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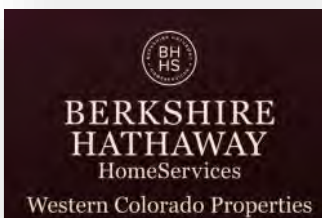
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OFFICIALS MEET FOR MONTROSE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS *CMU Director concerned over Campus becoming 'base camp' for shelter*

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Montrose Regional Library hosted the quarterly meeting of MRCOG on April 10. Organizations represented included the City of Montrose, Montrose County, Montrose Recreation District (MRD), RE-1J School District, River Valley Health Center, Montrose Economic Development (MEDC), Hilltop Family Resource Center, Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning, Center for Mental Health, Colorado Mesa University (CMU) and the Montrose Regional Library.

The roundtable discussion is an opportunity for community leaders to report on their current projects and issues and to see where they can collaborate with one another.

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The Montrose Regional Library played host for the quarterly meeting of the Montrose Regional Council of Governments (MRCOG) which was held on April 10. Photo by Gail Marvel.

RE-1J WELCOMES OLATHE HISTORY CLUB STUDENTS, CONSIDERS VENDORS FOR FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Among the topics considered at the Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education meeting on April 9 were providers of student meals and student transportation. In addition to hearing regular updates and reports, the Board of Education welcomed students from the Olathe High School History Club and Montrose Altus Representative Janyne Yehling, who presented Apple Awards to teachers. All Board of Education Directors were present, with the exception of Jacob Suppes (District B) and Stephen Bush (District G).

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Several of Olathe Middle/High School Teacher Kari Keller's History Club students shared their accomplishments

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Olathe Senior Leif Nelson showed the winning documentary he created about the Challenger Space Shuttle.

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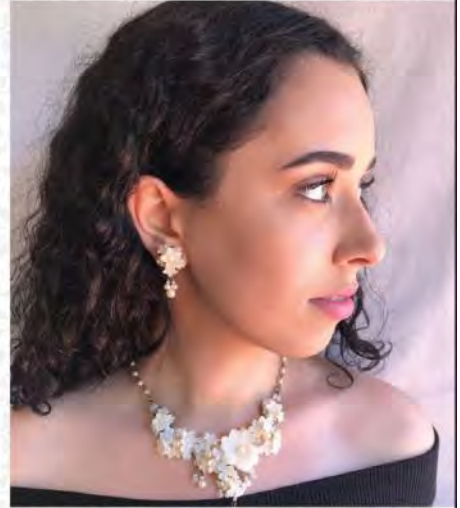
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RE-1J WILL ISSUE RFP FOR TRANSPORTATION LATER THIS YEAR

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Montrose County School District RE-1J will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a transportation provider later this year, Finance Director Adam Rogers told the RE-1J Board of Education at the regular meeting of Tuesday, April 9.

"We are looking at doing an RFP for busing," Rogers said, noting that it would be released in September or October.

"If we pick a qualified candidate in late December, and it's a new one, it could take six months to make the transition."

Though the present bussing contractor has changed ownership several times, the same company has been on the job here for 40 years, First Student Manager Scott Harold said. If an RFP is issued, First Student will definitely submit a proposal, Harold said. "There have been huge changes to school busses in the last ten years," he noted. "Not only at the federal level; the Colorado Department of Education and our company have also added safety measures."

Among those is a crossover arm at busy stops, to protect students as they cross the street.

Seat belts are still not required on school busses in Colorado, Harold said. "We follow the rules of whatever state we are operating in," Harold said.

RE-1J Superintendent Stephen Schiell said that an RFP was issued five years ago, and the contract that was awarded at that time will soon expire.

"We're hoping other companies will bid on it, and hopefully there will be a savings in dollars, and service as well," Schiell said.



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DOLPHIN HOUSE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER TO HOST OPEN HOUSE & SUPPLY DRIVE FOR NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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MONTROSE-The Dolphin House Child Advocacy Center will be hosting an Open House and Supply Drive to recognize April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Dolphin House is a nationally accredited child advocacy center whose purpose is to provide child victims a safe, nonthreatening place to tell what happened to them during necessary investigations of child abuse. Dolphin House staff offer crisis intervention and ongoing supportive services that help child victims and non-offending family members begin their healing process.

The Open House will be held Tuesday, April 30 from 3 to 6 PM at the Dolphin House located at 735 S 1st Street in Montrose. Supplies needed include individually packed snacks, juice boxes, and paper products.

FOREST SERVICE TO HOST ANNUAL SBEADMR STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests will be hosting its annual stakeholder meeting on Tuesday, April 16. The event will be held at Montrose County Events Center, 1036 N 7th St. Montrose Colorado, from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

Spruce Beetle Epidemic and Aspen Decline Management Response (SBEADMR) is a forest-wide project which allows commercial and non-commercial vegetation treatments.

SBEADMR is responding to the spruce beetle and sudden aspen decline epidemics which, to date, has affected more than 300,000 acres of spruce-fir and 230,000 acres of aspen.

All interested members of the public are invited to attend this year's annual stakeholder meeting and interact with personnel from GMUG's Staff and Science Team. This year's meeting will include discussion on tree regeneration, effects to lynx, science team updates and GMUG staff providing an overview of treatments completed to date.

For more information on SBEADMR please visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gmug/landmanagement/resourcemanagement/?cid=fseprd497061>



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CITY TO ISSUE PROCLAMATIONS IN SUPPORT OF ARBOR DAY, EARTH WEEK; SAM'S TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL BACK BEFORE COUNCIL

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will convene for a [work session on Monday, April 15](#) and a [regular meeting on Tuesday, April 16](#).

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Three new City staffers will be introduced at the Montrose City Council Work Session of Monday, April 15; joining the City are Parks & Special Projects Division Workers James Reed and Doug Harris, and Streets Division Worker Matthew Knight.

Discussion items will include revisions to the City's Animal Control Municipal Code; the Horsefly Addition Annexation; award of a \$2,900,000 construction contract to Mountain Valley Contracting for completion of the Moving Montrose Forward 2019 Streets Maintenance Project; a Colorado Water Conservation Board grant resolution; the 2019 Mayor's Water Challenge; and the presentation schedule for the Montrose Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee.

Future topics:

Discussion of Job Creation Incentives and Housing Incentives and the First Quarter Police Department Report will be May 6.

On May 7 will be the Klippert Addition Annexation Hearing, Fly'n Roosters Liquor License Transfer application, and a liquor license application for "Be Well."

On May 20 Council will consider housing and job creation incentives, a Colorado Flights Alliance Report, business incentives for hotel developers.

A first quarter budget review will be May 21.

COUNCIL MEETING

City will issue proclamations in support of Arbor Day and Earth Week and will celebrate 30 years as a Tree City USA with an award presentation.

Council will consider renewal of the Tavern liquor license at 35 N. Cascade Avenue for Sam's Tavern LLC, and transfer of a Tavern liquor license at 35 N. Cascade Avenue from Sam's Tavern LLC to Twisted Ginger, LLC.

Council will consider transfer of a Hotel

and Restaurant liquor license with Optional Premises at 1350 Birch Street from Horsefly Brewing Company LLC, doing business as Brews and Bogey Club, to Janece Culver, doing business as Divot's, to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquor for consumption on the licensed premises.

Also up for consideration will be a new Beer and Wine liquor license application at 213 S. Fifth Street for Froggy's Taco's LLC to sell beer and wine for consumption on the licensed premises.

Council will consider Ordinance 2471 on second reading, amending the zoning district designation of lots 1 and 2 of the Atwood Minor Subdivision from B-4 Neighborhood Shopping District to R-3A Medium High-Density District; and Ordinance 2472 on first reading, repealing and replacing Title 4 Chapter 4 dated April 4, 2016 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose regarding Zoning Regulations to clarify language related to short-term rentals. Council will hold a public hearing on Ordinance 2472.

Council will consider Ordinance 2473 on first reading as well, repealing and replacing Title 5 Chapter 15 Section 2 and Title 5 Chapter 15 Section 7 dated Sept. 19, 2017 and Title 5 Chapter 2 dated Nov. 4, 2010 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose regarding sales and use tax and excise tax to clarify language related to short-term rentals.

Council will convene a hearing on the annexation of the J & L Jones Addition to the City, and will consider Resolution 2019-10, Findings of Fact for the J & L Jones



Montrose City Council will convene for a [work session on Monday, April 15](#) and a [regular meeting on Tuesday, April 16](#).

Addition annexation, and Ordinance 2474 on first reading, for the annexation of the J & L Jones Addition. Ordinance 2475 will be heard on first reading, zoning the J & L Jones Addition as an "RL" Rural Living District.

Ordinance 2476 will be considered on first reading, repealing and replacing Title 5 Chapter 12 Section 6 dated Feb. 17, 2015 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose regarding consumption in parks.

Also to be considered are the Spruce Point Subdivision Amended Preliminary Plat; Estates at Stone Ridge Subdivision Amended Preliminary Plat; and Estates at Stone Ridge Subdivision Filing No. 2 Final Plat.

Council will consider bylaws for the City of Montrose Historic Preservation Commission.

Finally, Council will convene a public hearing to allow citizens to review and comment on the city's performance in carrying out a federally-funded Community Development Block Grant (Grant #18-503 - Maslow Academy Property Acquisition) and to fulfill the programmatic close-out requirements of the grant.

Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.

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WHY I DON'T RIDE MY BIKE HOME @ NIGHT ANYMORE



Jack Switzer, 15.

By Jack Switzer
MONTROSE-
Heading home on my bike didn't seem like a big deal...but I hadn't realized how dark it would be.

I'm biking down one of the many night time streets of Montrose, feeling the cold fall air stab me through my jacket as I return from my volunteer shift at the Elks. I have to get home, I don't know if I can take this freezing night any longer. As I swiftly pass the hospital, I notice leaves falling from the trees ahead of me. It's only days away from winter, I'm surprised those leaves

lasted that long. However my momentary admiration of nature is short-lived; I see a strange man—also on a bike—coming my way on the opposite side of the street. He must just be minding his own business; I have no reason to suspect him of anything.

However as I pass the guy, I look back to see him quickly turn around as well. Okay, a little bit weird. But he could be going the wrong way and had to turn around. Who knows? After a few minutes and a few corners, I decide to look back again. He's still behind me. Okay, that's kinda funky. Maybe I should turn a different direction again and see if he's still there. After a few minutes, I look again, he's still there, and getting closer. I doubt he would need to go back to the hospital since he u-turned

there. I decide to kick into speedy quick police escape mode and speed up, I go down an alley, turn down to city market, then turn right to make my way home. He wasn't behind me anymore, I figure he lost track of me. Good thing, too. If he hadn't I would have led him straight to my house. I go inside to warm up, get ready for bed, and reflect on just how safe Montrose actually is. There are creepy people everywhere, and that night if I hadn't been careful I could have ended up in a rotten situation. I don't ride my bike home at night anymore.

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RE-1J WELCOMES OLATHE HISTORY CLUB STUDENTS, CONSIDERS VENDORS

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RE-1J Finance Director Adam Rogers, left, and Superintendent Stephen Schiell.

with the board. Fourteen History Club students qualified for National History Day after placing at the Regional competition at Colorado Mesa University (CMU). "I'm really proud of my kids this year," Keller said.

Student Leif Nelson showed the winning documentary (First Place at History Day) he had created about the Challenger Space Shuttle; Myrissa Mitchell and Emmanuel Ledesma displayed the group web site (also First Place at History Day) about Lewis Hine, a sociologist and photographer whose work helped bring an end to child labor in America. "Every year they give you a theme," Mitchell said, noting that this year's theme was triumph over tragedy. "Our web page outlines the things he did, and why they are important...we did an annotated bibliography."

State competition will be May 4 at CU Denver, Keller said.

TEACHER RECOGNITION & COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Altrusa President Janyne Yehling presented Apple awards to Eve Donahoe of Peak Academy and Ken Cotter of Olathe High School. "Thank you on behalf of Altrusa."

Administrative Assistant Deann Balash announced that Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) and Elevate have donated \$1,000 to support the Cinco De Mayo Festival, to be held May 4 in Centennial Plaza; Peak Academy Teacher Doug Eccher is Shavano Conservation District's Conservation Educator of the Year. Montrose Education Foundation Teachers of the Year are Christina Kohout of Northside Elementary School; Rusty George of Mont-

rose High School; and Shay Freeburg of Columbine Middle School.

Assistant Principal Jeff Mitchell of Olathe Middle School recognized Art Teacher Stephen Motley and Media Paraprofessional Sandra Helkin.

Motley "...provides a fascinating and remarkably differentiated art program to meet all our learners' needs...We never cease to be in awe of the work our students produce through the masterful guidance of Mr. Motley," Mitchell said.

Helkin, "...brings positivity, flexibility, and relentless dedication to Olathe Middle and High School...Sandra flexes her lunch to ensure all have access to her during their lunch times so that our kids don't find a locked door when they need support," Mitchell said.

Olathe High School Principal Scot Brown informed the Board of Education about the May 10 staff recognition BBQ at OMHS. Brown recognized TeeJay Rose; "TeeJay is currently our Industrial Arts teacher, is CTE certified, Head Wrestling Coach, Head Middle School wrestling coach, an OMS football coach, and an FBLA co-sponsor," Brown said. "TeeJay is the ultimate staff member...he's one of the first to school and last to leave—I don't know if he sees daylight...I'm happy to say he's a pirate."

UPDATES & REPORTS

District A Director Jeff Bachman reported on a technology committee meeting.

No members of the public spoke during the time for community input.

Finance Director Adam Rogers presented a **budget update**. "I met with the budget committee to discuss important topics...I also met with the Union to discuss proposed salary changes.

"With minimum wage going up, we want to be more proactive."

No budget cuts are anticipated, but expenses are being scrutinized, he said.

"By the end of May I will get you a budget, all wrapped up," Rogers said.

Rogers also discussed **RFP's for the district's food service program and for transportation** (see related article).

Two vendors, Sodexo and Chartwells,

have expressed interest in the district's food service operations, and recently visited, Rogers said. Bids are due April 19.

Concerning the current food service program, "Operationally we are there, but our menus are too expensive," Rogers said.

District F Director Phoebe Benziger asked whether an outside vendor would continue to use local produce and agricultural products.

Both companies are willing to consider local product sources, Rogers said. "And more scratch cooking, which is better quality."

District E Director Sarah Fishing asked about impacts to current nutritional services staff.

"These companies want to come to the district and create jobs," Rogers said. "The manager or director will be from somewhere else, but everybody else will be hired locally."

Property Services Director Philip Bailey presented a **Track and Maintenance Update**.

Concerning the **Olathe track project**, "We had our second meeting Monday," Bailey said. "Ken Sherbenou came in...he's kind of the Montrose grants guru; he had a lot of insight...we're looking at DOLA and EL Pomar...we did some field trips to look at tracks...we're building a good team. "I've reached out to (architect) Phil Motley," Bailey said. "Ideally he will have construction documents ready for me this September."

Scot Brown said that community members have been tasked with researching grant opportunities.

"This is extremely exciting," Brown said. "It's going to benefit the school and the community; it will have far reaching implications."

The new track will have eight lanes. "We're starting the process of interviewing bleacher manufacturers," Bailey said.

Bailey also provided an update on **summer construction and projects**. "We've got a lot going on this summer." [Best Grant funded projects](#) include new gym floors for Centennial Middle School and

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Olathe Elementary School, which will also receive a lift station upgrade, and bathroom renovations at Olathe Middle/High School and Northside Elementary School. "We're opening a can of worms at Northside," Bailey noted. Also funded through BEST Grant funds are HVAC improvements at OMHS.

Security grant funds will pay for new vestibules at Oak Grove, Olathe and Cottonwood elementary schools. Access control and clock speakers will be upgraded at Northside.

"We're working diligently to save money as we move into access control," Bailey said. "...it's going to be an exciting summer."

Said Board of Education Vice President Gayle Johnson, "It's worth noting how many local people you have used to do the work."

Rogers provided a current [enrollment report](#).

"We are 13 students ahead at the elementary level, in middle school we actually broke even...we are down 68 students at Montrose High School, which is pretty

significant," Rogers said.

Early Childhood Education Center Director Penny Harris provided an [informational dashboard](#). Harris said that 312 children are enrolled; "We've never had enrollment that high." Ninety-five students are on Individual Education Programs (IEP's). Influenza rates have also been high this year. "I commend the nurses who have worked closely with us, notifying the Health Department," Harris said.

To be [eligible for the ECC](#), a child must live at or below poverty level, which is defined as \$29,600 annual income for a family of four. Other eligibility factors include homelessness, foster care, or a parent or guardian receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or disability benefits. Tuition will increase by \$1 for both half-day and full-day classes.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the Board of Education unanimously approved a [revised policy](#) for board reimbursement for mileage and travel, and Consent Agenda items includ-

ing a [personnel report](#).

Bachman questioned Consent Agenda Item 5, a payment of \$27,225 to the University of Colorado's CU Succeed program for the 2018-19 concurrent enrollment, asking why the money was not spent locally with Colorado Mesa University (CMU).

Bachman was informed that Project Lead the Way is a CU program. The item was unanimously approved.

The RE-1J Board of Education will convene for a work session/visitation meeting at Montrose High School on April 23.



Plans for the Olathe Track Project. Courtesy image.

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APRIL FOOL'S JOKE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN REVERSED

Editor:

Mr. Sering's reply to my letter in the Mirror #319 changed and then criticized what he implied I wrote. And why? First, he insinuated President Trump only donates \$100,000 out of his yearly salary of \$400,000. That's not true. President Trump writes a quarterly check each year for \$100,000 to numerous charities listed in my previous letter. That miraculously totals to \$400,000 a year which totals his yearly salary! Refer to my letter in the #318 Mirror for a generous, but not complete list of the charities.

He also implied that I said Jared and Ivanka Trump receive "government paychecks" and that they also donated their "paychecks" to "charity". I never said they received any pay from the government. I never said they donated anything to charity. Jared and Ivanka are advisors to the President. That position normally pays in the six-figure salary area. I stated they "forgo" their salary which, in effect, "donates" it back to the government without explaining why they are working for free.

It's one thing to correct a factual mistake, but that's not what Sering was able to do. Instead, all he could do was make a snarky remark about my letter as an April fool joke, which he changed in his quest to criticize the actual facts I presented in my letter in order to justify his snarky remark about my letter being an April fools joke. I think the "April fool" joke has been reversed!

