUSINESS

### TEI ROCK DRILLS' OPEN HOUSE 2018 SHOWCASES NEW PRODUCTS

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Special friends and guests met in Montrose, Colorado on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018 for TEI Rock Drill's Annual Open House. This event brought together leaders in the foundation drilling, energy, and mining sectors from North and South America and as far away as Europe, South Africa, and New Zealand for two days of learning and fun.

Attendees were welcomed with a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre reception the evening before the event, then gathered the following morning in the TEI Classroom for presentations, hands-on demonstrations, and tours. Sales managers shared informative, amusing updates from their territories and, along with engineers, advised the group on the details of TEI's latest products.

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## A FRESH POINT OF VIEW...A VISIT TO VISTA CHARTER SCHOOL



By Jack Switzer  
MHS Sophomore

MONTROSE-I sit on a small leather chair, leaning back against the wall. Someone walks in, a student like me, and swipes a card in front of a device next to the big metal doors. The doors click, and the student steps in. "Huh, Vista's a lot smaller than the high school, but it has better security." I think to myself. A teacher summons me and I follow them to a separated room, where I am instructed what to do, and where I should sit. After a bad decision I was sent to Vista Charter School for

a couple days, and it was a completely different experience than what I was used to at the high school.

Don't get me wrong, the high school is a wonderful place, but these two schools are worlds apart. Vista caters to those who work better at their own pace, fast or slow, and does a great job keeping it a fun place to learn. The high school caters to those who have no problem paying attention and understanding material given to them throughout the day, as well as supplying many more educational opportunities.

Recently, I heard that Vista's charter is up for renewal soon. And they might make changes to the school, such as extending the time required to be at school, lowering the age requirement for students who can go there, and potential changes to the Phoenix program, which is for suspended/expelled kids. These changes would probably be beneficial to Vista, with the extended time allowing more learning, and still

maintaining the same atmosphere Vista has.

Lowering the age required to attend could open opportunities for those wanting to try something different than the standard educational system, potentially benefiting them. And while these changes aren't guaranteed to happen, they are definitely possibilities.

Changing the phoenix program could be great also, because I guess at the moment the main concern is the three-hour school days. Students who are suspended and stay at Vista while carrying out their suspension are attracted to the three-hour days, and want to stay at Vista. Making it the same length as a normal day would fix that.

A final observation, Vista has a wonderful building that is not decaying; it's modern and smells nice. The current enrollment is 198 students. The hallways are spacious, not constantly filled to the brim; classrooms are nice and the chairs are nice too.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### GMUG ANNOUNCES FALL BURN PLANS

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests have announced their 2018 fall prescribed burn plans. A total of six areas are tentatively planned for treatment between mid-October and November, pending appropriate staffing and optimal weather conditions. The treatment areas are as follows:

#### **Gunnison National Forest (East Zone):**

**Los Pinos:** Located approximately 35 miles southeast of Gunnison, in the Cochetopa Park area. Approximately 1,200 acres are planned for treatment.

**West Elk:** Located approximately 14 miles west of Gunnison and 5 miles north of Blue Mesa Reservoir. Approximately 600 acres are planned for treatment.

#### **Uncompahgre National Forest (North and West Zones):**

**Rocky Pitch:** Located approximately 25 miles south of Grand Junction on the south rim of Unaweep Canyon. Approximately 400 acres are planned for treatment.

**Glencoe Pine:** Located approximately 13 miles northeast of Nucla off of National Forest System Road (NFSR) #503 (25 Mesa Road). Approximately 500 acres are planned for treatment.

**Western Implementation Unit #5:** Located approximately 7 miles southeast of Norwood near NFSR #516 (Goodenough Road). Approximately 650 acres are

planned for treatment.

**25 Mesa:** Located approximately 16 miles southwest of Delta, south of 25 Mesa Guard Station, with units on either side of NFSR #503 (25 Mesa Road). Approximately 1,300 acres are planned for treatment.

A prescribed burn is a wildland fire originating from a planned ignition and is used to improve wildlife habitat, reduce hazardous vegetation (fuels) build-up and increase timber stand health and diversi-

ty. Fire Management Officers and Fuels Specialists spend countless hours developing detailed prescribed fire plans that dictate weather conditions, staffing and safety requirements. Burns are ignited only if conditions are conducive to a safe, effective burn and within appropriate smoke dispersal parameters set by the State. Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health, for more information see: [www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health](http://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health).

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### **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO ADVOCATE ON BALLOT ISSUES**

#### *Special to the Mirror*

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### TIPTON IN LOCKSTEP WITH MONEYED INTERESTS: VOTE HIM OUT

*Editor:*

Who does Scott Tipton represent?

Scott voted to end the Affordable Care act without any replacement even though about 30% of Montrose County citizens benefit from it. He may not find it important that we are covered for pre-existing conditions but the rest of us do.

If you were at his Town Hall meeting you may remember the woman who spoke about wanting help with VA for her Wounded Warrior husband only to have Tipton's office blow her off. You could tell that was still a painful experience for her. I had a friend that tried to get help with a

loan modification during those bad times in 07 and 08. Same result. No help at all. Maybe if she'd waived her checkbook for a donation?

He submitted an oil and gas drilling bill under his name that was totally written by the industry. He simply put his name on what they wrote. Anybody for a drilling rig next door? Put it all together with his arrogance at the beginning of the town hall before he got shouted down, and it is obvious that he doesn't represent us. He is in lockstep with moneyed interests even if it hurts us, his constituents. The only time he needs us is every two years. He's

like a relative that shows up only to borrow money.

Every two years he shows up or pummels us with robocalls to ask for our vote. It's the only time we're important to him.

What I would like to see is us voting him out, even if it means getting someone with a D for party.

The next election the Republican Party may run someone who would be concerned with the needs of Montrose County citizens.

Otherwise we get more of the same. For us that is nothing.

*Paul Janzen, Montrose*

### BELIEVES THREATS OF NORTH KOREA, IRAN, AND ISIS PALE IN COMPARISON TO THREAT POSED BY TODAY'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY

*Editor:*

Subsequent to Trump's overwhelming win in 2016, Democrats "organized for action" by forming a "resistance" to thwart the will of the American electorate. With major funding by radical left wing anti American donors like Soros, Democrats supported riots, antifa, BLM, illegal immigration, racial divide, rewriting history, restricting free speech, and most recently perverting the presumption of innocence and due process.

The goal, of course, has been to see this administration fail in leading our country out of a long downward spiral. In my book, if you seek to make the country fail, you are no better than a home grown terrorist.

Threats like North Korea, Iran, and Isis pale in comparison in the face of today's Democratic party, that has been completely taken over by radical progressive leftists intent on embracing socialism. In my opinion, the greatest immediate threat to our Republic, is today's Democratic party.

If any had lingering doubts about how vicious and vindictive the Democratic party has become, all you had to do was watch the Kavanaugh confirmation circus,

played out before our eyes.

Carefully orchestrated by Democrats with paid protestors and a ultra liberal media run amok to fan the flames of mob mentality, far too many usually smart people were readily willing to accept allegations as fact. The Democrats only goal was to destroy the reputation of one of the most qualified jurists ever to be nominated for the Supreme Court, all for partisan politics. Keep in mind that all 48 Democrats voting NO, knew that the entire process was a sham.

After a disastrous eight years of Obama, Trump has brought an optimism to the country that has led to a booming economy that just hit 4.2%. Over 4 million jobs have been created and unemployment is at record lows. Manufacturing jobs have grown at the fastest rate in decades. With tax cuts median household incomes are at the highest recorded level. Almost 4 million have been lifted off food stamps. Job killing regulations have been eliminated. We have become more energy independent, among many more gains too numerous to mention here.

Like him personally or not, Trump has accomplished more in two years than the

last several Presidential terms combined. There is no doubt the country is in much better shape than it was under Obama. Yet, Democrats have proven they will go to any measure to erase the current prosperity. Now they are openly advocating a mob mentality of violence and disruption that is a direct threat to our country. The threat is not limited to the national level. Even state and local Democratic candidates are parroting the national party socialist ideology.

Good people in the Democratic party should be ashamed of what their party has become.

The November election is critical for the future of the country. Voting for any Democrat, in my opinion, is a vote to reverse all the gains achieved the last two years, a return to an Obama area depression, and an accelerated downward spiral for the country.

