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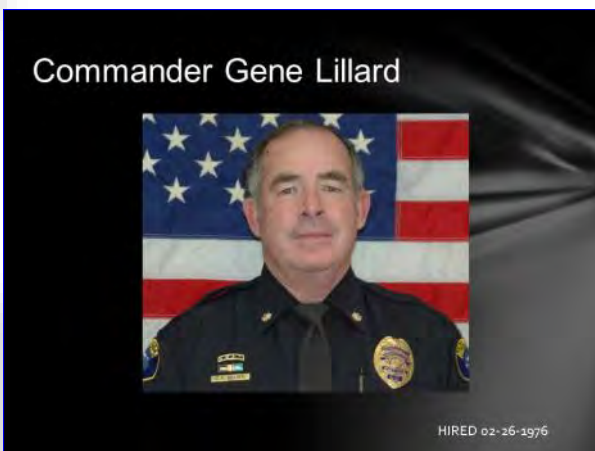


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## MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN: GENE LILLARD TRANSITIONS TO NEW ROLE AS MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF



*Montrose Police Department (MPD) Commander Gene Lillard will be sworn in as Montrose County Sheriff on Jan. 8, 2019. Courtesy photo.*

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Montrose Police Department (MPD) Commander Gene Lillard was born in Delta, raised in Telluride, moved to Cedaredge at age 11 and graduated from Cedaredge High School. When Lillard was 19 his brother-in-law, who was acting Chief of Police in Delta, took him on a ride-along. Lillard said, "It started the ball rolling and put a fire in me about becoming a police officer."

Lillard attended Fort Lewis College in Durango on a wrestling scholarship, where he studied criminal justice and participated in an intern program with the LaPlata County Sheriff's Office. He said, "I went to college for two and a half years, but I got tired of trying to lose weight for wrestling and maintain 126 pounds." After leaving college Lillard applied to various law enforcement agencies in the state, but it was MPD who hired him 1976 and sent him to the police academy.

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## CITIZEN, REP CATLIN THANK COUNTY FOR H2O SUMMIT

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Citizen Valerie Hudson and State Rep Marc Catlin spoke to the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at the regular meeting of Wednesday, Nov. 21.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

"I am here to give you a big thank you," Hudson said. "Because even though the Event Center is for everybody else, I think it's for me. And since it's opened I've been there for the hemp seminar, the Mountain States Ranch Rodeo sort—which my team came in second and we're all over 60—the K9 event, the water summit yesterday (I have to applaud you, thank you so much)...another thank you for having

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*Montrose County resident Valerie Hudson said thank you to the Board of Montrose County Commissioners at the regular BOCC meeting of Nov. 21.*

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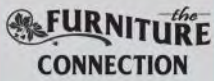
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# OURAY COUNTY DENIES KOB GROUP REQUEST TO TRANSFER MARIJUANA CULTIVATION LICENSE LOCATION

By Caitlin Switzer

RIDGWAY-The Ouray Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) voted on Nov. 19 to deny a request by KOB Group, LLC (dba Ourtrees) for transfer of an existing Marijuana cultivation license to an alternative property. The cultivation license was initially granted to the applicant for 304 Weahgatay Road; KOB Group had asked approval to transfer the license to an un-addressed parcel that they had contracted to purchase on Country Road 1C.

Though Ouray County's marijuana ordinance currently has no provision for a transfer of cultivation facility location, Ouray County Planning Director Mark Castrodale had recommended approval.

On Monday, Nov. 19, the Ouray BOCC convened for a special meeting at 9 a.m. at the 4H Events Center in Ridgway. A sizeable crowd had gathered, and the BOCC took comment from Log Hill residents and allowed a rebuttal from the applicant before reviewing the criteria included in the County's marijuana cultivation ordinance. The ordinance states that in order to receive a license, applicants must meet a list of requirements, and must provide evidence that the facility will not disrupt the character and use of surrounding properties.

BOCC Chair Don Batchelder outlined the process; "...There are 15 standards that

need to be met...we would like to go through them one by one and make a determination by consensus on each one. At the end, we will come to a conclusion as to whether the applicant has met the conditions of the ordinance."

Though much of the commentary on Nov. 19 concerned noise levels that would be generated at the proposed facility, the decision ultimately hinged on whether the grow facility—which would include a 14,000 square-foot steel building and 12 HVAC compressors—would disrupt the character and use of surrounding properties.

Commissioner Ben Tisdell called the decision as to whether the proposed facility would disrupt the character and use of surrounding properties, "The most difficult."

Tisdell said, "...it's a problem in Colorado, 'not in my back yard, and not over there either.'"

Still, "the character of the surrounding properties is of peace and quiet...to have



Representing applicant KOB Group, LLC, Ben Buescher speaks to the Ouray Board of County Commissioners Nov. 19.

12 HVAC units, even as well mitigated as they could be...it's difficult," Tisdell said.

Batchelder said, "Testimony has been presented that (the facility) will be out of character with surrounding properties...I find the testimony compelling...I would say this condition has not been met."

Following consideration and deliberations, the BOCC voted to deny the applicant's request to transfer the marijuana cultivation license to an alternative property.

"Once all of the criteria were gone through, deliberation didn't take very long," Batchelder said following the special meeting. "It's all part of the process."

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## ***LILLARD TRANSITIONS TO NEW ROLE AS MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF*** ***From pg 1***

He said, "I've been with the department for 42 years and 10 months."

Describing a skillset that helps him in his law enforcement career Lillard said, "I'm a people person...even a lot of people I've put in jail are my friends today. My ambition in life is to help people, to make some good in society."

As for personal enjoyment derived from his career Lillard said, "There's an adrenalin rush with being a police officer. Every day is like Christmas, you don't know what to expect. No day is the same." Lillard feels he is approachable and has a knack for talking to people one on one. He said, "I'm not the worlds greatest talker, but I'm a good listener and I can come up with solutions."

Lillard will soon transition from being an MPD Commander to the duly-elected Montrose County Sheriff. He said, "December 1<sup>st</sup> will be my last day with MPD. I'll be working the Saturday parade for the Christmas holiday." Lillard, who is one of five-newly elected sheriffs in the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, is required by state statute to attend a two-week school before he is sworn in as sheriff on Jan. 8, 2019.

In his current position with MPD Lillard

supervises more than 70 people; however, as sheriff the number of personnel under his purview will be more than 100. He said, "I've come up through the ranks of MPD and have 37 years of supervisory experience. I've met with Rick [outgoing Sheriff Rick Dunlap] and the commissioners. We'll work together to have a good transition. We have some good quality employees and I'll rely on them to help work out a positive transition. I'm really looking forward to the change."

Lillard foresees that the hardest part of becoming sheriff will be leaving fellow PD and city employees, "But I'm still going to be in touch with them. Blaine [new Chief of Police Blaine Hall] and I will work together on crime-related issues."

As a seasoned law enforcement officer, the challenge for Lillard is moving from MPD to the Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). He said, "I'm going to be a county employee and my allegiance will be to the county...to all parts of the county. I'm a sheriff of the people and I answer to the people. I know the separation between the city and the county."

Lillard is keeping a journal of things he needs to look into, "I'm preparing as much

as I can for the change. My first goal will be to get a jail administrator and we'll look either in-house or from outside. I'll make other changes, but nothing dramatic right now. I'll talk to all the employees and have an open-door policy. We need to work together to make our community safe." Lillard is also considering ways to get more public exposure for the MCSO. "I'd like to restart the Sheriff's Office Academy [similar to the MPD Police Academy]. I want more of a public face for the deputies."

Lillard feels there are opportunities for joint training between MPD and MCSO, "Cross training will keep us safer. Our concern is the people we serve and we want our officers to go home safely every night." Lillard also noted the importance of regional law enforcement, "We work with all law enforcement agencies including BLM, National Parks and the Forest Service."

Lillard wants to tell citizens, "I appreciate the support of voters during the election. I am here to serve all citizens of Montrose County. If you call me, I'll call you back. If you stop in to see me my door is always open."



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RELEASES 2019 ENTRANCE FEE-FREE DAYS

*Special to the Mirror*

WASHINGTON – The [National Park Service](#) will waive all entrance fees on five days in 2019.

The five [entrance fee-free days](#) for 2019 will be:

Monday, Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Saturday, April 20 – First Day of National Park Week/National Junior Ranger Day

Sunday, Aug. 25 – National Park Service Anniversary

Saturday, Sept. 28 – National Public Lands Day

Monday, Nov. 11 – Veterans Day

“The entrance fee-free days hosted by the National Park Service are special opportunities to invite visitors, volunteers and veterans to celebrate some important moments for our parks and opportunities for service in those parks,” said National Park Service Deputy Director P. Daniel Smith.

The National Park System includes more

than 85 million acres and includes national parks, national historical parks, national monuments, national recreation areas, national battlefields, and national seashores. There is at least one national park site in every U.S. state.