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain and most fools do."

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The area behind the Montrose Library and Colorado Mesa University has been used as a drop-off and pickup point for homeless shelter residents during colder months. Photo by Gail Marvel.

Hilltop Family Resource Center – Josie Anders-Mize, Director.

Latimer House, Hilltop's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services program, serves a four-county region — Mesa, Delta, Montrose and Ouray.

Anders-Mize said, "We need funding and we are bringing in the Men in Heels Relay. It's men running in high heels and we are pulling teams together now." The relay competition will consist of 20 teams who run four or more laps. Anders-Mize said, "The winners get a stiletto trophy and they really want that trophy. We're hoping the city and the county will each have a team." The event, scheduled for October, will coincide with Domestic Violence Month.

Anders-Mize distributed Hilltop's annual report, which includes stories on the diversity in staff. When asked how others could help promote the Latimer House Anders-Mize said, "Just knowing that we are available and here helps. We are certainly thankful for our partners in law enforcement." It was noted that Latimer House does not contact law enforcement on [adult] domestic violence situations, but rather it is the victim who decides if they want law enforcement involved.

Center for Mental Health – Laura Byard,

Regional Director.

Byard said, "We are busy at the center. We are improving access for youth. Suicide and depression are a huge aspect. We are increasing access for substance abuse. Diversity of services and access to services are our goals." The new Walk-In Crisis Center, with crisis stabilization, is not yet officially open. Byard said, "Our goal is hospital diversion and we will let people know when we are open."

River Valley Health Center – Kay Hotsenpiller, Chief Operating Officer.

Hotsenpiller said, "Our new building on Rio Grande is going in. It's 11,000 square feet. It will have a full pharmacy, as well as a drive-up pharmacy window. We'll be open in August and the clinic on Hillcrest will close when the new clinic is open."

Colorado Mesa University (CMU) – Gary Ratcliff, Campus Director.

Ratcliff said, "The Spring semester is winding down. We're collaborating with the school district to have 22 STEM summer camps."

CMU and the Library are experiencing some unforeseen challenges with the homeless and transient population housed at the Brown Center north of Montrose. Ratcliff said, "We support the homeless shelter and we have good com-

munication with the Brown Center management, but they are transporting them here. It's like we're [CMU and the library] the homeless shelter base camp. They pick them up and drop them off."

Sixty-nine percent of CMU's student body is female. Ratcliff said, "They are making sexual comments to our female students. Our female students are very upset. We have unhappy students who don't feel safe here. We are asking the Brown Center if they can't find another location to drop off and pick up." Surveillance video identified one man whose harassment activity bordered on stalking. The Brown Center management determined the man will not be allowed to remain at the center unless he changes his behavior.

Ratcliff said, "I anticipate this will continue to be an issue. A large college campus has its own police force, but we as a community need to see how to handle this. It only takes a few who pester students. It's part of my job to educate students about how to respond appropriately."

Montrose Chief of Police Blaine Hall cited the recent attempt to lure a 14-year-old into a car. Hall said, "I think with the homeless and transient issue we need a more formalized notification service. We

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want more physical descriptions, but it's a balancing act of what we can and cannot release to the public."

Montrose Economic Development

(MEDC) – Sandy Head, Executive Director.

Head said, "Our annual meeting was successful. We've recently solved a water issue. The city and county staff have been helpful and things are going well. This is good research time."

RE-1J School District – Philip Bailey, Director of Property Services.

Bailey said, "This will be a busy summer. We have a \$1.6 M grant for security improvements and we're looking for more grants." Other grant projects mentioned by Bailey included storm water management, a number of new roofs and gym floors, and hazardous materials evaluations.

Bailey said, "We are working to have all the playgrounds open to the public after school lets out. During school hours the playgrounds are locked off, but they are open to the public after hours."

Montrose Recreation District (MRD)

Ken Sherbenou, Executive Director.

Sherbenou said, "Things are going really well. The Summer Guide came out in April and we had the biggest number of registrations to date. The Connect Trail is moving forward and it will be done by the end of the year. We need to talk to the city about a grand opening."

Holly Park was one of the Rec District's oldest facilities and the old tennis courts were deemed unrepairable. Sherbenou said, "The Holly Park Development Project is fully funded and it should be finished by the middle of 2020. We have plans for a 100-foot zipline and a three-story playground structure."

Region 10 LEAP – Michelle Haynes, Executive Director.

Haynes said, "We are getting ready to do a five-year strategic plan update on May 10th. The Small Business Development Center is moving from Gunnison back to Montrose. We are working on transportation, in-home care, information and assistance to seniors and their families."

Montrose County – Ken Norris, Montrose County Manager; Montrose County Com-

missioners Keith Caddy and Sue Hansen; and Jon Waschbush, Deputy County Manager.

Hansen reported on last month's trip to Washington, DC where local officials lobbied on behalf of Montrose. Hansen said, "We're adding two more gates at the airport right now, with more expansion later."

Looking around the room Waschbush observed that most of those in the room have all collaborated in one way or another, particularly in the area of grants. A big project for the county is the Shavano Gateway Recreation Center. Waschbush said, "We're working with BLM on the parking area. It's a group effort out there."

Norris said, "We're really having a good year. We are among the fastest growing airports in the State. Five potential bidders are looking at the courthouse redevelopment project and we should have bids by May 1st."

Caddy said, "There is good cooperation between the city and county, and between the PD and the Sheriff's office. A few years ago we paved only six-miles of road. This year we're paving 21 miles."

City of Montrose – City Councilpersons Judy Ann Files and Doug Glaspell and Chief of Police Blaine Hall.

It was noted that newly-elected Mayor Dave Bowman is in DC meeting with officials. Files said, "The City of Montrose is representing the State of Colorado at those meetings. There is a lot of big money that wants to come into Montrose."

The intersection of Hillcrest and Miami will be completely closed off for four-months while a roundabout is constructed. Files said, "There will be \$2M in street repairs this summer. We have a lot of building permits for multiple housing units going up and there are three new restaurants coming in. The Beall's building (currently vacant) is filling up. In 2018 the city obtained \$2M in grants and we have \$500,000 in grants so far in 2019. The Connect Trail sidewalk is 10 feet wide and eight inches deep. They will start digging out under the West Main Bridge this week."

Files continued, "We have plans to do a

new comprehensive plan and have hired Amy Sharp. We haven't had a new plan in 10 years."

Glaspell referenced the Historic Preservation Commission's work on historic building and district designations. Glaspell said, "A group of young folks are coming to town to clean up along the river and in Tortilla Flats."

Chief of Police Blaine Hall discussed working with the Hispanic community, "Sexual assaults and human trafficking are not being reported. One of the suggestions is to have a Police Academy that is taught in Spanish. The PD and school district are collaborating very well. City Council approved a Blue-Ribbon Citizens Committee to see if PD needs more staff and a bigger facility." Hall also noted a new program that would identify and go after those who are committing most of the crimes in the area. He said, "Many are drug related. We want to make it uncomfortable for them to live in this community."

Hall noted an uptick in emergency and health issues, "Attempted suicides and all sorts of social issues are coming to roost as Montrose grows."

Montrose Regional Library - Paul Paladino, Executive Director.

The library will be evaluating the book collections at the Naturita and Paradox libraries. Paladino said, "The collections are over 15 years old and we need to replace that material." Discussing the Montrose facility Paladino said, "A lot of people come in and out of this building. It can be compared [in numbers] to the airport, but without an airplane."

Paladino has seen an uptick in formal complaints about library materials (books, videos). He said, "I've not had four complaints in the last 15 years, but I've had four complaints in the last month. It takes six to seven hours to deal with a complaint. The new book van should be here in June. If you need a passport, we are here for you. A lot of people are using us for getting passports."

The next quarterly MRCOG meeting will be hosted by the Montrose Recreation District.

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BLM SEEKS INPUT ON PROPOSED RECREATION AREA, TRAILS, EVENTS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Uncompahgre Field Office is seeking public comment on the proposed

Shavano Gateway Recreation Area to improve recreation experiences in Montrose County.

The 44-acre site would provide an off-

highway vehicle (OHV) training and obstacle course and a staging area for the Rim-rocker Trail with facilities such as restrooms, picnic tables, cabanas, grills, and informational signage. The proposal includes building 20 miles of non-motorized single-track trail and streamlining the evaluation of recreational events on BLM-managed public land adjacent to the site.

"Supporting collaborative, community-driven recreational opportunities is a priority for this field office," said Gregory Larson, Uncompahgre Field Office manager. "The BLM recognizes how these types of projects improve quality of life for local residents and draw tourists to Montrose to enjoy amazing community amenities and public land resources."

The BLM may ultimately convey this public land to Montrose County under the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act. The Montrose County Landfill and Buckhorn Lakes Recreation Area are other examples of R&PP Act projects.

The BLM will host an open house on April 25 at the Montrose County Event Center; 1036 North 7th St. from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Written comments can be submitted at that time.

The 30-day public comment period begins today, April 8, 2019. The proposed action and alternatives are available here: <https://go.usa.gov/xmx5Z>. Please describe your concerns or how you may be affected by the proposed project. Comments can be emailed to jpmoe@blm.gov or mailed to 2465 S. Townsend Ave. Montrose, CO 81401, Attention: Jana Moe. Comments may also be submitted via the ePlanning website at the above link.

