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MONTROSE POLICE CHIEF BLAINE HALL TO BE OFFICIALLY SWORN IN NOV. 20

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-During the Montrose City Council meeting on Nov. 20 Blaine Hall will be officially sworn in as Montrose Chief of Police.

Hall, who was raised in Grand Junction and attended Mesa State College, has lived in Montrose for the last 22 years and has been with the Montrose Police Department (MPD) since 1997.



Montrose Chief of Police Blaine Hall will be officially sworn in at the regular City Council meeting on Nov. 20. Photo by Gail Marvel.

When asked what attracted him to a career in law enforcement Hall said, "I didn't want a boring job. I wanted a job where I could truly make a difference. When you arrest a criminal, you make the

community a better place and you help people. I didn't want to just sit behind a desk for the rest of my life." Hall laughed and said, "But now that's exactly what I am doing...I'm sitting at a desk sur-

rounded by mounds of paper-work!"

In his off time Hall likes to take advantage of what Montrose has to offer, "All the

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CITIZENS CALL FOR MORE TRANSPARENCY, INTERNAL INVESTIGATION OF OURAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Despite its natural beauty, above, Ouray County has seen a number of ugly sexual assault cases in recent years, and concerned locals are seeking change. Mirror file photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

RIDGWAY-In a community stunned by a barrage of high-profile sexual assault cases in recent years, some Ouray County locals are seeking change through advocacy and other avenues--and a few are calling for an internal investigation of the Ouray County Sheriff's Office protocols.

A Victim Advocate Support Team (VAST) activist group has formed recently in Ridgway, to work with local law enforcement and social service agencies. Vast brings a free screening of the HBO documentary "I Am Evidence" to the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway on Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m. The screening is supported by Hilltop Community Resources and Telluride's San Miguel Resource

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RE-1J HIRES SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY DIRECTOR

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Montrose County School District RE-1J now has a dedicated director of safety and security. Longtime staffer James Pavlich, whose pre-education career included nearly eight years as a military intelligence officer in places like Iraq, Korea, the Balkans, and the United States, has accepted the newly-created position with the Montrose and Olathe schools ([effective July, 2019](#)).

"We are very excited to have Jim Pavlich as our new safety and security director," RE-1J Superintendent Stephen Schiell said. "With what is going on in our society and our schools, it is important that we put the resources in place to ensure the safety of our students and staff."

The District did not open the position to the public but chose to hire from within. "We believed we had the right person on our hands," Schiell said. "His experience and knowledge, and the time he has spent in our schools are very important—he knows how our district works."

"This is something I believe in," said

Pavlich, who formerly taught at Montrose High School and was an assistant principal there before being hired as the RE-1J Director of Safety and Security. "I think I can help the district; this is a big change for our schools, but it's something Mr. Schiell has been working toward for some time."

Pavlich said priorities will include threat assessment, including responding to threats from within the school population.

Personnel security will be a focus, as will a concerted approach to physical security at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

Crisis management and crisis communications are also part of the Safety Director's job, he noted. "We will train our staff on how to respond to crises," Pavlich said, adding that student behavior and expulsions will be areas of focus as well.



James Pavlich will be the RE-1J Safety and Security Director.

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Bringing the elements together and codifying a process will ultimately be a multi-year effort, he said, as will the pursuit of any available grants for safety and security.

"The Secret Service and the FBI have put out a lot of information on school security in the last few years," Pavlich said. "It will be neat to see how we can apply that knowledge here."


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MONTROSE POLICE CHIEF BLAINE HALL From pg 1

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While Hall is excited, energized, and ready to go in his new role as Chief he said, "It's not as exciting as driving a squad car, being on patrol, and looking for criminal activity ...that's the best. Being a patrol officer today is still an honest profession and an awesome job. Law enforcement is a career where you can really make a difference."

The MPD finds itself in a unique circumstance having both of their commander positions open at the same time. Hall leaves to become Chief of Police and Commander Gene Lillard leaves to become Montrose County Sheriff.

Hall said, "I think this is a great time to be the police chief. My first goal is to get two new commanders in place. The interview process hasn't been finalized yet, but we should have something within four to six weeks."

Looking toward future law enforcement collaboration with the Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Hall said, "I have a good relationship with Gene and we will take public safety to the next level. We've got a lot we need to do and to keep our community safe."

For Hall the most stressful aspect of his job is, "Worrying about whether our officers are safe. We're doing a great job of training and equipping, but there are always incidents where no matter what we do someone could get hurt. That's what I lose sleep over; that's what causes me stress."

Hall identified problem solving and building relationships as two of his strengths. He said, "I know this interview is supposed to be about me, but Tom Chinn [retiring Chief of Police] exemplified to all of us the importance of talking to people and being approachable. People always had access to the Chief and he would meet with you personally whenever and wherever you wanted to meet."

In the area of leadership Hall noted the importance of character and competence. When asked about his management style he said, "My biggest challenge is learning delegation. I'm a hands-on type of leader. Delegation will be crucial to the organization, especially when the new commanders are in place."

During summer months the school resource officers were used to backfill patrol officers giving MPD more manpower for focused enforcements (stings); however,

those officers are now back in the schools. Hall said, "I'd like to do more with targeted enforcement. The city organization increased our budget and our manpower, but we need more police officers." MPD is allowed 43 sworn officers and currently their manpower stands at 40. Hall said, "In 2019 we will be allowed 45 sworn officers. We would love to have people apply for the police department." Applications can be found on the city website.

Hall identified the biggest law enforcement problems facing MPD, "It's mental health and drug issues. The spinoff issues are theft and burglaries. The high property theft we have in the community is a result of people trying to pay for their drug habit. We need targeted enforcement to focus on individuals and street crimes that are bringing our community down."

In a message to citizens Hall said, "We want to hear from our citizens. We need them to help us and to let us know about the situations they are facing. We can't be everywhere. Citizens are our eyes and our ears...we need their help. Our job is public safety. We want to have an effect on crime and on the quality of life for our citizens."

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Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers
MONTROSE—Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. and the Montrose Police Department are seeking the help of citizens to identify and locate the suspect(s) in two serious cases of burglary, theft and criminal mischief which occurred during the evening of November 7th, Wednesday, and the early morning hours (midnight to 3:45 a.m.) on Thursday, November 8th at Affordable Trailers (2760 N. Townsend) and Humphrey RV (4088 N. Townsend) in Montrose. After close of business at both locations, one or more suspects damaged and broke into 20 RVs at Affordable Trailers, doing extensive damage to the doors, door handles and locks and

possibly removing property within those units. At Humphrey RV Trailers, 4 RVs (Recreation Vehicles) were broken into, with extensive damage to door handles, doors and locks, and two televisions valued at over \$500 each were stolen.

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

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BLM CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS AVAILABLE IN MONTROSE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— This holiday season, permits are available for cutting Christmas trees on Bureau of Land Management public lands in the greater Montrose area from Nov. 19 – Dec. 24.

Permits are for piñon pine or juniper trees and may be purchased for \$8 per tree at the Public Lands Center, 2465 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, Colo., Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Printed maps of cutting areas are also available at the center.

BLM recommends bringing along a handsaw, eye protection, rope or twine, extra food, water and blankets when you cut your tree. Tire chains, a shovel and emergency supplies are also a good idea.

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Center. A news release issued by the Sherbino Theater notes that, "The film examines the disturbing pattern of failures within the criminal justice system to provide justice for sexual assault victims."

A panel discussion is scheduled to follow the documentary, with panelists to include Ridgway Marshall Tammy Stroup; Ouray Police Chief Justin Perry; 7th Judicial District Sexual Assault Unit Attorney Seth Ryan; Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Forensic Scientist Kayleigh Matook; VAST member and sexual assault survivor Heather Toth; Hilltop Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services Coordinator Jackie Sievers; and Angela Goforth of the San Miguel Resources Center. Local community leaders will also be in attendance.

Still, the mother of a young victim in one of the high-profile cases, Sue Williamson, believes that the key to lasting change is not only advocacy but increased transparency. Williamson continues to ask for an internal investigation of the Ouray County Sheriff's Office protocols and for greater government transparency all around.

BACKGROUND

Since the *Telluride Daily Planet* reported in September of 2017 that five sexual assault cases with ties to Ouray county were winding their way through the court system, three of those matters—involving high profile public figures—have been resolved. A case involving a local veterinarian and owner of the former Trail Town Still, Dr. Joseph Alaimo, was dismissed earlier this year.

In February of this year, The *Ouray County Plaindealer* reported that a jury found Ridgway resident Brian Scranton not guilty of two counts of sexual assault leveled against him, despite DNA evidence tying him to the alleged victim. Scranton told the jury that the encounter was consensual.

