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## MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE WELCOMES MCA ART EXHIBITION FOR 'TWENTIETH CENTURY' RUN



*Magic Circle Theatre Manager Lisa Reddiger (standing) and Montrose Center for the Arts President Jodine Broskovak on the Twentieth Century set.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Expect something extra when the play *Twentieth Century* opens at Magic Circle Theatre Nov. 2. Magic Circle is collaborating with Montrose Center for the Arts (MCA) to bring a pop-up gallery to the theatre for the duration of the play's run. The art exhibition features local artists, and focuses on the theme, "Twentieth Century," said MCA President Jodine Broskovak.

"We have a tremendous amount of talent in this Western valley," she said. "We'll have mixed media; watercolors, oils, acrylics, some turned wood, stained glass—a nice variety."

The display will feature 18

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## RE-1J BOARD HEARS NORTHSIDE, PILT UPDATES

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-On Tuesday, Oct. 23, Northside Elementary School Principal Dan Rosentreter presented a draft of the school's Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) to the Montrose County RE-1J Board of Education during the [regular October Work Session](#). Board member Stephen Bush was not in attendance.

Following Rosentreter's discussion, Directors Phoebe Benziger and Gayle Johnson presented an update on Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds.

The Board of Education also considered whether to hold a community meeting for feedback.

### NORTHSIDE UIP REVIEW

"Every year we do an improvement plan to present to parents and the Board," said Rosentreter, who was hired to head Northside earlier this year after serving as Assistant Principal at Olathe Middle School.

He said that the Northside UIP encompasses two major areas of focus. The first of these involves developing a positive learning culture at Northside. "We are



*Northside Elementary School has a new principal, new culture of learning, and bright, newly-painted steps.*

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## ANSWERING THE CALL: MPD PATROL OFFICER SHAUN GRANMOE

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Montrose Police Department (MPD) Patrol Officer Shaun Granmoe was born and raised in Littleton and attended Colorado State University (CSU) in Fort Collins, where he received a bachelor's degree in sociology with a concentration in criminal justice.

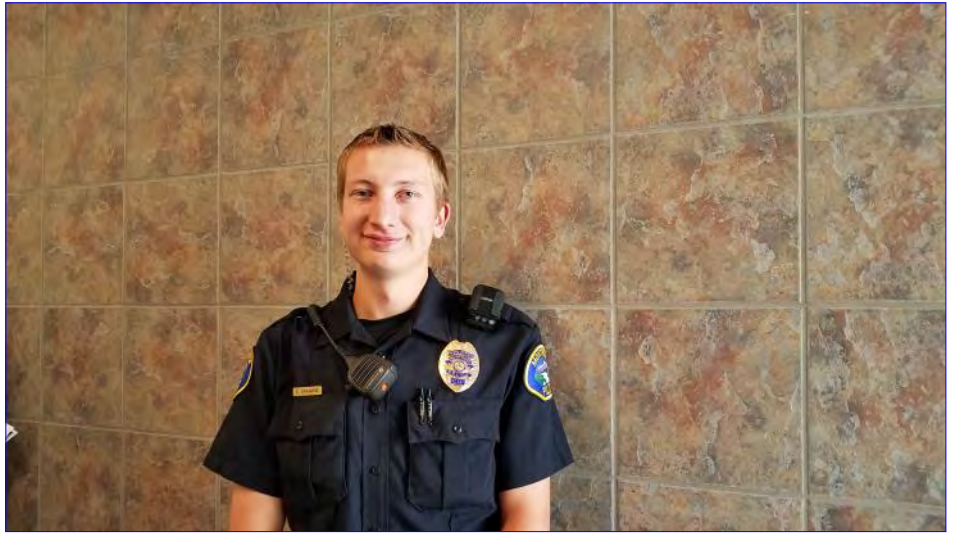
In high school and college Granmoe had law enforcement mentors, "They helped show me how law enforcement can leave a positive image in the community. I knew going into college that I wanted to go into law enforcement."

While at CSU Granmoe served as student coordinator/manager with Ram Rides, a free, safe, non-judgmental ride home for CSU students. Granmoe said, "It's a small thing you can do to save a life. Giving a college kid a ride home, or helping someone who calls 911, we want to make sure everyone gets home safe to their family."

Granmoe did an internship with Longmont PD and applied to many police departments in the State. He said, "I'd gone to school with MPD officer Yee and he suggested Montrose. I visited and fell in love with the city, the community and the outdoor activities available."

Sponsored by MPD, Granmoe attended the Police Academy in Glenwood Springs. He said, "Everyone goes in thinking there will be a lot about the driving and firearms, but the focus is not so much on skills. It's more on memorizing case law and what we call 'the blue book,' the C.R.S. book [Colorado Revised Statutes]. I thought the academy was a blast...but hard work." Granmoe is one of five new officers who began working at MPD in August of 2017.

A self-described super-shy guy in his youth, Granmoe came out of his shell when he started work at age 15. "I grew



**Patrol Officer Shaun Granmoe. Photo by Gail Marvel.**

my communication skills when I had to talk to adults." A former hockey coach for K-12<sup>th</sup> grade, "I like working with kids and helping them in a crisis. It's natural for me to interact with kids and parents."

As of yet Granmoe does not have any specialized PD training, "I'm still trying to learn the ropes and to be an expert in everything I can. What I love about the job is that every call is different and there are new challenges. With each call you learn how you can become a better officer and better serve your community. I want to leave a positive image." Granmoe has used CPR, but his efforts were unsuccessful.

Considering the most stressful aspect of his job Granmoe said, "I can't think of anything right now. I can tell you how I combat stress. It's by having a healthy balance between my work life and my personal life. You can decompress from work more successfully if you have a healthy personal life."

When asked about law enforcement humor Granmoe said, "Every day we laugh. We're serious about our job, but we also

laugh at our team members. We can laugh, but still be professional."

Granmoe is content in his current position, "I really love patrol. Down the line I can see myself in investigations and accident reconstruction. I'm thankful that the City of Montrose gave me an opportunity to work for them and the citizens. This is a difficult agency to get in with and I am grateful. We're all a team working on a common goal to serve our community. There are no individual players in law enforcement. It's all about team work."

Granmoe's local family includes his girlfriend and two black labs. One dog is a lab/coonhound cross and the other a lab/short hair pointer cross. "My first week in Montrose I did a ride-a-long with the animal control officer and adopted a dog at the shelter. We got him the day after Christmas." Aside from the dog park, Granmoe enjoys fishing, hiking, camping, and jeep trails.

In a message to citizens Granmoe said, "It's tragic that more officers are struck down and killed in traffic accidents. Simply moving over a lane can save lives."



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## MIRROR IMAGES...HILLTOP COMMUNITY RESOURCES!



MONTROSE-Hilltop Community Resources held a community open house on Thursday, Oct. 25 to share information about resources, and about Latimer House-Montrose. Staffers and supporters wore purple to show support for those affected by domestic violence.

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# CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE VOTER AT A TIME

***“You can’t just let everybody else decide things for you. You’ve got to participate.”***



***Pictured left to right are Jesus Yee-Gonzalez, Soledad Almanza, Cinthia Cortez, and Leif Nelson.***

By Caitlin Switzer

OLATHE—They are still in high school—and they have already begun to change the world. Olathe High School Seniors Jesus Yee-Gonzalez, Leif Nelson, Cinthia Cortez, and Soledad Almanza are among those being honored with the 2018 Eliza Pickrell Routt Award from the Colorado Secretary of State’s office. The students were nominated by the Western Colorado Alliance for Community Action (WCA), which has a Youth Voter Initiative, for registering more than 85 percent of their senior student body to vote in the space of just two months.

WCA Community Organizer Jeriel Clark said that the organization sees students as the future decision makers and leaders of the nation.

“Not just here in Western Colorado, but in the rest of the country,” she said. “We want young people to see voting as an essential part of being a citizen in the United States, and that they are the ones who will lead our community and our country.”

According to the Secretary of State web site, “Eliza Pickrell Routt, with her husband, John Routt, settled in Colorado on the brink of its statehood in 1875. John Routt would be elected the first Governor, making Eliza Pickrell Routt the first First Lady of Colorado. In this role, she dedicated herself to building a structured community with equal rights for women. She joined the Non-Partisan Suffrage Associa-

tion of Colorado and served as president of the City League of Denver branch. In honor of her commitment to getting suffrage passed, Routt was the first woman registered to vote in Colorado.” Two longtime Olathe educators, Kari Keller and Bill Hamm, helped to inspire the students, who came up with the idea of registering voters after attending the Girls’ and Boys’ State gatherings earlier this year.

“I learned through Boys State, where they mentioned the award,” Gonzalez said. “It was a good idea; we care about voting, and it’s a good idea to let people know.”

Said Nelson, who also attended Boys’ State and learned of the program there, “I am a strong believer in voting; it’s one of the most important things we can do.”

“At Girls’ State I learned a lot about government and voting,” Cortez said.

“I never knew where to register,” Almanza said. “When a teacher mentioned the award and suggested we try to get 85 percent of our class registered, I thought, why not?”

“Most of the students here were willing to do it—we know this is a good program because if it wasn’t, our students wouldn’t want to do it—thank you to Mrs. Keller and Mr. Hamm.”

Though some students are not old enough to vote, those who are age 16 or older may pre-register, the students explained. Once they turn 18, they will re-

ceive their ballot in the mail. And the four students who helped to get them registered learned something more in the process.

“We learned that it is really, really easy to register to vote,” Cortez said. “We went to a history class and registered people the first time, and it took 20 minutes. As we got used to doing it, it took less and less time. We got one of our biggest classes done in just ten minutes.”