Before including your phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment letter to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.



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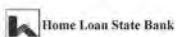
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OBITUARY: DIXIE RINEHART, ONE OF EIGHT NAMED ON THE PATENT FOR THE APOLLO SPACESUIT, DEPARTS BODY FOR HIS OWN HEAVENLY TRAVELS



Dixie Rinehart.

Inspired by symbolism, the complexity of God's designs and the beauty in ancient cultures, Dixie Rinehart led a creative life full of personal and historical accomplishments. Rinehart died due to complications from an arterial blockage on April 10 at Hope West

Hospice Care Center in Grand Junction, Colorado, during his 80th year circling the sun.

His early career included developing the spacesuit gloves for the first American space missions. Later, he designed gloves for space shuttle trips, the ski industry, hunting, motorcycling and the military, as well as diverse products including a pinball machine and ski boots.

Outside of his inventing, he kept busy with an unusual array of personal pursuits from clowning, acting, directing and play-writing to making traditional Native American clothing, instruments and tipis, and later restoring and traveling in his 1961 Lincoln Continental convertible as well as performing and writing tunes on the bagpipes. He was supported in all his activities by loving wife Carol (MacDonald) Rinehart as they raised three children and led a ceremonial life in the Native American Church and Northern Cheyenne traditional ways.

After growing up in Michigan, Rinehart joined the Air Force and was stationed at Edwards Air Force Base in the Bioastronautics Branch in the Flight Test Center in southern California. He trained and worked in the development of high altitude flight and equipment, which led to a contract assignment with North American Aviation, where he was involved with the Apollo Program's crew performance simulation studies and developed and produced waste collection assemblies (fecal waste bags).

From 1963 to 1974, Rinehart's main focus was collaborating on the team at ILC Industries, Inc. (International Latex Corporation) in Dover, Delaware, a government contractor designing the spacesuit for

NASA and the Apollo missions. Though he had a part in most areas of the suit creation and is one of eight men named on the patent, his main contributions were to the glove design and he is recognized as the inventor of the Apollo gloves.

To help support his family which grew to include three children, Tina, Tanya and Scott, the ever-creative father moonlighted at several unusual sidelines. He was a clown for a community TV show and local events as well as a founder and operator of a small nightclub, and designer and seller of canvas tipis. The tipi business attracted the attention of the popular CBS television series "What's My Line?" and he and Carol were featured on a show.

In 1974, the family moved to Aspen, Colorado, where Rinehart took a job with a soft goods designer for the sports and ski industries. There, he invented among other products, electronically warmed ski gloves and ski boot insoles, athletic shoes, and the Raichle Flexon ski boot that is still a popular style today.

Outside of work, he and Carol learned many historic and ceremonial traditions from Native American friends, including the Cheyenne fasting way and Native American Church ceremonies. The family created many memories at pow wows and in the Northern and Southern Cheyenne as well as Navajo communities. Rinehart's Cheyenne name was Vaoatseva-Hista, Deer Hart, because of his gentle nature and big heart, and he was truly generous to all.

In Aspen, Dixie co-founded New Product Development People, where he designed various soft goods as well as the Orbitor pinball machine and futuristic amusement park attractions that pre-dated Epcot Center. At the same time, he was contracted independently by NASA as a consultant to develop the Space Shuttle glove systems.

In 1984, he founded Rinehart Glove to produce advanced glove products for industrial and sporting goods applications. The TOASTER mitten was one of his most successful and is still one of the most sold gloves on the market. The FLEXOR glove line was his most prolific, and was bought and used by companies in the ski, snowmobile, hunting, work and motorcycle markets. The FLEXOR trademark was also

licensed by the U.S. military for cold weather combat gloves, and millions of pairs were produced, finally allowing Dixie to achieve financial success.

He purchased and restored a 1961 Lincoln Continental convertible with cherry red exterior and white cloth roof, and a black 1961 Lincoln Continental sedan. This hobby led to many fun years of travel and parties with the Colorado Lincoln Continental Club.

In 1993, Dixie and Carol moved to their dream property in Colona, Colorado. The 140-acre spread, with pinon and juniper trees and an incredible view of the Cimarron Mountains, is a historic Ute camping area where he enjoyed archaeological discoveries. The large, comfortable log cabin, often surrounded by elk and deer, became a retreat for family and friends and a magical place to enjoy his retirement.

In 2000, son Scott bought Dixie a chanter, a recorder-like instrument used to practice bagpipe tunes, and bagpiping became one of the final challenges that he would master. He marched in parades, performed at ceremonies, won a top medal in a competition, wrote dozens of original bagpipe tunes, and played the pipes and chanter from the canyons of Utah to the streets of Scotland. Throughout his life, Dixie reveled in the cultural exploration of travel as well as entertaining friends on group trips and at business conventions. The Las Vegas ski show, Lincoln club trips, Scotland, Korea and Japan were particular highlights. Mexico, Canada and Hawaii were also top on his destination list.

Dixie was preceded in death by too many beloved friends, mentors and relatives to name here, but the one he missed most painfully was wife Carol Rinehart. He is survived by his brothers and their families; his wife's sisters and families; his children and their families; cousins and their children and grandchildren; and many relatives in his adopted Northern Cheyenne and Navajo families.

Dixie Rinehart will be laid to rest next to Carol in the Colona Cemetery, Colorado at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 20. For information, e-mail home@tanyaishikawa.com or call 970-240-1900.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

IT'S TIME TO FIGHT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICA'S CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC

Dear Editor:

Easter Sunday is near and in anticipation of the Church's celebration of Christ's death and resurrection there is a biblical story that the Christian faithful are invited to read and contemplate this season as we do every year at this time. That story is the story of Moses and the deliverance of the children of Israel from their bondage in Egypt. The life of Moses foreshadows the life of Christ who secured for all mankind a far greater deliverance.

Moses was a Hebrew prophet, teacher, and leader who is generally represented by historians and biblical scholars to have lived in the 13th century BCE (before the Common Era). Born of a priestly family and raised by a Pharaoh's daughter (due to some strange circumstances) Moses compiled a not-too-shabby resume over his lifetime. He single-handedly confronted an oppressive Egyptian government. He successfully delivered the people of Israel from slavery. He had a personal/working relationship with Yahweh the God of Israel. He established the Ten Commandments as Israel's governing Constitution and he was the chief organizer of that new nation's religious and civil traditions. A very impressive list of accomplishments. Not surprisingly the singular figure of Moses has become a universal symbol of deliverance from any and all evil forces in the world, both personal and corporate, that would seek to deny to any individual or group of people the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to which all men are endowed by their Creator. Sound familiar?

One of the best known and beloved political figures in the 20th century is Martin Luther King, Jr. We all know King as the remarkable personal-force behind the civil rights movement that brought an end to racial segregation in the United States. King motivated his generation to fight against racial injustice and to seek the liberty that our country and our country's Constitution had promised them. King was a great preacher and orator and found a

dynamic analogy for his message in the biblical story of the Exodus. Using that story King brought unity in his struggle for civil rights, gave all of us who identified with his message the confidence to personally engage in the fight against racial injustice and helped us all to understand that this fight would not be easy, in fact would be costly, and must be achieved in a non-violent way.

Our generation faces a different kind of threat to our liberties. A big and ever-expanding federal government, driven increasingly by progressivist ideals for the past hundred years, has reduced the States to mere regional districts. We now have centralized government in the District of Columbia, Supreme Court justices who routinely rewrite the Constitution rather than interpret the Constitution as given, and an Executive branch that changes our national direction every eight years depending on the agenda of the political party that is in power. Thomas Jefferson, the original author of the Declaration of Independence, wrote a letter to Abigail Adams, John Adam's wife, expressing his anger over violations of the Constitution that he was witnessing in his own time. It speaks to our own time as well.

"The Constitution...meant that its coordinate branches should be checks on each other. But the opinion (the reference here is to *Marbury v. Madison*) which gives to the judges the right to decide what laws are constitutional and what not, not only for themselves in their own sphere of action but for the Legislature and Executive also in their spheres, would make the Judiciary a despotic branch." *Letter to Abigail Adams, September 11, 1804*

Today the federal government thru Court rulings has the power to regulate endless forms of private economic activity (1942 *Wickard v. Filburn*). It has banned prayer, nativity scenes, and crosses, among other forms of religious expression, in the public square in states and localities across the nation (1947 *Everson v. Board of Education*). It made sodomy a constitutionally

protected privacy right (2003 *Lawrence v. Texas*), and the federal government has the power to force individuals to purchase government-designed private health insurance policies (2012 Obamacare decision). Don't know if this quite qualifies the federal government as being *despotic* but the more dominant and intrusive the government becomes in my life the less freedom I have to live true to the values and principles of liberty.

The Pharaohs of Moses' day demanded that the Israelites make 'more brick with less straw' and so made their life in Egypt more burdensome by the day. The framers of our Constitution provided us with a much better way to live...if we would keep it. The Constitution that is the source of our individual liberties is but a generation away, if that, from being dissolved by the progressive ideology that has established itself in both our political parties. It's a big problem and a problem that is difficult to fight in any traditional sense of the word. The American people, however, do have a solution. In fact, we have a solution as big as the problem.

Article V of the Constitution provides 'We the People' with a way to address what Congress is unwilling to and to begin to restore our Constitution to its original intent.

