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## BOCC PASSES RESOLUTION OPPOSING RED FLAG BILL

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Pastor Karl Leithauser [led the invocation](#) for the regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners on March 20, with a blessing for sound leadership. With a strong crowd in attendance, commissioners voted unanimously to approve [Resolution 11-2019](#), "Affirming Support of Second Amendment Rights and Urging the Colorado General Assembly to Focus on Funding and Legislation Toward Increasing Mental Health Care Availability in Colorado." The Resolution opposes [HB19-1177](#), currently under consideration by the Colorado General Assembly, concerning extreme risk protection orders. HB19-1177 is also known as the "Red Flag Bill." The BOCC took extensive public comment on the issue at a well-attended work session March 11.

Also approved at the regular BOCC meeting March 20 were several General Business & Administrative and Planning & Development items. Commissioners amended the School Fee-in-Lieu calculation price from \$16,000 per acre with a fee of \$403 per lot, to \$17,200 per acre with a fee of \$430 per lot, based on the current Montrose County [Assessor's Land Values](#).

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## ENFORCEMENT OF YOUTH SMOKING & VAPE ORDINANCE DELAYED BY 'SCRIVENER'S ERROR'

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- At [the regular meeting of March 19](#), two citizens asked Council not to add Flouride to the local water supply. Council repealed portions of City code that previously applied to smoking and tobacco use, and approved the award of construction and survey/engineering support contracts totaling \$1,724,560.61 for construction of the Miami Hillcrest Roundabout Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Bowman was not present at the meeting.

### CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Christine Bloss, DDS expressed concern over the possibility that Flouride could once again be added to the City's water supply. The Project 7 Water Authority ceased Flouridation in 2014 due to sourcing concerns.

"I understand you are

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*Montrose County Coroner's Office*  
MONTROSE— On Friday afternoon, March 15, 2019, Mr. Carl D. High, 84, of Olathe, Colorado, was trapped under the arm of a backhoe suffering acute injuries. He was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident. The incident was investigated by the Montrose County Coroner's Office of Medical Investigation and the Montrose County Sheriff's Office. The cause of death was multiple traumatic injuries; the manner of death was accidental.

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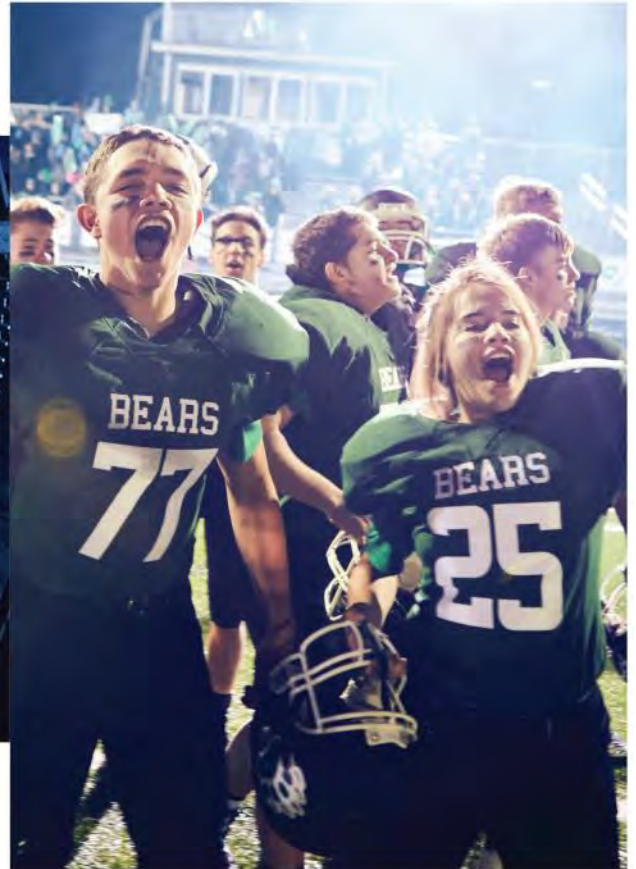
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# **BOCC PASSES RESOLUTION OPPOSING RED FLAG BILL**

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**Left to right, Montrose BOCC Chair Sue Hansen, Commissioner Keith Caddy, and County Attorney Marti Wjitmore listen during the BOCC meeting of March 20.**

Acting as the Montrose County Board of Health, commissioners unanimously approved Board of Health Resolution 1901, revising the currently effective Board of Health Resolution previously adopted by Montrose County and adopting a revised Montrose County Board of Health resolution to include currently adopted septic cleaner regulations.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

During the time for public comment, retired Maricopa County, Arizona Sheriff's Deputy Nancy Medlock addressed the BOCC.

"After listening to a lot of the controversy over what you guys are trying to do here, I thought it was time to tell everybody a story," Medlock said. "I spent 23 years in law enforcement, most of it with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office in Phoenix Arizona.

"My husband was an alcoholic and had been since he was a teenager," she said. "He was forced to retire due to macular degeneration making him legally blind. He spent his days at home, drinking and watching TV while I worked. I got him into

alcohol rehab twice; he walked away from both of those organizations. They could not hold him in the State of Arizona without court-ordered commitment.

"One evening he picked up my service revolver and fired three shots at me," Medlock said. "The second shot passed through my right breast. Since I was the only other person in the house, I figured I had better get the gun from him before his aim improved."

Medlock said that she took the gun away, emptied the cylinder, and called 911.

"After his trial was over, I told the Court I wanted my gun back," she said. "I still have it and I have no intention of ever giving it up."

No gun control legislation could have changed or controlled the incident, she said.

"Was the shooter mentally ill? Yes, he was," Medlock said. "Addiction causes mental instability. Addiction to alcohol or drugs alters not only personality but the mental state. Do I believe if he had remained in either of the rehab centers he would have been helped or been cured? Yes, I do. By the time his trial started, he

had improved nearly 100 percent.

"He could not get any alcohol."

Medlock urged the State of Colorado to pay more attention to mental health care and affirmed her support for the Second Amendment and every any other amendment in the U.S. Constitution.

"The first Medlock was born in this County in 1763; there's been a Medlock in every war this country has fought from the revolution until now," she said. "That constitution is very important to me and my family.

"I would be very proud to tell everyone I live in the sanctuary county of Montrose Colorado."

Also addressing the BOCC was Jacob Simms, who told commissioners that Colorado has gone downhill with respect to protecting the Constitution, particularly when it comes to second amendment rights.

"That has upset me significantly," Simms said. "I actually considered moving away from the State of Colorado...with the magazine restrictions and the background checks and the banning of the private sale of firearms, that upsets me. I feel like something has been taken away from me as a person, as a taxpayer, as an American, and it bothers me. It bothers me on a deep level.

"I think it's important that we do stand together as a community for some of the foundational principals that we have in this country," he said. "...I am really pleased that we are here today...I am concerned about the direction we are going, I am concerned about government in general...the fact people can stand up and just dictate one thing or another and this becomes law and this becomes illegal and I become a criminal as a law abiding citizen—and I have paid a lot of taxes guys, a lot of taxes.

"I would like to have faith that our actual values are upheld and our rights are upheld," Simms said. "I am starting to think that the local level is the only way to do that."

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# ***BOCC PASSES RESOLUTION OPPOSING RED FLAG BILL***

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### **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

County Manager Ken Norris presented one change to the meeting agenda; adding a sentence to General Business item D-3, "Total contract increase for the sixth amendment revision two is \$34,365."

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

[Consent agenda](#) items were unanimously approved.

### **RESOLUTION 11-2019-OPPOSING 'RED FLAG' BILL**

Norris introduced [Resolution 11-2019](#). County Attorney Marti Whitmore noted that nowhere in the resolution do commissioners state that they or the County Sheriff will not follow the laws of Colorado, "nor are you making judicial decisions or pre-decisions about next year's budget," she said.

Commissioner Rash said, "I find this disturbing, just like the citizens out there, that we see this coming down...that our state government and our federal government will attack second amendment rights repeatedly, over and over again, but they'll never, ever, attack the cause of it, and that's the first amendment right."

The reason is big money, Rash said.

"...the music industry, the filthy music that's out there teaching kids to shoot cops, shoot people, gangbanging...they won't attack that, because that pays into their coffers to keep them in office," he said.

