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REGION TEN CARRIES ON, DESPITE FED SHUTDOWN

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-As of last Friday, the partial government shutdown initiated by President Donald Trump on Dec. 22 has become the longest governmental shutdown in the history of the United States. Thousands of Federal workers have missed paychecks; federally-allocated grants may also be impacted, according to the [Congressional Research Service](#), which states, "A federal government shutdown may cause disruption to, or may result in the cessation of, grant administration activities."

Here in Montrose, one local organization that administers federal, state, and local funding sources will face additional challenges if the shutdown continues. "We have had

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The Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning is a six-county (Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Ouray, Hinsdale, and San Miguel) non-profit organization created in 1972 to administer a variety of publicly-funded programs.

MONTROSE COUNTY OFFICIALS SWORN IN AT SPECIAL MEETING JAN. 8; SUE HANSEN NAMED BOCC CHAIR



Municipal Court Judge Richard Brown administered the Oath of Office to incoming Montrose County Sheriff Gene Lillard on Tuesday, Jan. 8. Assisting with the swearing in ceremony was Lillard's young grandson.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Elected officials including a new Montrose County Commissioner and a new Montrose County Sheriff were sworn in Jan. 8 at a well-attended special meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Taking the oath of office for the first time were Commissioner Sue Hansen and Sheriff Gene Lillard, whose grandson helped with the swearing in ceremony.

Montrose County officials sworn in (along with deputies) for repeat terms included Coroner Dr. Thomas Canfield; County Assessor Brad Hughes; Clerk & Recorder Tressa Guynes.

Following a slightly longer than five-minute recess, the BOCC convened for

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TROOPER TIPS: A CALL TO ACTION

By Trooper Gary Cutler

COLORADO-Over the 2018 holiday season this year, Colorado had a wakeup call. Starting Christmas Eve, and continuing through the next 72 hours, Colorado lost a total of nine lives in seven crashes. Those killed ranged from teenagers all the way to grandparents. The news talked about the loss of lives, people talked about it around friends and family; but pretty much Colorado went about its daily life after hearing the news.

If these people had been killed in a different way, say they were shot during the same period of time, the outcry from the public would have reached the heavens. But, for some strange reason, deaths in traffic crashes have been accepted as something that just happens. It needs to be acknowledged as a true, tragic issue, and needs to be stopped.

On Dec. 27 2018, when Troopers heard of the fifth person dying that single day, we decided we had to step up and get the public to act on preventing crashes; it starts with a message to Coloradoans that it has to stop. The Chief of the Colorado State Patrol, Matthew Packard, made a video with a powerful statement to the

residents of the state. He hearkened that we need a call to action to help protect the public from dying senseless deaths. We hope this will be the beginning of a movement to protect the public.

The State Patrol is seeing crashes involving DUI/DUID, lane violations, speeding, exceeding safe speed, and being inattentive to driving as some of our most common reasons for fatal crashes. Another reason we have citizens dying in crashes is some people still refuse to wear their seatbelt, and we know it would have saved their life. I want you to know it's not just limited to fatal crashes; Coloradoans need to be aware there are way too many crashes as well.

The State Patrol is in charge of traffic safety in all unincorporated areas throughout Colorado. There are five State Patrol districts with subsequent troop offices within them, strategically positioned throughout the state to handle crashes. During that deadly 72-hour period, fatal crashes happened in all five State Patrol districts.

The State Patrol is focused on eliminating crashes, yet crashes continue to plague the state. The fatal crashes are worse in

some counties than others--these are El Paso, Adams, and Jefferson. Weld County in particular leads the state in both fatal and injury crashes.

The crashes aren't a metro or rural area problem either; both areas have far too many crashes.

I listed the top problem violations where drivers are not taking responsibility to drive safely seriously, but this isn't the entire list of areas with issues. It takes every agency, every corporation, every household, every person in the state to lower the amount of fatal and injury crashes we are experiencing. You have that responsibility.

Over the next few months my articles will focus on the causes of the crashes throughout the state this past year. We will also look into what steps you can take to walk away from a crash if you are unfortunately involved in one.

What I want everyone to know is that traffic crashes are preventable and that is why we call them crashes and not accidents.

Also, survivability in a crash is exponentially raised by the use of seatbelts. As always, safe travels!

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CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER UPDATES TO SMOKING ORDINANCE, PURCHASE OF TRASH TRUCK

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will convene for a [work session](#) on Monday, Jan. 14 and a [regular meeting](#) on Tuesday, Jan. 15.

WORK SESSION

Two new employees will be welcomed at the Montrose City Council work session of Jan. 14. New staffers include Planner II Amy Sharp and Community Events Coordinator Alexis Foran.

Discussion items include funding for Save the Sculptures--the group working to raise funds to purchase two monumental Vic Payne bronze sculptures on loan from the William F. Widger Revocable Trust--which has offered to sell them to the City for \$250,000. The group, headed by Bob Brown, has raised \$160, 907, and is proposing "that the City take over negotiations with the owner of the sculptures and conclude a mutually acceptable purchase."

Also to be discussed are disposal of [City property](#) at auction and a bid and construction timeline for the Cerro Reservoir Outlet Works replacement.

Council will also discuss rescheduling the Feb. 18 work session.

Items scheduled for future City discussions include a path forward for the Holly Park/Riverbottom Drive reconstruction project on Feb. 4.

On Feb. 5 Council will discuss an annexa-

tion hearing and zoning ordinance for the Ellsworth Addition; the second reading of Ordinance 2463; the annual plan of annexation; Sunrise Creek III Filing No. 1 final plat; and right-of-way vacation at South 7th and Nevada.