Join the grassroots movement to check Federal overreach, restore fiscal responsibility and establish term limits for all elected officials. The time has come to fight for the preservation of America's constitutional republic. We are in the midst of a very real battle with very real consequences for our children and our children's children.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Fockler

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CITY'S ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP EVENT SET FOR APRIL 19, 20

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – The City of Montrose will provide disposal and recycling services from a single collection point on April 19 and 20. Residents are invited to bring cleanup items to the drop-off site located off the San Juan bypass (U.S. Highway 50), directly across the street from the Sunshine Peak apartment complex. Signs will help direct residents to the drop-off location.

The collection site will be open on the following days:

Friday, April 19 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 20 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Items accepted at the event include landscape materials such as leaves, grass clippings, tree limbs (less than six inches in diameter), scrap materials, and unwanted appliances. A \$20 fee will be charged for appliances containing Freon. All other items may be dropped off free of charge.

Routine household trash, hazardous materials, paint, tires, and electronics with glass screens, such as televisions, will NOT be accepted.

Habitat for Humanity will be on site accepting gently-used donations on Saturday, April 20 from 7 am to 7 pm.

In addition to the annual Spring Cleanup event, the city offers special collection services for trash customers.

Fees for this service begin at \$15 plus equipment and labor costs. Collections are scheduled, as personnel and equipment are available.

To schedule a special collection or to obtain additional information, please call 970.240.1480.

GOV. POLIS DECLARES APRIL "DIG SAFELY MONTH" IN COLORADO

Special to the Mirror

DENVER-Gov. Polis has issued a proclamation declaring the month of April as Dig Safely Month in Colorado.

Beneath our feet lies an underground maze of different municipal and utility networks, including traffic signal and telephone systems, fiber optic cables, electric power lines, water, natural gas, oil pipelines and more.

Hitting any of these buried lines during excavation work can result in service disruptions and subsequent repair costs and fines.

More importantly, however, striking a utility line can be dangerous, resulting in injury or death.

Whether the project is done by contractors or landscapers or is a simple homeowner project, such as planting a tree or installing a mailbox, excavation work has potential hazards.

Preventing those hazards is the work of a

non-profit organization called Colorado 811. Digging projects, no matter how small, should only begin after contacting 811. In fact, those doing excavation work are more than three times as likely to hit a buried utility line because they did not contact 811 before starting their project.

Contacting Colorado 811 results in the appropriate utility companies being notified and professional utility locators being sent to the site to mark the locations of underground lines with flags and/or paint. It's a simple first step that can result in avoiding a problem – or even a catastrophe.

The April 2017 home explosion in Firestone, caused by a leaking uncapped gas flow line, underscored the need for enforcement oversight of excavation activities.

Colorado's revised **One Call Law** and **Senate Bill 18-167** were enacted in 2018 to address the public safety issues surround-

ing underground facilities and excavation.

This year marks the beginning of a unique collaboration between Colorado 811 and the Department of Labor and Employment in assisting the new **Underground Damage Prevention Safety Commission** that was created through the legislation.

The Safety Commission is a governor-appointed, 15-member group that reviews complaints of alleged violations of the One Call Law and develops best practices and training to enhance public safety.

Homeowners and businesses who have questions about the new Colorado 811 legislation can visit colorado811.org, and anyone doing digging is urged to contact 811 at least three days prior to excavating.

The Underground Damage Prevention Safety Commission and the Division of Oil and Public Safety are both working closely with Colorado 811 to help keep Colorado families, properties and communities safe.



BRINGING FRESH BEAUTY IN CLASSIC STYLE: MAKEUP ARTIST RACHEL MAIER MAKES MONTROSE MORE BEAUTIFUL

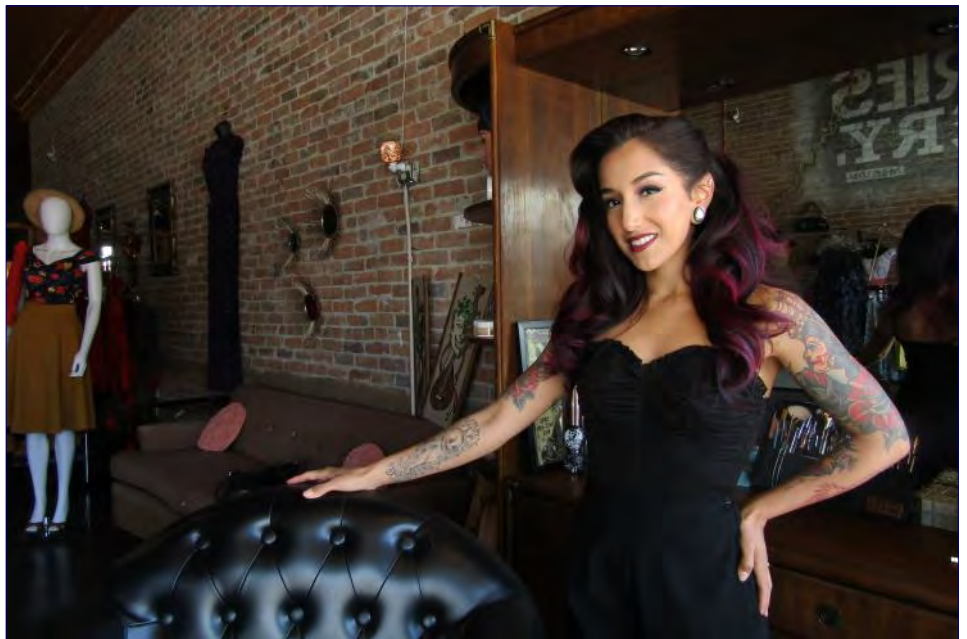
By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—It was as a college student pursuing a degree in the performing arts that Rachel Maier first realized that she could actually make a living as a makeup artist. “I come from a family of educators,” Maier said, “I grew up studying dance, and ballet...college was expected of me.”

Still, “I knew people who were working in the beauty industry.” Eventually, Maier earned her certificate as a professional makeup artist, and has been working with clients for the past six years. She is especially busy during wedding season—because yes, she can also style hair. This Saturday afternoon, Maier could be found at her friend Tiffany Moore’s Downtown Montrose Boutique, Bones in Lace, doing hair for prom-goers.

Maier met Tiffany Moore through Moore’s husband, who was a friend. “She was working at Suds(-n-Grub), and I noticed her bandanna and her victory roll,” Maier said, “We hit it off.”

And the rest, as they say, is history. Maier and Moore have helped inspire an increasingly popular “classic pin-up” movement here, a group of models who compete in contests and model for fashion shows and local events.



Rachel Maier at Bones in Lace Boutique, 305 East Main Street in Montrose.

“Pinup wasn’t a thing here when I first moved here,” said Maier, who has lived in the area since 2013. It was in her home state of California that Rachel first became involved; “I fell into it when I was living in Ventura, doing some modeling, photo shoots, and car shows.

“Car shows are really big up there,” Maier said. “There’s something happening all the time.”

Nowadays Rachel can be found both on stage and behind the scenes. She emceed the classic pinup contest at the Black Canyon Classics Car Show last summer, and regularly takes part in special events. To learn more about Rachel Maier Makeup, email Rachel at rachel-maiermakeup@gmail.com, or find her on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/rachelmaiermakeup/>.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

RIVETING AND ENERGETIC MIGUEL ESPINOZA FLAMENCO FUSION TO PERFORM IN OURAY



Miguel Espinoza Flamenco Fusion. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-The Ouray County Performing Arts Guild presents one of the most acclaimed flamenco guitarists, Miguel Espinoza, and his dynamic collection of artists in a performance on Saturday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Wright Opera House in Ouray. *Miguel Espinoza Flamenco Fusion* is a blending of flamenco with European and Indian classical, Afro-Caribbean and jazz music that has been described as “melodic, passionate, [and] intricate original compositions”.

Miguel Espinoza has had a lifelong love affair with flamenco and has been hailed as one of the best flamenco guitarists in

the world. As a child prodigy beginning at the age of four, he performed his first recital on PBS at nine years old. He studied with numerous flamenco masters across Europe, earning the esteemed “maestro” title. Throughout the years, Espinoza showcased his extraordinary technical skills, genre-bending creativity and soul-stirring musicality and experimented merging flamenco with a variety of genres, including Latin jazz, salsa, classical and even rap. His fingers either move at lightning fast speed across the fretboard or skillfully drawing beautiful melodies out of the strings. He has performed nationally and internationally, composing and recording music for films and documentaries. In addition to performing, he offers private lessons, workshops and master classes.

Flamenco Fusion is the latest group Espinoza has joined forces with and includes musicians from a variety of backgrounds and offers a riveting synthesis of sound and energy. Lynn Baker plays saxophone and percussion, and is an Origin Arts recoding artist and Grammy nominat-

ed jazz educator. Renowned cellist Dianne Betkowski brings her vast musical experiences having performed in the Utah, St. Louis and Honolulu Symphony orchestras and is the founder and former director of Denver Eclectic Concerts. Electric bassist Randy Hoepker brings his expertise from his jazz studies at the University of Northern Iowa and is the founding music director of Colorado Brass. Completing the sound is percussionist Andy Skellenger who contributes elements from Indian Classical Music and the drumming conditions of Peru, Cuba and Spain on tabla and cajon. Advance tickets are \$22, \$25 at the door and \$5 for students (18 years and under). A cash bar will be available. More information and tickets may be found at www.ocpag.org.

