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CENTENNIAL 6TH GRADERS HONOR LOCAL POLICE



Mirror staff photo
MONTROSE-Teacher Crystal Sabatke's sixth grade crew class from Centennial Middle School walked over to the Montrose Police Department on Dec. 18 to give treats to officers and staff, as a way of giving back.

The kids came up with the idea themselves, Sabatke said. More photos from the Centennial visit can be found on pg. 3 of this issue.

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COUNTY APPROVES WESTCO LEASE, DOLA GRANT AGREEMENT FOR HISTORIC COURTHOUSE RENOVATION DESIGN

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-At the regular meeting on Dec. 19, the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) voted unanimously to lease space in the County Annex to Westco Dispatch, approve an increase of the Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METSA) surcharge, and approve the purchase of a new tractor for the Fairgrounds, among other business items.

On Thursday Dec. 20, the BOCC convened a special meeting, approving a grant agreement with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for renovation design of the historic courthouse.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At the [regular meeting](#) of Dec. 19, County resident Benjamin Leach spoke during the time for public comment. "I want to voice my opinion on that new Highway 550 access plan," Leach said. "We have a ten-and-a-half-acre farm down there, and there would be an impact, a significant impact, to our particular piece."



At a special meeting on Thursday, Dec. 20, the Montrose Board of County Commissioners approved a grant agreement with the Dept. of Local Affairs (DOLA) for renovation design of the historic county courthouse, above.

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You identify needs and you work to meet them. You've built homes, supported children, volunteered your time and expertise and even helped the county in an emergency. You launched a toy run that has seen three years of success, with this year showing the greatest participation from the community of Montrose.

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To each Tri-State employee: I appreciate your dedication to both your community and your work. You help Tri-State fulfill our mission, and I can't thank you enough.

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Mike McInnes, Chief Executive Officer

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CENTENNIAL 6TH GRADERS HONOR LOCAL HEROES

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More photos from the Centennial Middle School visit to the Montrose Police Department on Dec. 18. Students from Crystal Sabatke's Sixth grade Crew class at Centennial walked across town in the cold last week to bring Holiday treats and say thank you to police officers and staff.

OPINION/EDITORIAL:COMMENTARY

GROWING OPPORTUNITY: HEMP CULTIVATION IS FULLY LEGAL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 50 YEARS

By Senator Michael Bennet

COLORADO-In 2013, I received a call from Majority Leader Mitch McConnell asking me, as a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, to support a pilot program to allow farmers to grow hemp. Knowing Colorado farmers' interest in the crop, I jumped at the chance and pushed to include the program in the 2014 Farm Bill.

Over the next four years, Colorado's hemp industry boomed. From 2014 to 2018, our hemp cultivation increased six-fold. As the industry grew, I visited hemp businesses and farms across our state, including stops at State Senator Don Coram's operation in Montrose and at Colorado Cultivars in Eaton. Each visit underscored the crop's versatility and potential. Coloradans were turning hemp into clothing, food, and animal feed. They were making plastics and CBD oils for pain and inflammation. In short, they were turning this new crop, which is well suited for our

arid climate, into a welcome source of income.

But as Colorado's hemp businesses have continued to grow, they have run into obstacles from Washington. Our farmers are worried about maintaining access to their water. They are unable to buy crop insurance or transport seeds. Some have encountered red tape opening a bank account or applying for federal grants.

In response, Coloradans have taken action. When the state passed a law to protect water access for hemp growers, our office followed their lead and introduced similar legislation in Congress. We pressed the Obama administration to make federal resources available to hemp growers. More recently, we pushed the Trump administration to help them access banking services. Last spring, we introduced a bill to legalize hemp as an agricultural commodity.

We had a breakthrough this year when the Senate Agriculture Committee adopt-

ed our language to legalize hemp in the 2018 Farm Bill. Now that we've passed the Farm Bill and the President has signed it into law, hemp cultivation is fully legal for the first time in 50 years. That means less uncertainty and more opportunity for our hemp farmers, small businesses, and manufacturers.

In the years since McConnell's call, I've learned more about hemp than I ever expected to as a United States senator. More than anything, it's given me the opportunity to see more of our state's boundless creativity, determination, and entrepreneurship. In the face of barriers and uncertainty, Coloradans have led the country in demonstrating hemp's potential. If we continue to curb Washington's influence, there's no limit to what our state can achieve.

Michael Bennet, Colorado's senior U.S. Senator, serves as Ranking Member of the Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

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COUNTY HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY



Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE-On Tuesday, Dec. 18, Montrose County officials and staff gathered to celebrate a ribbon cutting at the new public works facility at 63160 LaSalle Road.
Photo by Erika Story.



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PARTNERSHIP PROMOTES REHABILITATION ON THE BULL DRAW FIRE

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MONTROSE – The Bureau of Land Management Uncompahgre Field Office, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Mule Deer Foundation and a local rancher plan to rehabilitate 6,400 acres of public lands impacted by the Bull Draw Fire. The Bull Draw Fire ignited last July and spread across 36,553 acres near Nucla.

The project is expected to commence in early 2019. On-the-ground work will entail

distributing 87,000 pounds of mixed grass and forb seed, treating noxious weed locations, and repairing damaged range fencing.

“Identifying opportunities for organizations and community members to partner is critical to meeting the BLM’s multiple-use mission,” said Uncompahgre Field Office Manager Greg Larson. “This project is a shining example of shared stewardship, which benefits the environment, our

communities, and the local economy.”

Colorado Parks and Wildlife identified the project area as critical winter range for mule deer and a priority for rehabilitation.

The project will help ensure available forage for big game species and livestock, as well as reduce the potential for erosion.

For more information, contact Uncompahgre Field Office Ecologist Ken Holsinger at 970-240-5389.



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DIVISION OF INSURANCE RELEASES 2017 HEALTH INSURANCE COST REPORT

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - The Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), has released its [2017 Health Insurance Cost Report](#).

This annual report details the health insurance market in Colorado, including the trends in the individual and group markets, the factors that drive premiums and the financial status of health insurers.

"It's crucial that we are able to look at the entire health insurance market in Colorado and compare it to national data, as well as look over the year-to-year comparisons," said Interim Colorado Insurance Commissioner Michael Conway. "This is the sort of big-picture data that can highlight patterns across the many parts of Colorado's market." Highlights from the 2017 report include the following.

Average monthly premiums in Colorado across individual, small group (for small employers with 2 - 100 employees) and large group health plans (for employers with 100+ employees) ranged from \$331 to \$428. (Page 14)

The average health insurance deductible in Colorado was \$1,951 for single coverage and \$3,721 for family coverage. (Page 16)

More than half of all Coloradans received their health insurance from an employer. For this group, those with family coverage paid 27 percent of the total premium, while those just covering themselves paid 21 percent of the premium (employers paid the remaining portion of the premium). (Page 18)

Approximately 44 percent of private-sector employers in Colorado offered health insurance to their employees. (Page 15)

As was the case in 2016, 86 percent of the premiums collected for health insurance in Colorado went directly to the cost of paying for healthcare services. (Page 19)

The report can be found on the DOI's page for ["Insurance Brochures, Fact Sheets and Reports"](#) - click on "Health Insurance Reports" under "Reports by DOI," and on the next page, click "Health Insurance Cost Reports."

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RIDGWAY PASSES TOWN ORDINANCE TO ELIMINATE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS

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RIDGWAY-One year ago, a group of seventh-grade girls from Ridgway Secondary School led the charge with their newly-formed group, *Carry On! Ridgway Reuses*, to eliminate single-use plastic bags from their hometown of Ridgway and to address the global dangers of plastics.

Last week, Ridgway town leaders took a courageous step to enact a ban on single-use plastic bags that dangerously pollute our environment. Ridgway is now in a unique position to set an example for the rest of the state for how a town can thrive in our changing world by encouraging a shift from a disposable mindset to a reusable lifestyle, and to move from a culture who expects cheap disposable convenience to one that values socially responsible action.