On Feb. 19 Council will consider a new fermented malt beverage liquor license application for

Natural Grocers, a fourth quarter police department report, and a fourth quarter budget review. As yet unscheduled are a workforce housing discussion and revisions to the City's municipal animal code. **REGULAR MEETING** At the [regular meeting of Jan. 15](#), Council will consider adopting a proclamation in support of National Crime Stoppers Awareness Month.

Council will designate official posting places, and will consider adopting Resolution 2019-01, adopting the 2018 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Council will consider Ordinance 2464 on



Montrose City Council convenes for a work session Jan. 14 and a regular Council meeting Jan. 15. Mirror file photo.

first reading, repealing and replacing Chapter 8 of Title 2 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose regarding smoking in public places; and Ordinance 2465 on first reading, repealing and replacing Chapter 6, Title 1 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose regarding underage possession of tobacco/cannabis and paraphernalia.

Council will consider approving a bid recommendation for purchase of one Peterbilt refuse truck with a Dadee Scorpion body from Jackson Group Peterbilt at a total cost of \$276,378.

Following staff reports Council will adjourn.

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the special meeting.

TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were heard from the public.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Ken Norris had no changes to the meeting agenda.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Commissioner Sue Hansen was selected as BOCC chair for 2019; she tapped the gavel in an official manner following her unanimous appointment. Commissioner Roger Rash was once again named BOCC Vice Chair.

APPOINTMENTS

The reorganized BOCC reviewed and approved a lengthy list of annual appointments and designations, including authorizations for the Vice Chair to second motions and to sign warrants and other official documents in the absence of the chair.

The BOCC approved the authorization of the Assessor to settle petitions for abatement or refund up to \$10,000 per tract, parcel or lot of land, or per schedule of personal property.

The BOCC was appointed to act as the County's Board of Adjustment and Board of Equalization; as the Board of Health; and as the local liquor licensing authority.

Ken Norris was appointed County Manager, and Marti Whitmore was appointed to serve as County Attorney.

Appointed to serve as County Budget Officer was Cindy Dunlap; appointed to serve as Road & Bridge Supervisor was Joe Budagher. Keith Laube was appointed Road & Bridge Superintendent.

Leslie Quon was appointed to serve as County Civil Rights Officer; Stephen Tullos was appointed Director of Health & Human Services as well as Director of Public Health.

Sheldon Smith was appointed Veterans Service Officer; Greg Fisher was appointed to serve as County Emergency Manager.

Appointed to serve as the County's representative to the Community Corrections Board was Commissioner Roger Rash.

The bulletin board in the front lobby at 317 South Second Street was designated as the official posting place for all meeting notices, public notices, agendas, and other official business; the *Montrose Daily Press*

was designated the legal newspaper for all of Montrose County's official notices and publications.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

County Treasurer Rosemary Murphy presented **Resolution 01-2019** for consideration and possible adoption, regarding deposit of funds by the County Treasurer and designating the approved financial institutions to be used for deposit of County funds and money. Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution 01-2019.

County Attorney Marti Whitmore pre-

sented **Resolution 02-2019** for consideration and possible adoption, to petition Westco Dispatch for membership, and conditional upon membership, appoint the Sheriff as the board member representing Montrose County, with the Under-sheriff as proxy. "This is a long time coming," Rash said. "Looking forward to it."

Resolution 02-2019 passed unanimously. Said BOCC Chair Hansen, "I'm sorry for my clumsiness. I'll be better at this next time. Probably.

"Maybe not."

With no further business, the special meeting was adjourned.

"Thank you all for coming," Hansen said.

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CURECANTI MEDICAL SOCIETY AWARDS 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS



At right, scholarship recipients. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Curecanti Medical Society (CMS) proudly announces that eight area students have been awarded scholarships in honor of the late Doctor George G. Balderston. The CMS Scholarship program originated over thirty years ago to assist students in pursuing a career in the medical field. The Montrose area physicians of the CMS fund the scholarships, which are awarded annually by the Curecanti Medical Society. Each student was awarded \$750 to further their education.

Recognized this year from left to right are Rheann Smedley, enrolled in the AAS RN Program at Colorado Mesa University; Sonja Lopez, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Colorado Mesa University; Natalie Allinson, enrolled in the AAS RN Program at Colorado Mesa University; Leatha O'Dell, pursuing study in Computed Tomography at Colorado Mesa University; Meka Wilson, pursuing education as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Technical College of the Rockies; Ben Larson, enrolled at Colorado Mesa University RN-BSN degree completion program; Loretta Scheetz, completing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) at Western Governors University and (not pictured) Marietta King enrolled in the RN-BSN Degree Completion program at Colorado Mesa University.

Dr. Gayle Frazzetta, President of the Curecanti Medical Society, is pictured with the scholarship recipients.

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ongoing issues with the federal budget," Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning (Region 10 LEAP) Executive Director Michelle Haynes said last week.

"Due to uncertainty, we have had to start the last two fiscal years without federal allocations of the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) funds."

The current shutdown presents some new challenges, she said. "We have some federal grants that we can't draw down, and we can't process SBA (Small Business Administration) loans."

The shutdown impacts Region 10 not only at the federal but at the state level; federal funds that have been allocated for AAA programs, such as congregate meals,

are sent to the State of Colorado, which will not disburse them during the shutdown, Haynes said. "We have to rearrange other programs," she said. "We do what we have to do to make it work."