Last year, 331 million people visited national parks spending \$18.2 billion, which supported 306,000 jobs across the country and had a \$35.8 billion impact on the U.S. economy.

Only 115 of the 418 parks managed by the National Park Service charge entrance fees regularly, with fees ranging from \$5 to \$35. The other 303 national parks do not have entrance fees. The entrance fee waiver for the fee-free days does not cover amenity or user fees for activities such as camping, boat launches, transportation, or special tours.

The annual \$80 [America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass](#) allows unlimited entrance to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including all national parks. There are also free or discounted passes available for senior citizens, current members of the U.S. military, families of fourth grade students, and disabled citizens. Other federal land management agencies offering their own fee-free days in 2019 include the [U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](#), [Bureau of Land Management](#), [Bureau of Reclamation](#), [U.S. Forest Service](#), and [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#).

### COMMUNITY BAND TO PLAY FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT DEC. 16

*Special to the Mirror*

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## ***CITIZEN, REP CATLIN THANK COUNTY FOR H2O SUMMIT From pg 1***

Emily Sanchez come back to organize and run the fairgrounds. She really has gifts; she can work with anybody."

Hudson wished the BOCC a happy Thanksgiving; "Proceed the way you have, with civility, consensus and resolve in all your relations with people. Don't let 'em bait you, that's all."

Also addressing the BOCC was State Representative (R-58) Marc Catlin. "I wanted to tell you that I really appreciate the fact that you guys put together that water summit yesterday," Catlin said. "Thank you. It was necessary, it was needed, and it turned out great. I think that's one of the answers for us in Western Colorado and particularly here in Montrose County.

"...We need people to know at what risk we are, because we are at big risk," Catlin said. "People down river with big river issues are going to start knocking on our doors. Big river issues are going to start knocking on our doors from the Eastern Slope. Taking the time and putting that together with the panels and presenters was a great idea, was a great effort, and it turned out well.

"...The leadership that was shown by your board of commissioners, staff, and the people who put this together really was valuable...thank you very much."

More than 250 people attended the water seminar, Commissioner Sue Hansen noted.

"We want to make sure that everybody in our community understands the water issues," BOCC Chair Keith Caddy said.

"From the person that has their home out on South Second to the 1,000-acre farm. We want everybody to understand the issues, because it will affect us all.

"That's where we're going to go with this," Caddy said. "We're not going to back off, we're going to keep pushing."

### **COUNTY MANAGER**

There were no changes to the agenda, County Manager Ken Norris said.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda. Before moving to approve Consent Agenda items, Hansen commended staffer Eloise Lentz



***The Montrose Board of County Commissioners listen during the regular meeting Nov. 21.***

for compiling information on water.

"The history of the water district...that would be a really good thing for us to even have outside the minutes...it was very thorough, and I don't know how long that took you to do; it was almost like a book," Hansen said. "It was really interesting."

### **GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution 69-2018, for a County-wide, "[Policy Concerning the Destruction, Disposal, and Protection of Personal Identifying Information](#)," as required by House Bill 18-1128.

The resolution was presented by Assistant County Attorney Carolyn Clawson. "This basically requires the County to have systems in place that will protect personally-identifying information," Clawson said.

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash thanked the County's legal team for putting the resolution together.

"With us having to use state-operated software that's stored on the cloud...it's the state's control and we are held liable; this actually addresses that...if they're going to let this type of data into the

cloud, we've got that base covered, at least in writing," Rash said.

Commissioners unanimously approved four items concerning county airports. Approved was [a five-year contract with Jacobs Engineering Group](#) for projects subject to Federal assistance and non-federal projects at Montrose Regional Airport and Hopkins Field.

Also approved was a [lease assignment](#) from Sleeping Indian Ranch Inc. of the Friedkin Corporation, which leases ground for their hangar at Montrose Regional Airport, to Hangar Lease #1, a Colorado LLC wholly-owned by the Susan J. Friedkin Trust and Susan J. Friedkin Marital Trust.

Resolution 70-2018 was approved unanimously, authorizing the signing of a [State of Colorado/CDOT grant agreement, #18-MTJ-01](#) in the amount of \$58,990, with a local match of \$58,992, to participate in the federally-funded Taxilane Relocation project.

Commissioners unanimously approved Item D-5 as well, concerning a K2 proposal to relocate and re-certify security screening equipment at Montrose Regional Airport. The work is needed to complete the glass enclosure project and must be performed by a TSA-approved vendor the

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## **CITIZEN, REP CATLIN THANK COUNTY FOR H2O SUMMIT**

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week of Dec. 3-7, 2018; it represents a non-budgeted expense of \$46,912.80.

"We have undertaken a project at the Airport to enhance the security screening," Montrose Regional Airport Manager Lloyd Arnold said. "This project will provide an enclosure which will increase the efficiency of our two existing lanes, and then we will add a third lane which will be dedicated to TSA pre-check.

"We will be able to process an additional 160 people per hour," Arnold said. "That's important to us; we need that capability and efficiency."

Though the expense was not anticipated, it is within the Airport's budget, he said.

"Is that going to be completed by the Holiday season?" Hansen asked.

"Yes," Arnold said. "...Our first really busy day of the season will be December 19 and the project will be completed before that time."

Hansen said that she would like to see what the recertification process entails, "For \$46,912 dollars from the Federal government—I hope you can notify us when that is happening."

Said Arnold, "I'm pretty interested in that myself."

Rash said, "...This is our proverbial \$1,000 allen wrench...this is what is wrong with our government at the Federal level, when you use these types of systems and people who are obviously pretty extravagant in their price to do a day's work."

The airport received three bids, and went with the low bid, Arnold said.

"I have the same feelings...it's still compliant I believe, with some inflated prices for the work being done....it is required, and we do need it, and the option is to not do it and close."

Commissioners thanked Arnold for his hard work and that of airport staff.

County Engineer Keith Laube presented information on the County sales and use tax passed in January of 2008 and an [update of road and bridge projects](#) that have taken place this year and which are planned in the future.

Last year around \$7M was collected through the sales tax for road and bridge work, he said, compared to the state highway use tax fund/fuel tax, which generated around \$5M.

"The sales tax is currently just under 60 percent of our funds, and the state fuel tax is around 40 percent," Laube said, noting that the sales tax fund has grown by five percent annually over the past five years.

Nineteen bridges have been replaced since 2008, four of which were new bridges and 15 of which were culverts. Montrose County maintains more than 1,300 miles of roads, 272 miles of paved roads, and 465 miles of gravel roads, of which about 115 miles receive mag chloride treatment. The remainder are primitive, or native-surface, roads.

In 2019, Montrose County will spend [\\$1,730,000 on bridge replacements](#), of which \$1,164,000 will come from state funding and \$566,000 will come from County funds. \$100,000 is budgeted for bridge-related projects in 2019 as well.

Laube also discussed the county's [gravel roads](#), which are rated on a scale from A to D according to condition. With a focus on upgrading roads that are rated B and C, "In a year or two we will have zero D roads," Laube said. "There are no roads rated F."

"I appreciate your proactive perspective," Hansen said. "The further out you plan, the better decisions you make."

"If it wasn't for the road and bridge tax the community passed years ago, this would not be happening right now," Cadby said. "Our roads would be in horrendous condition, which they were for a long time...it's still going to take a few more years to get 'em where we want them...it's very important that we have good roads that are safe, that our citizens can travel on, to go to and from recreation, work...I want to thank the County of Montrose and all the citizens of the County of Montrose for helping us out with that."

Citizen Nancy Medlock addressed the

BOCC. "I would really, really like to thank the road crews that redid 6400 Road," she said.

"Right now I think it's probably the best road in the county...now that it's done it's fantastic, except where it hits Spring Creek...it's fantastic and I really appreciate it."

Rash praised the work of County Road and Bridge staff.

"I hear from our public all the time, citizens come up and talk about our road and bridge department and what a professional bunch of folks they are," Rash said. "...Our staff actually does some better paving than some of the local companies that have paved some of our roads...kudos to your crews for doing a fantastic job."

He also noted the example of tax dollars being used in a professional, non-wasteful manner.

"I am just so proud of our group, our people out there, the men and women out there...everything they do," Rash said. "...they are the ones, when it snows on Thanksgiving, Christmas, they'll be out there plowing our roads, guaranteed."

Caddy noted that the County's West End Road and Bridge crew does the same quality of work.

"It's just a very, very good, well-rounded division of the County of Montrose."

Deputy County Manager Jon Waschbusch pointed out that the Road and Bridge Department has also done an excellent job of putting impact fee funding back into the County road system.

"That is revenue that taxpayers put in that had not previously been put to use; under Keith's leadership that money has gone back into the roads as well."

### **MONTROSE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

The BOCC reconvened as the County Board of Health, approving and adopting unanimously Board of Health [Resolution 18-03](#), a revised resolution that governs the review and design of on-site waste water treatment systems.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.





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Jack Switzer. Mirror file photo.