"They won't attack filthy movies out there that show violence, they won't attack television programs that promote violence...I find that very hypocritical because I think that's a big problem with our country right now today."

Rash continued. "As a Christian, I find it very, very concerning that that's more important, that they can show all this filth and hate and violence to our children over and over again, daily...but they won't even talk about that."

Mental health concerns generate lip ser-

vice only, he said. "We don't have those programs here; our people end up in jail...we can't force people into these programs...if you take away the guns; people will use a car. Timothy McVeigh used fertilizer. We've had mass murders with a pressure cooker."

Norris read Resolution 11-2019 into the record. "Madam Chair, I recommend approval of this resolution."

Rash spoke again. "I do support Sheriff Lillard in his decisions. I also support the judges who are going to be put in a horrible position with this. Say some prayers for them as well, and say some prayers for our sheriffs and deputies if they have to go and do any of this stuff...I support our sheriff 100-percent in his decisions."

BOCC Chair Sue Hansen called for a motion, and Rash moved to adopt Resolution 11-2019.

Commissioner Keith Caddy asked Norris to send copies to the statehouse, governor's office, and legislators.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

In other business, commissioners unanimously approved: an [Off-Airport Ground Transportation Agreement](#) with Private Limousine Company, LLC; as well as the [Sixth Amendment](#) to the Contract with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for the Hopkins Field project to Rehabilitate Runway 5/23, Extend Runway 5/23 and Construct Taxiway Turnarounds, AIP 3-08-0044-011, not to exceed \$540,247. The total contract increase for the sixth amendment revision two is \$34,365.



***Retired law enforcement professional Nancy Medlock addressed the BOCC on March 20.***

Commissioners voted to award a contract for Earthwork for the Cimarron Road Realignment at bridge B154 to [low bidder Whinnery Construction, Inc. of Lake City](#) in the total amount of \$118,607.50.

Also passed unanimously after a public hearing was a proposed [amendment to Resolution 33-2013](#), regarding subdivision School Fee-in Lieu Calculations based on the current Montrose County [Assessor's Land Values](#).

The Amendment will change the Fee-in-Lieu calculation price from \$16,000 per acre with a fee of \$403 per lot, to \$17,200 per acre with a fee of \$430 per lot.

Commissioners voted to approve [McKnight Subdivision Phase 2 – Final \[MA-19-0002\]](#) and an [Amended Plat of Bosco Minor Subdivision \[AM-19-0003\]](#).

The BOCC convened as the [Montrose County Board of Public Health to adopt Montrose County Board of Health Resolution 1901](#), revised to include the currently adopted system cleaner regulations.

The Board of Health reconvened as the Montrose Board of County Commissioners.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### 'RED FLAG BILL' WON'T STAND UP TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

*Editor:*

Somewhere in life we need to grow up! Part of that evolution is to learn to separate apples from beef. Specifically, all firearm deaths and injuries are not from suicides or mental health issues. In fact, an extremely small number are. Even more to the point many are 'good deaths', so to speak. That is to say deaths that the results have been 'earned' by the corpse through his misbehavior. A brutal assessment perhaps, but true. Domestic violence deaths are more often caused by knives and fists than guns. In domestic violence it is often the 'little woman' who shoots the big guy in self-defense. Fair enough, I'd say! The U.S. murder rate is one of the lowest in the world. Look it up.

Would it not be simpler that if 'Ms. Jones' felt threatened or her hubby was a danger, she could quietly go to the sheriff and ask him to impound the family's firearms? Or one day she could stick the guns in the car while he was out with the boys and take them to the sheriff. And then get a protection order against her hubby or put him in the mental hospital. Yes, yes!

I can see that this solution is already possible in America without fooling around with another ill thought out law ramrodded through by legislators who need something to 'brag' about having done---absent real purpose. Why not use laws already on the books? If my wife was unstable, I pack my guns up and take them away, then seek mental health help. My

mama raised no fool, my wife shoots better than me! Maybe being a citizen has some requirements like finding out what you can do and do it. What, no gumption? If something is not worth standing up for, maybe it is not worth doing. Many Americans need to get a spine or live (or die) with the consequences.

Furthermore, we as Americans, never want (or need) to give any person the opportunity to anonymously squeal on anyone. Our Constitution says we have the right to face our accuser. The opportunity is always there to report a miscreant to authorities but to have the accuser be anonymous especially added to the consequences of such behavior is reprehensible. To break down someone's door, search his home, take his property, take his wife's property as well as his and scare the offal out of the old geezer, then to demonize him in a courtroom, ruin his reputation, possibly his business and his life, advertising him to the world as mentally unstable dangerous creature is abhorrent. This tactic is un-American. It is a police state practice. It was what the Gestapo and SS did and not just to the Jews! America may be heading down that dark road but there is no reason to, under the guise of 'protecting an individual or an innocent' to accelerate that descent into the abyss.

No judge will ever fail to grant the year-long prohibition against firearm possession by an 'accused mentally unstable' individual; if he ever did and he was wrong

he would be censured. No matter how stupid we are, we all know that. No, he will always go for safety, not of the accused, not of mine, not of yours but of his. The action of most if not all judges would be that of a rubber stamp.

I have been around this country for many years and moved a lot of times. To twenty-three communities. There are an overabundance of warped and vindictive individuals, cowards and sneaks willing to misuse a law like 1177 to get 'even' with people they do not like. Their fear of judicial retribution for lying is largely nonexistent as lying and perjury is seldom, if ever, happens in our court system. Ask a lawyer. An 1177 type law is an easy-out for some sly, sneaky, little, vindictive bugger who doesn't like someone's politics, water rights, fence, barking dog, skin color or religion. Might even be a greedy relative.

We all know, especially folks defended by them, that the public defender meets the requirements of the law for representation of the accused but seldom provides a defense. Always public, seldom a defender.

1177 is an un-needed law, written to be abused, having been cooked up by liberal busybodies with nothing better to do, trying to make a name for our democrat government in Denver. It will not stand up to judicial review and it should have been stillborn.

*Bill Bennett, Montrose*



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### C-PACE CONTRACTOR WORKSHOP SET FOR MARCH 27

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Colorado Property Assessed Clean Energy workshop will be held on Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45 AM-Noon MDT.

The workshop will take place at the New Montrose County Event Center, located just off of the San Juan By-Pass @ 1036 N. 7<sup>th</sup> ST.

The workshop topics will be:

- C-PACE background & Market Opportunity
- Program updates
- Meeting the needs of key gatekeepers
- “How it Works” best practices
- Program case studies

The workshop is open to everyone and will have information for contractors,

business owners who want to consider energy efficiency upgrades, agriculture producers who want to learn about programs that could help with the water efficiency and lenders who want to learn how they can participate.

You can register by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/montrose-co-c-pace-contractor-workshop-3272019-tickets-56597106469>.

### DCMH TO OFFER PAIN ALTERNATIVES DURING LABOR

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-As a designated Baby-Friendly birthing facility, Stork's Landing Obstetrics unit at Delta County Memorial Hospital, starting late March will be offering nitrous oxide to women during labor as an alternative, or alongside of other pain controlling measures. “It's a wonderful opportunity that our patients have another option for pain management during labor,” stated Dr. Brian Eades, OBGYN for DCMH.

Nitrous oxide, more commonly known as “laughing gas” will be offered to expectant mothers during delivery at Delta Hospital. Countries such as Canada, Australia and areas in European have been using nitrous oxide for decades.

“We are very excited to start using nitrous oxide at Stork's Landing,” states Carol Swingle, Clinic LDRP Nurse Manager in the OB unit at DCMH. “To be able to offer women an alternative to opioids is amazing. While it [nitrous oxide] does not take all the pain away, it is another method to fill the gap prior to other options, like epidurals.”

Nitrous is easy to administer, less invasive, safe, and can be cost-effective for families. “The cost to the patient is far less than that of narcotics and/or epidurals,” Swingle said.



