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HEMP INDUSTRY, NEW FARMERS GET A BREAK IN 2019

By Caitlin Switzer
REGIONAL-With a New Year come new opportunities; for those who make a living from the soil, exciting changes are on the horizon for 2019.

Traditional agriculture and related industries bring in more

than \$7M in wages annually here, according to the [Montrose Economic Development Corporation \(MEDC\)](#). Now, Western Colorado's highly-touted hemp sector is poised to grow, thanks to the passage on Dec. 20 of a new U.S. Farm Bill that legalizes industrial hemp and makes hemp producers eligible for the federal crop insurance program. In addition, a recently announced REDI grant to be administered by MEDC will fund a supply-chain analysis and feasibility study for a Western Slope Hempseed Processing facility.

For its support of new producers, the [National Young Farmers Coalition](#) released a statement on Dec. 21 calling the 2018 Farm Bill "a victory."



To encourage new ag producers, the Valley Food Partnership will give scholarships for beginning farmers and ranchers to attend the 7th Annual Food and Farm Forum Jan. 25-26. Courtesy photo Valley Food Partnership.

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COMPARED TO 1918, NEW YEAR'S OPTIONS ABUNDANT IN MODERN MONTROSE



A century ago, Montrose High school (above) was closed for quarantine because of the Spanish flu. Walker Art Studio, Denver Public Library Digital Collection.

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-One hundred years ago, Montrose was mourning those lost to the dreaded Spanish Flu. The front page on Jan. 1, 1919, carried a heart-broken account of the untimely flu death of Mrs. Sylvia Wilson Malone, a young Montrose bride who had moved to Denver with her new attorney husband just weeks before. "Montrose has never known a sweeter or more loveable character than Mrs. Malone," the article stated.

The Jan. 1, 1919 Montrose Daily Press also carried news of the Great War in Europe, and an editorial from the local school superintendent stating why Montrose schools were not closed for quarantine as the worldwide flu epidemic raged (by Jan. 4, 1919, the Daily Press reported that the high school had been closed for a week as a quarantine measure.)

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JACQUELINE DAVIS NAMED MARKETING DIRECTOR FOR DELTA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) announces that Jacqueline (Jacque) Davis, a local community engagement, marketing, and public relations director in Western Colorado, will become the new Director of Marketing. In this role Davis will oversee and lead the strategic marketing, communications, and public relations for DCMH.

She will also be responsible for the development of hospital and provider promotional material and will work closely with CEO Jason Cleckler in promoting the hospital around the area.

"We are so excited to welcome Jacque, as she brings a wealth of experience to this important position," said Cleckler. "She'll be an integral part of bringing in new patients and strengthening connections with our existing patients and community members across the region."

Davis is a Western Slope native, growing up in Montrose, "I could never think of a better place than the Western Slope to

live and raise a family," stated Davis. "My family is all from here, so I am excited for this opportunity to be a part of the Delta Hospital team and getting to tell all the wonderful stories of the great local care and people of this region."

Davis is very active in supporting the community; she is a board member of All Points Transit, Steering Committee Member of the West Region Health Care Coalition and a long time Rotarian.

She has worked most recently as the Marketing Director for Colorow Care Center, a Vivage Quality Partners facility in Olathe, and as Marketing Manager for Volunteers of America, the PACE Program in Montrose and Delta counties.

She has more than 10 years of local healthcare marketing experience, and holds a bachelor's degree from Colorado Mesa University and a master's in Healthcare Administration from Ohio University.

With her husband, Lincoln, two children (Jerica and Jamison) and three step chil-



Jacqueline Davis. Courtesy photo.

dren (Hunter, Bridger and Parker) they love spending time in the mountains, ATV-ing, watching kid's baseball and traveling.

LONGTIME LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGIST STEVEN BAKER TO PRESENT TALK JAN. 16

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On Jan. 16, Steven Baker of Centuries Research in Montrose will present "An Archaeological Tour of Important Fremont Sites on the Douglas Creek Arch, Rio Blanco County." This talk will include excavations and startling information about The Sky Aerie, Rim Rock Hamlet and Sandshadow sites, and granaries and rock art. Baker is a local archaeologist whose firm has conducted research in Western Colorado for nearly forty years. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at United Methodist Church, Baldridge Hall, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose. The public is invited (no charge; donation accepted); new members are always welcome.



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"Because of this bill, young farmers will have more of the support they need to find success in an increasingly complicated agricultural sector," the statement read. "This farm bill's programs will offer the capital that young farmers need to buy their first tractor, and their first farm – as well as the support and training that they require to turn these investments into a lifelong career on the land."

Valley Food Partnership organizer Carol Parker said that with the average age of farmers and ranchers on the rise, "those efforts are really important."

Members of the National Young Farmers Coalition will present the Western Water Workshop at the Valley Food Partnership Food and Farm Forum in January. "It's geared toward any producer," Parker said. "Also, it's very much geared toward beginning farmers and ranchers."

Kate Greenberg, who serves as Western Program Director for the National Young Farmers Coalition, was expected to come to the Food and Farm Forum in January, Parker said, but she noted that the sched-

ule may be subject to change now that Greenburg has been named to serve as Colorado's first female agriculture commissioner by Governor Jared Polis.

Agriculture students and producers who are just starting out can also access scholarships to attend the 2019 Food and Farm Forum, Parker said.