By Jack Switzer, MHS Sophomore  
MONTROSE-My eyes slide open slowly, revealing the ceiling above. I sit up and feel a tug in my lungs. My chest forces itself inward and my throat burns. I cough for a good two minutes before I get so much as a breathing break. My chest is tight and I have to hold my stomach in to keep myself from going into another coughing fit. I stand up and scan the room for my clothes, when I feel my body pulse

and chills run throughout me. I can barely stand, and collapse back onto my bed. The force of the landing despite the short distance makes me cough again. My mind is all over the place; I didn't know what was happening until 10 minutes later I came to the realization that I must have caught the flu.

The past week has been the worst week of my life, with random hot flashes, headaches, and a never-ending cough. It has taken nearly all of my available resources to even feel a little bit better, taking two showers a day, chugging fluids, using any methods I find, and anything else.

But the only reason I got this sick in the first place is because I didn't take care of myself when the cold weather started coming in. I ignored parental advice, wore light clothes, and stayed outside for long periods of time, letting myself get nice and cold. I also ignored getting a flu shot for five minutes too long, which should have

been the first thing I did when it turned November.

I cannot emphasize how important getting that shot is; it can save you so much time and trouble, it could have prevented my sickness even though I didn't take care of myself.

It's important to be cautious about what you wear and what you do when it's flu season, or just in general. I'd recommend staying out of the cold for long periods of time, and keeping warm.

Make sure you're warm at night, and stay away from large areas filled with people, just because sickness spreads easily in those environments.

Another good idea is to tell your friend if they should dress better or to avoid doing something that could make them sick as well--gotta look out for your fellow humans, because wearing a crop top in December could seriously mess you up later on.

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## CITY CONSIDERS CODE UPDATES TO ADDRESS VAPING



*Montrose High School Guidance Counselor Mary Boyers spoke about the dangers of youth vaping at the City Council work session on Nov. 19.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Montrose City Council convened for a [work session](#) on Monday, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m.

### CODE UPDATES TO ADDRESS VAPING

Colorado has the nation's highest percentage of teen vape users, and Region 10 (Montrose, Delta, Ouray, San Miguel, Gunnison and Hinsdale counties) has the highest rate of teen vape use in the State of Colorado. That startling statistic was shared by Montrose High School Guidance Counselor Mary Boyers at the Montrose City Council work session on Nov. 19, as Council discussed updates to the municipal code to address youth vaping. Boyers, who has helped to spearhead a community-wide outreach campaign on vape use, was on hand to share facts and information.

"There are a lot of negative impacts on the body; you are inhaling a variety of concentrated chemicals," Boyers said, "...teen brains are extremely susceptible to the addictive impacts of nicotine."

Within a year of starting to vape, many teens switch to smoking cigarettes, which are cheaper and easier to obtain, she said. "We are very pleased that you are

looking at some regulations. Three cities in Colorado, Aspen, Carbondale and Basalt, have raised the legal age to 21."

Mayor Roy Anderson thanked Boyers for the information. "That was a terrific summary."

"The FDA has a new report on youth smoking," City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said. "...Ninety percent of adult smokers started prior to the age of 18...there has been a 78 percent increase in high school vaping nationwide, and a 41 percent increase in middle school vaping...statistics indicate that very few minors purchase for themselves; the number one supplier is parents."

City Code presently prohibits smoking in public by those under age 18, he noted, adding that nicotine is the addictive element in smoking. Alcorn suggested that Council could also look at the paraphernalia used to vape.

Still, "Keeping everything in perspective, laws don't stop kids from using, neither will this prevent youth vaping."

Following further discussion, Alcorn informed Council that currently, the excuse offered by 75 percent of illegal vape users is, "I didn't know."

With changes to City Code and greater awareness, "It won't take long before kids know, or should know, that it's not allowed in school," he said. "We will incorporate the fact that it is not legal into our program."

Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall said that once Council moves forward with Code updates concerning vape use, School Resource Officers will be better able to address the issue on campus.

Outdoor vape use was discussed, as was the original City of Montrose smoking ordinance, which allowed smoking in establishments with tavern liquor licenses at the time of passage in 2001. City Clerk Lisa Del Piccolo noted that the only establishment that is still permitted to allow smoking is Niko's Tavern.

State law and the Clean Air Act also control where smoking can be allowed, Alcorn said. "What we are saying is, 'where you can't smoke, you can't vape...where you can smoke, you can vape.'"

Council discussed the timing of the amended ordinance; Councilor Dave Bowman suggested waiting until after a Jan. 17 community meeting hosted by RE-1J schools.

Chief Hall compared the amended ordinance to a change of speed limits; "Initially, we will give out warnings," he said. Hall said that he will be meeting with RE-1J's new Director of Safety and Security James Pavlich in December. "That might be an opportunity to talk about that education piece." Hall agreed to represent the City at the RE-1J community meeting in January.

Mayor Roy Anderson said that the Montrose Youth Council could help educate the community about the changes to the City ordinance as well.

Councilor Barbara Bynum, who had asked for code updates to address vaping, thanked staff for their work on the changes, "Thank you for all of your work on this, and for the quick turnaround."

### SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the [2018 supplemental budget](#),

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which incorporates unanticipated expenditures and projects that occurred in 2018, for example purchase of properties and/or right of way for the Connect Trail initiative and the Miami Roundabout, improvements to Cerro Reservoir and rebuilding of the pedestrian bridge after it was damaged by fire. The supplemental budget must be approved by year's end, Wittenberg said. "It will be on the agenda in December; we don't want to confuse it with the 2019 budget."

### **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Councilor Doug Glaspell noted that the former Montrose Area Merchants Association (MAMA) was finally dissolved; a check containing that organization's funds was given to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Glaspell also said that the Montrose County Board of Commissioners recently passed a resolution stating that they would remain politically neutral. "I am wondering if that's something we might want to consider."

"Not me," Bowman said.

"I like that we can look at ballot issues case by case," Bynum said. "I would not want to pass a blanket resolution."

"We should have the freedom to respond to situations," Mayor Anderson said.

Glaspell said that he had recently toured the City's wastewater treatment plant. "Interesting the things people put down the garbage disposal," Glaspell said. "That can cause problems on the other end."

Bowman praised staff for the work on

the South Hillcrest Extension.

"Great job on that project."

Bynum and Councilor Judy Ann Files both mentioned the usefulness of the recent CDOT Open House; Bynum also brought up the subject of short-term rentals within City limits.

"This is an opportunity to be proactive rather than reactive," Bynum said.

Morgenthaler said that Telluride has had an ordinance in place for a long time; "Ouray County is revising theirs right now...a lot of communities on the Western Slope are looking at this."

Police Chief Hall said that in future the Police Department will recruit officers through criminal justice classes and reminded Council that the Holiday party season is coming up; "We have a grant for enforcement...don't drink and drive." The next Citizens' Police Academy starts Jan. 7, he said.

City Manager Bill Bell said, "There have been a lot of questions on why we are making our (public safety) volunteers go through the training (citizens' police academy) ...it's important that everyone on the committee starts on the same page...our biggest supporters don't always have the details."

"If someone didn't want to attend, they wouldn't be a good candidate," Anderson said.



**Montrose City Councilors Dave Bowman (left) and Doug Glaspell listen at the work session Nov. 19.**

Anderson praised staffer William Woody for a video Woody recently did on behalf of the City, to promote the Looney Bean. "It's really cool...thanks for that."

"I am doing them (local business videos) every Friday," Woody said.

City Clerk DelPiccolo said that response has been strong for the City's proposed Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee, and that an alcohol server training class will take place Nov. 29.

Chief Hall said that the Police Department will replace two commanders, as a result of his promotion to Chief and Commander Gene Lillard's election as Montrose County Sheriff.

"We have some excellent candidates," Hall said.



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# CITY OF MONTROSE SWEARS IN TWO APPOINTED STAFFERS, POLICE CHIEF BLAINE HALL REMINDS COUNCIL AND PUBLIC TO TAKE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



*Montrose Mayor Roy Anderson (right) accepts a signed poster from Montrose Summer Music Series Board Members Pete and Lisa Isaacson.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The room was packed for the regular Montrose City Council meeting of Nov. 20, as friends, family and colleagues turned out to see Police Chief Blaine Hall and Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler officially sworn into office.

Prior to the call for public comment, Council accepted a signed, framed poster from Pete and Lisa Isaacson of the Montrose Summer Music Series as a thank you for support.

"...We'll have a nice mix of music this year," Pete Isaacson said.

Montrose Mayor Roy Anderson thanked the Music Series board, which also includes City Councilor Dave Bowman. "Thank you so much; you guys really enhance life in Montrose. We'll cherish this."

## CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received from the public.

## OATHS OF OFFICE

Two appointed staff members, Montrose Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler and Police Chief Blaine Hall, were given the oath of office and officially sworn in.

## LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Council voted unanimously to approve a fermented malt beverage license for Stinker Stores at 1103 South Townsend Avenue.