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A third high-profile case, alleging sexual assault with a ten-year age difference against former Ridgway Fire Department Assistant Chief Travis Buck, involving a young teen, was resolved by plea agreement in August of 2017, according to the *Telluride Daily Planet*. Buck was sentenced to 18 months of unsupervised probation, with charges to be dismissed after he fulfilled all plea agreement requirements, including registering as a sex offender and not being around children under the age of 18 (other than his own).

Today, the alleged victim in the case is 18 years old, and legally an adult. Still, her mother, Williamson, has many unanswered questions about the case and how it was handled.

A request by Williamson for an internal investigation of the procedures and protocols of the Ouray County Sheriff's Office, where even information about arrests can be difficult to obtain, has gone largely unheeded.

When this reporter called the Ouray County Sheriff's Office to ask about arrest blotter information, the response from staff was terse. "We don't do a blotter... we don't do that."

Calls to the Ouray Police Department about blotter information were not returned.

In Ridgway, the Marshall's Office is now under new leadership, with Marshall Tammy Stroup and two deputies having replaced longtime Marshall D.J., "Scotty" Scott, Ridgway Mayor John Clark said.

"Tammy comes with extensive experience with victim assistance and rape cases," Clark said. "It's fabulous that she is our Marshall now—in fact, the top administrative staff for the Town of Ridgway are all women."

As the father of two grown daughters, Clark supports the "me too" movement, and acknowledges, "Ouray County has had way more than its share of sexual assault cases in the last couple of years—I get a pain in my heart just talking about it...I am so happy to see the "me too" movement making strides."

Clark commended the upcoming Sherbino Theater screening of "I am Evidence," and efforts by local law enforcement to work together, but professed ignorance as to whether the Ridgway Marshall's office issues a regular arrest blotter.

"I was under the impression that was done automatically by other organizations."

And though Clark expressed empathy for local sexual assault victims, he had little for Williamson.

"Travis behaved badly, but he didn't abuse anyone," Clark said. "Sue is vicious—she accused me of being complicit in a cover-up, which is not true."

Despite resistance from local officials however, other local advocates are stepping forward to champion greater transparency by local law enforcement.

A Nov. 5 email from VAST member Kate Kissingford expressed support for Williamson's request for an internal investigation of the Sheriff's Office.

"As a citizen of Ouray County, I would like to support Ms. Williamson's request for an internal investigation...Ms. Williamson's request for a careful examination of Sheriff's department policy and protocol in cases of sexual assault is a reasonable and healthy response to a pattern of mistakes made in our recent history.

"We look to our leadership to support both an internal investigation and the necessary action which results," Kissingford wrote.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

MONTROSE TAXPAYERS FOOT THE BILL FOR MAYFLY FUNDING

Editor:

This week it was announced that Amazon was being given grants (tax money) from Virginia and New York to move its headquarters there. United States Congressional Representative-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) says that it's a rip-off. That while it will bring the company headquarters to those states, wealthy Amazon should have self-financed the move or sought bank (private) financing. Ocasio-Cortez said that as it is now set up the whole cost of the project will be paid for through tax increases levied on the taxpayers of those two states.

In Montrose we have Mayfly. Not quite as wealthy as Amazon but a private enterprise none-the-less. Mayfly has been the recipient of a couple of hundred thousand dollars worth of tax breaks and cash from the City of Montrose over the past couple of years. Now, here they are, back again snuggling up to the trough of public money for another infusion of cash. This time for \$800,000 in the form of a Municipal Loan from the 'City Bank of Montrose.'

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LA RAZA PARK DECEDENT IDENTIFIED, INVESTIGATION ONGOING

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MONTROSE— The body of the deceased individual found in La Raza Park on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 14 has been identified as Shane Brown, age 54, of Montrose, Colo.

The case is being investigated by the Montrose Police Department and the Montrose County Coroner's Office of Medical Investigation. The cause and manner of death are pending investigation and autopsy results.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

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MONTROSE—City of Montrose offices including City Hall, Municipal Court, Animal Shelter, Visitor Center, City Shop, Montrose Pavilion, and Police Department will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22 for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. The Black Canyon Golf Course will also be closed.

Police department offices will be closed however officers will be on duty and responding to calls.

Thursday's trash route is the only affected trash route. For residences with Thursday, Nov. 22 collection, trash pickup will occur on Tuesday, Nov. 20 and Wednesday, Nov. 21. Residents West of Townsend Ave normally scheduled for pickup on Thursday's route will be picked up Tuesday, Nov. 20. Residents East of Townsend Ave normally scheduled for pickup on Thursday will be picked up Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Recycling collection: Customers with Thursday, Nov. 22 pickup, the collection will occur Friday, Nov. 23.

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TELLURIDE – Coyotes are fascinating creatures and the ultimate wildlife survivors; but be wary of these clever canids if you see them while hiking or in your neighborhood. Coyotes will defend their territory and can become aggressive if they feel threatened, explained Mark Caddy, district wildlife manager for Colorado Parks and Wildlife in the Telluride area.

“We had a report over the weekend of a coyote getting very close to a woman and her dog on the Bear Creek Trail,” Caddy said. “The behavior is unusual but not unheard of. Attacks on people are exceedingly rare, but if a coyote approaches you or your dog try to scare it off.”

Here are some tips for living in coyote country:

Keep your dog on a leash.

Never let your dog “play” with coyotes. It’s usually an unfortunate trap for the pet.

If your dog or cat is small and a coyote approaches, pick up your pet.

Make coyotes feel unwelcome – yell at them, throw things at them, make yourself look big.

Keep an eye on your pet, especially at dawn and dusk.

Never intentionally feed coyotes.

Don’t leave food or water outside for your pets.



CPW courtesy photo.

If a coyote attacks, fight it off.

If you know coyotes live near your home, trim brush so they don’t have a place to hide in your yard.

If a coyote comes into your yard spray it with water, or a vinegar-filled water gun, yell at it. Coyotes range in size from 20-50 pounds and live in every county in Colora-

do. Typically, they eat small rodents, rabbits and fruit. But they are known to take small pets. If you are concerned about a coyote that you’ve seen, contact the closest CPW wildlife office. For more information see the “Living with Wildlife” section on the CPW web site at <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/>



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COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER CODE CHANGES TO ADDRESS VAPE USE, NEW POLICE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER TO BE SWORN IN

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will convene for a [work session](#) at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 19, and for a [regular meeting](#) at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

WORK SESSION-Council will discuss code changes to address the issue of vape use at the regular work session of Nov. 19, and will consider the City's supplemental budget. Included in the work session packet is a third quarter police department report.

Upcoming topics of City Council consideration include Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee applicant interviews and City of Montrose Planning Commission interviews on Dec. 3.

Council will consider a proclamation in support of International Day of the Migrator and a liquor license renewal for Sam's Tavern on Dec. 4.

Appointments to the Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee and to the Planning Commission will be considered Dec. 18, as will a 3.2 percent beer license for Carniceria Sonora market.

On Jan. 14, Council will consider a Save the Sculptures Funding Discussion; on Jan. 15 Council will designate official posting places.

A Work Force Housing Discussion and approval of proposed Animal Control Municipal Code Revisions are as yet unsched-

uled.

REGULAR MEETING-Montrose City Council will consider a presentation on the Montrose Summer Music Series at the [regular Council meeting](#) of Nov. 20. Oaths of office will be administered to new Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall and to Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler.

Council will once again consider a Fermented Malt Beverage (3.2 Beer) license at 1103 S. Townsend Avenue for Stinker Stores CO Inc., doing business as Stinker Stores CO, Inc. #316, for consumption off of the licensed premises.

Ordinance 2461, providing and appropriating funds to defray the expenses and liabilities of the City during the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2019, will be considered on second reading. Resolution 2018-31, adopting the 2019 Municipal Budget, will be considered as presented. Council will consider Resolution 2018-32--repealing and replacing Chapters 3-1, 3-2, and 3-3 of the City of Montrose Regulations Manual--and updating the fee schedule.

Council will consider Resolution 2018-33, authorizing filing of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant application for the Gray and Black Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant Program, as well as Resolution 2018-34, appointing Police



City Council meetings and work sessions are held at the Elks Civic Building. Mirror file photo.

Chief Blaine Hall to the Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METSA) Board of Directors. Council will also consider appointing Chief Hall as the City of Montrose representative to the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center Board of Directors.

Bridges at Black Canyon Subdivision Filing No. 9 Final Plat, a request to final plat 21 lots and HOA driveway areas, will be considered. The property is zoned R-3A and located southwest of the intersection of East Oak Grove Road and Bridges Drive.