Along with agribusiness opportunities, demand for related informational resources is on the rise as well. Scientific information and ongoing research on hemp is a high-demand field, and will continue to be, said Stephanie Conley of the Colorado State University (CSU) Tri-River Area Extension office. Tri-River Area Extension has agents who are educated and trained to provide support on a vast number of topics, she said.

"We have 13 different extension agents working locally," Conley said, noting that agents can assist producers with information and advice in many areas, including horticulture, agronomy, gardening, STEM education, and the Master Gardener program.

"Our family and consumer sciences agent is a registered dietician, as well as a government food safety specialist," Conley said. "Our agents have degrees in a variety of subjects, and we have a number of STEM programs available locally."

For those seeking information specific to the business of agriculture, there are also several presentations and forums in coming months.

On Tuesdays throughout the month of January, CSU will present Basic Ag Marketing Lunch & Learn webinar events. Find tickets at Eventbrite.

On Jan. 17, CSU hosts a 2019 Ag Outlook & Strategy Forum at Bill Heddles Rec Center in Delta, 531 North Palmer Street, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-registration required.

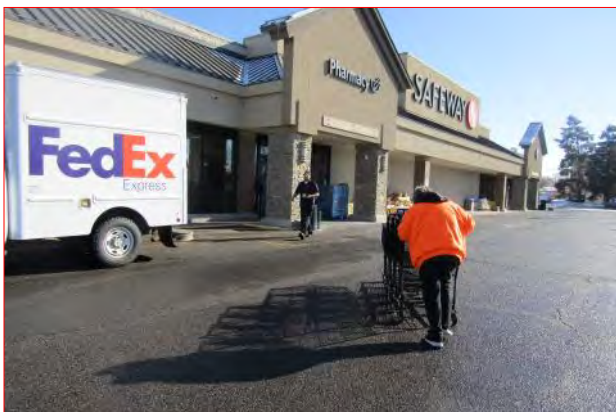
The Valley Food Partnership will host the 7th annual Food and Farm Forum Jan. 25-26, with the theme, Healthy Fields, Farmers, Futures. Click here to register.

The Western Slope Soil Health Conference takes place at the Delta Center for the Performing Arts Feb. 21-22, 2019.



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MIRROR IMAGES: GROCERS TO CARRY FULL STRENGTH BEER



With no adjacent liquor store, Safeway of Montrose will sell full strength beer in January.



The increasingly popular Carniceria Sonora market at North First and Cascade in Montrose was recently granted a liquor license.



Mirror staff photos.

***MONTROSE**-On Jan. 1, 2019, sweeping changes to Colorado's liquor laws mean that full strength beer will be sold in grocery stores. Local markets preparing for the change include Safeway (above) and the Carniceria Sonora Market Downtown, (middle and below left).*

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Other headlines of the day included a freight train car filled with dynamite that derailed at city limits (it failed to explode) and a record cold snap.

"New Year's Day dawned in this city and valley with temperatures ranging from 18 to 20 below zero," the newspaper stated, "...it is one of the coldest days in the history of the city and the people want to keep the home fires burning tonight as never before."

A century has passed since those times, but one thing hasn't changed—at the start of 2019, it's cold outside. One thing that has changed—those hoping to ring in the New Year "out on the town" have choices that were not available on New Year's Eve one hundred years ago.

Rowdy New Year's Eve parties were scarce in Montrose in 1918. Montrose had been a dry town since 1910, notes Montrose County Historical Society Director

Sally Johnson. Instead, "The ladies did a lot of plays, church things," Johnson said. "They brought in special guest speakers." Also, "There were a lot of speakeasies."

Tonight, private venues throughout Montrose will be hosting events, and there will be a New Year's Eve senior dance with music by the Ghost River Band at the Montrose Pavilion Senior Center (1800 Pavilion Drive in Montrose) from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$5.

And in keeping with tradition, the Montrose Elks Lodge (801 South Hillcrest Drive) invites you to celebrate New Year's Eve there, from 6 p.m. on Dec. 31 to 1 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2019.

The band Neon Sky will perform, and beer will be provided by Horsefly Brewing Company.

At midnight, there will be a champagne toast.

Tickets are \$15 for couples and \$10 for



Above, local band Neon Sky will perform at the Montrose Elks Lodge Dec. 31, to ring in the New Year. Courtesy photo.

singles, Elks Lodge staffer Sheila said.

"We will have finger foods," she said. "And rides home with Telluride Express."

On Jan. 1, soak in the new year. Ridgeway's Orvis Hot Springs is open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Jan. 1.

According to the Ouray Visitor Center, Ouray's Hot Spring Pool is also open on New Year's Day, from Noon to 9 p.m.

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MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS ALERT

Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers
MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. and the Montrose County Sheriff's Office are seeking the help of citizens to identify and locate two filmed suspects in the unlawful entry of a vehicle in the Northbrook community off of Marine Road during the early morning hours of Nov. 30. This follows several incidents involving thefts of property in the communities bordering Marine Road.

Anyone with information about this crime or the identity of the perpetrator(s) or any other crimes may call Crime Stop-

pers anonymously at 970-249-8500, use the mobile app P3 Tips, or provide information via P3tips.com. Crime Stoppers wants your information, not your identity. If the Tip results in an arrest, the Tipster may receive a cash award. For additional information, please view our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers. Crime prevention and crime solution are everyone's responsibility. The Montrose County Sheriff's Office encourages the public to be aware and utilize the following suggestions to keep their communities safe.

Know your neighbors and participate in Neighborhood Watch.

Do not disclose your vacation dates on social media.

