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ANSWERING THE CALL: MCSO DEPUTY DOMINIC LOVATO



"We want the community to know that when they are in need, we want to be there," Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Patrol Deputy Dominic Lovato said. Lovato is a Field Training Officer and one of two people in the department who are ALICE trained. Courtesy Photo.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Born in Montrose and a 1989 Montrose High School graduate, Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Patrol Deputy Dominic Lovato has deep roots in the area. "My family settled in the valley at the turn of the century and we have a lot of extended family here."

Lovato confessed he had never been attracted to a career in law enforcement, "I'd been self-employed all of my adult life. In 2008 the bottom fell out of everything and I worked underground for a while [mines], but it didn't give me much family time."

When a job opening for a jail deputy was announced Lovato applied, "I wasn't looking for a career, I needed a job." After three years as a jail deputy and court security, MCSO sponsored Lovato to attend the police

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CITY LOANS \$1.1M TO MURA FOR PHASE I RIVER RESTORATION

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-On Wednesday, March 6, the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) Board of Commissioners met for a [quarterly meeting](#). Joining the MURA Board and City staff were representatives from the Colorado Outdoors Project and members of the River Restoration stakeholders committee. MURA member Gail Johnson was not present.

MURA Commissioners heard a [marketing update](#) from Colorado Outdoors officials Doug and David Dragoo; updates on public infrastructure construction and the river restoration project were presented by City of Montrose Engineer Scott Murphy.

Commissioners

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The MURA Board has approved a \$1.1M promissory note to the City of Montrose for funds to restore the Uncompahgre River through the Colorado Outdoors Project . [Phase I of the River Restoration Project](#) will cost \$1.5M and will encompass 3,300 linear feet.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COUNTY AND OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY CELEBRATE GOCO AWARD

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- Last week, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) made the official announcement that the Board of Great Outdoors Colorado approved a \$110,000 grant to replace the aging playground at Oak Grove Elementary.

The county and Oak Grove Elementary partnered in 2017 to submit an application to GOCO to create a new, universally accessible play area and outdoor learning space. The new playground structure will help to welcome children of all abilities. The county served as a pass-through agent for the grant. Deputy County Manager Jon Waschbusch worked with Oak Grove Elementary Principal Dana Carpenter and her staff to submit the application for consideration of School Yard Initiative grant dollars.

"Oak Grove Elementary is a special place," said Waschbusch. "Montrose County is grateful that Great Outdoors Colorado is investing in the school through award of our grant application. The credit for the success of this application belongs to the staff, students, and parents of the Oak Grove community that put in the work to make this project happen."

"We are thrilled to receive the GOCO grant for our playground! The application was a whole school and community effort, with students, teachers, families and community members all contributing to the



Courtesy photo Montrose County.

application," said Carpenter. "Our kids have been focused on this project for two years, and it is wonderful to see their hard work recognized!"

The new structure will provide enjoyment and enrich the learning environment at Oak Grove Elementary for decades to come.

For more information on Montrose County, please visit montrosecounty.net. Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to

help preserve and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers, and open spaces. GOCO's independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts, and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Created when voters approved a Constitutional Amendment in 1992, GOCO has since funded more than 5,200 projects in urban and rural areas in all 64 counties without any tax dollar support. Visit GOCO.org for more information.

RED FLAG BILL TO BE DISCUSSED @ MONTROSE COUNTY WORK SESSION MONDAY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners will discuss the Red Flag Bill during work session on Monday, March 11. The work session begins at 9 am, and the HB19-1177 discussion is scheduled to begin at approximately 10:30 am. The public is welcome to attend the meeting which will take place at 161 S. Townsend Avenue or watch the meeting live-streamed on the Montrose County Facebook page at approximately 10:30 am. This meeting (just like every meeting) will be posted to the County website at the conclusion of the work session. Go here: <http://montrosecounty.net/904/2019-Work-Session-Audio>.



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SEWER LINE WORK TO BEGIN MONDAY

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MONTROSE-Starting Monday, March 11, contractors working for the City of Montrose will begin replacing sanitary sewer lines and manholes at the corner of Rio Grande Avenue and East Oak Grove Road in support of the Lift Station Elimination project.

During this initial phase of the project, traffic will be diverted around the construction area through the use of lane shifts or temporary bypass roads. In addition to lane shifts, intermittent closures of the Uncompahgre Riverway Trail and the trailhead parking lot at this intersection may be necessary in order to safely accommodate the active work area. These closures and lane shifts are expected to last up to two weeks. The city asks motorists and pedestrians to please exercise caution throughout the work area and to respect all coned-off areas. For additional details on this project, as well as others taking place throughout the city, please visit the city's Moving Montrose Forward website at www.MoveMo.co. Any questions regarding the project may be directed to City Engineer Scott Murphy at 970.901.1792.

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A FRESH POINT OF VIEW...FROM THE HALLWAYS OF MHS!

THERE IS A NEW SPECIAL WARMTH IN THE AIR WE HAVEN'T SEEN SINCE LAST YEAR...



Jack Switzer, MHS Sophomore

By Jack Switzer

MONTROSE-My shoes move with ease through the now melting snow, my jacket is stored away inside my backpack, the weather is nice enough, so I don't need to wear it. Without warning, my feet land in a dark muddy puddle. The ice had melted over the past

few days and I never noticed. I groan and continue on my trek home. I notice a bird sitting in a tree, doing whatever bird thing it's doing. That's when I realize that it's a robin, which can only mean one thing.

Spring has finally arrived at the front door after being on call for five long months. People are feeling it, seeing it, and loving it. Soon the leaves will evolve and take a new shade of green, snow will be replaced with rain, and cloudy days will move over for bright and charismatic sunny days.

The atmosphere in town and at school has changed, whether or not it has something to do with summer and summer vacation, or just relieved to have warm weather again is up to you. But there's no denying that there is a

new special warmth in the air we haven't seen since last year.

People are happier to go outside, the majority of the school year is over, PSAT and SAT testing are done and gone, and it will be socially acceptable to wear shorts in public again. I'm sure I'm not the only one looking forward to it, many others in Montrose are as well.

Winter is wonderful and all, but I can only take so many freezing mornings and cold walks to school.

I'm sure I'll be more enthusiastic about winter when I get my own car, but for now waking up in winter is painfully cold.

Spring is the season of flowers and rain, and I'm very much looking forward to it.

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

DEPT. OF LABOR & EMPLOYMENT SEEKS COMMENT ON COLORADO MINIMUM WAGE ORDER

Special to the Mirror

DENVER-The Division of Labor Standards and Statistics has announced that it is seeking public comment on revising portions of the Colorado Minimum Wage Order regulation, 7 CCR 1103-1.

The wage order not only regulates wages but also hours, working conditions and procedures for certain employers and the Division of Labor Standards and Statistics, which is a part of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, would like to receive input from Coloradans on three specific topics.

1. **Industry Coverage:** The Colorado Minimum Wage Order 35 regulates only four industries: (1) Retail and Service; (2) Food and Beverage; (3) Commercial Support Service and (4) Health and Medical.

Should Colorado expand the categories of covered employees in Section 1 of the Minimum Wage Order?

2. **Employee Coverage:** Section 5 of the Colorado Minimum Wage Order exempts employees in a variety of occupations.

Should Colorado implement a minimum wage specifically for those exempted em-

ployees and, if so, what should that minimum salary be?

3. **Your Comments:** Are there other changes to Colorado Minimum Wage Order 35 that should be given consideration?

Comments regarding any of these questions should be submitted to the Division's Rule Coordinator Michael Primo at michael.primo@state.co.us.

When providing comments, please include "Minimum Wage Order" in your subject line.

The deadline to submit written comments is Friday, August 16, 2019.

All written comments will be publicly available on the Division's website www.coloradolaborlaw.gov

In addition to collecting written comments, the Division will likely also convene meetings with stakeholders to learn firsthand about the issues and concerns surrounding Colorado's Minimum Wage Order.

Each of these meetings will be an opportunity for community voices to be heard, for people to get involved in the conversation and for questions to be raised.

The information extracted from the

written comments submitted and from the public meetings will help focus the Division's work in developing the formal rule-making process for the Minimum Wage Order, pursuant to the State Administrative Procedure Act, C.R.S. § 24-4-101, et seq.

While the tentative schedule to begin rulemaking on or before November 15, 2019, the Division will remain flexible meeting that deadline.


In determining the impact of changes to the Minimum Wage Order on various industries, the Division may discover it must convene more listening sessions than originally planned.

Research may also be needed and perhaps a meeting with members of the Executive Branch prior to formal rulemaking.

"In this initial stage, we need to hear what is on people's minds with regard to Colorado's Minimum Wage Order," says Department of Labor and Employment Executive Director Joe Barela.

"Providing feedback starts an important dialogue that is vital in moving forward."


Additional information on Colorado's Minimum Wage Order is available [here](#).



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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

PUC ENCOURAGES UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO KEEP NATURAL GAS METERS FREE FROM SNOW AND ICE

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - With record-setting snows this winter, Colorado utility customers are encouraged to inspect their natural gas meters on a regular basis and remove any ice and snow buildup.

"The accumulation of snow and ice on natural gas meters is a safety hazard," said Joe Molloy, chief of the Public Utilities

Commission's Gas Pipeline Safety Unit.

"Keeping meters clear of snow and ice will help prevent damage that could result in a dangerous situation."