Haynes has weathered other federal funding slowdowns such as 2013's sequestration, and at least for now is taking things in stride. "Because we have a variety of resources, typically we are able to do some workarounds and continue services," she said. "We have enough in reserves right now and we have other sources of funding, so we are able to function. But we can't function the way we normally do."

If the shutdown goes on it will continue

to impact agencies that bring federal dollars to the West Central Region, she said.

The Federal government is not the only funding source that can pose challenges; the State of Colorado presents its own obstacles in the form of the [Gallagher and TABOR amendments](#), Haynes noted.

Region 10 LEAP is a six-county (Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Ouray, Hinsdale, and San Miguel) non-profit organization created in 1972 to administer a variety of publicly-funded programs that currently include community living services, small business resources, certain tax credits, developmental support, coordination of transit planning, and public and private transit providers.



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CRIME STOPPERS ALERT-DINERS EAT, DRINK AND DASH

Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers

MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. and the Montrose Police Department are seeking the help of citizens to identify and locate the suspects in the theft of food and beverages from Applebee's Restaurant, located at 1501 Ox-bow Drive in Montrose. On Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, between 8:46 p.m. until 10:33 p.m., a male and female were patrons at the restaurant and after ordering and con-

suming food and drinks totaling \$101.02, they exited the restaurant without paying. Clear photographs of the two suspects were captured on surveillance video, including a photograph of their suspected vehicle. Anyone with information about this crime or the identity of the perpetrator (s) or any other crimes may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500, use the mobile app 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.

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

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BURLINGTON, VT (01/09/2019)-- Jane Alex, Class of 2022, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2018 semester at the University of Vermont. Alex from Montrose, CO, is majoring in Data Science in the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences. To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

END TRUMP'S ONE-MAN 'STRIKE' AGAINST OUR COUNTRY

Editor:

The United States of America does not negotiate with kidnappers. If an American citizen is being held hostage, our country does not pay to have them released.

In this moment of our history, the American citizen is being held captive by a president who is upset because he is not getting what he wants. As the government shutdown (no, it is not a "strike") continues, millions of people are being affected directly and indirectly.

Directly, hundreds of thousands of government employees are not being paid whether working or on furlough. This comes after a Christmas holiday which is often followed with credit card bills. Besides these now due bills, there are house or rent payments, utility bills, day care costs, food to buy, and many more day-to-day expenditures. What can a federal worker do?

In response, members of the Coast Guard (all are affected as they come under the Dept. of Homeland Security) got a

five-page treatise on how to cope during the "shutdown". One of the recommendations - conduct a yard sale to make some extra money. They failed to include a bake sale, probably because you first have to have the money to buy the food ingredients. They also propose picking up a second job. So if you are a government worker who is required to work without pay, when do you find the time for a second job that actually gives you enough money to support your family and not incur credit card over-extension or bankruptcy?

Indirectly, the American citizen who is not a government worker are finding services have been reduced or stopped. Federal departments affected are Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, Transportation, Justice, Homeland Security, State, and HUD. This affects farmers, small business owners, people applying for an FHA loan, wondering if your food is safe without FDA inspectors, etc. Government contractors can't get paid. Can't hire seasonal firefighters. The service industry is being ad-

versely affected as hotel rooms and conferences are being cancelled. Remember the tax cut to infuse the economy? Less and less money, as the shutdown continues, is being infused into our economy.

Passing a continuing resolution, or some type of funding bill to fund the government is a bipartisan obligation. Congress needs to start working for the American people, not party politics (as an aside members of Congress are still getting a paycheck). They need to put the vote before the entire House and Senate now! Yes, that means you too Mitch McConnell. If it means overriding a veto by our hostage-taking president, then just do it!

This is not about a border wall (or steel slats) or border security. This is about ending an extremely destructive hostage situation. A National Emergency? Stephen Colbert recently stated that Congress needs to treat the current president as a National Emergency. End his one-man "strike" against our country.

Jon Sering, Montrose

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OPINION/EDITORIAL:LETTERS

MONTROSE COUNTY: 'OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE'

Editor:

In the recent past to speak at a BOCC meeting was a trying experience. You had to accept the fact that you would likely be interrupted, your ideas belittled, and that unless you were promoting the BOCC line, you would be personally maligned and ignored. Personal threats from the dias were not unknown as many meetings degenerated into verbal brawls obviating any opportunity for discussion or debate.

That is over! Montrose has turned a corner. An important corner. Our BOCC, and in fact our County government, has been revised. We have a Board of County Commissioners who are actually fellow citizens of the county. Three intelligent and polite adults who know that aside from having been elected to the Board, they are simply fellow citizens who are only interested in the betterment of our

county, our community, and our citizens. We find a line on the sign at the entrance to the county offices that says, "PEOPLE, INTEGRITY, COMMUNICATION, PROFESSIONALISM, EFFICIENCY." From personal observation our commissioners practice those by-words.

Their meetings are well organized and the commissioners are well briefed on the issues. Guests are introduced as appropriate and the proper staffers are introduced and prepared to conduct their business. Orderly discussion follows to discuss the issue at hand and appropriate action is then taken. The Board fosters transparency and simplified reporting so that all may understand the discussion. All participants, commissioners, and staff are willing to accept criticism courteously rendered and even admit to shortcomings (and fix them). These elected officials exhibit their

true interest in those 'by-words' on their sign. It is obvious that through their leadership and by their example their staff and employees have adopted those by-words for their behavior as well. They have built a team with which to promote sound government, finances, and personnel management

Our county has, much to its credit, come of age in encouraging and practicing participatory and efficient government at all levels.

We, the people of Montrose, should be proud of what we have elected to this board. We should support their efforts and participate with them in our government, which is finally "of the people, by the people and for the people."