The *Carry On! Girls*, Maizy Gordon, Indigo Krois, Autumn Sagal and Eleni Wallin raised awareness about the dangers of plastics in a variety of ways including attending town council meetings, placing a plastic recycling bin at the local market, and hosting a booth every other week last summer at the Ridgway Farmer's Market where they sold packable tote bags made from 100% post-consumer recycled plastic and homemade reusable copper straws and produce bags.. They also screened the movie BAG IT with the film's director, Suzan Beraza, made presentations at local schools, and gave an "Ignite" presentation at the Sherbino Theatre.

Ridgway Mountain Market was the very first local business to support a ban on single use plastic shopping bags by voluntarily discontinuing the distribution of them this summer., The *Carry On!* group

looks forward to helping other Ridgway businesses make the shift away from disposable plastic products. . The Carry On! goal is to take this education campaign to Denver to encourage statewide legislation restricting the availability of single use plastics in Colorado.

The average American uses about 500 plastic bags each year, for about twelve minutes each. This single-use mentality

has led to the formation of a floating island of plastic debris in the Pacific Ocean more than twice the size of Texas. Our daily reliance on plastic threatens not only waterways and marine life, but human health, too. Two of the most common plastic additives are endocrine disruptors, which have been shown to link to cancer, diabetes, autism, attention deficit disorder, obesity and infertility.



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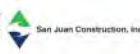


Dr. Bob Brethouwer, a retired doctor, who was very active in Magic Circle Players as an actor, director and Board member, designed our logo in the 1970's - it is part of who we are. We don't want to press "delete" but thought "refresh" would be the perfect way to honor and preserve our past as we look forward to a bright future.

Please make all submissions, via e-mail to mcp@montrose.net. Please include your name. The deadline is **SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019 AT 12AM.**

Five finalists will be chosen and their submissions hung in the Magic Circle Theatre lobby. The five final logos will be on display January 11 - January 26 during the run of *Sylvia*. Any volunteer, guest or member of the community may vote on their favorite image. The winner will be announced before the matinee on Sunday, January 27, 2019 @ 2PM. The winner will receive \$500 and two Season Tickets.

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MONTROSE – City of Montrose offices will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 25, for Christmas Day, and Tuesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day. Police Department offices will be closed both days, however, officers will be on duty and responding to calls.

Montrose City Hall, Visitor Center, Municipal Court, Animal Shelter, Montrose Pavilion, Black Canyon Golf Course, and City Shop will be closed.

Trash collection schedule for Dec. 25 will be as follows:

- For residences south of Niagara Rd and east of Townsend Ave., trash pickup will occur on Wednesday, Dec. 26
- For residences north of Niagara Rd and west of Townsend Ave., trash pickup will occur on Thursday, Dec. 27.

For recycling collection customers whose normal collection day falls on Tuesday, Dec. 25, collection will occur Friday, Dec. 28.

Trash collection schedule for Jan. 1 will be as follows:

- For residences south of Niagara Rd and east of Townsend Ave., trash pickup will occur on Wednesday, Jan. 2.
- For residences north of Niagara Rd and west of Townsend Ave., trash pickup will occur on Thursday, Jan. 3.

For recycling collection customers whose normal collection day falls on Tuesday, Jan. 1, collection will occur Friday, Jan. 4.

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COLORADO EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: NOVEMBER 2018

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COLORADO-Employers in Colorado added 1,800 nonfarm payroll jobs from October to November for a total of 2,749,800 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. Private sector payroll jobs increased 700 and government increased 1,100. October estimates were revised up to 2,748,000, and the over the month change from September to October was an increase of 5,700 rather than the originally estimated increase of 4,800.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point from October to November to 3.3 percent.

The number of people actively participating in the labor force increased 7,400 over the month to 3,108,600 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 3,200 to 3,006,200. The larger increase in the labor force than in total employment caused the number of unemployed to increase 4,200 and the unemployment rate to increase to 3.3 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 33.4 to 33.2 hours and

average hourly earnings increased from \$27.94 to \$29.46.

The largest over the month private sector job gains were in professional and business services and trade, transportation, and utilities.

The largest over the month declines were in education and health services, leisure and hospitality, financial activities, and construction.

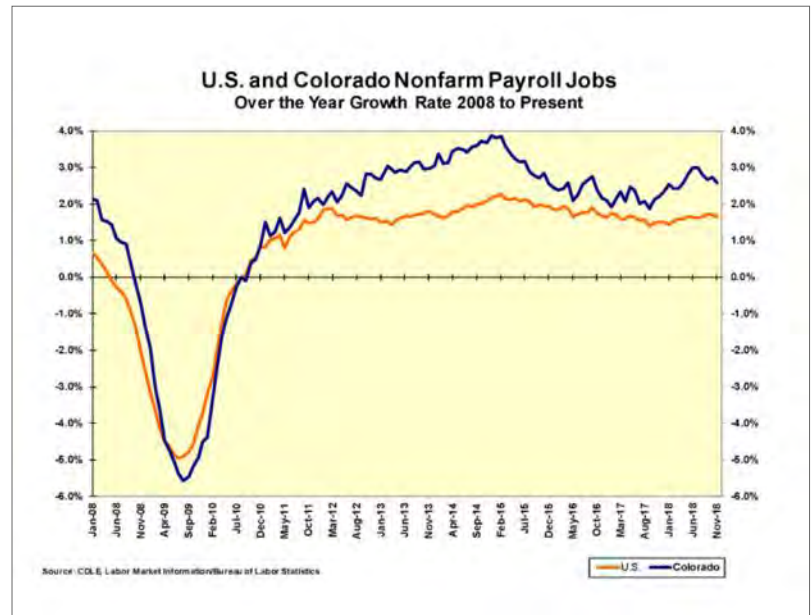
Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 69,100, with an increase of 62,200 in the private sector and an increase of 6,900 in government.

The largest private sector job gains were in professional and business services, trade, transportation, and utilities, and leisure and hospitality. No sectors de-

clined over the year.

Over the year, the unemployment rate is up three-tenths of a percentage point from 3.0 percent. The number of Coloradans participating in the labor force increased 77,300, total employment increased 67,100 and the number of unemployed increased 10,200.

The national unemployment rate declined from 4.1 percent in November 2017 to 3.7 percent in November 2018.



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ALL POINTS FARE CHANGES & SERVICE MODIFICATIONS FOR 2019

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MONTROSE – Beginning Jan. 1, All Points Transit will adopt a new fare structure and implement a service modification to its Montrose/Olathe public flex routes. Due to rising operational costs, All Points Transit must raise fares on the Montrose/Olathe Public Flex routes in 2019. Monthly passes, day passes, and single boarding rides will all see a slight increase. This is the first fare increase since the launch of the public bus system in 2010. All Points Transit aims to keep the public flex system accessible and affordable to all as a vital means of community transportation. There is no fare increase planned for the door-to-door dial-a-ride service at this time.

"We've been fortunate to not have a single fare increase since the launch of the public bus system," said Sarah Curtis, executive director of All Points Transit. "When we realized the need to do so in 2019, the All Points Transit management team and board of directors put a lot of thought in to how to do so fairly and equitably for all who would be impacted."

Also beginning Jan. 1, the Montrose Public Flex routes (Blue Bird Route 1, Red Apple Route 2, Gold Mine Route 3) will end their standard routes one hour earlier at 6PM instead of 7PM. Anyone who is at the transfer station at 6PM will hop on a 'Last Stop' shuttle. This shuttle will be one or two vehicles, as needed, that will deliver passengers from the transfer station directly to any regular bus stop (on Blue Bird Route 1, Red Apple Route 2, or Gold Mine Route 3) or flex point. The shuttle will depart at 6PM, Monday-Friday from the Transfer Station at 431 S. 2nd Street. Passengers must board at the transfer station. Regular fare and transfer rules apply. Flex service may be scheduled in advance to go off route up to ¾ mile. The shuttle will not pick up passengers at bus stops. All passengers must board at the transfer and let the driver know their drop-off bus stop or flex point. All Points Transit Mobility Manager TJ Burr said: 'We believe this change will be welcomed by our late-in-the-day passengers. Those who are trying to get to their stops will be able to do so much more quickly and directly.'

A public comment period is underway from 11/30 through 12/28. A comment can be submitted in person at the office/transfer station at 431 S. 2nd Street in Montrose. Comments may also be submitted by email to info@allpointstransit.org or by phone to Sarah or TJ at 970-249-0128. Spanish translation service is available.