Accumulated snow and ice places stress on the regulator or meter piping, and could cause gas to leak into your home and create a hazardous condition. Excessive snow cover also may result in abnor-

mal pressure, affect appliance operation and interrupt your service.

Damage to natural gas facilities may also result from the impact of snow or ice falling from roofs, ice forming in or on regulators preventing their proper operation, or shoveling snow from roofs to protect dwellings from abnormal snow accumulations.

When removing heavy accumulations of snow or ice, do not strike meters with snow blowers, blades or shovels. Do not kick your meter to break or clear ice. Use a broom, a snow brush, or your hands to lightly remove snow and ice that is capable of being removed. For extremely heavy ice buildup, contact your local gas utility.

The problem of melting snow and ice falling on exposed meters will continue through the spring as daytime temperatures rise and then fall below freezing overnight. Customers who notice ice on their meters or are concerned that meter vents may be blocked should contact their local gas utility.

If you own a vacation home or plan to be away from your home for an extended period, designate someone to clear your gas meter and sidewall appliance vents regularly while you're away. After you're back in the home, be especially attentive to any gas odor.

Customers should leave their residences immediately if they detect a gas or propane odor and report the odor to their local gas utility, propane operator or designated emergency response officials.

The PUC, part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), recognizes this week as National Consumer Protection Week. Find consumer tips and resources by following #NCPW2019 and #Take5CO, #GetWiseCO or visit ask-DORA.colorado.gov.



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'HERE ON THE WESTERN SLOPE WE ARE ALL PART OF THE SAME COMMUNITY'

Crews from across Colorado pitched in to help solve Paonia water crisis

Mirror staff report

PAONIA-Life in Paonia is slowly returning to normal after a loss of pressure in the local water system that left local residents without water for weeks. Assistance from other local and statewide municipalities played a major role in helping to resolve the devastating crisis, Montrose Utilities Manager David Bries informed Montrose City Council at the March 4 work session.

"We had a crew of three guys out there," Bries said. "We have the tools to do the job; many of these small communities struggle...it's great to have the equipment."

Bries, who has close to 40 years' experience as a utility manager, said that sharing resources is important for smaller, rural communities.

"Here on the Western Slope, we are all part of the same community," he told the *Mirror* in an interview last week. "We heard they were having problems, so we reached out and offered to help."

A crew from Colorado's Front range brought leak detection equipment, Bries said. "They had set it out and identified an area by the school where there were leak sounds."

City of Montrose staff used their excavation equipment under the guidance of Paonia's team, he said.

"We found a leak in a two-inch line near the school," Bries said, "under several layers of gravel and cobble." The leak had been losing 80,000 to 100,000 gallons of water per day, Bries said.

"Their treatment plant is capable of delivering 200,000 gallons a day, so this was half their capacity. Ten minutes after we isolated the line, they started getting calls from people to say their water was back on," he said.

The water shortage was first discovered Feb. 18, when a loss of pressure in Paonia's spring-fed public water system triggered a boil water order from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE).

Though the initial boil order was lifted Feb. 22, users were asked to conserve water as springs were repaired and the town's tanks refilled. As problems continued, water was shut off to all out-of-town



A City of Montrose crew helps out during the recent Paonia water crisis. Courtesy photo Town of Paonia.

water companies from Feb. 26 through March 4, with a boil order remaining in place for all who lost water. The boil order was finally rescinded March 8.

At the most recent Paonia town meeting of March 5, Paonia Public Works Director Travis Loberg noted that before the water crisis began on Feb. 18, the town's water system delivered 134,000 to 148,000 gallons per day.

"When this occurred, production was brought up to 200,000 gallons a day," Loberg said, "and we were still not keeping up until we found the leak at the school."

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

NO SCHOOL IS REQUIRED TO TEACH COMPREHENSIVE SEX ED



Senator Don Coram. Courtesy photo.

By Senator Don Coram
MONTROSE-HB 1032 has finally been before Committee. Many did not understand why a Republican would be on a bill that many including myself, thought was flawed. Understand that most of the text in 1032 is already in statute from 2013 and previous legislation. I got on the bill because I was positive that Senator Todd and I could bring common sense amendments that we worked with Christian organization and a vast variety of stakeholders.

Ironically the group that spread so much hate and misinformation on HB 1032.

Even more amazing, after hearing the amendments, no person presented testimony of behalf of the organization. Now the wrath I endured has been channeled to a Staff member at Colorado Christian University. Senator Todd and I clarified that this is not mandated. No school is required to teach Comprehensive Sex Education. Local control is still the choice of the elected local School Board. No Student from a participating school is required to attend such class. Parents simply opt their child out. Children are educated about sex trafficking and no explicit sex act are taught. No sex education taught prior to 4th grade. Details of the amended version are available by going to the Colorado General Website.

I am going to send copies of an email from Kyle Forti, considered by many to be one of the most influential Republican policy makers in Colorado. Unfortunately, Kyle was killed in a helicopter crash in Kenya last Sunday. Also I am going to post an editorial opinion by Steve Mandell. As a journalist, he simplifies my intentions:

"Senator Coram, my name is Kyle Forti

and I run D/CO, a right of center PR/political shop here in CO. I've worked with dozens of current and former elected officials (Ganahl, Weir, Smallwood, Hill, Lundeen, Brauchler, W Williams, Thurlow, etc). Reaching out for two reasons:

1. I want to thank you for your leadership on 1032 - as a young Republican who is also a dad, foster parent, etc. this is much needed work.

2. Because of that, I wanted to offer pro bono help just as a friend to help you wade through any of these mirky waters with the right. I'm so sorry for all the gross misinformation etc going down and I feel bad with what you've had to deal with.

Can I help draft an op-Ed or email/letter to your list, etc? Regardless, just wanted to be sure to offer.

Please know I standby happy to assist." Coram offers common sense solutions. Steve Mandell Montrose Daily Press Mar 1, 2019

There is nothing like the word "sex" – especially when joined to the word "education" – to set people's teeth on edge. The latest flap is over a Colorado bill that would mandate "comprehensive" sex education.

The authors say their goal is to improve sex education in public schools. Critics say the state is intruding where it doesn't belong.

But the law is clear: local control is upheld because no school district can be forced to teach sex education. But if a school district decides to teach it, the subject must be covered in a comprehensive way.

Right now, only one Republican openly backs the bill, and by doing so, our own Sen. Don Coram has upset some of our citizens.

Coram is one of those rare politicians who looks for a realistic – and often a conservative – approach to a solution. In this

case, he seems to want teenagers to know how to make sensible decisions about their bodies and their urges. He wants them to know about what they face in the 21st century, including sexually transmitted diseases.

Critics claim the bill usurps parents' right to decide what's best. But on the contrary, the bill guarantees the parents'

"fundamental right...to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children."

And the bill encourages young people to talk frankly about sexual issues with their parents.

The "comprehensive" nature of the bill means that it asks teachers to: provide common sense information about the correct and consistent use of abstinence and contraception; deliver medically correct information to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases; help students know how to avoid unwanted sexual encounters; and warn students about the dangers of alcohol because it impairs decision-making.

Maybe we should cool down. Maybe we should think about how more information makes for better decision making – even for kids. That is Sen. Don Coram's approach. It's tough to argue against helping young people get the facts of life before they take an action they might regret for a lifetime.

There was a time when a new roundabout alarmed the whole town. Even a single detour sign brought an avalanche of letters to the editor. But lately, the ante has been raised.

Politics makes it harder to talk with neighbors; to find common ground. Maybe what Colorado needs is a few more politicians like Don Coram.

Steve Mandell is a former journalist, steel-worker, advertising and research executive currently living in Montrose and Chicago.

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TURNOUT HIGH @ US 550 ACCESS PLAN OPEN HOUSE



CDOT representative Don Roussin (right) answers questions from the community.
Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—On March 7, 2019 an open house was held at the Montrose County Public Works Office for the US 550 Access Plan from the Ouray County line to Niagara Road. Scheduled for 5 – 7 PM, more than 40 attendees were in the room prior to 5 PM and the number had increased to more than 100 by 5:30 PM.

In a cooperative effort, Montrose County, the City of Montrose, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), and Stolfus & Associates, Inc. have worked on the proposed access control plan.

In Q and A with citizens, CDOT representative Don Roussin said, “Write it down, that’s what we want [feedback].” The final approval for the plan does not

come from one entity, but rather will come from an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between CDOT, the county and the city. Roussin said, “It’s important that we have the same vision.”

In a one-on-one conversation Roussin said, “Not everyone likes it, but we have to start planning for it. What’s good about the plan is that we can amend it. We need to have it amendable.”

Chester and Joy Yates scrutinized the plans and questioned various representatives. Chester said, “I think it’s a bunch of Malarkey. I think if they would four-lane the whole thing it would be cheaper and safer. A lot of the area south of Montrose is boggy ground. You ain’t gonna get a road across that, at least not one that will hold up. And their telling us it depends on



(L to R) Chester and Joy Yates, who live south of Montrose on Rose Road, look to see how the proposed access plan will impact their rural neighborhood.
Photo by Gail Marvel.