As so aptly put recently, "few generations have been granted the role of defending the freedoms and liberties granted by the constitution in an hour of greatest danger - this is the moment to defend that freedom".

*Dee Laird, Montrose*





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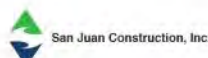
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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### VOTE YES ON 7A: IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO

Editor:

The two basic functions of civil government are: 1) providing police protection and 2) providing fire protection.

In several of my previous letters to the editor I have addressed my concerns for the less than adequate approach to the fulfillment for police protection to our citizens by our city government. Simply, this obligation and the city funding issue is not being adequately pursued.

But the provision of fire and rescue has, for whatever reason, become a 'poor second cousin' to the cops. In Colorado, fire protection is not a function of government but is essentially a separately funded private enterprise that has been governed by a conglomeration of conflicting, counter-intuitive rules (laws). These are the Tabor Amendment and the Gallagher Amendment.

To the point. The material published by Tress Guynes and the stuff in the state's 'blue book' is literally gobblegook to most of us. We do not understand it. I am a fairly accomplished accountant and businessman. I have difficulty understanding this bureaucratic baloney. So here are the simplified facts:

MFPD spent years getting two satellite fire stations with ambulances located, built and equipped. These stations significantly improved the response time of our fine fire fighters. The location of these fire-houses reduced many citizens' fire insurance premiums. Now, because of the machinations of Tabor and Gallagher (both bureaucratic bungling) that favor East Slope arithmetic, MFPD (and other West Slope departments) are losing the funding required to maintain the great protection that we have only recently enjoyed. One of our two stations will have to close should 7A fail. Some equipment will have to go unrepaired, response times for fire suppression will increase and ambulance response will be commensurately slower. The situation is projected to get worse next year.

What to do? Vote yes on 7A. Whatever increase in taxes will be more than offset by significantly lower fire insurance premiums. Just do it! It is the right thing to do! We, all of us, need our splendid fire protection and ambulance service to continue.

*Bill Bennett, Montrose*



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# CITY TO CONSIDER DDA BUDGET; BALLOT ISSUE SUPPORT; AMENDED DEVELOPMENT PLAN & PLAT FOR COLO OUTDOORS

## Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will convene for [a work session](#) at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 15. At 6 p.m. on Oct. 16, Council will convene for a regular [City Council meeting](#).

## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Four new staffers will be introduced at the work session, including Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler; Street Division Worker Eric Beaver; Utility Division Worker Hayden Lane; and Street Division Team Leader Sean McLaughlin.

Council will interview Planning Commission Applicant Jan Chastain.

Discussion items include the 2019 Downtown Development Authority (DDA) budget; revisions to Municipal Animal Code; upcoming ballot initiatives; and a construction contract for the Lift Station Elimination Sewer Line project.

Items up for discussion in future work sessions include (Nov. 5) workforce housing; proposed fee schedule revisions; and a third quarter police department report. On Nov 6, Council may discuss the 2019 budget ordinance; a new tavern liquor license application for Top Notch Mobile Food; and a hotel and restaurant liquor license transfer for Stone House Restaurant.

On Nov. 20, Council may discuss a third quarter budget review.

On Dec. 3, Council will interview applicants to the City's Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

At the regular meeting of Oct. 16, Council will hear a presentation of the Historic Landmark Designation for the 1885 Montrose County Jail by Montrose County Historic Landmarks Advisory Board President ZillaMay Brown.

Council will consider a proclamation in support of National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month.

Council will consider appointing Ian Atha; John Elo; Jon Horn; Amanda Lloyd; Michael J. Prouty; Robert (Bob) S. Stollsteimer; and Scott Stryker to the City's Historic Preservation Commission.



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Council will consider approving a new fermented malt beverage license for 3.2 beer for Stinker Stores Co., Inc. at 110 3 South Townsend Avenue.

Council will consider revised Ordinance 2410 on second reading, to opt into State Statute 12-47-301(1) and allow liquor tasting permits.

Ordinance 2457 will be considered on second reading as well, regarding the cable franchise agreement between the City of Montrose and DMEA Utility Services LLC.

Ordinance 2458 will be considered on first reading, authorizing the disposal of real property.

Ordinance 2459 will be considered on first reading, amending the zoning district designation of Parcel Number 376728149901 from P, Public District to B-3, General Commercial District.

Ordinance 2460 will be considered on first reading, amending the zoning district designation of a portion of Tract 2, John D. Exemption, from "R-3", Medium Density District to "B-2A", Regional Commercial District.

Council will consider approving an amended development plan and amended

preliminary plat for Colorado Outdoors.

Resolution 2018-28 will be considered, in support of a Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund for completion of the Montrose Botanic Gardens Master Plan and associated site plans.

Council will consider a Colorado Commercial Lease Agreement between the City of Montrose and the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning, Inc., for space in the City Hall Annex, Room 101.

Council will consider awarding a construction contract to Williams Construction in the amount of \$635,006.97 and a contract for survey/engineering support in the amount of \$27,600 to Del-Mont Consultants for the 6800 Waterline replacement project.

Council will also consider award of a contract to Browns Hill Engineering & Controls for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Supervisor Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system improvements in the amount of \$241,100.

Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.





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# COUNTY PRESENTS 2019 DRAFT BUDGET TO THE PUBLIC

## From pg 1

growth will be in the Sales & Use tax category."

Commissioner Sue Hansen asked about the projected impacts of Colorado's [Gallagher Amendment](#), which affects how much homeowners pay in property taxes. According to the [State of Colorado](#), the assessment rate on residential properties has dropped from 21 percent in 1982 when Gallagher was passed, to 7.96 percent today.

Paulson said that the general fund model shows a decrease of roughly \$500,000 next year and five-year modeling shows a \$5 Million impact.

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash called Gallagher "a big concern of ours for sure," and expressed hope that a solution can be found through Colorado's legislative process this year.

Following the budget presentation, county resident Dee Laird stepped forward to question the operating revenue of the County's Event Center, which anticipates 2019 revenues of \$295,750 with a budget of \$439,000. "Am I correct...we are looking at operating at a deficit this year?"

County resident Kay Heinschell also addressed the BOCC. He asked how pay would be structured for the position of event center manager; Fairgrounds Manager Emily Sanchez said that the position has already been filled. Johnny Walker of Colorado Springs has been hired, she said, noting that as the former manager of the Norris-Penrose Event Center, Walker raised revenues by 33 percent his first year. Walker will be paid a regular salary, Sanchez said.

"Hopefully we will see the same results here," she said. "We think he was a good choice; we will find out shortly."

Heinschell asked whether the incoming sheriff had been consulted as to the budget, and asked whether the County considers private business compensation as well as public enterprises when conducting salary surveys.

Norris said that Mountain States Employers Council provides information on regular cost of living increases, and the County

undertook a ground-up salary survey this year. The communities of Delta, Grand Junction and Durango were among those considered comparable.

Heinschell expressed hope that Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) salaries were not included in the comparison; "Those huge salaries they are paying, I hope those are not included in that."

Hansen said that Montrose County looked at a mix of private and municipal salaries to obtain a fair balance. Still, "It's hard to get private businesses to disclose salary information," she said.

BOCC Chair Keith Caddy noted that some public sector salaries are not comparable within the private sector. "You can't go to private industry to find out how much to pay a police officer."

Heinschell asked whether the County has obtained the services of a lobbyist to push for changes to Gallagher at the state level.

Caddy said that Montrose County is able to access lobbying support as a member of Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI). "Montrose County by itself doesn't have a big voice with the state," he said. "When there are 50 of us, we do have a voice and we do push."

County resident Kevin Kunz addressed the BOCC to ask about the position of code enforcement officer and whether \$500,000 budgeted for increased medical care at the jail would incorporate mental health care. "I was hoping that mental health care would be a major part of that increase."

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2019 BUDGET-REVENUES

-Total Revenue of \$60.8M for 2019 is \$4.4M, or 6.7 percent, less than the revised projections for 2018.

-Operating revenues are projected to increase slightly (0.6 percent) from \$57M in 2018 to \$57.3M in 2019.

-Property tax collections will increase \$55K in 2019. 2018 was a non-assessment year and the increase in the preliminary assessed value is only 0.4 percent.

-The growth rate from 2018-2019 for Sales & Use Tax collections is currently



**County resident Dee Laird, above, asked a question at the budget hearing Oct.10.**

projected at 4.5 percent.