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District Attorney, 7th Judicial District
REGIONAL-On Nov. 5, 2018 attorney for defendant Ashford Archer, San Miguel Combined Court case number 2017CR28, filed a motion asking the court to order the San Miguel County Coroner Emil Sante and the District Attorney's Office to release the remains of two deceased chil-

dren to a Mr. Archer's expert for the purpose of conducting additional testing. On Nov. 14, 2018 the attorney for defendant Madani Ceus, San Miguel Combined Court case number 2017CR26 filed a similar motion. District Court judge Keri Ann Yoder granted the defenses' motions over the District Attorney's objection and ordered

the Coroner and the District Attorney to transfer the remains to the defendant's expert. The District Attorney's Office appealed that decision to the Colorado Supreme Court under Colorado Appellate Rule 21. The Supreme Court declined to address the appeal. Accordingly, per Judge Yoder's Order, the remains will be transferred to the defendants' expert in San Diego, California. Mr. Archer has been charged with two counts of Child Abuse Causing Death and one count Accessory to a Crime. These charges are allegations and Mr. Archer is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Ms. Ceus is charged with two counts of First-Degree Murder and two counts of Child Abuse Causing Death. These charges are allegations and Ms. Ceus is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Any criminal charge against a defendant is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty.

REPORT ON OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING INVESTIGATION RELEASED

District Attorney, 7th Judicial District
MONTROSE-The District Attorney's [Report Regarding Peace Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation](http://www.co7da.org) of the incident on Sept. 12, 2018, at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose has been posted on the website for the 7th Judicial District Attorney's Office: www.co7da.org. No criminal charges will be filed against Montrose Police Officer Taylor Deines, the report states, "In conclusion, because his actions were lawful and justified under Colorado law, no criminal charges will be filed against Officer Deines for any actions taken on Sept. 12, 2018, in this incident."



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WILL WASTEFUL CITY SPENDING PAVE ROAD TO RUIN?

Editor:

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The city of Harrisburg Pennsylvania is bankrupt (or nearly so). They have gone from prosperity thirty years ago to pov-

erty in government today. Slums, empty neighborhoods and idle factories. Simply put, they bought everything they wanted because they had more credit than the ability to pay it back. Today much of what they wanted is in ruins because businesses and people have moved out of the city and left it in squalor. Much of their tax base has departed. A city whose people let their high and mighty politicians determine what was best for them. They have it all and no way to support it.

With 6,500 to 7300 of our Montrose citizens living below the poverty level should we not look to other ways to employ municipal dollars than subsidizing capitalists, building fancy buildings and digging pedestrian tunnels?

Or will we just take more of the impoverished citizens' food, heat and clothing money with another sales tax?

How long will it be before our fair city passes Harrisburg on the 'road to ruin'?

Bill Bennett, Montrose

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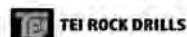
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One thousand feet of the family's acreage would be impacted, he said. "It would affect our water access...we plan to retire there so we are raising our kids, and you'd have impacts on a multitude of quality of life issues there—the safety, the light in the evenings that comes through our windows, and of course it would come around the back of our home...the traffic, with children playing out there.

"My wife and I just wanted to make that known, that we would oppose that," Leach said. "We would hope that you would maybe help support us in that..."

BOCC Chair Keith Caddy thanked Leach for his input and promised to share it with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash said, "Please, voice your opinion to CDOT as well; all voices help on those issues."

COUNTY MANAGER

At the request of County Manager Ken Norris, General Business Item D-1 was removed from the agenda; involving consideration and possible approval of an agreement with Ridgway Valley Construction regarding completion of the Montrose County Event Center.

CONSENT AGENDA

[Consent Agenda](#) items passed unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The first General Business & Administrative item to be unanimously approved was consideration and possible approval of an agreement to **lease space in the Annex to WestCO Dispatch** for dispatch center purposes.

Expenses such as maintenance, supplies, and utilities will be passed on to WestCO, based on a three-year rolling average of actuals, Montrose County Facilities Manager Jennifer DeTonto said.

"...This was huge, and it was processed in a very expedited manner," Rash said.

"Thank you to everybody that worked on this. It was a scramble to get this done...it's just been a huge benefit to the citizens. Putting these two dispatch centers back

together is a safety issue...it is public safety for our sheriff's deputies, our police officers, our citizens out there...it was teamwork, it's a collaboration between a lot of people."

The change will save money as well, Rash said. "The savings alone is close to \$500,000-\$600,000 a year in tax dollars...it's a win-win for everybody."

"...Merry Christmas everybody," Caddy said.

Resolution 75-2018 was unanimously approved, regarding a surcharge increase for the Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METSA). The surcharge will increase from 75 cents to \$1.75.

Caddy asked Matt Goetsch, who works for METSA, how long the current fee had been in place. The surcharge had been set at .75 cents for 15 years, Goetsch said.

"We've been at this same charge for a long time," Caddy said. "Kids were born, and they've got their learner's permits now."

Commissioner Sue Hansen asked about the impacts of the fee increase on METSA.

"It means we can continue to support dispatching services and equipment at the same level as we have been...we've been spending reserves to do so," Goetsch said.

Rash thanked Goetsch and METSA board volunteers. "I thank everybody that volunteers for it; without these volunteers we would be sunk, once again. We have a huge community of folks that step up and show up for these things, and we're very grateful for that."

"If it wasn't for Matt, our 911 services in this area would not be what they are today," Caddy said. "He does a phenomenal job of keeping all the addresses up to date, all the phone numbers up to date, and just keeping track of everything. A lot of people don't understand the behind-the-scenes work that he does for all of us to keep our public safe."

HOPKINS FIELD

Commissioners approved two items for



Montrose County resident Benjamin Leach expressed opposition to the proposed Hwy 550 access plan.

Hopkins Field in Nucla. First was a ground lease with Nucla Hangar, LLC, contingent on the sale of the Reed Mitchell hangar at 27696 DD Road in Nucla. Second to be approved was a Non-Federal Reimbursable Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to provide a commissioning flight inspection of lighting systems at Hopkins Field, a one-time budgeted expense of \$18,752,58.

FAIRGROUNDS/EVENT CENTER

Fairgrounds Manager Emily Sanchez presented information on a bid award to purchase a Massey Ferguson MF 6713 Tractor, to be used for "everything," Sanchez said, "from moving our stages to working the arena dirt, to unloading items."

Of four bids received, the low bidder was Western Implement, at \$66,900. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the bid award and tractor purchase.

"It sounds like you got a tractor," Caddy said. "Merry Christmas."

Sanchez asked to declare the old tractor, which is not functioning, as surplus property, along with three blades, a brush hog mower, and rake. Commissioners **adopted Resolution 76-2018**, concerning: Surplus Property Declaration of Miscellaneous Equipment to be disposed of through Advertisement, Trade, Auction, or Scrap.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a sole source purchase of specific security software, to ensure compatibility

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with existing security components. The expense was budgeted at \$46,698.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioners approved the purchase of 96 lineal feet of eight-foot diameter reinforced concrete pipe from Forterra Precast of Grand Junction, the low bidder at \$43,200. The bid for the concrete pipe, to be used to replace Bridge B-053 on Falcon Road, was less than the budgeted amount of \$60,000.

APPOINTMENTS

City of Montrose Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner was appointed to serve as the City's representative to the Montrose County Housing Authority Board of Directors, for a term ending Jan. 1, 2023.

Bruce Ray was reappointed to the Olathe Cemetery Board for a term ending Dec.

31, 2014.

Emily Schneider was reappointed to the Montrose Regional Library District Board of Trustees for a term ending Dec. 31, 2023.

BOCC MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2019

Resolution 77-2018 was approved unanimously, regarding the BOCC's board meeting calendar for 2019.

LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

The BOCC reconvened as the Montrose County Local Liquor Licensing Authority, authorizing a temporary permit of the 3.2 percent beer license at Newberry's Store to continue business during the transfer of ownership from the late Juanita Newberry to James Newberry, d/b/a Newberry's Store. Also authorized was transfer of ownership of the 3.2 beer license from Juanita Newberry d/b/a Newberry's Store

to James Newberry d/b/a Newberry's Store.

The board reconvened as the BOCC. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

"Merry Christmas, and we will see you next year," Caddy said.