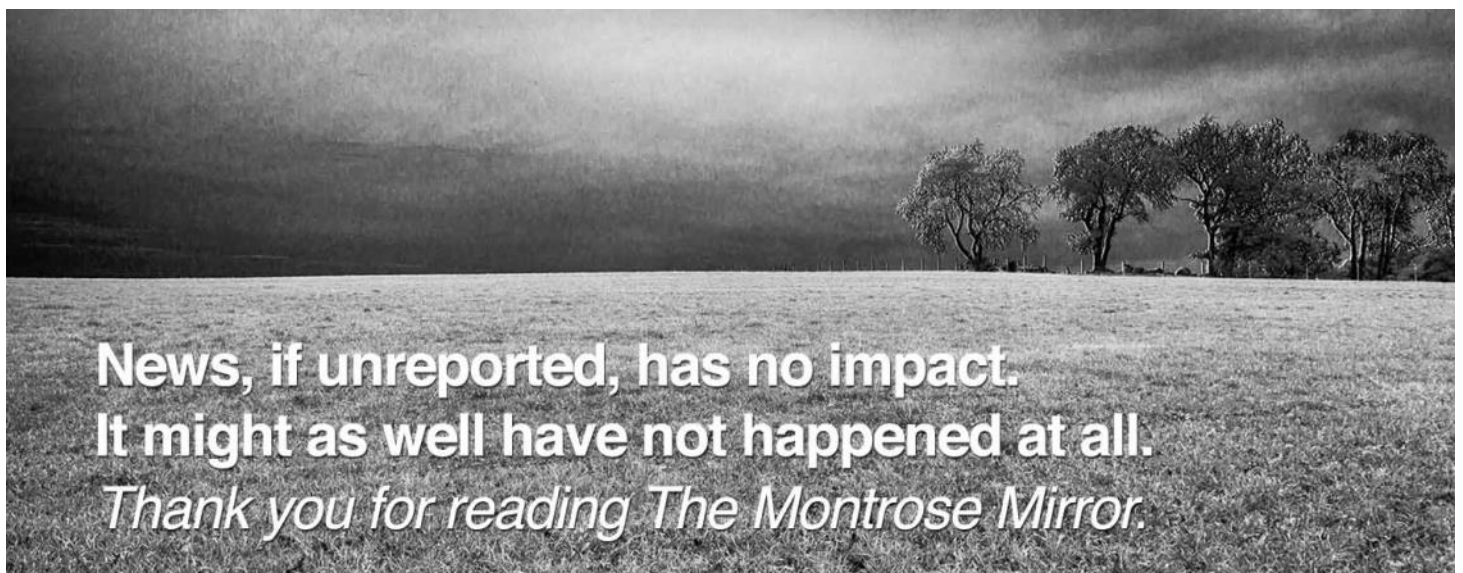
development. Until development comes in nothing is going to change.”

Noticing two neighbors who entered the room Chester continued, “See those two guys, they’re farmers and ranchers. They aren’t going to do development on their farms and ranches.”

Joy Yates said, “They need to four-lane it and leave the frontage roads for the farmers.”

The final report for the US 550 – South Montrose County Access Plan will be compiled between March and May 2019. The adoption of the final plan by the Montrose County Commissioners and the Montrose City Council is scheduled for June 2019.

Comments on the proposed access plan can be mailed to: Stolfus & Associates, Inc., Attn: Andrew Amend, PE, 5690 DTC Boulevard, Suite 560E, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. an-drew@stolfusandassociates.com.



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voted unanimously to approve a promissory note between the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority and the City of Montrose in the amount of \$1,100,000 for construction of the MURA Phase I River Restoration Project.

COLORADO OUTDOORS DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING UPDATE

The company is inside the new building and operating on the first level only; their crews took a week to move 200,000 pounds of machinery. David Dragoo said that Colorado Outdoors submitted an application on Jan. 19 to Colorado Housing & Finance Authority (CHFA) for tax credits to use with the Area Two Multi-Family Housing project. "Nineteen projects in the state have submitted...it's highly competitive," he said. "We are the only project in rural Colorado."

The Area Two Multi-Family Housing project will cost \$16.7M. Phase One of the project will result in 72 units. There is a co-developer on the project, Way Group of Colorado Springs.

Also in the works are a 30,000 square-foot flex industrial space with 2,500 sf bays, and a 38,000 sf mixed retail space with 1,450 sf units.

Dragoo provided an update on Colorado Outdoors' media consultant, Backbone Media. "Their job is to promote Montrose with five key things," Dragoo said, and listed six key messaging components: opportunity zone; the Montrose community; Basecamp for adventures; Made in Colorado; Sustainability; River Restoration.

Backbone Media has personal relationships with the major outdoor brands that it represents, he noted. "We really found that it was extremely valuable. We hired Backbone and the City is supporting this as well," Dragoo said. "They're very expensive, but they know all of these people."

Backbone Media was recently successful in placing an article on the *Colorado Sun* online news site, Dragoo said. "Just one example of what a PR firm like Backbone can do."

Twelve periodicals and outlets have covered the project and the City of Montrose, resulting in regional and national coverage, he said.

MURA Commissioner Brad Hughes re-

mindful Dragoo that last year, the focus was on bringing in other companies to occupy the Colorado Outdoors Campus.

"We have always wanted to do flex retail ourselves," Dragoo said, noting that the idea is to have the space 50 percent pre-leased. Actual ownership is too expensive for many small businesses, he said.

Doug Dragoo said that franchise fees for a Marriott Hotel are paid. "They put up the second deposit... Marriott changed its site plan requirements for franchisees...they want to have everything approved before they start construction." Two restaurant leases have been signed, he said, and described the concept. "It's basically like a food court on steroids...everyone can lease a smaller space and share common amenities."

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction of the [first phase of public infrastructure](#) is substantially complete, and awaiting completion of the punch list, City Engineer Scott Murphy said. "We haven't started any of the landscaping."

Murphy said that late completion of Phase I resulted in \$27,500 in liquidated damages to the contractor.

\$3.25M is budgeted for the Connect Initiative Trail Project, with \$2.45M of that coming from GOCO and other community grantors. The project will be complete in late 2019.

RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE & PATH FORWARD

The project involves reconstruction of the river through the whole Colorado Outdoors construction project, Murphy said. "We'll put it back the way nature intended."

[Phase I of the River Restoration Project](#) will cost \$1.5M and will encompass 3,300 linear feet.

To date, \$64K has been spent on design. The City has been awarded a \$400K Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Stream Restoration Grant. Still, \$1.1M remains unfunded with no other major grant opportunities available.

"The discussion point today is another promissory note," Murphy said. "The City



Montrose City Manager Bill Bell (center) speaks to MURA reps and River Restoration committee members March 6.

would back the initial investment."

City Manager Bill Bell said that the loan would come from the City's general, undesignated fund balance. "There will be a return for the taxpayer, but less than if it was put on the open market," he said.

"MURA gains because they pay less interest. It's a win-win," Bell said. "Shani (City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg) and I think we do have the money for this, and it fits in with past practice."

Said Murphy, "It creates public open space for fishing and boating, and good access for kiddos to safe activities."

MURA Commissioner Barbara Bynum asked about repayment. "How does it work that MURA turns over the money?"

Commissioner Brad Hughes said that the note could be approved by MURA vote, "As long as the Board realizes that the City is the one funding this with hopes for repayment over the next 20 years...if the market goes down and the project can't be sold, the City has a nice river project....to make this work it will have to be developed.

"It can't be sitting empty like it is right now."

Said Bell, "From the City's side it is advantageous to do it this way...by approving (the promissory note) as a MURA Board as long as a majority of City Council are present, it qualifies as a joint decision."

MURA Commissioner Dave Bowman moved to approve the \$1,100,000 promissory note to the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority. Commissioner Barbara Bynum seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

\$1.8M MIAMI HILLCREST ROUNDABOUT TO BE COMPLETE BY END OF OCTOBER

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Over lunch from The Stone House, Montrose City Council welcomed Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board candidate David Fishing for an interview at the [City Work Session of Monday, March Fourth](#). Council also heard a grant update from Ken Sherbenou of the Montrose Rec District; discussed fluoridation of the City's water supply; reviewed the construction contract for the Miami Hillcrest Roundabout project; and considered the purchase of vehicles and equipment at auction.

Councilor Doug Glaspell was not present due to illness.

MONTROSE REC CENTER HOLLY PARK GOCO GRANT FUNDED

Added to the work session agenda, Montrose Community Rec Center Director Ken Sherbenou informed Council that a \$214,348 GOCO grant application on behalf of the Rec District's Holly Park renovation project was fully funded.

"I appreciate the City's confidence in partnering with the rec district board," Sherbenou said. "...a lot of City staff were involved in the pursuit of this grant...thank you for all of the support."

DDA INTERVIEW-DAVID FISHING

David Fishing is owner of Storm King Distilling Co., a business within the DDA boundaries. Fishing pointed out that Montrose has a number of economic development organizations; "They are all at loggerheads all of the time." As he already serves on the City's Development and Revitalization Team, "I can be a bridge," he told Council. "I have nothing but great things to say about what the City has done."

Said Mayor Pro Tem Dave Bowman, "It's fantastic to see young people come back to our town who want to make Montrose better."

"Thank you so much for taking on yet another volunteer role with the City," Councilor Barbara Bynum said.

"Many people in town like to complain about stuff, but they don't get involved," Fishing said. He thanked Council for the opportunity to interview.

"You are complaining about stuff we all recognize," Mayor Roy Anderson said. "It's

neat to see you get involved; you have a vision we all support."