-The Road & Bridge Fund received an additional windfall of approximately \$1.2M in 2018 from the State's Highway Users Trust Fund. Montrose County is also expecting an additional \$325K above the \$5M that would have normally been anticipated for 2019.

-Based on the State's forecast for the distribution of Severance Tax, County receipts are projected to increase \$150K, or 44 percent, next year.

-Primarily due to FAA grant funding for capital projects at Montrose Regional Airport, capital funding sources will decrease \$4.7M from \$8.2M in 2018 to \$3.5M in 2019.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2019 BUDGET-EXPENDITURES

-Total expenditures (excludes inter-fund transfers) of \$66.8M are \$2.8M (4.1 percent) less than the revised budget for 2018.

-Operating expenditures for 2019 of \$49.7M are \$1.2M (2.5 percent) greater than \$48.5M revised budget for 2018.

-Personnel costs totaling \$28.3M are budgeted to increase \$1.7M or 6.5 percent. These figures currently include a net of eight additional FTE's, 4 percent for salary and wage adjustments, and a 5.5 percent increase in the benefit allowance for health insurance.

-Non-Personnel expenditures of \$21.3M include the anticipated \$500K increase for the medical services contract at the jail.

-Capital expenditures totaling \$17.1M are included in the recommended budget for 2019.





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## ***STUDENTS SPEAK UP FOR AMAZING RACE, RE-1J DIRECTOR PHOEBE BENZIGER HONORED FOR SERVICE From pg 1***

teams of four work together and solve clues, continues to climb; funds raised are used to help transport students and staff to Adaptive Sports opportunities in Montrose, Ridgway, and Telluride.

Students Charlotte Hellyer, Dakota Nemetz, and Ariana Perez also spoke.

Hellyer, who skied Telluride last year for the first time, thanked the community for supporting her and left to take part in a band concert.

Nemetz talked about fishing. "Fishing is fun...fish are cold blooded...you can only catch three fish or you get a ticket maybe, and it has to be a certain size. He also talked about his skiing experience. "I go really fast. I do it in the snow in a little town called Telluride. It didn't really snow that much that year."

Perez spoke of going bowling and skiing, and, "Elephants are my favorite animals."

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

Janine Yehling of Montrose Altrusa presented the most recent Altrusa Apple awards to educators Brianna Dunn of the Early Childhood Center (ECC); Stephanie Pietrick (Kindergarten) of Johnson Elementary School; and Callie DeRosia (Kindergarten) of Cottonwood Elementary School.

Montrose High School German Teacher Michelle Peelo recognized two teachers from Halberstadt, Germany, Steve Wohlfahrt and Antje Schofield.

Donations included \$13,284 from San Juan Healthcare Foundation for the purchase of 12 AED Units for schools. "We are pleased to be able to do this, and provide 12 new AED units for schools," San Juan Healthcare Foundation Executive Director Mary Snyder said.

Benziger asked staff if all schools now have AED's, and was told that there are now 22 AED's districtwide, and all schools have at least one.

In addition, El Pomar Foundation donated \$3,000 to the Northside Health Care Clinic for operating support; and Walmart donated approximately \$3,500 of school supplies for all RE-1J students.

### **CELEBRATIONS**

Penny Harris of the Early Childhood Cen-



***Adaptive Physical Education Teacher Danielle Musser discusses the Amazing Race as RE-1J Administrative Assistant Deann Balash looks on during the RE-1J board meeting Oct. 9.***

ter recognized paraprofessional Kimberly Gildow and Family Advocate Jody Baugh. "We cannot do what we do with young children without the dedication of our teachers and staff," Harris said.

Centennial Middle School Principal Joe Simo, recently honored in Washington D.C. as Colorado Middle School Principal of the Year, recognized Reading Interventionist Mallory Clarke and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math and Engineering Teacher Chris Thompson for going "above and beyond."

Board of Education Chair Tom West mentioned that Simo was recognized in Washington, and then presented the McGuffey Award from CASB to Phoebe Benziger. "It's very rare that you can get this," he said.

Said Benziger, "It's an apple! I can honestly say that being on the board is a gift, time well spent." She acknowledged principals and staff; "You guys do amazing work," and told new board members they were in for the ride of their life. "Thank you very, very much," she said.

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Board of Education Vice Chair Gayle Johnson said that "We are getting really close to the end of the road for Columbine Middle School...today was the last day for

the principal to request that things be added to the school.

"We meet on the 31st of October," she said, "Hopefully we will be done and we can move on to other things."

West said that the new School Safety Committee will meet this week.

### **COMMUNITY INPUT**

Speaker Randy White presented information on himself and asked for an endorsement to coordinate a ski safety event series. "By and large the skiing public is not aware of the duties and responsibilities of keeping yourself safe on the slopes," He said. "I am here to try to make a difference." White spoke until a buzzer sounded and he was asked to stop.

### **ENROLLMENT REPORT**

Chief Financial Officer Adam Rogers shared information on this year's student enrollment as captured Oct. 3. "This year we have 6,145 students," Rogers said. PEAK Academy has changed the method it uses to count students, he noted, and Northside Elementary School has lost 35 students since last year. Though District G Director Stephen Bush asked if there was a reason for Northside's steep decrease in enrollment, "I don't know why they are down," Rogers said.

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## ***STUDENTS SPEAK UP FOR AMAZING RACE, RE-1J DIRECTOR PHOEBE BENZIGER HONORED FOR SERVICE From previous pg***

District E Director Sarah Fishing asked Rogers for more information.

Johnson asked about counting Vista Charter School students who attend school for three hours per day; "They are counted as full students," Rogers said, "There are a few "remote" students who are still counted too, but at a different rate--about \$1,000 less."

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC)**

Director Penny Harris provided an update on the ECC, including the availability of [supplemental funds to increase Head Start and Early Head Start program hours](#), [a data dashboard](#), and the playground project. "Our student count is on Nov. 1," Harris said.

Volunteers contributed 190 hours toward the ECC Playground Project, she said. "I am very proud of our modulars; we got them painted," she said. "We have some

great families in our preschool program."

Benziger commented, "Penny, I gotta tell you, it's amazing what you do."

### **BUILDING GOALS PRESENTATION**

Principals from Cottonwood Elementary School; Peak Academy; Olathe Elementary School; and Centennial Middle School presented [building goals](#). Also presenting were heads of the Technology, Finance, Human Resource, and Exceptional Student Services departments.

### **DISCIPLINE REPORT**

Superintendent Stephen Schiell presented a [discipline report, included in the packet](#). "There's a lot of data there."

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The board unanimously approved [revised board policies](#), concerning [waiver of state laws and regulations](#); [Notification of Board Meetings](#), and [Public Participation at Board Meetings](#).

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Directors unanimously approved Consent Agenda items.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Heard on first reading were [additional revised board policies](#), including updates to the [bus safety program](#); [online posting of financial information](#); [financial administration](#); and [staff health/medical examination requirements](#).

West asked staff if board policy changes, such as that concerning bus safety, are shared with the appropriate entities or staff.

Administrative Assistant Laurie Laird affirmed, "When we make changes to policies we communicate with principals or department heads."

### **PERSONNEL REPORT**

Following a [personnel report](#), the meeting was adjourned.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE COUNTY AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE SHARE RESOURCES TO IMPROVE PUBLIC ROADS

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Montrose County crews recently finished placing four inches of new gravel on two separate sections of 90 Road that traverse through the Uncompahgre National Forest.

The first section started at the National Forest Service line located about 3.5 miles east of the San Miguel River bridge and extended easterly 2.48 miles. The gravel was hauled from the county gravel pit located near the Nucla airport.

The other section of 90 Road was from the National Forest Service line located east of the Silesca Ranger Station and extended 2.78 miles southwest to Divide Road. The gravel was hauled from the County owned Shavano gravel pit located on 90 Road.

"We are pleased with the outcome of this effort and would like to offer our

gratitude to Montrose County for their role in this collaboration," said Norwood District Ranger Matt Zumstein. "We look forward to future opportunities to partner and leverage efficiencies with Montrose County to the benefit of the resources we are responsible for managing and the public roads that we collectively serve."

"These sections of roads were in need of additional surface gravel and it was great to have two government entities working together to improve the road," commented Keith Laube, Montrose County Public Works Director.

The cost sharing for the project was approved by the Board of County Commissioners and the National Forest Service through two separate agreements approved in 2017 and 2018.