SPECIAL MEETING

On Thursday, Dec. 20, the BOCC held a special meeting at 10 a.m.

The only business conducted was approval of Consent Agenda items, including a [grant agreement](#) with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for the historic courthouse [renovation design](#), which would provide the County with up to \$200,000 in budgeted revenue for 2019. With no General Business & Administrative items or executive sessions, the special meeting was adjourned.



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FEASIBILITY OF HEMPSEED PROCESSING FACILITY TO BE STUDIED

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) will administer a REDI grant award to complete a supply chain analysis and feasibility study for a Hempseed Processing facility on the Western Slope. The project will identify the costs, benefits, risks, and potential return on investment for farmers and entrepreneurs in Montrose and Delta counties. "While Colorado is known for high quality Hemp grown for CBD, the market for Hemp seed for animal and human foods is growing faster globally and represents more opportunity for producers to enter the hemp market," says Hunter Buffington, executive director of the Colorado Hemp Industries Association. A Seed processing facility closer to the farmers could decrease production costs, provide access to high quality hemp seed, hemp seed oil and other hemp products to entrepreneurs and small businesses in the area and could create new jobs in rural communities. The focus on the Agriculture Sector is

also a strategy to boost the local economies in Montrose and Delta counties, including the West End Montrose, by using farm equipment and acreage that once was used for producing corn. The additional loss of the local dairy and closure of several mines highlights the need to replace hundreds of jobs in both Montrose and Delta counties. The Hempseed Processing Facility Study will focus on a supply chain analysis to determine the capacity of the local economy to grow and process hemp seed grain for animal and human consumption. The next step will be to complete a feasibility study to identify investment costs, potential economic impacts and long-term returns on investment. The feasibility study will also evaluate the potential for small and start-up businesses to enter and compete in the new and expanding hemp market place.

Community engagement will be the key to gathering the best data and potential impacts. Please join us Jan. 24, 2019 at 1 PM at the Montrose

County Events Center, for a stakeholder meeting with the MEDC and project partner Colorado Hemp Industries Association.

At the meeting we will announce the awarding of the grant, intentions behind the project and ask for input and buy-in from the community, farmers, legislators and businesses. Sandy Head, executive director of the Montrose Economic Development Corporation, is looking to the community to support the project. She stated, "We hope that through stakeholder engagement we will generate a pool of contributors that we can interview about the current supply chains and the feasibility of bringing a Hempseed Processing facility to the Western Slope. Broad community input and feedback will produce a better study and ultimately greater long-term results." Request for Proposals information can be found on MEDC's website <https://www.montroseedc.org/>. To participate in the public meeting, RSVP to Sandy Head at: sandyh@MontroseEDC.org by Jan. 21, 2019.

RIVERBOTTOM RESTROOM TO OPEN SOON, COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW STAFF @ WORK SESSION

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The new Riverbottom Park restroom will receive a certificate of occupancy in January, with a grand opening to be announced soon, Public Works Manager Jim Scheid announced at the City Council work session of Dec. 17. Councilor Doug Glaspell was not in attendance at the work session.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY STAFF

New City staffers were welcomed, including Wastewater Treatment Plant Utilities Worker Dawson Harris; Marketing and Tourism Coordinator Kailey Rivenburgh; and Police Commanders Tim Cox and Matt Smith.

Cox, a lifelong Montrose resident, and Smith, who grew up in the North Fork Valley, are not new to the Montrose Police Department, but both have been newly promoted to the level of commander. "We're really excited about these two guys," City Manager Bill Bell said. "Everyone knows Blaine and I are a little crazy...it will be good to have them."

Said Mayor Roy Anderson, "I think we are all excited to have you in your new roles; it's great to have you serving our city."

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Senior Planner Garry Baker presented information on the **Hazard Mitigation Plan**; an ongoing multi-jurisdictional effort spearheaded by Montrose County to replace the Hazard Mitigation Plan that dates to 2009. The updated plan will be presented before Council in January, Baker said. Also present was Montrose County Emergency Manager Greg Fisher. Fisher said that the City must adopt the plan, which focuses primarily on natural hazards, before being eligible to apply for related grants. "The meat and potatoes of this plan are the projects...grant dollars will help you get a lot of these projects off the ground."

More than 100 partners took part in the planning process, which included four facilitated meetings, advisory groups, surveys, and advertising. The plan has been submitted to the State and approved, Fisher said.

er said.

"It really gets into a lot of detail," Fisher said, calling the updated plan, "a real step forward."

Baker reminded Council that the [2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) can be found online.

"This is really important to me; thanks for getting it on the calendar," Mayor Anderson said.

Baker also presented the **2019 Plan of Annexation and Three-Mile Plan**, which is prepared in accordance with state statute.

A three-mile plan is a plan that considers land within three miles of the current city limit, he said. This year's plan does not vary greatly from recent years, he said, and includes [information](#) on recent annexations, eligible enclaves, growth tiers, utilities (including internet and cable access), and water districts.

"Water service has made development possible in every corner of this valley," Baker said, noting also that the City supplies water to a small water company called Montrose Suburban Domestic Water Works.

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid and Fleet Division Superintendent Jace Kline discussed purchase of a new refuse truck. Low bidder at \$276,378 was Jackson Group Peterbilt. The refuse truck request will come before Council in January of 2019, with the truck expected to arrive in August.

"The overall idea is to reduce downtime," Cline said. "Any time we're not on the road it costs the City money."

Scheid and Streets Superintendent John Cain reviewed **2018/2019 snow and ice removal procedures**.

Existing route maps will be updated, Scheid said.

Anderson asked if a link could be provided from the City's web site to the documents outlining the tiered priority system for removing snow and ice from city streets.



The new restroom facility at Riverbottom Park will receive a certificate of occupancy next month, City officials said Dec. 17.

"Great presentation...good job...let's just get the snow," Anderson said.

Scheid also discussed the **snow and ice removal routes** that were recently exchanged with Montrose County. Three miles of routes were exchanged, he noted.

"It probably saves us 20 miles of travel time...working together we can make sure the level of service to people won't change."

"Thank you for doing this," Anderson said. "...we can save our taxpayers money by working together."

"It's great that the City and County are cooperating to save everybody money," Councilor Dave Bowman said.

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo spoke about the **designation of official posting places**; designation will be on the agenda for the Jan. 15, 2019 Council meeting.

COMMENTS

Councilor Judy Ann Files talked about the Alpine Bank Black Canyon Classic Basketball Tournament at Montrose High School earlier this month.

The City of Montrose is among the sponsors. "It was really important...there was very, very little media coverage before it happened."

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Police Commander Matt Smith mentioned an incident the week before in which several high school aged youth helped to chase and apprehend a juvenile suspect who had been rummaging through vehicles at WalMart and the Montrose Community Recreation Center.

"It means a lot when you have kids chasing down a suspect," he said. "it illustrates that if we all work together, we can accomplish amazing things."

Centennial Middle School students planned a walk over to the Police Department on Tuesday, Dec. 18, he said. "They're coming to give us candy."

Scheid updated Council on the Riverbottom Park Restroom project, the final cost of which was announced in August to be \$498,436. The restroom will receive a certificate of occupancy during the first week of January. "By our next work session we will be able to announce a grand

opening."

On Jan. 22 the Parks Advisory Committee will tour, Files said.

Virgil Turner updated Council on the Historic Preservation Committee and Downtown Area Revitalization Team (DART) activities.

The City has applied for certified local government status to enhance historic preservation efforts; "With that we would be eligible for no-cash-match grants," Turner said.

"We could use the funds to help us with

our planning work."

After more brief commentary Anderson called the work session to a close.

"Have a great day and pray for snow."



Over a catered lunch from Camp Robber, Montrose City Manager Bill Bell addresses staff at the Dec. 17 City Council work session.

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CITY OF MONTROSE DENIES LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL TO SAM'S TAVERN; TWO NEW POLICE COMMANDERS SWORN IN



Discussing the liquor license renewal for Sam's Tavern were Bar Manager William Ransom (left) and Montrose Police Patrol Sgt. Michelle Berry (above).