May we be able to keep it this way for years and years to come.

Bill Bennett, Montrose



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- Traffic Control
- Disaster Assistance
- Security
- Educational Programs for the Public

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NORTHSIDE HONORS TWO, VAPE MEETING SET FOR JAN. 17



Northside Elementary School Principal Dan Rosentreter honored teacher Brian Schwerdtfeger and Head secretary Juanita Salazar at the regular Board of Education meeting Jan. 8.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Northside Elementary School Principal Dan Rosentreter honored two staffers, and the Board of Education approved the purchase of a new travel vehicle for Exceptional Student Services (ESS) at the regular meeting of the Montrose County RE-1J Board of Education on Tuesday, Jan. 8. All board members were present at the meeting.

CELEBRATIONS

Administrative Assistant Deann Balash introduced Rosentreter for staff recognition.

Rosentreter recognized Northside Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher Brian Schwerdtfeger, calling Schwerdtfeger “an outstanding teacher that I feel very, very lucky to get...like when the Broncos were lucky enough to land Peyton Manning.”

Schwerdtfeger is the “ultimate team player,” Rosentreter said. “The kids look up to him literally.”

Rosentreter also recognized Northside’s Head Secretary Juanita Salazar. “She keeps me out of trouble on a daily basis,” he said. “That’s no easy task.”

RE-1J Board of Education Chair Tom West said, “Thank you both for being here... congratulations. We are really proud of you.”

BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES

District E Director Sarah Fishing presented an update on the work of the curriculum committee. The committee is working in two teams to review and analyze two

curriculum options, Achieve 3000, now being tested at Columbine Middle School, and Reading Plus (currently in use throughout the district).

Both Achieve 3000 and Reading Plus do “really cool things,” Fishing said, noting that each of the options offers flexibility and benefits. “Both teams are really enthusiastic about the tools,” she said, and noted that pricing is comparable.

RE-1J’s Summer School program will be called “Blast Off for Summer,” Fishing said, and will be offered in July for K-5 students who are currently below grade level for reading.

The location for summer school has not been selected yet, said Director of Instructional Services Jessica Beller.

Fishing also said that the Engagement Center is preparing to move from Vista Charter School to its new location in the former administration building adjacent to Montrose High School. In addition to potential grant funding, “the funding we were sending to Vista will now stay, and we can use it,” Fishing said.

West asked about student transportation to the Engagement Center; Beller said that details are still being worked out. Seventeen teachers have applied. “We are looking at eight to ten students per classroom,” Beller said.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

RE-1J Director of Finance Adam Rogers presented an enrollment report.

“We’ve got some victories this time around,” Rogers said. “Most of our ele-

mentary schools have gained three to five students since October...Centennial Middle School is up by five students since October.”

The Early Childhood Education Center (ECC) has seen an increase of almost 30 students, he said.

“We’ll take our victories where we can get them,” Rogers said.

OLD BUSINESS

Following careful review, Fishing recommended approval of the following revised board policies:

GBGE, Staff Maternity/Paternity/Parental Leave

GBK, Staff Concerns/Complaints/Grievances

GCE/GCF-R, Licensed Staff Recruiting/Hiring

GCQC/GCQD-R, Resignation of Instructional Staff/Administrative Staff

GCQF-R, Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff

“There is nothing that I think is particularly concerning,” Fishing said. “I have read them through several times now.” The revised board policies were unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

District G Director Stephen Bush pointed out that District C Director Gail Johnson was not listed in the Minutes as attending the Dec. 11 meeting. Said Johnson, who had been in attendance, “Most of the time I show up.”

(Editor’s note: This reporter was not listed either, though also in attendance on Dec. 11 and in attendance at all school board meetings). Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Fishing presented information on revised board policies DEA, EEAG, JICEC, JICEC-R, JJA-1, JJA-2, JLCD and KDB-R on first reading.

“These are part of a new batch...we are about to get a whole bunch more.”

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NORTHSIDE HONORS TWO, VAPE MEETING SET FOR JAN. 17

From previous pg

Presented on first reading were:

DEA, Funds from Local Tax Sources

EEAG, Student Transportation in Private Vehicles

JICEC, Student Distribution of Noncurricular Materials

JICEC-R, Student Distribution of Noncurricular Materials

JJA-1, Student Organizations

JJA-2, Student Organizations - Open Forum

JLCD, Administering Medications to Students

KDB-R, Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information

Fishing recommended removing the language in Policy JICEC-R that states, "more than 10 items or copies of..."

"Quite significant damage can be done," she said. "Ten copies are enough to provide an environment on campus that is unpleasant."

Following further board discussion, Fishing said that she would do additional research to determine the reason for allowing 10 copies of non-curricular materials to be distributed.

Superintendent Stephen Schiell said that the policy previously did not include any stated limitation.

"There was no cap on it...that's new... saying ten is at least putting a cap on it."

Johnson suggested talking to school principals about the number of copies to be allowed.

"We need to find some kind of middle ground."

PURCHASE OF TRAVEL VEHICLE

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve purchase of a travel vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for Exceptional Student Services (ESS).

Finance Director Rogers said that one purpose for the vehicle is to transport a student from Montrose to the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind. "We don't want it breaking down," he said.

Bush asked whether a large vehicle such as the Suburban is necessary.



District E Director Sarah Fishing discusses policy updates at the RE-1J School Board meeting Jan. 17.

Rogers said that two male students from Bayfield (the Bayfield Schools pay half of the transportation costs) are transported with the Montrose student, making space for separation desirable. Also, the vehicle is used throughout the week for other purposes as well. "...When we leave the City limits, we want to keep our students safe," he said.