The total cost, including labor, equipment and materials, for the 5.26-mile



*New gravel on 90 Road. Courtesy photo.*

gravel resurfacing project was \$147,908. The Forest Service reimbursed the County for \$50,501.

For more information on Montrose County Public Works, please visit [here](#).

For more information on the Uncompahgre National Forest, please visit [here](#).

### IRON POINT 3D SEISMIC PROJECT COMMENTS REQUESTED

#### *Special to the Mirror*

PAONIA-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests is accepting public comment on the Iron Point 3D Seismic Project.

Gunnison Energy LLC (GELLC) has proposed conducting a 3-D seismic survey on approximately 28,000 acres of public lands north of Paonia in Delta and Gunnison Counties to determine if there is oil and gas development potential, identify locations for exploratory drilling and locate subsurface features that could impede development of existing oil and gas leases. The proposed project will be conducted in two phases.

The first phase includes resource (cultural, slope determinations, etc.) surveying to determine placement of seismic survey points.

The second phase is a recording phase and will include the placement of source and receiver lines, heliportable shot hole drilling, data acquisition and cleanup.

The proposed 3-D seismic program includes the use of vibroseis buggies on existing roads, where appropriate, and shot holes (buggy drilled and heliportable), as appropriate, as the energy source.

Activities in Colorado Roadless Areas will occur by crews walking-in or helicopter long-line delivery of supplies only.

There will be no removal of vegetation or road construction/reconstruction for any of the project area. Project activities will also avoid streams and big game winter range. The project is estimated to begin mid- to late October 2018 and last approximately 40-60 days for the entire project area.

Please submit comments by **October 26, 2018**. Please mail comments to: District Ranger, Levi Broyles, P.O. Box 1030, Paonia, CO 81428 or submit online from the link below.

Additional information and maps are available online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54846>

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MEDC COMES OUT IN OPPOSITION OF PROPOSITION 112 - SETBACK REQUIREMENT FOR OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) announces that the Board of Directors has officially come out in opposition to Proposition 112 - Setback Requirement for Oil and Gas Development. On Oct. 3, 2018 the Board of Directors adopted MEDC Resolution 2018-1. MEDC Board of Directors believes that this proposition will be detrimental and negatively affect the State of Colorado and our local economy.

Since the Mission of the MEDC is to strengthen Montrose County's economic base and increase the standard of living for all of its residents, the Board has decided to make public their position on this important issue. To view MEDC's Resolution 2018-1 please visit MEDC's website at [www.MontroseEDC.org](http://www.MontroseEDC.org).

## CRIME STOPPERS ALERT-OCT 12, 2018



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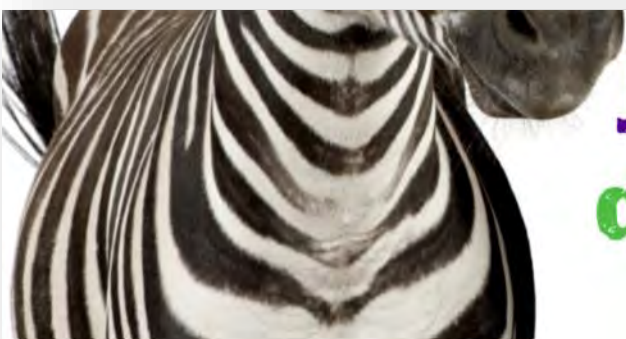
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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### PHYLLIS ALLEMAN CELEBRATES HISTORIC COURTHOUSE WITH NATIONAL REGISTER PLAQUE

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The historic courthouse now sports the hardware to match its official Historic Place on the National Register designation. Community member Phyllis Alleman worked for years to apply for the prestigious designation and finally achieved that goal in 1994 with an official listing. Mrs. Alleman spent years saving her own funds to purchase a plaque worthy of the courthouse and the historic honor.

"Preserving our local history is very important to this board," said Commissioner Roger Rash. "On behalf of the board, we are all grateful to Mrs. Alleman for taking the time to recognize the old courthouse and giving back to the community by purchasing the plaque to commemorate this honor."

"That building is beautiful and the guys that built it back then took pride in what they were doing and I'd like to see it preserved," said Mrs. Alleman. "Please keep it preserved. It will last forever if it is taken care of."

The old courthouse is located at 320 South 1st Street and is currently home to the Assessor's Offices, Clerk and Recorder's Offices, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and the Treasurer and Public Trustee's Offices. The county is in the midst of long-range capital planning and is



*Pictured (l-r) are Montrose BOCC Chair Keith Caddy; Vice Chair Roger Rash; historic courthouse plaque donor Mrs. Phyllis Alleman; Commissioner Sue Hansen. Photo courtesy of Montrose County.*

exploring the possibility of remodeling the old courthouse for consolidation of facilities and historic preservation. The courthouse has several maintenance needs that have been neglected over the past decade, and repairs are in order.

Deputy County Manager Jon Waschbusch has been working on grant applications to help fund the project. "This is one project that deserves our full attention," said

Commissioner Caddy. "I'd love to see the courthouse restored to its former glory and remodeled to be the hub for county business. Right now, the county is prioritizing major projects to best provide for our core services."

The plaque provided by Alleman will be installed in the coming weeks by the county's facilities team in a prominent location at the old courthouse.



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# TRAC TEAM TALKS PARADE OF LIGHTS, MONTROSE BUCKS, EXPANDED FUNC FEST. POSSIBLE NOEL NIGHT



**TRAC Committee members discuss upcoming events during the quarterly meeting Oct. 9.**

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose Tourism Retail Advisory Committee (TRAC) convened Oct. 9 to share insights and talk about the holiday season and upcoming events.

Montrose County Fairgrounds Manager Emily Sanchez said that the 35,000 square-foot temporary floor has been put in place at the new County event center with help from Department of Corrections inmates. Also, "We have hired an event manager, Johnny Walker...he starts Nov. 1."

TRAC Committee Chair and City Councilor Barbara Bynum introduced Downtown business owner Kimberly McGehee. "With the departure of Debbie (Blanchard) this committee is looking for another retailer."

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)'s Edd Franz said that he is working with Montrose County on a recreation and public purposes lease. "They are looking at a staging area for the Rimrock Trail." Business owner Fletcher Flower said that Flower Motor would celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Oct. 11.

Bynum turned the floor over to City Manager Bill Bell. Bell said that Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler has been assigned to community events and will be assisted by a team of three full time staffers.

"Three people will be setting up every event and tearing down...all of those people will be under me," Bell said.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS DISCUSSION

Morgenthaler led a discussion of community events, including the upcoming tree lighting on Nov. 23, Parade of Lights on Dec. 1, and the possibility of holding Fun on the Uncompahgre (FUNC) Fest later in the summer to take advantage of late season

water flows.

## Tree lighting

Tree lighting is Nov. 23. Montrose County is putting \$10,000 into the Christmas tree, which is being re-strung. Bell said, "There are going to be colored lights. I'm really excited about the County's financial participation."

In the past children have enjoyed a story—*The Night Before Christmas*--under the tree, read by Carol McDermott, and the possibility of reviving that tradition was discussed. "The kids really liked it," Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park Ranger Paul Zaenger said. "It was really popular...it was really cold. There was usually a musical ensemble.

"A lot of out-of-town people come to that."

Morgenthaler said that the Montrose Regional Library will be hosting events before the tree lighting and story time. "They can walk the kids to the Courthouse steps."

## Parade of lights

This year's parade of lights held Dec. 1, is themed, "Illuminate."

Though the Parade of Lights traditionally honored citizens as "Grand Marshalls," that honor is now reserved for the Montrose High School Marching Band, Bell said. "We sponsor their band trailer, and in exchange they agreed to march in all of

our parades." Bell called the parade a community builder. "Is there any reason to hold it somewhere different?"

Zaenger advised, "Keep it on Main."

Attendance at the Parade of Lights was higher than ever in 2017, City of Montrose Marketing Manager Kelly Rhoderick said. "The only complaint we hear is that it's too long."

Montrose parades tend to spread out, resulting in a lag, business owner Scott Beyer said. "There has to be a way to tighten things up." He noted that the prohibition on throwing candy can slow things down, along with an excessive number of vehicles in the parades. "You have to wonder at some of the vehicles," he said. "Why are you here—you had nothing else to do but be in a parade? Last year there was a guy in an old, white, Chevy truck—not vintage—with his shirt off."