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Longtime Main Street business owner David DeViny was honored by Montrose City Council at the [regular meeting](#) of Tuesday, Dec. 18. Also, Mayor Roy Anderson welcomed those in attendance to the final council meeting of 2018, and mentioned the 100th birthday of Erma Hall, "today is Erma Hall Day by proclamation." In other business, the City Clerk administered the oath of office to new Montrose Police Commanders Tim Cox and Matt Smith. City Council voted against renewing the liquor license for Sam's Tavern; Council approved the Colorado Outdoors Filing No. 1 final plat and made appointments to the Planning Commission and the Public Safety Citizens' Committee.

Councilor Doug Glaspell was not present at the Dec. 18 Council meeting.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizen Tricia Joy spoke to Council, noting that she was following up on her comments made at the last Council meeting concerning the City's 2018 International Day of the Migrant proclamation, and providing additional information.

"...I would like to point out...on Dec. 10 there's an article in the *Wall Street Journal* that says some nations backed out of the U.N.'s migrant pact," Joy said. "This is not a benign pact...it was presented to you in a very benign and well-intended manner... I will be addressing it and asking it to come through a work session and through

public hearing if necessary...it's un-American; my position is that your approval of this proclamation undermines American law.

"What you have done in proclaiming this as part of the City of Montrose ostensibly says you're representing all of us. You don't represent me. I'm an army of one. I will not let this pass," Joy said. "This has been approved by this City Council for three years; I will do everything in my power to see that it's never passed again."

CONSENT AGENDA

[Consent Agenda items](#) were unanimously accepted.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL HEARING-SAM'S TAVERN

Sam's Tavern Manager William Ransom was in attendance as representative of the applicant, Jim Bridges, who had health issues and could not attend. The applicant had requested the hearing be continued; continuation was denied, City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said. Sam's Tavern is located at 35 North Cascade Avenue in Montrose.

Alcorn said that because the liquor license is not a new one, the needs of the neighborhood and community would not be addressed. Instead, "We will determine whether the applicant is of good moral character and capable of following the laws of the City and State with regard to alcohol and alcohol service."

Alcorn called Patrol Sgt. Michelle Berry of

the Montrose Police Department as a witness. After preliminary questions concerning Berry's credentials and duties with the police department, Alcorn asked specific questions about Sam's Tavern.

"Within the police force, what kind of reputation does Sam's have?" Alcorn asked.

"Sam's has a reputation of being a rowdy establishment that is known to overserve its patrons," Berry said. "We have continuous issues within that establishment, during business hours, at close of business hours, after hours."

Under questioning, Berry said she had been to Sam's in her professional capacity hundreds of times, but would not go there during her off-duty hours; "It's not a safe place, it's not a friendly location."

Alcorn said that in 2017, there were 86 bar checks at Sam's Tavern. "I would like to focus on the 44 police calls and contacts that involve violations of the law."

At Alcorn's request Berry read a lengthy list of incidents involving violence, criminal activity, service to minors, and highly intoxicated people recorded by date in 2017 and 2018. "Calls for service there can become volatile...when patrons are overserved...typically, what we find is sheer chaos," she said at one point. "There are people in the streets, there are people fighting, there are people continuing to fight when we arrive on scene. ...it drains

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our resources."

Finding witnesses sober enough to speak to police when an incident has occurred can be problematic, she said.

Law enforcement calls to Sam's Tavern often involve a multiple officer response. With four police officers typically on shift, it is not uncommon for the police to seek assistance from other agencies such as the Montrose County Sheriff's Office, Berry said.

A history of over-service, fighting, a sheer lack of regard for public safety, and a regular stream of police calls to Sam's Tavern create safety issues for responding officers, she said.

When asked by Mayor Anderson if the level of activity at Sam's Tavern is typical of local drinking establishments, Berry said, "It's not a common occurrence at other establishments. What we have found is that other establishments don't allow this type of behavior within their establishment; they shut it down."

Investigator Tony Marsh of the Colorado Department of Revenue's Liquor and Tobacco Enforcement Division also provided testimony, saying that Sam's Tavern was issued a summons on June 29, 2016 for sale of alcohol to a minor, and was given a summons for over-service on Jan. 6 of 2018, after a complaint was received that Sam's had sold alcohol to an already intoxicated patron.

"I was very surprised that there's this much activity," Marsh said. "The majority of it we didn't know about...that absolutely is atypical of a bar."

Council heard from Police Chief Blaine Hall as well. Hall reminded Council that bars can be dangerous places for responding officers. He said that a reserve officer was shot and killed at the Salt Lick Bar on Main Street in 1984 and another officer shot and injured in the same incident. "Bars can absolutely be a dangerous place."

In the case of Sam's Tavern, "The establishment is not operated responsibly and as a result we have these over-service issues and these underage service issues."

In 2012, City Council mandated a 14-day

closure stipulation for Sam's, which was abated for one year, Hall said.

"They've already been warned by City Council once before...the license holder is not of good moral character."

Alcorn questioned Bar Manager Ransom, who has worked at Sam's for 14 and a half years. Ransom pointed out that assaults occur at other bars as well, and that some recent incidents are still under investigation.

"...on the over-serving ticket...in criminal court the bartender beat it; all charges were dismissed," he said. "The allegations of underage service are still under investigation; the trial has not even happened...for the newest one."

The police were called three times on a recent Friday night for a problem patron, he said; "I had to call the cops again because nothing was done... everything is being blamed on us."

In the last year 72 people have been 86'd from Sam's because of their actions, and are no longer allowed back, Ransom said. "It is not our clientele...we have a very good clientele," he said. "I love our customers, and they're the ones that support us."

Mayor Anderson convened a hearing; with no comments the hearing was closed.

Councilor Files said she has been on council seven years and was involved when the closure was considered in 2012. "In those seven years Council and staff has repeatedly worked to try to make Sam's be successful but also be a positive part of our community," Files said. "What we're hearing tonight doesn't tell me that that's happened." She moved to deny the liquor



City of Montrose Mayor Roy Anderson honors Key Citizen David DeVinnie at the regular City Council meeting of Dec. 18.

license renewal.

Councilor Dave Bowman said, "About a year ago we were here with the same issue and Council very graciously extended the liquor license for Sam's with the caveat that there were no more problems. "That's not been met."

"It really seems to be a safety issue," Anderson said.

Council voted unanimously to deny the liquor license renewal for Sam's Tavern.

APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING COMMISSION AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Appointed to the City Planning Commissioner were David Fishing, Chad Huffman, Anthony Russo, and Karen R. Vacca, with Greg Easton as alternate.

Appointed to the Public Safety Committee were Phoebe Benziger, John Boyko, Sharon K. Burnett, Nathan O. Compton, Kristal D. Cooper, Kirstin Copeland, Mark W. Dreher, David M. Frank, Greg R. Fulks, Julia Horn, Rebeqah C. Love, Valery M. Morris, Robert H. Parish, J. David Reed, David A. Stockton, Jay Thoe, and J. Donald Vacca..

NEW 3.2 BEER LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Council voted unanimously to approve a new 3.2 beer fermented malt beverage license for the Carniceria Sonora Market at 347 North First Street, for consumption off the licensed premises.

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Two new police commanders were sworn in at the regular Montrose City Council meeting of Dec. 18. Commanders Tim Cox (left) and Matt Smith (right) posed for photos with their families after the official ceremony.

OATHS OF OFFICE

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo administered the oath of office to new police commanders Tim Cox and Matt Smith.

ORDINANCES

Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2462, amending Ordinance 2438 which concerns the supplemental budget for 2018. Ordinance 2463 was also approved, vacating a portion of North Cascade Avenue; the City will retain a utility easement.

SOLE SOURCE WAIVER

As previously discussed in work session, a sole source waiver for a server replacement from Spillman Technologies was approved in the amount of \$155,400.

MONTROSE CONNECT INITIATIVE RECREATION TRAIL

Mayor Anderson introduced the award of contracts totaling \$3,007,879.95. A construction contract was awarded to low bidder Western Gravel Constructors in the amount of \$2,823,979.95, including a 10-percent contingency, and a survey stake-out and engineering support contract to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of \$183,900 on as as-needed, time and materials, not-to-exceed basis.

Said City Engineer Scott Murphy, "I'm very excited... the product...generally gets you all the way through the whole park system in town on a ten-foot-wide trail separated from traffic...it's a huge thing for our community."