Lock your vehicles and do not leave valuable items in them.

Invest in a home security system, including motion sensor lights.

Document serial numbers of all valuables, such as firearms.

Lock your doors and use curtains and blinds for security.

Protect your identity by shredding sensitive documents.



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BENNET OFFICE HELD LISTENING SESSIONS IN EVERY COLORADO COUNTY IN 2018

Special to the Mirror

DENVER-Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet invited constituents to meet in person with members of his Colorado staff in all 64 counties this year.

Constituents in Colorado, and across the country, sometimes need assistance when dealing with the IRS, Social Security Administration, VA, or other federal agen-

cies. In 2018, Bennet's Colorado staff scheduled individual appointments to listen to constituent concerns, respond to questions, and help Coloradans navigate through government red tape.

"Standing up for Coloradans is at the heart of our commitment to the public," said Senator Bennet. "No matter what, constituents should always reach out to

our office with any questions, concerns, opinions, and requests." Bennet's office held 80+ community office hours in 2018. During his second term, Bennet fielded questions during 20+ official town hall meetings across the state, in addition to accepting invitations from constituents to discuss topics of interest, including immigration, veteran issues, and agriculture.

Constituent service will remain a top priority for Bennet and his team in 2019. Submit requests [online](#) or call any of Bennet's [statewide offices](#). Walk-ins are welcome. Appointments are recommended, but not required.

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CITY OF MONTROSE CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP SERVICE BEGINS THIS WEEK

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MONTROSE— City of Montrose crews will begin the annual curbside Christmas tree pick-up on Wednesday.

Christmas trees will be picked up curbside beginning Jan. 2 and continuing through Jan. 31.

Trees will be collected by route Monday through Thursday; Christmas tree collection routes follow existing trash pick-up routes.

Trees can also be dropped off at the City of Montrose Public Works facility Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Artificial trees, frosted trees, and trees with tinsel, stands and/or ornaments attached will not be collected.

For more information, please call 970.240.1480.

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- ◆ What Happens if the Family Starts Fighting?
- ◆ Does the Court Need to be Involved?

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

BUILD THE WALL, CREATE A MASSIVE BORDER PATROL TO MAN IT

Editor:

There are three ways to come to the U.S. Apply for entry, the guest worker program, and illegally. Allowing illegal entry means that our government is facilitating, permitting, even encouraging grand theft of the American purse. Illegal Aliens steal our security, safety, comfort and money. They create an underclass of scofflaws. If they really wanted to become one of us (as most legally admitted immigrants have) they would enter legally and become citizens and earn the rights, benefits and obligations thereof. They would no longer wave the flag of that 'awful place' from which they came. Yes' indeed, it was an 'awful place'; it did not give them

the freebees that our 'not for the people' government gives them.

Free health care. Free birthing. Subsidized housing. Free legal services like lawyers, translators and prison cells when they escalate their criminal behavior from that of illegal entry. They have become an underclass of the population in which their large criminal element lives and hides. They steal American jobs. They take wages under the table and therefore pay no taxes. They fill up our schools. The adults don't learn our language, our customs, our beliefs and cluster in barrios where they can hide from the law and hide others from the law. They don't carry auto insurance any longer than it takes to

get their license plates. A driver's license, 'no comprende'. They get food stamps. These 'thieves' are simply stealing from their hosts. We pay for everything they steal. Of course we hear that 'there are so many 'good ones'. Malarkey! You cannot show me one illegal that has not (taken) stolen from the American system of charity (welfare).

Then there are the absolutely abominable ones who steal the lives of legitimate Americans. And when they do, they just scoot back across the border to that 'awful place' that they came from, escaping all accountability. Worse yet, they come back. Keeping these criminals from scooting south after their murders, robberies and rapes is, in itself, a good reason to have the wall.

It is long past time that the most powerful nation in the world stopped this invasion and caused the EMMIGRATION of the illegals already here. We should use all this stolen money for our own poor, build the wall and create a massive border patrol to man it.

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

TIPS FOR DONATING WISELY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Special to the Mirror

DENVER-- The Colorado Secretary of State's Office reminds Coloradans to give generously to their favorite charities but to give wisely as well.

"This time of year is when local nonprofits step up their fundraising efforts and Coloradans begin to focus on their charitable appeals," Secretary Williams said.

"Whatever your motivations or favorite causes, my office wants to help you make an informed giving decision so that your donations will be used as you intended and have the maximum impact."

The following tips, together with data filed on the [Secretary of State's website](#) by nearly 16,000 charities, will help you give with confidence and avoid charity scams.

-Ask for the name and registration number of the charity.

-Ask what percentage of your donation will go to the charity, whether the donation is tax deductible, and what charitable programs it will support.

-Make a note of the first and last name of the person contacting you and the name of the company employing that person. If it is a paid solicitor, ask for their registration number, and if you are asked in person, ask for their identification.

-Be wary if the charity fails to provide detailed information about its identity, mission, and finances and how the donation will be used. Reputable charities will gladly provide the information requested.

-Be especially wary of any organization that offers to send a courier to pick up your check, or if they thank you for making a pledge you don't remember making

-Verify with local charities any claims by the solicitor that your donation will support local organizations.

-There is no need to give on the spot, whether to a telemarketer or door-to-door solicitor. If you feel pressured or uncomfortable, just say, "No, thank you" or hang up.

-Do not pay in cash. Donate by check made payable to the charity or use the charity's website to donate by credit card.