Said Yee-Gonzalez, “You can’t just let everybody else decide things for you. You’ve got to participate.”

“I learned that voting is one of the most important things you can do,” Nelson said. “You have a stake in your community; voting is important if you want to change your community.”

Olathe High School Social Studies Teacher Kari Keller downplayed the role of adults, giving full credit for the Eliza Pickrell Routt award to the hard-working young people who achieved it.

“The only thing I did was be smart enough to pick the right four kids,” Keller said. “They listened to me and they went to Boys’ and Girls’ State.”

Last year, the Eliza Pickrell Routt award was given to Ouray High School, making Olathe High School the second Western Slope high school to earn the honor.

As a non-partisan, non-profit organization, WCA does not promote any one affiliation, Clark said.

“The Youth Voter Initiative represents the true breadth of our community,” she said. “And when teachers are involved in supporting the students, it goes so much further.”

Perhaps, in this case, it will go all the way to the White House. Because in addition to learning about voter registration, the students also learned about the importance of leadership. Though Gonzalez hopes to become a registered nurse, Almanza hopes to become an audiologist, and Cortez intends to become a journalist, Nelson—who does the high school’s morning announcements—may consider a run for office at some point.

“I have considered it,” he said. “Maybe I will run for City Council. Maybe I will run for President.”

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### WELL-KNOWN MONTROSE BOWHUNTER PLEADS TO WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

#### *Colorado Parks & Wildlife*

MONTROSE-- An investigation into the hunting activities of well-known local bowhunter – Tim Strickland, 72, of Montrose – resulted in a plea agreement reached Sept. 6 in Ouray District Court. In exchange for dismissing four felony charges of illegal sale of wildlife, Strickland pleaded guilty to nine misdemeanor counts of illegally using bait to hunt big game and illegal possession of three or more elk.

After reaching a plea agreement with the district attorney's office, Strickland made a \$12,000 donation to Operation Game Thief, paid \$3,000 in court fines, forfeited twelve trail cameras along with other evidence seized during the investigation. Strickland will also face a suspension of his hunting and fishing privileges in Colorado and 46 other Wildlife Violator Compact states, pending a review by a Colorado Parks and Wildlife Hearings Examiner.

After extensive investigation, CPW officers served a search warrant on Sept 15, 2016, on a private ranch near Ridgway where Strickland was allegedly acting as an unregistered outfitter for numerous hunters. In 2016, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Officer Kelly Crane received an anonymous tip about Strickland baiting hunting stands with mineral blocks for his clients to hunt over.

Strickland, also known for designing a broadhead, was charged with four felony counts for providing unregistered outfitting services for the take of big game and nine misdemeanor counts of unlawfully using bait to hunt big game.

"People who use unfair means to kill big game are ultimately stealing from all of us, and when they are illegally profiting from the poaching, it makes us work that much harder to make sure they are prosecuted," said Crane.

"Sometimes it takes years to investigate

and prosecute wildlife cases, but that does not deter Colorado Parks and Wildlife from pursuing these crimes," said Renzo DelPiccolo, area wildlife manager for Colorado Parks and Wildlife in Montrose.

"We especially appreciate the tips that come in from the public and want to encourage others to speak up and report illegal hunting activity.

No matter who you are, we are going to do what we can to bring you to justice. This was good work by all officers involved," said DelPiccolo.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds the public that poachers steal wildlife and opportunity from the public and legal hunters. To report a wildlife violation and remain anonymous, call Operation Game Thief at 877-265-6648.

Rewards are available for information that leads to a conviction.

For more information go to: <http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/OGT.aspx>.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR COMMUNITY OPTIONS & UNCOMPAGHRE VALLEY ASSOCIATION SILENT AUCTION AND CASH BAR

By Jim Womeldorf

MONTROSE-Mark your cultural calendars for Saturday, Nov. 10, as once again Mountainfilm on Tour is coming to the Montrose Pavilion. This popular 13<sup>th</sup> Annual benefit for Community Options and Uncompahgre Valley Association is an evening of awe-inspiring short films selected from the annual Telluride Mountainfilm festival. Focusing on adventure, world cultures, extreme sports and unusual human endeavors, the films offer something for anyone who loves our world and "the indomitable human spirit." One such indomitable spirit and special guest is Felix Belmont, who at the age of 100, will be present to take questions about "Felix," a heartwarming film about his life and role as a current disc jockey for Paonia radio

station KVNf.

A few more of the ten films that will be shown include; "Corbet's Couloir," a comic race down a mountain between a mountain biker and skier; "How to Run a 100 Miles," a story of a friendship that strengthens when two friends decide to run an ultramarathon when one of them doesn't even like running; "Life Coach," a film that mixes climbing with a touching discussion of life's big questions between two of the world's top climbers; and "A New View of the Moon," a film that is guaranteed to make you smile and look up every night to embrace our amazing night sky.

With a staff of 200, Community Options supports 500 adults and children in our area who have intellectual and develop-

mental disabilities with an array of services. Uncompahgre Valley Association is a dedicated group of citizen volunteers who advocate for social justice for all people and who work to preserve the beautiful Western Colorado environment." Both organizations contribute to the quality of life in Western Colorado.

Doors will open at 5pm, with the show starting at 6:30. Thanks to the generous underwriting support of Four Seasons Investment Advisors, Alpine Bank, Masters and Viner Law Firm, and Karen Mercer Business Consulting, no tickets are required, but there is a suggested donation of \$10. Along with the films will be a silent auction and a cash bar. Be sure to come early, as this event fills the Pavilion to capacity.



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# ALTRUSA IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Altrusa International of Montrose is embarking on an exciting project serving Haven House and its residents. Haven House, located in Olathe, provides transitional housing for homeless families and other pertinent support services and enrichment programs to help families evolve from unstable living envi-

ronments to healthy, self-sustaining lifestyles. Haven House primarily serves families from Montrose, Delta, Ouray, and Mesa counties.

This project, recognizing the overwhelming crisis faced by homeless families, is to create an even more welcoming environment at Haven House by furnishing each suite, which consists of two bedrooms

connected by a Jack and Jill style bathroom, with good quality sheets, mattress pads, comforters, pillow, rugs, curtains, towels, shower curtains, bath rugs, lamps and other homey touches. Families would be invited to take these items with them when they "graduate" to a home of their own.

When a family graduates and moves on, Altrusa and its partners would come in and prepare specifically for the next family coming in. Families may stay in Haven House for up to two years and the average stay is 18-24 months.

A few non-profit organizations in the Montrose area are partnering with Altrusa for the kick off of this worthwhile project. Saturday, Oct. 27, Altrusa and its partners will be transforming all the suites at Haven House. Currently, all 16 suites are occupied and 22 children are calling this their home.

Altrusa has made the commitment to make this an on-going project to benefit the families at Haven House. If other organizations or individuals would like to be a partner, Altrusa would love to have that conversation and share the different options available at this time. Altrusa's desire is to make a difference in the lives of these families – one suite at a time.

## CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS U.S. VETERANS NOV. 9

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Centennial Middle School invites you to celebrate Veterans Day with us. We will be honoring our men and women in uniform both past and present at our annual Veterans Day Assembly. The assembly is Friday, Nov. 9, 2018 at 9 am in the Centennial Middle School Gym at 1100 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Montrose. Speaker: Steve Baskis. We would be honored to have you there.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### RIDGWAY AND OURAY RECEIVE STATE GRANT TO PROMOTE OFF-PEAK SEASON TOURISM

*Special to the Mirror*

OURAY COUNTY-The Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce (RACC) and the Ouray Tourism Office (OTO) are pleased to announce their recent award of a \$10,000 marketing grant from the Colorado Tourism Office to promote countywide, off-peak season visitation and tourism-driven economic opportunities. Ridgway and Ouray recognize that summer tourism visitation is at or near maximum capacity. In contrast, local businesses struggle to keep a consistent cash flow during the shoulder seasons of October through April. The marketing grant will be used to target off-peak season months in an effort to increase tourism-driven economic opportunities for local businesses. This is the first tourism-related, countywide collaboration that will lay the foundation for future marketing strategies around off-peak season travel periods, and Ridgway Chamber's first state Tourism Office grant award as the lead applicant.

The two biggest challenges for Ridgway and surrounding area business owners are seasonal swings (off-peak season income) and hiring/retaining employees, according to a 2017 study conducted by Durango-based RPI Consulting. Over the years, Ridgway and Ouray have seen businesses close because of decreased cash flow during the slower months. It has also been challenging to hire and retain employees without being able to promise year-round employment.

The purpose of this new initiative is to increase visitors during the off-peak seasons, which will directly impact the success of our local economy by bringing more financial (and workforce) stability to local businesses.

This grant will greatly enhance both Ridgway's and Ouray's current marketing programs. To date, Ouray and Ridgway have not worked together towards a collaborative countywide marketing strategy. In addition, neither Ridgway or Ouray has

specifically targeted off-peak season tourism in marketing campaigns.

This grant will be the start of a long-term marketing strategy to unite Ouray County stakeholders towards a common goal of tourism development beyond the busy summer season.

The marketing initiatives will be based on a series of itineraries highlighting countywide tourism assets that are accessible during the months of October through March. Target markets will be high-value outdoor enthusiasts and creatives that are looking to experience uncrowded and authentic Colorado mountain towns.

"We see this grant as only the beginning of a new and ongoing strategy to focus marketing efforts specifically on the off-peak season, and to do so in collaboration with Ouray.

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# **RE-1J BOARD HEARS NORTHSIDE, PILT UPDATES**

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creating changes to the daily operations of the school," he said. Students are now personally greeted and high-fived by teachers at the start of each school day, he said, and "We do two chants...we have posters up in the classrooms so the kids know the chants."