Asked Johnson, "Do we have to have such a big vehicle? It really does gobble gas."

Rogers once again explained the need to keep students separate while traveling, and that the vehicle will be used to transport adult-size students on a regular basis.

ESS Director Wendy Dawson said that the vehicle will be used for a variety of purposes.

West cautioned staff to "be real careful about who can and who can't use it...say some wrestling team wants to take it out and it's gone."

"Have we had cars disappear before?"

District F Director Phoebe Benziger asked.

"No, no," West said.

Benziger moved to approve the purchase, saying, "Adam, I have your pledge that you will get this (vehicle) locally... congratulations, I think it is money well spent."

PERSONNEL REPORT

Director of Human Resources Michelle Pottorff presented a Personnel Report, and a job description for a targeted support coordinator to be hired for Oak Grove Elementary School.

There is currently one licensed position open at Olathe High School, which has been filled for the school year with a long-term substitute, Pottorff said.

"We're starting our 19/20 hires," she said.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The Montrose County RE-1J School Board will meet for a work session on Jan. 22.

There will be a community forum on the dangers of vaping and a school safety update on Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.

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To celebrate the launch of our rum and blow those winter chills away, Storm King will be hosting a Tiki party on Friday Jan. 18th. We will have Tiki cocktails and drink specials, our neighbors, DLICIOUSFOODCO, will be producing yummy food specials and we are excited to be able to offer live music from local favorite, Donny Morales. No ticket required, no cover charge, island and beach wear encouraged. We will be making full use of our enclosed and heated patio for the evening and hope locals and visitors alike will join in the fun.

Additionally, from March Storm King Distilling Co. will restart Industry Appreciation Night after a winter hiatus. We will open on the first Monday of the month to celebrate those engaged in the local service, food and beverage industries.

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MIRROR IMAGES...COUNTY OFFICIALS SWORN IN

Montrose County elected officials took the oath of office on Tuesday, Jan. 8. Sworn in by Judge Mary Deganhart were Montrose County Coroner Dr. Thomas Canfield and coroner's deputies; County Commissioner Sue Hansen; County Sheriff Gene Lillard, County Clerk & Recorder Tressa Guynes, and County Assessor Brad Hughes



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SUMMIT COUNTY SEEKS THE PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE IN SKIER COLLISION

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SUMMIT COUNTY – On Saturday, January 5, 2019 at approximately 7:12 p.m. the Summit County Sheriff's Office received a report from a victim of a skier collision that had taken place earlier that day at approximately 12:30 p.m. on Reverie Ski Run on Peak 6 at Breckenridge Ski Resort. An unidentified juvenile male skier skiing with his father reportedly collided with the victim who then skied into a tree. The juvenile skier and father left the scene without providing name and contact information. Based upon the reported information this would be a violation of the Skier Safety Act law which requires all skiers/boarders involved in a collision to stop, exchange information and summon aid. This case is under active investigation and no further information is being released at this time.

SKIER DEATH AT BRECKENRIDGE SKI RESORT

SUMMIT COUNTY-On Jan. 7, 2019 at approximately 1:04 p.m. the Summit County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a seventy-one year old male skier who was found unconscious on a ski run at Breckenridge Ski Resort.

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A FRESH POINT OF VIEW FROM MHS...THANK YOU MRS. HENRY



Jack Switzer is a sophomore at Montrose High School, where among other things, he has learned how to sing. This week's column is about MHS Choir Director Mrs. Jenna Henry, who is leaving the area.

By Jack Switzer

MONTROSE-I stand in the circle, practically mumbling the words written on the paper in front of me. My arms are close to my sides, and my eyes can't seem to find a resting place. I had been doing this everyday I was in the choir classroom. Clenching my folder, not wanting to participate, and just feeling overall uncomfortable. I would stare at the clock, slowly watching seconds, to minutes, to hours, tick away. Until one day I found myself more relaxed and wanting to break free from the cold chains of anxiety that held me back. I sang louder than usual, putting forth a risk. And with that risk came a reward; I slowly started to open up, even in environments outside of choir, I started talking to more people around me. I started expressing myself. A couple of people noticed, and it helped push me forward. Choir, in a way changed my life for the better.

After recently learning the current choir teacher will be leaving the high school, I felt pretty sad about it. Because not only did she help me unlock and brandish my confidence in a way, but she was also a fantastic teacher. She knew what we as high schoolers with very little singing experience, needed in order to improve. Day one of class I probably knew almost nothing about using my voice as an instrument, but after two years I would say that I've improved thanks to her wonderful teaching skills. It's going to be hard to fill in the gap she's leaving in the MHS community, because in my own opinion she has been one of the more fantastic teachers who is teaching at the high school. I'll miss her, and I'm very thankful for what she's done for me and the MHS community.

Thank you Mrs. Henry. You will be missed.

2019 Early Blood Draws & Health Fair

Montrose Pavilion
January 30 - February 2
6:30-9:30 a.m.

Additional Locations for Early Blood Draws

January 26th
4H Event Center in Ridgway 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

January 28th
American Legion Hall in Olathe 6:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Appointments may be made online for all three locations at
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Beginning January 3

If you are unable to register online, please call 1-800-410-3225
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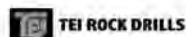
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

REFRAMING HOW WE THINK ABOUT AGING – AN AGEISM WORKSHOP COMING TO MONTROSE

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Senior Community Care PACE, a program of Volunteers of America, and Region 10 are pleased to host an upcoming workshop that addresses the topic of “Ageism.”