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

# GUN LAWS TARGET LAW ABIDING CITIZENS

*Editor;*

Now that Colorado is controlled by Democrats, they are in a full delirious race to destroy the 2nd Amendment through HB 1177. This time the excuse is mental illness. But that's only a foot in the door. Surely, someone who shoots someone not in self defense has to be mentally ill or under a mind-altering drug. But here's the catch. This law would allow anyone to petition a court for an "emergency extreme risk" order to remove firearms through a "preponderance" of evidence showing a risk to others. Trouble is, that court process depends on the honesty of the petitioner and his/her motivation. And the interpretations of the serious-sounding elements of the crime are all up to the presiding judge. The three words, "emergency extreme risk" all have various levels of definitions each. "Preponderance" has several levels of definitions. And what elements would be used by a judge to determine, "risk"? All

these different levels of definitions allow a judge extremely wide latitude in justifying the decision he/she makes, depending on political leanings. We've all seen the sickening accusations under oath accusing others of a multitude of crimes which weren't true (Judge Kavanaugh). An oath means nothing anymore. And it's totally up to the Judge to determine the honesty of a petitioner and decide what fulfills the definition of all these elements of the crime. Politicians who write these laws are lawyers and they purposely write them to allow for loose interpretations.. A liberal judge most likely won't analyze evidence and elements the same as a conservative judge.

Recently the Democrat-controlled House Judiciary Committee voted against notifying ICE when an illegal alien fails a background check to buy a gun. That tells you how much Democrats care about gun violence! The Dept. of Justice recently concluded 90% of guns used by criminals were

NOT obtained from a retail source. Most were obtained through the black market of stolen guns. So of course these phony gun laws aren't going to affect criminals or illegal invaders! They are only meant to target law-abiding citizens. Democrats are showing their true colors. They don't want to alienate their voter base and don't care about law-abiding Americans.

Remember, the same politicians who are attempting to disarm you are the ones luring illegals into this country while Americans suffer their abuse. Laws that forbid the carrying of arms disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes....Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants. The old motto, "When guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns", is now alive and true again. And no politician who supports gun control should ever receive armed protection paid for by those he/she is trying to disarm.

*Jerry Bartholome, Montrose*

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### SPRING HAS SPRUNG, AND THAT MEANS INCREASED FLOOD RISK TIPS ABOUT FLOOD INSURANCE AND FLOOD-PRONE AREAS DUE TO WILDFIRES

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER - On March 20, our calendars officially switched over from winter to spring. As we head into the warmer months here in Colorado, flooding from rapid snowmelt, thunderstorms and overflowing rivers becomes a very real concern. As we saw with Colorado's historic "bomb cyclone," the state's weather can go from high winds, freezing temperatures

and drifting snow to rushing water -- all in a single day.

All of this means that now is the time to consider buying a flood insurance policy, especially as flood insurance has a 30-day waiting period before it becomes effective. This is also particularly important if you live in areas that have been affected by wildfires such as the 2018 Spring Fire, the 416 Fire, the Lake Christine Fire and the Bocco Fire.

Many homeowners do not realize that their basic homeowners insurance does not include protection from flood damage, and that flood insurance must be purchased as a separate policy. The Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), offers these tips about flood

insurance.

Not just high-risk areas - floods also happen in medium and low-risk flood zones. Floods can happen anywhere, anytime. They often accompany natural disasters such as storms, early or rapid snowmelts or rising rivers, but not always.

About 25 percent of all flood insurance claims come from outside of high-risk areas.

And, as the DOI noted in a [consumer advisory last summer](#), wildfires create landscapes more prone to flooding.

The fires leave the ground charred, barren and unable to absorb water, making conditions ripe for flash floods and mud flows. And the flood risk stays high for up to five years after a wildfire.

To help people determine their flood risk and the need for flood insurance, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers Flood Insurance Rate Maps, which are updated regularly. Homeowners can view the maps at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

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## BELT TIGHTENING AHEAD FOR COLORADO'S AG, ENERGY SECTORS



**Senator Don Coram.**  
Courtesy photo.

*By Senator*

*Don Coram*

MONTROSE-With a little more than half way through this session, which has been like no other, we are preparing for who knows what. I have always prided myself in saying Colorado is not like Washington, D. C.

Unfortunately, some similarities are beginning to surface. Newly elected legislators that come from positions of community organizers and looking for name recognition on social media is not that uncommon.

It was questioned in an article last week if I write my own letters. Apparently, this person was shocked that a Colorado native that attended the Public School system could write a letter. I have always said that "I say what I mean and mean what I say." Fact is, I do all my own letters. Respond to as many emails as possible. With 145,000 constituents in Senate District 6 and a part time staff it is not possible to read all emails. FYI cut and paste is not an effective way to communicate. Short and

to the point is best. Hundreds to as many as one thousand emails in a day has occurred. Please provide contact information also.

I have never seen so much legislation be introduced and sent to committee on such short notice. Bills have been introduced and brought to committee in 72 hours. One such bill was brought before committee on a day when all other State offices and the House of Representatives was closed. I do not think there is a reasonable explanation to risk putting someone in harm's way. The government asking people to come and testify when law enforcement, other businesses and schools are closed is simply wrong.

You probably have heard that Republicans used one of the few tools they have to slow things down. A procedural process to request that a bill must be read at length, if requested. House Bill 1177 the Revisor's bill, which is almost 2000 pages was requested to be read at length. It had been estimated that it would take 6 days to read. Senate leadership used 5 computers to read the bill at about 600 words per minute per computer. The result of this action was totally indecipherable. Republican leadership then filed a law suit that claims that the action taken by the Senate

was unconstitutional. A judge has ruled that it did, in his opinion, violate the Constitution and issued a restraining order for no further use of the computers pending results of a trial. Hopefully, cooler heads will realize that we have a lot of work to do and will resolve to do it in a professional manner.

This coming week is budget week in the Senate. Some are shocked that the March 15<sup>th</sup> budget is less than expected. I, however, am not surprised. In traveling, Colorado as I do, I have heard a lot of concern as to the direction Colorado will be taking following the November elections. Some of the legislation introduced has validated that concern.

I see a tightening of the belt in the leading sectors of Colorado's economy. Members of energy and agriculture are doing a lot of evaluation to their course of action in the near future.

What should concern you, these are the number one and number two drivers of Colorado's economy.

Oil and Gas, Red Flag, Family leave and death penalty are issues currently under consideration in the Colorado General Assembly. Decisions are made by those who participate. Be active, be aware and be considerate in your endeavor.


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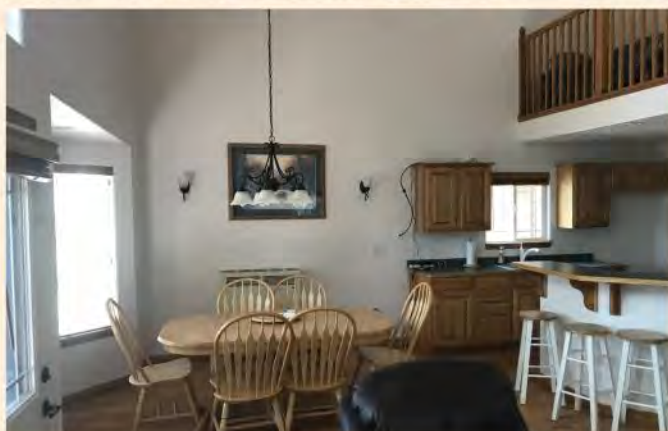
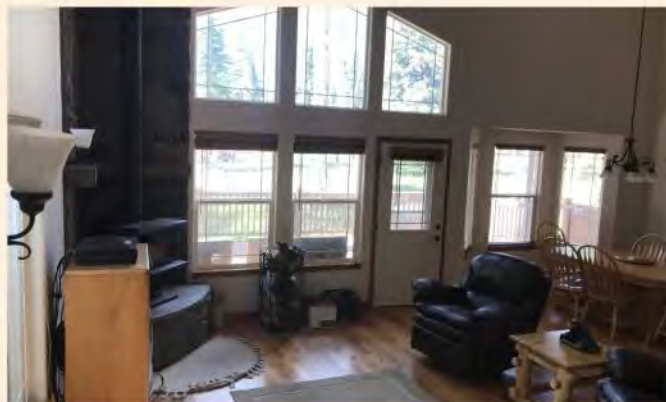

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# CITY CONSIDERS ALCOHOL AT FIELD HOUSE, TABLES & SUNSHADES FOR CENTENNIAL PLAZA

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Two new City employees were introduced at the Montrose [City Council work session of Monday, March 18](#). City Council and staff visited with constituents over a lunch from Heidi's Brooklyn Deli, discussing the consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Montrose Field House facility; updates to the City's annual Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Montrose Recreation District; a Community Development Block Grant application on behalf of the Center for Mental Health; the purchase of tables and chairs for Centennial Plaza; and the Klippert Addition Annexation. City Councilor Dave Bowman was not in attendance at the work session.