Council will consider approving a First Amendment to the Commercial Lease Agreement between the City of Montrose and Tuxedo Corn Company LLC.

Following staff reports and Council comments, Council will adjourn.

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MONTROSE LAGS IN RESOURCES FOR RESIDENTS STRUGGLING TO MANAGE STRAY AND FERAL CATS



A free-roaming feline looks for a sunny spot at the Second Chance Home Society Cat Castle in Ridgway.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- When the Western Governors' Association ranked feral cats as 13 among the top 25 most invasive terrestrial species in the West earlier this year, it came as no surprise to many Coloradoans. Like other Western Slope communities, Montrose has seen the population of stray and feral cats explode in 2018.

LOCAL RESOURCES

The [Montrose Municipal Animal Shelter](#) provides two main functions for the City of Montrose, according to its stated mission—animal law enforcement and animal sheltering.

For City residents who need help with stray and feral cats, however, resources are scarce. The Montrose Animal Shelter offers occasional spay-neuter clinics, but no financial resources for homeowners hoping to keep strays under control.

Though stray cats are accepted free of charge when the Montrose shelter is not full (there is frequently a wait list), those strays may be euthanized if homes cannot be found.

According to the web site, the Montrose Municipal Animal Shelter, "... makes every effort to find homes for pets through adoptions, transfers, foster care and re-claims. We have been a 'No Kill' or 'Adoption only' facility for several years and it is our goal to continue." Still, the third quarter 2018 police report for the



For cats lucky enough to be placed here, the Second Chance Cat Castle in Ridgway provides a sunny, clean, and caring environment.

City of Montrose notes that 20 cats were euthanized in the months of July, August and Sept. During the months of April, May and June, 26 cats were euthanized.

In Ouray County, the [Second Chance Humane Society](#) takes in local pets and strays, and occasional cats from Montrose when there is room (call ahead for availability; there is a fee for Montrose County strays). Like most area cat shelters, Second Chance is often full. For cats lucky enough to be placed here, the Second Chance Cat Castle provides a sunny, clean, and caring environment.

A host of daily volunteers provide assistance, playing with and exercising pets. Second Chance is a true no-kill shelter, with a variety of available services including a mobile adoption program and micro-chipping for pets.

In Grand Junction, efforts to manage the feral cat population are shared by a number of local animal shelters and non-profits dedicated specifically to helping with cats. Coordinating those efforts is the [Grand Valley Cat Coalition](#), a collaborative

effort of six local animal welfare agencies and shelters and community members. The project goal is to complete targeted Trap-neuter-return (TNR) activities for community cats as well as barrier-free spay/neuter services.

Help with stray cats here in Montrose comes largely through two non-profit organizations, including the Montrose Animal Protection Agency (MAPA), which provides financial help for those who wish to spay or neuter a pet cat.

MAPA also helps to support the [Snip and Tip Cat Project](#), a volunteer group that provides large, low-cost spay-neuter clinics to the public.

Based in Gunnison, the Snip and Tip Cat Project has provided more than 2,144 surgeries to cats—including feral and stray cats—since 2012.

"That's a lot of cats, a lot of volunteerism, and a lot of people taking responsibility for Montrose cats," Snip and Tip Volunteer Cynthia Swarts said.

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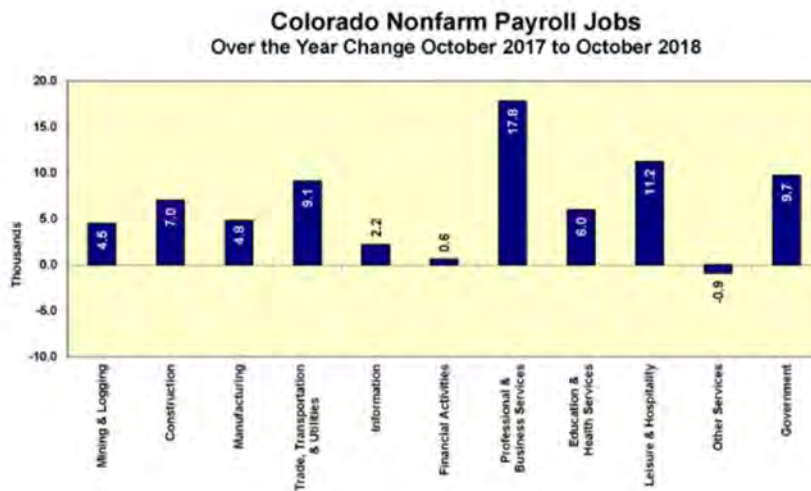


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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO EMPLOYMENT SITUATION FOR OCTOBER 2018



Source: CDLE, Labor Market Information Bureau of Labor Statistics

Special to the Mirror

STATEWIDE-Employers in Colorado added 4,800 nonfarm payroll jobs from September to October for a total of 2,747,100 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments.

Private sector payroll jobs increased 6,100 and government decreased 1,300. September estimates were revised down to 2,742,300, and the over the month change from August to September was a decrease of 700 rather than the originally

estimated increase of 5,100.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point from September to October to 3.2 percent.

The number of people actively participating in the labor force increased 5,500 over the month to 3,101,200 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 1,800 to 3,003,000. The larger increase in the labor force than in total employment caused the number

of unemployed to increase 3,700 and the unemployment rate to increase to 3.2 percent. The national unemployment rate remained unchanged over the same period at 3.7 percent.

Over the year, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.9 to 33.4 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$27.95 to \$29.22.

The largest over the month private sector job gains were in professional and business services, leisure and hospitality and trade, transportation, and utilities. There were no significant private sector over the month declines.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 72,000, with an increase of 62,300 in the private sector and an increase of 9,700 in government.

The largest private sector job gains were in professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and trade, transportation, and utilities. Other services declined over the year.

Over the year, the unemployment rate is up two-tenths of a percentage point from 3.0 percent.

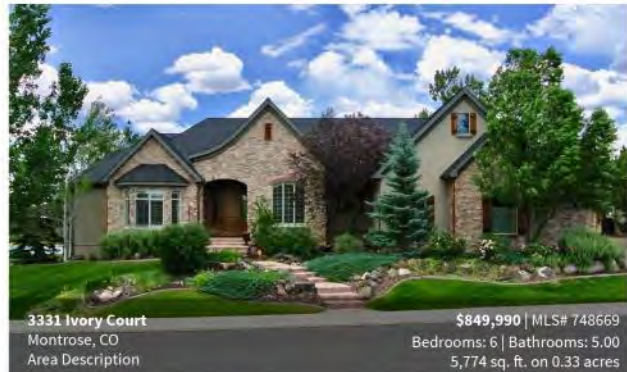
The number of Coloradans participating in the labor force increased 70,100, total employment increased 64,200 and the number of unemployed increased 5,900.

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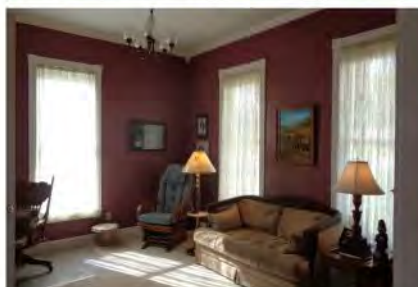


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THANK YOU FROM THE BOARD OF MONTROSE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Editor:

The Board of Directors of the Montrose Fire Protection District would like to express their thanks and gratitude to the Montrose and Ouray communities for helping to pass Referendum

7A. We are especially thankful to the following people and groups for their hard work, dedication and support shown to us throughout the election:

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The passing of this Referendum allows the District to continue to provide public safety at the level you have come to expect, and we look forward to continuing to provide you with excellent service.

Sincerely,

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MEF AWARDS \$10K TO CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL'S CHRIS THOMPSON FOR THE "FANTASTIC PLASTIC" PROJECT

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE- At the American Education Week reception at the Montrose Pavilion Nov. 13, the Montrose Education Foundation (MEF) awarded its annual Impact Award and a \$10,000 check to Chris Thompson from Centennial Middle School for the "Fantastic Plastic" Project.

MEF created the Impact Award in 2011 to support innovative projects that enhance educational opportunities in the Montrose and Olathe School District.

Under the award guidelines, only recipients of the MEF Teacher of the Year Award can apply.

The "Fantastic Plastic" Project is a 3D filament and cafeteria plastic recycling program. It is a pioneer program to offer a student-designed and driven 3D print recycle program for all district schools and facilities that use 3D printing technology. It will include the development of a manu-

facturing process to recycle plastic bottles and cafeteria containers as well as the waste from 3D printers into usable recycled filament for the districts 3D printers.