The workshop is based on NextFifty Initiative’s innovative partnership with Rose Community Foundation entitled: *Changing the Narrative in Colorado*, a strategic communications campaign designed to change the way we think, talk, and act about aging and ageism.

“We are thrilled to announce that we are bringing this workshop to Montrose, Colorado,” said Janine Vanderburg, presenter for *Changing the Narrative*. “The workshops will provide attendees tools to tell the story of aging and ageism in a new way—an effective way that is based on research conducted by the FrameWorks Institute, a national communications firm.”

The workshop will focus on the following teaching points:

- Why telling a new story about aging and ageism is so important
- What the general public believes about

older people and about aging in America

- What ageism is, and how when ageism is directed against older people, the harmful effects it has not only on older people but also on our communities and economy
- The benefits to older adults of having positive views of aging
- Evidence-based messaging and communications strategies based on three years of research by FrameWorks Institute that have been proven to shift public opinion in a positive direction, to increase support for age-friendly policies and to decrease bias against older people.
- How words and phrases in common use can have negative consequences that we don't intend because they reinforce ageist attitudes and prejudicial stereotypes about older people.

The workshop is designed for those who communicate the most about their organization, including executive directors or managers, staff who work in fundraising and marketing, and staff who work directly with the aging population.

A three-hour workshop is being offered on Feb. 6, 2019 from 9 am to noon at the

Montrose Pavilion Event Center.

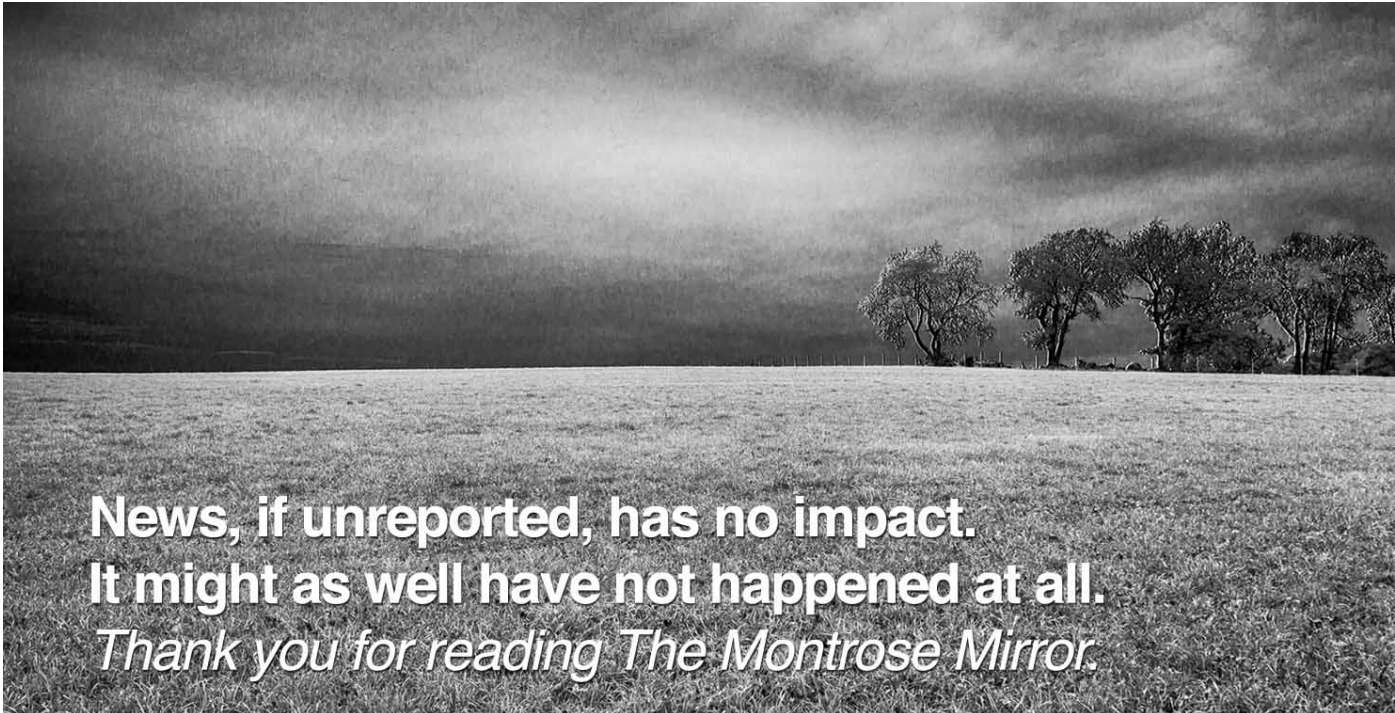
Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about and practice the effective strategies taught during the session.

Registration for the workshop by Jan. 25, 2019 as space is limited. The link to register for the workshop is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/changing-the-narrative-about-aging-workshop-in-montrose-colorado-registration-54242655242>. Contact Lori Lenhart, Outreach and Enrollment Manager for Senior Community Care PACE, at (970) 417-5670 with questions.

The workshop will be followed by a Lunch n’ Learn with NextFifty Initiative’s CEO Margaret Franckhauser, providing a unique and intimate opportunity to talk with the foundation and learn more about Age-Friendly communities.

The lunch will be immediately following the workshop across the street at The Homestead at Montrose, 1819 Pavilion Drive, Montrose, CO 81401.

The room capacity is limited to the first 40 individuals who RSVP. The link to register for lunch is <http://bit.ly/Next50LunchMontrose>.



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1-22 Ham and Cheese



1-29 Roast Beef

Montrose Elks Lodge

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

Montrose Elks Bingo has returned and its better than ever!