## NEW CITY STAFFERS

Joining City staff are Assistant City Attorney Rachel Allen and Utilities Worker Justin Lachner. Allen said she is excited to be back in the West, and excited to work with City Council and staff.

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn noted that Allen "hit the Front Range just as the avalanches started."

"In a Ford Focus!" Allen said.

Lachner, who formerly owned an excavation company, said, "I am super excited to be a part of this team."

## CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES @ THE MONTROSE REC DISTRICT FIELD HOUSE

Montrose Recreation District Youth Coordinator Justin Mashburn presented information on the [authorization of beer and wine consumption](#) on the outdoor pool patio at the Montrose Field House during after-hours private rentals, as well as at Ute Field, McNeil Park, and Holly Park during adult programs.

"We've done a really good job of actively managing these," Mashburn said. "We have done research in other communities...this is by no means a unique thing."

The outdoor pool patio at the Field House "is a unique option for the citizens of Montrose," Mashburn said.

Rec District Attorney Bo Nerlin said that only canned beer and boxed wine are al-

lowed. "The Rec District isn't at this point in time getting in the business of selling alcohol...the goal is to look at the Field House, see how things are working with that...at this point in time the focus is on the outdoor pool."

Mayor Roy Anderson asked, "If somebody gets drunk and falls in the pool and drowns, can they sue the City?"

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said that liability is "almost entirely on the rec district."

Mashburn said that the outdoor pool is only four feet deep; Nerlin said that drinks are limited to three per adult consumer.

"This is not going to be party central," Nerlin said.

"I support it," Councilor Judy Ann Files said. "I see it as a tremendous revenue generator."

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MONTROSE REC DISTRICT

City Staffer Virgil Turner presented information on updates to the IGA regarding shared services. "We are really excited about continuing the relationship," he said. Among other changes, the Rec District will be charged \$1,836 for work performed by City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg, to be credited toward the annual pass payment for City employees and Council; and outdated language concerning Internet Services has been removed.

2019 changes to the IGA also include the following:

- Recognition of the administrative work which the City performs in the collection and transfer of the 0.3 percent Sales Tax approved by the voters on April 1, 2014 with the District providing credit for this cost to the City when it pays the annual pass fee for its staff to the District.
- Provision of dates certain for the winter closing and spring opening of the Cerise Park restroom to allow the District to plan for programming when the restroom is closed for winterization.
- Allowing the City's 10-acre field at Cerise Park to be used for games as well as practice.



**Montrose Rec District Youth Coordinator Justin Mashburn, center, presented a request to allow alcohol use at the Montrose Field House during private events.**

-Fertilizer procurement is no longer a needed service by the District and language was removed.

-Schedule A was updated to reflect current burdened rates for City Staff and the District Vehicles.

Councilor Barbara Bynum noted that the agreement is effective as of Jan. 1, 2019. "Why didn't we review this in November or December?"

Turner said, "A lot goes into this...we will certainly try to work on it earlier next year."

"We shouldn't be in the habit of approving stuff in March that takes effect in January," Bynum said.

Mayor Anderson suggested that the red-lined version of the IGA should be made available to the public on the City web site.

The IGA is scheduled for approval April 2.

"We certainly appreciate your help," Mashburn said.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH

City Grants Coordinator Kendall Cramer presented information on a resolution "authorizing the filing of a community development block grant (CDBG) application in order to fund economic development opportunities for persons of low and moderate incomes within the City of Montrose."

"The City has a long tradition of supporting its local non-profits," Cramer said, noting that the City had planned on

## ***CITY CONSIDERS ALCOHOL AT FIELD HOUSE From previous pg***

“partnering” with other non-profits, but those entities had opted not to file for CDBG funds this year. On March 5, Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Regional Manager Patrick Rondinelli notified the City about available funds for the project, he said. “We had a conference call with Patrick.”

The Center for Mental Health is seeking help to replace HVAC and the roof at the new Drop-in Crisis Center, located at 300 North Cascade Avenue.

The Center for Mental Health obtained an estimate of \$237,449 for the project, which will be competitively bid. Funds awarded will be released in the Fall, Cramer said.

### **CENTENNIAL PLAZA TABLES AND SUNSHADES**

The City has \$20,000 budgeted for Centennial Plaza tables and sunshades. Senior Planner Garry Baker requested Council consider approving 29,905 for five “table-chair-sunshade” sets. “The City has applied for mini-grants to make up the \$9,905 shortfall,” Baker’s memo to Council states. “Grant awards take time and are not guaranteed. Five sets are needed for event support as well as providing sufficient seating for food vendors and other users.”

At the work session, Baker said, “Most folks are aware of the importance of Centennial Plaza as event space and a home base for shoppers...most recently, you can eat lunch or other meals there.

“Centennial Plaza plays a critical role as a gathering place Downtown.”

The concrete surface and facilities are in a deteriorating and aging condition, Baker said. “We can make an immediate impact by putting in tables and chairs; virtually no maintenance is associated with these.”

With Flag Day scheduled to take place in Centennial Plaza on June 14, Baker asked that the City contribute the \$9,905 shortfall in an expeditious matter. “It’s just under \$10,000,” he said.

If grants are received to offset the cost, according to the memo, “Reimbursed

grant funds may be used to purchase additional table/chair/sunshade sets, for use in other public plazas and parks.”

Asked Councilor Doug Glaspell, “Will they be anchored down?”

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn asked, “How will they be incorporated into my favorite event, Oktoberfest?”

Baker said that the tables and chairs would likely be concentrated along the South First Street side of the Plaza, “That makes it more visibly inviting.”

Said Barbara Bynum, “We budgeted \$20,000, but we’re spending \$29,000. You’re looking for grants—to buy more?”

Baker said “It’s more or less a suggestion.” He suggested that the amount budgeted could be increased.

“Is buying four and staying within our budget an option?” Bynum asked. She pointed out that the \$9.905 would come from the General Fund.

“Four is over budget, and the freight is the same,” Baker said.

When asked if she had concerns, Finance Director Shani Wittenberg said, “Yes, the General Fund needs to be considered.”

City Grants Coordinator Kendall Cramer said that the City was exploring grant possibilities; however, Region 10 Small Changes grants were not open and Rotary grants must be matched by Rotary.

“Was the DDA approached?” Mayor Anderson asked. “Were they asked if they could contribute?”

City Director of Business Innovation Chelsea Rosty said that the DDA could be a possibility. “We can certainly approach the DDA. They are more willing to partner on projects as of late.”

“These are completely compatible with any event,” Baker said, mentioning the Montrose Farmers Market and Oktoberfest “spillover.”

“I don’t really see any issues,” he said. “These will entice and encourage people to spend more time at events. We are trying to create a more user-friendly space for people.”

Councilor Files noted that expenditures

under \$50,000 do not have to come before Council. “Bill (City Manager Bill Bell) can purchase these.”

“If we are going to go over budget, I need a little more convincing,” Bynum said. “We have to understand why when we go over budget.”

“We can’t get three within budget,” Baker said. “...Having five would really make a big impact. “Something is definitely better than nothing.”

Glaspell said that shipping costs should be considered as well.

### **KLIPPERT ADDITION ANNEXATION**

The proposed annexation is a little more than 10 acres in size, Baker said, and is located along 6700 Road, ¼ mile north of Ogden Road. Formerly in agricultural use, the parcel has been purchased by the Klipperpts for a new home, he said.

The homeowner is served by Tri-County Water and has not requested to tie into City sewers, which are not accessible to the property.

Asked Bynum, “If they don’t want water or sewer why annex...I thought it had to be contiguous?”

Baker said that the property is “surrounded” by the City but will require two or more annexations. “City limits are impinging on the whole area...it makes sense to have a unified land use authority.”

“It’s not surrounded!” Anderson said.

Following more discussion, Council agreed that the request would be on the April 2 Council Meeting Agenda.

### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION/STAFF COMMENTS**

Councilor Doug Glaspell asked if Council should further explore the issue of Flouride, perhaps in a public forum.