The Ouray County Performing Arts Guild is a not-for-profit organization bringing quality events in music, dance, theater and other genres to the local area. Its purpose is to sponsor presentations and performers of the highest caliber in the performing arts for the enjoyment of Ouray County's residents and visitors.

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Outlaw troubadour, a medieval Bukowski



Woodcut of a troubadour from the end of the Middle Ages (courtesy graphic).

FRANÇOIS VILLON ... This 15th Century bad boy poet, famous in his day for his robberies, fights, jail-time, banishments, death sentences and pardons, as much as for his poetry, has always intrigued me, as he has done others, from William Carlos Williams to Bob Dylan. I don't read French, so I've had to rely on Peter Dale's excellent Penguin Classics translation of selected poems (1973 C.E.) ... Villon was born poor, raised by a benefactor chaplain, and educated at the University of Paris, earning a bachelor's and a master's degree.

He refers to himself as a scholar, but he probably most resembles a kind of Charles Bukowski of his day, although a tad more of the criminal rogue than our L.A. postman ... Some day I hope to read his work with someone who can read the French, to get the full effect of Villon's knack for exact rhyme (even Pound was impressed), local idiom, often raunchy puns (near impossible to translate), innuendo, parody, innovative diction and knockabout humor.



Villon broadside (courtesy graphic).

His low-life themes ran counter to the medieval courtly ideal, but were done in precision meter and form -- sometimes in the criminal argot of the day. More punished than praised in his lifetime, his renegade charm made him more famous and celebrated after his death ... Here's an early lyric from *Le Lais* (The Legacy, 1456 C.E.) as translated by the Brit Peter Dale:

"I took it all as in my favour;
fine appearances, soft glance,
but double-crossing her behaviour,
she tortured me on my own lance.

His most famous work *Le Testament* (The Testament, 1461 C.E.) is full of strong lines: *Bienfait ne se doit oublier!* = Good deeds bear long remembering ... *Necessité fait gens mesprendre* = It's need that makes men rob and steal ... *Le monde n'est qu'abusion* = The world is nothing but a cheating game ... *Ne que monnoye qu'on descrie* = I have no currency or shine ... *Pour ung plaisir mille doulours* = one joy per hundred pains or more ... *Amour dure plus que fer a maschier* = A love tougher on the teeth than steel ... *il n'est tresor que de vivre a son aise* = No treasure's quite like living at your ease

*Ou sont ilz, ou, Vierge souveraine?
Mais ou sont les nieges d'antan?*
But where, O Virgin, tell me where
where is the drift of last year's snow?

I have multiple favorites: *The Testament's* stanza 56 with its sexy description of a woman, the same work's stanza 194, "Epitaph," and the stand-alone lyric: *Au dos de la lettre* (On the Back of a Letter). But let me end with a wonderful example of Villon's irreverent wit and bawdy nonchalance:

*Je suis François don't il me poise,
Né de Paris empress Pontoise;
Et de la corde d'une toise
Sçaura mon col que mon cul poise.*

Francis I am, which weighs me down
born in Paris near Pontoise town,
and with a stretch of rope my pate
will learn for once my arse's weight.

I've just purchased the celebrated new English translation by David Georgi (2013 C.E.). We'll see what he does with my Villon/Dale favorites.

DIXIE RINEHART ... The Western Slope lost this brilliant "handyman," expert on many things, inventor, craftsman, raconteur, playful clown, follower of indigenous wisdom, and a special guy ... I got to know Dixie and Carol Rineheart through my friendship with their daughter, Tanya and her family, Yasuo and Canyon. Carol passed on a few years ago. But Dixie managed to remain his irascible self at his Colona hideaway adjoining the old Ute Agency, with a cemetery just up the hill from him ... I was privileged to visit with him last year ... My heart goes out to Tanya Ishikawa and her family and Tina Purcell and her family and all the relatives and friends of the amazing Rineharts.

BUMPER CROP ... Saw both of these on a car parked in Telluride the other day: "Vote like your rights depended on it" and "Psychedelement."

WEEKLY QUOTA ... "Most of us drive our vehicles too often. We go shopping for things we do not need, and we don't do research to see who and what is affected by our purchases. We waste water in showers, sinks, and toilets. One of the leading causes of death globally is the lack of access to clean water, yet many of us waste and pollute water every day. We use disposable products and then throw them away. We take resources from the earth and future generations. All of these behaviors are the behaviors of addicts. It is easier to focus on people with drug or alcohol addiction than it is to look at how almost everyone in industrialized society has become addicted to consumption."

--Julia Butterfly Hill

Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

THE TALKING GOURD

I'd like to be pointless:
 a pointless poet,
 a pointless experiment,
 an edgeless, blade-less,
 supple boundary--
 like a net pulled through
 clear air, unhooked,
 leaving the fish to the sea.

-Deborah Kelly
 Boulder

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

OLATHE SWEET CORN FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES HEADLINER, CRAIG CAMPBELL



Craig Campbell. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Olathe Sweet Corn Festival is proud to announce that BBR Music Group singer-songwriter Craig Campbell will headline the 28th Annual event on Aug. 3, 2019 at the Montrose County Event Center in Montrose, CO.

"It's definitely an exciting time," says Campbell, who's highly anticipated SEE YOU TRY EP arrived on June 8, 2018. "For the past few years, I've created and found some of the best music in my career." Packed with down-home charm and up-town talent both fans and critics have

come to love, Campbell's patience has paid off in the form of seven diverse tracks – including the hit singles "See You Try" and "Outskirts of Heaven." Taken as a whole, the project does more than just build off Campbell's earlier success. It cements his status as a steady-handed star in the current era.

Growing up in the small town of Lyons, Georgia, a mix of musical gifts and hard work set Campbell's path early on. After falling in love with classic County, he played keyboards in his mother's church and then on the road for an up-and-coming singer at the time named Luke Bryan, eventually landing a coveted bandleader gig in the famous Nashville honky-tonk, The stage. But with easy charisma and smooth, expressive vocal chops, Campbell was soon noticed, leading to a string of singles and two albums which earned comparisons to neo-traditional icons like Alan Jackson and Randy Travis. Craig Campbell will take the stage on the evening of Aug. 3 for the event's first year at the Montrose County Event Center during the 28th Annual Olathe Sweet Corn Festival.

After 27 years at different locations in Olathe, the all-volunteer committee voted

to move the event 11 miles south to the new event center in Montrose.

"It was a difficult decision that the committee wrestled with for quite some time, but ultimately the committee voted to do what was best for the festival to keep it going," said Festival Coordinator, Kyle Martinez. He continued that, "The festival will continue to celebrate the area's strong agriculture heritage, local non-profits, and donate funds to where they are needed most." The festival has donated over \$30,000 to local groups over the past two years. "The festival committee is excited to bring another high-caliber entertainer to our 28th annual event," said Martinez. He goes on to say, "It should be an exciting festival celebrating our strong agriculture heritage, local non-profits, and all the Olathe Sweet Sweet Corn you can eat!" The Olathe Sweet Corn Festival is proudly presented by City Market and Alpine Bank and is a component fund of the Montrose Community Foundation. Tickets are now on sale and include General Admission and VIP, with VIP including preferred seating, drinks and dinner. For more information and online ticket sales please visit www.olathesweetcornfest.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: EVENT & ENTERTAINMENT

HELP STOMP OUT CANCER @ SECOND ANNUAL BOOT STOMP FUNDRAISER JUNE 1, 2019

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Cancer is an awful disease, and if you, a family member, or friend has been diagnosed, you know firsthand that it is life changing. According to American Cancer Society statistics, there will be an estimated 1,762,450 new cancer cases diagnosed in the United States in 2019.

Here in Montrose, the San Juan Cancer Center has become an essential community resource, allowing patients throughout the West Central region to receive state-of-the-art treatment close to home. On June 1, step out to Antler Ridge Event Venue for the Second Annual Boot Stomp to raise funds for the San Juan Cancer Center and its patients. Don't miss the old-fashioned BBQ and Barn Dance, with Country music by Narrow Gauge Country. There will also be a raffle and a live auction. Tickets may be [purchased online at www.bootstompmontrose.com](http://www.bootstompmontrose.com) or at The Liquor Store next to Wal-Mart. \$60.

It's an evening of fun, but the need for support is serious. "I hate that the need is so great," Organizer Terri Leben said. "We truly need our Cancer Center here. "The community has really stepped up with sponsorship and all we need now to sell tickets!" Leben said. "You can see and support all of our [generous sponsors by visiting www.bootstompmontrose.com](http://www.bootstompmontrose.com)."

"Cancer is a disease that affects many in our communities," said James Kiser, CEO of Montrose Memorial Hospital. "The Boot Stomp is a great way for people to



Guests had a great time for a great cause at the 2018 Boot Stomp to Stomp Out Cancer.

support cancer patients in our community and have a good time doing it. We look forward to seeing our Friends and Families at Antler Ridge."

Among those supporting the Second Annual Boot Stomp to Stomp Out Cancer is Montrose County Sheriff Gene Lillard. "It goes back in my family tree, and I have had a lot of friends diagnosed with cancer," Lillard said. "I know the devastating effects it can have; it hits home to a lot of us, across the United States and across the

world.