There were five bidders on the project, Murphy said. "...Proud to have a local company...this is a great opportunity to have a really good product for a local company, build up their experience, and just keep construction viable and keep them local." The project should be open by early fall of 2019, he said.

The contract awards were unanimously approved.

CHANGE ORDER FOR CERRO OUTLET WORKS REPLACEMENT DESIGN

A \$72,100 contract change order to RJH consultants was approved. Also, the canal in front of the dam will be piped in 2019, Murphy said.

COLORADO OUTDOORS FILING NO. 1 FINAL PLAT

Senior Planner Garry Baker showed maps of the final plat, "It is indeed exciting to talk about this item," he said. "It is a groundbreaking project in more ways than one." He noted that land for trail extension has been provided, 31 lots are available for development, and 41 acres dedicated to the City along the river. There will be public access easements to the river in three places, Baker said.

Following Council's vote to approve the Colorado Outdoors Filing No. 1 Final Plat, Project partner Doug Dragoo stepped forward. "Thank you very much," he said. "We want to publicly thank everybody from the city and staff. ...It's been quite a

long process...it's been a pleasure and we're looking forward to good things with you."

"We have great expectations," Anderson said. "Thank you for your comments."

STAFF REPORTS/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the Sales, Use & Excise Tax Report; there was no public information officer report.

"I'm exhausted," Councilor Files said. "This is the longest meeting we've had in a couple of years...I am glad we were able to get so much done tonight...it will be a month before we get together for all this fun again."

Said Mayor Pro Tem Dave Bowman, "Just want to say Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, I think the City of Montrose has had a fantastic year because we all work together really hard to, new police, great development, a trail, we're going to expand Riverbottom Park in the next year or two.

"Things are just really, really looking great in the City. It's because of the citizens," Bowman said.

Anderson invited citizens to come to the Citizen's Police Academy in January, and then adjourned the meeting. "Thanks to everybody for all their contributions tonight...Merry Christmas."

The City meets again for a regular meeting Jan. 15.



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DDA PRESENTS CHECK TO SAVE THE SCULPTURES GROUP



Mirror staff photo

MONTROSE-The Montrose Downtown Development Authority (DDA) hosted a grand check presentation for Save the Sculptures on Tuesday, Dec. 18, " for a phenomenal job they have done with building community support and awareness of the iconic sculptures that grace our downtown." The sculpture pictured is "Bad Decision," by Vic Payne.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT GETS BEST IN STATE, AGAIN



Shavano Conservation District Board and District Manager. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

COLORADO-Shavano Conservation District (SCD), a local government agency, has been awarded Colorado Conservation District of the Year for the second year in a row. SCD was selected for the award by the Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB) and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

CSCB presented the District of the Year trophy to Ken Lipton, SCD board president, at the Colorado Association of Con-

servation Districts annual meeting in Loveland on Nov. 29, 2018.

SCD was selected for the award as a model of excellence for other Conservation Districts. As one of 76 Conservation Districts in Colorado, SCD is comprised of a local, elected board of directors. These directors represent private and public landowners; inventory natural resource concerns within their area; develop a plan to address concerns; and bring together state, federal, and private funding and resources to solve natural resource con-

cerns. The SCD works to promote soil health practices, prevent soil erosion, conserve and develop water resources, improve water quality, control flooding, preserve wildlife habitat, and improve croplands, rangelands and forests. The CSCB and NRCS award selection committee evaluates districts on their long-range, annual plans of work, and how well the districts met their goals. The SCD goals focus on water conservation in quantity and quality, irrigation water management, soil health practices, rangeland management, and youth conservation education.

Each year the SCD hosts water seminars, soil health workshops and tours, classroom presentations, meets directly with landowners on irrigation water management, and assists landowners in accessing grant funds for installing water-efficient agricultural irrigation systems. For several years, the District has worked to improve soil health in our valley through forums, outreach, tours, and demonstration plots, resulting in an increase in land under cover crops from 300 to 5000 acres. "Being selected as District of the Year is a great honor and recognition of the hard work board members and staff contribute for our community and its resources," stated Bert Earle, district manager.

News, if unreported, has no impact.
It might as well have not happened at all.
Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & EDUCATION

BCBGC YOUTHS OF THE MONTH



BCBGC Montrose Youth of the Month is Isabella (left). Olathe Youth of the Month is Jordon (above).

Special to Art & Sol

REGIONAL-Check out the latest Black Canyon Boys & Girls Clubs' Youths of the Month! Isabella (pictured left) is the Montrose Unit's Youth of the Month. Isabella has been a Club member for a few years and is always willing to help wherever needed. She has a great sense of humor and always brightens the staff and other members' day. Her positive attitude is infectious! Jordon (pictured right) was chosen as the Olathe Unit's Youth of the Month. Jordon was chosen because of her great character, her upbeat positive attitude, and her helpful nature. (And as you can see from the picture, she is always on the move and active!).

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Unknown hazards of the high country **AWARENESS OF HIGH ALTITUDE PULMONARY EDEMA (HAPE) ESSENTIAL TO PREVENTION**



By Carole Ann McKelvey
 Mirror Feature Writer

Editor's Note: *This is the second in a four-part Mirror series on safe skiing. The series is prompted by the news that there are more than 600,000 ski-related injuries annually. Colorado and the Western Slope are world-renowned for skiing. The Montrose Mirror serves the region that skis at Telluride, Crested Butte and Powderhorn.*

MONTROSE – A third life has been lost while skiing or snowboarding in the Colorado high country this season. A 21-year-old skier named Daniel Giger passed away at St. Anthony Summit Medical Center on Sunday, Dec. 16, succumbing to injuries suffered at Breckenridge Ski Resort earlier that day.

In addition to Giger, two others have lost their lives skiing or snowboarding this year in Colorado; 44-year-old Bindu Pomeroy was killed snowboarding in the Vail backcountry late last month, and Bill Brockmueller, a 26-year-old University of Colorado graduate student, died Dec. 10—six days after hitting a tree at Eldora Mountain Resort.

To keep more skiers and snowboarders from being injured or killed, former ski instructor Randall White of Montrose has been offering ski safety seminars under the sponsorship of watchdog group Safe Skiing Advocates (SSA). Of last week's ski-related fatality, White said, "...the deceased was likely not skiing 'in the trees,' as that generally is slower and does not generate adequate speed and kinetic energy to kill..."

Skiing inherently involves high speeds

down steep hills, and even "Blue or steeper green slopes can generate enough kinetic energy to inflict lethal force," said White.

Falls, some spectacular, do happen regardless of how good a skier is, and collisions are not uncommon. Safe Skiing Advocates is pressuring local ski areas to further educate skiers and to have a ski patrol presence on the slopes at all times, so that impaired or out-of-control skiers and snowboarders can have an intervention.

Along with trees, obstacles, and out-of-control skiers, there are other hazards on the slopes that are relatively unknown but that can be just as deadly:

HAPE can be a killer at high altitudes:

High Altitude Pulmonary Edema (HAPE) and Subdermal Hematoma injuries can pose infrequent but lethal risks too. In this part of the Ski Safety Series we will talk about the dangers of HAPE on the slopes.

The Mayo Clinic describes HAPE this way; "In normal lungs, air sacs (alveoli) take in oxygen and release carbon dioxide. In high-altitude pulmonary edema (HAPE), it's theorized that vessels in the lungs constrict, causing increased pressure. This causes fluid to leak from the blood vessels to the lung tissues and eventually into the air sacs."

Though little-known, High Altitude Pulmonary Edema (HAPE) can endanger those venturing into Colorado's high country. It is SSA's position that ski areas should not only patrol the slopes for dangerous conditions or out-of-control skiers or snow

boarders, but should also help educate patrons of the dangers of HAPE and Subdermal Hematoma – which is possible even though skiers wear helmets.

White noted that recently a young man on a vacation in the Colorado high country suffered a near death case of HAPE.