“There seem to be a lot of pros and cons.”

Bynum said that Flouride appears to be a good thing, but with a system based on pellet Fluoride, “I don’t think it’s something we need to pursue more.”

Grant Coordinator Cramer said that he would provide a grant report to Council at the next work session.



## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### RIDGWAY CRIME VICTIMS PAY HIGH PRICE FOR HONESTY

Editor:

I lived in Ridgway Colorado for most of the last 21 years. I owned Daymakers Salon, Deja Vu Salon, Deja Sue Photography and worked as a ranch hand for many years. I was voted 'best of' in photography and hair for years. I have no criminal record. Former Ouray County Sheriff Junior Mattivi's letter of recommendation states that I'm honest, almost to a fault.

I was honest while on the Ridgway School Board. I brought to light the lack of compliance (over 90 percent) in our policies. I specifically raised issue with one person running the Accountability Committee for years.

I was also honest for many years and reported more than once on Ridgway Dr. David Sherwood's medical practices; my boss's wife was on an extreme amount of medication without a diagnosis; he and I reported this to Sheriff Mattivi. I reported Dr. Sherwood to the State when I discovered he was practicing without a license.

Six months later, I found out and reported to Sheriff Mattivi that my boss was sexually assaulting a minor, my then 15-year old daughter.

I was honest when my family was destroyed by this criminal with a long history of deferred and dismissed charges. The case has been drawn out for more than three years; my daughter has worked for the perpetrator, Travis Buck, while he's on probation.

In my opinion, my family's predator was protected by community leaders and politicians, law enforcement, a wealthy boss, emergency service employees, church leaders, the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, and the icing on the cake—the self-serving advocacy groups that Ridgway Mayor John Clark is a part of. John Clark claims to be 'a man against rape culture' but has publicly slandered me, stated the perpetrator in our case didn't abuse anyone because he and his child victim are IN LOVE and congratulated the minor victim for taking responsi-

bility. Clark was quoted in the *Montrose Mirror*, and after a public apology stated the same to an individual over the phone "Everyone I've talked to says the same about Sue; she's vicious."

In an attempt to stop these false masks of 'advocates' in the valley from harming any more victims and supporting the perpetrators, their protectors and the broken system, I am now the new owner of trade names MARC, VAST and MEND. If you folks want to advocate, do it with a legitimate group, business or charity so that people like me can make complaints against you.

Where are we now? Broken still. Without community, advocacy and a newfound distrust for those in power. I am still in the process of labelling 5,000 documents to include in my Victim Rights Act complaint and it seems endless with the only reward, being vilified.

Sincerely,  
Sue Williamson

### THE SEEDS WERE SOWN FOR A GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

Editor:

In 1776, The Founders who spent countless hours writing and rewriting the Declaration of Independence understood their words (only 1370) would have long lasting impact on the lives of American citizens. Their words were intentional and laid the foundation for the U.S. Constitution; the laws of which a federalist society ruled themselves under self-governance.

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness, that to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their Safety and Happiness."*

There is another intriguing statement these wise men included in the Declaration: *"Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."*

This specific passage sowed the seeds for Article V of the U.S. Constitution. Citizens must rebuke a government which has become complicit in political corruption, mired in tyrannical overreach, and drunk on the elixir of taxation.

Eleven years later, at the constitutional convention, George Mason of Virginia, paused the ratification of the U.S. Constitution to debate the importance of an

amendment process. He eloquently drove the point home by declaring, *"it would be improper to require the consent of the National Legislature, because they may abuse their power, and refuse their consent on that very account."*

*"Amendments therefore will be necessary,"* Mason proclaimed. Article V was rewritten to afford the states the right to call for a convention for proposing amendments. Two years later, they did just that and the Congress was convened to propose and ratify the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution. We the People, were given The Bill of Rights on December 15, 1791.

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### COLORADO EMPLOYERS ADDED 700 NONFARM PAYROLL JOBS FROM JAN. TO FEB.

Colorado Workforce Center

MONTROSE-Employers in Colorado added 700 nonfarm payroll jobs from January to

February for a total of 2,749,600 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. Private sector payroll jobs in-

creased 1,200 and government decreased 500. January estimates were revised down to 2,748,900, and the over the month change from December to January was an increase of 2,000 rather than the originally estimated increase of 2,400.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate was unchanged from January to February at 3.7 percent. The number of people actively participating in the labor force increased 3,800 over the month to 3,138,900 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 5,300 to 3,023,600, causing the number of unemployed to decrease 1,500. Due to rounding, the unemployment rate was unchanged from January at 3.7 percent. The national unemployment rate decreased two-tenths of a percentage point in February to 3.8 percent.

Over the year, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.3 to 33.1 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$28.42 to \$29.93.

The largest over the month private sector job gains were in professional and business services and financial activities. The largest over the month decline was in leisure and hospitality.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 44,800, with an increase of 41,900 in the private sector and an increase of 2,900 in government. The largest private sector job gains were in professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and trade, transportation, and utilities. Financial activities declined over the year.

Over the year, the unemployment rate is up eight-tenths of a percentage point from 2.9 percent. The number of Coloradans participating in the labor force increased 84,400, total employment increased 56,900 and the number of unemployed increased 27,500. The national unemployment rate declined from 4.1 percent in February 2018 to 3.8 percent in February 2018.



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## ***ENFORCEMENT OF YOUTH SMOKING & VAPE ORDINANCE DELAYED From pg 1***



***City Attorney Stephen Alcorn at the regular City Council meeting of March 19..***

reconsidering Flouride,” Bloss said. “... I am one dentist who does not support putting Flouride back in the water.”

Research shows that if Flouride has any beneficial effect on teeth, it is by topical application only, she said.

“The amount added to...fluoridated water is not a sufficient enough concentration to make a difference topically,” Bloss said. “And yet...we are foolish to think that it doesn’t have other effects in the human body. It has been shown to accumulate; 50 percent...of the Flouride ingested is deposited in our bones.”

Flouride may exacerbate health troubles and is not recommended for babies (it should not be mixed in infant formula) or people with kidney trouble, she said.

“In essence, Flouride turns out to be a mass medication program,” Bloss said. “Flouride is available by prescription and so we are using a prescription drug in the drinking water in undesignated doses...it’s uncontrolled.

“...Having safe clean drinking water is something we all should have. You shouldn’t put a substance in our public drinking water that for some people amounts to poison.”

Citizen Kim Parker also spoke. “Years back we actually moved away from Montrose when they were fluoridating, to find a community that did not. We were thrilled when you stopped the fluoridation; we sold a house elsewhere at a loss and came back to Montrose, because that’s where we wanted to be. I was really taken aback when I heard on the news that you were considering it again.” Parker said that her thyroid health has been destroyed by years of flouridation. “It’s known to be an endocrine disruptor.”

Uncontrolled doses are a problem, she said. “Pregnant women are told they should be healthy and drink a lot of water; if they get an extra load of Flouride that can lead to ADHD in their children.” Filtering Flouride from drinking water is not easy, and it is expensive, she said.

“I hope we decide not to go that route,” Parker said.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda items were separated before being unanimously approved, as Councilor Doug Glaspell was not in attendance at the meeting of March 5 and could not approve the Minutes of that meeting.

### **ORDINANCE 2469-SECOND READING**

Ordinance 2469, discussed extensively in work sessions and past meetings, was approved unanimously on Second Reading, delegating authority to the Board of Directors of the Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METS).

### **ORDINANCE 2470-FIRST READING**

Ordinance 2470 repeals Title 6 Chapter 1 Section 27 dated February 15, 2011, Title 8 Chapter 2 dated April 4, 2001, and Title 6 Chapter 1 Section 6 dated February 15, 2011, of the Official Code of the City of Montrose.

A so-called “scrivener’s error” made Ordinance 2470 necessary, Alcorn said. “When lawyers mess up their numbers, we say it’s a scrivener’s error,” he said. “It sounds better than saying the lawyer flipped the chapter and the title number, and that’s what happened.”

By deleting or rescinding the previous version Council can start enforcing the regulations that were previously passed, he said.

A public hearing was opened on the matter; with no comments from the public, it was closed.

Ordinance 2470 was approved unanimously; enforcement of the youth smoking and vaping regulations can begin in two weeks.

“Nothing has changed, it’s just a typo,” Mayor Anderson said.