The project will begin in the district and then be expanded to offer recycling services to area businesses and hobbyists. "Montrose Education Foundation is excited to support Chris Thompson's efforts to engage students in problem-based learning where they will develop this type of new technology," said Kathy Flower, MEF Impact Award coordinator. "We are investing in the creative minds of the future." Formed in 1985 the Montrose Edu-



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cation Foundation supports the Montrose and Olathe School District to meet the learning needs of students and to celebrate and recognize the contributions of local educators. Learn more at www.montroseeducation.org.

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RE-1J PLANS COMMUNITY MEETING TO ADDRESS VAPING

***“Vaping has already entered our school this year,”
-Johnson Elementary Asst. Principal Sherrie Drost Chacon***



MHS Auto Shop student Andrew Sherkanowski-Blunt demonstrates a new tire pressure sensor scanner for the RE-1J Board of Education on Nov. 13.



With RE-1J Administrative Asst. Deann Balash looking on, MHS Auto Shop Instructor Mike Harrington introduced three students, who demonstrated new tools acquired through donations, earnings and grant funds.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-A planned recognition of Montrose High School (MHS) staffers who swung into action during a medical emergency and saved a student's life was postponed at the regular RE-1J Board of Education meeting on Nov. 13, when it turned out that none of those being honored had been notified. MHS Health Tech Peggy Greubel had administered CPR during the Oct. 10 incident, while others called 911 and provided assistance, Board of Education President Tom West said.

“They did a fantastic job,” West said. “Thanks to their efforts, the student is back, and continuing classes.” All RE-1J board members were present at the school board meeting except for Vice President Gayle Johnson.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

MHS Auto Shop instructor Mike Harrington introduced students Ismael Pino-Gomez, Michael Nolan and Andrew Sherkanowski-Blunt, who demonstrated the use of new auto shop tools acquired through donations, earnings and grant funds. “We are willing to work on pretty much everybody's vehicle if we have the tools, skills, and time,” Harrington said. By way of example, he asked a student, “Andrew, what did you work on today?” “I changed the water pump in a Ford Focus,” Andrew said.

The MHS Auto Shop buys parts and bills for labor just like any auto shop, Harrington said.

ton said.

“We do a lot of work on community vehicles for people on fixed incomes.”

Said West, “You guys do a wonderful job; we appreciate it.”

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Altrusan Gail Kubik presented Apple Awards to Oak Grove Elementary School Teacher Theresa Hiett and to Specials Teacher Allyson Crosby of Olathe Elementary School.

RE-1J Administrative Assistant Deann Balash presented information about donations to the District, including an anonymous donation of \$7,000 to Montrose High School, with \$4,000 to the band and \$1,500 each to boys basketball and girls basketball; a donation of 460 Dictionaries from the Rotary Club for every third grader in the district; and a donation from FCI Corporation of \$1,775 to support the Si Se Puede Award and to cover costs of printing the certificates, posters and magnets and pay for publication in the *Montrose Daily Press*.

Balash also said that 59 teachers were nominated for Teacher of the Year at the American Education Week luncheon Nov. 13. Chris Thompson of Centennial Middle School won the \$10K Montrose Education award for the “Fantastic Plastic” project, a 3-D filament and cafeteria plastic recycling program.

CELEBRATIONS

Johnson Elementary School Assistant Principal Sherrie Drost Chacon filled in for Principal Cheryl Gomez to recognize two Johnson staffers, Fourth Grade Teacher Marcie Jaramillo and Integrated Learning Paraprofessional Yolanda Enrique.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT- COMMUNITY SAFETY & HEALTH

Despite a lack of interest on the part of board members when the matter arose in a recent work session, Superintendent Schiell insisted on scheduling a public meeting. “I know the board is not that excited about it, but I feel there is a need for a community meeting, to educate the community about vaping,” Schiell said. He suggested a meeting to be held at 6 p.m. on Jan. 17, 2019. “The vaping folks (school counselors with a vaping presentation) are available, and I can hit the highlights of what we are doing to improve safety.”

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

RE-1J Chief Financial Officer Adam Rogers informed the board that District [student enrollment](#) has dropped by 39 students since the October count, and is down by 127 pupils from last year at this time. Northside Elementary has lost 35 students this year compared to last year. Olathe Elementary School is down by 21 students, and PEAK Academy is down by 26,

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he said. He also said that Olathe Middle School has increased enrollment by 15 students, and the Early Childhood Center has 18 new students. [Enrollment numbers also show](#) that, despite the new Columbine Middle School building, enrollment at Centennial Middle School, which has earned a growing reputation for excellence in recent years, is higher; Centennial presently serves 608 students compared to Columbine's 495.

West asked Rogers what the final October count number was, and Rogers said that a total of 6,152 students were counted.

District E Director Sarah Fishing asked Rogers for more information on the reasons behind the drop in enrollment. "Any idea where we are going?" she asked. Rogers promised to get the information together by next month.

"Thank you," Fishing said. "I look forward to seeing the information."

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

ECC Director Penny Harris provided an [update to the board](#), outlining [goals](#) for this school year and other issues, including a [data dashboard](#) for the month of October. Harris said that the ECC continues to focus on "what readiness skills look like for successful kindergarteners," and on strengthening active supervision systems, including during transitions; "You'd be surprised to know how many kids are left on busses or classrooms when the adults go home."

Acquiring quality, sustainable facilities is also a goal, she noted. "We can educate our preschoolers better in buildings than in modulars."

Harris noted that [fatherhood engagement](#) at the ECC is ongoing, and that the ECC has revised [meal attendance procedures](#). She also discussed [risk factors](#), such as parental substance abuse, homelessness, and domestic violence, that can impact ECC students. "Fifty-two percent of our children have fallen below other kids their age for socio-emotional skills," she said.

"We appreciate your data," West commented to Harris. "I know by this spring

you will be ready to close the gap."

BUILDING GOALS PRESENTATIONS

School principals and department heads who did not present building goals at the last regular meeting presented goals to the board.

Instructional Services

Director Jessica Beller noted that goals include aligning with district-level MTSS framework, while developing and implementing a three-year plan for providing district administrators and teachers with Equity Training by January of 2019. Instructional Services will also continue to support schools with various curriculum and program implementation plans.

"The State has adopted new standards," Beller said, "by 2020 we will have adopted them."

Columbine Middle School Principal Ben Stephenson said that goals include increasing from 35.45 percent (at or above grade level) to 38.45 percent (at or above grade level) on the CMAS math assessment, and averaging one year's growth on IReady; increasing from 51 percent (at or above grade level) to 54 percent (at or above grade level) on the CMAS ELA assessment; and averaging one year's growth on IReady. Achieving 95 percent participation on all assessments is a Columbine goal, as are increased opportunities for math and reading interventions and implementation of an "It's about pride" campaign encouraging students to care for their new school.

Northside Elementary School's new Principal Dan Rosentreter, who provided a Unified Implementation Plan (UIP) at the October work session, outlined the school's goals. Northside will implement practices to build a strong culture and climate, and to "rebrand" Northside. Northside will also improve academic per-



Northside Elementary School Principal Dan Rosentreter presented building goals on Nov. 13.

formance and outcomes, to move off of "turnaround" status. Finally, Northside will achieve STEM certification. "We handed out t-shirts to all of our kids last week," Rosentreter said. "It felt like Santa Clause was in the building."

Johnson Elementary School Assistant Principal Sherrie Drost Chacon presented the school's goals, which include achieving a six-percent increase in CMAS scores for English/language arts and math. Also stated as a goal for Johnson Elementary is a three-percent increase in Iready scores for reading and math. "We have a second reading interventionist in the building. We want to bridge the gap for all our kids; it's really nice to have an extra person to help us do that."

Johnson is also focusing on climate and culture, and anti-bullying efforts, she said. A seminar on vaping is planned, as "vaping has already entered our school this year."

Pomona Elementary School Principal Christopher Lehman said that goals include developing a positive schoolwide culture and climate, and providing rigorous and aligned Tier one instruction.

Oak Grove Elementary School Principal Dana Carpenter said that goals include a three-percent increase in overall reading and math proficiency by May of 2019. A three-percent increase in the overall numbers of students who meet or exceed expectations as measured by the 2019 CMAS

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RE-1J school board directors Sarah Fishering and Jake Suppes take part in the meeting.

assessment is also a goal. Discipline and bullying rates will improve, thanks to a school-wide theme of kindness, she said. Carpenter also said that Oak Grove students are partnering with the community to secure a Great Outdoors Colorado (GoCo) grant for playground improvements. "It's been fun," she said.