Representing the applicant, Retail Territory Manager Jessica Murphy of Stinker Stores was before Council for the second time concerning the application, which first came before Council on Oct. 16 but was tabled at the request of Councilor Barbara Bynum.

"...I have learned from this experience," Murphy said, noting that license applications for four other company stores had already received approval. "This is my last hearing; they told in Grand Junction that they have never seen anybody turn in such a perfect survey."

## 2019 BUDGET APPROVAL

Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2461, providing and appropriating funds to defray the City's expenses and liabilities for the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2019; and Resolution 2018-31, adopting the [2019 Municipal budget](#).

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg

introduced the Ordinance approving the \$58M budget.

Said Councilor Bynum, "I appreciate the process...I feel really confident that you and staff have put together a good budget going forward."

Councilor Judy Ann Files said that complete [budget information](#) can be found online.

## RESOLUTION 2018-32

Council unanimously voted to approve updates to the City's fee schedule; Council received a redlined version, slightly updated since the changes were discussed at length in work session Nov. 5.

"I appreciate that we were able to go over it line by line in the work session a couple of weeks ago," Bynum said.

Mayor Anderson thanked staff for putting the fee schedule update together. "You did a really great job."

## RESOLUTION 2018-33

Council unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to opt in to the [Gray and Black Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant Program](#). The grant was previously discussed in work session Nov. 5.

"This will be very useful to our police department and the paperwork required of our police force is minimal," Mayor Anderson said.

## RESOLUTION 2018-34 AND WESTCO DISPATCH REPRESENTATIVE

Council voted unanimously to appoint Police Chief Blaine Hall to the boards of directors of both the Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METSA) and the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center Board of Directors.

City Manager Bill Bell clarified the status of WestCo Dispatch; "We definitely need Blaine to represent us at WestCo meetings...we provide quite a lot of in-kind service to WestCo and in return for that I get to serve as a voluntary board member...WestCo is a standalone dispatch center; it's not owned by the City."

## ***CITY OF MONTROSE SWEARS IN TWO APPOINTED STAFFERS, POLICE CHIEF BLAINE HALL REMINDS COUNCIL AND PUBLIC TO TAKE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS From previous pg***



*At left, Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler signs the oath of office; center, new Police Chief Blaine Hall poses for a photo with family and friends; at right, Youth Council Rep Harrison Hall, second from left, gave a post-event report on the Rock the Rec event.*

WestCo will soon move to the space formerly occupied by the Montrose Regional Dispatch Center.

"It was built as a state-of-the-art facility," Bell said. "We're all really happy that (Westco) is now at the County facility. It's not a county or a city-owned dispatch center."

Chief Hall noted that all 19 agencies involved in WestCo have an equal say. "That's what makes it such a good thing."

### **BRIDGES AT BLACK CANYON SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 9 FINAL PLAT**

Senior Planner Garry Baker presented information on the filing. "This project is a good example of a strong economy," Baker said, noting the lots will have a smaller footprint than most of the lots at Bridges. The plat first came before the Planning Commission in 2004; "We are essentially obligated to honor what was approved back then."

Council voted unanimously to approve the Bridges at Black Canyon Subdivision Filing No. 9 Final Plat, "conditioned upon City staff ensuring that all policies, regulations, ordinances and municipal code provisions are met and that the Applicant adequately addresses all of staff's concerns prior to the execution of the Final Plat."

### **FIRST AMENDMENT TO COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT**

Council voted unanimously to approve

the first amendment to the commercial lease agreement between the City of Montrose and Tuxedo Corn Company, LLC, amending the liability insurance requirement.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Wittenberg presented a third quarter budget review.

Chief Hall presented a public safety update; "We have had a couple of sizeable property crimes over the last few weeks," Hall said, "involving thefts from vehicles and thefts of firearms from vehicles."

He reminded the public to take precautions to ensure safety and prevent theft.

"Don't put your firearm in your car overnight; lock your car."

If you will be gone all day during the holidays, "Please make arrangements with your neighbors to pick up your packages; don't leave them out there all day."

And for those attending parties, "Use a designated driver...if you are driving and suspect someone in front of you has been drinking, please call."

Calls can be made to 911, or to dispatch at 970-249-9110.

The next citizens' police academy begins Jan. 7; "We are taking applications for the program. It's a great way to learn about your police department."

There are currently 19 applicants for the City's Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee; the deadline for applications is

Nov. 27.

Mayor Anderson thanked Hall for the report and for helping to keep citizens safe.

Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler provided an update on holiday events and Small Business Saturday (Nov. 24).

Youth Council Representative Harrison Hall presented a follow-up on the recent Rock the Rec event.

"It went pretty well...some kids were forging papers, saying, 'My mom signed it,' when really she didn't...some laser tag equipment failed...we need to test equipment to make sure it works, and have a backup plan." Youth Councilors are holding a Sharing Ministries Food Drive and have discussed the issue of youth vaping.

### **COMMENTS**

City Manager Bell reminded everyone that Black Canyon Golf Course is offering an Early Bird discount on season passes.

Councilor Glaspell commented on a recent visit to the Wastewater Treatment Plant with Morgenthaler.

"I am really amazed at the amount of automation we have out there...we both washed our hands after we left."

Councilor Bowman wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving; Anderson congratulated the Montrose High School Football team on their successes.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.





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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### AMID THE JOY, CELEBRATION & CHAOS, A FEW SOBERING THOUGHTS!

*Editor:*

From Thanksgiving to the New Year, we focus on food, celebration, parades, gifting and joy. For Law Enforcement and First Responders, the holidays become even more stressful. There will certainly be more DUIs, accidents, family fights, thefts, and overdoses. With the passage of Ballot Issue 7A recently, the residents of the Montrose Fire Protection District avoided a pending disaster in the future. The next crisis, becoming more obvious each and every day, is the under-funding and understaffing of the Montrose Police Dept. From the most recently available monthly report to the Montrose City Council (September), significant increases over the 2017 categories included: calls for service (+11%), assaults (+32%), domestic violence (+16%), drug arrests (+15%), DUI (accidents +143%), DUI (officer Observed +17%), traffic citations (+29%), felony adult arrests (+21%), felony juvenile arrests (+20) and adult misdemeanor arrests (+13%).

Our juvenile vaping (e-cigarettes) rate is higher than the state and national averages as is the area theft rate. Crime is a very real problem in Montrose today.

Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. assists all law enforcement agencies. Since inception, its anonymous Tip communication process (telephonic - 970-249-8500); mobile app (P3Tips) and web-based (P3Tips.com), with possible cash rewards, has accounted for more than 50 arrests, the clearing of over 130 charges, awards of over \$10,500, and caused the recovery of significant stolen property and drugs.

The need for a change in community priorities is clear. Public safety, for our residents, visitors and their property, needs immediate elevation in the eyes of our communities and their leadership. The Rec Center, Water Park, Library, business development, and Event Center, are all well-intentioned positive expenditures, but public safety must now take a much higher priority. The Montrose Police Dept.

needs additional funding NOW. We have good leadership of both Montrose County and the City of Montrose and with a new Police Chief and a new Sheriff in the near future, the future looks positive. However, funding for the Montrose Police Dept. needs to be increased immediately as well as in the future. 15 additional officers are needed today just to meet existing staffing requirements, in addition to more support personnel. The future of our communities depends upon adequate staffing and funding for all of our law enforcement agencies and related entities.

The holiday season is the perfect time to show our appreciation for all of our First Responders and Law Enforcement personnel. Thank them for protecting you, your family and your property. They all deserve our deepest respect, support and gratitude.

Have a joyous and safe holiday season.

*John W. Nelson*

*Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc.*

## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### PLEASE, KEEP BIRD FEEDERS CLEAN TO KEEP BIRDS HEALTHY

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Backyard birders love their feeders, but when birds get bunched up they can pass around diseases.

You can help prevent diseases through proper use and regular cleaning of bird feeders and bird baths.

A recent observation in the Montrose area of house finches with swollen, crusty eyes sent up warning flags for Colorado Parks and Wildlife biologists for house-finch eye disease.

The disease, also called mycoplasmal conjunctivitis, is slowly spreading across the United States and Colorado birds are at risk.

Although house-finch eye disease has not yet been confirmed in Colorado, it is important to remember that this disease and several others are commonly spread at bird feeders and bird baths.

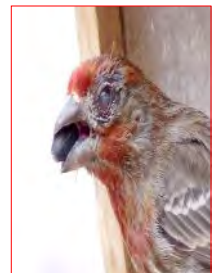
Other diseases include salmonellosis, trichomoniasis, avian pox, pigeon paramyxovirus and aspergillosis.

"Watching birds at feeders, especially during the winter, is a great way to enjoy and learn about the beauty of nature," said Karen Fox, wildlife pathologist for Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

"Unfortunately, bird feeders and bird baths can quickly become contaminated with bacteria, viruses, parasites, and fungi

if visited by sick birds. These germs are then spread to other healthy birds visiting the same feeders. Crowding of birds makes it even easier for germs to spread and large numbers of birds can become sick and even die."