In a school where 76.7 percent of students qualify for free and reduced lunches, "It is amazing how many kids don't have Northside gear," Rosentreter said. "This year we have T-shirts for every kid."

The second major area of focus is reducing the number of office referrals by 25 percent. "Last we had 36 discipline events; this year we have had 27," he said.

Also emphasized was the need for a clear vision and direction at the school, the need to strengthen the culture and climate of the school, and the need to support staff with data.

"The theme this year is 'shatter expectations,'" Rosentreter said. "We are hoping to increase academic proficiency by 25 percent."

A six-point gain on CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success) scores is a goal for each test. Teachers are also a focus for support; "Our teachers are great," Rosentreter said, "But for the last couple of years they have been like the Cleveland Browns, expected to take a beating and keep going...we want to do whatever we can to support them."

The school has established data talks for teachers to share information, and is working not only to celebrate student successes, but to reward and recognize teachers as well. Providing basic, consistent expectations for staff and increasing positive recognition will continue to be priorities; "If you set high goals and you don't quite reach them, you are still better off than you were," Rosentreter said. "We are trying to make Northside an amazing school."

And if high goals are met, the Principal said he is willing to take one for the team.

"I will take a pie in the face if it will improve behavior and our culture."

RE-1J District F Director Phoebe Benziger asked Rosentreter about results of the most recent I-Ready tests, and noted, "Staff came in on the weekend and painted your steps."

"A teacher came up with that idea," Rosentreter said.

Said District C Director Gayle Johnson, "I really like the fact that you are reviewing where teachers are on a day-to-day basis."

District A Director Jeff Bachman said, "I like that you are celebrating even the small things."

District E Director Sarah Fishing called the changes at Northside "exciting."

"There's so much potential," Fishing said, adding that she would be coming in to read to students at Northside soon.

### **PILT FUND UPDATE**

According to the [United States Department of the Interior](#), "Payments in Lieu of Taxes" (PILT) are Federal payments to local governments that help offset losses in property taxes due to non-taxable Federal lands within their boundaries. RE-1J officials and staff met with representatives from Montrose County to discuss PILT funding.

"Earlier this year, (Superintendent) Steve Schiell and I approached Montrose County about PILT funding," Benziger said. "It looked like the County underpaid us and should pay us more...we did our due diligence."

After meeting with Deputy County Manager Jon Waschbusch and County Commissioner Sue Hansen, however, "The County does not owe us PILT funds," Benziger said.

Schiell said that Montrose County has given all SRS (Secure Rural Schools) funds to the school district.

"We are very appreciative of Montrose County," he said.

### **COMMUNITY MEETING**

The Superintendent and Directors discussed the possibility of holding a community meeting.

Schiell asked the board if another community meeting like the recent, well-attended public safety meeting would be appropriate. A meeting could be held to talk about what is currently happening in the school district, he said. "I don't think you are going to have 800 people show up...good idea? Bad idea?"

A meeting might be a good idea, but not necessary, Bachman said. "I almost think it would stir things up again...before I was on the school board I never knew when these meetings were going on...not sure how well we put it out there."

Discussion touched on locations where the Superintendent has made himself available for public outreach, such as at the White Kitchen in Olathe and a regular public discussion at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli in Montrose. Also discussed was media outreach to local newspapers and radio.

"I feel like our Facebook impact is growing quickly," Administrative Assistant Laurie Laird said, adding that the District is now using Instagram as well.

Said Johnson, "I liked seeing the STEM sign in the middle of town...it showed a lot of pride."

Fishing said that a public meeting could highlight what has been accomplished since the safety meeting.

District B Director Jake Suppes said, "I just want to see some transparency...getting out into the public now is the best way of showing that we're not hiding anything."

Benziger noted that safety could also be discussed at Parent Accountability Committee (PAC) meetings, as well as student councils. "...Make the kids take ownership of safety."

There will be no board of education work sessions in November or December; the next regular meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 13.



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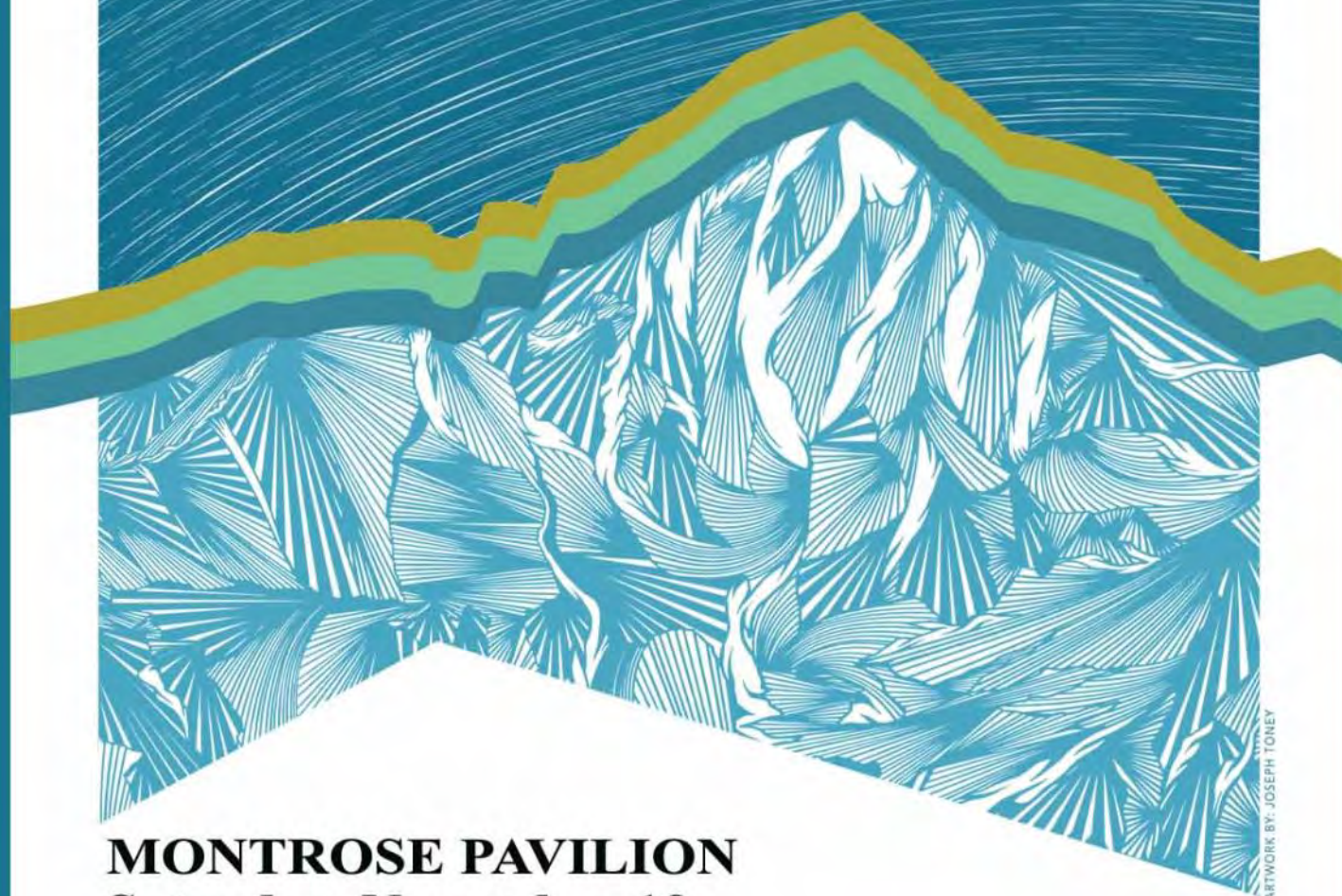
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### MOUNTAIN VILLAGE FARM TO COMMUNITY PROGRAM DELIVERS 4,500 POUNDS OF LOCALLY GROWN FOOD TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS

*Special to the Mirror*

**MOUNTAIN VILLAGE**— The Town of Mountain Village's Farm to Community Incentive Program surpassed expectations in its inaugural year by delivering more than 4,500 pounds of locally grown food and produce to community participants. Developed by Planning and Development Services Director Michelle Haynes, as a "climate action plan implementation measure," the Mountain Village Green Team Committee unanimously supported the program along with the Town Council.

Thirty-eight income qualified Mountain Village residents took part in a 14-week local farm share food program with an outcome exceeding the program's goal of providing nine weeks of low-cost, high nutrient foods all while lowering carbon emissions by delivering a regionally grown food. Furthermore, the program gave a unique opportunity for Mountain Village residents to interact with local farmers, encouraging the use of new foods and recipes, and minimizing the time and distance for food shopping.

"I am so grateful for this program," said one program participant, Melissa Touhly. "I'm a single mom with two daughters, and they started taking fresh salads to school because they loved the produce and the story of where the food sourced."

Heather Knox shared similar sentiments by adding, "my two girls, ages 12 & 14, and I ate many more vegetables and fruits than I would normally purchase. It was fun introducing new vegetables that I had not ever seen, and figuring out how to cook them, or following the recipes included with the weekly bounty. I also really enjoyed getting to know 'Farmer Sam', with the Fresh Food Hub." The Town has approved an expanded program for 2019 with participating farms Mountain Roots Produce based in Mancos, Colorado and the F.R.E.S.H Food Hub, a community-run food co-op based in Norwood, Colorado. F.R.E.S.H Food Hub purchases food from local farms and producers such as Indian Ridge Farm and Bakery, Buckhorn Gar-

dens, Birdhouse Farm, Laid Back Ranch, South River Aquaponics, and many more small-scale producers on the western slope. 2019 program applications are available February 1 for Mountain Village residents living in deed-restricted housing or meet the annual household income qualifications.