“Scrivener’s error, please,” Alcorn said.

### **MIAMI-HILLCREST ROUNDABOUT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

City Engineer Scott Murphy presented information on the award of construction and survey/engineering contracts totaling

\$1,724,560.61. “We’re still looking at a 130-day closure to construct the project.” Council approved unanimously the award of a construction contract to K&D Construction of Grand Junction for the total amount of \$1,660,260.61, including a 10-percent contingency, and engineering support and survey stakeout contracts to Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig and Del-Mont Consultants not to exceed \$64,300 on an as-needed, time and materials basis.

Councilor Bynum asked Murphy to explain why the roundabouts cannot be constructed by halves.

Utility relocation alone will cost \$500K, Murphy said. “To do it by half at a time... would add probably another half million to the project,” he said.

To be added to the project information email list, contact Murphy at [smurphy@ci.montrose.co.us](mailto:smurphy@ci.montrose.co.us).

### **VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT PURCHASE RECOMMENDATIONS**

In other business, Council voted unanimously to award the purchase of two replacement Ford F-150 Super Crew trucks to Montrose Ford for the total price of \$84,256 and the purchase of three Hustler Super Z mowers to Great Expectations of Grand Junction for the total price of \$34,873.56.

### **STAFF REPORTS/COUNCIL COMMENTS**

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented Sales & Use Tax report; “I do believe our weather has had an effect on our sales tax collection,” she said. “...some taxes are down over last year...we had one hotel that failed to make payment on their January taxes on time.”

Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler reminded Council of a planned demonstration of ground penetrating radar at Cedar Creek Cemetery. “There has been a lot of activity at the cemetery over time... we don’t always know where things or people have been buried.” The City will use the ground penetrating radar to perform an assessment at the Cemetery as time goes on, she said.

Morgenthaler also announced that the Montrose Dog Park will be closed due to reports of kennel cough in the area. Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said that a notice would be posted at the dog park to let the public know specific dates of the

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### **From previous pg**

closure. Dogs may not be off leash in other areas of the City of Montrose during the closure, Morgenthaler said. No cases of kennel cough had yet been confirmed. Still, "We are doing this as a precautionary measure; we wanted people to be aware and to watch their dog for any symptoms," she said.

According to the American Kennel Club, symptoms of kennel cough include a strong cough; runny nose; sneezing; lethargy; loss of appetite; and low-grade fever.

Councilor Barbara Bynum said that she had cleared out her medicine cabinet and taken old prescription drugs to Montrose

Memorial Hospital for disposal. "It's like a library book return, where you can put the drugs you are not taking anymore," Bynum said. "If you've got old drugs lying around, it's super easy to take them to the hospital." City Engineer Scott Murphy reminded that it is never appropriate to flush old prescription drugs.

## **REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

### **VERDICTS OF GUILTY RETURNED AGAINST ASHFORD NATHANIEL ARCHER**

#### *7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office*

REGIONAL-On March 21, 2019, The Honorable Keri A. Yoder received three verdicts of guilty from a jury of 12 citizens selected from Montrose County. Ashford Nathaniel Archer was charged and found guilty of two counts of Child Abuse, Knowingly/Recklessly Causing Death, which are class 2 felonies, and one count of Accessory to Crime, a class 4 felony, relating to the death of two young girls in the area of Norwood, Colorado in the summer of 2017. The DA's Office wishes to extend their gratitude to the citizens who served on the jury and to highlight their willingness to perform their civic duty even when it required their participating over a three-week period of time.

This trial began March 4, 2019, and lasted through March 21, 2019, when the verdicts of guilty were returned in open court. The evidence was presented through testimony presented by lay witnesses, expert witnesses, and law enforcement personnel from several agencies.

We recognize the expenditure of not only time, but energy, investigation, and resources by our partners in law enforcement including the entire San Miguel Sheriff's Department and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. We appreciate the tireless efforts they expended, and continue to expend, during the investigation of these criminal acts. The work accomplished by Sheriff Bill Masters and all of the members of his Department, including Investigator Dan Covault, has been extraordinary. We also acknowledge the support provided by the County of San Miguel to the investigation and these cases.

These verdicts are also the result of the hard work from the entire Prosecution Team. This Team includes Chief Deputy DA Seth Ryan, Special Deputy DA Daniel Seidel from the Office of the Colorado Attorney General, Deputy DA Robert Whiting, DA Chief Investigator Duane Morton, San Miguel Sheriff's Investigator Dan Covault, AG Investigator Paul Good-

man, Victim/Witness Coordinator Aimee English, Victims Services Assistants Eleasha Cervantes and Denetta Dunlap, and Legal Services Supervisor Sherry McKenzie. We also wish to acknowledge the efforts of the entire staff of the Office of the District Attorney who supported the Prosecution Team during the trial.

The sentencing of Ashford Nathaniel Archer is scheduled for June 4, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in the San Miguel District Court. The sentencing range is 16-48 years on each of Counts 1 and 2 and from 2-6 years on Count 3.

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

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### US HIGHWAY 550 RED MOUNTAIN PASS HAS REOPENED



*At right, the first vehicle drives through the gate on US 550 North Red Mountain Pass which is once again open to the traveling public. CDOT courtesy photo.*



#### CDOT Southwest News Brief

RED MOUNTAIN PASS-The Colorado Department of Transportation is pleased to announce that US Highway 550 Red Mountain Pass has reopened.

Snow removal operations have been completed along the entire mountain corridor between Silverton and Ouray.

The pass was closed for more than two weeks, since Sunday, March 3.

Now that the highway is open, CDOT urges travelers to drive with caution. Motorists will encounter equipment working all along the pass.

Snow removal operations will continue to widen and clear the shoulders of the roadway. CDOT also advises the public to be aware of changing weather, possible bank slides blocking lanes as the weather warms, and the potential for ice and rock-fall over the next several months.

"Although the first day of spring was just marked on the calendar this week, storms are still very likely to happen in our southwest mountains. Heavy spring snow storms could mean adverse driving condi-

tions and continued potential avalanche danger," said CDOT Maintenance Superintendent, Greg Stacy. "We advise drivers to not stop in avalanche prone areas."

Stacy thanked the local communities, residents and area visitors for their patience during this extended safety closure. Stacy commended the forecasting efforts the Colorado Avalanche Information Center and the partnership with the sister agency.

He also recognized the tireless work of CDOT maintenance operators, mechanics and support staff.

"This was a difficult and challenging operation," Stacy said. "Mother nature kept hitting us with multiple storms in a row. It was frustrating because the conditions forced us off the mountain for days because of the threat of avalanches hitting the highway. However, we knew the risk was too high and it was not safe to work. It was the right thing to do for the safety of our operators."

After last Friday's helicopter operations

more than 20 avalanche paths were released allowing crews safely back onto the pass.

Teams of operators with equipment started the difficult task of clearing the massive amounts of snow on the 20-mile stretch of highway.

Snow removal work was challenging because many of the slides brought down debris such as rocks, limbs, trees as well as an 11 ft. wide boulder.

Since Friday, crews of four to five operators on each side of the pass were assigned to 12-hour shifts working around the clock in order to get the pass open.

A considerable amount of coordination was required organizing and directing resources from across the state.

Equipment was brought in from several other CDOT areas, as well as assistance from one county government agency.

Bull dozers, track hoes, loaders and snow blowers were transported from Craig, Grand Junction, Alamosa, Nucla, Rico, Durango and Hinsdale County.



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## ART &amp; SOL

## DAWN WINKLER IS 2019 VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA'S HEART FOR SERVICE-VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Volunteers of America is proud to announce Dawn Winkler as the recipient of this year's Heart for Service, Volunteer of the Year Award for Montrose County. Each year this award is given to an outstanding volunteer who has made an exceptional contribution to uplifting the lives of vulnerable older adults in one of the organization's programs.

Each Volunteers of American program that utilizes volunteers made a single nomination based on the volunteer's amount of involvement, motivation, and positive impact to the program and residents. Judging was based upon length of service, character, and most importantly do they exemplify the faith-based, mission and vision of Volunteers of America.