Most bird feeders should be cleaned at least once a month and bird baths at least once a week.



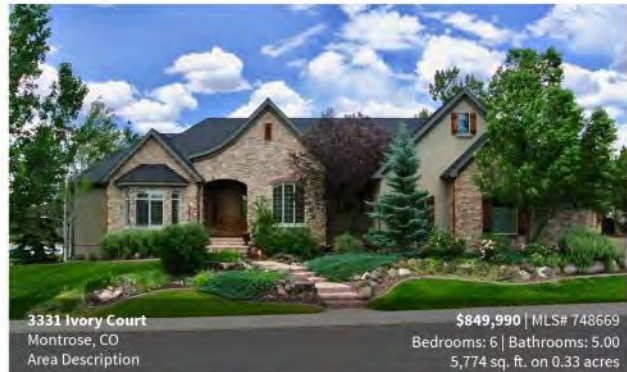
***This house finch has an eye disease commonly contracted at dirty bird feeders. CPW urges backyard birders to keep feeders clean. CPW Courtesy photo.***





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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### HANG HOLIDAY DECORATIONS WITH WILDLIFE IN MIND

*Special to the Mirror*

COLORADO-While holiday lights brighten the short days of early winter, Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds residents to hang outdoor decorations with wildlife in mind.

Every year CPW gets reports and photos of bucks snarled in decorations. In Salida recently, a buck deer became tangled in a rope being used as part of an outdoor display. Colorado Parks and Wildlife officers and staff from the Salida fire department helped cut it loose ; but the deer is still dragging around some rope.

Deer are entering their mating season and bucks are moving around with only one thing on their mind: finding a mate.

To prevent animals from getting snared,

CPW suggests that decorations be wrapped tightly around posts and trees. Lights that are hanging should be at least six feet off the ground for the entire length and fastened securely at the ends. Lights should not be draped over bushes or trees. And decorations attached to a house or building should be secured tightly.

CPW also suggests putting away other items that bucks can get tangled in, such as volleyball nets, tricycles, wire items used for gardening, garden tools, hammocks, swings, etc.

If you see a buck that has become snared in decorations or some other item, call the nearest CPW office. A wildlife officer will attempt to find the animal and



***This buck was tangled recently in ropes being used for a holiday display in Salida. It was cut loose. CPW reminds people to keep wildlife in mind when hanging decorations outside. CPW courtesy photo.***

make a determination if it is in a life-threatening situation. For office locations and phone numbers: <http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/>

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN PRESENT CIVIC AWARDS

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Montrose community members and organizations were honored and celebrated during the 2018 Montrose County Civic Award ceremony Saturday evening Nov. 17. Hosted by the Montrose County Republican Women, nine local volunteers and service organizations were chosen because of their hard work, passion, dedication, and tenacity to help people in need. This annual, non-partisan, award is an outreach to recognize those who make a difference in the lives of others through comfort, support, protection, education, change, and the realization of dreams.

MCRW President, Dianna Coram, opened the ceremonies, held at the Montrose Hampton Inn, noting the importance volunteerism and charitable acts make to a community. First Vice President, Kerri Catlin stated, "These selfless heroes stand tall and don't waver. They are the light, which brings hope and inspiration to our hearts and minds and are the reason our community shines as a beacon of hope." She shared a verse from the Bible, John 8, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Coram and Catlin expressed that Montrose County is truly blessed. MCRW Chapter members read biographies of each Montrose County Civic Award recipient followed by presenting them with a certificate and a coffee mug with a Colorado flag design.

The Montrose County Civic Award reads: In recognition for your participation and resolve and hard work to make our community a better place to live. Thank you for your perseverance, perspiration, and professionalism. May joy fill your heart and luck come to you through your gracious giving to others.

#### **Receiving awards:**

**County Support-** Robbi and Adam Murdie were honored for their most recent efforts in delivering needed items to the West End of Montrose County and extending a helping hand to those in need outside of their law-enforcement jobs. MCRW Chap-



**Montrose County Civic Award Recipients: Back- Bikers Against Child Abuse. Middle- Bill Babel- The Flag Man, Pastor Jeremiah Quintin- Christ's Kitchen, Adam & Robbi Murdie- County Support. Front- Ed Ulibarri- Veteran and Local Supporter, Roena Frank-MCRW Chaplin, Thomas 'Doc' Canfield- Doctor and Advocate, Dianna Coram- Montrose Keystone, Betty Hayes- Life Time Achievement, Sandy Longmore- Foster Care Parent. Courtesy photo.**

ter member Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap presented award.

**Veteran and Local Supporter-** Ed Ulibarri volunteers his time and talents to various civic organizations as a board member, an instructor of Taekwondo free to veterans, or just as a neighbor helping with needed construction. MCRW Chapter member and Colorado Senator District 6 Don Coram presented award.

**Foster Care-** Sandy Longmore dedicates her time as a foster parent having given love and care to 150 children; she continues her service. Sandy touches countless numbers of inmates, shut-ins, the elderly with her creative cards and messages for those needing a kind word of support or recognition. MCRW Second Vice President Cherie Whiteford presented.

**'Doc' and Advocate-** Thomas 'Doc' Canfield goes above and beyond his duties as Montrose County Coroner through his

efforts to advocate for those who have died and give comfort and support to the aggrieved. 'Doc' is a strong voice in suicide and drug prevention. His most recent stand, to stop the carnage on Hwy 550 South as the driving force to improve the roadway with rumble strips. MCRW Chapter member Montrose County Assistant Deputy Coroner Rick Fellenbaum presented.

**Christ's Kitchen-** Pastor Jeremiah Quintin uses his gifts for creating meals for homeless and those needing nourishment and comradery. Jeremiah serves over 40 people daily at Christ's Kitchen on South Townsend Avenue. He is always finding ways to accommodate those without the necessities. MCRW Chapter member Nancy Medlock presented.

**Veteran and Patriot-** Bill Babel is known as "The Flag Man". A veteran of the Viet Nam War, Bill takes



## REPUBLICAN WOMEN PRESENT CIVIC AWARDS *From previous pg*



**County Support- Robbi and Adam Murdie awarded by Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap. Courtesy photo.**



**Protection and Service for Youth- Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) 'Ghost' and his crew of bikers awarded by Colorado HD58 Representative Marc Catlin. Courtesy photo.**

great pride in the American flag. He uses his retirement pay to install flagpoles for those wanting to display the Stars and Stripes. He asks that his client pay forward for another person to have the same opportunity to display the US flag. He is hoping his efforts will create a 'wave of patriotism' across our community. MRCW Chapter member Ray Langston presented.

**Protection and Service for Youth-** Bikers Against Child Abuse is a National group that builds bonds with youngsters as they move through the court system. 'Ghost' and his crew of bikers use their strength, appearance, and love for children to be advocates for abused youth. The purpose of BACA is to give children courage and a voice. MRCW

Chapter member and Colorado HD58 Representative Marc Catlin presented the award.

**Life Time Achievement and Patriot-** Betty Hayes, our Montrose 'Rosie the Riveter', has spent a lifetime in service to America and those in her community. As part of the women's workforce in WWII, Betty helped build B-24 bombers. From that time forward, Betty has continued to use



**Foster Care- Sandy Longmore awarded by MCRW Second Vice President Cherie Whiteford. Courtesy photo.**

her talents to serve others. Currently she is involved in "Meals-on Wheels" for shut-ins. At 94 years, she is very active in the community and her church. MCRW Chaplin Roena Frank presented.

**Montrose Keystone-** Dianna Coram is a Western Slope native and through the years has had a hand in promoting many civic institutions such as the Dolphin



**Life Time Achievement and Patriot- Betty Hayes, Montrose 'Rosie the Riveter' awarded by MCRW Chaplin Roena Frank. Courtesy photo.**

House, Main in Motion, and currently, Save the Sculptures campaign. She is very active in politics and political organizations as well. If you need someone to help promote and fundraise, Dianna is woman to call. MCRW Treasurer Donna Rose presented.