Council will consider Fishing's application for a seat on the DDA at the Council meeting of March 19.

FLOURIDATION OF THE CITY WATER SUPPLY

Flouridation is a controversial topic, and a decision that can be made locally, City Utilities Manager David Bries said. Seventy-four percent of Coloradans are served by systems with flouridation; "The bigger systems are adding fluoride," Bries said. "A lot of the smaller systems are not... there are some risks and consequences that come with adding fluoride."

The Project 7 Water Authority added fluoride until 2014, when it ceased to do so due to sourcing issues. "They were looking at about \$1M to continue adding fluoride...they didn't feel that the value was there or that it was their responsibility to provide for the oral health of the community," Bries said. After further discussion of possible alternatives, he noted, "It's purely a local decision; the science is there that says flouridated water does reduce cavities."

City Engineer Scott Murphy pointed out that dentists may be a source for information on the economic benefits of adding fluoride.

Mayor Roy Anderson said that his own dentist has observed a marked increase in child cavities since Project 7 ceased flouridation.

"When the decision was made, we received far more comments from the people who were appreciative of the fact that we were not putting it in," Councilor Judy Ann Files said.

The issue should be considered again in future, said Mayor Pro Tem Dave Bowman. "This generation sitting at this table grew up with fluoride," he said. "I would hate for us to run away from science for any reason; we need to make the best



At the March 4 work session, Montrose Mayor Pro Tem Dave Bowman (left) listens as City Utilities Manager David Bries describes a cooperative effort that helped get the Town of Paonia's water system back on track.

decision."

Not all residents are on the City's water system, Files said.

MIAMI HILLCREST ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT CONTRACT

Murphy brought Council up to date on the project and its history. The Miami Hillcrest Roundabout has required seven different land acquisitions, but "Here we are," Murphy said. The project was put out for bid in January and bids were received from five local companies, with K&D Construction the low bidder at \$1,660,260.61.

Also recommended for approval were engineering support and survey stakeout contracts to the roundabout designers Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig of Centennial and Del-Mont Consultants of Montrose, with \$64,300 budgeted on an as-needed, time and materials basis.

The project was budgeted at \$1.5M, Murphy said, with completion anticipated by the end of October.

"We'll be trying to funnel people to the minor arterials so we don't have them short-cutting through the neighborhoods," Murphy said. "We're trying to limit that exposure as much as possible."

The completed roundabout will include center island landscaping; secondary access to Black Canyon Golf Course is also planned.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE @ AUCTION

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid presented information on a recommendation to

\$1.8M MIAMI HILLCREST ROUNDABOUT TO BE COMPLETE BY OCTOBER'S END

From previous pg

to allow staff to purchase three replacement vehicles at auction; a Telehandler Fork Lift, 4,000-gallon water truck, and a mid-size farm tractor. Purchase is not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$210K for all three pieces of equipment.

2019 VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT PURCHASE RECOMMENDATIONS

Scheid provided an update on vehicle and equipment acquisitions (full list in [Council packet](#)).

COMMENTS

Council discussed the DDA meeting minutes ([also in Council packet](#)), an earthquake at the West End of Montrose County, and the Paonia water crisis.

"We are all aware of the water problem that Paonia has had," Councilor Dave

Bowman said. "Montrose was part of the solution."

Scheid said that Montrose City crews have been working to keep up with pothole repairs around town. "We're on it, almost every day," he said. "It's ongoing this time of year."

He urged citizens with pothole concerns to use the "A Better Montrose" app to report them.

Director of Business Innovation Chelsea Rosty said that the Visitor Guide is coming along, and a project at the Vine Building Downtown is nearing completion.

Council bid farewell to staffer Rich Willis; City Manager Bill Bell said that youth softball is up and running.

Councilor Barbara Bynum thanked City

staff for helping to move equipment for a community forum from Heidi's Brooklyn Deli to the CASA Building at Third and North Townsend. City Communications Assistant William Woody is now filming forum meetings and broadcasting them on the City's public television channels, including Charter Channel 191 and Elevate Channel 920. Woody will work to line up additional content for the City's Channel, City Manager Bill Bell said.

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo said that alcohol server training will be held March 12. "Twenty people have signed up," she said.

Utilities Manager David Briefs briefed Council on the City's role in helping with the Paonia water crisis (see related article in this issue).



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

GMUG ANNOUNCES PILE BURNING FOR NORTH ZONE

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Fire Management Officials from the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests have announced plans to conduct prescribed pile burns during the month of March, pending favorable weather, ground and vegetation conditions.

The objectives of prescribed pile burns is to reduce the risk of larger wildfires and improve ecosystem health by removing debris and vegetation, or fuels, through the planned ignition of slash piles. Slash piles are constructed from the accumulated debris from fuel reduction and hazard tree removal projects.

The piles are burned in project areas where other means of disposal are not feasible.

Safety of firefighters and the public are

the most important factors considered when planning a prescribed burn. Fire managers have developed detailed plans and obtained smoke permits from the State of Colorado for each of the planned burns, ignition will only occur if conditions are ideal for a safe, effective burn with good smoke dispersal.

The following prescribed pile burns are being planned:

<u>Project Area/Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Number and Type</u>	
Lands' End Road	T12S R97W various
Sec 20 hand-built piles	
Mesa Point Comm. Site	T13S R97W Sec 34
20 hand-built piles	

For more information on how smoke may affect your health, please visit: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.



Fire Management Officials from the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests have announced plans to conduct prescribed pile burns during the month of March. Courtesy photo.

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ANSWERING THE CALL: MCSO DEPUTY DOMINIC LOVATO From pg 1

police academy at the Delta Vo-Tech and his job evolved into a law enforcement career. At age 42 Lovato was an older student, "The hardest part of the academy was getting back into academic study. For so many years I'd been out of that and I had to get into the groove of studying. The physical part was a difficult challenge and the overall scope was not easy." The pressure of going back to school was magnified by two of Lovato's fellow classmates who had recently gotten out of the Marines. "I had a tough time trying to keep up with them." He laughed and said, "I don't know if I ever truly accomplished that, but I learned a lot from them." Lovato has been with MCSO since 2012.

In the area of specialized training Lovato is a Field Training Officer and one of two people in the department who are ALICE trained. The acronym ALICE stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate. Lovato said, "It's an active shooter response program, or that type of threat. The schools have introduced the kids to the program and we do a follow-up for Olathe and Oak Grove School. Lovato is also one of three deputies who are part of the Peer Support Program for MCSO staff. "It's a fledging program that's in the process of being implemented." For Lovato the most enjoyable part of his job is connecting with the community, "I love the contact with people and the interaction. It's great walking through the schools and talking to the kids. That's where it's at for me. I also love my co-workers. What a wonderful group we work with."

Describing public perspective Lovato said, "It's not easily seen, but not all of our contact with people is negative. We don't

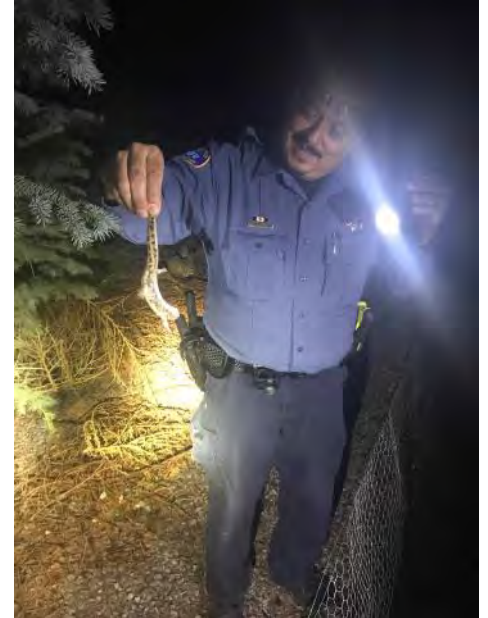
always wear a uniform, we wear jeans on Saturday. We're just regular folks too. Kids will say, 'Look there's Deputy Lovato and he's not in uniform.' That's the acceptance we always hunger for in the community. We start out [building relationships] with the kids and it carries over to adults."

Lovato identified the least enjoyable aspect of his job, "Finding out some people aren't who you thought they were. I try to be positive and optimistic, but it's that type of thing that's hard [disappointing]."

As to the most stressful part of his job Lovato said, "Generating paperwork in a timely fashion. From day one I'd take as many calls as they want to give me, but those calls generate paperwork. Even today generating paperwork causes me stress." Speaking to the particular skill set that helps him in his job Lovato said, "I'm approachable." He laughed and said, "I guess you could say I have the gift of gab. I'm no one special, I'm just me. I just want to always be myself." Lovato has received a Life Saving Award for using CPR that helped save the life of an Olathe man.

In terms of climbing the career ladder Lovato said, "I have applied for sergeant in the past. It's pretty normal to want to advance. At some point in time I'd like to wear sergeant stripes, but right now I just want to do the best job I can do."