"The Boot Stomp is a wonderful get-together," Lillard added. "It's for a very, very good cause."

Upscale BBQ dinner catered by Serving Grace Catering, Kathy Deltonto. Cash Bar hosted by Colorado Boy & The Liquor Store.

Antler Ridge Event Venue
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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS: RECREATION & OUTDOORS

COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE LEADS IN MOUNTAIN LION RESEARCH



Other than humans, mountain lions are the most widely distributed mammal in the Western Hemisphere. CPW courtesy photos.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife

DENVER - Mountain lion management in Colorado gets more challenging as the state's human population continues to grow, but ground-breaking studies by Colorado Parks and Wildlife's mammals research unit has generated new science that may help balance that growth with wildlife habitat needs.

Over the past 18 years, Colorado Parks & Wildlife has invested in an unparalleled research effort to learn about mountain lion populations and how these animals use the landscape. Particular focus has been on the spaces that we share with these magnificent animals. The areas where houses buck up against the foothills, mountain towns and backcountry usage. After all, other than humans, mountain lions are the most widely distributed mammal in the Western Hemisphere.

The need for this research began when CPW started receiving more calls about mountain lions in the early 2000s - a lion was in somebody's backyard or had killed a pet or was sighted on a trail. Attacks on humans are historically rare, with just 12 reported incidences from 1990 through 2002. Among those were two confirmed fatalities, one in 1991 in Idaho Springs and later in 1997 in Rocky Mountain National Park. So, as the state's leading agency on wildlife management, CPW set out to study human-lion interactions and what lions were doing in and adjacent to urban

areas.

Since 2002, CPW has already completed two 10-year mountain lion studies. One was by Ken Logan, centered on examining effects of hunting on lion structure (age, gender, territories) and developing tools wildlife managers can use to estimate lion population numbers on the Uncompahgre Plateau (UP) in Western Colorado. Then Mat Alldredge, from 2005-15, looked at mountain lion populations and human interactions along the interface of the foothills and towns of the northern Front Range corridor (Boulder and Jefferson Counties).

Alldredge is currently undertaking a nine-year mountain lion study in the Arkansas River basin looking at the relationship between lions and deer, the inner workings of mountain lion populations and how hunter harvest can factor into lion dispersal. The spatial extent of that study is massive, covering an area of well over 10,000 square kilometers. Other products of the work will look at harvest strategies and any relationships to conflicts, infanticide (killing of young by a mature lion), game damage and more.

All three studies have been on a scale and of a duration unheard of when it comes to mountain lion research. The scientific understanding of these animals allows the agency to lead efforts in wildlife management, habitat conservation and provide sound recommendations to cities and counties undergoing planning devel-

opment for population growth.

"I'd say since 2002, Ken has done a 10-year study, I've done a 10-plus year study and now I'm in the middle of a nine-year study, so in the last 18 years, we've done over 20 years of research on lions and that is a pretty big investment," Alldredge said. "I don't know of any other state that has had three dedicated long-term mountain lion researchers, so I'd say we are kind of leading the country now on lion research because of the duration and the scale we are doing these on."

The third researcher is Chuck Anderson, who is now CPW's mammals research section leader.

"The magnitude and scale of the research that we are conducting on mountain lions, and the data we have gathered from our efforts, has led to interesting results that enhance our understanding of mountain lion ecology to better inform management decisions," Anderson said. "That is especially true in our urban wildlife interfaces. The data being gathered will be critically important to us as we look to balance growing human populations with wildlife/habitat needs."

CPW's use of new technologies has led to the collection of data that had not been previously known, anywhere.

For Alldredge's human-lion interaction study along the Front Range, he incorporated the use of satellite GPS collars to track the movements of 102 independent lions (lions without young, broken down

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to 50 females, 52 males) in addition to 16 cubs that were monitored during the study.

These collars allowed Alldredge to understand the basic structure of the populations, lion movement patterns, habitat use, predator-prey interactions, relocation distance and aided in a population estimates.

He collected more than half a million data points on these lions, and in his career, Alldredge has captured and handled over 300 mountain lions and monitored over 200 individual ones with GPS collars.

"I think we just happened to hit it right when the technology was coming online to use," Alldredge said. "The first year of the (Front Range) study, we were actually using store-on-board GPS collars, just because the satellite wasn't quite there yet. So to actually get the data, we had to get close to a lion with an antenna and we could transfer the information that way, but it was a nightmare to get. You had to be so close and sit there for 5-10 minutes to get all of that data to come through. It was in the second year of the study that the satellite technology started becoming available and I just happened to jump on the bandwagon on that one and it has

been great for lions."

The advancement in technology allowed a new insight on when and why mountain lions were coming into town. He found that most of them were coming into town at night, and springtime was the peak season for lions to use urban areas.

Also, the majority of these lions were either young sub-adults who briefly passed through or adult females, who used it consistently for food.

Our urban areas are great habitat for both deer and the smaller critters that a lion would eat like raccoons, in addition to pets and livestock. But by-and-large, Alldredge found they were primarily selecting deer and smaller prey items as their main food source, as we would like them to. This area was selected for the study because it had a high number of conflicts, but was also an area with one of the lowest hunter harvests because of inaccessible private lands. Nearly 20 publications have come out of Alldredge's Front Range study and six students (either funded by CPW or by the counties) were able to obtain their master's or doctorate degrees by working on the project.

Now the question is what comes next in our mountain lion research?

Technology will make up a big component of the latest study. Researchers will be using satellite GPS collars once again, but Alldredge and his field crews will be including video cameras on these collars as well. Think of them like a body camera, or GoPro, that a police officer wears on duty. Alldredge came up with the idea of using an accelerometer to trigger the camera. They are set to take a still picture every so often during the day, set to take a video clip at a certain time and he also tied the video to the accelerometers, so when that spikes, they are supposed to get a 30-second video clip.

"Nobody knows how often lions try to make a kill and fail," Alldredge said. "I would guess they don't fail very much just knowing lions, I would think generally they are successful when they try, but we don't know.

"I think it is going to be an interesting piece of data. One of the lions we actually put a camera on was a year-and-a-half old male that still was with its family group, so the interactions there will be interesting. Interactions with other lions, it will give us a glimpse of things nobody has ever seen before. I am excited to see what is on there."

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: EASTER SERVICES

ALL WELCOME @ ANNUAL SONRISE SERVICE

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MONTROSE-The annual interdenominational Sunrise Service event will be held Easter Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 am on the Montrose Pavilion south lawn. There will be an inspirational message given by Chelsea Rosty with special music by Ciana Beller. Coffee, hot chocolate and pastries will be provided. Please bring chairs and blankets, and dress appropriate for the weather as it is an outdoor event. This delightful Easter morning experience lasts approximately 50 minutes and is a wonderful way to start this very special day. Come one, come all and bring your friends and neighbors.





FIESTA VALLARTA WELL WORTH THE DRIVE TO DELTA

By Carole Ann McKelvey

DELTA – Hi friends, happy to be back. Now, why would anyone travel to Delta, when Montrose has a plethora of great Mexican restaurants? Two words, Fiesta Vallarta.

A cozy little hole-in-the-wall restaurant, Fiesta Vallarta serves up some authentic Mexican fare with a great staff full of friendly advice. And some great tasting margaritas, as my friend Michael and I recently discovered.

The little friendly family Mexican restaurant on Main Street in Delta is affordable, adorable and authentic.

Start out with a selection of appetizers ranging from chips and salsa and nachos to several kinds of quesadillas to taquitos rancheros, a “Fiesta platter” to a Mexican pizza. Prices range from \$6.75 to \$10.95 for the platter filled with a variety of the above.

Throw some salads, tostadas, egg dishes and vegetarian dishes into the mix. Michael and I decided to try some familiar

and not too familiar dishes. For me it was my go-to Chile relleno, the test for a new Mexican place, \$8.75. Yummy! Stuffed with cheese and dipped in egg batter fried to a nice crisp and served with the house rice and refried beans. Of course, I added a delicious margarita!

Not Mike -- he was driving -- it is Delta, anyway. Always a seafood aficionado, he ordered a seafood enchilada plate for \$11.95. It arrived with two enchiladas stuffed with shrimp, tilapia and other white fish plus slices of avocado and sour cream, topped off with the rice and beans. He shared with me a little and it was really very good. Nice green sauce over all.

Desert? Oh yeah -- lovely flan smothered with whipped cream for \$3.25.

Now, Fiesta Vallarta has a huge selection of delicious Mexican entrees plus a bunch of offerings for the wee ones, 12 and under for \$4.50 each.

Bring the whole crew and enjoy.

Especially Fiesta Vallarta’s Pollo Asado y

Camarones for \$17.50 (charbroiled marinated chicken and garlic sautéed with shrimp and served with guacamole.), Cancun Platter, \$14.95 (real crab meat, chicken and shrimp sautéed in butter and white wine); Mucho Mas (charbroiled skirt steak, chicken and shrimp served with guacamole and sour cream), \$17.50; or from \$17.25 - \$13.95 choose from Carne Asada y Camarones, Puerto Vallarta, Tres Amigos, Sieta Maras, Coctel de Camarones, Fiesta Burrito, Pescadores Frito, Camaron Burrito, Taco Supremo, Casa Asado & Chile Relleno, or Fiesta Vallarta Especial.