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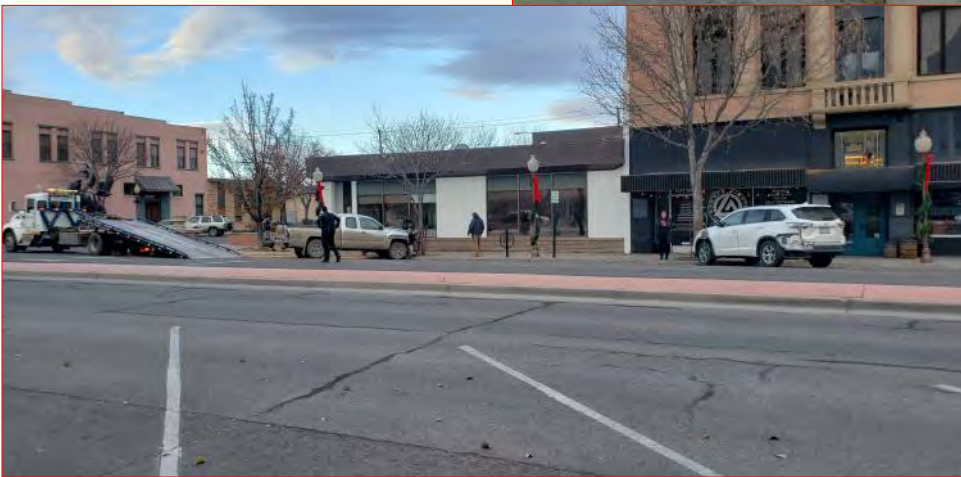
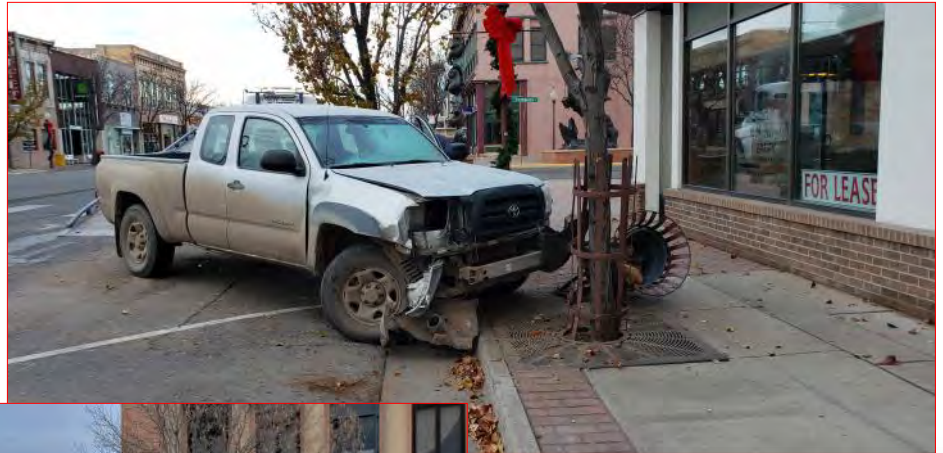


# BLACK FRIDAY HIT & RUN TAKES OUT FAMILY CARS

*Photos by Gail Marvel*

**MONTROSE**-Montrose police officers immediately caught the drunk driver who hit-and-ran vehicles belonging to Downtown business owners Harris and Yvonne Meek early Friday morning, causing \$8K in damage to one vehicle and totaling the other.

Yvonne Meek, who was preparing for a Saturday event at her Lark & Sparrow venue, called the accident, "Unbelievable...I am just glad Harris did not leave for work a few minutes earlier."



## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### COLORADO'S COUNTY CLERKS WRAP UP THIRD RISK-LIMITING AUDIT

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER-Secretary of State Wayne Williams announced today that Colorado has successfully completed its [third risk-limiting audit](#), a process designed to catch mistakes when ballots are tabulated.

The procedure provides strong statistical evidence that the election outcome is right and has a high probability of correcting a wrong outcome. Risk-limiting audits require election officials to examine and verify more ballots in close races and fewer ballots in races with wide margins.

The races to audit were chosen through a random seed, which is a number consisting of at least 20 digits. The number is created by sequential rolls of 20 individual 10-sided dice. This number is used to determine which specific ballots will be pulled in each race to compare with the election results. Among these races are county clerk contests, mayoral elections and the first statewide race in Colorado to go through the process: the bid for attorney general between Republican George Brauchler and Democrat [Phil Weiser, the](#)

[victor](#). All participating counties completed the state question without error.

Five counties had to do a second round on the county questions. Those counties are Jefferson, Pueblo, Chaffee, Lake, and Kiowa. One county, Otero, had to do four rounds due to human error when pulling ballots. Two counties, Jackson and San Juan, did not participate in this year's risk-limiting audit because they hand count their ballots. For more information on this and past audits, visit the [Audit Center](#).





## **OURAY'S WINE, CHOCOLATE & CHEESE FEST CELEBRATES 10TH YEAR**

***Featuring five-course wine dinner, live music and holiday shopping***

### *Special to Art & Sol*

OURAY—Ouray's Wine, Chocolate and Cheese Festival is celebrating its 10th consecutive year with another food and wine packed weekend. A five-course wine dinner with acclaimed-chef Lucas Wentzel kicks things off on Friday, Dec. 7, followed by the festival itself on Saturday, Dec. 8. In addition to holiday shopping and wine, cheese and chocolate vendors, this year's festival will feature Swing City Express—a 10-person swing and jazz band—with live music from around the world to match this year's theme: Around the World in 80 Days.

"I'm super excited about the 10-piece band, it will bring lots of energy," says Faith Parry, the festival director. "We have a couple new vendors and we're getting a lot of presales. Plus, the wine dinner is going to be amazing and if you do the dinner and the festival you save \$10. It's a great deal."

The Wine, Chocolate and Cheese Festival is expecting 20 vendors who specialize in regional wines, chocolates and artisanal

cheeses. Samples are plentiful, and products are available for purchase. The list of vendors also includes artists whose offerings make this event perfect for holiday shopping. For those looking to challenge themselves, Conundrum Escape Rooms will have a pop-up escape room at the event.

This year's theme sets the tone for Swing City Express' set list and the annual costume contest. Attendees are encouraged to dress in costumes from around the world to compete for the prize. The festival takes place at the Ouray Community Center from 6-9 p.m. on December 8. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Friday's five-course dinner will be created by Chef Lucas Wentzel, a Swiss chef trained in European-style fine dining, and paired with local wines from Talon Wine Brands of Palisade. The evening of fine dining will take place at the Ouray Community Center at 5 p.m. on December 7. Registration is required by



***The Wine, Chocolate & Cheese Festival will showcase 20 vendors who specialize in regional wines, chocolates and artisanal cheeses. Courtesy photo.***

Dec. 1 and tickets are \$75 per person or \$90 for both the wine dinner and festival.

Tickets are available online at [coloradowinefest.org](http://coloradowinefest.org) or at the Wildflower Boutique in downtown Ouray. Proceeds benefit the Ouray Women's Club.



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: LOCAL LEADERS

### BCBGC'S BUD TAYLOR GRADUATES FROM NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT COHORT PROGRAM

*Special to Art & Sol*

REGIONAL-Richard "Bud" Taylor, executive director of the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club, recently graduated from the Non-profit Leadership & Management Cohort Program. This nine-month program, offered by the Community Resource Center (CRC) for new executive directors of nonprofit organizations in Colorado, helps participants expand leadership capabilities

and develop new management strategies while providing powerful networking opportunities within the Colorado nonprofit community.

Bud not only was chosen to participate in this prominent program, but was also the recipient of the Anschutz Family Foundation scholarship to facilitate his attendance. For more information about the program, check out <https://>

[crcamerica.org/programs/leadership/2018-leadership-cohort/](https://crcamerica.org/programs/leadership/2018-leadership-cohort/). For more information on the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club, please check out [www.bcbgc.org](http://www.bcbgc.org).



*Bud Taylor. Courtesy photo.*

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

### SPANISH TRAILS NAVIGATION: DOMINGUEZ & ESCALANTE WERE NEVER LOST!

#### *Subject of Tri-Organization Meeting*

##### *Special to Art & Sol*

GRAND JUNCTION-Celestial Navigation Along the Old Spanish Trail will be the subject of a meeting of three area organizations Tuesday, Dec. 4, 6 pm, in the Mesa Room, Mesa County Library, 6th and Grand. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Col. (Ret) Al Matheson will present "Spanish Trails Navigation: Dominguez

and Escalante were never lost!" and share some of his collection of antique navigation instruments. Col. Matheson is a Master Navigator and Senior Space Operations Officer with a decorated career in the United States Air Force. He is a noted speaker and lecturer on National Historic Trails, aviation archeology, and has been an active leader of the Old Spanish Trail Association.

The meeting will also include discussion of a potential Southwest Star Party and information about the International Dark Skies Initiative.

The Mesa County Astronomy Club will host the meeting along with members of the Old Spanish Trail Association and the Mesa County Colorado Archaeology Society. For more information, call Vicki at 245-8484.

### BEYOND THE GROOVE PRESENTS CORY HENRY & THE FUNK APOSTLES, THE FLOOZIES, THE MOTET AND JJ GREY & MOFRO

##### *Special to Art & Sol*

TELLURIDE- Beyond the Groove is pleased to announce its first shows for the winter 2018-2019 season in Telluride, Colorado. This winter, Club Red is excited to welcome a wide variety of acts, ranging from Rock to Jazz to funk and soul.