Montrose High School Assistant Principal Heidi Voehringer said that MHS goals include continuous physical security improvements, and improvements in student and staff well-being, social-emotional awareness, and tolerance. Inclusivity, collaboration and creativity will be fostered, as will a learning environment in which students can develop 21st Century skills. MHS will implement course offerings and instructional practices that engage all students and help prepare them for post-secondary options.

"We're trying to take care of each other...we have created a vaping education class that is offered twice a month."

Property Services Manager Philip Bailey outlined three goals. Those include working with the Facilities Committee to effectively plan, schedule and perform more deferred maintenance projects; establishing a pre-qualified contractor list to expedite and streamline repair and maintenance projects; and custodial and maintenance training. "We've got money to be

able to get plans on the shelf...later this year we're looking to amend some policies, get pre-qualified contractors on board."

The recent purchase of 700 fire extinguishers means that those must be inspected, he said. "We will train people to inspect them in house." A training movie is being created for that purpose, he said. "It's kind of cute."

Mexican Free-Tail bats are coming through Olathe, he said, and have been turning up in district facilities. The bats are very healthy, but have detoured from their normal migration route, Bailey said, "probably due to the fires...we're gathering them and relocating them."

Olathe Middle/High School Principal Scot Brown discussed OHS goals to increase the number of students scoring "meets expectations or above" on state assessments by three percent, with a corresponding three-percent decrease in the number of students who do not meet assessment expectations.

OHS will also provide a variety of options and opportunities for student involvement and will continue to improve the positive culture and climate of the school. "We are increasing community service opportunities at a younger age and working on our cafeteria lounge."

The school has purchased pirate pride t-

shirts for all students, he said. "Our assemblies are all student-led and planned."

Olathe High School is a great place to be, Brown said. "I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

Olathe Middle/High School Assistant Principal Jeff Mitchell shared Olathe Middle School goals. OMS will increase the number of students scoring "meets expectations or above" on state assessments by three percent, with a corresponding three-percent decrease in the number of students who do not meet assessment expectations.

Increasing accountability across the middle grades is a goal, as is building school pride. Students who earn grades of C or above can earn extra lunch time, to be used as recess or free time, Mitchell said. Also, "We have a traveling pirate pride flag."

OLD BUSINESS

The Board of Education approved Board Policies DAB, DAB-E, EEAE and GBGA on second reading.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The board approved spending \$1,254,038 of Rural Funds Grant money for safety upgrades district wide, and approved the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 School Year Calendars.

Resolutions [11-2018](#) and [12-2018](#) were approved, correcting a mistake made by the Chief Financial Officer in June that resulted in over-spending on student nutrition, CFO Rogers said.

"I am asking you to help me with the final cleanup of our books this year...the audit should be in your hands by the end of the month."

PERSONNEL

The Board of Education approved a [personnel report](#), revised [District Exempt Salary Schedule](#) for Central office staff, and [Non-exempt Salary Schedule for Facilities, Technology and Transportation staff](#).

The next meeting of the Montrose County RE-1J School District Board of Education is scheduled for Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ROAD CLOSURE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CLEAN UP AFTER TANKER ROLLOVER ON H550

Special to the Mirror

SAN JUAN COUNTY- A single-vehicle semi rollover on Highway 550 at milepost 69.8 left Highway 550 closed just south of Silverton for 37 hours.

At approximately 7:30 PM on November 14, 2018, a red Peterbilt truck-tractor hauling a tank semi-trailer lost control while northbound on Highway 550 at milepost 69.8, just south of Silverton. The semi drove across the oncoming (southbound) lane, off the road, and up a small embankment.

The semi overturned onto its right side. The tank trailer separated from the tractor and rolled an additional ½ time coming to rest on its left side, near the road.

The semi, operated by Miller Transporters of Jackson, MS, was hauling stabilized methyl methacrylate monomer (MMA), a very flammable liquid used in a variety of plastics. Colorado State Patrol Hazardous Materials technicians were on scene for over 30 hours awaiting replacement equipment from the shipping company and facilitating clean-up operations.

Silverton San Juan Fire Rescue and Durango Fire as well as clean-up and remediation crews assisted with the operation.



A single-vehicle semi rollover on Highway 550 at milepost 69.8 on Nov. 14 left Highway 550 closed just south of Silverton for 37 hours. Courtesy photos.



Highway 550 was reopened at 8:29 AM on Nov. 16, 2018

The tank did not rupture, but an estimated 700 gallons of the flammable liquid leaked from a valve on the top of the tank. The highway remained closed as responders waited for replacement equipment to arrive, offloaded the rolled tanker as much as possible, righted it, and offloaded the remainder of the product. An environmental remediation team, Envirotech, of Farmington, NM, will be on-site periodically for the coming months to assess, excavate, and backfill any contaminated soil.

There were no inhalation concerns with

the liquid.

The driver of the semi, Mac Rogers, 45, of Pineville, LA, was transported to Montrose Memorial Hospital for evaluation. He was charged with Careless Driving and Unauthorized Deviation from Designated Route While Transporting Hazardous Materials.

Silverton San Juan Fire and Rescue Authority, Silverton San Juan County Ambulance Association, San Juan County Sheriff's Office, Durango Fire Rescue, the Colorado Department of Transportation, Animas Towing, and Bo Dean's Towing assisted with this incident.

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TROOPER TIPS: BAD WEATHER DRIVING ...SOME CALL IT SKI SEASON

By Trooper Gary Cutler

It's that time of year again, which means snow storms are on the horizon. Bad weather isn't all that bad, because with it come all of the fun activities we like to do in Colorado such as skiing, sledding, skiing, hiking, and skiing/snowboarders.

I joke about the ski season, but when we see a good snow storm, that's when skiers and snowboarders head to the slopes in larger groups than normal. Let's talk about the situations where we just have to get around in snow storms.

Reduced speed is always a key factor to staying safe when driving on snow, or ice packed roadways. It's winter, so make sure you take that extra step to have the time to drive to your destination safely, which means slower than normal speeds. Bad weather doesn't necessarily mean we have to have bad driving.

One situation that worries me is black ice. Ice is the unseen danger that is often a factor in winter time driving. I've seen

people going lower speeds when they are on snow packed roads only to speed up to or beyond the speed limit once the road clears. The road may still be wet, and with cold temperatures that means it often freezes to the road surface. Just because you don't see it, doesn't mean it's not still there.

Slick roads also mean it's harder to stop when less than favorable road conditions exist. Give that extra distance needed to stop when snow or ice are present. It's hard to give just one correct distance for bad road conditions. Use good common sense and the rule of thumb that it could take double the distance on wet roads and up to as much as 10 times the distance on snow and ice packed roadways to safely stop.

Also, be prepared to travel in bad weather. This means having enough "survival gear" to make it through a dangerous situation if you get stuck on the roadway. This doesn't always mean you're stuck

because you have crashed or slid off the roadway. It could be just that the weather is so bad the roadways have been shut down and you are stuck with everyone else traveling with no way to get off the road for a while.

Even when you are just going on a short trip, there can be situations where you need emergency equipment with you. The items that can save a life are: blankets, flares/emergency triangles, water, shovel, food/snacks, and cell phone. I probably don't have to remind anyone to make sure they bring their phone though.

Here are my final tips for winter driving. When roads are dry, drive as if it's raining. When roads are wet, drive as if it's snowing. When roads have snow on them, drive as if it's ice. When roads have ice on them, think about staying home that day.

So there you have it, a few simple tips to help keep you safe when driving in bad weather this year.

As always, safe travels!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

VICTIM ADVOCATE SUPPORT TEAM PRESENTS FILM

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-VAST, a local citizens action group, will present a free screening of the HBO documentary *I Am Evidence* on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at Ridgway's Sherbino Theater. Doors are at 6 p.m. and the screening begins at 6:30 p.m.. Sponsored by Hilltop Community Resources of Montrose and the San Miguel Resource Center of Telluride, the screening will be followed by a panel discussion on sexual assault in Ouray County. Advocates will be present for attendees in need of support.

The film examines the disturbing pattern of failures within the criminal justice system to provide justice for sexual assault victims.

The film follows sexual assault survivors' experiences as they await justice as well as those of prosecutors, investigators, advocates, and journalists fighting on their

behalf. *I Am Evidence* also exposes the national backlog of untested rape kits containing crucial DNA evidence that can solve and prevent crimes.

The post-film panel of experts and community leaders will discuss challenges illuminated by the film, strategies to change "rape culture," and ways to continue to improve services and responses to sexual assault in our rural community.