As for activities and interests Lovato said, "I never did put my hammer and tool bag down. I do as much fly fishing and golf as I can. My wife and I like to travel on weekend trips and we do family!" When asked what the community could do to make his job easier Lovato said, "Quite often parents will tell their kids 'If you don't be



Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Deputy Dominic Lovato responded to an incident call of an alligator on a back-yard patio. Lovato said, "It was late in the evening, raining and cold. It was a slow night so three of us responded. It ended up being a salamander that was about six or eight inches long." Sergeant Cox (now Lieutenant) took a photo to share with the dispatchers. Lovato laughed and said, "The photo was put on the (MCSO) Facebook page and the next thing you know it was picked up by Denver TV news and then it went national." Courtesy photo.

good, I'm going to have him arrest you.' That doesn't help us at all with the community. It doesn't paint a good picture of what we represent. We're not the bad guys. We want the community to know that when they are in need, we want to be there."



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NEW RESTAURANT ANNOUNCED @ GOLF COURSE, CITIZEN REMARKS AS CITY VACATES PORTION OF NORTH CASCADE NEAR PROPOSED MAVERICK LOCATION

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The City Attorney was not present for the regular [City Council meeting of March 5](#), and Councilor Doug Glaspell was absent due to illness. No youth council members were present for the meeting.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public stepped forward to speak during the call for public comment on non-agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2469--FIRST READING

Council approved Ordinance 2469 on first reading, delegating authority to the Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METSA).

Police Chief Blaine Hall said that METSA's responsibilities include funding decisions and 911 infrastructure for the region. "...Within the last year METSA petitioned the Public Utilities Commissions to raise the... monthly surcharge that's assessed to telephone customers, both wireless and land-line customers, from .70 cents to \$1.75, which is the new maximum minimum."

The rate had not increased since 2003, he said.

"...Over the next couple of years technology is going to grow and every time technology grows, so does cost," Hall said.

RESOLUTION 2019-05

Council unanimously approved Resolution 2019-05, which authorized filing of a grant application to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for the Peace Officer Mental Health Support Program. There is no match required of the \$42,639 grant request, which will help fund a vehicle for the Police Department's embedded mental health tech (\$39K) and peer support training (\$2,500) for peace officers.

"We are very excited about this grant," Chief Hall said. Having the mental health tech on staff helps to de-escalate situations and provide service, but if the tech is at the hospital with a patient an officer must stay there with her, Hall said. "We are looking for the grant funds to provide

a vehicle...part of the grant will go toward a peer support program."

Said Mayor Pro Tem Dave Bowman, "It's really significant and very important that as a city we take care of those who take care of us."

"It's fantastic that we have the opportunity for peer support counseling," Councilor Judy Ann Files said.

Hall said that he is working with the City's Human Resources Department. "Hopefully this can be a model program for all City employees."

VACATION OF PORTION OF NORTH CASCADE AVENUE

Senior Planner Garry Baker presented a location map and information on Ordinance 2463, which vacates a portion of North Cascade Avenue within City limits. The City will retain a utility easement.

To be vacated are 12,163 sf along Cascade Avenue; the City will maintain 56' of right-of-way at the narrowest point, Baker said.

"The purpose of this vacation is to allow re-development and assembly of a relatively useable size parcel."

Commenting on the Ordinance was Ken Dolezal. "I did notice...I keep track of sales...and there's a pending sale of this property, I believe," Dolezal said. "As well as Jimmer's, also for sale at the current time. I anticipate there is some development taking place or planned on taking place."

The listed price of \$50,000 appears to be low in terms of the location, Dolezal said.

"I just want everybody to be aware that the City may be giving up a lot of right here," he said. "And that more goes to the next step, which is the acceptance of the offer to purchase, because that is where it stands at the current time as I understand it."

Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2463.

(Editor's note: A Jan. 23 City of Montrose Planning Commission Agenda notes a nearby variance request: "VAR18-1953 – 1134-1150 N TOWNSEND AVENUE. This is a request for variances to sign and setback



The City has vacated a portion of North Cascade Avenue, above.

regulations. Leslie Mascaro is the applicant. Garry Baker introduced this item. All public requirements have been fulfilled and the official files and exhibits were entered into the record. Garry handed out an update to the staff report to the Planning Commissioners. Maverik, Inc. is proposing a convenience store, passenger car fueling station, and a large vehicle fueling station at the southeast corner of San Juan Avenue and North Townsend Avenue. Addresses are 1134, 1138, 1140, and 1150 N Townsend Avenue. The site is approximately 2.13 acres and has required assembly of several existing properties and city right-of-ways in order to supply enough land for the development. An extensive amount of work has been done preparing this site plan.")

MONTROSE ESTATES PROPERTY DESIGNATION

Council voted unanimously to authorize an Affidavit of Re-designation from "park" to "right of way" in the Montrose Estates Subdivision.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, Council approved a lease agreement for 35-acres of City-owned land at 3645 North Townsend Avenue to Farmer Stephen Taylor.

Council approved purchase of a fork lift, water truck, and mid-size farm tractor at auction for an amount not to exceed \$210,000.

"We are allowed to go test and evaluate all of the equipment prior to bidding," Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said.

"Sounds great. Good value for the City,"

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Mayor Roy Anderson said.

"You're another example of the excellent staff that the head folks up here have put together," Mayor Pro Tem Dave Bowman said. "They're saving our citizens money, doing a great job! I think it reflects very well on all of our city staff and our city leadership.

"Thank you Bill, Thank you!"

STAFF REPORTS & COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Manager Bill Bell reminded that it is almost golf season. "People are getting excited to go out and enjoy golf," he said, noting that the City-owned Black Canyon Golf Course should be open "in a week or two."

A new restaurant will open at Black Canyon Golf Course this year, Divots, which should be up and running by early to mid-April, Bell said. "We've ordered the new furniture and that type of thing ...the dishwasher will be replaced.

"It's a nice area, newly refurbished, and we're really excited about our new partner at the restaurant," Bell said.

Golf Pro Tom Young has created the Montrose Junior Golf Alliance for 2019 by

partnering with pros from the Bridges and Cobble Creek, Bell said.

Registration for competitive youth baseball opened March 1 and run through April 8, he said. Registration is through the Montrose Youth Baseball Facebook page or on the City web site.

Council gave a round of applause to departing staffer Rich Willis; Police Chief Blaine Hall provided an update on the work of the Citizens' Safety Committee.

Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler updated Council on Earth Week activities and this year's FUNC Fest. FUNC Fest 2019 will be two days, Aug. 9-10.

"Thank you to Dave Bowman for organizing our bands," she said. Friday will be a Bon Jovi cover band and Saturday the headliner is Paisley Park. Warmup acts will be Dave's Fault on Friday and D&G Railroad and Neon Sky on Saturday.

Councilor Judy Ann Files thanked Scheid for placing bales of hay that were left over from Santa's Cabin at the end of the sledding hill near the Sunnyside Roundabout. "It looks good and it's functional."

She praised Centennial Middle School for



City Manager Bill announced that a new restaurant will open at Black Canyon Golf Course this year, Divots, which should be up and running by early to mid-April.

hosting the state's largest middle school wrestling tournament. "There were 18 teams here with as many as 18 members per team from all across the State of Colorado...it was a big deal." Next weekend, 30 teams will be coming to play competitive youth basketball in Montrose, she said.

August will be a fantastic month, Mayor Pro Tem Bowman said. "Every weekend in August is gonna be packed with fun stuff!"

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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NATIONWIDE NEWS BRIEFS

\$671 MILLION OF BACKLOGGED MAINTENANCE PROJECTS COMPLETED IN NATIONAL PARKS IN FY18



Great Smoky Mountains National Park maintains and operates 384 miles of roads (238 paved, 146 unpaved), six tunnels, and 146 bridges that allow visitors to traverse the park's mountainous landscape. NPS photo.

Special to the Mirror

WASHINGTON - The National Park Service (NPS) estimates that during Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, more than \$671 million in needed repair work was completed at national parks across the country, one of the largest amounts of deferred maintenance needs retired in a single year.

This leaves, at the end of FY18, more than \$11.9 billion in backlogged maintenance and repair needs for the more than 5,500 miles of paved roads, 17,000 miles of trails and 24,000 buildings that service visitors to America's 418 national parks.

"Improvements to visitor facilities, campgrounds, trails, and backbone infrastructure are essential to providing a

world-class experience to our more than 300 million annual visitors and a safe work environment for our employees, volunteers, and partners," National Park Service Deputy Director Dan Smith said. "Addressing the deferred maintenance in our national parks is critical to our core mission and remains a top priority."

The NPS saw 318.2 million recreation visits in 2018, the third highest total since record keeping began in 1904.

The deferred maintenance figure increased by \$313 million (2.7 percent) over FY 2017.

Aging facilities, increased visitation, and resource constraints have kept the maintenance backlog between \$11 billion

and \$12 billion since 2010.

Among the \$671 million of backlogged maintenance projects the NPS successfully completed last year were a new roof over the visitor center at Gateway Arch National Park, a 26-mile pavement preservation project in Yosemite National Park, the restoration of native grasses at Nez Perce National Historical Park, and new paved trail surfaces at Independence National Historical Park.

Fiscal Year 2018 Deferred Maintenance Achievements

\$213 million in transportation DM was retired on over 1,000 transportation assets such as paved and unpaved roads, parking areas, bridges, and tunnels. \$201 million in buildings deferred maintenance (DM) was retired across 272 park units.

\$92 million in utility systems, dams, constructed waterways, marinas, aviation systems, railroads, ships, monuments, fortifications, towers, and interpretive media and amphitheaters DM was retired across 169 park units.

\$56 million in water and wastewater systems DM was retired across 108 park units.

\$52 million in trails DM was retired across 146 park units.