-Verify the official name and website of the charity you wish to support. Beware of names that sound too similar to well-

known organizations and beware of look-alike websites, especially if you are asked to provide personal financial information.

-Review disclosure forms filed by the charity or paid solicitor on the [Secretary of State's website](#). A charity's filings include information about the organization's leadership, mission, financial efficiency, and use of commercial fundraisers.

Paid solicitor filings show the duration and purposes of their solicitation cam-

paigns, their anticipated compensation, and the actual results of concluded solicitation campaigns.

If you believe that you have been solicited by a fraudulent charity, you can file a complaint with the Secretary of State or the Attorney General.

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CDOT has a web site for teen drivers and parents, coteendriver.com. Courtesy image.

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE—Most teens look forward to getting behind the wheel, and to the greater levels of freedom and responsibility that come with driving. With a 22 percent hike in teen traffic fatalities an-

nounced by Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) earlier this year, however, parents of young drivers can expect to take on increased responsibility as well. In Colorado, requirements for new drivers have been toughened over the years. Those who are between 15 and 15.5 years of age can obtain a [driver education learner's permit](#), which is valid for three years and which requires a classroom education component. Those who are 15.5 to 16 years of age can obtain a [Driver Awareness Learner's permit](#), which is also valid for three years but offers several education options. Drivers who are between 16 and 21 years of age must obtain a [minor instruction permit](#), which includes a different set of requirements.

Common to all three permits is the requirement that applicants complete a drive time log sheet, showing that the new driver has completed 40 hours of supervised daytime driving, and 10 hours of supervised night time driving, according to DMV helpline staff. And in most cases, the supervision falls on the young driver's parents. And while there many restrictions that apply to all drivers, there are additional [restrictions](#) that apply specifically to teens. Among these are passen-

ger restrictions, mandatory seat belt rules for all drivers and passengers, a complete prohibition on cell phone use, and a curfew (no driving between midnight and 5 a.m.) that applies throughout the first year as a licensed driver. Also, driving under the influence of any alcohol at all is punishable by law.

According to CDOT, the graduated driver licensing laws for teens save lives. "Teens face the greatest risk of crashing during the first year of their license," CDOT Communications Manager Sam Cole said. "One out of every five licensed 16-year-olds will be in a motor vehicle crash. For 16 to 17-year-olds, carrying just one passenger increases the crash risk by about 50 percent. That's why it's critical that teens follow the GDL laws starting from when they obtain their license."

CDOT's [Colorado Teen Drivers web site](#) offers advice and materials for new drivers and their parents, including the following words of advice for parents of teen drivers:

- Most importantly, talk to your teen about the dangers and health impacts of alcohol.
- Be sure to visit www.coteendriver.com for more information on Colorado's teen driving laws.



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NEW FEES WILL PROTECT COLORADO WATERS FROM INVASIVE MUSSELS

Special to the Mirror

DENVER— In order to keep destructive quagga and zebra mussels out of lakes and reservoirs in Colorado, boaters will help to provide crucial funding for the state's Aquatic Nuisance Species Inspection Program starting in 2019.

"Colorado is one of just a few states in the country that doesn't have an infestation of adult zebra or quagga mussels in any of its waters," said Elizabeth Brown, invasive species program manager for Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "That's directly attributable to our watercraft inspection and decontamination prevention program that's been in place since 2008."

Earlier this year, the Colorado General Assembly approved a bill that requires those who operate motorboats and sailboats on waters of the state to purchase an ANS stamp annually. The cost of the stamp for Colorado residents is \$25. For boaters coming to Colorado from other states or provinces the stamp will cost \$50. The stamp fee is separate from the annual boat registration permit but will be included in the cost of registration for in-state boats. The stamp and registration is currently available for residents at CPW offices and the agency website. Boaters coming from other states can buy their stamp online, at CPW offices or at any

sales location beginning January 1, 2019.

Mussel infestations cause a variety of major problems. Because mussels consume plankton they disrupt the food web and out-compete sport fish and native fish. Mussels clog infrastructure, including reservoir dams, outlet structures and distribution systems that carry water for irrigation, municipal and industrial uses. Mussels also infest boats and damage engines.

Mussels have caused billions of dollars in damage, especially in the upper Midwest and Lower Colorado River. Nearby states where mussel infestations exist include Utah, Arizona, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas and Oklahoma.

Since the ANS program started in Colorado in 2008, CPW staff and other entities have completed 4.4 million boat inspections, more than 90,000 boats have been subject to decontamination procedures and 195 vessels with confirmed mussel infestations have been intercepted and decontaminated. The threat of boats



Courtesy photo Colorado Parks & Wildlife.

transporting mussels also appears to be growing: This year 51 boats with adult mussels were found at inspection stations, far more than the previous record of 26 boats in one year.

The new fee will cover half of the cost of the inspection program. The remainder will be paid by CPW and a variety of stakeholders, including federal agencies, local governments, water providers and other partners.

"We appreciate that Colorado boaters have been very cooperative with CPW on the ANS inspection program. And we all need to continue to be vigilant," Brown said.



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SKIER DEATH AT KEYSTONE RESORT

Special to the Mirror

SUMMIT COUNTY— On Dec. 25, 2018 at approximately 12:26 p.m. the Summit County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a sixty-six year old male skier who was found unconscious on a ski run at Keystone Resort. There was no indication that the skier had a collision with any object. The skier was transported to St. Anthony Summit Medical Center where he was later pronounced dead. The identity of the skier is being withheld until notification to the next of kin has been made by the Summit County Coroner. The Summit County Coroner has taken over the investigation into the cause of death.