Furthermore, the town hopes to reduce their carbon footprint further and support the regional economy by developing a residential Community-supported agriculture (CSA) pick-up and a Town-led employee CSA wellness program. Haynes explains, "The Town of Mountain Village offers a wellness program benefit to employees that can be used in place of the purchase of a ski pass. The town agreed that participation in a CSA meets the wellness criteria. We hope to place a request for proposal this winter to work with a

local farm in exchange for providing CSA shares to employees through the town's wellness program this next summer."

Haynes goes on to say, "with the success of the Farm to community program and positive farm presence at the Market on the Plaza this past summer, we hope that we can reach a critical mass of CSA share participation so that shares can also be delivered to the Mountain Village for residents and take advantage of the delivery route for wholesale distribution to local restaurants." "Supporting the local economy and taking advantage of our local food sources is important to a resilient and healthy community."

For program information, please contact Zoe Dohnal by email [zdohnal@mtnvillage.org](mailto:zdohnal@mtnvillage.org), by phone (970) 728.8236 or by visiting [townofmountain-village.com/farm-to-community](http://townofmountain-village.com/farm-to-community).

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### DRAFT ELK, DEER MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR NORTHERN SAN LUIS VALLEY AVAILABLE ON CPW SITE



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#### *Special to the Mirror*

**SAGUACHE**— People who are interested in hunting and big-game in the northern San Luis Valley can now view preliminary deer and elk management plans on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website.

The public is asked to provide comments on the draft plans. Those should be sent to Brent Frankland, terrestrial biologist for the San Luis Valley, via email at: [brent.frankland@state.co.us](mailto:brent.frankland@state.co.us). Comments must be submitted by Nov. 21.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife biologists and staff have been working for about a year to make updates to elk and deer management plans for the Saguache area. The revisions are for deer in game management units 68 and 681; and the elk plan is for game management units 68, 681 and 682. To view the plans go to: <http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/HerdManagementPlans.aspx>, then click on the D-26 and E-26 links on the right side of the page.

Responding to public comments received during the summer, CPW is recommending actions in the draft plan that will increase the elk herd over the long term. CPW held public meetings about the plans last summer and also offered an on-line survey. The revisions will be presented to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission early next year.

## MIRROR IMAGES...OLATHE SCHOOLS AHOY ASSEMBLY!



*Olathe students celebrate during the Oct. 25 AHOY assembly at Olathe/Middle High School. AHOY is a student-driven, anti-bullying initiative managed by Student Council. Photos by Erika Story, courtesy of Montrose County.*



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### SUPPORTS BARBARA MCLACHLAN FOR DISTRICT 59 REP

*To the Editor:*

I'm writing in support of Barbara McLachlan, our District 59 Representative. In the short time she has been in office she has proven to be an outstanding leader, an advocate for education, environment and transportation issues. She has worked across the aisle, always with a positive attitude and genuine interest to learn about issues facing her district.

Her "independent" opponent, Paul Jones, is far from independent as he claims. He declares he receives no outside money other than \$2 donations, but in fact he has received over \$133,000 in PAC money from Unite Colorado, a division of Unite America, Inc.

Currently, his campaign is facing a campaign finance complaint. The complaint, which was filed with the Colorado Secretary of State's office alleges that Unite America Inc., Unite Colorado and the Unite America Election Fund are not being transparent about their donors, and are not following the state's contribution limits for political committees.

McLachlan is completely transparent about her funding and admits that she has taken from PACs including Planned Parenthood, Conservation Colorado, local business groups, and three educational funds in the amount of approximately \$6,000. Jones in a recent debate in Ouray denied any contribution from PACs.

I fully support Barbara and the work she has accomplished for the state and our region and urge you to vote for her. She's proven that integrity, transparency, honesty and reaching across the aisle is the best way forward.

*Laurie Dickson, Durango*

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WHEREAS, The Montrose Fire Protection District provides valuable services to the community, including fire suppression, emergency medical services, technical rescue, hazardous materials response, fire protection inspections and public safety; and

WHEREAS, The Montrose Fire Protection District service area encompasses 186 square miles in Montrose and Ouray Counties and Emergency Medical Services to over 1,000 square miles in Montrose, Ouray and Gunnison Counties; and

WHEREAS, Following the passage of Referendum 4A in 2006 which raised the mill levy by 3.45 mills, the Montrose Fire Protection District has proven to be an outstanding caretaker of tax dollars. It fulfilled all its promises by constructing, equipping and staffing two additional fire stations, weathering a severe recession without reducing services or seeking a tax increase, decreasing response time significantly and timely responding to a 40 percent increase in emergency calls for service since 2006; and

WHEREAS, Due to the unavoidable consequences of the disastrous interplay of the Gallagher Amendment, the declining Residential Assessment Rate and the TABOR Amendment, the Montrose Fire Protection District has suffered a loss of tax income of over \$800,000 since 2011; and

WHEREAS, Unless the Montrose Fire Protection taxes are increased by \$175,048, commencing in 2019 and thereafter by such additional mill levy up to 0.429 for a total District property tax rate not to exceed 8.991 mills, and implement a moving adjustment mill levy to produce a level income, the District will be required to reduce all services, including the closing of Fire Station 2, termination of fire protection and inspection efforts and all response times will be increased; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council, the City of Montrose hereby adopts this resolution to show support for the Montrose Fire Protection District Referendum 7A, which increases the mill levy for the Montrose Fire Protection District up to 0.429 to produce an income of \$175,048 to regenerate funding currently lost due to a reduction of the Residential Assessment Rate and provides for an adjustable mill levy thereafter to produce a tax income consistent with the one approved by voters in 2006. Passage of Referendum 7A will permit the Montrose Fire Protection District to continue to provide excellent emergency services to District residents without a reduction in those services and the ability to meet the needs of an increasing population. The Montrose City Council supports the efforts of the Montrose Fire Protection District in providing a safe community for the residents of the City of Montrose.

ADOPTED this 16th day of October, 2018, by the Montrose City Council.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### ASKING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO RECONSIDER STANCE ON 7A

*Montrose Chamber of Commerce:*

I certainly hope that your Board immediately reconsiders its opposition to 7A, in light of Tad's explanation. In all of the publicity, civic and government leadership presentations, this is the only time this issue has arisen. The consequences of 7A not passing will indeed be significant and disastrous to absolutely everyone. I am very surprised that if such a determinative question arose during consideration of such an important issue that the matter was not tabled until a clarification could be obtained from the Fire District. This is not a political issue nor is it a new increase. The outcome of this election on 7A is the future safety of every resident, visitor and investor in this community. While I have no prediction for the results of the election, the Chamber's opposition is absolutely **the only negative one** voiced in all of our educational encounters. I find that somewhat remarkable.

*John W. Nelson, FOR 7A Committee*

### FAILURE TO APPROVE 7A WILL RESULT IN OPERATIONAL REDUCTIONS

*Editor:*

Tax related ballot issues should always be viewed with a critical eye. 7A on our current ballot, proposed by the Montrose Fire Protection District, requires particularly close consideration, because failure to approve it will result in operational reductions that will affect every District resident.

Our Fire District has lost over \$800,000 in revenue since 2011, because of unintended consequences caused by the interplay of the Gallagher Amendment, the TABOR Amendment, and the steadily declining Residential Assessment Rate.

This situation is not peculiar just to Montrose. Other small fire districts across the state are faced with the same concerns. Unfortunately, the legislature has failed to take action to address the growing problem, giving these districts no choice but to seek voter approval for a mil levy adjustment to reaffirm revenue levels already approved by voters.

Absent voter approval for 7A, our Fire District will be forced to close one station, reduce one emergency ambulance and engine, thereby greatly reducing response time, and reducing District services.

If undecided, voters should see Tad Rowan at the District office on Uncompaghe for more complete details on the importance of 7A to us all.

*Dee Laird, Montrose*



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REGIONAL-The CSU Tri River Area Extension, in cooperation with the Colorado State Forest Service, is once again offering seedling trees, shrubs, perennials and grasses for conservation purposes. There is NO acreage restriction; you just cannot resell these plants. The Tri River Area is selling plants in Mesa, Delta, Montrose, and Ouray Counties. Order from the office you where you plan to pick up your plants.

The trees, shrubs and perennials can be ordered November 1, 2018 through April 12, 2019, for pick up in early May. Please call or stop by for availability and an order form. This is a statewide program, so order early while supplies are good. For specific species questions contact CSFS for Montrose and Ouray (970) 249-9051, CSFS for Delta and Mesa Counties: (970) 248-7325 or contact CSU Ext. Horticulture Agent Susan Carter at (970) 244-1834 or [susan.carter@colostate.edu](mailto:susan.carter@colostate.edu)

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**MONTROSE**—Both major political parties took advantage of Saturday's gorgeous weather to rally the faithful in Montrose and get out the vote. At left, the Colorado Democratic Party's campaign bus made a stop in Montrose; 3rd Congressional District Challenger Diane Mitsch Bush spoke to the crowd on North First Street. At right, Montrose County Republicans held a rally in Demoret Park.