Prevention

According to the website WebMD, "The best way you can lower your chance of getting altitude sickness is through acclimatization. That means you let your body slowly get used to the changes in air pressure as you travel to higher elevations. Experts recommend that those travelling to higher altitudes do so gradually. At the first signs of altitude sickness, immediately move to a lower elevation, especially if developing any of these symptoms:

High-altitude pulmonary edema (HAPE) signs and symptoms:

Shortness of breath after exertion, which progresses to shortness of breath at rest.
 Cough.
 Difficulty walking uphill, which progresses to difficulty walking on flat surfaces.
 Fever.
 Fatigue.
 A cough that produces frothy sputum that may be tinged with blood.

Obviously, dangerous out-of-control skiers and obstacles aren't the only hazard of skiing in Colorado's high country. In future safe skiing stories watch for information on Subdermal Hematoma injuries (even when wearing a helmet) and what can be done to make skiing safer for area families.

CORRECTION: There are 600,000 ski-related injuries per year reported, NOT ski-related deaths as reported in the Mirror Ski Safety article on Dec. 17.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

MUSIC THERAPY @ MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PUTS PATIENTS AT EASE



experience. The feedback from patients and their families has been positive. "Lots of people have thanked us," says David. "One person found us after we had stopped playing, and told us their father had clearly relaxed when we played for them." Anna and David are among a small group of volunteers who provide this service at the hospital. Other volunteers in the program include Robin Freed, Marv Ballantyne, Mary Loncar, Anne Harper, Carlin Knight, Sharon Rasmussen and Debi Saliman. The hospital is looking for more local musicians to add to their music therapy program, with no prior "music therapy" experience required. Interested parties can contact Montrose Memorial Hospital Volunteer Coordinator Beth McCorkle at (970) 240-7341.

Participants in the program enjoy bringing the peaceful environment to patients. "It's fun," adds Anne.

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-While the hospital environment can be intimidating for most people, local musicians are helping to change that.

"There's definitely been a positive effect on some patients," said David Batten, who stresses he's not a licensed music therapist – just someone who enjoys helping patients and playing music.

"I look at their toes to see if their toes are moving, says Anne Cable. "If their toes are moving, I tell them they're dancing."

Anne & Dave are volunteers with the MMH Music Therapy program and have been serving Montrose patients since September 2018. The program does not involve certified "music therapy" musicians but utilizes local musicians for receptive music therapy, whereby clients are recipients of the melodic experience. The program provides a healing environment for patients and helps raise a patient's spirits when they are not feeling communicative. The program is entirely sustained by volunteer musicians who come to the hospital to serve patients in their time of great need. The MMH Music Therapy program began earlier this year after the hospital identified it could improve the patient

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MONTROSE ELKS LODGE: ELK TRACKS



UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE YOUTH HOOP SHOOT, NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!



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

Hoop Shoot

This year Montrose Elks Lodge #1053 is sponsoring a Hoop Shoot for Youth Ages 8 to 13 on Saturday Dec. 29, 2018 at Crossroads Victory Church Gym located at 515 South Hillcrest Drive, Montrose, CO 81401. Registration begins at 10:30 am and the Hoop Shoot starts at 11 am. The Elks Hoop Shoot allows youth to compete to sink the most of 25 free throws. This contest begins at the local level in Montrose. Winners of this local Hoop Shoot advance through District (Durango), State, and Regional contests to reach the National Finals in April 2019. Six contestants will be named National Champions and will have their names permanently inscribed in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame

There are six Divisions based on Contest-



A weekly sandwich or item will be available during Bingo nights at the Elks Lodge. Courtesy images.

Montrose
Elks Lodge
MONTROSE-
Welcome to

ants age as of April 1, 2018:

Boys, ages 8-9 Girls, ages 8-9

Boys, ages 10-11 Girls, ages 10-11

Boys, ages 12-13 Girls, ages 12-13

Please feel free to contact Bill Hodson, Hoop Shoot Director, at 970-209-8191 with any questions regarding this event.

New Year's Eve Party

Please join us for a New Year's Eve Party on 12-31 6PM to 1am. Admission is \$15 for a Couple and \$10 Single. Live Music by Neon Sky for dancing or listening pleasure. Drink specials and food throughout the night. Horsefly beer and champagne toast. Free rides provided by Telluride Express. Elks Bingo is CLOSED on Tuesday Dec. 25, 2019 (Christmas)
Elks Bingo is CLOSED on Tuesday Jan. 1, 2019 (New Year's Day)

BINGO 2019

Double Must Go Jackpots!!

On January 8, 2019 Progressive Game 2 (\$500) and Progressive Game 4 (\$1,199) have achieved "MUST GO" status and will be awarded to the first player(s) to reach Bingo; no matter how many numbers are called. This is going to be a great night of

fun at the Elks Lodge!

Bingo Night - New Food Menu in 2019

A weekly sandwich or item will be available during Bingo nights at the Lodge. Each week a different food item will be advertised, then made fresh by Dave and Cody with our group of youth volunteers. Imagine having roast beef, pulled pork, sloppy joes, French dips, ham and cheese, and subs fresh and ready to enjoy. Sloppy Joe sandwiches will be served on January 8th. \$5 will get you a sandwich, a soda pop, and a bag of chips.

Bingo Night – Pull Tabs in 2019
Starting in 2019 we will have a Pull Tab machine for Bingo players to utilize during Bingo games. The Pull Tab machine will have denominations of \$1.00, 50 cents, & 25 cents tickets and will be located near the Dabbers and Cash Box.

For the best Bingo game in the area *be sure to visit Montrose Elks Lodge every Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM to play Bingo.* We are located at 801 South Hillcrest Drive in Montrose, CO 81401. It's a wonderful way to spend the evening having fun! *Public is welcome, funds raised playing Bingo support local charities.*



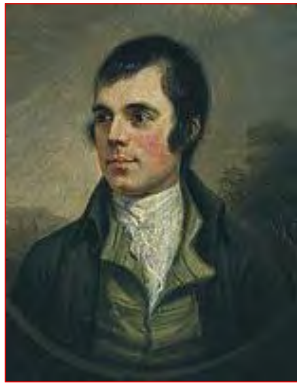
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

CELEBRATE ROBERT BURNS

Special to Art & Sol
GRAND JUNCTION- Robert Burns is perhaps the most honored of Scotland's sons. Through his life, his songs, and his poems, "Rabbie" Burns captured the heart and soul of Scotland as has no other, kindling in his countrymen a fierce pride in their own culture and inde-



Robert Burns.
Courtesy image.

pendence that endures to this day. On Jan. 25, Grand Junction's own Celtic band Fifth Reel and friends will share many of Burns' most treasured songs and poems, and will play the hornpipes, jigs, strathspeys and reels that define Scottish Traditional Music. Fifth Reel is: Connie Smith, Norm Ashley, Mick Wilson, and Ron Young. They will be joined by special guests: President of Clan Cameron Robert Cameron, Highland dancers Sarah Reed and Kim Kelleher, and piper Shawn Stewart. Together they will create a multi-dimensional presentation truly honoring the star of this show, Robert Burns, and Scotland's traditional music. Join us for Poetry, Songs and some Traditional Scottish fare. Tickets are \$15 dollars in advance and \$20 at the door. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Event starts at 7:30 pm doors open at 7.



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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Joan May retires, Ben Tisdal gets award

JOAN MAY ... It was bittersweet to attend the retirement party for my San Miguel County commissioner colleague who's retiring from public office after a 12-year stretch. She's been a great elected official and a dear friend. It's hard to forget the seven and a half years when Elaine Fischer, Joan and I served together. We accomplished a lot, although never as much as we would have liked. And Joan has continued to provide the county with a steady hand on the current board. She's left a lasting legacy in Telluride ... See this week's Talking Gourd for a poem I got to read at her retirement luncheon at the Miramonte Building last week.

BEN TISDEL ... Just learned that Commissioner Ben Tisdal of Ouray County, a progressive Independent, got a "Commissioner of the Year" award from Colorado Counties, Inc. at their winter meeting in Colorado Springs earlier this month. That's a coup since that statewide lobbying group for Colorado's 64 counties is heavily dominated by conservative Republicans ... Last year the award went to Independent Larry Don Suckla of Montezuma County – notable for having almost single-handedly torpedoed a six-year, bipartisan Dolores River Conservation Area process, relaxing zoning rules along the Dolores River, and other Trumpian initiatives ... In 2011 [C.E.] Lynn Padgett of Ouray County won CCI's Commissioner of the Year ... It was disappointing that Rachel Richards of Pitkin County, perhaps the most outspoken and well-spoken Democrat in the organization for the past 12 years she's been in office, failed to receive the group's two long-standing awards -- either Commissioner of the Year or the Distinguished Service Award. Instead, they gave her a special Dedication Award ... For the past 20 years Democrats have been disproportionately on the receiving end of awards from this group. In addition to Padgett, Democrats Jeanne Nicholson of Gilpin County (2005 C.E.), Cindy



Megan Baldrige on the radio (courtesy photo).