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EXPECT INCREASED DUI PATROLS FOR NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS

Special to the Mirror

STATEWIDE — For many, the new year marks a time for self-improvement, reflection and growth. For those who decide to drive under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, it will mark the beginning of a series of penalties from a DUI arrest. To prevent this from happening and to save lives on our roadways, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and local law enforcement agencies will increase DUI enforcement from Dec 28 to Jan. 2. The heightened enforcement coincides with New Year's celebrations and is part of *The Heat Is On* campaign. It includes saturation patrols and additional law enforcement on duty dedicated to impaired driving enforcement. Last year, 119 agencies arrested 357 impaired drivers during the five-day New Year's enforcement period. This year more than 100 law enforcement agencies are participating.

Earlier this month, 106 law enforcement agencies made 722 arrests during the Holiday Parties DUI enforcement period, with the Denver Police Department (68 arrests), Colorado Springs Police Department (87 arrests), and Aurora Police Department (30 arrests) recording the highest arrest totals. CSP arrested an additional 116 DUI offenders across the state. Comprehensive results from all participating agencies can be found at <https://www.codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-reporting-portal>. Arrest data can be sorted by law enforcement agency, county and enforcement period.

If you're hosting a party or other New Year's gathering, consider these tips to help prevent impaired driving:

- Have plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages available.
- Stop serving alcohol at least an hour before the end of the party.
- Use smaller serving cups to keep alcoholic beverages to the appropriate size.
- Plan activities and games that do not involve alcohol to reduce consumption.
- Don't be afraid to take someone's keys if they've had too much to drink, or if they've ingested any impairing substance like prescription drugs, sleep medication, marijuana or any form of illegal drug.

ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET, HOWEVER: HELMETS DON'T ALWAYS GUARANTEE BRAIN SAFETY IN A SKI ACCIDENT



Those suffering a brain bleed on the slopes often do not realize they are injured. Companions should call the ski patrol immediately, get the person to the clinic ASAP, and do not take 'no' for an answer. Courtesy photo.

By Carole Ann McKelvey
Mirror Feature Writer

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

MONTROSE – You religiously wear your ski helmet and you're safe, right? It's a common belief. Not necessarily true. . .

Skiing can involve high speeds down steep hills, and even "Blue or steeper green slopes can generate enough kinetic energy to inflict lethal force, even when wearing a helmet, if you come to an abrupt stop and hit your head or torso on a solid object," says Montrose's Randy White, safe skiing advocate.

White's watch dog group Safe Skiing Advo-

cates (SSA) is pushing for all ski areas to thoroughly educate skiers on safety and to have a ski patrol and law officer presence on the slopes so that impaired, high, or out-of-control skiers and snowboarders can be intercepted before doing harm.

"A helmet-wearing ski instructor colleague of mine suffered a subdural hematoma last season, when he did a 'header' in soft snow at a Utah ski area, and though he seemed only dazed, nearly died later that day," White said.

The story of White's friend began with a pair of falls on blue slopes, at typical speeds. After the first one, the man did not know he had suffered a brain bleed from a subdural hematoma and decided to go out again with friends and family another day.

On his way down a blue slope he was going a typical speed of about 14 miles per hour when he hit a rock in the steep snow and did a 360 flip, with his head hitting the packed snow as he somersaulted.

He landed on his feet and kept on skiing. Amazingly, after the ski accident, White's friend drove himself home. In the end it took a trip to the emergency room after symptoms began to show up – for a time he could not move his arms or legs and could not talk. He later said, "They did a CT scan and saw the blood on my brain." Later, he told his friend, White, "when something like this happens your ski buddies must intervene and should do three things immediately."

- Call the ski patrol and have them take the person down to the clinic;
- You stay with them and take them there;
- Do not take 'no' for an answer.

After treatment and surgery, this person was one of the lucky ones who got treatment in time and is slowly regaining his mental and physical abilities. "It was very scary," he says.

All in all, not a stellar skiing vacation.

Symptoms of a subdural hematoma:

Acute subdural hematomas usually cause symptoms right away.

"However," states Health line, "people with chronic subdural hematomas may have no symptoms at all." Common symptoms of a subdural hematoma can include: -slurred speech

-loss of consciousness (temporary at times) or coma
-Slurred speech, seizures, numbness, severe headache, and/or visual impairment. Obviously, anyone who has had a fall with some of these types of symptoms should go to a doctor or emergency room as soon as possible.

In a ski setting immediately call the ski patrol and take the toboggan ride to the on-slope medical center.

Subdural hematomas can be diagnosed using imaging tests, such as a CT or MRI scans.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SHERIFF MASTERS WARNS OF SKI 'POACHING' DANGERS

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE – San Miguel County Sheriff Bill Masters is warning skiers about the dan-

gers and criminal ramifications of "poaching," that is skiing or snowboarding in closed terrain.

The warning is being issued after recent poaching incidents in the Telluride Ski Resort, current avalanche dangers, and high skier volume.

"What people don't realize is that they can trigger an avalanche that has life-threatening risks to unassuming skiers in a different area of the resort," Sheriff Masters said. For example, someone skiing in closed terrain on Gold Hill can trigger an avalanche that deposits dangerous snow slides on intermediate terrain elsewhere.