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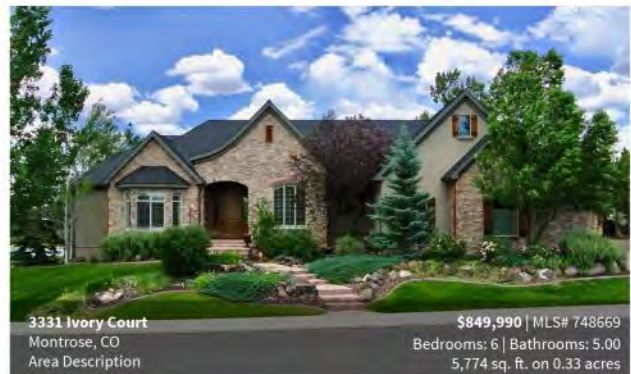
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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MCSO SEIZES ESTIMATED 1,500 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA



*Pictured are Montrose County Undersheriff Adam Murdie, left, and Sheriff Rick Dunlap, right, with some of the estimated 1,500 lbs of marijuana seized from an illegal grow. Courtesy photo.*

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE- On Oct. 19th, the Montrose County Sheriff's Office responded to the 69300 block of Orion Trail east of Montrose to issue a distraint warrant for past due property taxes. Upon arrival, the deputy observed a marijuana grow over the hill to the northeast of the residence. In order to reach the front door to post papers, the deputy had to walk through what appeared to be several hundred hanging marijuana plants. The deputy contacted Sang Ho at the residence who stated he was not a part of the suspected

marijuana grow at the nearby property. After posting papers and issuing Mr. Ho a citation for violation of Montrose County Ordinance 2017-01, the deputy left and drove past a residence on an adjacent property and observed three individuals exit a running vehicle with out-of-state plates filled with large trash bags and run into the residence.

The deputy then made contact with individuals associated with the residence who stated they were "working" in the area and originally from Sacramento, Calif. The owner of the vehicle consented to search

and confirmed that the bags were filled with marijuana. Additional deputies arrived on scene to assist with the situation.

With the assistance of Deputy District Attorney Jason Wilson, search warrants were obtained for the residences. A search of the residences uncovered an estimated 1,500 pounds of suspected marijuana—including both green plants, immature plants, processed packages, loose marijuana buds, and more; several grow lamps, air vents, fans, marijuana shaker/trimmers, \$1,500 in cash, and two vehicles. The preliminary estimated value of the suspected marijuana is approximately \$4-5 million dollars. Sheriff Rick Dunlap, deputies, and posse members spent over 20 hours amassing and loading the evidence into secured vehicles.

Chung Ho, Shiwei Liu, and Shanggui Tang were all arrested for cultivation of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia and placed on \$60,000 bonds per the bond schedule.

"I would like to recognize the deputies involved for their hard work on this case," said Sheriff Rick Dunlap. "This investigation was handled exclusively by our agency and we could not have done it without the help of Deputy District Attorney Wilson. His quick work helped us obtain a search warrant and motion and subsequent order to destroy excess marijuana plants in order to do our jobs. This grow was a complex operation and I'm thankful that we intercepted the drugs before they were transported out-of-state."



## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### GOVERNOR JOHN W. HICKENLOOPER TO BE PRESENTED WITH THE 2019 SPREADING WINGS AWARD

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER-Colorado non-profit Wings Over the Rockies (Wings) is pleased to announce Governor John Hickenlooper as the recipient of their 2018 Spreading Wings Award on Thursday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

Throughout his tenure as Governor, John Hickenlooper has cultivated an environment of aerospace leadership in the Centennial State. From appointing a full-time aerospace champion to providing significant support for the Colorado Air & Space

Port initiative. He has also served alongside Harrison Ford as an honorary co-chair on Wings' fundraising campaign, Wingspan.

"Governor Hickenlooper has propelled our great state to another level in terms of aviation and space opportunities," explained Wings Over the Rockies President and CEO, Maj Gen John Barry, USAF (Ret). "His immense support of Wings, and other crucial entities, has laid the groundwork for Colorado to be a Silicon Valley for aerospace, Aerospace Alley."

"Colorado's leadership in aerospace is a testimony to the indomitable spirit to drive this industry forward," said Governor John Hickenlooper. "I accept this honor on behalf of everyone whose innovation inspires us every day. We thank you for your contributions to aerospace and its significant role in our state's economic strength."

The evening will feature special performances by THE SILHOUETTES® entertainment group, as well as a celebration of Governor Hickenlooper's commitment to the aerospace industry and to Wings as an organization.

The Spreading Wings Gala, presented by Maxar Technologies, will take place at Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum in Denver, CO on Thursday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 PM.

To learn more and purchase tickets visit [WingsMuseum.org/Gala](http://WingsMuseum.org/Gala).

#### About Wings Over the Rockies:

*Wings Over the Rockies is a Denver-based not for profit organization dedicated to educating and inspiring all people about aviation and space endeavors of the past, present and future. By utilizing the Air & Space Museum in Denver's historic Lowry neighborhood to preserve the past and the Exploration of Flight Center at Centennial Airport to focus on the present and future, Wings strives to encourage the future aerospace leaders of tomorrow. For more information about Wings Over the Rockies please visit [WingsMuseum.org](http://WingsMuseum.org) and [ExplorationOfFlight.org](http://ExplorationOfFlight.org).*

#### Alpine Bank Supports Wings over the Rockies

Alpine Bank salutes the trailblazing innovations of Wings Over the Rockies which are emerging in their exciting new Exploration of Flight Center in Centennial. Alpine Bank proudly supports Wings and commends Governor John Hickenlooper for his award-winning aerospace leadership. Alpine Bank is celebrating 45 years of trailblazing in communities across Colorado.



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## ***MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE WELCOMES MCA ART EXHIBITION***

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

local artists, and the works will be offered for sale.

*Twentieth Century*, directed by Scott Polak, is a fast-paced comedy set in 1933, written by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur and updated by Ken Ludwig.

The idea for a themed art exhibit came about when Broskovak and Magic Circle Manager Lisa Reddiger decided that collaboration would benefit both entities.

"I think at the theatre we are really wanting to engage the community more to experience an entire event here," Reddiger said.

"We want to create a place of community, so people can stay awhile and connect

with others."

Said Broskovak, "I think it is a wonderful partnership, and I have the idea that it's good for the community to know that we are so willing and happy to work together.

"We are promoting local artists through the Center for the Arts, and as we grow we will develop other specialized shows."

The Montrose Center for the Arts is leasing a space of its own at Main Street and South Park Avenue, and the chance to share space during *Twentieth Century's* run will help to promote the overall mission of building and diversifying Montrose's thriving arts economy.

"I think people do consider the arts as-

pect of a community when they consider moving someplace, and it makes them more willing to invest in that community," Broskovak said.

"Art builds self-worth; there is a wonderful sense of accomplishment when someone allows their creativity to come out."

"Art introduces us to possibilities and ideas," Reddiger said. "It shapes us, influences us, and helps us discover who we are and what we value.

"The arts have a place in our lives, and bring healing."

*Twentieth Century* runs Nov. 2-17.

For tickets, stop by the box office or visit the [Magic Circle Players website](#).

## **OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS**

# **HAIL AND A FOND FAREWELL!**

*Editor:*

It is frequently said that the only consistency in the world is change and we are certainly seeing it today in the Montrose region. Friday, October 26th, was the final day of Susan Byrne as Communications Director of the Montrose Regional Dispatch Center. While she will continue with Montrose County in a new position, she concludes 10 years of dedicated service with the outstanding Dispatch staff, which she has trained and led. The Dispatch will itself conclude its approximately 20 years of service to the region on October 31st. Rick Dunlap will conclude his successful term as Sheriff in January and Montrose Chief of Police, Tom Chinn, retires at the end of October, following 45 years of devoted service to the community and law enforcement.

They have all contributed to the success of Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. and we want to congratulate each of these public servants for their service, dedication and assistance in making the Crime Stoppers program such a success in our area. With over 40 arrests, 100 charges cleared and over \$9,350 in awards made for successful Tips (and more in the pipeline), the program is working. The overwhelming support of those departing individuals, along with that of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners, Montrose City Council, Alpine Bank, and the community, has been invaluable and essential to our success. We wish each of them the very best for the future. We look forward to working successfully with the new Chief of Police, the new Sheriff and the WestCo Dispatch Center.

*John W. Nelson*

*Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc.*

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

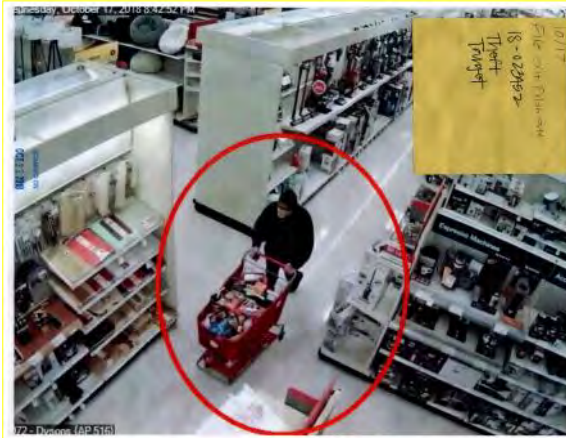
### MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS ALERT

#### Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc.

MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. and the Montrose Police Department are seeking the help of citizens to identify and locate the suspects in a shoplifting incident at the Target Store, 3580 Wolverine Drive in Montrose.

On Oct. 18 at 6 p.m., a male dressed totally in black, wearing a black stocking cap, shoplifted a full shopping cart of merchandise and escaped with the loot out a fire door.

The thief was met by a confederate who loaded the entire cart and contents into a small gray/silver pickup truck. Clear photographs of one suspect and the vehicle



were taken by store surveillance cameras. Anyone with information about this crime or the identity of the perpetrator(s) or any other crimes may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500, use the mobile app P3Tips, or provide information

via P3Tips.com. Crime Stoppers wants your information, not your identity. If the Tip results in an arrest, the Tipster may receive a cash award. For additional information, please view our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers](https://www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers). Crime prevention and crime solution are everyone's responsibility.