Winkler has been a dedicated volunteer for the past nine years. She spends four or more hours a week assisting residents with trivia, crosswords or word games, and leading a social hour after church service on Sundays. She engages the residents with mental and social activities which help each of them feel purposeful and motivated. Winkler's mother was a resident at The Homestead at Montrose and she chose to stay active in the assist-

ed living community helping others after her mother passed away. Denise Swanson, resident director of The Homestead at Montrose said, "We are honored that Dawn has chosen us to be her home away from home. The residents appreciate her consistent and frequent presence. We hear the comment that "it's just not the same without Dawn" on the rare occasion she is not able to make one of her usual volunteering days."

The Heart for Service award was created to acknowledge the enormous impact volunteers have on the individual residents and their families at Volunteers of America programs and communities in Western Colorado.

The award was presented at a ceremony in the community living room where Winkler and her husband, attended along with residents and staff. Residents spoke about their appreciation for Winkler's service.

The Homestead at Montrose is a Volun-



***Volunteers of America is proud to announce Dawn Winkler (in blue) as the recipient of this year's Heart for Service, Volunteer of the Year Award for Montrose County. Courtesy photo.***

teers of America program providing independent living, assisted living and respite care.

Founded in 1896, Volunteers of America is a national, nonprofit, faith-based organization dedicated to helping those in need live healthy, safe and productive lives.

Through hundreds of human service programs, including housing and health care, Volunteers of America touches the lives of more than 2 million people each year.



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### BLACK CANYON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB YOUTHS OF THE MONTH

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

REGIONAL-Check out the latest Black Canyon Boys & Girls Clubs' Youths of the Month! Elijah is our Montrose Unit Youth of the Month. Staff chose Elijah because Elijah has gone above and beyond in Club to make other members feel welcome, especially other kids in his group that may be don't always have friends at the Club. Elijah has taken time to get to know them and have fun with them at Club. Elijah has become a great role model to his peers and the younger kids!

Ebby (pictured with Olathe Unit Site Director Tim) is our Olathe Unit Youth of the Month.

Staff chose Ebby as she is always stepping up when something needs done. If she sees a mess, she always asks if we need help cleaning it. Last week she cleaned the whole backpack room by herself! Truly an awesome kid.



*Olathe Unit Youth of the Month Ebby.  
Courtesy photo.*



*Montrose Unit Youth of the Month Elijah.  
Courtesy photo.*

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: WOMENS' EVENTS

### MONTROSE METHODIST WOMEN HOST FREE WOMEN'S HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR APRIL 2

**Montrose Woman's Club Annual 2-Day**

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#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Montrose United Methodist Women are sponsoring a free Women's Health and Wellness Fair at 19 S Park Ave. The fair will run on April 2. Booths will be open from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. 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.

The fair will provide information and demonstrations that include: health screenings, physical fitness, nutrition, personal safety, financial fitness and more.

"Health is not just the absence of disease... it is the complete physical, mental and social well-being." (Helvie, 1998)

This women's-centric event addresses the many facets of wellness unique to maintaining a woman's healthy life balance.



## 2019 EARTH DAY COLORING CONTEST GRADES K-2



## Colorado Fruits & Vegetables



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# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

## Dems push gun control measure



**Famous photo of Pope John Paul II admonishing Sandinista Minister of Culture Fr. Ernesto Cardenal in Managua in 1983 (courtesy photo).**

**RED FLAG LAW** ... While many sheriffs and even some counties (Mesa, Montrose, Montezuma) are weighing in to say they won't enforce the proposed new Colorado gun law to allow weapons to be seized from people who are determined by the courts to pose a significant risk, Sheriff Bill Masters of San Miguel County isn't one of them. "Personally, I am in favor of a law that allows authorities, with review by the court, to seize firearms temporarily – until such crisis is controlled, or longer if not, from persons who are going through some kind of crisis: mental incompetence, drug addiction, alcoholism, severe dementia or Alzheimer's," Masters told *Norwood Post* editor Regan Tuttle ... Good on him! We need public officials brave enough to stand up to the gun lobby that seems to think no limits on guns make us safer ... I strongly support the right to bear arms, particularly for citizens living in rural areas. But I think some common sense limitations are needed, especially in light of the many mass murders that we've seen in this country. Keeping guns out of the hands of the insane or the disturbed is one of those limitations, particularly if due process and sideboards like legal representation and appeals are available before

imposing this limitation.

**ERNESTO CARDENAL** ... One of my favorite poets of the Americas. A Catholic priest, he was cabinet minister of the Sandinista's government in the early days of the Nicaraguan revolution -- Minister of Culture. I followed that movement closely, even subscribing for a while to the Sandinista newspaper, *La Barricada* ... In the '80s, the Telluride newspaper changed hands and the new owners offered its reporters vacations – the first time I'd ever been given that opportunity in my working life. I took my young daughter to Alamosa to see Cardenal visit that Colorado city, and hear him speak ... *Cosmic Canticle* (1989) is perhaps his masterpiece. I've been reading it off and on for several decades, alternating between the Spanish and the English ... In 1983 then Pope John Paul II humiliated Cardenal in a visit to Managua for holding a position in his country's government without a bishop's approval and stripped him of his right to say mass and all other aspects of his priestly ministry. For almost 30 years Cardenal has been estranged from the Church ... But, on February 18, 2019, Archbishop Waldemar Sommertag, the Vatican nuncio in Nicaragua, an-



**San Miguel County Sheriff Bill Masters (courtesy photo).**

nounced that Pope Francis had ended Cardenal's suspension and that Cardenal was "granted with benevolence the absolution of all canonical censures."

**CUB SCOUT PACK 490** ... I have to take issue with the ceremony conducted March 14 in Montrose by the

"Order of the Arrow" transitioning We-belos into Boy Scouts, and the accompanying photos. How could local Scout leaders be so insensitive to Native-American issues of cultural appropriation? Dressing Euro-American boys in Native-American costumes and assembling a faux-indigenous "Order of the Arrow" to make the transition from Cub Scout to Boy Scout is insulting to our indigenous neighbors ... Particularly as it was only 138 years ago that the Ute nation was run out of the Uncompahgre Valley at gunpoint and settlers took over Ute homelands without paying for the land that was taken. Combine that historical theft with faux-Indian scout traditions, and it would seem "playing Indian" on the Western Slope continues as a form of deep-rooted social prejudice.

**ODDITEMS** ... Scientists from Washington State University reported in the *Journal of Power Sources* that they had successfully captured bacteria that eat and breathe electricity (*Shewanella oneidensis* and *Geobacter spp.*) from the Heart Lake geyser area of Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. According to the researchers, "Most living organisms – including humans – use electrons, which are tiny negatively-charged particles, in a complex chain of chemical reactions to power their bodies. Every organism needs a source of



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electrons and a place to dump the electrons to live. While we humans get our electrons from sugars in the food we eat and pass them into the oxygen we breathe through our lungs, several types of bacteria dump their electrons to outside metals or minerals, using protruding hair-like wires" ... A new study by researchers at the University College Lon-

don ha found that watching television for more than three and a half hours a day could exacerbate memory loss in older people ... A decade-long Danish study of 657,461 kids has once again confirmed that the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine does not increase a child's risk of autism. According to Emory University health professor Dr. Saad Omer, "The

appropriate interpretation is that there's no association whatever" ... Scientists at the University of Colorado Boulder suggest that their recent study shows that "catching up on lost sleep" doesn't help the body make up for the time lost in cutting sleep short. In fact, the study suggests such catch-up may even put people at risk of excess weight gain.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### RADIO ROOM PRESENTS FRONT COUNTRY APRIL 10



*San Francisco's Front Country will be performing LIVE at in the KAFM Radio Room on Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. Courtesy photo.*

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

GRAND JUNCTION-San Francisco's Front Country will be performing LIVE at in the KAFM Radio Room on Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. Founded in 2011 as a bluegrass ensemble, Front Country presents a unique mix of Indie-Folk and Americana to create a sound all their own. The band consists of lead vocalist and songwriter Melody Walker, mandolinist Adam Roszkiewicz, lead guitarist Jacob Groop-

man, violinist Leif Karlstrom and bassist Jeremy Darrow. Front Country has a strong foundation rooted in traditional music but creates their own graceful and confident sound through a musical blend of vocals, banjo, guitar, mandolin, bass, five-string violin, and percussion. Their songs tell lessons of emotional maturity, vulnerability, and personal evolution. Their record, *Other Love Songs*, breaks down the concept of traditional romantic

fairy tales and aims to reach real people living in the real world. Their music contains an electric synergy that finds its own harmony and plays to the strengths of each member.