The recent incidents include two individuals in their 20s who are new to Telluride. They allegedly ducked a rope and traversed down below Black Iron Bowl where Telluride Ski Patrolters were engaged in avalanche mitigation work. When patrolters yelled at them to stop, the female skier did so while the male snowboarder continued, later claiming that he did not see closure signs, a rope or hear the commands to stop.

"Ducking a rope is considered a petty crime, but skiers who venture into a closed area with people below can be charged with reckless endangerment," Sheriff Masters said. "And if those people are then injured or worse, you're talking about a serious felony. The District Attorney has assured me he will prosecute poachers to the fullest extent of the law."

Sheriff Masters is also warning people who ski into closed areas that they should not count on being rescued if they get into trouble. "There's a reason these areas are closed, often because it's dangerous to be in that area. So just because you think it's a good idea to take that risk, doesn't mean I'm going to have our people go and take that same risk to rescue you."

Sheriff Masters asks skiers to pay attention to ropes and signage and ask ski patrolters or personnel if you have any questions about open vs. closed terrain.



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SECRETARY OF STATE ANNOUNCES YEAR-END HOURS OF SERVICE

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DENVER -- The Colorado Secretary of State's office is closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day. Our online services will be unavailable from 11:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 2018, until noon on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019.

We will be doing our yearly maintenance during this time. This downtime will affect services, such as filing and searching. We *will NOT extend filing deadlines*. We appreciate your understanding. Attention business filers --

The filing of paper forms, such as mergers, will be unavailable from 5 p.m., Dec. 31, 2018, until Jan. 2, 2019. If a filing has an effective date of Dec. 30, Dec. 31 or Jan. 1, it should be submitted prior to Dec. 31, and include a delayed effective date. See [Year-End Filing Tips](#) for more information. Questions? Call 303-894-2200 and select 2.

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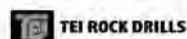
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BEATLES VS. STONES SHOW COMES TO GRAND JUNCTION STAGE JAN. 10



"Beatles Chase" (l-r) shows Chris Paul Overall ("Paul"), Nate Bott ("John"), Axel Clarke ("Ringo") and Jesse Wilder ("George"). Courtesy photo by Michelle Fairless.

GRAND JUNCTION- For decades, the battle has raged: Beatles or Stones? Through their heyday, fans accused London's Rolling Stones of stealing ideas -- even entire albums -- from their Liverpool counterparts. At the same time, the Beatles secretly envied the Stones' "bad boy" image and attitude, often copying their style. Both bands are unmistakably great, scoring an array of hits that changed musical history, but only one can be the best. The most infamous rivalry in rock and roll never played out in a public arena until now as *Beatles vs. Stones – A Musical*

Showdown returns to the Avalon Theatre on Thursday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 pm. The show is appropriate for all ages. The Fruita Monument High School String Quartet will accompany the cast on seven songs.

Will the Stones be yelling for "Help" to fight the song-writing prowess of Lennon/McCartney? Or will the Beatles cry "Gimme Shelter" from the relentless sonic barrage of Jagger/Richards classics?

While fierce competition fueled the creative output of both bands during the 1960's, tension between the tribute performers is equally palpable.

Would you let your daughter marry a Rolling Stone, or your son come home with a Beatle haircut? This ultimate battle of the bands pits the mop tops against the bad boys. London against Liverpool. Guitars will weep and dice will tumble, and in the end, when the whip comes down, only one band shall emerge victorious.

Fruita Monument High School senior

Seth Brinton, junior Katelyn Nelson, sophomore Brooklyn Belnap and freshman Cody Bailey will join the bands for the songs "Eleanor Rigby," "Yesterday," "A Day in the Life," "Hello Goodbye," "Hey Jude," "As Tears Go By," and "Ruby Tuesday." Quartet members belong to prestigious area ensembles, including the District-wide Honors Orchestra. Members compete in Solo and Ensemble festivals and have received superior ratings. Beatles or Stones? You decide!

Two of the greatest bands of all time face off in a high-energy, adrenaline-pumping musical showdown.

The Fab Four, represented by tribute band *Abbey Road*, will engage in a barrage of hits against premier Rolling Stones tribute band *Satisfaction*. *Beatles vs. Stones – A Musical Showdown* performs on Thursday, January 10 at 7:30 pm at the Avalon Theatre.

Tickets are \$35 - \$65 and may be purchased online at www.avalontheatrejg.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.



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COLORADO SKI AREAS OFFER TIPS FOR FAMILIES

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DENVER— Colorado is a long-time favorite winter destination for families from near and far looking to enjoy some quality family time in the mountains. Colorado Ski Country USA (CSCUSA) member resorts offer dozens of family-friendly offers, discounts and deals on everything from lodging and lift tickets to gear rentals and lessons. Below are some tips for life-long ski families and first-timers alike to have a successful day on the slopes and family friendly deals across Colorado's world-class ski areas. Families should visit individual ski area websites and social media for promotions and use www.coloradoski.com as a resource for information across the state.

Plan Ahead

By booking a ski day or ski vacation early, families can take advantage of the lowest prices and bundled deals. For guests traveling internationally or from across the country, booking lodging and lift ticket deals in advance can mean significant savings. Even for Coloradans who are new to the state or new to the sport, booking a day of skiing or riding in advance can unlock great deals for the whole family. The

[Gems Card](#), which provides either two buy-one-get-one or two 30 percent off adult lift tickets at 11 ski areas in Colorado for just \$25, provides families a great chance to visit multiple ski areas across the state.