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## YOUNG ARTISTS TO SHOWCASE FRESH WORK @ BASEMENT BOUTIQUE SHOW



Artists Leanna and Jordan Johnson, above; samples of work by Lucky Tree Studio, @ left. Courtesy photos.



### Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE—Many folks in Montrose are familiar with graphic artist Leanna Johnson, well known for her stunning design work, which includes the beautiful Montrose County logo. Working alongside Leanna is her husband Jordan—a dedicated artist since the age of “three or four.” Jordan recalls that his mother drew Sesame Street characters to keep him quiet in church as a young child. “I started to draw pictures myself,” he said, though, “I did not start making money as an artist until I was in my early 20’s.”

Now 35, Jordan recently left a job as a mail carrier to focus full time on art, work-

ing with Leanna in the family business, [Lucky Tree Studio](http://luckytree.studio), to create pieces for a growing following at craft shows across Colorado. This year, Jordan and Leanna will present their work at the Basement Boutique Craft Show in Montrose, one of the area’s oldest and most popular Holiday season venues. Lucky Tree Studio’s booth will feature laser cut bamboo jewelry, home decor, mobiles, and ornaments.

“We were looking for more Christmas shows to do, and this one has a different kind of layout,” he said. “You don’t have to man your booth all day-the public can roam freely without sales pressure.”

Among the items the Johnsons will bring to the Basement Boutique Craft Show are the beautiful bamboo earrings that Jordan and Leanna have created together. Leanna has complete artistic freedom to create the designs, which reflect animal, spiritual, and outdoor themes; “a lot of the stuff we love in our lives,” Jordan said.

Customers are appreciative of the lightweight yet beautiful jewelry, Jordan said. “You can wear a long, dangle earring without your ear being pulled.”

Visit the [web site](http://luckytree.studio) to see more of Jordan and Leanna’s work, or email them at [hello@luckytree.studio](mailto:hello@luckytree.studio).



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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### DENVER-BASED JAZZ BAND TO SWING INTO OURAY FOR CAPTIVATING PERFORMANCE

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

OURAY-Fall into the charm of big band swing when Joe Smith and the Spicy Pickles perform at the Wright Opera House on Friday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. As Denver's premier vintage jazz band, the Spicy Pickles specialize in jazz music of the 1920's to mid-1940's. The authentic music and visual presentation packed with power, personality and wit into their show will have you believe you have been transported back to a night club in the 1930's.

Trumpeter Joe Smith formed the Spicy Pickles in Denver in 2013 dedicated to revitalizing swing music and dance. The Pickles bring it all – high energy, quality musicianship and a true big band sound and look that celebrates the unique American spirit of swing. The six-piece band fuses musical influences from the sounds of Count Basie, Benny Goodman and Artie Shaw with the showmanship of Louis Armstrong, Lucky Millinder and Jimmy Lunceford. The group has a smart respect for the preservation of vintage jazz music and entertainment and are constantly adding new and original tunes to their repertoire. They bring a unique visual flair to each performance with gimmicks, tricks, horn movements and hat work inspired to captivate the audience all night long. The band has traveled from coast to coast to play their spicy tunes at events and venues of all sizes and inspire people to fall in love with jazz all over again.

The current lineup of the group includes Joe Smith on trumpet and vocals; Matt Burchard on clarinet and tenor sax; Decker Babcock playing trombone; Alex Heffron, guitar; Braxton Kahn, drums and Gary Sloan on bass. The band has recorded four albums – *Gin and Moonlight*, *High-Fidelity*, *Rocky Mountain High* and *Extra Spicy*.

The Pickles will have you on your feet in no time, so bring your dancing shoes and take a twirl on the dance floor in the front of the theater. The Wright Opera House

will provide a cash bar.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for students 18 and under. Another seating option is five café tables that each seat two people, \$60 per table, and must be reserved by November 1.

Reserve tickets online at [www.ocpag.org](http://www.ocpag.org) or purchase at the door, if still available.

The Ouray County Performing Arts Guild is a not-for-profit organization bringing quality events in music, dance, theater and other genres to Ouray and Ridgway. Its purpose is to sponsor presentations and performers of the high-



*Joe Smith and the Spicy Pickles perform at the Wright Opera House on Friday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Courtesy photo.*

est caliber in the performing arts for the enjoyment of Ouray County's residents and visitors.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

# CRAB CRACK IS BACK!

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MONTROSE-The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club's 4th Annual Crab Crack fundraiser, presented by Elevate Fiber, will be held on Friday Nov. 16, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. Tickets are \$60 and include all you can eat crab, shrimp, andouille sausage, Olathe sweet corn, potatoes, bread, and dessert. For an extra \$20, you can get an event glass and visit the beer & wine garden. There will be a live benefit auction, special appearance by event mascot Camy Crab, a photo booth, and live music. Tickets and sponsorship information is available online at [www.bcbgc.org/tickets](http://www.bcbgc.org/tickets) or by e-mailing [btaylor@bcbgc.org](mailto:btaylor@bcbgc.org). Hurry and get your tickets while you can, this event will sell out! All proceeds from the event benefit the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club of Montrose and Olathe. For more information on the Club check out [www.bcbgc.org](http://www.bcbgc.org).



## MONTROSE ELKS LODGE ELK TRACKS



### Montrose Elks Lodge

**MONTROSE-Welcome to Elk Tracks, a periodic update of what is taking place at our local Montrose Elks Lodge, located at 801 So. Hillcrest, Montrose CO 81401.**

***On Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October come and join us for a fun Halloween party at the Lodge!*** Prize for best costume, Karaoke with our favorite DJ Ray Navarro and finger foods. Bring a side dish. **No cover!!! BINGO Tuesday October 30, 2018 6:00 PM**

**Come on by the Montrose Elks Lodge for a chance to win great prizes playing Bingo** wearing your favorite costume for your chance to win awesome prizes. There will be lots to do, prizes to win and memories to be made! Bring a friend or two and see what this event is all about! Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for Best Costumes will be awarded. *\*Costumes not required to join the Bingo fun!* ***\*Double Must Go Jackpots!! On Oct 30th Progressive Games 2 (\$500) & 4 (\$1,199) have reached "MUST GO" status and will be awarded to the first player (s) that reach Bingo; no matter how many numbers are called.***

***This is going to be a great night of fun at the Elks Lodge!***

For the best Bingo game in the area be

sure to visit Montrose Elks Lodge every Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM to play Bingo. We are located at 801 South Hillcrest Drive in Montrose, CO

81401. It's a wonderful way to spend the evening having fun! *Public is welcome, funds raised playing Bingo support local charities.*

**VETERANS DAY BRUNCH Sunday November 11, 2018 9:00 am to Noon**

**Montrose Elks Lodge #1053 is honored to provide our active Military and all Veterans a free Brunch. Come early, stay and visit in a relaxed atmosphere where you are welcome. Non-Veterans can enjoy Brunch for a nominal fee. Hope to see you!**

On Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, **Montrose Elks Lodge #1053** will hold our **ANNUAL CHARITY BALL** at the Lodge. The **Elks' Charity Ball** is the main fundraiser that supports our charitable works.

The event will include a **Silent Auction** featuring products, gift baskets and gift certificates donated from local businesses. A **Raffle** will be held for a half a processed pig, a Yeti cooler, and a collector edition

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Henry Golden Boy 22 Jr. The Emblem Club is having their amazing **SWEET WHEEL** where you can win homemade cakes, cookies, pies, and pastries. **Neon Sky** will be the entertainment for your dancing and listening pleasure. Proceeds allow the Montrose Elks to continue to support our youth with scholarships, donations for other educational assistance, and local disadvantaged children. Through these local and State programs, we support our Veterans, Wounded Warriors, and local Police and Fire Departments. In addition, it assists our Christmas Basket program. This Christmas program for the less fortunate continues to grow in need each year. We request your help to make this year's **Charity Ball** a success and kindly ask you to join us for this event. Doors open at 7 PM. Cost of tickets are \$25 for couples and singles are \$15. Tickets may be purchased at the door upon entry.

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### WOMEN'S GIVING CLUB DONATES MORE THAN \$100,000

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-The women's Giving Club of Montrose will have donated more than \$100,000 in less than two years since its inception in February of 2017. The members of the Giving Club collectively make a difference by turning \$100 from each participant into a significant group donation to make a large impact to a local non-profit in need. Over the past two years the Women's Giving Club has donated to the Dolphin House, Montrose Lighthouse Ministries, Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid, Region 10's community Living Service program, Partners of Montrose and Ouray, Christ's Kitchen, and most recently to the Montrose Medical Mission. Phoebe Benziger, co-organizer of the club, says "it's simple, its fast, and truly makes a difference in so many ways. It's also a wonderful way to network and learn about our community and various non-profits."

The recent August meeting resulted in the highest group donation the group has given thus far. Three lucky non-profits were nominated including Jodine Brosco-vak for the Montrose Center for the Arts, Pat Brown for Save the Sculptures, and Mary Vader for the Montrose Medical Mission. After compelling presentations

and an informative question and answer period, the Montrose Medical Mission received the most votes and won \$15,500. The Montrose Medical Mission was established more than a decade ago by five local physicians who saw a need to help offset the cost of medical care for Montrose and Olathe residents who live below the federal poverty guidelines but are not eligible for federal aid. Initially the physicians set up a clinic that was run by volunteers.

Since that time a federally funded clinic has been established. Physician offices can still refer patients for assistance. Physicians reduce fees for work performed; City Market donates medicine and supplies at cost; Montrose Memorial Hospital discounts services such as x-rays; and indigent patients can request monetary help to pay their medical bills. The non-profit relies on fundraisers and donations from the community. The Giving Club's donation made it possible for the Montrose Medical Mission to continue to serve indigent patients with financial assistance for another year. Sarah Fishering, media director for The Giving Club, put it simply "It feels great to give impactful donations to worthy non-profit organizations in our town, and it's tons of fun to boot."