On January 8, 2019 3 Progressive Jackpots were awarded:

Game #6 paid out \$4471 to one lucky winner, Game 2 paid \$500, and Game 4 paid \$1,199. Four main Bingo games paid out \$110 each and the last Game 8 paid \$150.

Lots of cash, fun, and laughter playing Bingo at the Elks. What is incredible, is funds raised playing Elks Bingo are used to support local charities.

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On January 15, 2019 the Jackpot for Progressive Game 2 is \$200, Progressive Game 4 is \$400, and Progressive Game 6 should be valued near \$2,000.

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WOMENS' MARCH PLANNED IN MONTROSE

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MONTROSE-Montrose, Colorado is mobilizing for unity. Alongside events taking place in Durango, Grand Junction, Denver, and throughout Colorado and the world, and in conjunction with the 3rd annual Women's March on Washington, Western Slope citizens will gather in Montrose for a demonstration to unify the community, affect change from a grassroots level, and to support equality and opportunity for all.

The march will take place from 10 - 11am on Saturday, January 19 beginning at Demoret Park, 246 E. Main Street in Montrose (marchers are encouraged to arrive at 9:30am). The route will conclude at Centennial Plaza at approximately 11am where participants will be treated to live music from Gabrielle Louise and also the Delicious House Band, as well as a slate of inspiring guest speakers from around the region including Rachel Esters, diversity and leadership trainer, Karl Hanlon, primary house candidate for Colorado's District 3, Kori Keil Zapletal, Montrose Indigent Defense Attorney, and others. Coffee Trader has generously donated coffee and hot chocolate for the event. Participants are encouraged to bring their own signs with an emphasis on positive expression.

The project is a collaboration between local, statewide and national organizations including D3 Indivisible Colorado, Western Colorado Alliance, Uncompahgre Valley Alliance, Hispanic Affairs Project, Indivisible Montrose, Community Spirit Church and Vote Common Good, in an effort to promote the protection of the inalienable rights and freedoms afforded to all Americans by the U.S. Constitution through respectful engagement – even when we disagree. The event supports all members of our society, regardless of race, gender, economic status, citizenship status, disability, religion, political belief or sexual orientation, with the understanding that all citizens have the right to prosper and live freely in safe and healthy environments. Additionally, the march endorses the application of clear, fair, and consistently applied immigration laws that do not discriminate against any person based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or origin, and advocates for the building bridges and gateways rather than walls.

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Mushroom Fest hires new manager



Ashley Smith. Courtesy photo.

ASHLEY SMITH ... The Telluride Institute announced last week that Ashley Smith had been hired as the new Festival Manager for the 2019 Telluride Mushroom Festival, set for Aug. 15th to the 18th ... After ten plus years of dedication to outdoor education with the non-profit Telluride Academy, Smith has formed her own non-profit consulting business, Sage Advice. Under that aegis, she joins the Mushroom management team with Britt Bunyard as Festival Director and Art Goodtimes as Festival Coordinator ... "After spending the last decade with Telluride Academy in different roles from field instructor to grant writer to program director, I feel excited to dive back into the world of logistics and planning minutiae that I got so used to," said Smith. "As a science major, I look forward to being involved with the efforts of the Telluride Institute and Telluride Mushroom Festival to host the five-day summer event showcasing the latest in groundbreaking scientific studies regarding the many uses of fungi, particularly their medical and environmental remediation applications" ... Originally from the Sunshine State, Smith explained that the best mycological mo-

ment for her husband Nate and their two dogs "is every August when my family comes to visit from Florida and we get a chance to take them foraging for chateaufortelles, so we can make our favorite pasta dish -- forest to table at its best!" She will be working to apply her organizational, design and operational skills to the planning and production of the event this year ... "The Telluride Mushroom Festival is the largest wild mushroom festival in North America," said Director Bunyard, publisher of the mycological journal *Fungi* and a nationally-known mycologist. "We annually have an unequalled lineup of presenters and experts from the mycological community. Ashley's skill set and terrific energy will bolster our fantastic organizational team ... A graduate of St. Petersburg College, Smith has worked in Telluride as program coordinator for Eco Adventures, Sales and Marketing Coordinator for the Telluride Ski & Golf Co., and Development Director for the Telluride Mountain Club, prior to her long-term involvement with the Telluride Academy ... "We are delighted to have someone with Ashley's local professional background to help the festival as it continues to grow and expand its

national and international reach," said Goodtimes, who has been with the Mushroom Festival in various capacities for the past 38 years.

COAL ... Everyone focuses on the Trump administration's foolish pullout from climate change agreements and his championing of coal in the U.S., but the sad news is that reducing coal use in our country and Europe hasn't stopped China from quadrupling theirs, and then some ... In the twenty years from 1997 to 2017, American energy from coal declined from 1,998 terawatt hours to 1,314, while China's skyrocketed from 867 terawatt hours to 4,361, according to the *Wall Street Journal*.

CANNAPHOBIA ... Pot has been around a long time. And so has the slang we use to name it. Our state has chosen to make the legal term for this plant the crypto-racist Hispanic slang, "marijuana." Some of us go high tone and scientifically correct by calling it "cannabis." Or we can go back to its Sanskrit roots and call it "ganja" ... In referencing David Crystal's *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language* recently, it was surprising to find a slang South African term for cannabis dating back to 1670s -- "dagga."

That cannabis use pre-dates the founding of the Republic you would think might temper the "demon weed" mentality of some of our fellow Americans. But in this time of Trump, when Fox News, it would appear, has a lock on the truth *de jour*, facts are suspect. Science clearly untrustworthy.