"We can talk about tightening up quality control," Bynum said, and asked Rhoderick to look into what other communities do when it comes to handing out candy at parades.

"I think maybe it's in the City Code," Bell said.

Beyer advised that when it comes to parades, "Just one thing...keep it moving. The other thing is that the horses go at the rear in a parade. Everybody knows the horses go at the end."

## FUNC Fest

Holding the festival on Aug. 10, 2019 was suggested, to take advantage of late season waters and avoid schedule conflicts.

FUNC Festival is a "great way to showcase what the City has to offer, and what an amazing amenity we have at Riverbottom," Franz said. Though originally planned as a one-day event, FUNC could expand to allow overnight camping, Bell said. "I want to turn it into a community festival," he said. "There's not a lot for the community. The night before can be about music and camping...if we get a good headliner, pay decent money, we could get a crowd like the Bridges does."

## TRAC TEAM TALKS PARADE OF LIGHTS, MONTROSE BUCKS, EXPANDED FUNC FEST From previous pg

The new restroom will be open this year, Bynum said. Bell noted that it is not just a restroom, but includes a changing area and multi-purpose facility.

### Other business

TRAC members brainstormed ideas for making the most of Montrose Bucks sales, which will be expanded this year, Bell said. "We have a bigger budget...we're going to advertise in Delta as well."

Also discussed was the possibility of hosting a Noel Night, which has proven successful in other communities. Said Morgenthaler, "In Durango, Telluride, Ouray...the discounts are really great. When I was in Telluride I looked forward to it, because I knew I would get a great discount wherever I went." Noel Nights do not have to be held at night, she added.

City Director of Business Innovation Chel-

sea Rosty shared information about Montrose Rotary Club events; "The City is going to be working with them. The whole idea is to raise awareness of the amphitheater."

Beyer suggested that Rotary be tapped to manage the Friday before Func Fest if it is expanded to two days. "That's an awesome idea...thanks for volunteering them."

Before closing the meeting, Bynum thanked all for coming and sharing ideas.



*Business owner Kimberly McGehee and City staffer Chelsea Rosty take part in the TRAC Committee meeting Oct. 9.*

Committee members agreed to meet again Nov. 6, at 7:30 a.m.

## MIRROR IMAGES: SEEN ON THE STREET...

*Reporter Gail Marvel captured this picture opposing DMEA's Ballot Issue, below. The sign was later removed.*



*Gracie Fighter Jiu Jitsu is now open in the Lark & Sparrow Building Downtown. Photo by Yvonne Meek.*





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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

# DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING IS DANGEROUS DRIVING: *IF YOU FEEL DIFFERENT, YOU DRIVE DIFFERENT*

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER—Officials from the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Colorado State Patrol, the Colorado Task Force on Drunk and Impaired Driving (CTFDID) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration have joined together to spread the word about the dangers of drug-impaired driving and to remind all drivers that if they are impaired they must, pass their keys on to a sober driver. The message is clear: *If You Feel Different, You Drive Different*, which is the name of NHTSA's new campaign about drugged driving. Last year drivers in fatal crashes in Colorado tested positive for drugs 244 times. This included stimulants, depressants, narcotics, and active THC.

In Colorado, 20 percent of people that partake in using cannabis admit to driving after using marijuana, according to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

NHTSA's [2013/14 National Roadside Survey of Alcohol and Drug Use by Drivers](#) found that nearly one in four weekend drivers tested positive for at least one drug that could impair their ability to drive safely.

"We launched this new public education campaign to make sure everyone knows that driving under the influence of drugs impairs your ability to assess whether you are okay to drive," said Heidi King, NHTSA Deputy Administrator. "We're reminding all drivers that 'If you feel different, you

drive different. Drive high, get a DUI.'" Because whether you're driving under the influence of alcohol, marijuana or opioids – it's all impaired driving."

On average, more than 60 people are arrested each day in Colorado for impaired driving. Violating Colorado's DUI law includes driving under the influence of any impairing substance, including prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, illegal drugs and alcohol. The financial impacts from impaired driving can cost more than \$13,500 and include incarceration and loss of a license. Under Colorado law, drivers with five nanograms of active tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in their blood can be prosecuted for driving under the influence (DUI). Even people who use marijuana for medicinal purposes can be arrested for DUI.

"If something impacts your ability to operate a vehicle safely, it makes you a hazard to yourself and to others" says Colonel Matt Packard, Chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "Too many times we have had to notify family members that their loved one is not coming home because of a bad decision to drive impaired by alcohol or drugs. It's a choice, a deadly choice."

Impaired-driving traffic crashes happen daily on Colorado roads. Ongoing education and outreach campaigns in recent years have successfully raised awareness for this issue, but much more needs to be done to change behaviors. Most campaigns have historically focused on alcohol; but, with the legalization of recreational marijuana and the opioid epidemic ravaging many communities, drugged driving campaigns are becoming more common.

"Eliminating drugged driving on our roadways is an important and long-term goal for CDOT," said Michael Lewis, Executive Director of CDOT.





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## YOUNG CALGARY ARTIST ALEX KWONG BRINGS BEAUTY TO URBAN SETTINGS; HOPES TO RETURN TO MONTROSE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The message is strong and brave, the images striking. “Conquer the wolf inside you; Fear no wolf before you,” reads the powerful new mural by Calgary artist Alex Kwong, located along the concrete wall behind Crossfit Agoge in Montrose. The words are bordered by snarling wolves and classic human profiles.

Though he is young, having just turned 30, Kwong has already become an internationally acclaimed artist. Crossfit owner John Brown discovered Kwong’s work while traveling through Calgary last year. “He saw my stuff, followed me on social media, and reached out to me eight months ago,” Kwong said. “I am glad we were able to connect.”

Once commissioned by Brown, Kwong said that he set aside five days to create the Montrose mural; “But I did it in two days.” Kwong works quickly so that nobody sees the work in progress. “I like to be in and out and leave my client with something beautiful.”

Though he did not start life with artistic aspirations, Kwong said that once he realized that art was a passion, “I was dialed in; I wish I had been doing it in my teen years. I hit the ground running to make up for lost time—now I am doing three or four murals a year.”

Replacing urban decay with beauty is exactly what the artist has done in Montrose. Just weeks ago, the concrete wall behind the former Bullock Power Plant was one more City surface covered by grimy tags and spray-painted graffiti.

City of Montrose Director of Business Innovation Chelsea Rosty said that the mural project came about when Crossfit Agoge owner John Brown purchased the building that houses his Crossfit Gym.

“He wanted to cover the graffiti,” Rosty said, and noted that Brown, who commissioned and paid for the mural himself, sought assistance from the City in the form of a mini-grant to help bring Kwong to Montrose. “We helped with the plane ticket and a meal,” she said.

Rosty, who is heading up the City of Montrose’s Downtown & Revitalization Team (DART), said that the arts are an important element in a vibrant community. “We would like to get involved in looking at the design of the City,” she said, “and we want to be sure we incorporate the arts.”

Though no specific plans are in place to pursue more public art projects, that could change, she said.

“We are talking a little,” Rosty said, adding that she is considering an application for Creative District status in the future,



*Kwong created this mural for Crossfit Agoge.*

which would allow more funding for the arts and perhaps artist-in-residence programs. “I am excited about the possibilities,” she said.

For his part, Alex Kwong said that he would love to create more public art in Montrose. said. “I love it down there,” he said. “I’ll take any excuse to come back.”

According to the City of Montrose website, DART has assisted a number of local businesses with improvements, including physical improvements to Storm King Distillery and interior improvements at Back Street Bagels and the Daily Bread bakery on Main Street. “With assistance from DART, the Coffee Trader’s owners were able to construct an outside seating area with steel barriers for safety at their new store on South Fifth Street,” the site notes.



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & HISTORY

### BACK TO THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL FIELD TRIP



***The Interpretive Association of Western Colorado and Fort Uncompahgre will host an Old Spanish Trail Field Trip on Oct. 25, meeting at Fort Uncompahgre on the Old Spanish Trail, 440 North Palmer Street in Delta, no later than 10 a.m. RSVP required. Courtesy photo.***

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

DELTA-The Interpretive Association of Western Colorado and Fort Uncompahgre will host an Old Spanish Trail Field Trip, Thursday, Oct. 25. Jon Horn, with Alpine Archeological Group of Montrose will be the tour guide. Jon will retrace the North Branch (NB) of the Old Spanish Trail west of Delta to the Delta County line. Chris Miller, Executive Director of the Interpretive Association states that this will be an opportunity to share the designated trail alignment with the Public.