\$28 million in maintained landscapes DM was retired across 176 park units.

\$18 million in housing DM was retired across 136 park units.

\$11 million in campgrounds DM was retired across 57 park units.

Fiscal Year 2018 Reports

Deferred maintenance and asset inventory reports are available online, visit <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/infrastructure/identifying-reporting-deferred-maintenance.htm>.

To learn more about NPS deferred maintenance, visit <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/infrastructure/maintenance-backlog.htm>.

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THREE BURIED, ONE KILLED IN URBAN AVALANCHES

Mirror Staff Report

CRESTED BUTTE-Three people were trapped and one life was lost to urban avalanches in Western Colorado last week, according to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center. On March 8, a preliminary CAIC report notes that a property manager in Mount Crested Butte was shoveling a client's property and had just cleared a sidewalk when he heard snow avalanche off the roof above. The avalanche caught the man, who was buried under two to three feet of snow on the

shoveled sidewalk.

"The manager did not arrive at a later appointment. His girlfriend checked on him, found the debris pile, and called 911," the report states. "Crested Butte Fire Department found and excavated the manager. He had been buried for about two hours. He was unconscious and hypothermic. He had a basketball-sized airspace near his face, created by a bent arm. The manager was transported to a hospital and released the following day."

On March 9, a preliminary accident re-

port from Crested Butte South notes that two people were clearing snow from a low-angled roof when an avalanche occurred. There were no witnesses. "About 10 minutes later, someone discovered the avalanche, called 911, and began digging," the report states that emergency services personnel arrived within 10 minutes. "The first person was dug out and survived, but the second person was buried more deeply and was not breathing when dug out. The two were buried for 20 to 30 minutes."

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY SHERIFF: WINTER PREPAREDNESS TIPS

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE-Winter Emergency Preparedness Driving Tips:

- Your Vehicle: front or all wheel drive is recommended, as are snow tires or all terrain tires.
- Food and Water: in a sealed container, store extra food or snacks and water.
- Clothing: extra warm clothing including wool socks, waterproof boots, warm jacket, hat and gloves.
- Flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries.
- Equipment and knowledge to change a tire.
- Small shovel in the event you need to dig your car out from snow.

-First aid kit.

Remember, it's always a good idea to tell someone where you are going, when you expect to arrive and return. In severe winter weather driving conditions, avoid travel when possible. If you are delayed or stuck on roadway due to an emergency incident:

- Call 911 if you are first on scene or have an emergency.
- Remain calm and be patient.
- Look for emergency information via the radio or social media.
- Stay in your vehicle unless it is unsafe to do so or an emergency responder gives you other direction.
- Turn your engine off and run it only to

use heat if necessary and sparingly.

-If possible, call or text someone reliable to let them know your whereabouts.

"We are aware of increased awareness and concern about the risks of avalanches," Sheriff Masters said. "The most dangerous place to be right now is in the backcountry." In the unlikely event you are in your car and get caught in an avalanche:

- Call 911.
- Turn off your vehicle and crack your window.
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CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY WITH INCREDIBLE STORIES OF HOW THE IRISH HAVE CHANGED THE WORLD

Special to Art & Sol

DUBLIN-For centuries the Irish have had an impact on the world far beyond what you would expect for a tiny nation on the edge of Europe. Available in time for St Patrick's Day, *What Have the Irish Ever Done for Us?* by David Forsythe is an illustrated collection of the wonderful ways the Irish have contributed the world, both at home and abroad.

Filled with quirky illustrations by Alba Esteban, this book recounts some of the hundreds of ways the Irish, and their descendants across the globe, have made their mark throughout history, with stories of courage, ingenuity, perseverance and selflessness. Including some well-known people, alongside some people you will be surprised that you have never heard of before, the book covers the areas of science, engineering, literature, art, entertainment and more!

Did you know that an Irishman designed the White House? Do you know the story of the Irish woman who saved a train filled with 200 people from plunging off a bridge in Iowa? Did you know that an Irishman developed the subway in New York? Did you know that an Irish engineer brought water to Los Angeles? These and many more stories await inside these colourful pages. www.currachbooks.com.

David Forsythe is a journalist and author, widely published in the British and Irish press, and was the scriptwriter for the RTÉ television series *The Celtic Songlines*. The son of an Irish mother and English father, David was born and brought up in London and currently lives in West Cork, where he is the editor of the *West Cork Times*.



Curragh Books is a leading independent publisher of fiction and non-fiction in Ireland. The company takes its name from a traditional Irish boat with a wooden frame that is symbolic of their unique Irish culture and history. They publish across a broad range of areas including history, poetry, biography, cookery, photography, health and lifestyle and are committed to publishing the best books, by both new and established writers. Courtesy image.

MIRROR IMAGES...OUT & ABOUT!



Chicks are back at Murdoch's...Mirror staff photo.



Bare tree in winter by Jen McClanahan.

Below, recent award presentations to Cub Scout Wolf Den of 2nd grade kids by Den Leader Diane Pettit. This was one of the ceremonies at the annual Blue & Gold banquet held at St. Mary's Church. Photo by Wayne Quade.





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Spacious family home with 2 other living quarters/options on the property. Situated on 7.6 acres with irrigation water and light covenants! The main house offers 5 bedrooms and 3 baths. 3 bedrooms upstairs, 2 downstairs one of which is non-conforming. Full kitchen upstairs and downstairs (downstairs kitchen has no range) There is a gas fireplace, a gas stove and a wood stove in addition to the regular heat source in the home which is in-floor radiant natural gas. There is irrigation water on rotation basis for the lawn & pasture on sprinkler system.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

FORT LEWIS COLLEGE GRADUATES INCLUDE MONTROSE SCHOLARS



Nearly 200 Skyhawks graduated from Fort Lewis College in Durango on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

DURANGO-Nearly 200 Skyhawks graduated from Fort Lewis College on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018. The students enjoyed a Commencement Address from Michael Martin, professor of History and Gender & Sexuality Studies. Among those were Brenna Gaber of Montrose and Sara Squirrel of Montrose.

[Fort Lewis College](#) is the Southwest's cross-roads of education and adventure. Our blend of small classes, dynamic academic programs, and a liberal arts perspective leads to transformative learning experiences that foster entrepreneurship, leadership, creative problem solving, and life-long learning. And our unique & beautiful mountain campus, on a mesa above historic Durango, Colorado, inspires an active and friendly community with a spirit of engagement, exploration, and intellectual curiosity.

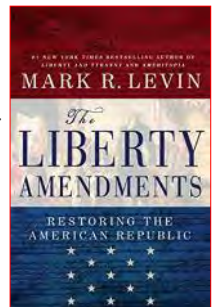
JOIN LIBERTY AMENDMENTS BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GROUP

Special to the Mirror

The Liberty Amendments Book Club Discussion Group starts this week! To attend register on-line at Meetup.com (search Montrose, scroll down and click on The Liberty Amendments box) or you can just show up on Wednesday. Yvonne Meek will be our gracious host at the Lark and Sparrow. Bring a friend! The Liberty Amendments is a book by Mark Levin that outlines the steps that citizens can take to pass an amendment to the Constitution without going through Congressional pro-

cedures; this process is provided in our constitution, foreseeing the possibility that Congress becomes too contentious to do what is necessary for the good of the country. Levin, a constitutional attorney, proposes several amendments that include limiting terms for elected officials and federal judges, and ensuring the fiscal responsibility of the Federal Government. We will use his book as a basis to discuss these amendments, how they might be passed and implemented, and why a step like this might be necessary now.

The group will be meeting at The Lark and Sparrow, 511 East Main St, Montrose. Our first meeting is this Wednesday, March 13, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Participants can obtain a copy of Levin's book through Amazon Books for \$12.99. For more information contact Joe Fockler at jfockler53@gmail.com or call 970 209-9609.



FREE SOLO SHOWING @ PARADISE COMMUNITY THEATRE IN PAONIA

Special to Art & Sol

PAONIA-"Free Solo" is an Oscar winning documentary about one of the greatest feats in rock climbing history. Follow Alex Honnold as he free climbs 3,000 ft El Capitan with no ropes or safety gear. The nonprofit "Friends of Youth and Nature" will receive part of the proceeds which it will use to help fund programs that get kids and families outside and engaged with nature in Montrose, Mesa and Delta Counties. Free Solo- showing at the Paradise Community Theatre in Paonia (215 Grand Ave), March 24 at 3 and 7 PM, tickets are \$10.

<https://paradiseofpaonia.com/>

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

FOODIES INVITED TO A TASTE OF SPRING APRIL 20

Special to Art & Sol

DELTA-Does your business craft a truly delicious burger? Beer? Dessert?

Showcase it at the fourth annual Taste of Spring event, and showcase yourself as one of Delta County's tastiest food producers!

Delta County Young Life and the Delta Lions Club have partnered up to present the fourth annual Taste of Spring event, April 20, 5-8 p.m., at Bill Heddles Recreation Center.

Vendor registration forms are now being accepted for Delta County restaurants, cottage foods producers, wineries, breweries and other producers who will showcase their signature menu item, food creation or beverage during the event.

There is no cost to have a booth at the event, and producers can use the event as a marketing opportunity to showcase a new menu item, catering possibilities, wine clubs or other means to promote your business or cottage foods products. Last year, the event drew over 100 attendees, and this year is expected to be larger, said Ty Gallenbeck, the Area Director of Delta County Young Life.