"This winter season brings new acts to Club Red, and we look forward to another music-filled winter in Telluride," said Denise Mongan of Beyond the Groove Productions. All Club Red shows are all ages, with a variety of ticket levels, ranging from general admission to high table seating to preferred platform seating and some VIP ticketed experiences. All tickets are on sale and available for purchase at [clubredtelluride.com](http://clubredtelluride.com).

##### **Winter 2018-2019 Club Red Performances**

##### **Cory Henry & The Funk Apostles — December 27, 2018**

Brooklyn NY native, Cory Henry, is telling everybody he is on his way. He is a two-time Grammy Award-winning keyboardist with musical roots in gospel, jazz, and soul. He brings together his newest passion and project, comprised of five of the world's best musicians, hand-picked to bring his musical concepts to life to tour with The Funk Apostles. Tickets start at \$35.

##### **The Floozies: Powder Rangers 3 with**

##### **Maddy O'Neal — January 11, 2019**

Just outside the jazz mecca of Kansas City springs liberal oasis Lawrence, Kansas—separated only by the waves of wheat from the epicenter of the electronic music revolution in Colorado. From Lawrence, it would logically follow that an act could rise to prominence fueled by the swing of Basie, the birth of Charlie Parker's bebop, and the wild frontier of electronica. Born in funk and bred in the digital age, live electronic duo The Floozies have burst onto the scene at a time when the industry needed them the most. Tickets start at \$25.

##### **An Evening with The Motet — January 12, 2019**

A concert or an album can unlock another world, if you let it. The Motet respect and revere this time-honored phenomenon. Fusing fiery funk, simmering soul, and improvisational inventiveness, the Denver, CO seven-piece—Lyle Divinsky [vocals], Dave Watts [drums], Joey Porter [keyboards], Garrett Sayers [bass], Ryan Jalbert [guitar], Parris Fleming [trumpet], and Drew Sayers [saxophone]—have continually provided an escape for listeners over the course of seven full-length albums since 1998, including their latest release Totem and with an upcoming 2019 release. That extends to countless sold-out shows and festivals everywhere from

Bonnaroo, Electric Forest, and Summer Camp to All Good Music Festival and High Sierra Music Festival as well as 16 consecutive years of themed Halloween concerts. Tickets start at \$30.

##### **JJ Grey & Mofro with Commonheart — February 5, 2019**

From the days of playing greasy local juke joints to headlining major festivals, JJ Grey remains an unfettered, blissful performer, singing with a blue-collared spirit over the bone-deep grooves of his compositions. His presence before an audience is something startling and immediate, at times a funk rave-up, other times a sort of mass-absolution for the mortal weaknesses that make him and his audience human. When you see JJ Grey and his band Mofro live—and you truly, absolutely must—the man is fearless. Tickets start at \$35.

Named by Skiing Magazine as one of ski country's best concert venues, Club Red brings a wide variety of crowd-pleasing entertainers to Telluride and Mountain Village, Colorado. With the region serving as a hotbed for national touring acts, Club Red adds another layer as an intimate, and family-friendly music venue where guests can get up close and personal with the musicians. For up-to-date information on the winter 2018/2019 schedule and future announcements from Beyond the Groove, visit [clubredtelluride.com](http://clubredtelluride.com).

## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

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Learn more about our program at [SeniorCommunityMeals.org](http://SeniorCommunityMeals.org)





## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

### FOURTH ANNUAL CRAB CRACK FUNDRAISER HELPS SUPPORT BLACK CANYON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

*Special to Art & Sol*

**MONTROSE**—The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club 4th Annual Crab Crack fundraising event was held Nov. 16 at the Montrose Pavilion. On stage are Executive Director Bud Taylor and event mascot, Camy Crab, hosting the live benefit auction to raise money to buy programming supplies for Montrose and Olathe youth.



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### MOUNTAIN MUNCHKINS HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL FAMILY DATE NIGHT

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**MOUNTAIN VILLAGE**— On Friday, Nov. 30, take the family out to the Telluride Conference Center for Mountain Munchkin's third annual Family Date Night.

All proceeds benefit the scholarship fund at [Mountain Munchkins](#), Mountain Village's child care center located at Village Court Apartments.

The fun evening will feature a bouncy castle, craft table, pictures with Santa, a ski pass raffle, silent auction and a screen-

ing of the film "Happy Feet."

Admission is \$10 (and \$5 for kids 12 and under), and there will also be a raffle to win a season's Telluride Ski Resort pass with raffle tickets available for \$10. There will be a cash bar available for adults as well.

The fun will take place 5:30-8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30 and the movie will begin at 6 p.m.

Established in 1996, Mountain Munchkins is a licensed infant, toddler and pre-

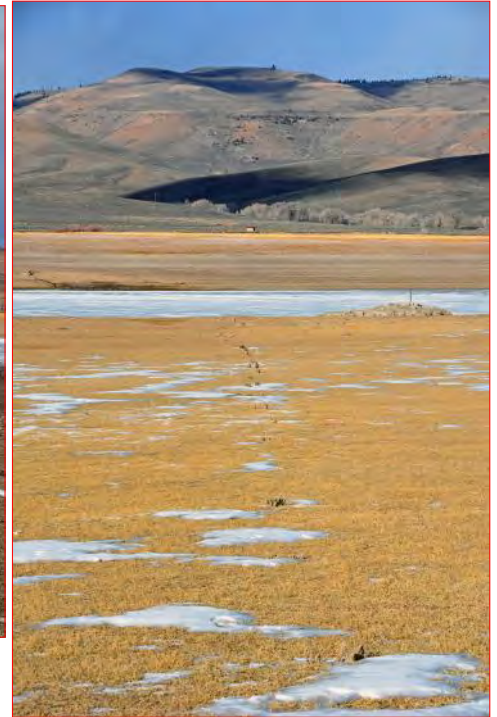
school center located at Village Court Apartments in Mountain Village. As a year-round program, it primarily provides childcare service to families who work in the Mountain Village and Telluride region.

Mountain Munchkins is owned, operated and subsidized by the Town of Mountain Village, and supported by grant-funding organizations like the Telluride Foundation, Just For Kids Foundation, CCAASE, Bright Futures and Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation.





## READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT...DEB REIMANN@ IOLA



*With the dramatic drop of Blue Mesa Reservoir's water level this year, the remnants of the Iola town have emerged. The town was abandoned in the 60's and residents displaced as the Blue Mesa Dam and Reservoir project began. Until now, this site had been deeply underwater. It holds sad and haunting reminders of a town that used to be...foundations, glass, vehicle parts, bricks, fence posts and even the school flag pole base that holds student initials and ranching brands. —Deb Reimann*





## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### SEVERAL SPOTS STILL OPEN IN LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE—Several places remain at the Leadership training workshop on Thursday, Nov. 29, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Montrose, 19 South Park Avenue.

This workshop will explore the difference between effective management and effective leadership, and help everyone recognize their potential and how to apply it in their organization. Trainers are Denise Clark of Telluride and Emily Shamsid-Deen of Denver, both experienced and savvy nonprofit professionals.

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, or \$65 at the door.

For more information, or to receive the registration link, contact Maryo Ewell at the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley, [maryo@cfgv.org](mailto:maryo@cfgv.org) or 641-3570.



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# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

## Election boo-boo



**Newly re-elect Southern Ute Tribal councilperson Lorelei Cloud (courtesy photo).**

**MEA CULPA** ... It seemed anomalous, as I wrote last week -- incumbent Don Coram getting less votes than Guinn Unger in his home county. Well, it wasn't just anomalous. It was wrong. The results I read in Grand Junction's *Daily Sentinel*, "as reported by the Colorado Secretary of State," were incorrect results ... As Don gently pointed out in a surprised email, this was a very real case of "fake news." So, I want to publicly apologize to him for getting things quite wrong. The actual final count in Montrose County was 13,192 for Don (71.6%) and 5,220 for Guinn (28.4%). That's once again a landslide for Coram, as it's been for all the years he's been in local office. Where the *Daily Senile* got the 8,000+ votes for Unger and 7,000+ for Coram in Montrose County, I have no idea. But my bad for trusting them ... Don's done a good job of representing all of us in the Sixth State Senatorial district, and (even as a non-Republican) I've supported him in his conservative but independent perspective. So no anomalies in



**Dolores former mayor and current councilperson Val Truelsen at a recent meeting, second from the right (KSJD photo).**

voter ranks locally. Congratulations, Don.

**VOTING** ... Almost every voting cycle, talking heads lament the small percentage of citizens who actually vote. But it's hardly a surprise. We have many policies in this country that actively discourage folks from filling out ballots ... Remember only propertied male Euro-Americans were given the franchise to vote at the nation's founding. Women were only granted the right in 1920. After the passage of the 1924 citizenship bill, it still took more than forty years for all fifty states to allow Native Americans to vote. African-Americans had to wait until 1965 to have the right to vote guaranteed ... Many states disenfranchise convicted felons, even after they have served their time. Many states have voter ID laws requiring driver's licenses or photo IDs or verifiable addresses, all of which discriminate against certain segments of our population. Many countries hold elections on weekends, but the U.S. does it on Tuesdays, when many low-paid workers are not given time off to vote. With a large mobile population, voter rolls are not purged in a timely way in some states when someone moves out of a county, or even when voters die, or as in Georgia purged immediately after an election where a person doesn't vote ... According to Noah Berlatsky in the *Los Angeles Times*, "Thanks to all these obstacles, the U.S. ranks 31<sup>st</sup> among 34 developed

nations in voter turnout" ... Is it any wonder that not everyone's political choices are heard in our country?