Domenico of Boulder County (2009 C.E.) and Hap Channell of Gunnison County (2010 C.E.) have won Commissioner of the Year. And for the Distinguished Service Award, Democrats include Sollie Rosso of Pueblo County (1991 C.E.), Marsha Osborn (1996 C.E.), Dorothea Ferris of Pitkin County (2006 C.E.), Tom Mayor of Boulder County (2007 C.E.), and Doug Monger of Routt County (2012 C.E.) ... In 2017 [C.E.] I received the Distinguished Service Award as a Green.

SIGN OF THE TIMES ... Loved the sign at the Telluride Conoco this summer out at the Brown Homestead, the old town of San Miguel:

"Souvenirs
All beef"

CEDRO ... Megan Baldrige of Albuquerque has a chapbook of poetry by that name, with the subtitle: *The Dog Who Served His Backyard with Distinction* (Jules Poetry Playhouse Publ., 2017 C.E.) ... There's an astrology to what kind of pet you choose to bring into your life. But writing a whole book about that pet seems strange. And yet cross-species friendships and familiars deserve praise. So it's fair, and it's not fair to fault Baldrige for chronicling this special relationship of hers with *Canis domesticus* ... This collection is less about servant/masters and more about housemate/chums. But given the wars, poverty, refugees, genocides and the thousand other



Art Goodtimes presenting Joan May with a Wall Mandala at her retirement luncheon in Telluride (photo by Hilary Cooper).

topics floating around in the world air these days, we're here talking about a dog? ... A backcover with faux blurb flip endorsements does little to convince us this is a serious look at anything and not just a suburban dainty flickering blue/green in the bouncelight of a wallscreen TV ... But it is more than that. Notice the interesting reversal in the last line of this description:

"Pacer on hiking trips:
he, who loves to walk
will stop,
refuse to budge
when you should be tired."

I love "the rigors/of radiant relaxation" watching Cedro sunbathing, and I hate how he "nipped a toddler/entering his personal space" ... In the end I found the poems fun. It's flip, true. But it's a dandy read ... After all, it's "humongous scary" owning a "fierce dog" that you've made your muse. "Seven pounds of rawhide

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

bone, notes Baldrige, after detailing some tricky incidents. Cedro, "all is forgiven ... you, my friend, will be missed" ... Recommended

UTE YOUTH SKI WEEKEND ... Youngsters from the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute tribal recreation programs and their chaperones – 50 folks in all – got to ski for free at the Telluride Ski Resort two weeks ago, thanks to a program spearheaded by

the Telluride Institute and their Ute Reconciliation project (thanks Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk, Audrey Marnoy, Durfee Day, Mandy White) ... The Ski Area supplied the tickets and the ski instructors for skiing and snowboarding (thanks Bill Jenkins, Jeff Proteau, Lisa Morgan, Kyle Lusk). Telluride Sports provided the equipment (thanks Nathan Frerichs, Amanda Cole). Telluride Alpine Lodging provided lodging (thanks Jenny, Chris, Lisa) ... Thanks to Manuel

Heart with helping pay for food for both groups. Thanks to Pamela & John Lifton-Zoline for supplying cooked chickens for the Friday night arrivals. And most of all, thanks to White and Lopez-Whiteskunk for serving as hosts for both groups over the weekend ... It's exciting to be able to continue the cultural exchanges and sharing with our Ute neighbors thanks to the generosity and support of the Telluride community.

THE TALKING GOURD

May Day!

May Day! May Day! May Day!
The County's not asking for help but

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So let's celebrate this local hero
May Day! May Day! May Day!

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A photograph of a white dog with black spots, likely a Weimaraner, sitting on a sandy beach. The dog is leaning forward, with its head buried in the sand, as if digging. Its long tail is raised high into the air. The background shows the ocean and a clear sky.

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Save the Date! Upcoming Regional Events

CURRENT/ONGOING-

YOGA HOUSE-Yoga House has added HIIT Yoga on Wednesday's at 5:45p AND Hot Yoga and is held on Fridays @ 4:30p.m. and Saturday's at 10a.m.; Yoga House is holding 75-minute Inversion Workshops every Sunday in January at 9:45a.m. SUP (Stand up paddle board) Yoga is Held at Montrose Rec Ctr

\$25/class, Held the Following Thursday's at 7p.m.

Dec. 20; Jan. 10 & 17; Feb. 7 & 21; March 7 & 21.

For more info on classes and workshops: ColoradoYogaHouse.com

MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET WINTER MARKET will be open the following Saturdays 10am-1pm. Holiday Market: Nov. 3, 10th & 17th – Dec. 1, 8th, 15th & 22nd. Beginning Jan. 5, 2019, open every other Saturday through April 27, 2019. We are located at Centennial Plaza - Indoor Market in the Centennial Meeting Room, 421 S. 1st Street, Building #1.

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.

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://1980NorthTownsendAve.com) Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

MONTHLY-

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

Dec. 27-- Cory Henry & The Funk Apostles return to Telluride on Thursday, Dec. 27. The show is open to all ages, with doors opening at 8 p.m. and the show starting at 8:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$35 for general admission with preferred seating tickets available at \$50, \$60 and \$79. Limited tickets are available to purchase online at clubredtelluride.com and locally at Telluride Music, located at 333 West Colorado Ave.

Dec. 28-7:30 p.m. – Modern Folk/Bluegrass National Park Radio duo, Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray. Advance online tickets \$15 adults and \$5 students (18 years and under) at www.ocpag.org or \$18 at the door.

Dec. 29-FREE monthly coffee cupping at Cimarron Coffee Roasters, 72 S. Grand Ave, 10-11 a.m.

Dec. 31-Montrose Elks Lodge New Year's Even Party, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Singles \$10; couples \$15. Entertainment by Neon Sky.

Jan. 5-Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap retirement open house, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Montrose County Event Center, 1036 North 7th Street. Cash bar, appetizers served, desserts by Sheila Sanders. RSVP to Janyne at 970.252.4025.

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.avalontheatreji.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.

Jan. 11-"You Knew Me When :: A Night of Folk-Rock Music" <https://healthyrhythmartgallery.bigcartel.com/product/hrms-presents-you-knew-me-when-a-night-of-folk-rock-music>. On Sale Online Now.

Jan. 17-RE-1J Schools Community Meeting, 6 p.m. on Jan. 17, 2019, RE-1J board room. Update on vaping and school safety.

Jan. 25-26-Local farmers and ranchers take center stage with nationally known speakers at the 7th Annual Western Colorado Food and Farm Forum, Jan 25-26, 2019 in Montrose. For a complete list of topics or to register please visit: foodfarmforum.org or call 970-765-6170.

Jan. 25-A celebration of Robert Burns KAFM Radio Room. 7-9:30 pm, 1310 Ute Ave, Grand Junction.

Jan. 26--FREE monthly coffee cupping at Cimarron Coffee Roasters, 72 S. Grand Ave, 10-11 a.m.

Jan. 31-"Buddy Mondlock :: Live at Healthy Rhythm" (Special Guest, Chris Mullen)

<https://healthyrhythmartgallery.bigcartel.com/product/hrms-presents-buddy-mondlock-live-at-healthy-rhythm>

On Sale Online Starting Dec. 27, 2018, at 12:01 a.m.

Feb. 16-"Kipori Woods :: An Intimate Evening of Jazz & Blues"

<https://healthyrhythmartgallery.bigcartel.com/product/hrms-presents-kipori-woods-an-intimate-evening-of-jazz-blues>. On Sale

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MONTROSE-Catching the morning sun in the bay window of Lundberg Chiropractic, this 33-year-old Christmas Cactus bloomed on cue.

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