Vendor registration and more information can be found by calling Gallenbeck at 970-216-5680, or by visiting www.TasteOfSpringDelta.com.

For the foodies out there, ticket holders who attend the event are treated to some of Western Colorado's finest cuisine, most sought-after wines, craft beers and unique spirits offerings. Ticket holders have the option of participating in an exclusive whiskey tasting during the event as well, sampling some of the rarest whiskeys around. In addition, ticket holders are treated to live music, and can bid on amazing items in the live and silent auctions.

New to the event this year is a special VIP dinner on Friday, April 19 hosted by Needle Rock Brewery in Delta. Chef Kenneth will craft a multicourse meal, with each course paired with exceptional drinks. Tickets for the Friday VIP dinner are \$70. This ticket gets you access to the VIP dinner, a General Admission Ticket for Saturday's event and the Rare Whiskey Tasting Add On. Tickets for Saturday are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door; tickets for the whiskey tasting are an additional \$10. Advance tickets can be purchased online at www.TasteOfSpringDelta.com. Are you a business or individual who can't attend



Ticket holders at the Taste of Spring event enjoy delicious nibbles of food, beer, wine and hard ciders. The annual event benefitting Delta County Young Life returns on April 20. Courtesy photo.

but who wants to support youth in Delta County?

Sponsoring the event, donation items for the live or silent auction, donating directly to Delta County Young Life, or purchasing tickets for friends and family is a great way to help support the ministry of Young Life and the many community projects supported by the Delta Lions Club!

Call Gallenbeck to learn how you can give financially, or if you can donate items for the live or silent auctions during Taste of Spring.



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

WOMEN'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR APRIL 2

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-The Montrose United Methodist Women will be holding a Women's Health and Wellness Fair on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. The goal is to promote a healthy lifestyle for women of all ages and to build awareness of services that are available in the Montrose community. For more information contact: Lorie Cribbs 513-226-6006 or email at loriec01@charter.net or mont-roseumw@gmail.com.

RADIO ROOM PRESENTS EMBODYING RHYTHM MARIMBA ENSEMBLE



Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION-The KAFM Radio Room Presents Embodying Rhythm Marimba Ensemble on Friday March 15, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Embodying Rhythm Marimba Ensemble provides a fun, groovy, multi-dimensional, polyphonic, Marimba-based performance! In addition to the 4 ½ octave family of marimbas, this uplifting 8-piece ensemble also includes the sounds of mandolin, trumpet, melodica, flute, drums, percussion, cajon, steelpan, clarinet, bass clarinet, saxophones, baritone horn, and voice. Featuring original compositions by David Alderdice as well as original arrangements of music from Africa, North and South America, the Caribbean, and the Balkans.

The ensemble is based in rural western Colorado and was founded in 2015 by David and Arlyn Alderdice with Jeannette Carey, Dylan Fixmer, Daniel Be, Matt and Rebecca Drbohlav, and Jen Sanborn. They have been meeting once a week, in a small mud hut, to rehearse music that has been described as "perfect for movement on the dance floor as well as relaxing journeys of the ear and soul." The ensemble started by playing traditional music from Zimbabwe and then branched out to South African jazz, Nigerian Afrobeat, and then onto some European music with experimentation in Celtic, Balkan, and Spanish music.

The group has also arranged selective classic rock and pop covers experimenting with odd-time signatures to create new and original compositions.

Check out Embodying Rhythm on their website www.embodyingrhythm.com/marimba

Join in celebrating KAFM Community Radio's 20th Anniversary Spring Fund Drive! KAFM Radio is excited to announce Embodying Rhythm Marimba Ensemble LIVE in the Radio Room on Friday, March 15th at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door!

Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, or online at www.kafmradio.org. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501.

The KAFM Radio Room Presents Embodying Rhythm Marimba Ensemble on Friday March 15, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
Courtesy photo.

Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

THE VALLEY MOVIE ABOUT TELLURIDE'S PRESERVATION EFFORT A HIT IN SEDONA



Ava and her husband Gernot Heinrichsdorff in their Colorado Springs home, both now deceased (photo by Art Goodtimes).



Telluride table at the Sedona International Film Festival's Awards Brunch. Around the circle from the left: Director Bryan Reinhart, Jane Hickcox, Producer Ron Melmon, poet Nancy Melmon, Rita Robinson, Terry Tice, Art Goodtimes and Eve Melmon (photo by Gary Hickcox).

SEDONA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

... As one of my teachers told me in high school, "Cinema is the poetry of the age." I believed her. Attended the Canyon Cinema at the San Francisco Art Institute for years. And it was the Telluride Film Festival that drew me to Telluride originally. But I soured on the snooty atmosphere the Telluride event cultivated, and the absolutely heartless way they treated their staff and volunteers. They fired more than one of my friends for no good reason, as their California-directed internal politics played out ... So, I wasn't all that excited about attending the Sedona International Film Festival in celebrating its 25th year last weekend and premiering Ron Melmon and Bryan Reinhart's *The Valley* ... To see the trailer, go to <www.thevalleymovie.com> ... The film itself, which the producer calls an "environmental democratic documentary" was well done, beautifully shot, masterfully edited and told the important story of how Telluride raised \$50,000 to condemn their gateway 600 acres from an unwilling owner and turn it into open space in 2007 [CE]. But a film festival? I wasn't jazzed ... But I was wrong. Sedona knows how to put on a fabulous show that's congenial, inclusive and exciting. In no small part because of their director and ace master of ceremonies, Patrick Schweiss, who skillfully ran a tight event, was a stand-up comic who made every film and party he

emcee'd a hilarious delight, and who honored every member of his staff and his volunteers by name and brought them up on stage and lauded their best qualities. He was amazing. It set the tone for the entire event ... A crew of Telluride characters who appeared in the documentary -- shot with the help of our own Stash Wislocki -- were generously invited by Melmon, the producer, given tickets and lodged in Sedona for the festivities. They included Jane and Gary Hickcox, Terry Tice and Rita Robinson, Kevin and Mia Geiger, Chris Hazen and Kathy Jepson, Eve Melmon (who inspired her uncle to take on the project), and myself. And did we get the royal treatment. Our passes let us not only see films but attend outrageous filmmaker parties, festival filmmaker feasts, and the awards ceremony -- where *The Valley* won one of two Impact Awards for an environmental film with the most inspiring, well-told story. That prompted for Ron and Bryan, the director, a second standing ovation -- as they'd also received a standing ovation at the first premiere showing on Saturday, March 2nd. The buzz was so strong around the film that the festival scheduled two more showings to accommodate all who clamored to see the documentary ... But it wasn't just the official kudos that made the event such a



Flower-scented springtime gleams.
Its new leaves stretch.
Its moon-sparked loosed-from-ice waters dance.
Its ducks' wingbeats dapple the sky.
A.H.

Celebrate the first day of spring! Gernot's spirit joins me in wishing you a joyful springtime, a season of love, new beginnings, and growth.

Ava Heinrichsdorff

Ava and Gernot had a tradition of sending their own hand-crafted Spring broadsides out to friends. This is the last one I received two years ago.

pleasure. After the first showing, for the next two days, ebullient strangers kept coming up to each of us, usually separately, at the festival and in town, to ask if we were part of the Telluride contingent (recognizing our faces) and thanking us profusely for such an inspirational movie. It was hard not to feel like stars of a sort, because so many people were treating us that way ... Sedona itself wasn't exactly what I remembered. It had been 20 plus years since I visited, and then only briefly. This time I got to hike some and visit the amazing red rock formations and protected areas around the town that most of us know as a New Age center. But, while that spiritual element was present, it wasn't the defining image I've taken back of Sedona, but rather of the amazing natural environment of Oak Creek Canyon and the plethora of trails and rock formations around the town.

Yes, it's also a busy tourist center, playing host to vacationing Arizonans from the south. Built up for tourists like Telluride. More manicured than funky. But even the

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

shopkeepers were friendly. I came home totally entranced ... It was a trip of a lifetime. And while I'm no fan of the politics of Arizona, I have new respect for Sedona, pride in a being part of a great film, and huge admiration for a film festival done right.

HIFU ... The *Gunnison Country Times* ran a nice story last month about my friend, Western Colorado University renaissance man and poet George Sibley, and his use of High-Intensity Focused Ultrasound to cure his prostate cancer. Urologist Dr. Jordan Luskin of Montrose suggested this least invasive option over surgery or radiation. And it worked ... As did enlisting poetry in his healing. Explained George, "Well, because HIFU rhymes with haiku, I started writing. I sent them to a couple

friends, and a couple friends wrote me some back." As he noted, "It's a very treatable disease. The thing that makes this curable is early detection to treat it more effectively" ... Here's two haikus, one of mine:

Swish. Swish. The prostate
broom has swept up our George. He's
prostrate. Please unsweep!

and one of George's

HIFU praise galore
PSA is 1.4
Cancer is no more

WEEKLY QUOTA ... "I don't mind, in the public context, [being] referred to as the

inventor of the World Wide Web. What I like is [for] that image to be separate from private life, because celebrity damages private life." -Tim Berners-Lee

AVA HEINRICHS DORFF ... Off to Colorado Springs this weekend to celebrate the life of one of my oldest friends in Colorado ... Ava and I met back in the 1981 [CE] when I was director of the Telluride Council for the Arts and Humanities (now gratefully shortened to Telluride Arts) and she was a folk dance teacher who'd brought a troupe to town to perform in an Elks Park, thanks to a state arts council agency that Gov. Owens wiped out ... I came to love Ava and her husband Gernot (who passed away several years ago) and visited them repeatedly over the years ... More on Ava next week when I return.