WEEKLY QUOTA ... "A study of Australian adults reported that every hour accumulated watching television shortened life expectancy by 22 minutes.

I will save you the math: bingeing all 63½ hours of *Game of Thrones* in its entirety will cost you one day on this planet." - Herman Pontzer, *Scientific American*, January, 2019.

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

SAN FRANCISCO ... Off to see my grand-daughter in Bernal Heights this week. She's two and I'm 73, so you know it will be fun. So great to see the smart next generation popping up to take on the rigors of climate change and all the challenges of the future ... This week's Talking Gourd talks about my old hometown. The poem is from a manuscript, *Dancing on Edge*, that Lithic Press of Fruita is looking to maybe publish this year.

THE TALKING GOURD

Catholic San Francisco

Born at St. Luke's
Holy patron of artists
doctors & butchers

On Army Street in the Mission
which got converted
to César Chávez Street

Then baptized at
St. Paul of the Shipwreck
& thus capsized

before he'd even launched
amid Bayview's
truck farmers & albino outcasts

Memorized rote Latin
& corny Greek
at St. Joe's

& almost tonsured
at St. Pat's
before he was deselected

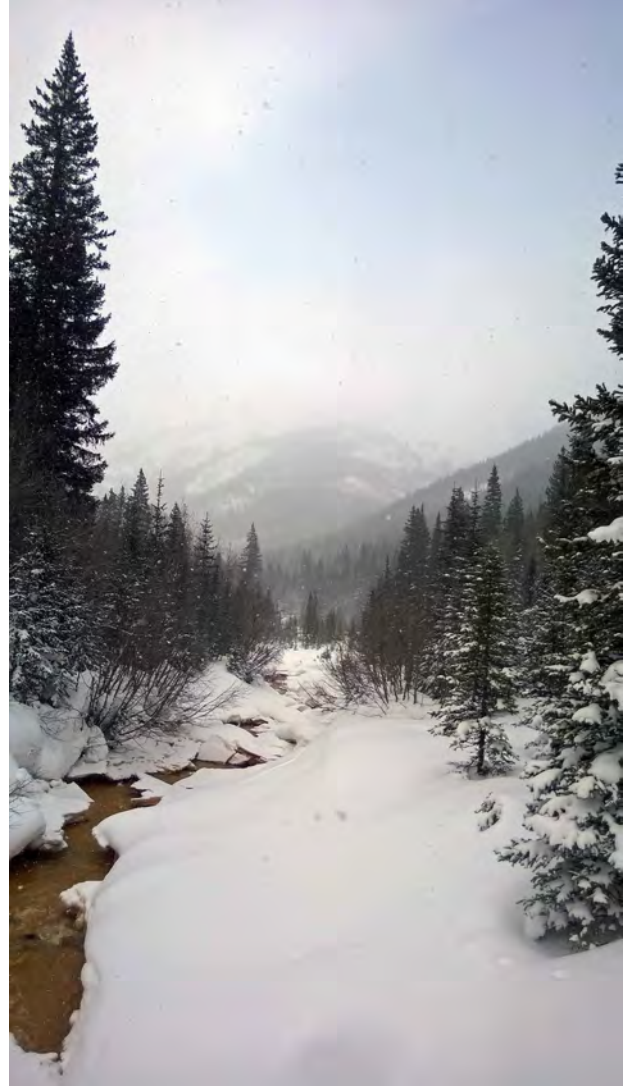
Not the most auspicious
of starts
McRedeye sez

Ending the Sixties
a twisted little quakie
bouncing around the Haight

READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: DEB REIMANN



Photographer Deb Reimann captured these images during a recent visit to Ironton.



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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. 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-

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 Sand-shadow 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. 19- Montrose, CO, 10-11 am ~ March from Demoret Park, 246 W Main Street, Corner of Main & Townsend (meet at 9:30am), 11am-Noon ~ Speakers at Centennial Plaza, 422 S 1st Street (March finish). *March will take place rain, snow or shine. Dress accordingly. Participants are encouraged to bring their own signs with an emphasis on positive expression, please.*

Jan 19-Please join us to learn how Montrose resident Tammie Jameson created a unique, safe housing opportunity for residents with a range of incomes. In addition to providing her own advice, Tammie will feature police officers, property managers and former tenants to speak about this program and how it can work for you! For more information on this free program contact Tammie at 970-249-2792.

Jan. 23-Retirement party for Gaye Cox, 3 to 5 p.m., NuVista Federal Credit Union, 2711 Commercial Way, Montrose.

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. 6-*Changing the Narrative in Colorado*, A three-hour workshop is being offered on Feb. 6, 2019 from 9 am to noon at the Montrose Pavilion Event Center. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about and practice the effective strategies taught during the session. Registration for the workshop by Jan. 25, 2019 as space is limited. The link to register for the workshop is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/changing-the-narrative-about-aging-workshop-in-montrose-colorado-registration-54242655242>.

Feb. 9--Join Ouray Historian Don Paulson for a fun, informative snowshoe adventure into historic mine sites. Moderate difficulty level (elevation: 8,000-plus). Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ouray Community Center, 320 6th Ave, Ouray, CO 81427 (from there we will carpool to CR 31) Registration: spaces are limited to 20. Do not delay, sign up now! We kindly request a \$30 donation to support our nonprofit tour hosts, Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership and Ouray County Historical Society. Email Tanya at uwpcommunications@gmail.com to get a registration link or leave a message at 970-325-3010.

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.

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A quiet stretch of the Uncompahgre River in winter...photos by Jack Switzer

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