In 2012, Front Country won first place in the RockyGrass Festival Band Competition and then won the 2013 Telluride Bluegrass Festival Band Competition. Front Country has appeared in the nationally syndicated musical television program *Music City Roots* and in 2016 was named one of the top artists to watch for at *AmericanaFest* by NPR Music. Front Country's songwriter and lead-vocalist Melody Walker was named one of "7 Women Smashing the Bluegrass Glass Ceiling" by *Paste Magazine* and won first place in the 2013 won first place in the Chris Austin Song Contest at *MerleFest*. Additionally, Front Country's mandolinist Adam Rozkiewicz was nominated for a Grammy in 2013 for his work with the Modern Mandolin Quartet.

Don't miss the opportunity to see this talented and unique group perform!

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, or online at [www.kafmradio.org](http://www.kafmradio.org). The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501.



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## MONTROSE ELKS LODGE: ELK TRACKS!



### 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.

BINGO Tuesday March 26, 2019

\$500 Must Go Jackpot

Visit the Elks Lodge on Tuesday March 26 for a chance to win "Spring Money" playing Bingo. Progressive Game 2 has reached "Must Go" status and \$500 will be awarded no matter how many numbers or balls are needed to reach Bingo! Progressive Game 4 is valued at \$729 and can be won by reaching Bingo in 37 numbers or less.

Progressive Game #6 worth \$4,095 and can be won by reaching BINGO in 53 num-

bers or fewer.

Regular Bingo Games last week paid \$110 each and the last Game #8 paid \$150.

Bingo Night - New Food Menu in 2019  
March 26 Roast Beef April 2nd Lasagna

Food at the Lodge is getting great reviews and is a nice way to have a good meal during Bingo.

Dave and Cody, with our Youth Volunteers are turning out some great tasting food that is being enjoyed by all.

Join us each Tuesday evening to enjoy a sandwich or food item prepared fresh during Bingo nights at the Lodge. Imagine having roast beef, pulled pork, sloppy joes, French dips, ham and cheese, or subs fresh and ready to enjoy. \$5 will get you a food item, a soda pop, and a bag of chips.

### Bingo Night – Pull Tabs in 2019

We now have an active Pull Tab machine for Bingo players to utilize during Bingo games.

The Pull Tab machine has denominations of \$1, 50 cents, & 25 cents tickets and is located near the Dabbers and Cashier. This week we had a \$250 winner in the Bingo area!

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

Public is welcome, funds raised playing Bingo support local charities.

## REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 25 FOR WESTERN SLOPE RURAL PHILANTHROPY DAYS

### Special to Art & Sol

PAONIA-Online registration opens March 25 for Western Slope Rural Philanthropy Days (WSRPD), which takes place this June 12 through 14 in Paonia and Hotchkiss Colorado, showcasing the beautiful North Fork Valley in Delta County.

Western Slope nonprofits will have an exclusive opportunity to connect with more than 30 Colorado foundations during this unique three-day event. Non-profit, government, business and community leaders from Delta, Eagle, Garfield, Mesa, and Pitkin Counties are all invited to attend.

The local organizers wish to create a memorable meeting experience for all.

For 28 years, local communities have worked to coordinate Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD) in partnership with the Community Resource Center, the Anschutz

Family Foundation and statewide grant-makers. The RPD program provides a powerful opportunity for the state's most influential funders and local grantseekers to strengthen partnerships to better meet the needs of rural Colorado communities. It results in increased access to resources, relationships and skill building opportunities for important local projects.

WS RPD is expecting more than 300 attendees for the June 2019 conference including representatives from private and government funders.

The three-day event begins with discussions within the communities about the region's needs with funders, local governments, nonprofits, business owners and community members before the event as preparation.

The conference includes workshops and presentations, and culminates in "Funder

Roundtables," at which nonprofit representatives discuss their projects and programs with grantors and receive immediate indication from funders about whether they would welcome a funding proposal for the project or organization.

Nonprofits, grantseekers, funders and grantmakers are all encouraged to attend and be involved in this collaborative process to "Blaze Trails and Build Community in the Heart of Western Colorado." Registration will open March 25th online at [www.westernrpd.org](http://www.westernrpd.org).

To see the complete schedule, register, review lodging options, fill out an application for a scholarship, and get updates, visit [www.westernrpd.org](http://www.westernrpd.org). Follow westernrpd.org or contact Michelle Livingston, RPD Event Coordinator, at [westernrpd@gmail.com](mailto:westernrpd@gmail.com) or 303-506-5593 for more information.



# SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

## CURRENT/ONGOING-

**ARTISTS ALPINE HOLIDAY**--Artist Registration is open for Ouray County Arts Association's 59th Artists' Alpine Holiday Art Show now through June 24. Go to [ourayarts.org](http://ourayarts.org) for details and a link to register.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.bcbgc.org/events).

**March 29**--The Center for Mental Health (CMH) will host an open house for the new state-of-the-art Crisis Walk-In Center at 300 North Cascade in Montrose. This facility will provide essential crisis behavioral health services to Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel counties that are currently not available or available on a limited scale. Times for the Open House are: General Public, Partners and Staff -- 3– 6 pm; Ribbon Cutting and Media -- 4 pm.

**March 29**~Final Friday Frolics: Join us from 5-7pm for the Opening Reception for the Blue Sage Gallery April exhibit "Mined," featuring the sculpture work of artists Robert Burch, Deborah Flug, and Gregory Tonozzi. Contact Blue Sage at [info@bluesage.org](mailto:info@bluesage.org) or (970) 527-7243 for more information.

**March 29**~Final Friday Sage Stage: It's that time of the month again! Get your song, dance, poem etc. ready for the Sage Stage Open Mic night. 7-9pm. Contact [info@bluesage.org](mailto:info@bluesage.org) or (970)527-7243 for more information.

**March 30**-2019 Fly Fishing Film Tour, Saturday, March 30, 7 p.m., Montrose Pavilion, 1800 E Pavilion Pl., Montrose, Colo. A celebration of fly fishing and fundraiser for three nonprofits: [UWP](http://UWP.org), [Abel Women](http://AbelWomen.org), and [Trout Unlimited](http://TroutUnlimited.org) Gunnison Gorge Anglers. Trade show in the afternoon before films – come learn about fly fishing and our watershed. For information and tickets: [RIGShttps://shop.fishrigs.com/fly-fishing-film-tour-ticket-march-30th-2019.html](https://shop.fishrigs.com/fly-fishing-film-tour-ticket-march-30th-2019.html) or call 970-325-3010.

**April 2**-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](mailto:loriec01@charter.net) or [montroseumw@gmail.com](mailto:montroseumw@gmail.com).

**April 4**-Yoga House, 207 East Main Street, April 4 from 6:30p-7:30p - Gong Meditation.

**April 7**-Join the Montrose Community Band on Sunday, April 7 at 3 pm for a free concert at the Montrose Pavilion. The band will be playing a variety of Scottish and Irish music. For more information visit [www.montroseband.com](http://www.montroseband.com) or call 970-596-1188.

**April 8**-On Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m., Montrose Library meeting room. Citizens' Climate Lobby monthly meeting to network on environmental issues, Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, Green New Deal, SB 181, Earth Week events and proclamation, All Welcome [citizensclimate-lobby.org](http://citizensclimate-lobby.org), 240-9146.

**April 13**-Yoga House, 207 East Main Street, April 13, May 11 & June 8 from 12p-2p - Habits Of a Yoga Series (a 3-part series based on Ayurvedic principles) \$20/class or \$50 for all three.

**April 20**-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. 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](http://www.TasteOfSpringDelta.com).

**May 4**-Adopt-A-Park Clean Up at Rollans Park, Ridgway, Saturday, May 4, 2019 @ 9 a.m. – 12 noon.

For information and to sign up to volunteer: <http://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/event/adopt-a-park-clean-up-2019/> or call 970-325-3010.

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## READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: *Deb & Gino Reimann*



*Gino Reimann snapped this photo of a young bighorn sheep in Escalante Canyon.*



*The historic wooden Hanging Flume in Montrose County was built high above the Delores River in the 1880's to transport water for placer gold mining. Photo by Deb Reimann.*

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