THE TALKING GOURD

Every Day

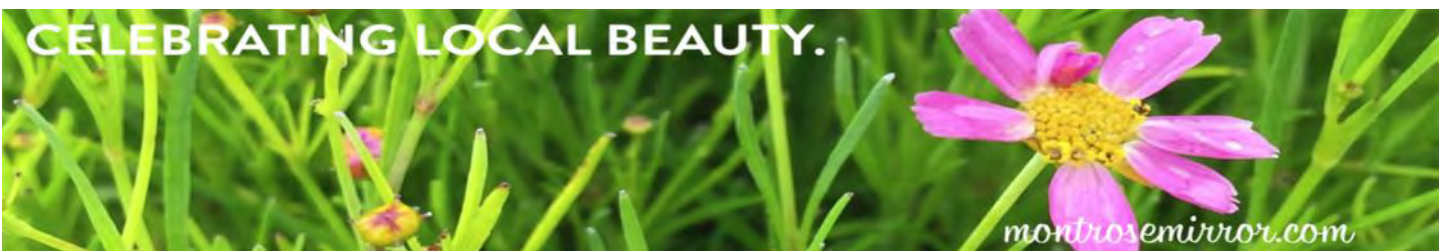
Every day, this same view that's never the same,
this lake empty of boats, empty of people, □
full of color, waves, wind, mist, clouds—full
□ of emptiness. We don't deserve it, do we?

Every day, waking to this panorama of peaks,
glaciers grabbing the very first sunbeams.
We know they are melting, all too fast, □
but they've been melting for centuries . . .

So what's new? Everything and nothing. □
The same sun, waking up the same birds, □
& over the horizon, out of sight, fat cats fighting

to divide up whatever's left. Won't be much.
This lake will stay blue as long as we are here
to see it. Don't ask how long. It's enough.

-Lito Tejada-Flores
Lago Carrera, Chile



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: PEOPLE & PLACES

HORIZONS CARE CENTER WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Volunteers of America and Horizons Care Center is pleased to announce Sadie Williams as executive director. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

ECKERT-Volunteers of America and Horizons Care Center is pleased to announce Sadie Williams as their new executive director.

Williams' goals are to provide a framework for residents to achieve their highest quality of life and to encourage staff to embrace a healthy work life balance.

"Empathy, follow through and compassion are the traits a good long term care center leader should possess," she said. "Successful leaders also collaborate with others to improve outcomes for the resi-

dents served and with the goal providing the best resident centered care."

Prior to accepting the position at Horizons Care Center, Williams served as the Senior Community Care PACE (SCC-PACE) Center Supervisor and prior to that role, as a social worker for the program.

She has been employed with SCC-PACE for approximately 10 years. SCC-PACE is also a program of Volunteers of America. She holds a Master Degree in Social Work with clinical licensure in long term care administration.

"I am a believer in ongoing initiatives to maintain a homelike and comfortable environment for the residents of Horizons," Williams said.

"I plan to further staff development in geriatric training as well as develop methods for improved employee retention and recognition as well as focus on the development of community partnerships." Williams refers to the mission statement of Volunteers of America when describing her affinity for aging services.

"I love to fulfill the goal of uplifting all people and aim to proceed with the vision and mission of our founders Maud and

Ballington Booth," she said.

Volunteers of America was founded by Christian social reformers, the Booths, in 1896 as a movement to "reach and uplift" the American people.

The early organization nursed the sick, fed the hungry, sheltered the homeless and visited those in prison.

Regional Director of Operations Craig Ammermann said, "We are very pleased to have Sadie as our newest nursing home administrator. She has been a long-term, trusted source of leadership within the organization and feel she will be a positive force in shaping the direction of services at Horizons Care Center and the region."

Williams is a Colorado native and enjoys the strong sense of community connectedness in Delta County. She has two adult children, Austin and Sierra Williams, and one grand-daughter, Vayda. She enjoys hiking, mountain biking, yoga and overall fitness. The public is welcome to attend a Meet and Greet to welcome Williams to her position on Wednesday, March 27 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Horizons Care Center, 11411 Hwy 65, Eckert. Refreshments will be served.

COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM CITY

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MONTROSE-City Community Garden Applications may be picked up at City Hall located at 433 S. First Street from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For more information about the Niagara Community Garden and to access the online application, visit CityofMontrose.org/CommunityGarden or contact Parks and Special Projects Superintendent John Malloy at 970.240.1411, or Deputy City Clerk Carolyn Bellavance at 970.240.1421.



SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

CURRENT/ONGOING-

BOSOM BUDDIES OF SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets every Wednesday from noon till 1 pm at 645 South 5th Street in Montrose. For more info email info@bosombuddiesswc.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP meets every third Tuesday of each month at the Centennial Meeting Room at 6pm, behind City Hall. New Watch Groups are formed and guest speakers alert us to safety issues. The public is encouraged to attend. Contact Joyce Loss at 970-249-4217 or 970-275-1329 for details.

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.; SUP (Stand up paddle board) Yoga is Held at Montrose Rec Ctr \$25/class, Held the Following Thursday's at 7p.m. March 21. For more info on classes and workshops: ColoradoYogaHouse.com

MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET WINTER MARKET will be open the following Saturdays 10am-1pm. 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-second Tuesday of the month, @ 7 p.m., 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.

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. Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

MONTHLY-

Jan. 29-April 2- Mending Hearts GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP, Tuesdays, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Montrose HopeWest Office. supports Colorow and Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club

Tuesday March 5, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. Tickets are available at www.bcbgc.org/events.

March 11-6:30 Montrose Library meeting rm: Citizens' Climate Lobby tells about Legislation in new 2019 Congress to curb carbon emissions. All interested in environment welcome citizensclimatelobby.org 240-9146.

March 12-Alpine Photography Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Colorado Mesa University, 245 S. Cascade Ave., Room 100. Presentation: The Dark Life, *The story of discovery and research into a cave called in Tobasco, Mexico*, By Jim Pisarowicz. Sharing Theme: Pathways/Trails (3-5 images) Photo Critiques: Open & Anonymous (up to three images). Contact: 970-316-1401. Free and open to the public.

March 12-April 30-This free eight session series meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m., March 12-April 30 at the Montrose Library Meeting Room. Topics will include starting seed inside; starting seed outside; hands-on outdoor planting; early, growing, and late season activities and challenges; fall harvesting; improving soil health and investing in your future; and trees. Time will be available for questions and discussion. Sessions taught by Larry Wobeter, Dave Dearstyne and Reed Irwin.

March 14-In *America: Killing the American Dream*, Monticello College President Shanon Brooks presents hands-on solutions for restoring an America that is quickly disappearing. These remedies for re-energizing the forgotten principles of liberty have been forged on a unique college campus, and will inspire those who are wondering if it's too late to restore our great American Legacy. Dr. Shanon Brooks, President Monticello College, will speak March 14, at 7 p.m. at Montrose United Methodist Church 19 South Park Avenue (use basement door facing Park Avenue) Contact Liz Ackerman for more information – 970-249-1033/ejmackerman@live.com. Dr. Brooks will be interviewed on the Dan Show on local radio KUBC AM 580 on March 7 at 7:40 a.m.

March 15-17-Montrose Rod & Gun Club, Gun Show, Montrose County Fairgrounds. Friday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

March 16-Yoga House, 207 East Main Street. March 16 from 11:15-2p- The Science & Meaning Of Chakras & Mudras (\$75 pre-registration or \$85 at the door).

March 16: Painting Watercolors from Photographs with Mike Simpson at Weehawken Montrose, 9 am to 3 pm at MRD Field House, \$75 tuition, Register at www.weehawkenarts.org.

March 16-Do you like to get groovy? Do you like bell bottoms and platform shoes? Was Saturday Night Fever one of your favorite John Travolta films?? Blue Sage is so excited to bring you our Soul Train disco dance party on Saturday, March 16 from 8-11pm. Dress up in your best 70's attire and boogie on down to Blue Sage for a night of music by DJ's Skip and Patty. 10\$ in advance or \$15 at the door. Email info@bluesage.org for more info or call us at (970) 527-7243.

March 16-Saturday, March 16th: St. Patrick's dinner and green bingo – Ouray elks lodge. Corned beef and cabbage dinner (all you can eat) at 5:30, \$15, Bingo at 7 p.m., 10 games for \$10. Open to the public.

March 20-"The Zuni Kiva Project and The Zuni World" by Zuni Archaeologist and tribal elder Dan Simplicio on Wednesday March 20 at 7 pm in Montrose. Dan will discuss the significance and challenges of maintaining the Zuni Pueblo's six religious kivas, along with other adaptations faced by the community in maintaining its traditional culture and language in the modern age. The public is invited; the talk will be at the Montrose United Methodist Church, Baldrige Hall, at 19 S. Park Street (free admission). For more information, please contact Leigh Ann Hunt at 970-835-5228.

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ALPENGLOW ON THE CIMARRONS...



Photographer Deb Reimann snapped this recent photo of the Cimarrons bathed in Alpen Glow.

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