Panelists will include: Tammy Stroup, Ridgway Marshall; Justin Perry, Ouray Chief of Police; Seth Ryan, 7th Judicial Attorney, Sexual Assault Unit; Kayleigh Matook, Forensic Scientist, Colorado Bureau of Investigation; Heather Toth, VAST member and sexual assault survivor; Jackie Sievers, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services Coordinator, Hilltop; and Angela Goforth, San Miguel Resources

Center. Local community leaders will also be in attendance.

The film's local and regional presenters hope the event will highlight issues essential to the safety of Ouray County citizens and the need for victim advocacy services in the area, and foster an ongoing conversation within the community about sexual assault and rape culture.

VAST, stands for Victim Advocate Support Team, and was formed in response to reports of mishandling of cases of sexual violence, gaps in advocacy services, and the unique challenges of addressing these issues in a rural community. VAST has worked with local law enforcement and social service agencies to support these organizations' efforts to better serve the community.

For more information, e-mail vast.ouraycounty@gmail.com.



BUILDING COMMUNITY, SKILLS @ COLORADO GARDEN ART SCULPTURES



Rob'O O'Donnell and a good friend at the Community Options workshop space.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—As a third-generation tile setter, Rob'O O'Donnell spent his career as a master craftsman, and later as a volunteer firefighter and community college instructor. Today, though he is over 60, O'Donnell is building a new way to share the knowledge and skills acquired over the



The finished product, a new home. Courtesy photos.

course of a lifetime, with his Colorado Garden Art Sculptures workshops. He currently has a studio in the Community Options Building, where he teaches clients new skills.

"I'm having fun with it," O'Donnell said. "My ultimate goal is to work with wheelchair-restricted folks. I lost a son, an ex-

marine, to suicide. This idea grew out of a conversation we had, 'what can we do for our vets who are coming home?' The answer was, 'Take care of them.'"

With hands-on apprenticeships, students can have an enjoyable social experience while acquiring valuable skills.

"The folks here at Community Options have big hearts," O'Donnell said. "I have a couple of volunteers who come in on Wednesdays, but if I had a few more volunteers I could do some evening classes as well."

Classes are small, to allow each student enough instructor time. In addition to volunteers to assist him, O'Donnell would appreciate help in writing grants for program needs.

Each class currently averages around 20 minutes, but O'Donnell hopes to expand the scope of the courses and implement a lesson plan as time goes on.

"We are on a regular schedule now," he said. "I ask my students, what would you like to create? Try to make something that you can give to somebody."

Popular subjects are hearts, he noted, and students are also very engaged in creating bird huts.

"I am developing the program with bird

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BUILDING COMMUNITY @ COLORADO GARDEN ART SCULPTURES

From previous page

houses because it's something everybody here can be involved in," he said. "I also came up with a couple of techniques, so their hands don't get so dirty--for example using clear plastic over the top...and we use a lot of recycled materials."

The program is a work in progress, he said. "I have been playing with workshop programs like this for years and I am really excited with the development of this one," he said. "There are many stages that are designed to joyfully engage the creators, our artists, with the freedom, space, materials, and programs--and an ener-

getic facilitator with a strong passion and the experience to teach others how to rearrange sand.

"We are making bird huts, garden globes, and other fun features in this studio space," O'Donnell said. "My plan is to train several of these big-hearted folks as assistants who will assist other clients--allowing as much hands-on participation as possible."

In the future, the types of workshops offered may also expand.

"I would love to offer a couples' night out," O'Donnell said. "My goal is to take

this idea on the road, and to teach a professional apprenticeship program to introduce students to the trowel trades."

Helping people learn to be artisans in the workplace, rather than minions, is a source of satisfaction for this lifelong craftsman.

"It's a way to get people to put down their phones, and engage," O'Donnell said. "This is something you can do with your hands."

To learn more or to volunteer, call 208-481-2420, or email O'Donnell at coloradogardenartsculptures@gmail.com.

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TELLURIDE SKI RESORT CONFIRMS NOV. 22 OPENING

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TELLURIDE – Supported by nearly four feet of natural snowfall and favorable snowmaking conditions Telluride Ski Resort will open for the 2018-19 season on Thursday Nov. 22 and will host Donation Day* on Wednesday Nov. 21. Now is the time to make your plans to spend Thanksgiving Weekend in Telluride. Visit www.tellurideskiresort.com to start planning or call Telluride Resort Reservations, (855) 266-9407, for personalized vacation planning service. Proceeds from Donation Day benefit the Telluride Ski & Snowboard Club.

Courtesy photo (right) Telluride Ski Resort.



CPW WARNS PUBLIC TO LEAVE BABY WILDLIFE ALONE AFTER OFFICER TAKES MOUNTAIN LION KITTEN FROM HOME WHERE IT WAS FED BRATWURST AND FELL ILL



Photo courtesy Colorado Parks & Wildlife.

Special to Art & Sol

WALSENBERG— After removing a mountain lion kitten from a private home, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is reminding the public it is illegal to possess wild animals and dangerous to the animals' health.

Although sick from being fed bratwurst, the kitten appeared to be in good health otherwise, said Travis Sauder, CPW district wildlife manager, after he retrieved the kitten and sent it to the nonprofit Wet Mountain Wildlife Rehabilitation in Wetmore.

But the incident could have turned out much differently since the kitten, estimated by wildlife biologists to be under six months of age, was fed human food when it probably was not yet weaned from its mother's milk and may have only eaten regurgitated solids from its mother.

"If you find wildlife you believe to be orphaned, leave the area immediately and call CPW," Sauder said. "By leaving the area, mom will feel safe to come back and retrieve her young."

"Many animals intentionally leave their young behind when startled, relying on the built-in camouflage of the youngsters' spotted fur to keep them safe. The mother will then return to retrieve its young once the area is safe."

The people in possession of the kitten published photos Monday on social media showing it in a cage. They claimed they found it in a snowbank after a snowplow passed by. They also claimed they released it back to the wild after allowing it

to "thaw out." In fact, Sauder collected the kitten from their home in Walsenburg on Tuesday. He then transported it to the rehab center.

"Wild animals do not need to 'thaw out' because they are equipped by nature to survive cold and snow," Sauder said. "When we do have orphaned wildlife, it's important we get them to licensed rehabilitators who specialize in raising these wild animals, who know what to feed them and how to care for them, so we can successfully release them back into the wild once they mature."

Sauder said this kitten was kept far too long by humans to return to where it was found.

"It had been almost 30 hours since it was picked up Monday and its mom would not be in the area any longer," he said. "This is why it's vital to leave baby wildlife where you find them and call us immediately."

For more information, go to cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/



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NATALIE SPENCER NAMED TO 2018 UNIVER- SITY SINGERS @ BOB JONES UNIVERSITY

Special to Art & Sol

GREENVILLE, SC--Natalie Spencer of Montrose has been named to Bob Jones University's University Singers, BJU's largest choral organization. Spencer is a Freshman majoring in Early Childhood Education. All students at BJU are welcome to audition and are placed in a choral group according to their classification and abilities. Singers are re-auditioned periodically to determine proper placement. Located in Greenville, South Carolina, [Bob Jones University](http://www.bju.edu) offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs in religion, education, fine arts and communication, arts and science, health sciences, and business.

HOLIDAY SEASON KICKOFF MUSICAL AT THE BOB SAUNDERS THEATRE AT THE PALM

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE-Palm Arts announces a holiday season kickoff musical celebration with *The Barefoot Movement: Holiday Traditions* at the Bob Saunders Theatre at the Palm in Telluride, Colorado Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7 pm.

The Barefoot Movement will perform a home-spun special holiday celebration complete with all of the classic seasonal favorites wrapped in a musical package. The celebration includes acoustic renditions of everything from Chuck Berry's "Run Run Rudolph" to Perry Como's "It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas" and emotional takes on songs of the season like "Oh Holy Night" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Tickets: Advance tickets are \$15 student, \$25 adult, \$30 day of performance. All tickets are available at www.telluridepalm.com

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: OUTDOOR EDUCATION

MORE FALL FUN @RIDGWAY STATE PARK



Courtesy photos Ridgway State Park.