Take a Lesson

Professional instruction is a great idea for everyone, from first-time skiers or riders who want to learn the basics to long-time snowsport veterans who want to brush up on their skills or refresh after some time away from the slopes. Luckily, Colorado ski areas offer a wide variety of lesson options, including both full-day and half-day group lessons, private lessons and multi-day lesson packages.

Dress Appropriately for the Conditions

Colorado is home to ever changing weather conditions. Make sure everyone in the family is prepared. Base layers, a helmet and water-resistant pants, jackets and gloves are a must. Check out used clothing outlets for great deals or base area options and don't forget the sunscreen and lip balm.

Keep the Emphasis on Fun

For members of the family who aren't keen on skiing or snowboarding or want some time off from the slopes, Colorado



Courtesy photo Telluride Ski Resort.

ski areas offer dozens of family-friendly non-skiing activities. In addition to skiing and riding, families can spend their days ice skating, snow shoeing, riding mountain coasters, tubing, shopping and more. A full list of activities is available here: www.coloradoski.com/non-skiing-activities.

Let Your Kids Lead the Way

Some little ones are ready for the slopes earlier than others. Let your child's sense of adventure and fun be your guide. Remember, learning to ski or snowboard can tire out young and older legs alike. Take breaks, refuel and be realistic about how much time on the hill is needed to keep everyone smiling.

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Sam Burgess as Bro (L) and Colin Sullivan as Dude cracking up on *The Bench* (photo by Suzanne Cheavens).



Halle Zander (courtesy photo).

SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE ... If you don't subscribe to this important periodical, at least grab the January-February issue (Vol. 49, No. 9). It's the best explication of what it means to be in the 17th year of the War on Terror. It doesn't take sides, but it does explain things from many sides. This is the educational aspect of journalism where it does its best work ... We learn about what it means for a wounded Marine to come home without a left arm. How he rehabilitates and continues his life, proud to be an American, in Victor J. Blue's "A Warrior Comes Home" ... We learn about a deeply Christian intelligence interrogator at an American military prison in Iraq who leaves the service as a conscientious objector and then dies at 32 from "Iraq/Afghanistan War Lung Injury" in Jennifer Percy's "The Priest of Abu Ghraib" ... We find a Matthew Twombly graph showing that America has been a "Nation At Arms" for 228 years of the 244 years of its existence (93.5% of the years between 1775 and 2018 C.E.) – if you define "war" as Twombly does: "using military force, or the imminent threat of force, to achieve national ends" ... There's Rebecca Frankel's "War Dog" story of bringing an Afghanistan combat dog home to keep; Jennie R. Gritz's "Name, Rank and Gender" piece about the controversial issue of transgender troops in the military; Mark

Bowden's commentary "The Legacy of Black Hawk Down" in which he argues we've learned the wrong lessons about fighting terrorism overseas; and Elliot Ackerman's "War and Remembrance" that wonders how we pay tribute to the fallen in a conflict that might never end ... One of the most fascinating illustrations of the special issue was Stephanie Savell and 5 W Infographics's map locating the 80 countries now involved in counter-terrorism activities where American troops are currently stationed (40), training other militaries (65), conducting military exercises (26), orchestrating drone strikes (7), or actively in combat (14).

LAST COLUMN OF THE YEAR ... How wonderful to be writing for the *Montrose Mirror* – an amazing digital information source for many of the good (and bad) things happening in the Montrose area ... Kudos to Editor Caitlin Switzer who is fearless, truthful, a font of information. And a beautiful human being to boot ... But it was disappointing in the Dec. 24th issue of the *High Country News* that Jonathan Thompson's "News deserts of the West" piece and the accompanying infographic suggested that neither Montrose nor San Miguel counties had digital news sites ... Au contraire, they most certainly do ...

Yes, we are losing newspapers, but we are gaining digital news sources simultaneously. And a shift from industrial paper&ink to post-industrial cyber-photon may not be all bad.

RIGHT ACTIONS ... Over in the Roaring Fork impresario Alya Hoyer's hosting her Salon series once again on Saturday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 at the Launchpad in Carbondale -- featuring a powerful young spoken word artist Halle Zander ... www.eventbrite.com/e/the-salon-carbondale-tickets-53554463843 ... She's suggesting, in addition to the \$25 in advance ticket price, patrons bring a gift such as wool socks and sleeping bags for the Carbondale Homeless Assistance's outreach to the homeless.

DUDE & BRO GET REAL ... Building off their successful local humor franchise, Telluride Theatre tossed together a delightful holiday sequel that saw sold-out theaters and standing ovation crowds ... Comedy does delight, when done well. And the San Miguel County theater troupe led by Sasha and Colin Sullivan did quite well ... I got to see the romp in the intimate Sherbino Theatre in Ridgway, and it was a hoot. Skit after skit skewered local foibles, spotlighted local characters (including me), and drew howls of laughter from appreciative audiences. The buzz around the mountains was almost audible. Don't miss! ... It was especially nice to have the show tour a bit from San Miguel to Ouray counties. Shared cultural offerings tend to tie us together as regions, particularly as both Ridgway and Telluride have state-recognized art districts ... I think Telluride Theatre does its best work when it workshops its original concepts, and lets the entire troupe create the script. It works for their farces, and for more serious original fare, like *Dinner with Dionysius* (both 2013 and 2017 C.E. versions) ... If drama helps us reflect on who

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

we are and what we do, comedy makes us laugh at ourselves. Both have an important place in healthy democracies.