The upcoming last meeting of the year will be held at The Bridges Golf and Country Club at 5:30 pm, on Monday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. With yearly membership dues already banked, a minimum donation of \$10,000 is already pledged to an unknown winner, resulting in more than \$100K total donated these past two years.

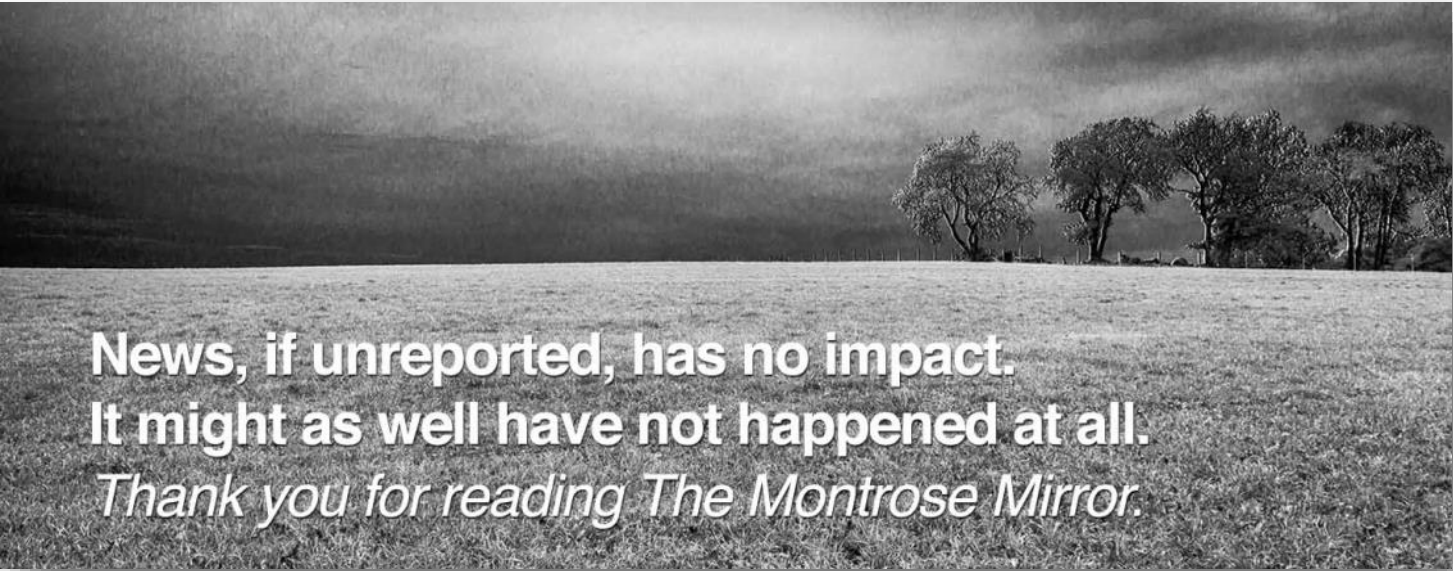
In addition to the annual members, the Club hopes for a large new member turnout to be able to give the largest donation of the year.

The Giving Club utilizes a simple nominating process to consider three organizations for receipt of donations, with the full membership voting to determine one agency to receive all contributions. Club members pledge to make four-\$100 contributions annually.

With each person's contribution added together, \$100 turns into thousands, and this collective gift can make a real impact. The organization has grown from a small group to approximately 115 women and hopes to continue to expand.

All women are welcome. Meetings are held on the first Mondays in August, November, February, and May.

For additional information and membership applications, contact Phoebe Benziger at 970-209-9598.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: PEOPLE!

### DELPICCOLO PRESIDENT OF CO MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE – Montrose City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo has begun her term as president of the Colorado Municipal Clerks Association, (CMCA) after serving as vice president since October 2017.

DelPiccolo was officially sworn in Oct. 18, for the 2018-2019 term. DelPiccolo has been a member of the CMCA and the International Institute for Municipal Clerks, (IIMC) since 2008. In 2013 DelPiccolo was elected to a director position with the goal of increasing Western Slope representation on the board.

"At the time, it seemed that most events, meetings, and training were focused on the Front Range, and the board was lacking a Western Slope representative," DelPiccolo said.

In 2019 the CMCA Annual Conference will be held in Durango.

Grand Junction City Clerk Wanda Winkelmann was elected Vice President for 2018-2019 term.

"It's very exciting for those of us clerks who have put in our windshield time driving across the mountains," DelPiccolo said.

DelPiccolo has been a member of CMCA's Education Committee and vice chair of the Handbook/Study Committee since 2015. She has also held membership in the Annual Conference Committee since 2017.

DelPiccolo was appointed city clerk for the City of Montrose in January 2011 after serving as deputy city clerk since April 2008. DelPiccolo achieved Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks in November 2017 and has been a Certified Municipal Clerk since 2012.

"To become involved in CMCA, it's critical to have the support of your municipality. The City of Montrose, City Council and staff and especially City Manager Bill Bell, have been incredibly supportive of my involvement in CMCA, which requires a commitment to attend a multitude of meetings, training, and conferences," DelPiccolo said.

For more information on CMCA:

[cmca.wildapricot.org](http://cmca.wildapricot.org)

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### 4TH ANNUAL TELLURIDE FIRE FESTIVAL: NEW DATES, NEW VENUE

#### Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE— The 4<sup>th</sup> annual three-day fire art event is Dec. 7-9. Festivalgoers will be entertained by mesmerizing fire spinners and towering fiery art in Town at the 100-year-old, iconic Transfer Warehouse, a new and matchless venue for this year.

Each year in Nevada's Black Rock Desert, a city of more than 70,000 people rises out of the dust for one week. During that time, enormous fire art installations are erected and many are ritually burned to the ground—never to be seen again. This temporary city is known as Burning Man. The Telluride Fire Festival honors this influential phenomenon in contemporary American art and the many artists whose works of fire art can often only be witnessed at Burning Man. The Fire Festival showcases stunning works of art unique to this desert happening.

The Telluride Fire Festival ignites this December 6 with an exhibit and reception at Slate Gray Gallery, in Town. Fire performances and fire art installations Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights and during the day free flow arts workshops will be available for people of all ages at the Wilkinson Public Library.

Friday evening, after the Transfer Warehouse event, the many highly skilled fire performers invite guests to head over to The Black Box Theater for an up-close and personal cabaret style performance of mind-bending stunts and comedy...sans fire.

Saturday night will feature the wildly outrageous Fire Ball in North America's highest nightclub at 10,535 feet on St Sophia Ridge. This event will wow all with music, fire performers, aerial silk spinners, jugglers, open bar and more. Plus, Fire Ball attendees will have access to the Fire Sculpture Garden atop the ski area.

#### A few of the new fire installations

Arizona fire artists Chris Turner and Michael "Oaks" Wright, new to the Festival,



*Telluride Fire Festival courtesy photo.*

are creating a unique piece, which will be lit from within entitled *Pinwheel Snowflake*. Skiers will marvel at it's complexity of design during the day and then—in true Burning Man form—it will burn to the ground Saturday night during the Fire Ball.

#### Returning artists

Returning artist Keith D'Angelo will have a new fire sculpture at the Fire Sculpture Garden along with an exhibit of *Out of Focus - A Visual Commentary On Gun Violence* at Slate Gray Gallery. Jamie Vaida's contribution to the Festival is an interactive sculpture called *Flaming Marionettes*.

#### The Historic Transfer Warehouse

Before its roof collapsed in 1979, the stone building was a downtown garage and filling station. In 1906, before the advent of the automobile, the cavernous, two-story space was the barn for the local livery and the center of the Warehouse District that served the mining industry. It was a bustling hub where people and goods flowed from the trains, through the

building, and out into the town and the mines. The stone (roofless) building is a perfect backdrop for fire art!

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#### About the Telluride Fire Festival

The Telluride Fire Festival, a 501c3 organization, is an interactive fire art experience offering fire related workshops and outdoor displays of fire artistry to enable all to immerse themselves in the many forms of fire art. For more about the Festival, to become a sponsor, volunteer, or submit a fire installation for consideration, or subscribe to their enews, visit [www.telluridefirefestival.org](http://www.telluridefirefestival.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

# GET READY FOR HALLOWEEN BY CELEBRATING BAT WEEK WITH CPW

### Special to Art & Sol

STATEWIDE-Colorado Parks and Wildlife celebrates Bat Week Oct. 24-31, an annual international recognition of the important role that these flying mammals play in nature. This event is an opportunity to get to know these wonderful animals that are vital to our health, environment, and economy - and also add some intrigue to Halloween.

Bats are one of the most popular animals during the Halloween season, with good reason. Bats can fly, are often dark in color and tend to feed at night, leading some people to think of bats as one of nature's spookier creatures. But it is these traits that make bats fascinating mammals; although there are many myths surrounding these animals, they are not nearly as frightening as some may think. Bats are incredibly important to our environment and studies of bats have led to advances in medicine, technology, and fertilization.

"There are so many things we can learn from bats, including new techniques for UAV flight, how to improve sonar, and how to fight disease. Researchers even found a potential anti-coagulant from studying vampire bats," said Tina Jackson, species conservation coordinator with CPW. "Bats are also wonderful mothers, able to find their baby among thousands of others after a night out feeding. They

sometimes will change roosts, flying off with the baby bat hanging on."

There are 18 species of bats in Colorado, including 13 hibernating species. Hibernation typically begins in November and runs through March, depending on weather conditions. Although you most likely won't be seeing any bats during your Halloween adventures, it's important to note that bats may leave their hibernation for brief periods.