By RSP Park Educator Carrie Krickbaum
RIDGWAY-In addition to our two weeks of fall bird banding field trips and “My Time for Fishing” events for students with special needs, plus a wikiup building project, we also had the following:

STEM field trips focusing on drought

We hosted three schools on three separate days for field trips focusing on the drought. Students, through their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) coordinator, are working on a problem-based learning research project to study the effects of drought on wildlife, economy, recreation, etc. Students were

taken on a “hike” across the dry reservoir bed by park educator, Carrie Krickbaum, to get a feel for the severity of this year’s low water levels. Carrie and volunteers, Patty Ray and Amanda Clements, also had students participate in activities focusing on where the water from the reservoir goes, and wildlife reactions to drought. Students were also given an instructive tour of the dam and hydroelectric plant by Tony Mitchell and Teddy Earley of Tri-County Water. A total of 289 students participated with at least 20 adults (including teachers). A huge thanks goes out to those Tri-County employees for

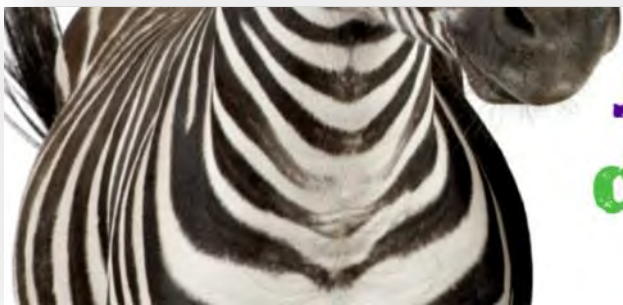
being so flexible and gracious with these field trips.

Salmon run game and Pine Bird Challenge

On Thursday, Nov. 1, we had 88 students come with four teachers and 10 adult helpers for a field trip to discuss cycles in nature. We played a salmon run game, the Pine Bird Challenge game and a teacher led activity.

Thanks to Mary Menz, volunteer, for her help again.

Thanks once again, also, to Friends of Ridgway State Park who pay for half the busing costs for ALL school field trips to the park!



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

VALLEY SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT

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MONTROSE – The Valley Symphony Association (VSA) presents, “Christmas By Candlelight X,” on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 pm (immediately following the Montrose Parade of Lights) and Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3pm. Both concerts will be held at the Montrose Pavilion.

An all-volunteer arts organization in its 48th season, the VSA’s annual holiday concert celebrates the sounds of the season, as the orchestra and chorus come together to perform old favorites and create new holiday memories with the audience.

More than 100 musicians, ranging in ages from 14 to 92, share the stage for the VSA’s two Christmas concerts. “We especially invite people to join us after the Parade of Lights, which is why we push back our performance to 7:30 pm for our only Saturday concert of the year,” Orchestra Director Mike Kern said.

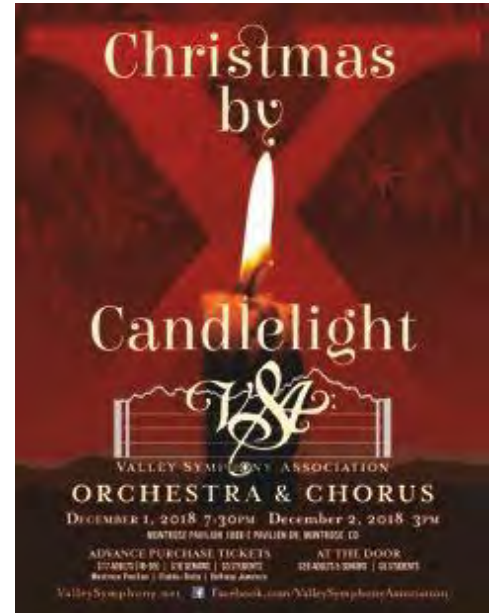
“Our concerts appeal to all ages, and we’re comprised of your friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, and fellow citizens from throughout the Uncompahgre and North Fork Valleys, who volunteer their time and talent to produce concerts we are truly proud to present,” Kern said. “It’s so rare and special that we on the Western Slope have access to classical music through the VSA, and we look to the regional community for support through

attendance and sponsorship to sustain us.”

Board member Priscilla Fry said that Volunteers of America (VOA) is garnering headliner billing as the music organization’s first ever “concert partner” sponsor and will help make this year’s Christmas by Candlelight extra special.

“Music brings passion and joy to life, and we witness the amazing effects music has in the lives of those we serve in our various healthcare and housing programs,” VOA Regional Marketing Director Erin Berge said. “The missions of VSA and VOA align in that we both seek to uplift and enrich lives. One of many ways we provide this is through the enjoyment of music. Music sparks memories and connects us to our happiest moments, especially around the holidays. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to partner with the VSA in their Christmas by Candlelight concerts.”

In Western Colorado, VOA operates under the healthcare division providing a network of services including The Homestead of Montrose assisted living; Valley Manor Care Center and Horizons Care Center, both offering long term care, short-term rehabilitation and memory care; Home Health of Western Colorado with in-home nursing care; Senior Community Care PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly); Senior Community Meals



with community dining sites and meals on wheels; and AdvantAge Health Resource Centers.

The VOA Colorado affiliate in Denver manages several senior independent apartment complexes in the area.

For information, upcoming concerts, tickets, and the audition process, visit the VSA on Facebook @ValleySymphonyAssociation and at ValleySymphony.net.

Tickets are also available in Delta at Clubb’s, in Montrose at Montrose Music and the Montrose Pavilion, and at the door on event days.



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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Elections: Not what I hoped for but never as bad as I feared

RESULTS ... As part of a blue colony in a western slope of red voters, elections are a stressful time. I didn't expect a blue wave, although there was enough of one nationally to flip the House of Representatives in D.C. and in our wonderful state to give us a blue legislature and a blue governor. So I should be delighted, right? ... Well, not exactly. The Dems lost ground in the Senate, which was enough of a win for our current President to claim a victory, dubious as that claim may be. But since judicial appointments will likely now proceed in a very conservative manner, it's a definite setback for progressives ... Locally we saw U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton in the Third Congressional District decisively beat back a strong push by Steamboat Springs challenger Diane Mitsch Bush 52% to 43%. And incumbent State Senator Don Coram did the same against Dem candidate Guinn Unger, 55% to 45%-- however, in a surprising turn of events, Montrose County supported Unger over Coram, 52% to 48% ... However, when it came to the 58th State House District, it was no contest. Republican appointee Marc Catlin of Montrose swamped Dem candidate Seth Cagin of Telluride, 63% to 37%. And that's been the history of this state legislative

seat for a decade. In 2014 no Dems ran and Coram won the seat. In 2010 Coram won 64% and the late Wes Perrin of Telluride got 36%. In 2006 Rep. Ray Rose took 62% and Dem Brian Ahern of Telluride got 38%. Running Dems out of Telluride in the 58th is just not a winning strategy ... As for state amendments, it was good to see the oil & gas industry's 74 ("It's only fair" -- ha-ha, yeah right!) go down in flames. It would have bankrupted the state and made local government untenable. Oregon tried it and it cost them millions before they rescinded this very unwise proposed legislation. When you see Club 20 and the Sierra Club both opposing the same amendment, you know it's a dog ... I was delighted we citizens set up a much less partisan redistricting process for both houses of the state legislature. Like our system of judicial reform enacted a number of years ago, it's just good government to limit partisanship in issues like electing judges and drawing district lines ... I was sad not to see our young people given the chance to serve in the legislature. We believe our youth are old enough to serve in our armed forces and die for us in distant lands, but too young to serve in government -- a pretty twisted viewpoint, if you

ask me ... Tax measures did poorly. No more money for education or roads -- two very short-sighted outcomes. So, let's not hear any complaints about road conditions for another two years, and we can expect our schools to continue their downward slide into mediocrity on most national scales ... The oil & gas industry spent a fortune to stop 112. Colorado's economic health weighed more on voter minds than environmental protection for adjacent residential homeowners. But I bet we see another battle over that same issue in the next election ... And nice to see Colorado close its last loophole on slavery. The most amazing thing is that it took this long to accomplish.

STARDUST ... According to research reported in *Science News* this summer, the atoms that make up planets, plants, and people may have taken several trips to circumgalactic space before becoming part of us, traveling hundreds of thousands of light-years. "This is my favorite thing," explained astronomer Jason Tumlinson. "At some point, your carbon, your oxygen, your nitrogen, your iron was out in intergalactic space."

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Cumpleaños

- para Linde

Me despierto hoy con algo nuevo,
Una nueva descripción de quién soy,
No tengo más 76 años, sino 77,
Pero soy la misma persona.



Lito Tejada-Flores. Courtesy photo.

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

No es malo contar los años
Pero el año cero debe ser
El en que te encontré, cuando
Me enamoré por la última vez.

Esta mañana no cambié, por lo menos,
No cambié mucho, Sí, cada día
Soy alguien nuevo, alguien diferente,

Pero hay cosas que no cambian,
Cómo el verdadero amor, no cambia,
Cierto, pero crece, cada año, cada día.