History connects the dots with Fort Uncompahgre and the North Branch of the Old Spanish Trail. Antoine Robidoux built his trading post on the south side of the Gunnison River because of its location to a historic Indian Trail coming from the Uncompahgre Plateau and leading to the Grand Mesa and the historic Trade Route leading from Santa Fe to Los Angeles

known as the North Branch of the Old Spanish Trail. Today's replica of the Fort was officially designated, "Fort Uncompahgre Interpretive Center," in September, 2017. The Fort is the first Interpretive Site/Center to be officially certified by the National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management who co-administer the Historic Old Spanish Trail.

Previous explorations in 1765 by Juan Rivera, Escalante and Dominguez in 1776 would lay the foundation for individuals like Antione Robidoux to build Fort Uncompahgre on the south side of the Gunnison River to trap furs, host trappers, and trade with the Utes prior to the Mexican War in 1846.

The movement of trade goods and livestock over the Northern Branch during the Spanish, as well as the Mexican, periods provided the foundation for later American exploration starting with the Gunnison

Expedition in 1853. Gwinn Harris Heap, with his second in command Edward F. Beal, traveled through this area just months before Gunnison, during June and July, 1853 and used much of the same trail that would become layers of history for future generations.

It was not until the removal of the Utes, a result of the cession of land in 1873, that settlement was opened up in Western Colorado. With the discovery of gold in the San Juan Mountains large numbers of American miners surged into the area to seek their riches.

With the growth of mining related population, growth occurred in the Uncompahgre Valley with farmers and merchants arriving to support the mines. The Salt Lake Wagon Road is quite visible in the Fool's Hill area of Delta County. The Road was constructed in the mid 1870's as a way to move freight from Grand Junction over to Delta. Ruts from the Road are visible along the top of Fool's Hill, as well as the stretch into Wells Gulch. There are also ruts from the Gunnison Expedition that are visible from Wells Gulch to the top of Fool's Hill.

Jon Horn is a historian and archaeologist with more than 30 years of experience working in all of the western states except Nevada. He is one of the founders of Alpine Archaeological Consultants in Montrose.

He says, "I have had a long-term interest in the history and archaeology of Colorado and Utah and have been fortunate to be able to have worked on a large number of overland trails in addition to the Old Spanish Trail."

Please plan to meet up at Fort Uncompahgre on the Old Spanish Trail, 440 North Palmer Street in Delta no later than 10 am on Thursday, Oct. 25. Transportation will be provided by the Interpretive Association. RSVP is required; please call 970 874-8349 or 970 640-7065 limited to the first 45 registrations.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS: OUTDOOR RECREATION

### WOLF CREEK SKI AREA NOW OPEN FOR WEEKEND SKIING AND RIDING



giving Coloradans an early taste of the winter season with double-digit snow totals. More snow is in the forecast through the weekend, along with favorable snow-making conditions that have allowed several Colorado Ski Country USA (CSCUSA) member ski areas to begin snowmaking for the 2018-19 season.

"The early season snow is exciting for skiers and riders who have been waiting for the winter season," said Melanie Mills, president and CEO of Colorado Ski Country.

"With Wolf Creek open for weekend skiing and riding, we're looking forward to more Colorado ski areas opening for the season in the coming weeks and months with new lifts, terrain expansions, new dining experiences and other offerings ready for guests to Colorado's ski areas."

Colorado is poised to be the first state to have a ski area open continuously for the 2018-19 season with both Arapahoe Basin Ski Area and Loveland Ski Area, located high on Colorado's Continental Divide, taking advantage of the recent snowfall and cooler temperatures to make snow and prepare their slopes for the season. Both ski areas are targeting opening dates in mid-to-late October.

*Courtesy photo Scott DW Smith.*

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

**WOLF CREEK**-Wolf Creek Ski Area opened today, Saturday, October 13, for the first chairlift-served runs of the 2018-19 ski season.

At 9 a.m. Wolf Creek's Treasure Stoke, Bonanza and Nova lifts began spinning, delivering skiers and riders to beginner, intermediate and advanced runs with a 22

-inch base of powder and packed powder. Wolf Creek is currently operating on Saturdays and Sundays.

Colorado has received significant early season snowfall this October, allowing Wolf Creek to open for weekend skiing and riding after this week's storms brought in over 30 inches of snow. Snow has blanketed ski areas across the state,

### BLM SELECTS GUNNISON GORGE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA MANAGER

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

**MONTROSE**-The BLM recently named Edd Franz as the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area manager. Franz reports for duty Oct. 15.

"I'm excited for Edd to lead the NCA and continue his strong work with partners and staff," said Uncompahgre Field Manager, Greg Larson. "He understands why Gunnison Gorge and recreation are important to the BLM and the communities it serves." Franz began his BLM career as a Student Conservation Association re-

source assistant in 1987 at Grand Gulch Primitive Area (now Bear's Ears National Monument) and his first permanent job with the BLM was at Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in 2000.

In 2007, he became the outdoor recreation planner for Gunnison Gorge NCA, a position he held until becoming the acting NCA manager in 2017.

Franz has also worked for the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service.

"I am thrilled for this opportunity and look forward to collaborating with our

many partners to provide high-quality and diverse recreational opportunities in the NCA," said Franz, who will manage and supervise the 63,201-acre NCA.

In Fiscal Year 2017, the NCA saw close to 260,000 visitors, an increase of twenty-five percent over the previous year. The NCA is known for its diversity of recreational opportunities— from Gold Medal trout fishing on a technical whitewater river in a remote wilderness setting to some of the best single-track motorized trail riding on the Western Slope.

## SOUTHWESTERN NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & OUTDOORS

### 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TAOS MOUNTAIN BALLOON RALLY TO BE HELD OCT. 26-28

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

TAOS, NM-The 36th Annual Taos Mountain Balloon Rally will take place this year Friday through Sunday, Oct. 26-28 at the launch field on Albright Street behind the Taos County Courthouse. The free weekend event, which will include three ascensions, food, vendors and entertainment, is expected to draw more than 35 balloons and visitors from all over the southwest.

The event will kick off at 8 a.m. on Friday, October 26 with a Mini Mass Ascension and tethered balloon rides for school children at 8:15 a.m. Hotel Don Fernando de Taos will be hosting a free meet and greet from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. where event goers can meet the hot air balloon pilots. Saturday, October 27 will have a Dawn Patrol balloon take off at 7:30 a.m. and will feature a full Mass Ascension at 7:45 a.m. followed by the Balloon Rally Parade at 1 p.m. The parade starts at the Taos Mountain Balloon Rally Field and ends at Kit Carson Park. On Saturday at dusk will be the “Balloomenshine” evening balloon glow event.

Sunday, Oct. 28 will follow the previous days’ schedule with Dawn Patrol at 7:30 a.m. and a Mass Ascension at 7:45 a.m. to be followed by the Closing Ceremonies at 11:30 a.m. Each day will feature food, art



*Courtesy photo Taos Balloon Rally.*

and crafts vendors

This year’s Balloon Rally comes shortly after the news that Taos landed on the [25 Coolest Towns in America](#) list by Matador Network, a national travel outlet, for the second year in a row. The town also appeared on TripAdvisor’s [15 of America’s](#)

[Best Fall Foliage Destinations](#) roundup.

Visitors to the Balloon Rally should be advised that all outdoor events are weather permitting.

For more information on the event, visit <http://www.taosballoonrally.com/index.html>.

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*Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.*



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### SHERBINO PRESENTS UPSTATE OCT. 16 FOR ALL-AGES SHOW

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-Sherbino Theater is excited to present Upstate, an acoustic septet drawing inspiration from every corner and decade of America's musical heritage.

Based in New York State's Hudson Valley region, the band has spent years cultivating its sound, and continues to grow by the tune. The instrumentation includes Harry D'Agostino on upright bass, Ryan Chappell on mandolin, Dean Mahoney on cajón, and Christian Joao on flute and alto/baritone saxophone. The dynamic rhythm section supports a three-part vocal harmony powerhouse of founding members Mary Kenney and Melanie Glenn with recent Nashville-transplant Allison Olender.