And that is just the beginning. Lunch is also served from 11 am to 3 p.m. Monday to Saturday.

If you want just drinks and warm chips with salsa you can expect to pay \$4.50 for more than 2 baskets of chips with salsa. (Not too spicy, but really great salsa).

Soft drinks, mixed drinks, beer, margaritas and wine for those who imbibe.

Fiesta Vallarta, 447 Main Street, Delta, CO. 970-874-6877.

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PIZZA & POLITICS EVENT: OUR HEALTHCARE: A TICKING TIME BOMB

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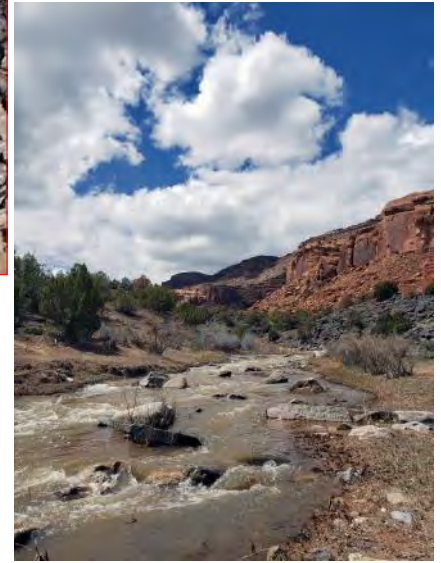
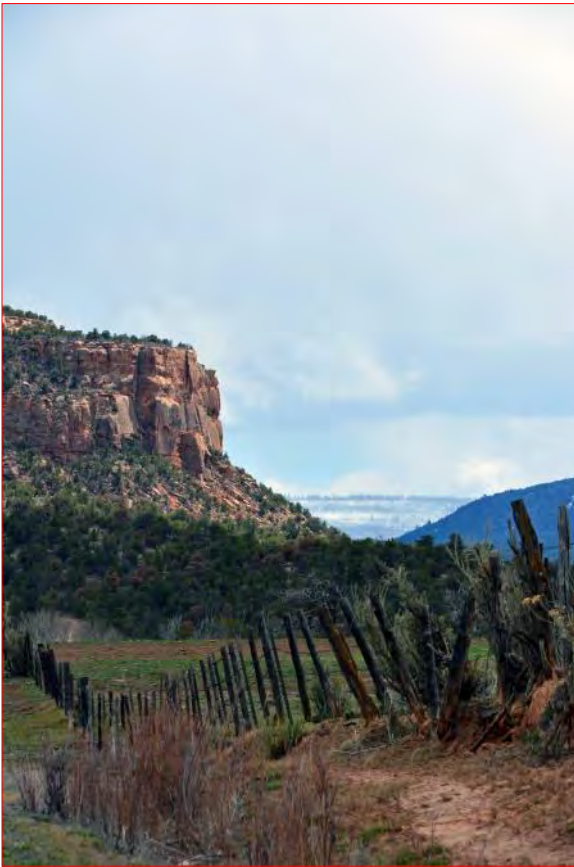
MONTROSE-“Pizza & Politics” April 18th event presents “Our Healthcare – A Ticking Time Bomb”. Issues, Myths, and Potential Solutions regarding our Healthcare will be discussed. Montrose County GOP welcomes you to a presentation by guest speaker Joe Adragna, M.D., MHA, MGH a.k.a. “Dr. Joe”.

Healthcare affects all of us as well as our community, county, state and country. The elderly, working adults and the young (are or will be impacted by this growing crisis) are invited to attend and enjoy pizza.

This program will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose, Colorado on April 18. Doors open at 6:00 PM and the program will go from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. The speaker will allow for Q&A.

Hotel Address is at 1391 S. Townsend Avenue. “Pizza & Politics” will be in the Conference Room off of the hotel lobby/front entrance.

READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: DEB REIMANN



Deb snapped these photos Saturday in Escalante Canyon; clockwise from top left: wormwood fence; moth on crystal rock; Escalante Creek; Escalante Forks; picket corrals peeking through aspens (center).





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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 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.

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

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April 16-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests will be hosting its annual stakeholder meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. The event will be held at Montrose County Events Center, 1036 N 7th St. Montrose Colorado, from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

April 18--from 7 pm to 8:30 pm at the Montrose Library, Join Community Organizer of Abbie Brewer of Housing Resources of Western Colorado for an informative Session on Housing Issues and Tenants' Rights. Questions? Call 970-852-9410 Direct Line, or visit <https://www.hrwco.org>.

April 19-April is child abuse prevention month. Montrose County will host a family movie event. Free snacks. The movie Small Foot will show at 11 a.m. at the Fox Theater, 27 South Cascade Avenue in Montrose.

April 19--Ouray Elks Easter Egg Preparation Potluck, 6 PM at the Ouray Elks Lodge. Come help stuff candy eggs. Bring a dish to share. Call 626-4239 for details.

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.

April 21--52nd Annual Ouray Elks Easter Egg Hunt, Free for kids to 12 years old. Starts at 2 PM sharp at Ridgway's Hartwell town park -- Really bad weather location: at the Ouray Elks lodge. 626-4239 for information.

April 23--"Collective Impact: Planning to Address Complex Issues," 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Sherbino Theater, 604 Clinton St. in Ridgway. The guest presenter is Ona Crow, the Western Slope officer of the OMNI research and planning institute. The cost is \$35; there is a discount for 3 or more from the same organization. To register, go to the link at www.cfgv.org/nonprofit-network.

April 25-Library Voices presents: Kelvin Kent- 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Montrose Library Meeting Room.

Join legendary local author and mountaineer Kelvin Kent as he recounts his experiences as logistics officer and base camp manager for the 1970 Annapurna Southwest Face Expedition in Nepal. This is a free event.

April 26-Arts 4 All is proud to present the unveiling of their clay based bas-relief mural! Paonia students from 4th-8th grade have been working on this mural since the beginning of the year. Stop by to support their finished work from 6-7pm in the Blue Sage hall. For more information call 970-527-7243 or email info@bluesage.org

April 27-7:30 p.m. -- Flamenco with European, Indian classical and jazz influences Miguel Espinoza Flamenco Fusion, Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray. Advance tickets \$22, \$25 at the door and \$5 students (18 and under) at www.ocpag.org.

April 28-North Fork Valley Community Choir Spring Concert "Voices in the Wind" featuring women composers of choral music. 2:30 pm in the Blue Sage Hall. Tickets are \$10. For more information call 970-527-7243 or email info@bluesage.org

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

April 30-The Dolphin House Child Advocacy Center will be hosting an Open House and Supply Drive to recognize April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Open House will be held Tuesday, April 30 from 3 to 6 PM at the Dolphin House located at 735 S 1st Street in Montrose. Supplies needed include individually packed snacks, juice boxes, and paper products.

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

May 6-Montrose Women's Giving Club meets at Bridges of Montrose, 2500 Bridges Drive 5:30 to 7 p.m. Club meets once per quarter to select the next non-profit to receive quarterly donations. Each member pays \$100 per quarter plus a \$10 hospitality fee to participate and has the chance to nominate a non-profit. Members must be present to vote.

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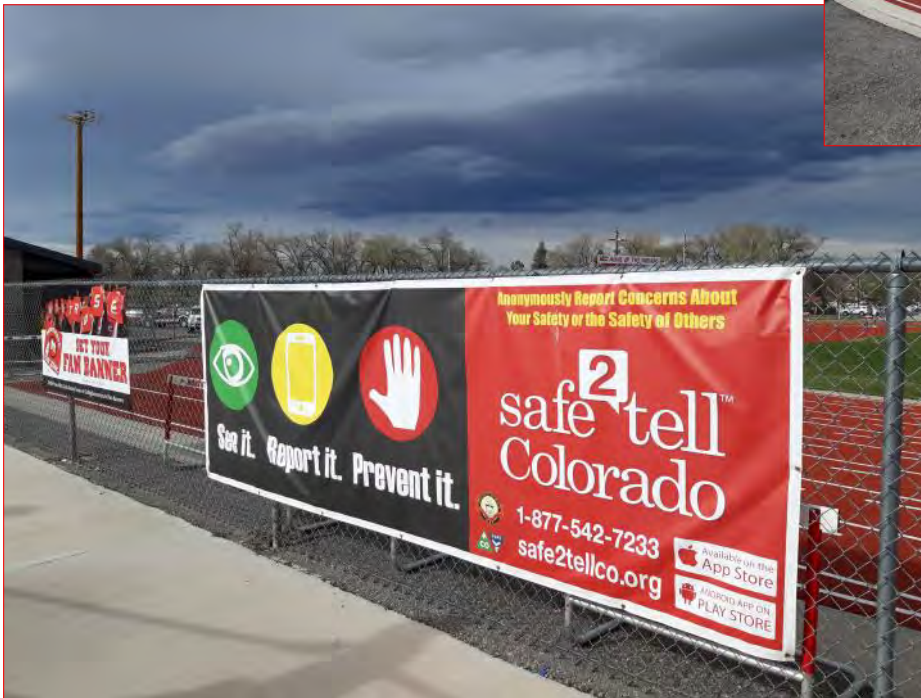
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Bright banners and the newly updated track at Montrose High School gleamed as girls' Lacrosse played at MHS last Tuesday.



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