Birthdays

-for Linde

I wake up today with something new
A new description of who I am
I'm no longer 76 but 77,
Still, I'm the same person

Counting years isn't so bad
But the year zero ought to be
The year I met you, the year
I fell in love for the last time

I didn't really change this morning
At least not much. Yes, every day
I'm someone new, someone different

But there are things that never change
Like true love, it doesn't change,
Sure, but grows, each year, each day.

-Lito Tejada-Flores
Chile



COMMUNITY NEWS: EDUCATION & BUSINESS



MONTROSE FBLA STUDENTS ATTEND 4TH ANNUAL WESTERN SLOPE ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Nearly 200 high school juniors and seniors from across the Western Slope took part in the Western Slope Economic Leadership Conference on Nov. 13 in Grand Junction, where they enjoyed nationally recognized speakers, hands-on trading activities and leadership exercises. Pictured are Montrose FBLA students: Back Row – Santiago Flores, Jacob Padilla, Alex Steil, Payton Bircham, Melanie Gonzalez, Esthefania Lopez. Front Row – Chayanna Noles, Heather Prosser, Betania Romo, Miranda Cenicerros, Jayna Simpson (FBLA Adviser), Samantha Lopez. Courtesy photo.

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MOUNTAIN VILLAGE-The Town of Mountain Village is taking significant measures to incentivize new workforce and deed-restricted construction and to encourage maintenance and improvements to existing deed-restricted units.

In its monthly October meeting, the Town of Mountain Village Town Council unanimously voted to waive all planning, development and building permit fees for deed-restricted housing units effective Jan. 1, 2019.

Michelle Haynes, planning and development services director states, "Planning and building permit activity for deed-restricted housing has been minimal compared to free market activity over the past few years."

For program information, please contact Planning and Development Services Director, Michelle Haynes by email mhaynes@mtnvillage.org, by phone (970) 239.4061 or by visiting townofmountainvillage.com/building-development.

Save the Date! Upcoming Regional Events

CURRENT/ONGOING-

GARDEN OF LIGHTS AT THE MONTROSE BOTANIC GARDENS-5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 15 & 16; Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 22 & 23; Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 26 & 27. Illuminated garden paths and displays, horse drawn wagon rides, music. Check the website for details. www.montrosegardens.org

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

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

MONTROSE TOASTMASTERS

Meetings every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Centennial Room, 431 South First in Montrose.

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

MONTROSE COUNTY GOP MEETING

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

MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING

Noon - third Fridays. Hampton Inn, [1980 North Townsend Ave.](http://www.1980NorthTownsendAve.com) Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

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Nov 19-Early bird registration opens for the Western Colorado Food and Farm Forum: Healthy Fields, Farmers, Futures on Jan 25, 26th in Montrose. Featured are Joel Salatin the "most famous farmer in America," and Ben Hartman, author of The Lean Farm. Tap into 20 workshops on regenerative agriculture to maximize soil health, crop and livestock production. www.foodfarmforum.org or (970)765-6170.

Nov. 22-Montrose Community Dinner, Nov. 22 Noon-3 pm, Friendship Hall.

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

Nov. 24-FREE coffee cupping (like a wine tasting) at Cimarron Coffee Roasters in Montrose, 72 S. Grand Ave. Nov. 24 10-11 am

Nov. 27-Ignite Montrose - Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 7 pm at Intrinziq (512 East Main Street, Montrose). Ignite is an entertaining evening of fast-paced presentations that enlighten the audience. Community members share their ideas, passions, hobbies or adventures, but- it has to be quick- five minutes and 20 slides! Visit Ignite Montrose webpage www.ignitemontrose.weebly.com or Ignite Montrose on Facebook to find out more.

Nov. 29-Are you in a leadership role in your organization? About to be? Did you know that whatever role you play, you can lead? Learn more at a regional training on Thursday, Nov. 29, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.at the United Methodist Church in Montrose, 19 South Park Avenue. The workshop is co-sponsored by the San Juan Nonprofit Council of Montrose, Gunnison, Ouray, Hinsdale and San Miguel Counties; the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley; and the Community Resource Center of Denver. Their collaboration and sponsorship means that the fee is only \$60 if you register in advance online. For more information, or to receive the registration link, contact Maryo Ewell at the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley, maryo@cfgv.org or 641-3570.

Nov. 29-30- Cobble Creek 7th Annual Watercolor Show. Reception Thursday 4 -7 pm. Show runs Friday 12 - 7 pm. Upstairs at the Cobble Creek Clubhouse. 699 Cobble Drive. 249-5645 for more information **Dec. 1**-Montrose Parade of Lights.

Dec. 1-2-VSA "Christmas by Candlelight X" will be Saturday, Dec. 1, 7:30 pm and Sunday, Dec. 2, 3 pm. Celebrate the sounds of the season! The orchestra and chorus come together to perform old favorites and create new holiday memories.

Dec. 1-Montrose Elks Lodge Charity Ball, 801 South Hillcrest @ 7 p.m. \$25 couple, \$15 single.

Dec. 8-MCA presents the Art of Magic featuring "MIND BLOWN" the magic of Ty Gallenbeck, benefiting Montrose Center for the Arts. 11 S. Park Ave., (corner of Park & Main, Montrose), Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. Family appropriate; children age 12 and older are welcome. An Incredible, fantastic evening of fun that will defy your reason! Don't miss it! Tickets are available at www.mc4arts.net. For information 970-249-5645.

Dec. 13-14-Dark Night returns for its 10th annual show at the Paradise Theatre in Paonia, Thursday and Friday, Dec 13 & 14. Join renowned author Craig Childs and friends for Emergent Kingdoms, a visceral experience of storytelling, spoken word, visual multi-media and live music. Family friendly! Tickets available online at BrownPaperTickets and in Paonia at The Paradise Theatre, The Cirque and Lizzy's Market.

Dec. 15-27-Montrose Botanical Gardens Garden of Lights,-5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 15 & 16; Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 22 & 23; Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 26 & 27. Illuminated garden paths and displays, horse drawn wagon rides, music. Check the website for details. www.montrosegardens.org

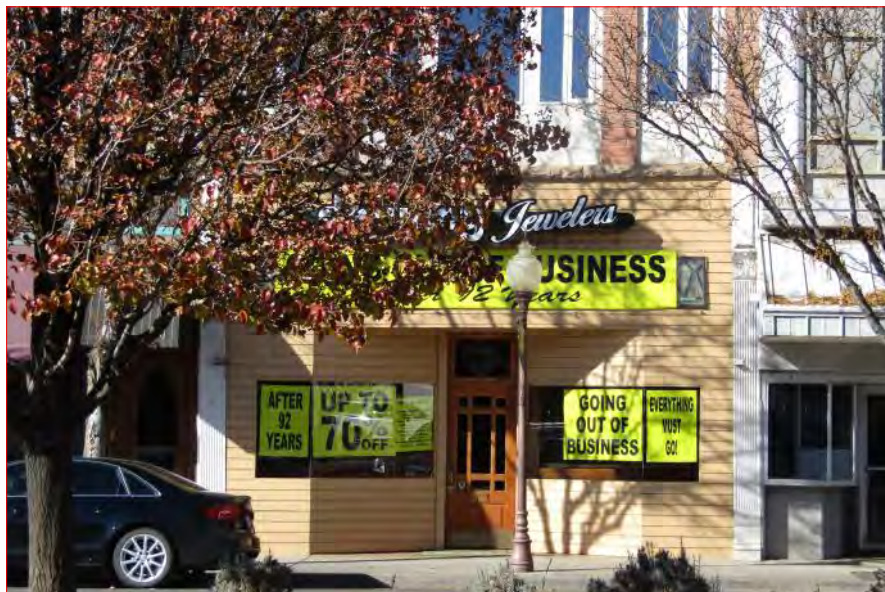
Dec. 19-Pace Homestead Holiday Art Show & Gift sale. 1 to 4 p.m. Homestead activity room, 1819 Pavilion Drive Montrose.

Jan. 10-Beatles vs. Stones - A Musical Showdown performs on Thursday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 pm at the Avalon Theatre. Tickets are \$35 - \$65 and may be purchased online at www.avalontheatrej.com, by phone at 800-626-TIXS (8497) or at the theatre box office. The Avalon Theatre is located at 645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO 81501. The show is appropriate for all ages. The goes on sale to the public on Nov. 9 at noon.

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MIRROR IMAGES...AROUND TOWN



At left, longtime Montrose Main Street business DeVinny Jewelers is closing...above, Ridgway Sculptor Mike McCullough's Red Fox, purchased for the City by Public Art eXperience (PAX), is on display in front of the Elks Civic Building.

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