Over its six-year history, the band has played in more than thirty states, from intimate house concerts to prominent festival stages, including Mountain Jam, Friendly Gathering, Green River Festival, and Otis Mountain Get Down. The band has opened for Cory Henry, Phox, Marco Benevento, The Felice Brothers, Commander Cody, Marcus King Band, and many others. They are currently set to play at the iconic Winter Wondergrass festival in Tahoe this winter.

Otis Mountain Get Down captures the heart of the matter: "Pulling from the greatest corners of American music, this group has the power to get feet moving with or without amplification. Like fresh-farmed vegetables, their music is as organic as it is good for you. From foot-stomping bass, highlighted by the slap of a cajón, to the familiar strums of the mandolin over a wailing saxophone – there's so much going on instrumentally that when the harmonious lead vocalists chime in, the result is nothing short of a homegrown hurricane of sound."

Upstate hits the stage Tuesday, Oct. 16. Doors and bar at 7 p.m., Music at 7:30 p.m.. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, with special student pricing of \$8 at door for ages 18 and under. Advance tickets and more info available at [sherbino.org](http://sherbino.org) or call (970) 318-0150.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

### VSA PRESENTS MASTERPIECES FROM 1700 TO TODAY

By Stacey Ryan

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE— The Valley Symphony Association (VSA) presents their fall concert, “Masterpieces from 1700 to Today,” on Sunday, Oct. 28, 3 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion.

An all-volunteer arts organization in its 48th season, the VSA’s fall concert celebrates four centuries of great music and features selections highlighting masterworks of the Baroque period (Bach), the Classical era (Mozart), Romanticism (Schubert and Massenet), and the 20th (Copland) and 21st centuries (Harbinson).

“This concert will be interesting to hear how the selections across centuries are alike and different from era to era,” said orchestra director Mike Kern. He explained that the pieces will be recognizable and enjoyable for any age.

“Figuratively, we’ll be turning the entire orchestra into a pipe organ with Bach’s famous ‘Tocatta and Fugue,’ which you’ll be familiar with from Disney’s ‘Fantasia’ or from a more contemporary perspective, ‘Phantom of the Opera,’” he said. “We’ll also be playing a piece by Copeland, one of America’s best-loved composers, and, of course everyone loves Mozart, so his ‘Marriage of Figaro’ will get the party started.”

The instantly recognizable violin solo from Meditation from “Thaïs” is considered by many to be one of the most beautiful melodies ever written. “This will be a particularly meaningful and important



*Valley Symphony, courtesy photo.*

concert for me for two reasons,” Concertmaster Debra TenNapel said. “First, I will perform the solo in this incredibly lovely and moving piece of music. Second, my parents will be visiting from California and hearing me play with the VSA for the first time since I became concertmaster in 2005.” Kern explained that the VSA is comprised of “your friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, and fellow citizens who volunteer their time and talent to produce concerts we are truly proud to present,” he said. “It’s so rare and special that we as a region have access to classical music through the VSA, and we look to the re-

gional community for support through attendance and sponsorship.”

“This concert offers such variety,” TenNapel said. “The selections will paint a whole range of pictures and provoke a whole spectrum of emotions – you’ll be glad you spent the afternoon with us.”

For information, upcoming concerts, the audition process, and tickets, visit the VSA on Facebook

@ValleySymphonyAssociation and at ValleySymphony.net. Tickets are also available in Delta at Clubb’s and in Montrose at Montrose Music and the Montrose Pavilion.

### MONTROSE WOMAN’S CLUB HOBBY AND CRAFT BAZAAR WILL BE NOV. 2 @ FRIENDSHIP HALL

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Montrose Woman’s Club Hobby and Craft Bazaar, a fundraising event for local Charities, is held Nov. 2, 10 am – 6 pm and Nov. 3, 9 am – 3 pm at Friendship Hall, Montrose County Fairgrounds. 100+tables: handcrafted items, antiques, crafts, coins, jewelry, clothing and more. Hourly door prizes, free admission. Vendor spaces: contact Lexy, 970-275-3336.

# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

## Reconnecting to good fortune's dead end

**SIXTIES SAN FRANCISCO** ... Married to the legendary Michael, Joanna McClure had the good fortune to be surrounded by ground-breaking Beat poets – Phil Whalen, Diane DiPrima, Alan Ginsberg, Gary Snyder. She's said she never considered herself a poet. I'd say she was maybe a junior lyric "maker," at best ... She spent her 30-year career as an educator of preschoolers. A master teacher, putting into pedagogical practice the latest theories on epistemology and child development. in a field dominated by women, hiring men as assistants to model balanced energies for her children. And 50 years ago I was one of her male teaching assistants, as I finished my English studies at San Francisco State ... Who could not be impressed by a director who insisted on daily meetings after each school day? Not just planning activities but analyzing the dynamics of personality and play. The etiology of accidents and mishaps. Honing our teaching skills, educating parents, and assisting each child's unique abilities, health and growth ... Somewhat madly, when Joanna came to Aspen last week, I roared over McClure Pass with a friend through early October rain and snow to catch her lecture and reading ... The Aspen Art Museum (AAM) had been hosting an exhibition, *"The Ripple Effect"* by Jay DeFeo – a central figure in the Californian avant-garde scene. Famous for her use of unconventional materials, the blurring of abstraction and representation, and her devotion to chance and experimentation, DeFeo has had a lasting influence on contemporary artists. Recent exhibitions of her work have taken place in the Tate in London, MOMA and the Whitney in New York -- in Paris, Vienna, Denver, and DC. To bring Joanna to Pitkin County, AAM had teamed up with the Aspen Poets' Society ... To our surprise she talked mostly about herself, not DeFeo, and read just a handful of her own work, although she went on several times about poems she didn't read. She had nothing to say to me when I walked

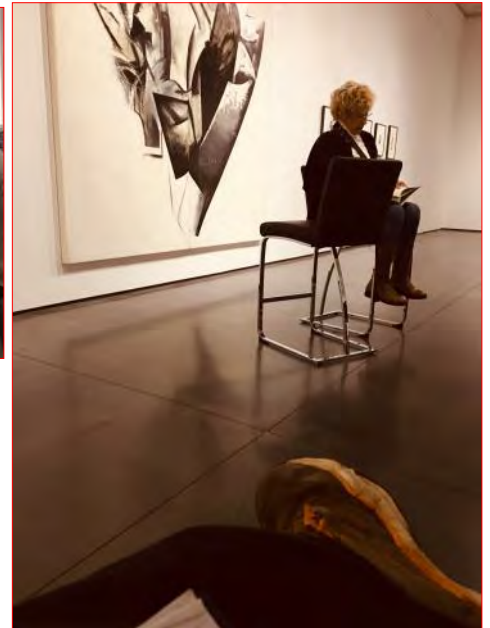


*Rick Chavolla talking indigenous to a high school class at the Telluride Public School for Indigenous Peoples Day weekend, Oct. 5-8.*

up after to introduce and reconnect. Even turned her back on a gift book I had offered her. Uninterested, it would seem, in relationships, past or present, except as to how they had affected her. A tester of theories. A manager of the unformed. A practitioner of the pedestrian. Still drawing alimony on the good fortune of her ex's name ... A one-time icon of mine, but in the end merely a lingering disappointment.

**CDOT DOT** ... Kudos to the Ridgway CDOT folks for adding a big sign truck to follow up the mower in cleaning the Colo. Hwy. 62 barrow ditches of weeds and brush, as well as a orange-vested hand-cutter trimming around the road markers, highway signs, mile markers and mailbox poles. Good for safety and for not leaving seed plants behind.

**RADICAL MIDDLE** ... While I'm still registered with the Green Party, I'm not in consort with the Green Party of Colorado (GPOC) although I'm still independently affiliated with the Green Party of the United States (GPUS – a rather repulsive acronym IMHO) ... The state Green Party started charging dues for chapters this year – a move I strongly objected to on our state council but one I was outvoted on by a weighted majority (and the controversial



*Joanna McClure reading her poems in front of a Jay DeFeo painting at the Aspen Art Museum last week. (photo by Art Goodtimes).*

extension of council seats to hand-picked under-represented caucuses, instead of allowing only chapters to vote) ... Minor party in-fighting aside, this new liberation from my registered party rules frees me up to propose a new *Free Choice* option open to all parties – Red, Blue, Green or Aquamarine. Independents, Socialists, Libertarians and Constitutionalists ... While I don't expect voters to flock to this new banner immediately, I think it my duty – as one long involved in local, state and (on a limited basis) national politics – to offer a third-rail alternative to the either/or split in the American political system. *Free Choice* would be a big tent centrist party defending our freedoms and offering as much choice as possible to our citizens, based on the goals, if not always the realities, as stated in our nation's founding documents: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and our Bill of Rights ... More to come.