**REZ NEWS** ... According to the Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*, seven candidates competed to fill two seats on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council. Incumbent Lorelei Cloud was the highest vote-getter (221) and with that majority vote won one seat. Runner-ups Shane Seibel (99) and W. Bruce Valdez (91) will compete in a run-off election on Dec. 14 for the remaining vacant seat. Of the 994 registered tribal members, 711 cast their ballot (one was spoiled). Losing candidates included Aaron V. Torres (89), Amy J. Barry (86), Byron Frost (64), and Lindsay J. Box (61) ... Ernest J. House, Jr., outgoing director of the Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs, emceed the opening ceremony of the 75<sup>th</sup> meeting of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) -- the oldest, largest and representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country. The gathering was held Oct. 22-26 in Denver, where NCAI was first founded. According to the *Drum*, "Tribal sovereignty and empowerment were key issues addressed during the general assembly sessions each day." One of the best attended breakout sessions was devoted to the legalization of cannabis, with a number of tribal leaders "seeking clarification on this complex legal matter now influencing many tribal economies ... [C] hanging laws are impacting federally recognized tribes, while also opening up viable economic opportunities. But the path forward is complex, and even unclear for tribes who are also tied to federal funding and grants" ... The Southern Ute Museum in Ignacio is hosting "Living with Wolves: A Photographic Exhibit" through November and "Riders of the West: Portraits from Indian Rodeo" through February. For more info, visit [www.southernutemuseum.org](http://www.southernutemuseum.org) ... In collaboration with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and

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## *Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes*

and Ouray Reservation, History Colorado will open the exhibition "Written on the Land: Ute Voices, Ute History" on Dec. 8, 2018, at the History Colorado Center in Denver. The exhibit is well-timed to share stories that generate new knowledge and perspectives of the Ute people, Colorado's longest-continuous residents, and their role in Colorado culture – knowledge that will inform both new and longtime residents while bridging Ute history with

modern-day Colorado.

**DOLORES** ... Taking the back road route from Norwood to Dolores to load up on rough-cut wood for my raised garden beds and sawdust for my compost toilet from long-time local mayor and councilperson as well as my distant Wilson clan in-law Val Truelsen last week, I couldn't help noticing as I pulled into the town of Dolores (which is in Montezuma County, not

Dolores County) that the old Riverside gas station had changed hands. And in an apparent effort to draw the hunter crowd to compensate for its couple cent less competitive price point per gallon, it sported a large hand-drawn sign on its busy corner: I ATE BAMBI.

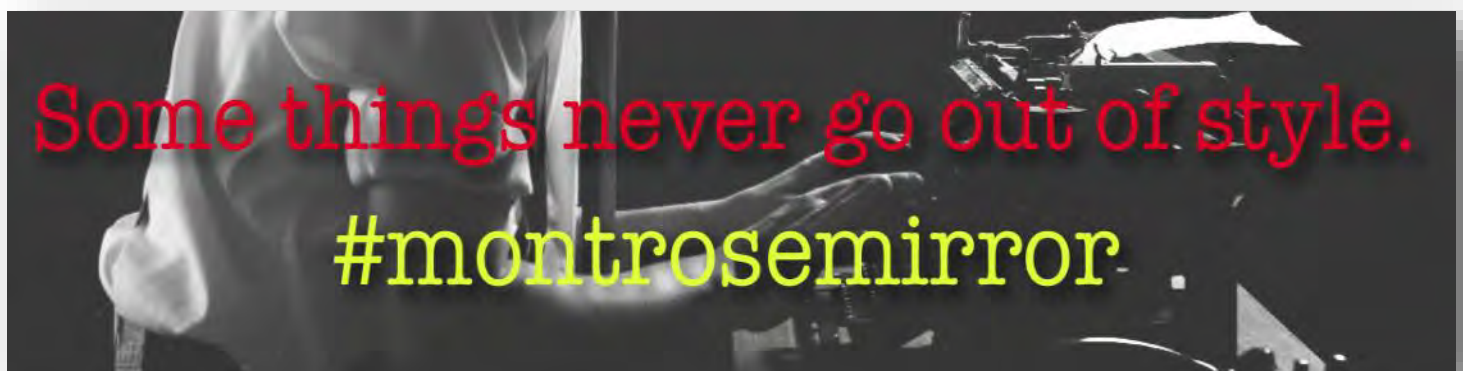
**WEEKLY QUOTA** ... "Being Saudi Arabia's bitch is not 'America First'." – U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii).

## THE TALKING GOURD

### Famous Author

Famous author, not one of us!  
cheeks bright with tribal hue face out  
from your now best seller, bristling at boundaries,  
wrapped in your own fleece.  
Hip shades deflect discord,  
until a too-small stool in a backstreet coffee shop,  
across from but not facing your newest paramour  
each of you alone, gazing at your phones.

-Caitlin Switzer  
Montrose



## MIRROR IMAGES...PARTNERS CHILI BOWL FUNDRAISER!



*Clockwise from top left, Montrose artist Cheri Isgreen with the bowl she painted for the Partners Chili Bowl Fundraiser; hand painted bowls ready for chili; Partners Executive Director Curtis Hearst with Art Partners staffer and Chili Bowl Fundraiser Organizer Lissette Riviere; Partners Mentoring Board Chair Bradley Switzer; Mariah and Raymond wait for the doors to open.*





# Save the Date! Upcoming Regional Events

## CURRENT/ONGOING-

**ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING**-There will be no meeting in December; regular meetings resume in January of 2019, on the second Tuesday of the month, @ 7 p.m., Place: Community Meeting Room, Montrose Library, 320 S 2nd St. Includes: Presentations, photo sharing & critiques. All are welcome to attend.

**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](http://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. 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.](http://1980NorthTownsendAve.com) Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

## MONTHLY-

**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](mailto: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. 4**-Celestial Navigation Along the Old Spanish Trail will be the subject of a meeting of three area organizations Tuesday, Dec. 4, 6 pm, in the Mesa Room, Mesa County Library, 6th and Grand, Grand Junction. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The Mesa County Astronomy Club will host the meeting along with members of the Old Spanish Trail Association and the Mesa County Colorado Archaeology Society. For more information, call Vicki at 245-8484.

**Dec. 5**-Kathryn Burke will explore the events that led to the overwhelming 1876 defeat of Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer and the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry at the Battle on the Little Bighorn River, Montana Territory. Also known as the Battle of the Greasy Grass, Custer's Last Stand was an overwhelming victory for the Lakota, Northern Cheyenne and Arapaho. Friendship Hall, Dec.5, 7 pm, free admission, public welcome. Information 970-323-6466.

**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](http://www.mc4arts.net). For information 970-249-5645.

**Dec. 8**-Ouray's Wine, Chocolate and Cheese Festival is celebrating its 10th consecutive year with another food and wine packed weekend at the Ouray Community Center from 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 8. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Registration is required by Dec. 1 and tickets are \$75 per person or \$90 for both the wine dinner and festival. Tickets are available online at [coloradowinefest.org](http://coloradowinefest.org) or at the Wildflower Boutique in downtown Ouray.

**Dec. 10**-On Monday Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m., Montrose Library 320 S 2nd meeting rm- Citizens' Climate Lobby monthly meeting:Be aware of renewed ways to mitigate climate change. Come network to influence legislators on nonpartisan ways to help our environment. [citizensclimate-lobby.org](http://citizensclimate-lobby.org) 970-240-9146

**Dec. 13-14**-Dark Night returns for its 10<sup>th</sup> 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 multimedia and live music. Family friendly! Tickets available online at BrownPaperTickets and in Paonia at The Paradise Theatre, The Cirque and Lizzy's Market.

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**Dec. 16**-Join the Montrose Community Band on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 3 pm for a free Christmas concert at the Montrose Pavilion. The band will be playing a variety of Christmas music sure to get you in the holiday spirit. For more information visit [www.montroseband.com](http://www.montroseband.com) or call 970-596-1188.

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

**Dec. 27**-[Cory Henry & The Funk Apostles](http://CoryHenry.com) Doors 8 PM, Show 8:30 PM. All Ages. Tickets \$35 - \$79. Facebook Event -[facebook.com/events/286847615290300](https://www.facebook.com/events/286847615290300) Marketing Show Assets — [Click here](#)

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## READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT...DEB REIMANN



*Photographer Deb Reimann snapped these images of Blue Mesa Reservoir on Nov. 23.*



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