"During the winter, these amazing creatures either migrate thousands of miles to warmer climates or tuck into hibernation sites to wait for spring. Most of the bat colonies in Colorado are on the smaller side - less than 100 bats - but we do have a few really large groups," said Jackson. "In the San Luis Valley, there is a colony of 250,000 Brazilian Free-Tailed Bats that gives an amazing show every night at dusk as they exit the roost."

Besides being festive representatives of Halloween, bats are incredibly important to our environment and their conservation is crucial. A healthy bat population is important for controlling insect pests; bats are known mosquito eaters, but also consume agricultural pests that may otherwise threaten our crops and plants. The insect-devouring services provided by bats are estimated to save farmers billions of dollars each year. If you notice unusual



CPW courtesy photo.

bat activity, such as a bat seen during the day, please contact CPW; never handle a bat yourself, whether dead or alive. If you are interested in helping with conservation efforts at home, the partners behind [batweek.org](http://batweek.org) have several suggestions for easy daily actions that benefit bats. If you're more of a do-it-yourselfer, instructions for [building a bat house](#) are also posted on the site. Not only will you benefit from fewer yard pests, but you will be making a difference for bats. To find more bat-related activities, visit the official [Bat Week website](#). This year, join CPW in celebrating bats and all that they do for our environment. Visit the CPW [events calendar](#) to find spooky events happening near you, like bats on the patio at Roxborough, a full moon hike at Barr Lake, or trunk or treat at Cherry Creek State Park, as well as other Halloween festivities.



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# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

## Be a good citizen: Vote!



*Seth Cagin. Courtesy photo.*



*Don Coram. Courtesy photo.*

**AMENDMENT Y...** This would set up a Independent Congressional Redistricting Commission and take the decision on boundaries out of the hands of gerrymandering politicians. Just like our Judicial Review system, which depoliticized judicial retention, it's a good government measure ... YES.

**AMENDMENT Z ...** Replaces the Colorado Reapportionment Commission with the Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission. Ditto above ... YES.

**AMENDMENT A ...** Colorado and Federal law still allow "involuntary servitude" as "punishment for a crime for which a person has been convicted." This measure eliminates that loophole and prohibits slavery in all circumstances ... YES.

**AMENDMENT 73 ...** While ostensibly a measure to help our funding for public education by taxing those with income over \$150,000 and raising the corporate income tax rate, which I would support, there's an unintended consequence buried in the fine print. This would change our assessment system by calling for all residential property to be assessed at 7 percent of its actual value, and non-residential property at 24 percent. These are reduced amounts from the current rates of 7.2 percent and 29 percent, respectively. Combined with previous legislation (TABOR and the Gallagher Act), this could have a disastrous effect on other taxing entities, so reluctantly ... NO.

**AMENDMENT 74 ...** This wins this year's award for most deceptive ballot measure. Ostensibly it sounds reasonable (the campaign slogan reinforces that: "It's Only Fair"). Its title is "Compensation for Reduction in Fair Market Value by Government Law or Regulation." But it isn't fair at all. Like TABOR (the so-called Taxpayer Bill of Rights Doug Bruce foisted on the state), it would be disastrous for local governments ... So, your neighbor wants to build a Walmart on his property in your residential neighborhood. The county says no. And if the neighbor sues, as he most likely would under this law, the county would have to compensate him for losing "fair market value" on his denied proposal. Oregon tried this. It was a disaster. And so they had to rescind the law. If it passes

**CIVICS & CIVILITY ...** It's not a little odd that we have a Bill of Rights, but no Bill of Responsibilities. Jury duty, voting, educating ourselves about community issues – these ought to be requirements of citizenship. For many of us born into the great privilege of being a member of this nation, it's unfortunate a rather large percentage of us don't exercise our right, our responsibility to vote. I hope *Mirror* readers are not of that ilk ... That said, it's not a little daunting to wade through the political ads shouting at us, the TV talking heads, the PAC propaganda, and go on to find clear answers for what various measures on the ballot mean, or what kind of people we would want to support ... Some folks merely vote party line, and that's one way to go, for sure. But as a registered Green, I don't vote for unqualified Greens running for state or national office. I vote for people I know, or have read enough about to trust (always a tricky word in politics) ... In fact, I'm a proponent of the Radical Middle – where most work gets done in a democracy. I believe in elected officials that work with their constituencies, who listen carefully to all concerned citizens -- even if they don't always support my particular causes ... So, in my state legislative races, I'll probably be voting for Democrat Seth Cagin and Republican Don Coram. Why? Because I've worked with both gentlemen, and I respect them even if I don't agree with them on all issues. But they're the kind of radical middle folks who try to bring people together to get things done, not fall

back on party lines to divide and conquer ... But don't take my word on candidates for office – that's research each of us need to do on our own. It's our civic duty, to my mind ... Nevertheless, when it comes to ballot amendments, it's a thick information booklet this year. And as a number of people have asked me for the results of my research on statewide issues, I'm offering my thoughts as a 40-year resident of the state and a 20-year former elected official ... If you like my politics, the recommendations here could be helpful. If you don't like my politics, see if my arguments are similarly flawed.

**AMENDMENT V ...** Kids are growing up faster, with access to more information. They deserve more say in how they are governed. If a 21-year-old can serve in the military, where they have to make life and death decisions, they can serve in our legislature ... YES.

**AMENDMENT W ...** A housekeeping measure to make the ballot simpler and more user-friendly ... YES.

**AMENDMENT X ...** Takes the current Colorado definition out of the Constitution and makes it subject to the whims of the legislature. I originally thought it a good idea – to keep us flexible with changing federal legislation – but a convincing opinion piece by attorney and cannabis activist Rob Corry in the *Longmont Times-Call* changed my mind ... NO.

## Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

in Colorado, expect property taxes to go through the roof, and planning and zoning laws to collapse ... NO.

**AMENDMENT 75** ... A stopgap measure. We need campaign contribution reform, but this is crummy way to do it. If someone spends a million or more of their own money, it allows the other candidate to accept five times the normal campaign contribution limits. Not the answer, but for now ... YES.

**PROPOSITION 109** ... This is one of two ways to fund more highway construction

in Colorado. Prop 109 lets the state borrow the money by authorizing bonds and mandates the state to pay for them without raising taxes. Which means the state would have to rob multiple petters to pay this bad paul ... NO.

**PROPOSITION 110** ... This measure would raise sales and use taxes as well as allow for bonds and give the money to local governments as well as the state. It spreads the cost among residents and visitors alike. If you want to fix the state's roads, this is the measure with bipartisan support ... YES.

**PROPOSITION 111** ... Cap the payday loan shark industry at a 36 percent annual rate rather than the current law which allows them to charge up to 180 percent. A no-brainer ... YES.

**PROPOSITION 112** ... And finally, the big one, increasing setbacks for new oil & gas development. People are angry as Colorado's burgeoning oil & gas industry has run rough-shod over environmental and health concerns. Greedy companies have brought this backlash on themselves ... YES.

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# Save the Date! Upcoming Regional Events

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

## 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.](tel:9702490724) Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

## MONTHLY-

**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.

**Oct. 31**-Circle 3 Cowboy Fellowship is having its annual Fall Festival starting at 6 pm on Oct 31 at 62885 LaSalle Road, family fun for all with games and prizes...free to the community.

**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- 2**-7:30 p.m. – Joe Smith and the Spicy Pickles, Denver-based vintage jazz band, Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray. Tickets \$25 adults, \$5 students (18 years and under) available online at [www.ocpag.org](http://www.ocpag.org) or at the door.

**Nov. 3**-The "Real" Arts and Crafts Holiday Event, hosted by Amanda's Original Crafts, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Healthy Rhythm Gallery in Montrose, 68 South Grand Avenue.

**Nov. 3**-San Juan Healthcare Foundation presents "Go Your Own Way," a benefit concert featuring Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band and Stevie Nicks Illusion at the Montrose Pavilion. Call 970-252-2580 for ticket information. VIP reception @ 5:30 p.m., Doors open at 7 p.m.

**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. 5**-On Monday Nov. 5, @ 6:30 p.m., Citizens' climate Lobby will hold its monthly meeting in the Montrose Library meeting room at. 320 S 1<sup>st</sup>. After the good attendance at movie Happening: Clean Energy Revolution at 2 Rascals Oct. 9, there is a renewed awareness of ways to mitigate climate change. Come network to influence legislators of nonpartisan ways to help our environment.

**Nov. 6**-Election Day, The Montrose County Democratic Party is offering free shuttle service to polling places in Montrose on Nov. 6, election day, 7 am to 6:30 pm. This is available for ANYONE needing a ride. If possible, call a day or two ahead. Call 970-688-0757 to arrange a pick-up. If you are eligible, but not registered, you can register at the same time.

**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. 9**-Centennial Middle School invites you to celebrate Veterans Day with us.

We will be honoring our men and women in uniform both past and present at our annual Veterans Day Assembly. The assembly is Friday, Nov. 9, 2018 at 9 am in the Centennial Middle School Gym at 1100 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Montrose. Speaker: Steve Baskis.

**Nov. 10**-Mountainfilm on Tour, Montrose Pavilion, Doors open at 5:00pm, show at 6:30. No ticket required, but suggested donation of \$10.

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

**Nov. 16**--The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club's 4th Annual Crab Crack fundraiser, presented by Elevate Fiber, will be held on Friday Nov. 16, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. All proceeds from the event benefit the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club of Montrose and Olathe. For more information on the Club check out [www.bcbgc.org](http://www.bcbgc.org).

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

**Dec. 1**-Montrose Parade of Lights.

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