*Continued next pg*



## Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY** ... Roland McCook's story of fruitless talks with Montrose High over their use of an "Indian" mascot without tribal sanction ... His upcoming Pow-Wow in Grand Junction ... Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk's story of discrimination among her own people as an English-speaking youth with mixed-band ancestry. Her smudging of the Placerville Park monument to the Nuche and her explanation of its importance. And the surprise attendance at the roundtable in the Old Schoolhouse of Ute

Mountain Ute Chair Harold Cuthair, his Navajo wife Juanita, and UMU Vice-Chair Colleen Cuthair-Root ... Glade Hadden's story of finding a Ute basket at Eagle Rock Shelter that was more than 7,000 years old ... SINHASIN's stories and songs that combined indigenous rap with great-for-dancing tribal rock-'n-roll ... Eutimia Cruz Montoya's story of healing our histories through a sharing circle of our own stories -- after a guided color meditation. Her outrageous, sacred and in-your-face rant about women's sexuality ... Joe Pacal's

story of working on the Navajo Reservation doing garden and sustainability projects for the last 18 years ... Rick Chavolla's story of growing up poor in Arizona and building a Native Studies department at Yale. His proposal to the Telluride Institute for an Indigenous Knowledge Center in San Miguel County.

**WEEKLY QUOTA** ... "My mama always said, nothing goes deeper than dirt." -- photographer Jane Rule Burdine at Original Thinkers.

## THE TALKING GOURD

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

### NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE: WINTER TRAVEL SAFETY

James Pringle, National Weather Service REGIONAL-Winter Weather Preparedness Week continues through Saturday Oct. 20th, as proclaimed by Governor Hickenlooper. Preparedness is a big part of this campaign. Before winter weather arrives in earnest, it is highly recommended that you prepare your car or truck for winter travel.

A well-equipped vehicle has adequate tires, tire chains, tow rope, sand or cat litter for traction, shovel, tool kit, windshield scraper and brush, battery cables, first aid kit, flashlight, extra batteries, blankets and/or sleeping bags, extra clothing, candles, water-proof matches, jug of water, high calorie packaged food for quick energy, and an empty can to melt snow for drinking.

And during winter weather events, the best way to prevent treacherous winter travel is to avoid it. This can be done by staying informed about current weather and road conditions as well as the latest weather forecasts. Information on road conditions in Colorado is available on the web at [www.cotrip.org](http://www.cotrip.org) or from the toll free number 1-877-315-7623. When calling from anywhere in Colorado, dialing 511 will also access the Colorado road reports. Additionally, a free smartphone application, CDOT Mobile, is available.

If you should become stranded during a winter storm, stay with your vehicle and

do not panic. If accompanied by others, take turns sleeping. Run the motor every hour for about ten minutes to maintain warmth, but keep windows open a little to prevent the buildup of carbon monoxide. Make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked. Keep the car visible with brightly colored cloths tied to the side view mirrors, door handles, or external antenna. At night, turn on the dome light when running the engine. Exercise periodically by vigorously moving arms, legs, toes and fingers.

In the mountains, avalanches become a possibility in the winter, especially below steep slopes. Avalanches occasionally come down across roads, with little or no warning. However, avalanche control work is performed on many avalanche prone roads in Colorado, making the roads safer to travel. Caution is advised when traveling along avalanche prone roads, especially during and shortly after a heavy snowstorm, as well as during periods of rapid snowmelt.

Very strong downslope winds occur at times mainly along the front range of Colorado. These Chinook and Bora winds can have gusts exceeding 100 mph. Persons planning travel in lightweight or high-profile vehicles should avoid travel during these strong wind events especially on north-south oriented roads.

Roads which appear to be clear in the wintertime may actually be coated with a



**Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) advises keeping a checklist of winter safety items for your vehicle. CDOT Courtesy photo.**

thin layer of ice, commonly known as black ice. This nearly invisible ice layer can cause you to rapidly lose control of your vehicle. Black ice is most common during the nighttime hours. If you detect black ice you should reduce your speed.

Please follow these winter travel safety recommendations which could save your life.

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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. 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,-106.452,15z) Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

## MONTHLY-

**Oct. 15**-Pay it Forward Variety Show, fundraiser for Montrose Senior Center. At 4 PM we will start the event with a FREE BBQ and potluck while people view all the silent auction offerings. The Variety Show will begin at 5.PM. We will have a variety of different talents with comedy skits, great music and a ventriloquist. We have a sponsor for BBQ and if you would like to help and donate time or money, or be part of the show! Entertainers include Tim Veazey, Huck Experience, Two Cents and Change, and Cheryl Clapton; a skit from Beckett from the Magic Circle Players, and choral groups. For more information call Marilyn 970 901 9914 or email her at [greatfull123@hotmail.com](mailto:greatfull123@hotmail.com)

**Oct. 17**-On Oct. 17 the public is invited when archaeologist David Hyde shares insights about the non-urban, non-elite Maya culture at the Colorado Archaeological Society, Chipeta Chapter meeting. The meeting is at 7 pm, Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the United Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose. For more information contact Leigh Ann Hunt, 970-835-5228.

**Oct. 18**-The League of Women Voters of Montrose County will be advocating on ballot issues at noon, Oct. 18, Colorado Mesa University Classroom #102. Vote "yes" on amendments Y & Z-Vote to prohibit gerrymandering and create fair and competitive congressional and legislative districts! Guest speaker: Toni Larson, president, League of Women Voters, Colorado. The community is invited to attend.

**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. 20-21**-Montrose Botanical Gardens Scarecrow Festival and Library Story Walk. Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday Noon to 4 p.m. Bid on scarecrows made by creative community members. This is a fundraiser for the gardens.

**Oct. 21**-The 4th Annual Bow Wow Film Festival will be held Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Turn of the Century Saloon in Montrose. Doors open at 4 pm and films will roll at 4:30 pm. Purchase tickets and see a trailer at [www.bowwowfilmfest.com](http://www.bowwowfilmfest.com). Advance tickets are \$12 general admission and \$8 for kids 12 and under. At the door, tickets will be \$15 general admission and \$12 for 12 and under. You can find details at: <https://adoptmountainpets.org/events>.

**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. 27**-2nd Annual Halloween Costume Horse Show. 2pm at Cimarron Stables in Montrose.

**Oct. 28**— The Valley Symphony Association (VSA) presents their fall concert, "Masterpieces from 1700 to Today," on Sunday, Oct. 28, 3 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. For information, upcoming concerts, the audition process, and tickets, visit the VSA on Facebook @ValleySymphonyAssociation and at ValleySymphony.net. Tickets are also available in Delta at Clubb's and in Montrose at Montrose Music and the Montrose Pavilion.

**Oct. 30**-Montrose Elks Lodge Bingo Night, 6:30 p.m. Wear your favorite costume to win a prize, costume not required.

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

**Nov. 1**-Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) 2018 Manufacturing Expo. 1 to 5:30 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. Open to the public.

**Nov. 2**-Montrose Woman's Club Hobby and Craft Bazaar, a fundraising event for local Charities, is held Nov. 2, 10 am – 6 pm and Nov. 3, 9 am – 3 pm at Friendship Hall, Montrose County Fairgrounds. 100+tables: handcrafted items, antiques, crafts, coins, jewelry, clothing and more. Hourly door prizes, free admission. Vendor spaces: contact Lexy, 970-275-3336.

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

**Nov. 8**-Three Streams, Three Mines & Many Stakeholders: Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018, 6:30-8 p.m., Ouray County 4H Events Center, 22739 US-550, Ridgway, CO 81432, The community is invited to this free, public event for all ages to learn about three water quality projects completed by the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership above Ouray in the historic mining district. Slide show and talk by Soil & Water Scientist Ashley Bembenek, with light appetizers and soft drinks. For information, visit [uncompahgrewatershed.org/events](http://uncompahgrewatershed.org/events) or call 970-325-3010.

**Nov. 11**-Veterans Day Brunch @ Montrose Elks Lodge, 801 South Hillcrest. All veterans are welcome. 9 a.m. to Noon.

**Nov. 23**-Montrose Christmas tree lighting, Courthouse lawn.

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