STIRRING THE POT ... Researchers at Boston's Massachusetts General Hospital reported at the end of October in the *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry* that the ability to pay attention didn't improve when 88 at-least-once-a-week pot smokers, aged 16 to 25, took a month-long break from cannabis. But their memory did improve, especially in the area of remembering lists ... So, one has to wonder, is rote list memory worth the trade-off for wildly free-association connectivity and creativity?

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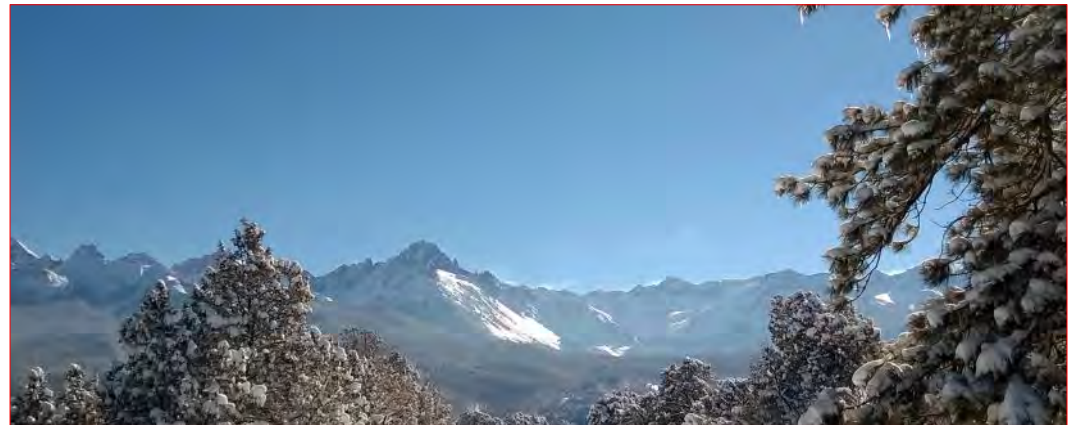
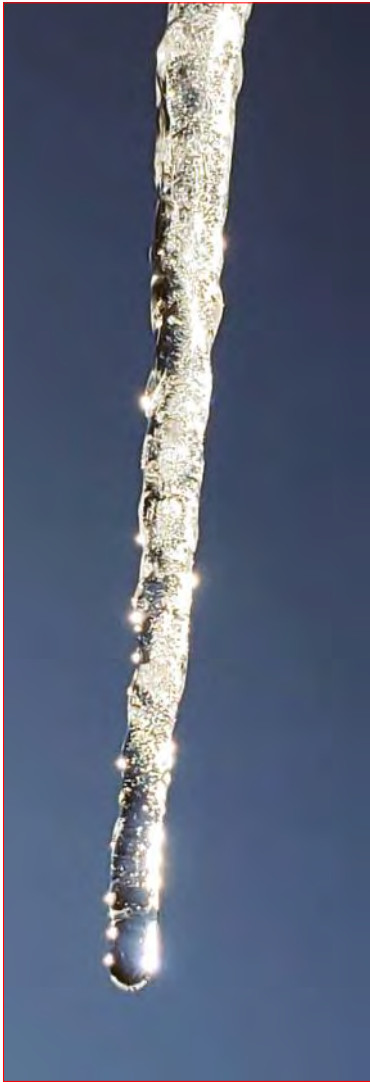


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READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT...DEB REIMANN



Photographer Deb Reimann captured these images at Top of the Pines in Ridgway. Clockwise from top left: an icicle, the road not taken, beauty at Top of the Pines, decorated branches.

**ELK'S LODGE
NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
12/31 6-1 AM**

Open to the public!

\$10 FOR SINGLES / \$15 FOR COUPLES

NEON SKY WILL PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT

CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT

FOOD PROVIDED THROUGH THE EVENING

LOCAL BEER PROVIDED BY HORSEFLY

HOLIDAY PUNCH SPECIAL

FREE RIDES HOME THROUGH TELLURIDE EXPRESS

(76 DAYS TO ST. PATRICKS DAY!)



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. 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.avalontheatrej.com, by phone at 800-626-TIXS (8497) or at the theatre box office. The Avalon Theatre is located at 645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO 81501. The show is appropriate for all ages.

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. 14-On Monday Jan. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Citizens' Climate Lobby meets at Montrose Library meeting rm 320 S 2nd. The US Congress has proposed Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. Come hear about groundbreaking development and nonpartisan networking to influence action to sustain the environment, Citizensclimatelobby.org 240-9146.

Jan. 16-On Jan. 16, Steven Baker of Centuries Research in Montrose will present "An Archaeological Tour of Important Fremont Sites on the Douglas Creek Arch, Rio Blanco County." This talk will include excavations and startling information about the Sky Aerie, Rim Rock Hamlet and Sandshadow sites, and granaries and rock art. Baker is a local archaeologist whose firm has conducted research in Western Colorado for nearly forty years The meeting is at 7 p.m. at United Methodist Church, Baldrige Hall, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose. The public is invited (no charge; donation accepted); new members are always welcome.

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 Online Starting Jan. 1, 2019, at 12:01 a.m.

SEE YOU IN 2019...



At left, the community said farewell to K9s Oxx and Roo at Chow Down Pet Supplies Friday. The K9s will be moving to the Delta County Sheriff's Office. Pictured, Sheila Sanders, wife of handler Keith Sanders, shares a moment with Oxx. Above, local photographer Jennifer McClanahan shared this bright image of a bird in an evergreen tree.

MICHAEL LAWTON

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